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Carr ending 18-year career with chamber

Business opportunity lure for executive VP

F. Michael Carr, executive vice president of the Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce for 18 years, will leave the position, at a date to be determined.

Carr submitted his resignation at a meeting of the chamber board Thursday, citing a decision to "pursue other opportunities."

He will be a partner in a Buick-Pontiac automobile dealership with John Stagner and Gary Stagner. Stagner-Carr Motors is expected to open in March or April.

In his letter of resignation, Carr said, "This decision has been a

difficult one to make, but I will look forward to working with the Chamber in the future as we go forward as a community."

Tommie Weemes, chamber president, said, "We accepted his resignation with regret, but I think I speak for the rest of the board when I say I can appreciate a person availing himself of an opportunity to do better for himself."

Weemes said almost all board members were present when Carr announced his resignation. He called the resignation a "complete surprise to everyone."

He said a search committee to secure a replacement for Carr was formed Thursday and will begin work immediately.

The chamber president called the position "the hardest job in Hereford." He said it "takes a special person to handle the stress and workload."

Carr set no date for his departure, saying in his letter that he will serve until a date is agreed upon by the chamber and him.

"I hope to provide a time of transition, and will assist in efforts to seek a new executive vice president, if the board so requests," he stated.

Carr came to the chamber position from the retail sector in Hereford. He was manager of a Gibson's before

assuming CofC duties.

He was born at Crowell and grew up at Pampa. He is a graduate of Pampa High School and McMurry College. After joining the Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce, he enrolled in the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Institute at Southern Methodist University, attending the annual course.

During his tenure as executive vice president of the chamber, Carr said a major project was organizing the annual Town and Country Jubilee. Last year marked the 15th year for the Jubilee.

In 1991, the chamber played a major role in organizing what has become an annual celebration and giant fireworks display on July Fourth. A corner of Langley Park was dedicated, also, in honor of veterans of Desert Storm service in the Middle East.

Carr said he and the chamber have tried to "help any project that is good for the community."

While he is leaving the chamber position, Carr said he "looks forward to further commitment to Hereford's future."

He and his wife, Janice, a West Central School fifth grade teacher, are parents of three sons, Andrew, 16, and twins Stewart and Russell, 11.



Tree planters

Ray Garcia, right, lines up a tree in the hole while Lauro Cantu guides it into the hole with a tractor while planting trees at the new Aquatic Center Park on Thursday. This tree, a red oak, was the ninth of the day for the two McLain Garden Center employees. In all, 100 trees will be planted at the park on East 15th Street.

At least 49 injured in fire near Fort Worth

Poolville fire nearly under control; more blazes start

By KEVIN O'HANLON
Associated Press Writer
POOLVILLE, Texas (AP)-- Standing ankle deep in ashes, the despair was apparent on Linda Dixon's face.

She walked through the debris of what once was her house, stopped for a moment and sighed.

"There's nothing left. Nothing," she said Thursday, her face ruddy and covered with soot from digging in 90-degree heat.

Dixon's small wood-framed ranch home was one of 65 houses destroyed by raging grass fires Wednesday and Thursday in Parker and Wise counties, fueled by gusty winds and grass so dry from drought that it crackled beneath one's feet.

In all, some 16,500 acres had burned by late morning in Parker, Wise and Jack counties. Firefighters had about 70 percent of the flames contained this morning. The damage estimate, which at one time was 23,000 acres, was lowered after officials were able to survey the

damage in detail.

Three other fires started Thursday. About 40 miles west of Poolville, 6,000 acres caught fire in Stephens County, but that blaze was contained overnight. In nearby Shackelford County, 8,000 to 10,000 acres continued to burn today.

Also, civilian and military firefighters continued to fight a 5,000 acre fire at Fort Hood in Coryell County, about 50 miles southwest of Waco.

The grass fire near Poolville, 35 miles northwest of Fort Worth, injured at least 49 people, said Joe Clement, a spokesman for the Texas Department of Safety. Another 90 buildings and an equal number of vehicles were also destroyed or damaged, he said.

Unseasonably hot, windy and tinder-dry weather has been feeding fires across Texas. The moisture level across the state is about 2 percent; by comparison, construction-grade wood is 14 percent, said Jo Schwickhard Moss, a spokeswoman for the state

Division of Emergency Management.

Gov. George W. Bush asked for a federal disaster declaration for the entire state.

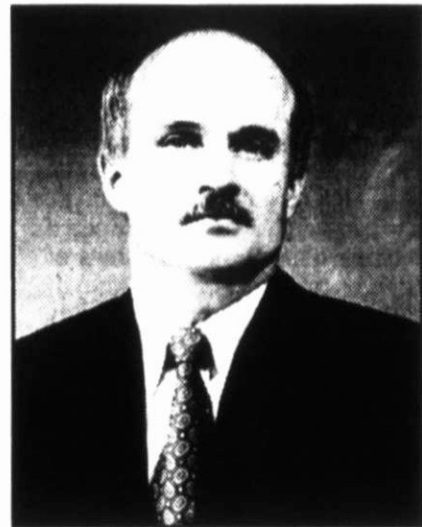
More help was on the way today from Tennessee, which sent 15 specially trained state firefighters and six fire plow units to try help dousing the blazes.

Officials instituted a ban on outdoor burning across about a fourth of the state. They also warned of automobiles sparking dry grass, motorists tossing cigarettes or matches, and arson.

More than four dozen fires occurred on Wednesday and Thursday alone, burning tens of thousands of acres.

As of Thursday, 2,912 blazes had consumed 79,000 acres in the first seven weeks of 1996, Ms. Moss said. She cautioned that for every fire reported, eight go unreported because local jurisdictions can contain them without help.

In all of 1995, 1,500 fires charred 18,000 acres.



F. MICHAEL CARR

Economy shows smallest expansion since recession

WASHINGTON (AP) - The U.S. economy expanded by just 2.1 percent in 1995, the weakest performance since the last recession, with partial closures of the federal government worsening the slowdown at the end of the year.

The Commerce Department reported today that the increase in the gross domestic product, the broadest measure of economic health, for all of last year was the slowest since the economy actually shrank by 1 percent in 1991. The GDP had expanded by 3.5 percent in 1994.

The severity of the slowdown was underscored by the fact that growth in the final three months of the year

was a barely discernible annual rate of 0.9 percent, just half of what private economists had been expecting.

Growth in the fourth quarter was reduced by 0.25 of a percentage point by the adverse effects of two partial government shutdowns. They occurred because President Clinton and the Republican-controlled Congress could not reach agreement on a seven-year balanced-budget plan.

Other factors dragging down the fourth quarter's growth were weakness in consumer spending and a big decline in business inventories as businesses made an intense effort

to reduce their stockpiles of unsold goods.

Many economists believe that growth in the current January-March period will show little pickup from the fourth quarter rate. The most pessimistic forecasters are even warning of the rising possibility of a recession.

Last year's economic slowdown also occurred because of a doubling of interest rates engineered by the Federal Reserve as a pre-emptive strike against inflation.

"This is a soft landing on a bumpy runway," said Robert Dederick, chief economic consultant at Northern Trust Co. in Chicago.

Housing starts jump in January after deep decline in December

By JOHN D. McCLAIN
Associated Press Writer
WASHINGTON (AP) - Housing starts rebounded 4.4 percent in January despite a weakening economy and severe weather that analysts had expected to block builders from laying new foundations, the government said today.

Starts had plunged 5 percent in December, helping to push new construction last year down 7.3 percent from 1994.

In January, construction of new homes and apartments totaled 1.45 million at a seasonally adjusted annual rate, up from 1.39 million in December. Starts had jumped 7.9 percent in November, to a 1.46 million rate.

