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Bush for VP? Gov. declines, Dole hesitates

By MICHAEL HOLMES
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AUSTIN (AP) - Vice President George W. Bush?
After picking up a noontime endorsement from Bush in the Republican presidential race, Kansas Sen. Robert Dole was asked Wednesday if he would offer the Texas governor a spot on the ticket as his running mate.
Ever the politician, Dole left the possibility open, saying, "I thought I'd wait until we had lunch."
But Bush laughed at the notion. "The answer's no," he said firmly.
The governor was enthusiastic about Dole's presidential prospects. "I've been fortunate to see the presidency from a unique perspective," the son of former President George Bush said. "Being a good president requires strong character, integrity and will."
"Sen. Dole's character has been forged by fire - by a childhood which instilled the importance of family and work and community - by a war that almost cost him his life, and by the will that refused to allow it do so. Sen. Dole is a leader."
Bush's endorsement came at almost the same hour both Lamar Alexander and Sen. Dick Lugar dropped out of the presidential race, and while Pat Buchanan was acknowledging that it "appears inevitable" Dole would be the GOP nominee.
Standing with Bush outside the Governor's Mansion, Dole said the

governor's endorsement was "the icing on the cake" after his sweep of all eight GOP primaries on Tuesday.
"This endorsement means a great deal to me," Dole said. "The governor's done an outstanding job. He's probably the most popular governor we've had in Texas in anyone's memory."
Dole, who said his military service began in Abilene, said Texas and its delegates are "very important" to his nomination strategy.
In the past, Bush has differed sharply with GOP candidate Pat Buchanan over trade and Mexico policy. He reiterated that Wednesday.
"Sen. Dole understands our Texas economy," Bush said. "He knows that free and fair trade means jobs for working Texans. He knows that problems among neighbors are best solved in a climate of friendship, not a climate of animosity."
Dole said he did understand the Texas point of view.
"In 1994, exports from Texas hit \$42 billion, generated 700,000 jobs in this state. You have \$50 billion in foreign investment in Texas. When you talk about building a wall around America, or building a wall around Texas, obviously that is not the answer. We need to reach out, we need to trade," the senator said.
The governor's endorsement makes it a clean sweep for Dole, who now is backed by the state's top three Republicans. U.S. Sens. Kay Bailey Hutchison and Phil Gramm earlier endorsed Dole.

Testing new vote counter

An optical scan tabulation system, recently purchased by Deaf Smith County, has been checked out for use in counting votes from the party primary elections next Tuesday. County Clerk David Ruland examines a printout of the count of test ballots as Deputy Connie Urbanczyk prepares a stack of ballots for

counting. The system counted 72 ballots and recorded results on the computer printout in less than five minutes. Ruland expects a reduction in time for election procedures will be realized as well as lower personnel expenses. All ballot counting for the primaries will be done by the new equipment.

Clinton set to veto bill financing NASA, HUD and other agencies

By ALAN FRAM
Associated Press Writer
WASHINGTON (AP) - With the possibility of another partial federal shutdown looming next week, President Clinton is prepared to veto Republican legislation that provides billions of dollars less for social programs than he wants.
The House planned to debate today a bill that would finance the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and dozens of other agencies whose fiscal 1996 budgets remain mired in partisan battles.
On Wednesday, the Senate Appropriations Committee approved a similar measure, and floor action there was likely within days.
With temporary spending authority for these agencies expiring March 15, White House budget chief Alice Rivlin said Clinton would veto the legislation because of insufficient funds for education, job training, the environment and technological research.
But illustrating how two partial

federal shutdowns since November have left both parties with little taste for a third, she also offered an olive branch.
"We have a responsibility to the citizens of this country to act together to resolve our differences," she wrote in a letter to congressional leaders. "We are committed to doing so."
House Appropriations Committee Chairman Bob Livingston, R-La., said House action was just the first step in a 10-day process, including negotiations with the Senate. He said he hoped the administration would be involved in working out a compromise bill.
"We work with our backs to the wall. It loosens up the mind and makes compromise possible," he said. "My hope is that by the end of next Friday we'll have completed an agreement all of us can sign off on."
On another budget track, GOP leaders said they soon would send Clinton legislation extending the government's ability to borrow money through March 29.
Without such action, the Treasury's power to pay its obliga-

tions would expire about March 22, threatening a first-ever federal default. That would be a jarring event that Republicans, dropping last year's combative tactics, have promised to prevent.
The GOP leaders said the extra time would help them decide what parts of their budget-cutting agenda to put on a long-term debt-limit extension bill. Republicans are divided about what to put on the long-term measure, but many GOP lawmakers want it to include a bipartisan overhaul of welfare and Medicaid being offered by the nation's governors.
Appropriations bills for fiscal 1996, which began Oct. 1, have been passed and signed by Clinton for much of the government. But the departments of Health and Human Services, Housing and Urban Development and other huge programs are still operating on emergency spending legislation.
In weeks of talks, the administration has been demanding \$8 billion more for these programs for the remainder of the fiscal year than Republicans have offered.

The House legislation offers to add \$3.3 billion the administration wants, provided that spending cuts to pay for it are found elsewhere in the budget. The Senate version provides an additional \$2 billion, plus \$4.7 billion more if offsetting reductions are made.
The House bill contains two abortion restrictions opposed by abortion rights advocates, including some moderate Republicans. One would let states decide whether to provide Medicaid funds for some low-income women seeking abortions; the other is aimed at forcing states to accredit hospitals that refuse to teach abortion procedures.
The Senate measure does not contain those provisions. But like the House bill, it would allow increased logging in government-owned forests and restrict federal protection of wetlands - provisions the administration opposes.
Both bills also contain money to aid victims of the Northwest's recent flood, for U.S. operations in Bosnia and to provide Jordan with fighter planes.

HISD notes hours for Spring Break

With Hereford schools scheduled to dismiss at the end of the week for Spring Break, HISD officials have announced operation hours next week for people interested in filing for school board.

Under a new law, the district must open its offices for three hours a day during Spring Break for interested potential candidates.
Executive Secretary Carolyn Hiltbrunner will be on duty in the foyer of the administration building, 601 N. 25 Mile Avenue, from 9 a.m. to noon each day of Spring Break.

In the past, the district has posted a note on the administration building door telling candidate who to call for filing information during the vacation. No other HISD staff will be at work next week and no other services will be available at the administration building during those hours.
The filing period for school board continues through 5 p.m. March 20.

There are four seats open this election:
-- District 2, currently held by Raul Valdez, who has filed paperwork for a re-election bid;
-- District 4, currently held by Ron Weishaar, who will not seek re-election;
-- District 5, which is vacant following the resignation of Joe Flood; and
-- District 7, currently held by Board President Jim Marsh, who has announced his intention to run again, but who had not filed re-election papers as of Thursday morning.

Other than Valdez, the only candidate to file for a spot on the May 4 municipal election ballot is Lloyd Ames, who is seeking the District 5 seat.
State law now allows the district to cancel the election if only one candidate files for a ballot position in each of the four districts. The uncontested candidates would then be elected automatically.
An election must be held if there is a contested race in any of the four districts.

Unemployment filings rise

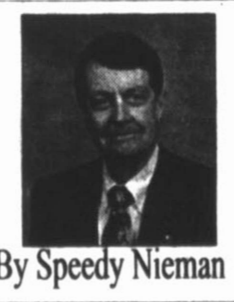
WASHINGTON (AP) - The number of first-time claims for new jobs in the department's February employment report to be released Friday but said it would be related to weather rather than any significant improvement in the labor market.
The Labor Department said today that new applications for unemployment insurance totaled a seasonally adjusted 363,000, up from a revised 357,000 during the week ended Feb. 24. The increase was smaller than many analysts had expected.
The 25,000 drop during the Feb. 24 week was even steeper than the department's 23,000 initial estimate. The rebound last week boosted claims to the highest level since they totaled 382,000 during the week ended Feb. 17.
Many newly laid-off workers did not file in the Feb. 24 period because of the shortened workweek, analysts said.
Analysts expect a huge jump in

new jobs in the department's February employment report to be released Friday but said it would be related to weather rather than any significant improvement in the labor market.

They contend the expected gain of 300,000 jobs or more merely would be a rebound from the 201,000 payroll loss in January when winter storms forced many businesses to close and temporarily lay off employees.
Economists said a more accurate reading on the labor market would be to average the figures for both months, which they maintain would reflect sluggish job creation.

The four-week moving average of new weekly jobless claims dipped by 1,000 during the week ended March 2 to 370,750, lowest since claims averaged 370,500 during the week ended Feb. 3.

Hereford Bull



By Speedy Nieman

That feller on Tierra Blanca Creek says the only time some people work like a horse is when somebody rides them.

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How dry is it? We've heard farmers say it's the driest they ever remember. A farmer in the western part of Deaf Smith County says the last time a half-inch of rain was recorded in the area was when Noah was in the Ark.

Brush and range fires are not new either. Glenn Gripp brought us a notice mailed to his grandfather in 1908. His grandfather, M.G. Walker, had a farm near Conway, east of Amarillo, and a fire burned about 1,850 acres of farmland. It was believed to have been started by a Rock Island train.

The notice, from a railway claims agent, reported: "This is to certify that I have this day (1-23-1908) inspected land burned over by fire 1-12-08 and we have agreed that amount of same is 1,850 acres, at 15 cents an acre, \$277.50."

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Congratulations to Brigham Brown, our new county spelling bee champ, and all the students who participated in the annual event. We believe the bee is a great American tradition, and an excellent way to

promote and honor academic excellence.

We are fortunate in this community to offer some of the better awards in the region, thanks to business sponsors who feel the bee is a great educational experience. These include Hereford State Bank, FirstBank Southwest, Hereford Texas Federal Credit Union, West Texas Rural Telephone, Gibson's, Deaf Smith Electric Co-Op, and The Brand.

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Some folks just don't seem to understand how the water, electricity and gas get to their homes. Roy McQueen, Snyder publisher, tells about the new resident who went to the utility department to have his water turned on.

The man returned that afternoon and thanked the staff for its prompt attention.

"Could you do one more thing for me?" the man asked. "Can you also turn on the hot water?"

That ranks up there with the request that the electric company get back before Christmas, adds McQueen. The woman who called wanted to order some "lumpy electricity" so that her Christmas lights would blink!

HEDC adopts jobs incentive program for city and county

A jobs incentive program for Hereford and Deaf Smith County was adopted Wednesday by the Hereford Economic Development Corporation.

During the meeting, the board approved guidelines for a program to reward existing basic industries for creating new fulltime jobs.

Business that create new basic jobs, described as those which bring money from outside the community into the community, may be eligible for up to \$1,000 for each new employee who works at least 12 months.

Existing business must apply for the program prior to creating and filling the job which must be a fulltime position.

To be eligible, the business must not incur a significant reduction in

total employment during the 12-month period. There is no maximum number of jobs for qualifying for the incentives.

The board also heard a report on prospects for a movie theatre in Hereford. Financing for the project is being investigated.

The regular meeting set for April 3 has been changed to April 8, at 4:30 p.m.

Attending Wednesday's meeting were Cliff Skiles, Jerry Stevens, Rosendo Gonzalez, Mayor Bob Josseland and Mike Hatley, executive director.

Craig Smith, appointed earlier in the week to replace Don Graham on the board, attended the meeting but did not vote. He will take the oath of office at the April meeting.

McDougal wants Clinton to testify

By JAMES JEFFERSON
Associated Press Writer
LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) - President Clinton's lawyers have given him bad advice and turned Whitewater into a "cover-up without a crime," said a former partner in the land deal who urged the president to testify in person.
"Bill wants to come down but he's surrounded by a lot of Washington and New York lawyers who don't want him to testify anywhere," James McDougal said during a break Wednesday in his fraud and

conspiracy trial.
"They have taken something that was quite innocent and, by their attempts to cover up, mislead and, by mishandling, made it appear a crime," he said. "What we really have here is a cover-up without a crime."
McDougal and his ex-wife, Susan, were former partners with Clinton and Hillary Rodham Clinton in the Whitewater land development in northern Arkansas that gave independent counsel Kenneth Starr's investigation its name.

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Local Roundup

Snow chance stays in forecast

Hereford recorded a high temperature Wednesday of 28 degrees -- at sunrise -- and an overnight low of 9 this morning -- 2 degrees shy of the record low of 7 degrees -- according to KPAN Radio. The city received an official trace of precipitation yesterday from small amounts of snow that blew in on winds of up to 40 mph. For tonight, skies are expected to become mostly cloudy, with snow flurries possible and a low of 10 to 15 degrees with east winds at 10-15 mph. For Friday, look for a chance of flurries in the morning and partly cloudy skies otherwise. The high will be 40-45 degrees with light east wind in the morning, becoming southeasterly at 5-10 mph in the afternoon.

News Digest

World/Nation

NAHA, Okinawa - In a case that brought support for American troops in Japan to one of its lowest points since World War II, three U.S. servicemen were convicted today in the rape of a 12-year-old Okinawan girl and given tough prison sentences.

The verdict followed six months of unprecedented anti-base protests on the southern Japanese island.

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip - As Yasser Arafat strives to save the peace process by joining Israel's offensive against Islamic militants, the newly elected Palestinian legislature, which owes its existence to the peacemaking, convenes for the first time.

Today's meeting sets a two-month clock ticking for revocation of clauses in the PLO charter that call for Israel's destruction. Until that happens, Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres warns, the peace process is effectively on hold.

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. - F. Lee Bailey couldn't keep his most important client out of prison: himself. The famed lawyer who helped free O.J. Simpson was hauled away in handcuffs and leg irons to begin serving a six-month sentence for failing to produce \$25 million in stock from a drug dealer-client.

NEW YORK - The biggest single prize so far, 93 delegates, is on the line as Republicans vote in New York's presidential primary. Only Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole and wealthy publisher Steve Forbes are on the ballot statewide. Pat Buchanan's name appears on ballots in just 23 of the state's 31 congressional districts.

WASHINGTON - When the campaign train is pulling out, as one of Bob Dole's new passengers said, it's best to climb aboard. That's sound politics, and it can provide a ticket to a role in a Republican administration, should there be one next year.

WASHINGTON - U.S. allies wasted little time in attacking a tough new Cuba sanctions bill that awaits President Clinton's signature, saying it violates existing free-trade agreements.

NEWTON, Mass. - The fire was put out long ago. The company and the neighborhood where it erupted are back at their routines.

The fire department, however, may never be the same. Ten firefighters of the 200-member department are still out as they try to reclaim lives that were shattered in a searing flash.

"There's barely a day that goes by that we're not discussing the event," Newton Fire Chief Edward Murphy said.

WASHINGTON - With the possibility of another partial federal shutdown looming next week, President Clinton is prepared to veto Republican legislation that provides billions of dollars less for social programs than he wants.

IRVINE, Calif. - Luis Abreu's life changed forever with a message in a bottle.

It was five years ago that the Cuban bus driver uncorked a wine bottle he found on a beach in his homeland and forged a pen-pal friendship with the U.S. schoolteacher who sent it.

On Wednesday, a class of fifth-graders who took up a collection to bring him to freedom sang "This Land Is Your Land" as Abreu and his wife stepped off a plane and walked wide-eyed through John Wayne Airport.

State

AUSTIN - A Blanco rancher challenging U.S. Rep. Greg Laughlin in Tuesday's primary says a national GOP committee is funding a negative campaign tactic against himself and another Laughlin opponent.

AUSTIN - A State Board of Education candidate with no primary election opponent has raised nearly \$66,000, more than \$4,600 of which is from donors from outside of Texas.

McALLEN - U.S. Border Patrol agents say they have cracked a complex international alien smuggling ring that charged up to \$28,000 to illegally transport Chinese, Pakistanis and Indians into the country.

SINTON, Texas - Two law firms have offered to provide the money that authorities say it would cost to return a Roman Catholic priest from Spain to face trial on a charge of sexually assaulting a boy.

DALLAS - The old RSR smelter that belched a lead-laden mist over much of West Dallas for decades is slated for demolition. The landmark 300-foot smokestack, along with nine buildings and their foundations, will be removed under a plan approved Wednesday by the Environmental Protection Agency.

EDINBURG - The state attorney general's office has dropped a contempt of court case against a legislator accused of falling behind in his child support payments.

HOUSTON - A 36-year-old Canadian nurse who turned to a life of crime has been sentenced to 30 years in prison for her part in a robbery scheme that targeted men through a telephone dating service.

AUSTIN - The Texas Criminal Court of Appeals has upheld a death sentence against a Brownsville man convicted of sexually assaulting and killing a 3-year-old boy.

RICHARDSON - Cyrix Corp., a designer of microprocessors for personal computers, is planning to assemble whole PCs in a joint venture with Electronic Data Systems Corp.

Emergency Services

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

HEREFORD POLICE
A 38-year-old male was arrested in the 200 block of Higgins for violation of a protective order.

A 25-year-old male was arrested in the 800 block of East Third on numerous Deaf Smith County warrants for criminal mischief, false ID to a peace officer and forgery by passing.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 300 block of Avenue H.

Class C theft was reported in the 800 block of West Park.

Officers issued 11 traffic citations. There were two minor traffic accidents reported.

DEAF SMITH SHERIFF
A 54-year-old male was arrested

on a violation of probation commitment and for criminal mischief.

FIRE DEPARTMENT
Volunteer firefighters were called out at 11:22 a.m. Wednesday to a wreck rescue at U.S. 385 and Park Avenue.

Firefighters were called out at 9:25 a.m. Thursday to a shed fire four miles south on U.S. 385 that was caused by a heat lamp being used to warm a baby calf. The calf died in the fire.

EMS
Ambulances ran on two medical runs and one motor vehicle accident with two no-transport.

PATIENTS IN HOSPITAL
Belia Maria Aguilar, Blasa R. Mancillas, Beatrice Torres, Infant girl Williams and Misty Williams.

Forbes wants strong campaign finish

Dole 'feels good' about winning New York in a walk

By **JIM DRINKARD**
Associated Press Writer
NEW YORK (AP) - Sen. Bob Dole said today he "feels good about New York" as polls indicated he'd win the primary in a walk and Steve Forbes declared a "moral victory" for overcoming GOP rules to get on the ballot.

While an unworried Dole campaigned in Florida and Pat Buchanan went to Tennessee, the publishing heir focused on New York in hopes of a strong finish here in a presidential race that has become a battle of ideas.

In a party coup of sorts, Forbes picked up the last-minute endorsement of former Rep. Jack Kemp, a supply-side guru from Buffalo, N.Y., and a respected Republican who joined him Wednesday to defend his flat tax plan. He continued to tout Kemp's important seal of approval today.

"I think his endorsement at a time when conventional wisdom says everyone wants to get on the Dole bandwagon shows that the issues and principles of this campaign are bigger than the candidate, bigger than the campaign itself," said Forbes. "Seventy-five percent of the people have not yet voted. They should not be written off."

Dole seemed unruffled. "Jack and Steve Forbes are friends and we'll see how much impact it had," he said after winning a couple of key endorsements of his own - from Texas Gov. George W. Bush and Florida party regular Jeb Bush. The Bush brothers' father, former President Bush, also dubbed Dole of presidential caliber on Wednesday in Texas, one of several states holding "Super Tuesday" primaries next week.

In Miami, Dole joked that his only concern today was the weather. "I feel good about New York except it snowed up there. If it snows here, we're in trouble."

Setting his sights on the White House, Dole called on President Clinton to demand the Justice Department seek indictments against anyone in the Cuban government responsible for the shooting down of two American civilian planes off the Cuban coast last month. Four Cuban-Americans died.

"These four men were not exiles. They were Americans," Dole said before laying a wreath at their graves and at a Bay of Pigs memorial. "These four Americans are heroes. In death they've kept the cause alive."

Buchanan, who appears on the ballots in only 23 of New York's 31 congressional districts, focused on picking up conservative votes in the South. In Tennessee, he trotted for supporters of Lamar Alexander, the former governor who just dropped out of the race as did Indiana Sen. Dick Lugar following Dole's "Junior Tuesday" primary sweep.

"We are going to get some of Lamar's votes. I think, from people who want a change and want dynamic, energetic new leadership," said Buchanan, dressed in a blue shirt and American flag tie. "Some of the liberal Republicans, I think, would probably go to Senator Dole."

Buchanan's anti-abortion views won the vote of Joan Clemente, 49, of Buffalo, N.Y. "I'm very much a pro-life voter. I won't vote for a candidate who is not pro-life," she said.

Karl Steinbrenner, 63, an advertising copywriter of New York City, voted for Dole, saying, "He has

experience. Forbes has a platform, the flat tax, but it won't work."

Forbes made the rounds of television talk shows and planned an afternoon of radio interviews after private meetings with businessmen and a visit to Forbes Inc. headquarters in Manhattan. He also scheduled a "victory party" tonight in New York City, in part to celebrate his \$1.4 million campaign and court fight to win a place on the New York ballot, overcoming party rules that have in elections past blocked all but the party pick.

"If you flee the field simply because the party establishment says we don't want you on the field than no real progress is going to be made," Forbes said. "We've already won a moral victory in New York by simply getting on the ballot."

Today's voting will select 93 of New York's 102 delegates to the Republican National Convention in August. Three delegates are directly elected in each of the 31 congressional districts. Nine at-large delegates will be chosen at the state party convention in June.

The ballots feature the names of the delegates themselves in larger letters above the name of the candidate they are supporting, giving Dole another advantage. His delegates tend to be prominent local Republicans, including members of Congress and state legislators.

As voters went to the polls, surveys gave Dole a strong lead over Forbes and Buchanan. The latest survey showed the Senate majority leader and Buchanan slipping and Forbes gaining.

A new New York Post/Fox 5 tracking poll showed Dole's support shrinking from 48 percent to 46 percent, while Forbes' jumped from 19 percent to 24 percent. Buchanan lost ground from

15 percent to less than 14 percent in the poll of 439 likely voters conducted Tuesday and Wednesday.

The poll's margin of error is 5 percentage points.

Dole, who captured eight state primaries on Tuesday and led the field with 290 delegates to Forbes' 72 and Buchanan's 62, had the strong backing of the state's GOP establishment, including Gov. George Pataki and Sen. Alfonse D'Amato. "He's going to have a very substantial win in New York," predicted D'Amato, one of Dole's campaign co-chairmen.

Forbes, a 48-year-old multimillionaire, was seeking to make inroads into Dole's support with \$1 million worth of television advertising in key Republican areas. One spot criticized Dole for voting for frequent tax increases; another emphasized Forbes' ideas, particularly a no-deductions, 17 percent flat tax to replace the current income tax.

Forbes also went on television in New York City Wednesday night with a half-hour infomercial that featured an interview, introduction of his family and calls from viewers.

Forbes made a flurry of last-minute appearances in an effort to capitalize on the endorsement of Kemp, a former congressman and pro football star who is particularly popular in his hometown of Buffalo.

And late Wednesday he attended a \$1,000-a-plate fund-raiser in Nassau County on Long Island, raising an estimated \$100,000 to help continue the fight. He vowed to keep campaigning until the August GOP convention in San Diego, because his policy agenda is "bigger than a single candidate or even a single campaign."

Decline in index blamed on bitter winter

By **FARRELL KRAMER**
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) - A key index of future economic activity fell 0.5 percent in January to the lowest level in more than two years, a decline widely expected because of the blizzard of '96 that disrupted business.

The drop in the Index of Leading Economic Indicators, released today by the Conference Board, compared with an increase of 0.2 percent in December and a drop of 0.2 percent in November. The January reading of 100.2 was the lowest since the index stood at 99.7 in November 1993.

Because the index is a forward-looking indicator designed to forecast economic activity six to nine months in advance, the January decline suggested economic weakness by summer.

Economists tend to view the index as a true indication of economic direction only when it moves in the same direction for three straight months or more. Wall Street had expected the index to fall 0.6 percent in January.

"A number like this taken at face value would mean the

economy is dipping into recession in the next six months," said Kathleen Stephansen, a senior economist at Donaldson, Lufkin & Jenrette Securities Corp. "You need to take it with a grain of salt because it's due to the weather."

The fact that the index's decline was so close to expectations also takes away from the importance of the overall drop, she said.

Separately today, retailers reported that February sales were some of the healthiest in months. It was too early to tell how long the improvement might last because it was in part due to pent-up demand following the snows of January.

Of the index's 11 components, six made negative contributions to the overall figure. A decline in the average factory workweek hurt the most, which economists expected due to the powerful blizzard that hit the East Coast and kept many workers at home.

The other five components pushing the index downward were building permits, consumer sentiment, average weekly claims for unemployment insurance,

vendor performance and stock prices.

Those moving it upward were unfilled durable goods orders, changes in sensitive materials prices, orders for plant and equipment, manufacturers' orders for consumer goods and money supply.

The Conference Board, a private New York-based research group, recently took charge of the leading index from the Commerce Department. The gauge was privatized to save the government money.

During the last six months, the leading index has declined 0.9 percent, registering drops in each month except December and August. The index has a 1987 base of 100.

"It's another chapter in the story of the bad news in January based on the Blizzard of '96 and it really means that, as with all the other data from January, we have to wait and see what we get in February," said Peter Jaquette, a senior economist at the Wefa Group, an economic consulting firm.

Financial market participants are particularly looking ahead to

the employment report for February, due Friday, as an important indication of how the economy is performing.

In a separate report released today, the Labor Department said first-time unemployment claims rose by 6,000 last week, a smaller increase than expected. It was among a mix of recent data alternately suggesting improving and eroding economic conditions, including the leading index.