Starts rose in all regions except the South last month, while in December, they fell in all regions except for the West.

The report combined the data from December and January, which had

been postponed by the partial federal government shutdown at the end of the year.

Many analysts, citing the sluggish economy and the East Coast blizzard and severe cold in the Midwest, had expected starts to drop to a 1.26 million rate in January after falling to about 1.37 million a month earlier.

The Commerce Department reported earlier today that the economy grew just 0.9 percent in the final three months of 1995, and many analysts believe it will remain weak until gradually rebounding this spring.

Analysts have said the sluggish economy is offsetting the stimulus of falling mortgage rates for the housing industry. The 30-year rates were below 7.5 percent in January, down from more than 9 percent a year earlier.

The monthly payment on a \$100,000 mortgage with a 7.5 percent interest rate is \$699, while the payment on the same loan with a 9 percent rate is \$805.

Despite the January rebound, a membership survey in early February by the National Association of Home Builders suggested builders remain cautious about the housing outlook.

Applications for building permits fell 7.1 percent in January, to a 1.37 million annual rate. They had risen 2.1 percent in December, to a 1.48 million rate.

Single-family starts rebounded by 1.4 percent in January, to a 1.13 million rate.

Fires, heat, drought might make cattle producers sell

DALLAS (AP) - The recent heat, drought and the grass fires they have fueled could combine with depressed market prices to force cattle producers to sell off their herds, industry representatives say.

"Without any rain, we're in a situation now with the fires where all of our marketing alternatives are drying up - or burning up," said Steve Munday, a spokesman for the Fort Worth-based Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association, the state's largest cattle group.

Without ample rain soon, ranchers will face "forced liquidations" of livestock, Munday said Thursday.

Ranchers who relied on now-burned pastures might already

be looking to market their cattle.

Among the ranchers affected by fires is Chauncey Thompson, president of the Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association, who may have lost up to 2,000 acres in Stephens County to fires that continued to burn Thursday, a family member said.

"We've got fires all around us and bulldozers running around," said his daughter-in-law, Diana Thompson.

Thompson himself was among those helping to fight the fires, accidentally ignited on Wednesday by an electric power crew, she said.

No livestock were lost to the flames, but many fence posts and at least one barn were destroyed, she said.

To limit the damage, at least 75 counties had placed a ban on outdoor burning by Thursday, said Darren Owens, a spokesman for the federal Farm Service Agency.

Owens, whose agency administers disaster aid to farmers, said it's unclear what sort of assistance might be available to ranchers hit by the fire. Congress hasn't finished writing a new farm bill, and the previous law expired Dec. 31.

A Senate farm bill that passed a few weeks ago would eliminate an emergency feed program, which has helped ranchers purchase feed to replace lost grass. The House has yet to act on farm legislation, so lawmakers don't expect a final bill until mid-March.

Heat wave continues across the state

HARLINGEN, Texas (AP) - In the state where "It's so hot" jokes usually aren't funny, a winter heat wave has become downright delightful after temperatures surged to record lows just weeks ago.

"To me, anything below 75 is too cold," said Wanda Weesner of Houston, where the temperature hit 90 degrees Thursday, breaking the city's record high for that day of 84 degrees in 1980.

It was a different story three weeks ago, when the city's temperature dipped to a record 22 degrees.

"I hated that cold," Ms. Weesner said. "I'm happy."

Even in far South Texas, residents celebrated the oven-like heat.

"Because the weather has been so yucky, as soon as the sun pops out people want to go to the beach, they want to cook out, and they want to go fishing," said Betty Vela, manager of the Fisherman's Wharf on South Padre Island. "It's the sun that makes things happen."

A cold blast earlier this month brought frigid weather to the region, worrying citrus growers who were halfway through harvesting this year's grapefruit crop. Ice, sleet and snow blanketed much of the state, closing highways, businesses and

schools.

The high temperatures, combined with a lack of rain, also have been hazardous, sparking grass fires across the state. In Parker and Wise counties, raging fire destroyed some 23,000 acres and left dozens of residents homeless.

Temperatures shattered records around the state on Thursday. Gray Army Airfield near Killeen appeared to be the nation's hot spot at 101 degrees. The mercury hit 93 in Abilene, San Antonio, Dallas-Fort Worth and Wichita Falls; 95 in Austin; 96 in College Station and Waco; and 97 in San Angelo.

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Local Roundup

Warm, windy on Saturday

Hereford recorded a high temperature of 82 degrees on Thursday, with an overnight low this morning of 46 degrees. For tonight, the forecast calls for a low near 30 degrees, with partly cloudy skies and southeast to south winds at 5 to 15 mph. For Saturday, look for partly cloudy skies and warm, with a high near 70 degrees, with south to southwest winds at 15-25 mph and gusty. Caution will be advised on area lakes.

News Digest

World/Nation

MOSCOW - Boris Yeltsin, facing a deeply skeptical nation, will lay out his priorities for re-election in an annual address to parliament today (Friday). The unpopular president was expected to tackle the issues that are marring the last months of his first term: back wages, corruption, economic disarray, the war in Chechnya and growing demands for more social benefits from the government.
TEMPE, Ariz. - Pat Buchanan is the center of attention in a freewheeling debate among GOP presidential candidates. Touting a get tough policy with Japan over trade rules, he vows, if elected, to "unilaterally" end Japan's trade surplus if necessary.
FARGO, N.D. - Leo Reinhold is a Lamar Alexander supporter who can't vote for Lamar Alexander in Tuesday's primary. Why? He mailed in his ballot for now-defunct candidate Phil Gramm last month.
WASHINGTON - President Clinton may have had to engage in a little arm twisting to assemble his trio of nominations for the Federal Reserve, but initial indications are the team will pass muster with the Republican Senate, even in this politically charged election year.
SAN QUENTIN, Calif. - The man known as the Freeway Killer awaited execution early today for murdering 14 boys and young men and dumping their nude, mutilated bodies along Southern California's highways.
POOLVILLE, Texas - Firefighters battled a raging 23,000-acre grass fire that has destroyed dozens of homes and injured at least 49 people. "There's nothing left. Nothing," said Linda Dixon, whose small wood-frame ranch house was reduced to ashes.
WASHINGTON - Invisible, odorless gas seeping from the furnace in their Natick, Mass., home could have killed Neil and Mary MacIsaac and their five children. But the piercing shriek of a carbon monoxide detector warned them in time. If they had a detector, Indis and Irene Vilks might also have survived. The Vilks died together Christmas night, a day after celebrating their 42nd wedding anniversary, when gas from a faulty furnace filled their Silver Bay, Minn., home.

State

HARLINGEN - In the state where "It's so hot" jokes usually aren't funny, a winter heat wave has become downright delightful after temperatures surged to record lows just weeks ago.
RICHMOND - Felicia Moon begged prosecutors to drop misdemeanor assault charges against her husband, Minnesota Vikings quarterback Warren Moon. After eight days of testimony, it took a jury less than 30 minutes Thursday to agree with her.
AUSTIN - Questions over a \$33 million contract approved by the state prison governing board without formal bidding could be a sign of other problems, two state lawmakers say.
AMARILLO - Donors in Amarillo injected a large dose of cash to build the Texas Tech School of Pharmacy. The city's economic development group, hospital district and private citizens combined to give \$13 million toward a facility that will open in August for 55 students. The state will pay operating costs.
DALLAS - Adell Sullivan was sick when he and 298 other Massachusetts prisoners were roused from the beds and whisked off to a Dallas jail three months ago but no one in the Massachusetts Department of Correction knew it. No one knew he was so close to death. No one knew he had AIDS.
HOUSTON - In the movie "Thelma and Louise," the title characters went down together. The real-life version won't turn out that way. Joyce Carolyn Stevens, who made up half of the duo accused of using a telephone dating service to meet and rob men, was sentenced Thursday to 10 years in prison after pleading guilty to three charges of aggravated robbery.
DALLAS - Republican presidential contender Pat Buchanan's anti-NAFTA rhetoric played well in New Hampshire but may face a tougher sell in Texas, which accounts for nearly half of all U.S. exports to Mexico.
HOUSTON - Robert Lett has fought for nearly three years to see papers relating to his daughter's grades. A court finally has ruled in his favor, but Lett isn't rejoicing yet.
CORPUS CHRISTI - Rio Grande Valley residents almost never donate their organs, so the South Texas Organ Bank is conducting market research this spring to try to find out why.
HOUSTON - Kaiser Aluminum Corp. has offered to merge with competitor Alumax Inc. to create the third largest aluminum producer. The deal, valued between \$2.2 billion and \$2.5 billion, was made public Thursday.
FORT WORTH - Residents of Fort Worth and San Antonio may soon join Houstonians and Dallasites preparing to get acquainted with new area codes. The Public Utility Commission has ordered its staff to begin drafting plans for geographically splitting the 817 area code in North Texas and the 210 code in South Texas.

Obituaries

AURORA JUAREZ
Feb. 22, 1996
Aurora Juarez, 67, of Hereford, died Thursday in St. Anthony's Hospice in Amarillo.
Rosary will be recited at 7 p.m. Friday in Rix Funeral Directors chapel. Services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday in San Jose Catholic Church with the Rev. Domingo Casullo, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in St. Anthony's Cemetery.
Mrs. Juarez was born at Buckholts and married Eleno Juarez in 1942. He died in 1974. She was a homemaker and a member of San Jose Catholic Church.
Survivors are five sons, Miguel Juarez of Garland, Louis Juarez of Amarillo and Paul Juarez, Onesimo Juarez and Gilbert Juarez, all of Hereford; six daughters, Juanita Rangel of Cameron, Elena Garcia of Odem, Mary Galan of Twin Falls, Ida., Della Lucero of Clovis, N.M., Gloria Tijerina of Canyon and Grace Condarco of Grand Prairie; four brothers, Pete Vargas and Anesimo Vargas, both of Hereford, Camilio Vargas and Miguel Vargas, both of Cameron; three stepbrothers, Anastacio Vargas and Juan Vargas, both of Cameron, and Jose Vargas of Rogers; two stepsisters, Adela Corona of Cameron and Elpedia Fenton of

Scranton, Penn.; 39 grandchildren, 41 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.
HILARIA RODRIQUEZ
Feb. 21, 1996
Hilaria Rodriguez, 72, of Dimmitt, sister of Frank Rodriguez and Isabel Serrno of Hereford, died Wednesday in Lubbock.
Vigil services were held Thursday evening in Ivey Chapel of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home in Dimmitt. Funeral services were set for 3 p.m. Friday in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church with the Rev. Guillermo Morales, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Castro Memorial Gardens.
Born at Yorktown, she moved to Dimmitt from Borger 15 years ago. She was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church.
Survivors include 10 other brothers, Israel Rodriguez of Dimmitt, Eddie Rodriguez of Sisseton, Jimmy Rodriguez and Johnny Rodriguez, both of Borger, Mike Rodriguez and Edward Rodriguez, both of San Antonio, and Cruz Rodriguez, Alurfo Rodriguez and Sam Rodriguez, all of Tampa, Fla. and four other sisters, Linda Trigo of Dimmitt, Rosa Neeley and Mary Ann Morgan, both of South Carolina, and Eema Rodriguez of Tampa.



Hereford mother honored

Hilda Moreno, center, was honored recently by the Texas Parent Coordinating Council at its annual conference in Corpus Christi. Mrs. Moreno was named one of four Parent of the Year recipients. She was selected from 164 nominees. She was nominated by Lloyd Stebbins, left, HISD migrant director. Mrs. Moreno is president of the Parent Advisory Council for the HISD Migrant Department. Joining the two in Corpus Christi at right was Martha Ruiz, HISD parental involvement liaison.

Dole is favored in poll conducted in Delaware

By The Associated Press
Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole is favored by Delaware Republicans over commentator Pat Buchanan heading into the state's presidential primary Saturday, according to a poll.
Dole also has the support of half the likely Republican voters who responded to an Ohio poll about next month's presidential primary in that state.
The Delaware poll of 401 registered Republicans who said they were likely to vote found 32 percent supported Dole, 21 percent supported Buchanan, 19 percent supported publisher Steve Forbes, and 16 percent supported former Tennessee Gov. Lamar Alexander.
Talk show host Alan Keyes received 4 percent, Indiana Sen. Dick Lugar was supported by 2 percent, and 5 percent were undecided.
The poll was conducted Wednesday and Thursday by Louis Harris and Associates Inc. for The News Journal in Wilmington and had a 5 percent margin of error.
In a Jan. 5-11 poll, Dole and Forbes were neck-and-neck with Buchanan and Alexander barely registering.
"Dole looks very solid. Forbes seems to have died down. Buchanan has come out of nowhere. You would have to attribute that in large part to his showing in Iowa, New Hampshire and Louisiana," said pollster David Krane. However, he cautioned against reading too much into the results.

Police, Emergency Reports

Emergency services reports for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. Friday contained the following information.
HEREFORD POLICE
A 19-year-old male was arrested in the 100 block of South 25 Mile Avenue for no drivers license, failure to maintain financial responsibility, failure to identify and minor in possession of alcohol.
Class C criminal mischief was reported in the 700 block of East Third.
Domestic disturbance was reported in the 100 block of Ranger.
Class C assault was reported in the 200 block of Avenue F.
Harassment was reported in the 700 block of North Miles.
Class C theft was reported in the 900 block of East Park.
An incident report was filed concerning a junk vehicle in the 600 block of Irving.
Harassment was reported in the 100 block of 16th and in the 300 block of Lake.
Class B theft was reported in the 600 block of Union.
Criminal trespass was reported in the 400 block of Sycamore Lane.
Officers issued nine traffic citations.
There were two minor traffic accidents reported.
DEAF SMITH SHERIFF
A 29-year-old male was arrested on a DWI commitment.
A 33-year-old female was arrested for theft by check over \$20/under \$500.
A 32-year-old male was arrested for possession of marijuana over 4 ounces/under 5 pounds.
FIRE DEPARTMENT
No calls.
EMS
Report not available.
PATIENTS IN HOSPITAL
Dionicio F. Aguilera, Margo Cortez, Alicia Nicole Flores, Marcia Flores, Annie M. Lee, Normal Lytal, Blasa R. Mancillas;
Bessie M. Mathews, Maria C. Medellin, Ernestina Ornelas, Infant boy Ornelas, Celia Ortega, Ramon Rodriguez and Grace K. Sanders.