Two sister indexes, of coincident and lagging indicators, showed mixed results. The coincident index fell 0.3 percent in January after making a 0.3 percent increase in December. The lagging index held steady in January after gaining 0.3 percent in December.

During the first month of the Conference Board's stewardship of the index, November, its release was delayed by the federal government's partial shutdown. While the index itself is compiled by the private group, some of its components are produced by the government.

The December figure was also delayed due to the shutdown, and the original January release date was postponed two days.

Allies claim Cuba sanctions violate pacts on free trade

By **CAROLYN SKORNECK**
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) - Leaving the military after three decades was "very painful" for Barry McCaffrey. But the highly decorated Army veteran says his new job as President Clinton's top lieutenant in the fight against illegal drugs is a logical step.

"This is fundamentally the protection of the American people," McCaffrey said in an interview after he was sworn in at the White House on Wednesday. "So in that sense, it won't be different from what I've been doing the last 31 years."

Like his predecessors in the job of director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy, the 53-year-old McCaffrey sees no "silver bullet" to end the drug plague.

For the past two years, he has led the U.S. Southern Command and was involved in interdicting drugs and helping Latin American countries block their own production and transport of drugs. But such efforts are only part of the whole, he said.

"This is not a war that's going to be won by anybody's military," he said.

Instead, the effort will require attacks from all sides, including treatment for drug addicts, prevention efforts to keep children away from drugs and law enforcement, he said.

Discipline - the Army's version of law enforcement - was key to getting control of his battalion in the 1970s,

when drug abuse was rampant, he said.

"The U.S. Army that I was part of and so loved was almost destroyed by alcohol abuse and illegal drugs in the '70s," McCaffrey said. "Up to two-thirds of our battalion were using drugs all the time or some of the time, and the impact on our discipline, on rape, violence, spiritual loss of focus, physical health was just atrocious."

Republicans have been hitting the Clinton administration's anti-drug policies this year, citing an upsurge in drug use among youngsters. Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, the front-runner for the GOP presidential nomination, said Wednesday that those policies had made the war on drugs "tougher to win."

Republicans have attacked the administration's decision to cut funds for interdicting drugs, enforcing anti-drug laws and helping South American countries combat drug production.

McCaffrey defended the administration's anti-drug efforts, saying, "Overall drug use ... is still going down."

Before his nomination by Clinton, McCaffrey had himself questioned the effectiveness of the Clinton administration's anti-drug policies. And Wednesday he said there are still some problems.

"We're losing this focus on youth we had, and we're seeing new and even more threatening drugs

appearing on the scene," he said. "We're not losing the war on drugs. But we'd better get a more coherent program and stay with it over time."

The administration "lacks adequate credibility" for its drug programs, he said, so he plans to "go to Congress and make a better case" for such things as drug treatment.

"I sense a great deal of skepticism on the part of many responsible, smart congressmen," he said. "Does treatment pay off or not? Or is it a waste of money?"

McCaffrey's answer: "Some of these programs do work."

He also defended against Republican criticism the administration's recent decision to certify that Mexico is fully cooperating in the anti-drug effort - and thus is entitled to full U.S. aid, among other things.

"Notwithstanding the terrible problems that Mexico's got to face up to - inside its own police forces, its own political system - we think they are committed to cooperative behavior, and we want to work with them," he said.

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AUSTIN (AP) - No tickets correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said. The jackpot was worth \$12 million.

The numbers drawn from a field of 50 were: 1, 2, 8, 20, 33 and 35.

Lottery officials estimate the jackpot for Saturday night's game will be \$18 million.

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

8-6-2 (eight, six, two)

Forgive your enemies, but never forget their names.
— John F. Kennedy

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Lifestyles

Designer from Texas redefines fall fashion attitudes in Milan



Club donations

The Builders Club of Hereford Junior High recently made donations to the American Red Cross and the Hereford Aquatic Center. Above, Betty Henson accepts a check for \$150 to the Tri County Chapter of the American Red Cross from Builders Club members and Dave Kimmel of the Kiwanis Club, sponsors of Builders Club. At right, Robin Watts accepts \$100 for the Aquatic Center from Builders Club member Kathy Higgins.



By DANIELA PETROFF
AP Fashion Writer
MILAN, Italy (AP) - Texan designer Tom Ford is the hottest item on the Milan fashion ticket. Young, handsome and very talented, he has redefined the Gucci look - and with it created a new fashion attitude.

The 34-year-old defines his fall-winter collection, presented Tuesday evening in a modern art museum, "luxe with an edge," saying its cool, sexy chic has all the elements of a "new classicism."

Ford became the fashion rage several seasons ago when he lifted sagging spirits at Gucci by putting high heels on the trademark loafer, cutting the man-tailored shirts in sheer fabrics and hiking the hemline - all in living color.

This time around, the uniform offers inspiration for the Gucci daytime wear. Ford used the same theme for next winter's menswear, presented in Milan in January.

Monochromatic from head to toe, everything matches from the coat to the jacket, skirt, trouser, shoes and bag. The cut is military: Mini-dresses have epaulets, long skirts are split up the front but cut like a trouser in the back, and long coats are belted and gold-buttoned.

The new pant suit has either a short busboy, or long double-breasted jacket, while the trousers are tight around the hips but flare at the ankle. The see-through blouse underneath is open to the waist.

Favorite tones are white, navy, and brown. The classic menswear pinstripe is the most popular fabric.

But where Ford soared into a new fashion stratosphere was in the evening wear.

It really was like dying and going to heaven, to meet the sexiest angels in creation.

The Gucci models floated down the runway in long white silk jersey gowns, with giant size cutouts in strategic places such as the hip or the navel. The bared flesh was adorned with a large gold buckle, part of the subtle belt that passed through the gown.

On Wednesday, Gianfranco Ferré

also took the road of what Ford calls "distilled opulence."

The Ferré collection is still definitely for those who like to flaunt, but less aggressive than in past seasons, with a more feminine, less-structured style.

The famous Ferré blouse, for example, fits tightly to the body and has an unfussy collar and cuffs. The shirt also becomes a jacket in tight-textured coat fabrics.

The new Ferré uniform is the man's suit in conservative gray flannel and pinstriped fabrics. The feminine touch comes in the brightly colored silk coats he paired with the mannish look.

Clearly a lapse into the snow bunny 1970's were the white Cortina outfits: tight white stretch pants and mohair turtle neck, worn under a full-length white knit duffel coat, accessorized by white fur-lined apres ski boots.

The simple line of the little dress worn by day under flared three-quarter coats and with matching silk jacket at night again showed that Ferré has grasped the cleaned-up fashion moment.

Even his evening wear takes on a minimalist manner. Made up of floor-length gowns with stretch midnight blue or black velvet bodice and square-cut heavy ivory satin skirt, it jives perfectly with Tom Ford's vision of modern elegance.

Celebrating their 10th fashion

birthday Wednesday were whiz kids Domenico Dolce and Stefano Gabbana, famous for their sexy boudoir look, embraced among others by rock star Madonna.

The new Dolce and Gabbana collection is based on old-fashioned underwear, heavily elasticized and flesh colored, like the kind Anna Magnani wore in the movies.

Heavy girdles become the front of stretch wool trousers, corsets are fashioned into dresses, and garter belts are embroidered on skirts. Slip dresses abound by day and night.

Mannish pin-striped pant suits become more female if not feminine worn over a bonafide flesh-colored bra.

Bra straps also purposely stick out of low-backed dresses, show on a sleeveless shoulder, or shine through a sheer top.

The favorite winter prints at Dolce and Gabbana are racy zebra, leopard and tiger, and demure if unseasonal strawberry and cherry fruits.

The beaming duo took a bow hand in hand at the end of the much applauded show, in the modern Milan trade fair, birthplace of their fashion career.

I have enough money to last me the rest of my life unless I buy something.

—Jackie Mason

Ann Landers

DEAR ANN LANDERS: I'd like to add my thanks to the many others you must have received for mentioning the wonderful work of the American Enuresis Foundation in helping young people stop their bed-wetting.

After trying everything to help our daughter stop wetting the bed, we finally resorted to medication, which kept her dry about 90 percent of the time. But if she cut down on the drugs, she would revert to wetting nightly. Her urologist told her that she would probably have to take medication for the rest of her life.

Last spring, just prior to her high school graduation, I read in your column about the results others had achieved by following the program of the American Enuresis Foundation. I immediately sent for information. My daughter started the treatment in May, and at the end of August, she began her freshman year in an out-of-town university, living in a dorm, completely dry and drug-free. It seems as though a miracle has occurred, allowing her to participate in normal activities she would otherwise have been denied.

Our family will be forever grateful to the kind, helpful people at the foundation and to you, Ann. We

thought it was time we let you know. -- Pasadena, Calif.

DEAR PASADENA: The American Enuresis Foundation informed me that it received more than 18,000 letters as a result of that column. Many who wrote said they had tried everything under the sun and nothing worked. Their gratitude was unbonded. But be aware that the treatment program is expensive because it is tailored to the individual. For information, send a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to: American Enuresis Foundation, P.O. Box 33061, Tulsa, Okla. 74153-1061.

DEAR ANN LANDERS: Our daughter, "Jean," is 18. She met "Ted," 22, on-line through her computer. They had known each other for two months when she moved in with him immediately after her high school graduation.

Ted seems mature and is capable of supporting her. We like him, but we let her know we did not approve of their living together. She moved in anyway. We are also disappointed that Jean is no longer interested in attending college.

Jean and Ted are planning to get married soon and are paying for most of the wedding themselves. My

husband and I are buying her wedding gown and the dress for her maid of honor. The problem is that Jean refuses to permit her father to walk her down the aisle or give her away. She says it is because we don't like Ted. This is not true. We are insulted and hurt.

Our family is upset over Jean's attitude. Some close relatives have already informed us that they will not attend the ceremony. Jean now has changed her story and insists that she loves us but has always dreamed of walking down the aisle alone and giving herself away. Ted and his family support her decision and say she has the right to do what she wants since it's her wedding.

How can we carry this off with dignity in spite of our hurt and embarrassment? -- Heartsick in California

DEAR CALIFORNIA: Your daughter sounds spoiled, immature and hostile. Most brides dream of walking down the aisle on the arm of their father, but Jean says she has always dreamed of walking down the aisle alone? This is mighty strange.

I hope someone can persuade Jean to change her mind. If she doesn't, I fear she will live to regret it.

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Sports



YMCA hoops champs - Girls

The Lady Spurs whipped the Swoopettes 18-12 Saturday to earn the championship of the Hereford YMCA's 10-and-under girls' basketball league. The Lady Spurs consist of: (front row, left to right) Stephanie Harris, Blayre Hatley, Amber Maes, Lauren Layman, Kayle Hollingsworth, (back row) coach Charlie Nokes, Ashley Nokes, Chelsey Blain, Brittany Finley and coach Frank Maes.

Dickey, Raiders know anything can happen in SWC tournament

By DENNE H. FREEMAN
AP Sports Writer

DALLAS (AP) - Texas A&M went into the first round of the final SWC basketball tournament today with its bags packed for an expected quick exit.

But March Madness has seen stranger things than an Aggie upset of Baylor to win the SWC tournament.

The Aggies almost upset the Red Raiders before losing 66-63 in February at College Station.

"Not many people expect us to be around for the Friday games and I can understand that because Tech is the best team I've seen in this league in five years," said Aggies coach Tony Barone. "But you never know."

Still, there's that upset atmosphere that haunts each and every tournament as teams try to get into the NCAA bracket.

Texas Tech coach James Dickey said it could happen even though his Red Raiders won every SWC regular season game to post a 25-1 mark, tying the school record for most wins in a season.

"Texas A&M played us tough and we were darn lucky to win in College Station," Dickey said Wednesday as teams prepared for the SWC tournament. "I felt good about our season until I found out we would have to play A&M again. We dodged a bullet with them."

Barone said, "It gives us hope to see all the upsets going on across the country. It's why they call this time of the year 'March Madness.' If we could pull off the upset it would really be something."

Fans didn't want home run ball

PORT CHARLOTTE, Fla. (AP) - For once, fans didn't want to chase after a home-run ball.

When Juan Gonzalez homered behind the left-field fence off Rich Monteleone in the Texas Rangers' 3-1 win over the New York Yankees on Tuesday, the ball landed in a pond.

Fans who may have considering

Last year at this time Tech was sweating an NCAA bid after losing to Texas in overtime of the SWC tournament finals. The bid never came.

The Red Raiders don't have to worry this time around and could get a high seed and play in Dallas in the first and second round of the Midwest regionals next week.

"I have no idea what would happen if we didn't win the tournament," Dickey said. "All I know is you've got to win in March. We just need to take care of our business and not worry what the NCAA Committee is going to do on Sunday after everything is over."

The SWC tournament championship game will be at 1 p.m. on Saturday.

Tech, which meets A&M at 6 p.m. on Thursday, doesn't have to worry about its bid but the Houston Cougars are sweating it out right on the bubble of the 64-team field. The Cougars are 64th in the power ratings.

"My opinion is we'll probably have to get into at least the finals of the SWC tournament to get a shot," said Houston coach Alvin Brooks. "We've won 15 of our last 18 games but we still have to finish strong."

Hurting the 17-9 Cougars is two wins over non-Division I teams which don't count in the RPI ratings. Houston's first-round opponent is SMU, which played the Cougars close twice only to lose late both times.

"Only three field goals stand between us and SMU winning both of the games," Brooks said.

SMU coach Mike Dement said "We were up eight with 2:54 to go and unbelievable things occurred for us to lose the last time we played. Houston really turned on the magic

making a short swim for it were turned away by an 8-foot alligator that happened to be sunning on the shoreline.

"It was a big gator," said Andy Mielke of Chicago. "I wasn't about to disturb him."

After about 90 seconds, the ball sank to the bottom of the pond.

Herd teams hit road for weekend

All of Hereford High School's varsity sports teams hit the road this weekend.

The golf and baseball teams will compete in tournaments Friday and Saturday - the baseball team is in Dumas, the girls' golf team is in Andrews and the boys' golf team is in San Angelo. The tennis team will play on Friday only, in a tournament in Amarillo.

The boys' and girls' track teams will both compete in a meet Saturday in Plainview.

The Hereford teams soon will be back, though: all six teams will host events over the next two weekends. The golf tournament will be held March 15-16 at Pitman Municipal Golf Course, and the tennis tournament and track meet will be March 22-23. Also, the baseball team will host Canyon March 23 for the Herd's first home game since Feb. 24.

In the only event in Hereford, between now and next weekend, the junior varsity baseball team will host

the Boys Ranch varsity at 4:30 p.m. Monday at Whiteface Field.

The Hereford varsity baseball team (2-4) has a bye in the first-round of the Dumas Varsity Tournament. The Herd will play at 9 a.m. Friday against the winner between Perryton and Dalhart, which play today.

Other first round matchups scheduled for today included Pampa vs. Sanford-Fritch; River Road vs. Borger and Dumas vs. Guymon, Okla.

Atkins powers Lady Raiders

DALLAS (AP) - With Texas Tech's Michi Atkins needing just 24 points to become the Southwest Conference's career scoring leader, her teammates got the ball to her often in the Lady Raiders' postseason tournament first-round game against Baylor.

She pounded away inside, hitting 10 of 14 shots and adding 6 of 8 free throws for 26 points Wednesday night as No. 7 Texas Tech (24-3) defeated Baylor, 90-79. That gives her 2,030 points over her four-year career, three more than Baylor's Maggie Davis-Stinnett scored from 1987-91.

In other first-round games, top seeded and No. 24 Texas (20-7) set a postseason tournament scoring record in a 109-78 victory over eighth-seeded TCU (2-24); sixth-seeded Houston (12-15) got an 81-76 upset victory over third-seeded SMU (19-10); and fourth-seeded Texas A&M (18-11) advanced with a 91-63 rout of fifth-seeded Rice (13-14).

The Lady Longhorns' 109 points beat the old mark set by Texas in a 108-61 victory over Rice in 1988.

In Friday's semifinals, Texas and Texas A&M will clash at Reunion Arena at noon, followed by Texas Tech and Houston at 2 p.m.

"We just clapped for Michi Atkins and her SWC scoring record in the dressing room," Texas Tech coach Marsha Sharp said.

"The bottom line is that we look to Michi first on every offensive possession, and it helps that we can kick the ball out when people surround her," Sharp said.

That's where freshman Rene Hanebutt came in. When Baylor collapsed around Atkins, Hanebutt penetrated from the outside. She made only two field goals, one a 3-pointer, but sank 15 of 19 free throws to finish with 20 points.

The Baylor-Texas Tech game lasted for more than two hours as

Baylor committed 35 fouls. Although Baylor's 45-34 rebounding edge helped the Bears outscore Tech from the field (32 field goals to 25), Tech made 36 of 51 free throws to make that up and more. Baylor made just 10 of 13 free throws.

Tech led 49-31 at the half and got no closer than 81-72 and 83-74 in the final 2:59 before the Lady Raiders used free throws to ice the victory.

"Give Baylor credit for being very aggressive and taking it to us," Sharp said. "They didn't back down and we had to fight for every shot."

Christie Holler led Baylor (11-19) with 20 points, backed by Kacy Moffitt with 18 and LaToya Ellis with 17.

The Lady Longhorns, whose upset of Texas Tech in the last week of the regular season gave them a share of the title, continue their long march from early season mediocrity.

"There were times this year where I wondered if we might reach 20 wins, and this is a nice place to be. This team has overcome a lot of adversity," UT coach Jody Conradt said.

Amie Smith led Texas with 12 points and 10 rebounds.

SMU's loss to Houston probably cost the Lady Mustangs any chance at making the NCAA tournament, but the National Women's Invitational Tournament will be more than happy to have them come to Amarillo.

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Bullets shoot down Sonics

By CHRIS SHERIDAN-AP Basketball Writer
The Seattle SuperSonics finally met their match - a combination of fatigue, Shawn Kemp's sore foot and the Washington Bullets.

The Pacific Division leaders, who hadn't lost since Feb. 1 as they put together a 14-game winning streak, dropped a 99-88 decision to the Bullets on Wednesday night.

One night after going into double overtime at Cleveland, the Sonics shot only 29.8 percent and had their third-lowest point total of the season.

"It was a perfect set-up for a letdown. ... We just had a real tough time getting it going. We just have to get back to having fun. That's what we did during the streak," Detlef Schempf said.

After losing 103-100 at Dallas on Feb. 1, the Sonics defeated Houston and Phoenix twice, Minnesota, Vancouver, Atlanta, Golden State, Sacramento, the Los Angeles Clippers, Detroit, Boston, New Jersey and the Cavs.

Two of the games went into overtime and only four of them were decided by five points or less. It was the second-longest winning streak this season behind Chicago's 18 from Dec. 29-Feb. 2.

"It was a great run," said coach George Karl, who wasn't around to see the end of it after being ejected with 5:34 left. Karl later complained about the 30 personal fouls and five technicals called against his club.

Kemp, who sprained his foot Feb. 28 against Detroit, did not play. Gary Payton led Seattle with 26 points.

"The streak didn't mean nothing. We just played - that's it. We weren't worried about it. But it's over," Payton said.

Juwan Howard had 21 points and 11 rebounds and Rasheed Wallace added 20 points and four blocks for the Bullets, who broke a 13-game losing streak to the Sonics dating back to March 19, 1987.

In other NBA games, Utah defeated Indiana 101-94, San Antonio downed Denver 100-90, New York defeated Toronto 89-82, Minnesota beat Philadelphia 103-90 and Boston defeated the Clippers 110-97.

Jazz 101, Pacers 94
At Salt Lake City, the Jazz became the first team to sweep a season series from the Pacers this season.

Karl Malone had 24 points and 20 rebounds, Jeff Hornacek scored 23 points and John Stockton had 19 points and 12 assists for Utah, which won its fifth in a row.

It was the 19th victory in 23 games

for the Jazz, who stayed one game ahead of San Antonio in the Midwest Division race.

Hornacek hounded Reggie Miller and held Indiana's prolific scorer to 16 points on 5-of-20 shooting. Miller had a turnover and missed a 3-pointer in the final minute after Indiana pulled within four points.

Utah has won its last 13 home games and is 9-1 since the All-Star break.

Spurs 100, Nuggets 90
At San Antonio, the Spurs got the victory despite an injury to David Robinson that ended his streak of 157 straight games with at least 10 points.

Robinson lacerated his finger trying to block a shot by Bryant Stith in the second quarter.

"I didn't think much about it until I looked down at it. It looked awful," Robinson said.

Sean Elliott followed him to the dressing room at the start of the fourth with a laceration of his left ear. He returned later in the period.

Antonio McDyess suffered a broken nose by colliding with teammate Dikembe Mutombo in the third quarter. Despite playing only 22 minutes, McDyess led the Nuggets with 16 points.

Vinny Del Negro paced the Spurs with 29 points.

Knicks 89, Raptors 82
At Toronto, Hubert Davis had a season-high point total for the second straight night.

Davis had 25 points in the first half, matching his output of Tuesday night, and finished with 30 points as the Knicks won for just the second time in eight games.

The Raptors trailed 55-38 at the half and 72-58 after three quarters, then closed to 86-80 on a jumper by Damon Stoudamire with just over a minute to play. Derek Harper followed with a 21-footer to dash Toronto's comeback hopes.

Timberwolves 103, 76ers 90
At Philadelphia, the Timberwolves bounced back from the worst defeat in franchise history.

Isaiah Rider scored 29 points, Andrew Lang had 20 points and 14 rebounds, Kevin Garnett had 14 points and 19 rebounds and Spud Webb added 18 points for the Wolves, who lost by 41 points to Miami a day earlier.

Celtics 110, Clippers 97
Greg Minor scored 20 points and Eric Montross had 15 points and 15 rebounds for Boston, which led by 11 at the start of the fourth quarter and quickly stretched its advantage to 21.

Los Angeles lost for the eighth time in its last nine road games.



YMCA hoops champs - Boys

The Spurs blasted the Buffaloes 26-16 Saturday to claim the championship of the Hereford YMCA's 10-and-under boys' basketball league. The Spurs are: (front row, left to right) Tanner Black, Adam Badillo, Grant Walker, Seth Hatley, (second row) Andrew Witkowski, Whitney Walker and Nathan Cole. Coach Mike Hatley stands in back. Not pictured is Spencer Brown.

Colgate grabs NCAA tourney spot

By The Associated Press
A day before most of the big boys started playing, Colgate got into the NCAA tournament for the second straight year.

The Red Raiders, just 15-14, beat Holy Cross 74-65 Wednesday night to win their second consecutive Patriot League title.

Adonal Foyle had 22 points, 15 rebounds, 10 blocked shots and a personal-best six assists.

"I pride myself on my defense," he said. "That's how I really first started playing basketball, was at the defensive end, so it is easy for me to slip back into that role at any time during the game. I knew I was blocking shots. I didn't know how many I was blocking. It is just something that comes natural to me."

At Hamilton, N.Y., Holy Cross (16-13) made just 20 of 76 shots as it lost for the first time in nine games. The Crusaders went without a field goal for the first 6-1/2 minutes of the second half.

Most of the major conference tournaments started today, but there was one weird turn Wednesday. In the first round of the Western Athletic Conference, Texas-El Paso beat Hawaii 77-69 before announcing it was forfeiting for using an ineligible player.

Don Beal, a 6-foot-5 forward from Los Angeles who transferred from Long Beach City College before the 1994-95 season, scored six points in 24 minutes, but had been ruled ineligible earlier in the day.

It couldn't be determined whether NCAA, WAC and UTEP officials, all in Kansas City to discuss the case Wednesday afternoon, contacted the UTEP team concerning the ruling.

"It was confirmed this afternoon by the NCAA that Kevin Beal was ineligible for academic reasons," said Jeff Hurd, an associate commissioner of the WAC.

Hawaii coach Riley Wallace was surprised his team advanced to a game against No. 10 Utah.

"I've never heard of something like this," Wallace said. "It was almost as if it was meant to be."

In the other WAC game, San Diego State stopped Air Force 80-69.

At the Big East tournament, No. 13 Syracuse beat Notre Dame 76-55 and advanced to a quarterfinal against Boston College, which beat Pittsburgh 70-66. Seton Hall beat West Virginia 80-78 to move into the quarters against No. 3 Connecticut. Miami beat Rutgers 77-67 to earn a matchup with No. 6 Georgetown, and Providence beat St. John's 80-72 to advance to a game against No. 9 Villanova.

In the first round of the Atlantic 10, Xavier beat Fordham 61-54, St. Bonaventure defeated Dayton 72-60, St. Joseph's downed Duquesne 80-72 in overtime and Rhode Island routed La Salle 85-59.

In Southland Conference openers, Texas-San Antonio edged Sam

Houston State 60-58 and Stephen F. Austin beat McNeese State 94-91.

And in Conference USA, which doesn't get an automatic NCAA bid, Saint Louis beat Southern Mississippi 61-44, South Florida topped Alabama-Birmingham 73-57 and DePaul defeated North Carolina Charlotte 66-60 in first-round games.

In other games involving ranked teams, Wisconsin took No. 16 Penn State 64-62 and Minnesota upset No. 19 Iowa 72-64.

BIG EAST
At New York
No. 13 Syracuse 76,
Notre Dame 55

The Orangemen (23-7) withstood a second-half run by Notre Dame as John Wallace scored 32 points.

Wallace got sick at halftime, but still scored 20 points in the second half. He added 11 rebounds.