Fed appointees to get approval

By MARTIN CRUTSINGER
AP Economics Writer
WASHINGTON (AP) - President Clinton may have had to engage in a little arm twisting to assemble his trio of nominations for the Federal Reserve, but initial indications are the team will pass muster with the Republican Senate, even in this politically charged election year.
Clinton announced late Thursday that he would nominate Alan Greenspan to a third four-year term as Fed chairman and that he had chosen White House budget director Alice Rivlin for the No. 2 spot at the central bank.
Clinton also chose Laurence H. Meyer, a respected economic forecaster and professor at Washington University in St. Louis, for a third seat on the seven-member Fed board that has been vacant since Boston banker John LaWare resigned nearly a year ago.
First reaction to the new nominations was favorable, in sharp contrast to the strong Republican objections that had forced the withdrawal last week of Clinton's first choice for vice chairman, New York investment banker Felix Rohatyn.
Sen. Alfonse D'Amato, R-N.Y., chairman of the Senate Banking Committee, promised a speedy consideration of the nominees and said he was "not aware of any impediment" to their approval.
Sen. Connie Mack, a Banking Committee Republican who had led the opposition to Rohatyn, said, "I haven't had an opportunity to review in depth their positions on price stability, but the first indications are positive."
Rep. Jim Leach, R-Iowa, chairman of the House Banking Committee, hailed Greenspan's renomination as "extremely reassuring" to financial markets and praised Rivlin and Meyer for their "impeccable credentials" as economists.
The selection of Greenspan, a Republican who has good ties with the Clinton administration and Wall Street, had been expected. But Clinton's choice of Rivlin to replace Alan Blinder, who resigned in January as vice chairman, came as a surprise.
Just three weeks ago, she had bluntly signaled her desire to remain as budget director, saying "no way, no how" was she interested in the Fed post.
Asked about this by reporters in the Oval Office, Clinton joked that he hadn't "lost all my powers of persuasion. Battered and bloodied as I may be, I can still, once in a while, make a good argument."
Administration officials said Rivlin had been convinced that she was needed more at the Fed, an agency with vast powers over the economy through its control of interest rates.
Clinton's re-election chances hinge in no small part on how well the economy performs. He had wanted to nominate Rohatyn, who has been openly critical of Fed policies, arguing that the economy can grow at a faster rate than the Fed's current target of around 2.5 percent without generating higher inflation.
Clinton had complained bitterly last week after Rohatyn removed himself from consideration, saying he had hoped to spur a debate inside the Fed over whether technological changes had made it possible for the economy to grow more rapidly.
Clinton told reporters Thursday he believed Rivlin and Meyer would be able to carry out that debate. He noted that Greenspan during two days of testimony this week had acknowledged it was an issue the Fed already was studying.

Texas Congressman denies role in benefit

WASHINGTON (AP) - U.S. Rep. Steve Stockman so vehemently denies any connection to a fund-raising event for a Los Angeles policeman convicted of beating Rodney King, he's willing to back it with \$1,000.
Both he and a spokeswoman for Legal Affairs Council, which sponsored the Thursday night event on behalf of former officer Laurence Powell, denied any involvement by the Republican congressman from Texas.
Stockman says he'll make a \$1,000 contribution to the campaign of Democratic rival Nick Lampson if he can unearth anything to document his claim that Stockman was connected to the fundraiser.
Lampson seized on the mention of the fundraiser, calling Stockman a member of the "extremist fringe."
Julie Donnelly, an administrative assistant for the council, said the group would issue a statement today saying it should not have used Stockman's name in promotional material because he never gave his permission.
Cory Birenbaum, Stockman's chief of staff, said Thursday night that no one from Virginia-based Legal Affairs Council ever talked to Stockman about using his name as a sponsor for the event.
"They did not get his permission. ... This is an event that Steve had nothing to do with," Birenbaum said.
Ms. Donnelly told reporters Thursday that Stockman agreed to be a sponsor, but said in an interview Thursday night she was mistaken and no one from Legal Affairs Council had talked to Stockman.
Ms. Donnelly had told reporters that Stockman wasn't appearing at the Thursday night gala but was among those who sent in videotaped speeches.
The fund-raiser is to help defray legal bills for former Los Angeles police officer Laurence Powell, who was released from prison in December after two years. Powell was in Washington earlier this week to witness the Supreme Court's consideration of his case.
Legal Affairs Council, a Virginia-based group, also raised money for Oliver North's defense in the Iran-Contra scandal.
Stockman ousted 42-year incumbent Democratic powerhouse Jack Brooks in 1994, carving out an upset victory with a platform focused heavily on opposition to gun control.

Lottery

AUSTIN (AP) - Ben Sancillo of Eastland has claimed half of the \$7.8 million Lotto Texas jackpot drawn on Wednesday.
The other winning ticket for the drawing was sold in Yoakum, but that winner hadn't yet come forward, lottery officials said.
Sancillo received a check for \$195,345 as the first installment of the \$3.9 million winnings he will collect for having one of the winning tickets. He will receive checks for \$195,000 every Feb. 15 for the next 19 years.
Sancillo, who requested minimal publicity, picked the winning numbers - 4, 10, 12, 21, 27 and 44.
AUSTIN (AP) - The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
3-9-0 (three, nine, zero)



Bluebonnet parents meet

Hereford ISD assistant superintendent Corky Lockmiller speaks to a group of Bluebonnet Intermediate School parents during a special meeting Thursday night. "Reach out to Parent Night" included a presentation by Lockmiller on the future awaiting the school's students, plus individual group meetings to discuss what parents want their students to get from their Bluebonnet education. The presentation by Lockmiller was translated into Spanish through headphones.

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Lifestyles

Ann Landers

Reader seeks town without dogs

DEAR ANN LANDERS: I have a strong aversion to barking dogs. Unfortunately, I live in a town where almost every household has at least one dog. Some have four. They all bark.

It seems in Colorado, dogs have been elevated to cult status. Noise carries much farther in this terrain, and in addition to the barking, many of the dog owners around here are also gun owners. Some of these people have a mean streak, which makes it difficult to communicate in a civilized manner.

Well-meaning friends have advised me to tune out the barking, but I am unable to do it. I've managed to tune out sirens, trains and traffic, but barking dogs drive me crazy. I realize that dog ownership is the American way, but why must I give up pleasant afternoons, quiet evenings and a good night's sleep?

Please tell me where in the United States I can find a town where dogs are prohibited. This is no joke. I'm not a crank, a kook or a chronic complainer. I desperately need help. I'm afraid of what I might do if I'm driven to the breaking point.--Potential Maniac in Colorado Springs

DEAR POTENTIAL MANIAC: I know of no city or town in the world, much less the United States, where dogs are prohibited. I strongly recommend ear plugs.

DEAR ANN LANDERS: Our son, "Bart," age 32, was married last summer to a fine woman. We were delighted. "Noreen" was his fifth live-in companion and our favorite.

Several weeks ago, Bart called and asked if he and Noreen could bring Noreen's sister and her husband to our oceanfront condo for a weekend. I was recovering from a broken arm

and didn't feel like entertaining. I told Bart that I wasn't quite up to it. Several days later, Bart called again and asked if they could bring Noreen's sister and husband for the weekend. He said, "Wouldn't it be lovely to have more family?"

Ann, we barely know Noreen's sister and have never met her husband. We want to get better acquainted with our new daughter-in-law before we meet her family.

We told Bart how we felt. He became livid and accused me of being prejudiced against Noreen's brother-in-law because of his long hair. He said I would be embarrassed to introduce him to my socialite friends. This is totally untrue. We exchanged some unpleasant words and have barely spoken since.

We feel bad that there are now strained feelings. Were we wrong to say no?--On the Outs in Georgia

DEAR ON THE OUTS: You were not wrong to say no. On the contrary. It was nerve of Bart to try to include his sister-in-law and her husband when you barely know his wife.

In a few weeks, call Bart and invite him and Noreen. Make it clear that

you like her enormously and want to become better acquainted.

DEAR ANN LANDERS: I know a woman who works as a receptionist in a doctor's office and is always taking samples of antibiotics and other medicines for herself and her family. I doubt that the doctor knows about this. Should people who are not nurses or doctors be giving medicine to family members?--Concerned in Kansas

DEAR K.: It is illegal for anyone but a doctor to distribute prescription medicine, and for good reason. All medication in a doctor's office should be kept under lock and key. I hope that woman sees this before something unfortunate happens.