The Irish (9-18) pulled to 58-53 with 4:52 left when Wallace started a closing 18-2 run with two free throws. Lazarus Sims' 3-pointer with 2:57 left to made it 63-53, and the Orangemen made eight free throws before Sims closed it with another 3-pointer and a dunk.

Boston College 70, Pittsburgh 66

Antonio Granger's only points of the game - a 3-pointer with 77 seconds left - helped the Eagles (18-9) move into the quarterfinals.

Pitt (10-17) trailed 61-49 with nine minutes left but went ahead 66-65 before Granger got the lead back for BC.

Keenan Jourdon led BC with 19 points and Abrams had 18 points and 11 rebounds. Jason Maile had 23 points for Pitt.

Seton Hall 80, West Virginia 78

Adrian Griffin scored on a drive with one second left to lift the Pirates (12-15). He finished with 18 points.

West Virginia (12-15) pulled to 65-64 before Donnell Williams led a 10-0 run to give the Pirates an 11-point lead.

Miami 77, Rutgers 67

Kevin Norris cut short a Rutgers comeback by scoring 11 straight points down the stretch for Miami (15-12). Rutgers (9-18) was down 56-40 in the second half, but rallied behind Geoff Billet, who scored 25 points and helped Rutgers draw to 63-62. Norris scored consecutive baskets, one a 3-pointer, and then connected on six straight foul shots.

Providence 80, St. John's 72

Austin Croshere and Ruben Garces each had 17 points, and Providence (17-10) closed the game with a 13-4 run.

Providence, which dominated the boards, especially on the offensive end, led 61-50 with 12:04 to play only to see St. John's (11-16) take the lead at 68-67 with 4:12 left on a 3-pointer by Felipe Lopez.

The Friars got the lead back for good 24 seconds later on a rebound basket by Jamel Thomas.

ATLANTIC-10
At Philadelphia
Xavier 61, Fordham 54

Darnell Williams made two free throws with 26 seconds left and Lenny Brown scored 17 points for Xavier, which plays Temple in today's quarterfinals. Fordham finished 4-23 in its first season in the A-10.

Williams, who had 14 points, gave the Musketeers (13-14) a 58-54 lead as his crucial free throws came just after the Rams' Ray Carroll missed a 12-footer that would have tied the score.

St. Bonaventure 72, Dayton 60

The Bonnies (10-17) won their first A-10 tournament game in 11 years behind Rashaan Palmer's 18 points. St. Bonaventure plays No. 2 Massachusetts in today's quarterfinals.

Notice Veterans

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4818 will hold a meeting to nominate 1996-97 officers at the VFW Hall March 7th at 8 pm. All members are encouraged to attend.

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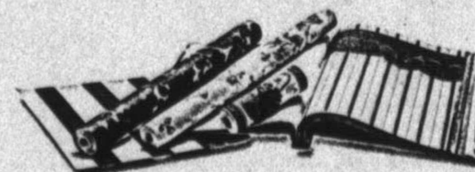
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NM woman recalls historic football season

Gutierrez-Grzedzicki made history as first girl to make gridiron appearance

By SUSIE GRAN
The Albuquerque Tribune
RIORANCHO, N.M. (AP) - When Sally Gutierrez covered her sun-streaked pigtails with a football helmet and charged onto the field with the boys, the nation was watching.

Sally - a Quemado, N.M., high school senior - wondered why there was so much commotion that fall of 1975. She simply loved the game and wanted to play.

At 5-foot-8 and 135 pounds, wearing number 52, she scored a first. She won a court battle against the New Mexico Activities Association and became the first girl in the nation to join a boys team. She played offensive guard, defensive end and special teams.

It wasn't about women's rights, she reminded everyone. It was about working hard to get where she wanted to be - in the game, not on the sidelines.

She was named among the 1976 New Mexico Distinguished Women for leading the way for girls to compete in contact sports.

Paul Harvey interviewed her. The New Mexico Sports Hall of Fame inducted her. The Guinness Book of World Records noted her in its pages.

Her Quemado coach, Richard Moore, now 73, coaches in Lordsburg, where he tells her story to his girls basketball and track

athletes who need to be motivated. "Sally never complained," Moore says. "They rocked and socked her and hit her hard. Hers is a story of just do it. Get out in life and do it."

Twenty football seasons later, she hasn't stopped working hard. Her strict father and that football season taught her lifelong lessons about perseverance, teamwork, fairness and faith in the Lord, she said.

Today, at age 38, she's the mother of four children and stepmother to three and manages a chain of yogurt shops in Albuquerque.

Sally Gutierrez-Grzedzicki - her married name since 1994 - is the pride of her children.

"I have a mom who played football and did something with her life," brags her 14-year-old son, Roman. "She's the only girl football player I know. Other moms aren't like her. They just grow up, get married and get old."

Roman plays football and hopes to make the Del Norte Knights freshman team next year.

Sally's oldest daughter, 18-year-old Jennifer, a freshman at the University of New Mexico, didn't inherit her mother's love for the game. But she made her mark in high school on the speech and debate teams.

"My mom's my best friend," Jennifer says. "She's exceedingly open. I tell her everything. And instead of telling us no, she always points out the consequences. I think she's that way because her dad was extremely strict."

"My mom's never been normal," Jennifer giggles. "She wanted me to play football, too. I wanted to cheer." They laugh about the differences in their childhoods.

Gutierrez-Grzedzicki's childhood was dominated by 13 brothers and sisters, four step-siblings and her father, Eligio Gutierrez, who set tough rules. Jennifer had only a mom

who encouraged her to set her own limits.

"I think I'm the way I am with my kids because of the way my father was with me," Gutierrez-Grzedzicki says. "He didn't want me to play football, but told me I could pick one sport. I picked football. Then he said, 'If you get hurt, don't come home crying.'"

She grew up in Quemado, a western New Mexico town of "250 good people and a few old crabs," according to a sign greeting visitors in 1975. Her house was next to her dad's gas station, where she changed flat tires for customers.

She didn't leave until she was 18 and needed a summer job before college. A brother-in-law in Washington state who worked as a forest ranger helped her get a job there.

After a summer of thinning brush, she started college and began her family. For three years, she taught preschool in Spokane, then started cleaning houses to make ends meet.

Her first marriage ended in divorce. She raised two children alone for 11 years while turning her one-woman cleaning service into an 18-employee business.

When her father died in Quemado in 1991 at age 70, she moved back to handle his estate and struggle with the loss of the man who made the greatest impact on her life.

"It threw my life into a spin," Gutierrez-Grzedzicki says. "I was kind of lost. ... Life seemed to lose its meaning. Dad was the stronghold of the family and he was gone."

Gutierrez-Grzedzicki was executor of her father's estate, so she moved back to New Mexico. In September 1994, she moved to Rio Rancho and married longtime friend Richard Grzedzicki.

"I'm getting my roots planted again," she says.

Her football debut did not bring many girls into the game. But the

NMAA policy she influenced allowing girls to play on boys teams still applies. She was disappointed more girls didn't follow her lead.

"Maybe they didn't have the drive I did," she says. "You have to have a will and desire and perseverance to go after what you want. That's the key. Having faith in the Lord helps, too. I always prayed a lot. I really do believe God answers prayers."

The first New Mexico girl to follow her was Vickie Wales in Clovis in 1980. Then there was Cassey Pendergrass at Anthony Gadsden High

School in 1987.

A handful of Albuquerque girls have played on boys high school football, baseball and tennis teams. Several have tried wrestling. Last football season, Sandia's Jaime Woods kicked the winning field goal to upset ninth-ranked Las Cruces High in the game's closing seconds.

Moore hasn't given up. He is encouraging a Lordsburg eighth-grade girl to stay in football as a guard.

"She's my second one in 20 years," says Moore, who feels girl athletes don't get enough respect. But

Moore said the eighth-grader doesn't have the entire town behind her like Gutierrez-Grzedzicki did.

"This is predominantly a male bastion here," Moore says. "The boys are followed and the girls are not. My girls basketball team is struggling with a 6-58 win-loss record. Girls sports are just not a big priority."

"At least Sally helped other girls get into the game, whether it was football or another sport. She showed the world girls can do just as good as the boys."

Television

THURSDAY MARCH 7

	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM
2	Eerie Ind.	MMC	Movie: White Wolves	Ami Dolenz 'PG'	Lillehammer '94	16 Days of Glory					Movie: Anderson Tape
4	News	Ent. Tonight	Friends	Single Guy	Seinfeld	Caroline	ER		News	(35) Tonight Show	
5	NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	Great Performances	Mystery!						Computer	Charlie Rose	
6	News	Wh. Fortune	Videos	Before	Movie: Forgotten Sins	(1996) William Devane.			News	Seinfeld	Nightline
7	Fam. Mat.	Newhart	Bulls Eye	NBA Basketball	Detroit Pistons at Chicago Bulls				News	Simon & Simon	
8	News	Home Imp.	Murder, She Wrote	Rescue 911	48 Hours				News	(35) Late Show	
9	Roseanne	Simpsons	Single	Martin	New York Undercover	Star Trek: Deep Space 9	M*A*S*H			Cops	Wanted
10	Sportsctr.	College Basketball: ACC First Round - Teams TBA				College Basketball: Big East Quarterfinal - Teams TBA				Sportscenter	
11	Waltons	Highway to Heaven	Rescue 911			700 Club			Three Stooges	Bonanza	
12	Movie: Ring-Muskets.	Movie: The Air Up There	Kevin Bacon. ** PG			(15) Movie: Indecent Behavior II	Shannon Tweed. 'NR'			Movie:	
13	(5:30) Movie: Nadine 'PG'	Movie: Trading Places	Eddie Murphy. *** R			Movie: Wild Side	Christopher Walken. Comedy			Kids in Hall	
14	(5:00) Movie: The Scout	Movie: Reflections in the Dark	R			Movie: The Dangerous Robert Davi	'NR'			(05) Movie: Under Lock and Key 'R'	
15	Movie: The Great Lie	(1941) Bette Davis. ***				Movie: Anthony Adverse	(1936) Fredric March. *** R				Movie: Mrs. Miniver (1942)
16	Dukes of Hazard	Life of Bill Monroe				Prime Time Country				News	Bill Monroe
17	Invention	Movie Magic	Wild Discovery			Movie Magic	Know Zone			Battle of the Alamo	Movie Magic
18	Equalizer	Biography				Ancient Mysteries	Voyages			Law & Order	Wild Disc.
19	Commissar	Unsolved Mysteries				Movie: Open Admissions	(1988) Jane Alexander. **			Unsolved Mysteries	Mysteries
20	College Basketball: SWC Quarterfinal - Teams TBA					College Basketball: SWC Quarterfinal - Teams TBA				College Basketball	Stanford at Arizona
21	In the Heat of the Night	Movie: Cahill, U.S. Marshal	(1973) John Wayne. ** 1/2			(15) Movie: The Sons of Katie Elder	(1965) John Wayne. *** 1/2				
22	Doug	Tiny Toon	Munsters	Jeanie	I Love Lucy	Bewitched	M.T. Moore	Taxi	Kotter	Van Dyke	Newhart
23	Wings	Wings	Figure Skating Champions on Ice			Highlander: The Series				Silk Stalkings	Highlander
24	Lazos de Amor	Acapulco Cuerpo y Alma	El Premio Mayor			Bienvenidos				Noticiero	P. Impacto
25	Iwo Jima	Hell's Volcano	Alexander the Great			Movie: Sadat	(1983) Louis Gossett Jr. ** 1/2			Year by Year	Alexander
26	College Basketball: Big East Quarterfinal - Teams TBA					Basketball	College Basketball: Atlantic 10 Quarterfinal			NHL 2Night	NBA 2Night

FRIDAY MARCH 8

	7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30	12 PM
2	Pooh	Care Bears	Gummi B.	Pooh Cmr.	Dumbo	Umbrella	Fraggle	Ducktales	Chip 'n' Dale	Tale Spin	Movie:
3	Today				Leeza		Gerardo		Gordon Elliott		Our Lives
4	TimeGrow	TimeGrow	Sesame Street		Lamb Chop	Storytime	Mr Rogers	Imaginedland	Barney	Puzzle Place	Prudhomme
5	Gilligan	Bewitched	Boss?	Griffith	Little House on the Prairie	(05) Matlock			(05) Perry Mason		Movie: Fast
6	Good Morning America				Live - Regis & Kathie Lee		Montal Williams		Little House on the Prairie		News
7	News				Court TV	Griffith	Charlie's Angels		Gerardo		News
8	(6:00) This Morning	George & Alana			Carnie		Price Is Right		Young and the Restless		News
9	Bobby	Aladdin	Mighty Max	Cubhouse	700 Club		K. Copeland	Christian	Gabrielle		Prod. Prog.
10	Sportscenter	Sportscenter			Sportscenter		Sportscenter				College Basketball: ACC Quarterfinal
11	Family Challenge	Make a Deal	Name-Tune	700 Club					FIT TV		Rescue 911
12	Busy World	Busy World	Movie: The Goodbye Bird	Cindy Pickett. ** 1/2			Movie: A Guy Named Joe	Spencer Tracy. ** 1/2			Movie: Robin of Locksley
13	Movie: The Next Karate Kid	** PG	Movie: Making	(15) Movie: A Million to Juan Paul Rodriguez. ** 1/2			Movie: Black Beauty	Sean Bean. *** G			Movie: Next Karate Kid
14	(6:45) Movie: Under the Cherry Moon	Movie: Blue Chips	(1994) Nick Nolte, Mary McDonnell. **				Movie: Midsommer Sex Comedy				Movie:
15	Movie: The Gorgeous Hussy	(1936) ** 1/2			(8:50) Movie: Romeo and Juliet	(1936) *** 1/2					Movie: A Tale of Two Cities
16	(0H Air)		VideoMorning								Crafts
17	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Goals 2000-Learning	Home	Start		Housesmart!		Graham K.	Cuisine	Great Chfs
18	Remington Steele	McMillan and Wife					New Mike Hammer		Quincy		Equalizer
19	Baby Knows	Your Baby	Sisters		Our Home	Gourmet	Biggers and Summers		Living		Our Home
20	Press Box	Workout	Paid Prog.	Get Fit	Paid Prog.	Skating USA	Olympic Odyssey				Basketball
21	(6:30) Scooby Dooby Doo	Bugs Bunny	Flintstones	Gilligan	Gilligan	Knock Landing	Starkey and Hutch		Angels		
22	Looney Gummy	Rugrats	Busy World	Muppets	Muppets	Allegia	Gullah		Papa Beaver	Busy World	Eureka
23	G.I. Joe	Woody	Knight Rider	Murder, She Wrote		Magnum, P.I.			Quantum Leap		People Ct.
24	Plaza Sesa	El Chavo	Cheapirito	Papa Solt.	Dr Perez	Valentina			Dulce		Morelia
25	Year by Year	Classroom				History Showcase	Lady Randolph Churchill		Bloody Shandsoah		Real West
26	Flex Appeal	Bodyshape	Crunch	Bodyshape	Flex Appeal	Crunch	Gotta Sweat		Fitness		Flex Appeal

	12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30
2	Movie: Rock-A-Doodle G	Pooh	C. Brown	Quack	Goofy Sports Story				Movie: Derby	(1995) Joanne Vannicola, David Charvet.	
3	Our Lives	Another World	Jenny Jones		Maury Povich				Oprah Winfrey	Nannico	NBC News
4	Body Elec.	Last Horse Soldiers	Painting	Earth	Earth	Reading	C. Sandiego	Science Guy	Wishbone	Science	
5	(12:05) Movie: The Fastest Gun Alive	Garfield	Flintstones		Scooby-Doo	Brady	Saved-Bell	Fam. Mat.	Fam. Mat.		
6	Rush L.	One Life to Live	All My Children		General Hospital		Videos	Jeopardy!	News	ABC News	
7	News	Perry Mason	Gerardo		Warner	Animaniacs	Fam. Mat.	Dreams	Saved-Bell	Saved-Bell	
8	Bold & B.	As the World Turns	Guiding Light		Cur. Affair	Hard Copy	Ricki Lake		News	CBS News	
9	Paid Prog.	Matlock	In the Heat of the Night		Taz-Mania	Eek!stravag	Batman	Goosebump	Full House	Fresh Pr.	
10	Basketball	College Basketball: ACC Quarterfinal - Teams TBA					College Basketball: Northeast Conf. Championship		Sportsctr.		
11	Waltons	Highway to Heaven	Punky B.	I'm Telling	Wild Animal		Masters	Family Challenge	Newhart	Shade	
12	Movie:	(15) Movie: Obsessed	Kerrie Keane. *** PG-13				Movie: Casino Royale	Peter Sellers. ***			Movie: The Goodbye Bird
13	Heaven	Movie: A Gnome Named Gnorm	** PG				Movie: Merlin	(1993) Nadia Cameron, Peter Phelps. **			Tracey
14	Movie: ** Fast Getaway II	Movie: School Ties	(1992) Brendan Fraser, Matt Damon.				Movie: Andre	Keith Carradine. ** 1/2			PG
15	Movie: Tale-	Festival of Shorts					Movie: Captains of the Clouds	(1942) ***			
16	Wildhorse	VideoPM					Dukes of Hazard		Wildhorse Saloon		Club Dance
17	Home	Start	Easy Does It	Home	Graham K.	Cuisine	Great Chfs		Popular Mechanics		Wings
18	Equalizer	Columbo					New Mike Hammer		Remington Steele		Quincy
19	Designing	Movie: Lethal Charm	(1991) Barbara Eden. **				Spenser: For Hire		Cagney & Lacey		Supermkrt
20	Women's College Basketball						Women's College Basketball: Southwest Conf. Semi.		Racing		On the Line
21	Angels	CHiPs	Wild, Wild West				Movie: Flying Leathernecks	(1951) John Wayne. ** 1/2			In the Heat of the Night
22	Rupert	Gummy	Tintin	Looney	Beetlejuice	Muppets	Chimpunks	Tiny Toon	Looney	Clareisa	Rugrats
23	People's Court		Live With Love Connection				PGA Golf Honda Classic - Second Round				Renegade
24	Morelia	Como Tu, Ninguna					Cristina		Primer Impacto		Lievatelo
25	Real West	Iwo Jima	Hell's Volcano	History Showcase			Lady Randolph Churchill		Bloody Shandsoah		Real West
26	College Basketball: Big Eight Quarterfinal						College Basketball: Big Eight Quarterfinal - Teams To Be Announced				Auto Racing

	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM
2	Movie: Justin Morgan Had a Horse	** 1/2	(35) Movie: Return to Snowy River	Tom Burlinson. 'PG'					Bruce Springsteen: Blood Brothers		Springsteen
3	News	Ent. Tonight	Billy Graham Crusade						Homicide: Life		News
4	NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	Wash. Week	Wall St.				Elko: A Cowboy Gathering		(15) Austin City Limits		Previews
5	Videos	Videos	(05) Movie: A View to a Kill	(1985) Roger Moore, Christopher Walken. ** 1/2							Movie: Dr. No
6	News	Wh. Fortune	Fam. Mat.	Muppets	Super Tuesday		20/20		News	Seinfeld	Nightline
7	Fam. Mat.	Newhart	Hercules-Jrns.	Xena: Warrior Princess			News		Night Court	Simon & Simon	
8	News	Home Imp.	Due South				Diagnosis Murder		Walker: Toughest Cop		News
9	Roseanne	Simpsons	Sliders				X-Files		Star Trek: Voyager		M*A*S*H
10	College Basketball: Big East Semifinal - Teams TBA						College Basketball: Big East Semifinal - Teams TBA				Sportscenter
11	Waltons	Highway to Heaven	Rescue 911				700 Club		Three Stooges		Bonanza
12	Movie: The Goodbye Bird	Movie: The Quiet and the Dead	** 1/2	'R'			Extras		Outer Limits	(45) Movie: Cyborg Cop II	David Bradley. ** 1/2
13	Movie: Next Karate	Movie: Direct Hit	William Forsythe. ** 1/2	'R'			(45) Movie: Red Sun Rising	Don "The Dragon" Wilson. Dennis M. Dream On			
14	Movie: Don't Tell Mom	Movie: The Mangler	Robert Englund. 'R'				(45) Movie: Another 48 Hrs.	Eddie Murphy. ** 1/2	'R'		Erotic
15	Movie: Watch on the Rhine	(1943) Paul Lukas. ****									

Study shows Americans adopting family values

By HARRY F. ROSENTHAL
Associated Press Writer
WASHINGTON (AP) - A private study suggests that Americans are adopting the family values so loudly recommended by politicians.

Divorces are down, and the pace of out-of-wedlock childbearing is slowing and the number of two-parent families is up.

That picture emerges from a study by the Population Reference Bureau called "The United States at Mid-Decade." The PRB, a 66-year-old private research group, keeps tabs on population trends around the world.

California, of course, remains by far the most populous state with 31.6 million residents. Texas has assumed second place with 18.7 million, edging New York with 18.1 million. The rest of the top 10 in order last year were Florida, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Ohio, Michigan, New Jersey and Georgia.

Wyoming is the least populated.

The country's minority population is 26 percent. The District of Columbia leads the 50 states with a 75 percent nonwhite population. Hawaii follows with 68 percent, New Mexico is 50 percent, California 47 percent, Texas 46 percent, followed by Mississippi, Georgia, Maryland, Florida and Louisiana.

Nevada had the biggest population growth by percentage between 1990 and 1995, followed by Idaho, Arizona, Colorado, Utah, Washington, New Mexico, Georgia, Oregon and Texas. Connecticut, Rhode Island and the District of Columbia lost population.

In 1994, 683,000 legal immigrants and 121,000 refugees came to the United States.

"The number of illegal immigrants is, of course, unknown, but most estimates range from 1.1 million to 2.9 million per year," the report says. "Most of these unauthorized persons leave the United States either through

apprehension or voluntary departure, but an estimated 300,000 remain as permanent settlers."

The United States has the highest marriage rate in the industrial world, but its divorce rate is nearly twice as high. Interestingly, most Americans who divorce get remarried eventually - nearly half of all marriages in 1990 were remarriages for one or both partners.

Some other family highlights: -An estimated 90 percent of young women are expected to marry at some point in their lifetimes; the median age for men at first marriage was 26.7 years and 24.5 years for women. But one-third of women and half of men aged 25-29 in 1994 have never been married.

-The divorce rate was 4.6 per 1,000 people in 1994 - slightly lower than in 1990.

"Because young people today are waiting until they are somewhat older and presumably more mature before getting married, marriages may be more selective now than in the past, making the risk of divorce lower," the report said.

-Nearly one in three births - 1.2 million babies - was to an unmarried mother. After five decades of a rise in unmarried childbearing - 6 percent a year in the 1980s - the pace of increase slowed to 2 percent by the early 1990s.

"Over half of all nonmarital births in 1993 occurred to women in their twenties," the report says. "Teens accounted for roughly 30 percent of out-of-wedlock births. Two thirds of the fathers of these babies born to teen-age mothers, however, were age 20 or older."

-The proportion of single-parent families nearly doubled between 1970 and 1995, while the share of married couples who lived with dependent children dropped by a third. The first half of the 1990s saw a reversal with two-parent, married-couple homes increasing by nearly three-quarters of a million.

Area events promise variety of activities

AMARILLO

Amarillo Little Theatre is proud to announce auditions for the final production of its 1995-96 season, *Phantom* by Maury Yeston and Arthur Kopit.

Adapted from the Gaston Leroux novel, "The Phantom of the Opera," *Phantom* packs a dynamic script accompanied by a haunting score. Unlike many musicals, *Phantom* uses the actors as far as they will go, while the demanding score will keep the entire cast on its toes.

Auditions for *Phantom* will be March 17 at 7:30 p.m. and March 18 at 7:30 p.m.

Roles are available for 13 men, 12 women and 1 boy (may be played by a girl) 8-12 years old.

Those wishing to audition should prepare a vocal selection, showing your best legitimate voice and range, not exceeding 60 seconds. An accompanist will be provided by ALT.

Auditionees should also come prepared to do a short movement combination with the choreographer as well as do cold readings from the script.

For additional information please contact Allen Shankles, ALT Artistic/Managing Director, at 355-9991.

People from across the Panhandle area are invited to join with family members, friends, civic and fraternal club, church groups and corporate employee organizations to form their own TeamMS, and make a mile of difference by participating in the MS WALK.

At 10 a.m. April 13 thousands will walk together as "teams" while raising funds for the programs of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, which marks the 50th year of service this year.

The MS WALK will be held in Amarillo and Borger as well as in over 400 sites across the country, involving 200,000 walkers.

The local WALK is sponsored by Bank One and National Home Health Care and organized by the Panhandle Chapter of the MS Society, which serves over 500 residents and their families.

The grand prize for the WALK this year is two round-trip airline tickets to any American Airlines continental US or Canadian destination, air transportation courtesy of American Airlines. First runner up will receive a lady's or man's Cizon's Sports Watch courtesy of Cizon's Jewelry.

Walkers raise funds for the MS Society by collecting pledges for each mile of the 6.2-mile route walked.

For more information about the MS WALK, contact the Panhandle Chapter of the MS Society at 806-372-4429.

The Singing Women of Texas, a non-profit organization of Baptist women, would like to invite other area Panhandle women to join them.

The organization was founded in January 1994 and is an affiliate to the Baptist General Convention of Texas and a sister to the Singing Men of Texas. It is one of 13 chapters in the state.

The Singing Women of Texas perform concerts in area churches and for various functions.

For more information contact the music office of Paramount Baptist Church of Amarillo at 355-3396.