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It takes a great man to make a good listener.

—Arthur Helps



Special presentation

Linda and Joe Weaver, right, are recipients of a certificate of appreciation from the board of directors of Hereford Community Concert Association, represented by Helen Langley, president. The Weavers, who have been members of the board, are moving to Dumas where Weaver will be library director for Moore County.

Church News

ST. ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

There will be a special Lenten Reconciliation Service at 7 p.m. Tuesday. All parishioners are encouraged to participate.

Choir practice will be every Wednesday night at 7:30 during Lent. Come and learn some new music.

The Knights of Columbus Fish Fry is tonight, Friday, from 6 p.m.-8 p.m. in the cafeteria. For \$5 for adults or \$3.50 for kids you can have baked or fried fish.

Start preparing your special crafts for the St. Anthony's School Carnival, April 21. Also, we will collect egg shells for confetti eggs. If you have anything to donate, call Lisa Artho, 364-8525.

Deacon Leroy Behnke from the Diocese of Lubbock will come March 2-3 to preach and to lead our youth and their parents in a Day of Recollection. Session I (for youth) will be entitled "The Top Ten List for Living." Session II (for parents) will be called "Do-Be-Do-Be-Do." Anyone else interested is welcome to attend.

FELLOWSHIP OF BELIEVERS

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

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

Classes for children are at 9:30 a.m. and are available through elementary

ages. Nursery facilities are available during the worship service.

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

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

COMMUNITY CHURCH

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

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

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

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

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

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

WESTWAY BAPTIST CHURCH

We welcome you to join our church for all services.

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

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

Sunday evening service begins at 6:30.

The Wednesday worship service is at 7 p.m. followed by choir practice. Ronny Sanders is music minister and Ray Sanders is pastor.

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Manchee on honors list

Karen M. Manchee of Hereford has been included on the fall 1995 President's List at Wayland Baptist University.

This list recognizes students who obtain a 4.0 grade-point average on a 4.0 scale.

Manchee, a math major at Wayland's Plainview campus, is the daughter of Mal and Pat Manchee.


New Arrivals

Chris and Camille Urbanczyk are the proud parents of a girl, Hanna Nicole, born Feb. 21.

She weighed 7 pounds, 1 ounce. Grandparents are Tony and Loretta Urbanczyk and Danny and Betty Martin. Maternal great-grandmother is Lois Ferguson and paternal great-grandparents are J.F. and Dorothy Martin. All are of Hereford.



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Sports

Track teams get season underway

By JAY PEDEN
Sports Editor

Track season gets started this weekend, as Hereford's girls and boys teams compete in their first meets of the year.

The boys' team returns a good number of athletes who placed in last year's District 1-4A track meet. That includes Marquise Brown, the defending district champion in both the 100- and 200-meter dashes.

The girls' team, by contrast, has few returners who placed at district last year. The only ones are Monica Don Juan, who was fourth in the 300-meter hurdles; Tarabeth Holmes, who was fifth in discus; and Jamie Harrison, who was sixth in the 800-meter run. Marie Crox was second at district and fourth at regionals in the 300 hurdles, but she moved out of town in the fall.

"We finished last at district last year, and we're rebuilding," girls' track coach Martha Emerson said.

The girls start their season with the Tiger Invitation in Wolfforth (Frenship), which was to start today and conclude Saturday.

"I'm more impressed with the crew we have this year than the ones we had last year," Emerson said. "Our goals have to be that we improve every week, and certainly, finishing last at district last year, we want to improve on that. Another goal is to qualify more than one person for regionals."

There are 31 girls on the team, including only five seniors - Don Juan, Holmes, Amy Andrews, Crystal Mercer and Beverly Celaya.

"I feel like we have good senior leadership," Emerson said. "We may not have tons of talent, but those are good kids, and they'll be good leaders for us."

Another thing going for the team is despite the track team's last place finish last year, the girls' cross country team finished 10th in the state last fall. That's got to help.

"I feel like the success we had in cross country will help in the mile and the 1/2 mile, where we didn't score (much) last year," Emerson said. "I think those people will fill in some spots."

The boys' team will compete in a one-day meet Saturday at Randall. Field events and prelims start at 9 a.m.

The team has quite a few athletes out at practice, including six seniors who placed last year at district.

"We've got a good nucleus of seniors coming back, and we've got a real good class of freshmen," boys' coach Ron Young said, adding some of the freshmen may help at the district meet.

"We've got 55 out for track, which is good numbers," Young said. "That's good numbers for any class of school. We're definitely looking to compete at district."

Hereford has several good prospects to go to regionals.

First, there's Brown, who won both the 100 and 200 at district.

"His chance of repeating is real good," Young said. "Borger lost Cornell Jones (who graduated in December), who was really his only competition. Cornell was the only one in this district who ever beat him in the 100 or 200."

Brown went to regionals and finished fifth in the 200 and seventh in the 100. Young thinks he'll do better this year.

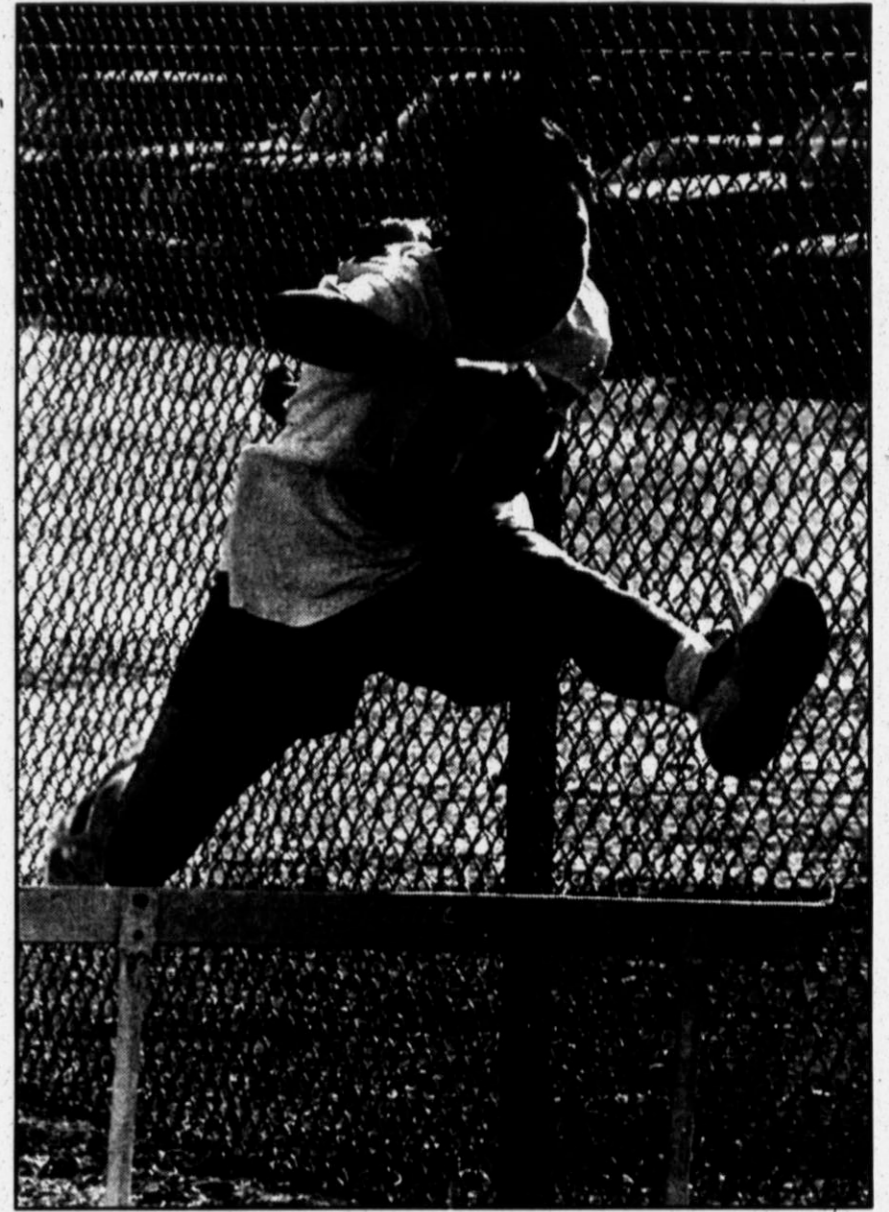
"This year he (Brown) has an idea

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Defending champ

Hereford sprinter Marquise Brown returns to defend his District 1-4A titles in the 100- and 200-meter dashes. Both Hereford High School track teams start their season this weekend. - the boys at Randall and the girls at Wolfforth.