BORGER

Borger's 70th Birthday will be celebrated with a BOOMTOWN BLOCK PARTY from 2 p.m.-4 p.m. Sunday.

This marks the day that Asa P. "Ace" Borger put the first town lots up for sale in 1926.

The festivities, co-sponsored by the Borger Chamber of Commerce, will begin with the dedication of Phase II of the Derrick Development.

Musical entertainment will be Jackie Selby and "Almost Live" with

their popular bluegrass rhythms.

A birthday cake will be cut and served at the peak of the festivities.

There will be a drawing for a double bed size "Star of Bethlehem" quilt, quilted by the Museum Volunteer Quilters. Tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5 and will be available until the drawing.

Individuals with antique Model "A's" and "T's" are encouraged to park their vehicles in front of the Hutchinson County Museum for public viewing and photo opportunities.

The Northwest Texas Museum Association Spring Meeting will be held at the Hutchinson County Museum on March 15, co-sponsored by the Borger Chamber of Commerce.

Coffee and registration will begin at 9 a.m. At 10 a.m., Bill Green, curator of history at the Panhandle Plains Historical Museum, will give the program, "Researching for Exhibits: Part I."

A lunch, catered by Betty Wright of Borger, will be served at 12 noon. The business meeting commences at 1 p.m. and will last until 1:30, when Green will give Part II of his program.

At 3 p.m. all attendees are invited to take part in Museum and Historical Walking Tours of downtown Borger.

Reservations for the luncheon may be made by phoning Patty Hudson or Brenda Martin at 806-273-0130 before 5 p.m. March 8. The cost of the luncheon is \$6.50 per person.

OCHILTREE

A veterans meeting will be held in the Ochiltree Expo Center Friday from 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. to discuss the Veterans Land Program and medical benefits. There will also be a medical clinic.

Guest speakers will include Chip Logue, representative of the Veterans Administration; Cheryl McClintock, a veterans counselor; and Lorenzo Sedeno from the Texas Land Board.

This seminar will be a one-on-one conference.

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The program will include methods of trail study, provide background on regional historic trails and focus on the mapping of the Fort Bascom road.

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Entertainment

Peter Scolari plays Maris to Hanks' Ruth

By DOUGLAS J. ROWE
Associated Press Writer
NEW YORK (AP) — Peter Scolari's career carries an asterisk in some people's minds.

After all these years, the actor wishes those folks would just forget about it, as the lords of baseball eventually did with Roger Maris.

"I love this Maris-Ruth discussion. I could have it all day," Scolari says, warming to the analogy that "the asterisk markers" stigmatized Maris' achievement of hitting 61 home runs in one year by footnoting it with the fact that Babe Ruth hit 60 in a shorter season.

Scolari's Ruth is Tom Hanks, the Hollywood heavy hitter.

They started out together as scrabbling young actors in the 1980-82 ABC series "Bosom Buddies." The series became a cult fave, Hanks went on to win back-to-back best-actor Oscars, and Scolari ... well, he's most remembered as the smarmy, pretentious Michael on "Newhart" for which he received four Emmy nominations between 1984 and 1990.

On Saturday night at 10 p.m. EST, he's back on television starring in "Stop The World, I Want to Get Off," part of Arts & Entertainment Network's recurrent "Clair on Broadway" series. (The show, taped

at a Muskegon, Mich., theater, airs again at 9 a.m. Sunday.)

He sings, dances and juggles in the role Anthony Newley originated in the 1961 musical, which includes the songs "Once in a Lifetime," "What Kind of Fool Am I?" and "Gonna Build a Mountain."

The 41-year-old Scolari, who lives in Ojai, Calif., with his wife and two sons, says he's trying to pursue stage work, swearing off TV for a while. (His last series, "Dweebz," in which he played a Bill Gates type, was short-lived.)

He says it's "not a snob thing" about television. He kids about how he easily could return to the medium on which he's had two well-regarded series.

"Oh, sure. I'm a slut," he said in a telephone interview from the West Coast. "Come on. Let's not mince words. I'm glad that I'm telling a writer for The Associated Press that I'm a slut. And that's S-L-U-T."

In the past, he's groused about being "bypassed" for films. Now he amends that self-assessment: "No. Bypassed? I don't think I can live with that ... at this time of my life. I don't think I was ready. That's all."

Looming over all of it, has been Hanks' superstardom.

Scolari said he's told Hanks over the years: "This isn't altogether that

easy, my friend, you going through the roof."

Hanks has been understanding and supportive, Scolari said, but unfortunately, others have made too much of how they once stood in the starting blocks together. He felt particularly hurt by a Los Angeles Times article last year that made a big deal of the matter.

Scolari feels lucky and successful while having nothing but admiration and respect for Hanks and his work.

"As for comparisons, I don't know. Gee. Tom's a better actor than me, there's your comparison," Scolari said matter-of-factly.

"It's almost an impossible thing

for me to ask myself, regarding the last 10 or 12 years. There are fun stories and anecdotes, about Tom and I at the callback for 'Splash' in 1983, and me looking at him going 'What the hell you doin' here?' (and Hanks saying) 'What are you doing here?'"

"Much more important than anything to do with show business, and actors and our performances and our careers and where they go and haven't gone and might go, is friendship."

All of the nice words aside, Scolari says he doesn't mean to equivocate about any overshadowing.

"It HAS been an issue, and I think the culprit has been me," he said. "It

doesn't have to be an issue. It's MY career. I steer, you know, the boat. And it's just not on board anymore."

"It just can't matter anymore. Life's too short. And it's not a real issue. It's a manufactured issue; it's a P.R. machinery issue."

He still remembers "the one really terrible review" he received in his 21 years as an actor. It came when he was

20. "And I'm still in shock, because I remember that one sentence." The critic said he played "with a sense of menace that never paid off dramatically."

"I thought, 'Oh my God, I chewed every bit of scenery on the stage. Whaddya mean it never paid off?'" he recalled. "I had bits of slats and chairs coming out of my mouth."

Five questions with: Kermit and Piggy

By The Associated Press

Think of famous film duos and you think of Tracy and Hepburn, Liz and Dick ... and Kermit and Miss Piggy. The pair currently star in "Muppet Treasure Island." Kermit, a hue-challenged amphibian (who can forget "It's Not Easy Being Green"?), and Miss Piggy, the original babe who knows her bon mots from her bon bons, talk about love, marriage and figs:

1. What's your actual age? How do you keep looking so youthful?

KERMIT: I've actually been around for about 40 years. I know I don't look it, but that's one of the great things about being a Muppet.

PIGGY: Pigs age gracefully. That is why you cannot tell how old moi is, although you might guess I'm 18. So, I'm timeless.

2. What's your stand on interspecies marriage?

PIGGY: Love does not recognize such petty boundaries as species. Love can break the rules. In other words ... I'm in favor of interspecies marriage - and if it's a marriage between a certain frog and a certain

pig, I'm not just in favor of it, I INSIST ON IT.

KERMIT: I like to keep an open mind, but if this is your way of asking if Miss Piggy and I are going to get married, I would have to close my mind back up a little bit.

3. If you were married, what would your offspring look like?

KERMIT: Not that it's going to happen, but, I guess they would look like a cross between a frog and a pig-a-fig, perhaps?

PIGGY: Whatever they look like, they would be loved.

4. Have you seen "Babe"? What do you think of all the attention it's getting?

KERMIT: I think it's wonderful. ... The entertainment industry needs as many talking animals as it can get.

PIGGY: I haven't seen it, but if that pig is going to start hording in on my publicity, he's got another thing coming.

5. Is it true what they say about frog legs tasting like chicken?

-NO RESPONSE.
-Mike Warren, Associated Press Writer.

Hush Puppies latest craze in accessories

By The Associated Press

Call it revenge of the nerds: Trendy feet have discovered the pigskin pleasures of Hush Puppies.

Comedienne Ellen DeGeneres has 30 pairs of Hush Puppies (and wore a pale lavender pair as host of the Grammy Awards). Others putting on the dogs are Jim Carrey, Sharon Stone, Jeanne Tripplehorn and "Friends" Matthew Perry, David Schwimmer, Lisa Kudrow, Matt LeBlanc and Jennifer Aniston.

David Bowie is so dogged that his supplier sends new pairs directly to him.

"On one extreme, it's so kitsch-American," said the supplier, Joel Fitzpatrick of the Los Angeles store, Pleasure Swell. "On the flip side, it's

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The Council of Fashion Designers of America recently honored Hush Puppies as the top accessory of 1995.

And with spring on its way, can a revamping of Dr. Scholl's be far behind?

This week in entertainment

By The Associated Press

Entertainment highlights during the week of March 7-13:

40 years ago: Laurence Olivier's "Richard III" had its U.S. premiere on NBC television.

30 years ago: Brian Wilson's "Caroline No" was the first solo single by any member of The Beach Boys.

20 years ago: Madame Tussaud, the celebrated London wax museum, displayed a model of British pop star Elton John.

10 years ago: For the first time, the Directors Guild of America gave its Outstanding Feature Film Achievement Award to a director not nominated for an Academy Award to Steven Spielberg for "The Color Purple."

- TOP MOVIES
1. "Pretty in Pink"
 2. "House"
 3. "Down and Out in Beverly Hills"
 4. "The Color Purple"
 5. "Hannah and Her Sisters"

TOP TV SHOWS

1. "The Cosby Show"
2. "Family Ties"
3. "Cheers"
4. "The Golden Girls"
5. "Who's the Boss?"

Birthdays:

March 7: Actor Daniel J. Travanti, 56; actor John Heard, 51; "X Files" David Duchovny, 36.

March 8: Hey! Hey! He's a Monkee, Mickey Dolenz, age 51; swimsuit model Kathy Ireland, 33.

March 9: Plastic icon Barbie doll, 37; actress Linda Fiorentino, 36.

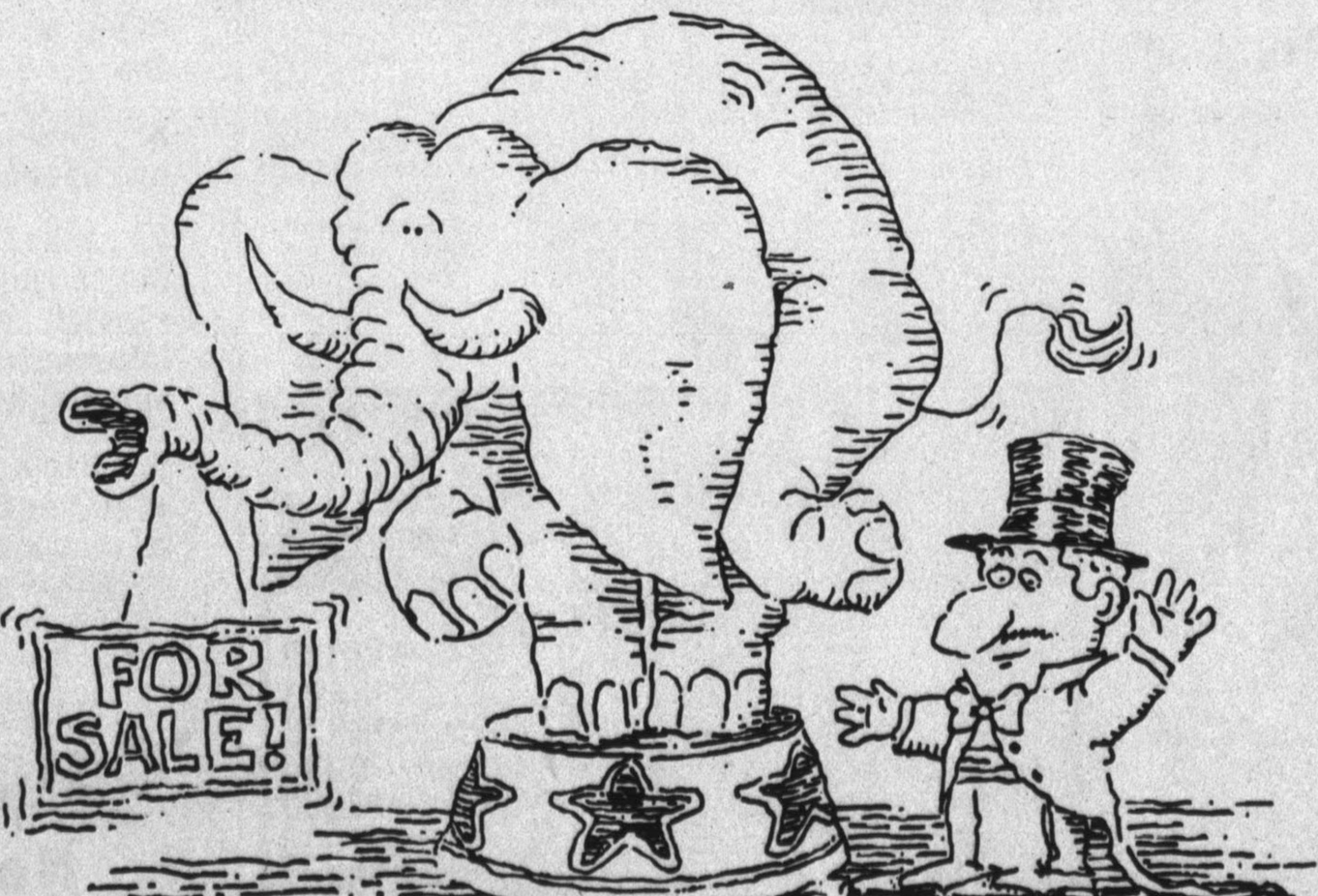
March 10: Playwright David Rabe, 56; movie star Sharon Stone, 38; Prince Edward of Britain, 32.