Top returner

Monica Don Juan, who finished fourth in the 300-meter hurdles at last year's District 1-4A Track Meet, is back this season.

Boys' Track Schedule

Date	Event	Site
Feb. 24	Randall meet	Canyon
Mar. 2	Lubbock Invitational	Lubbock
Mar. 9	Plainview Invitational	Plainview
Mar. 22-23	Deaf Smith C of C Relays	Hereford
Mar. 29-30	San Angelo Relays	San Angelo
Apr. 4	North Plains Relays	Dumas
Apr. 11-13	District 1-4A Meet	Borger
Apr. 19-20	Regional qualifiers' meet	TBA
Apr. 26-27	Region 1-4A Meet	San Angelo
May 10-11	State Track Meet	Austin

Girls' Track Schedule

Date	Event	Site
Feb. 23-24	Tiger Invitational (Frenship)	Wolfforth
Mar. 2	Hawk Relays	Iowa Park
Mar. 9	Bulldog Relays	Plainview
Mar. 22-23	Hereford Invitational	Hereford
Mar. 30	Borger Relays	Borger
Apr. 5	XIT Relays	Dalhart
Apr. 12-13	District 1-4A Meet	Borger
Apr. 20	Regional qualifiers' meet	TBA
Apr. 26-27	Region 1-4A Meet	San Angelo
May 10-11	State Meet	Austin

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Build on the Dream

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

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

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

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Trades transform Heat's roster

By CHRIS SHERIDAN
AP Sports Writer

Pat Riley picked up five new players, Lenny Wilkens was reunited with an original Dream Teamer, John Lucas got rid of one of his favorite targets and P.J. Carlesimo suspended a malcontent rather than trade him.

The NBA's trading deadline passed at 8 p.m. Thursday, and six deals - three by Miami - were completed involving 19 players.

- Miami acquired point guard Tim Hardaway and forward-center Chris Gatling from the Golden State Warriors for forward Kevin Willis and point guard Tim Lincecum.
- Miami also picked up forwards Walt Williams and Tyrone Corbin from the Sacramento Kings for forward Billy Owens and guard Kevin

Gamble.

- In its third deal, Miami got guard Tony Smith from the Phoenix Suns for rookie guard Terrence Rencher.
- Minnesota traded centers Christian Laettner and Sean Rooks to Wilkens' Atlanta Hawks for center Andrew Lang and point guard Spud Webb.
- Philadelphia traded center Sharone Wright, dubbed "Chiffon" by Lucas, to the Toronto Raptors for veteran forwards Ed Pinckney and Tony Massenburg.
- Orlando acquired forward Kenny Gattison and a low second-round draft pick from Vancouver for forward Jeff Turner.
- The Trail Blazers did not trade Strickland. Instead, they suspended him for one game after he stormed off

the court during a shootaround.

"I'm not going to be a part of this," Strickland said. "If I have to pack up and take a fine, I will. This is it for me."

Strickland's well-known dislike for coach P.J. Carlesimo finally erupted into a rift that Blazers forward Buck Williams said "is almost irreparable at this point."

Others who were anticipating to be traded but weren't included Clifford Robinson, Herb Williams, Alvin Robertson, Mark West and Haywood Workman.

By far the biggest shock of the day was the volume of activity by Miami, which has changed its entire starting lineup since the end of training camp.

After the Heat got off to a strong start with newly acquired Alonzo

Mourning, they lost 26 of their next 39 games.

"With those results... you've got to make some decisions," Riley said. "We are not going to give up on the season. I don't know how much this is going to disrupt us. We are going to have to simplify things."

Riley expected to have only eight players in uniform for tonight's game against the Chicago Bulls. When all the new players have arrived, two are certain to join the starting lineup.

Hardaway, who asked to be traded from the Warriors after losing his starting job to B.J. Armstrong, will replace Coles. Hardaway is averaging 14.1 points and 6.9 assists, down from his career averages of 20.5 points and 9.6 assists. Coles was averaging 12.8 points and 5.7 assists.

Sonics whip outmanned Warriors

By CHRIS SHERIDAN
AP Basketball Writer

Empty seats on the bench translated into losses.

Many of the teams that made trades Thursday still had to play games at night. All of them had empty seats on their benches and ended up with higher digits in the loss column.

Golden State, which traded Tim Hardaway and Chris Gatling to Miami, had only nine players in uniform in a 106-90 loss to the Seattle SuperSonics. Chris Mullin missed his second straight game because of the flu.

"When you're short-handed against the Sonics, it kills you," B.J. Armstrong said. "When our new players get here, we have to help them get adjusted as fast as possible, but not ask too much, either."

Toronto, which dealt Ed Pinckney and Tony Massenburg to Philadelphia, lost coach Brendan Malone and forward Carlos Rogers to ejections in a 102-86 defeat at Utah.

"We had two new guys in the lineup (Doug Christie and Herb Williams, acquired Sunday in a trade with the New York Knicks) who aren't familiar with our offense," Malone said, "and we're missing a player in Sharone Wright we could have used."

Atlanta was without Andrew Lang and Spud Webb in a 96-91 loss to Chicago. Both were sent to Minnesota in a trade for Christian Laettner and Sean Rooks.

"We weren't going to just quit because we made a trade," Hawks coach Lenny Wilkens said. "I thought for the most part we played pretty good. Chicago made a couple

of shots down the stretch and we didn't, and that kind of hurt us."

In other NBA games, Portland crushed Denver 107-78 and Houston downed Cleveland 86-80.

Rockets 86, Cavalier 80

At Cleveland, Robery Horry made nine 3-pointers and had a record-tying 10th waved off because he released it a split-second after the final buzzer.

"You've got to give Robert that last shot," Houston coach Rudy Tomjanovich said. "I mean, it's the record, and he made it. It should count. That's just not right."

Houston made more 3-pointers (14) than 2-pointers (13).

SuperSonics 106, Warriors 90

At Seattle, the SuperSonics extended the league's longest current winning streak to eight games. Gary Payton had 19 points, Shawn Kemp

18, Hersey Hawkins 16, Sam Perkins 13, Ervin Johnson 11 and Detlef Schrempf 10.

One player who didn't miss Hardaway was guard B.J. Armstrong, whose elevation to the starting lineup hastened Hardaway's departure via the trade with Miami. Armstrong had a season-high 27 points.

"I've never seen B.J. be so aggressive with his game," Nate McMillan said. "I'm sure he felt the pressure when Timmy was there talking about his situation. In fact, they all looked relieved and real loose to me."

All except Rony Seikaly, whose trade wish wasn't fulfilled.

"When you play Shawn Kemp, you have to play with a little bit of energy," coach Rick Adelman said in explaining his decision to bench Seikaly most of the second half.

Red Raiders aim for win in Austin

By CHIP BROWN
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) - Texas Tech has clinched at least a share of the Southwest Conference regular season basketball title and has all but locked up a respectable seeding in the NCAA tournament as the No. 9 team nationally with a 23-1 record.

Now, the Red Raiders (12-0 SWC) simply need to prove they can win at Texas (17-6, 10-2). Tech's last eight trips to Austin have ended in defeat.

Saturday's game is sold out and should be deafening as the SWC's first- and second-place teams duke it out in what has been the league's best hoops rivalry over the past four years.

It will be the teams' final regular season meeting in the SWC before they join the Big 12 Conference. Tech and Texas have split their regular season contests the past three years, with each team winning at home.

"It's going to be a great atmosphere. It's a tough place to play," said Tech coach James Dickey, whose

team beat Texas 79-78 in Lubbock on Jan. 28.

"I think Texas is playing very good basketball. They've improved. In my opinion, they're a Top 20 team, and are going to be in the NCAA tournament," Dickey said.

Texas coach Tom Penders, who knows a victory over Tech would do wonders for the Longhorns' NCAA hopes, said he is impressed with how many close games the Red Raiders have won.

"They beat us by one," Penders said. "They squeaked by TCU (90-86), A&M (66-63) and squeaked by Baylor twice (75-69 and 78-72). They have done a great job in close games, and that's the sign of a mature, senior, experienced team."

In other SWC games Saturday, Southern Methodist (6-17, 2-9) will attempt to snap a six-game losing streak at Texas Christian (12-14, 3-8), which is coming off a 70-67 victory over Rice.

Baylor (8-15, 3-8), which dropped a narrow 80-72 decision to Texas on Tuesday, travels to Houston (14-9, 8-3), which has won four of its last five.

But the big showdown is in Austin. Tech, which has lost only to Eastern Michigan, comes into the game with a 16-game winning streak, while Texas has won its last six.

The difference in the first meeting was Tech's ability to handle Texas' running and pressing. Penders said he worries about being able to get the game to the feverish, up-tempo pace that his teams crave.

"It's hard to force them to do things they don't want to do," Penders said. "They have excellent ball handlers. To win, we have to play great defense, get the boards and make free throws."

Dickey said Tech will have to be in peak form.

"We are going to have to play better than we played against them in Lubbock," he said. "We will have to rebound better and be ready for their press."

The game features two of the conference's best players in Tech's Jason Sasser and the Longhorns' Reggie Freeman.

Sasser is averaging 19.2 points and 8.3 rebounds, while Freeman leads the SWC in scoring (22.7 points) and steals (2.3).

"I think Sasser is a great player," Penders said. "He's their stud. Anytime you have a kid who's that good, it's a good influence on their other kids."

Freeman says he hopes the Erwin Center will pound with the same booming frenzy it did when the Longhorns knocked off then-No. 11 North Carolina 74-72 on Dec. 30.

"They (the Red Raiders) play well at their home," said Texas' 6-foot-6 junior guard. "Now, they have to come see us at our home. It's going to be a different story."

Moon found not guilty

By TERRI LANGFORD
Associated Press Writer

RICHMOND, Texas (AP) - Felicia Moon begged prosecutors to drop misdemeanor assault charges against her husband, Minnesota Vikings quarterback Warren Moon.

After eight days of testimony, it took a jury less than 30 minutes Thursday to agree with her.

Moon, who was accused of hitting, scratching and choking his wife, could have gotten up to a year in jail and a \$4,000 fine.

"I feel like we all have problems in our marriages," juror Rachel Rogers explained. "I'm sure all of us have some violence in our marriage that just hasn't come out."

Police and Fort Bend County prosecutors contended Mrs. Moon was victimized by her husband. Mrs.

Moon, who was forced to testify, says prosecutors were blinded by their stereotypical views of domestic abuse.

"I make no apologies for prosecuting," said Mike Elliott, the lead prosecutor. "I would prosecute this case with these facts 100 times again."

The Moons' high-profile case has drawn critics who say a woman's choice to prosecute has been unfairly removed. Last fall, Texas joined 45 other states by striking down the use of "spousal privilege" - the right to refuse to testify against a spouse.

"The women who feel that I've betrayed them were not in my bedroom on July 18," she said, minutes after jurors found her husband not guilty of an assault she says she provoked.

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of the level of competition," Young said. "He's worked extremely hard to get better - stronger and faster - plus he's been there (at regionals). I think he was kind of shell-shocked last year, that there were so many good one there."

Besides Brown, there's Michael High, who finished third in triple jump and fourth in high jump at last year's district meet. He competed in the triple jump as an alternate at regionals, and he finished seventh.

"Last year was like his freshman year: that was his first year to do that," Young said.

High ran other events as a freshman, Young said, then sat out of track as a sophomore.

"Last year, I think he got a taste of it and he liked it," Young said.

Joseph Martinez was fifth in the shot put at district last year, "and he's already throwing over 50 feet in practice," Young said.

Jacob Moreno finished sixth in the 400-meter dash last year, and he's back. Also back are three members of Hereford's 400-meter relay team which finished third at district: Brown, Rodney Gomez and Raymond Gonzales.

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Hometown effort gets credit for facility

Amarillo raised \$13 million toward building pharmacy school

By JEAN PAGEL
Associated Press Writer
AMARILLO, Texas (AP) - Donors in Amarillo injected a large dose of cash to build the Texas Tech School of Pharmacy.

The city's economic development group, hospital district and private citizens combined to give \$13 million toward a facility that will open in August for 55 students. The state will pay operating costs.

Construction of the pharmacy school - Texas' fourth, the only one outside of Austin and Houston - comes 23 years after state leaders first gave their approval. Legislatures since 1973 had never found money to build it.

So 99 corporations and individuals in Amarillo started donating in 1993 to a cause they saw as elevation of the region's prestige and capacity for education.

"It was pretty much a home-grown effort from the folks in the Texas Panhandle who said we'd like to have that pharmacy school," said state Sen. Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo. "It's a great deal for Texas because I just don't know if the money was there for a new capital investment like that."

People who keep up with pharmaceutical trends say a new training site is long overdue.

Dr. Arthur A. Nelson, dean of the new Tech pharmacy school, said Texas currently has three at the University of Texas, University of Houston and Texas Southern. Baylor University operated a pharmacy school in Dallas until 1931.

A 1993 report by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board noted that the three schools graduate 360

baccalaureate-trained pharmacists each year. The Texas Employment Commission, meanwhile, predicts 705 annual pharmacist job openings in the state through the year 2000.

"The shortage is a result of a lack of school out here" in West Texas, Nelson said. "Everybody has had to be imported. That's difficult to do."

And sources said the demand for pharmacists will continue to mount

as Texas' population increases and grows more elderly.

Nelson said the school in Amarillo will focus on rural areas in its mission.

Construction of the four-story building - complete with computer-ready classrooms, research labs and a drug information center - should wrap up in April, he said. Nelson expects 200-250 applications for the

55 student slots this fall.

He credited Amarillo residents with "aggressive and forward thinking" in their willingness to pay for the structure.

It was built on a donated 20-acre plot within the same complex as High Plains Baptist Hospital, Northwest Texas Hospital and the Veterans Administration Hospital.

Amarillo Economic Development Corp., which derives its funds from a half-cent sales tax, gave \$6 million to the project. The hospital district gave \$4 million; private donors chipped in about \$2.5 million.