March 11: Newspaper mogul Rupert Murdoch, 65; TV newsman Sam Donaldson, 62.

March 12: Playwright Edward Albee, 68; guitarist Paul Kantner, 54; trooper Liza Minnelli, 50; baseball player Darryl Strawberry, 34.

March 13: Disney star Donald Duck, 62; pop singer-songwriter Neil Sedaka, 57.

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Research may add new names to list of Alamo dead

Historians expect to remove some, put others on roster of defenders

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SAN ANTONIO - To some historians, it's simply a quest for truth. To others, it's the academic version of counting angels dancing on the head of a pin.

Getting an accurate count of just who died at the Alamo on March 6, 1836, is this year's hot debate over what is truth and what is myth about that battle. Even the Daughters of the Republic of Texas, guardians of the Alamo shrine, welcome efforts to correct the record.

Current research may increase the accepted number of Alamo defenders - 189 - by 68, adding a few names while subtracting others in the process.

Historians and modern Alamo defenders agree that the new math won't dilute the power of the Alamo story of honor, duty and sacrifice that grew up around the old mission's walls almost as soon as the gunsmoke cleared 160 years ago.

Once fully documented, however, it will sink the claims of some who have long cherished a belief that great-great-granddaddy died at the Shrine of Texas Liberty.

For much of this century, the Daughters of the Republic of Texas maintained a roster of "Heroes of the Battle of the Alamo" that contained 183 names, mainly white Americans who flocked to the Texan cause.

In the early 1930s, University of Texas historian Amelia Williams

created a definitive list of defenders as part of her doctoral thesis. Her subsequent article, "Critical Study of the Siege of the Alamo and of the Personnel of its Defenders," in the 1933-1934 "Southwestern Historical Quarterly," set the standard for identifying Alamo heroes.

Research over the years has added a smattering of Spanish-surnamed defenders, increasing the Daughters of the Republic of Texas list to 189.

Now, the newly revised "Handbook of Texas," to be published this spring by the Texas State Historical Association, cites current research suggesting that the actual number of defenders may reach at least 257.

"The Alamo problem, as in all of history, is that we think what happened in the past is static," said Stephen L. Hardin, a historian at Victoria College, who wrote about the Alamo battle in the revised handbook. "When evidence to the contrary pops up, it shakes up things and we deny the new because it challenges long-held beliefs."

The difference between the official version of Alamo heroes and what later was eked out from historical record is substantial, said Hardin.

"We keep coming up with a number of bodies at 250 to 257 from what appears to be reliable accounts by Mexican soldiers from the time of the battle," he said.

The only written records from the Alamo defenders were the messages that Commander William Barrett

Travis sent out before the cataclysmic end of the siege. Later testimony from the 15 to 25 surviving women and children and from members of the Mexican army was so contradictory or fogged by time that facts of the Alamo became hopelessly ensnared in clouds of myth.

Joining Hardin in shaking the foundations of Alamo history is Tom Lindley of Austin, a former military criminal investigator turned amateur historian.

Digging through the state archives, he found a Spanish translation of a letter from Texas Revolutionary Maj. R.M. "Three-Legged Willy" Williamson, taken from Travis' body and sent to Mexico. The dispatch said that re-enforcements for the Alamo were on their way.

Lindley said he has also found evidence that Texian settlers from the Austin region had tried to reach the Alamo, but were turned away by Mexican soldiers on the outskirts of the old mission.

"Almost all things written about the Alamo have been from the inside looking out," Lindley said. "But my research shows what was going on outside, that people were trying to reinforce the Alamo garrison. They just didn't have time."

There is no immediate threat of a mass rewrite of Texas history books. Both Lindley and Hardin acknowledge their research is speculative and far from definitive, given the incompleteness of historical documents.

However, it has the ring of truth, Hardin said.

"Likely, when Travis says he has 150 troops in one of his last letters from the Alamo, he's referring to effectives, those present, counted for and able-bodied," Hardin said. "Yet accounts by one of the survivors speak of a number of ill and those suffering injuries among the defenders. That would increase the numbers."

Lindley found one fellow on the Alamo dead list - first published only weeks after the battle - who also was listed on Col. James W. Fannin's list of soldiers at Goliad, 70 miles away, Hardin said. "The only way he could have gotten on the Alamo list is if he went there."

Lindley's research tentatively adds 10 new defenders to the Alamo roster: I.L.K. Harrison, Conrad Eigenauer, A. Anderson, James Holloway, T.P. Hutchinson, John Morman, William Spratt, George Washington, William George and Jacob Roth.

In addition, he lists 11 "possibles": John Kelly, Francis H. Gray, William Harrel, J.H. Sanders, Alexander E. Patton, James R. Munson, Moses Butler, Phillip Roaches, B.F. Shaw, Charles C. Haskiel and H.H. Kirk.

Lindley would have six names crossed off the traditional list. Johnny Kellogg, for one, died at Harrisburg months after the Alamo battle. Jose Maria Guerrero fought at the Siege of Bexar in 1835 and lived to an old age.

Isaac Robinson was killed by Indians in Bastrop County in 1838, while Jerry Day lived long past March 6, 1836, according to Lindley. Reports of Alamo martyrdom for Jesse Bowman and Jesse Thompson were simply in error, he said.

"We'll never probably know everyone who fought at the Alamo," Lindley said. "The record is too incomplete."

Additions and subtractions to the list of Alamo heroes is welcome, said Lee Spencer, president of the 18-month-old Alamo Defenders Descendants Association, with about 150 members.

"We're pretty excited about this, and we are working closely with the historians to see what new names can be added to the Alamo list," Mrs. Spencer said. "Our own research doesn't lead us to anticipate any

significant number of deletions. It may be painful to some to have their ancestors subtracted, but the truth has to come first."

The blame for apparent misidentification of the Alamo dead falls pretty much on the shoulders of Dr. Williams, according to both Hardin and Lindley.

Her research - long gospel to historians and the Daughters of the Republic of Texas - was largely botched, Hardin said.

"We now know much of her research is flawed at the core," Hardin said.

Dr. Williams listed people not at the Alamo among the dead while ignoring those who were there, Lindley said. She altered dates, changed the wording of documents and ignored or manipulated the evidence, he said.

"Why she, a professional historian, would do that, I really can't say," Lindley said.

Doug Bennett, managing editor of the "Handbook of Texas," said details uncovered by historians, such as Hardin and Lindley, once fully documented, will add immeasurably to the mosaic of Texas history.

"We should remember that Dr. Williams also added to that story," he said. "Though some historians feel there were errors in her work, no one can really deny that her work was groundbreaking in opening up Alamo research and adding to our lore of Alamo history."

The Daughters of the Republic of Texas has invited Hardin and Lindley

to speak about their research to forums run by the group, said Virginia Nicholas, chairman of the group's Alamo Committee.

"The more research done that gets us to the truth benefits everyone," she said. "If they can prove there are more defenders, we'll be excited to add them. Or take out those who shouldn't be there."

The Daughters of the Republic of Texas is changing the Alamo brochure to indicate that more defenders may have been inside the walls when the shrine fell, Mrs. Nicholas said.

"Nothing that they've come up with affects in any way the lessons

learned from the Alamo," she said. "They were fighting for liberty and for Texas and were willing to give up their lives for it. That doesn't change no matter how many people fought there."

The historians don't argue. "We're not here to take down the myth," Hardin said. "But if we are to run the place as a shrine, it behooves us to identify the dead and to know who they were. If they didn't die at the Alamo, we need to know that, too."

"The myth doesn't overshadow the humanity of those people who, in 1836, assembled in the Alamo and did something rather remarkable that cost them their lives," he said. "They didn't go there to die. But they did die there. They gave up their lives. We don't really need to embellish on that."

Former military officer to lead administration's drug attack

By JIM ABRAMS
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WASHINGTON (AP) - U.S. allies wasted little time in attacking a tough new Cuba sanctions bill that awaits President Clinton's signature, saying it violates existing free-trade agreements.

Clinton has promised to sign the Cuba Liberty Act, which Congress revived after Cuba shot down two American civilian planes off the Cuban coast last month. The bill scored an easy 336-86 victory in the House Wednesday, a day after sailing through the Senate, 74-22.

The bill gives Americans who have lost property in Cuba since Fidel Castro came to power in 1959 the right to sue foreign companies that benefit from that property. Foreign investors dealing with confiscated property are barred entry into the United States.

The European Union, in a statement to the State Department, said the lawsuit provisions "risk leading to legal chaos." It said another clause that bars sales to the

United States of products using Cuban sugar violated the GATT accord and "the EU will react to protect all its legitimate rights."

Mexico's foreign ministry said in a statement Wednesday that Mexico would work with Canada to overturn the act, saying it was incompatible with provisions of the North American Free Trade Agreement.

"Mexico will use, jointly with Canada, the legal remedies offered by the Free Trade Treaty to challenge the effects this initiative will have on trilateral commerce," the statement said.

Some members of Congress agreed. "Now we are telling our allies that we have no respect for their own sovereignty," said Rep. Jose Serrano, D-N.Y. "Our arrogance is such that we don't care what some of our allies say."

But supporters of the legislation said other countries are going to have to choose between doing business with Cuba or the United States.

"They know what they are getting into," said Rep. Dan Burton, R-Ind., the House sponsor of the bill. "I have no sympathy for those people who want to buy confiscated stolen American property to give Castro the hard currency that he needs to stay in power."

To overcome administration objections to the lawsuit provision, the final bill allows the president to waive the right to sue for six-month periods. But Clinton would have to make that decision shortly before the November election. "From now to

November everything is safe," said Cuban-American Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, R-Fla. "We are confident that the way we set it up it's going to be difficult for him" to suspend the lawsuit provision.

Several Democrats tied White House and GOP enthusiasm for the bill to the election and the importance of winning strongly anti-Castro Florida. "This bill has nothing to do with Castro. It has everything to do with our friends and our voters in Florida," said Rep. Charles Rangel, D-N.Y.

The bill urges the president to go through the U.N. Security Council in seeking an international embargo on Cuba. But the three-decade-old U.S. embargo on Cuba has little international support, and prospects for new participants are dim.

In the past year, before the planes were shot down, the Clinton administration made several gestures, such as permitting direct charter flights, to increase contacts with the Cuban people. Congress put language in the bill to ensure that there would be no such moves toward reconciliation in the future.

The bill codifies all existing presidential orders on sanctions, requiring an act of Congress to eliminate or modify them.

"No one in Cuba and no one in the rest of the world should expect this embargo to be lifted until there is democracy in Cuba," said House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga. "There is no future for the Castro dictatorship; there are no deals."

Names in the news

NEW BUFFALO TOWNSHIP, Mich. (AP) - Louis Farrakhan's visitors and his bodyguards soon may be getting their own digs on his 77-acre retreat.

The outspoken Nation of Islam leader plans to build the new additions near his vacation home in rural southwestern Michigan.

Farrakhan hasn't indicated when the construction will begin.

The county granted him permission last August to split his three adjoining lots into five parcels for the project, because township zoning prohibits more than one dwelling per lot.

Farrakhan bought the land and the house in December 1994.

He previously indicated he planned to keep the land undeveloped and use the house as a retreat from work and city life.

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) - Rising country singer Mark Collie is helping round up sounds from home for American troops in Bosnia.

He's part of a group organizing a shipment of some 20,000-25,000 cassettes to the Balkans.

"In terms used all too often, it raises morale," said Collie, who recently returned from a USO tour of Bosnia with singer Lisa Stewart.

"Music is one thing you can take with you wherever you go and it keeps you connected with where you're from," he said.

Most of the major record companies in Nashville were participating, said Renee Bell of RCA Records. A similar effort during the Gulf War gave everyone involved experience enough to make this effort run smoothly, she said.

Collie is known for his albums "Tennessee Plates" and "Hardin County Line."

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4. Face it -- you won't get far just using your looks
5. Excuses. You'll need to think up plenty
6. Brain a good source of rotten things to do to your siblings
7. Takes brains not to end up as roadkill on the information superhighway
8. Could earn big bucks on "Jeopardy"
9. Unused brain gets bored, might amuse itself by making you act like a chicken
10. Could lead to education, good job, all the pizza you can eat



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