"It just seemed to us to be a very ripe opportunity to take a strategic step in terms of the development of our health care services industry," said Mike Bourn, executive director of AEDC. "For a community to do this, I think, is almost unheard of."

Bourn said residents view the pharmacy school as an opportunity for jobs and even greater long-term expansion at the medical complex.

"I guess timing is everything," Bourn said. "It just made a lot of sense."

Names in the news

MUNCIE, Ind. (AP) - Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, known for his sky hook, had a slam-dunk comment or two for Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan.

"I am an Orthodox Muslim," Abdul-Jabbar said. "I am not a part of Minister Farrakhan's little group."

"He is part of the problem, not part of the solution. He is a demagogue taking advantage of misery in the black community. He's not doing a lot to change things," the National Basketball Association career scoring leader told about 600 people Wednesday night at Ball State University.

Abdul-Jabbar, who majored in history at UCLA, was there to promote a book that he's co-writing called "Profiles In Black Courage."

"One purpose of this book is to help us realize what we have contributed to this country, the greatest country in the world," he said.

One topic Abdul-Jabbar did not want to talk about was basketball. "Watch ESPN if you want to catch that stuff," he said.

Pont-Chatien, about 120 miles south of Paris.

Owner Philippe Marec would neither confirm nor deny that Jackson had contacted him. Jackson's Los Angeles-based publicists could not immediately be reached for comment.

If Jackson were to buy the castle, he'd join a growing list of luminaries who have purchased chateaus in the French heartland, including Mick Jagger.

WEST HOLLYWOOD, Calif. (AP) - Wolfgang Puck's flagship Spago restaurant, the Sunset Boulevard eatery famous for celebrity clientele and Oscar night soirees, is moving to Beverly Hills.

Spago will take over the site of the Bistro Garden this summer, Puck said in Thursday's Los Angeles Times. He had been considering renovating Spago.

Report projected need

By The Associated Press
Facts from a 1993 report by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board:
-The Texas Employment Commission projects 705 annual pharmacist job openings in the state through the year 2000. The three pharmacy schools in Texas graduate 360 baccalaureate-trained pharmacists annually.
-Texas in 1990 graduated 1.98 pharmacy students per 100,000 residents. The national average is 2.8.
-Career centers at Texas schools of pharmacy reported that their 1991 graduates received an average of 4.5 job offers. The Texas Pharmaceutical Association says competition was so great that employers were paying a \$2,000 signing bonus to attract pharmacists from other states.
-There were no licensed pharmacists in 17 of 254 counties, primarily in South and West Texas.

Energas receives special recognition

LUBBOCK -- Energas Co. was recently named the Top Utility Marketing Company for 1995 and Consultant of the Year at the annual Utility Automation Awards ceremony, held in Tampa, Fla.

The company also was a finalist for the Customer Care award, according to an Energas news release,

which said the awards were in recognition of the company's "Smart Water Management" program.

The program shows techniques and technologies that may be used to reach maximum irrigation efficiencies. Energas provides natural gas to farmers for irrigation pump engines.

"Because Energas competed with more than 1,000 gas, electric, water

and telecommunication utility companies from all across the nation, we feel very honored to receive this recognition," said Lavon pagett, vice president of marketing for Energas.

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'Therapeutic' grass fires being used to control weeds

Dangerous conditions in most of state still may keep producers from using method

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) - Some producers are resorting to burning pastures to eliminate weed competition for next year while others are trying to avoid the destructive path of fire, the Texas Agricultural Extension Service reports.

Farmers and ranchers in some areas of Texas are using prescribed or controlled burning in order to ensure a good quality yield of grass for next year. Late February is the ideal time to burn pastures in preparation for the spring planting season.

Generally grass fires are therapeutic as long as they are controlled," says Harold Stone of College Station, Extension associate in water quality. "Right before the spring growing season is the ideal time to burn pastures."

According to Dr. George Alston of Stephenville, Extension agronomist, burning pastures at this time of the year would be advantageous to producers because it eliminates all weed competition.

"Controlled burning burns the top layer such as weeds and it kills other unwanted cedar and juniper," Alston says. "Burning is the cheapest way to get rid of them in the pasture."

This year the extreme drought in central Texas has lessened the number of controlled burning sites and many fire fighters and

producers on the lookout for wild fires which are not being controlled. Many areas of the state are fighting this natural disaster, but are losing the battle.

Grass fires are becoming extremely hazardous in parts of northeast Texas with three to four large fires being reported each day. Much of Texas is in a state of severe danger.

"Dry conditions across the state have put many areas in a 'no burn' proclamation," said Randy Upshaw of Dallas, district Extension director for the North Texas district. "High winds and lack of soil moisture has resulted in several major grass fires. They are easily started, but not easily controlled."

With the lack of moisture in the area there is not much of a chance of regrowth which means crop yields will fall even lower than before. Fires will destroy anything in their path including fence lines that will eventually need to be repaired or rebuilt.

"Much of North Texas has had extremely dry conditions over the past several months which has precipitated numerous fires," said James F. Cadenhead III of Vernon, Extension range and brush control specialist. "Producers have to be aware of the fires and fight wildfire to protect their range."

These uncontrollable fires have spread over the entire state of Texas. Texas Forest Service fire fighters in the eastern region have been called out for more than 350 fires, which have destroyed more than 20,000 acres of pasture land and have threatened many homes in the 52-county area. These numbers do not include fires that rural and local volunteer fire departments have extinguished without alerting the Texas Forest Service.

"It is bad all over. We've had several large fires every day," said Mahlon Hammett of the Texas Forest Service in Lufkin. "There are no more resources to send out. Tennessee and Arkansas are now aiding the East Texas region."

The economic implication of these destructive grass fires has not been determined, however grass resources have been destroyed.

"It is difficult for me to say what the economic impact has been for producers," said Upshaw. "Small grains and forages will be lost for at least two to three months."

Even though it will be difficult to stop the fires, some precautions can be taken by farmers and ranchers.

According to Cadenhead, some of the precautions include not using equipment that is likely to spark around dry grasses. Outdoor welding and trash burning should also be

avoided. Producers should make sure fire guards are clean. Cadenhead went on to say that a fire guard is a small strip of land by fence lines that are cleared in order to break the fire's pathway.

There is no guarantee that fires will not spread uncontrollably. Substantial rainfall is the only thing that can alleviate the destructive fires. Many areas of Texas have suffered drought for two and three years. The pastures are fuel for these fires that can easily spread from pastures to barns and homes.

"All we need is a good rain," said Dr. Rick Machen of Uvalde, Extension livestock specialist.

Karen Shelton-Mur, meteorologist at the National Weather Service Agricultural Service Center in College Station, said the precipitation outlook for the next 6 to 10 days indicates little to no precipitation for the North and South Plains, Trans Pecos, and Concho Valley. Other parts of the state are predicted to have normal to above normal precipitation. Possible showers on Friday and Saturday could break the dry spell for some regions of Texas and eliminate some of the dangerous fires.

Shelton-Mur also predicts that very warm temperatures will continue throughout the month of February. Increasing clouds on Thursday and Friday will cool temperatures to more

seasonable levels. Most of Texas is expected to have normal temperatures, however below normal temperatures are predicted for the Panhandle and extreme western portion of the Trans Pecos.

The following specific livestock, crop and weather conditions were reported by district Extension directors:

PANHANDLE: Soil moisture short to very short. Ranges dry with extreme fire danger. Wheat growing, but limited due to little moisture. Green bug problems being reported. Land preparation for spring crops underway. Livestock in fair condition.

SOUTH PLAINS: Soil moisture very short. Ranges are very dry; supplemental feeding continues. Land preparation underway including application of herbicides and pesticides. Pre-irrigation continues.

ROLLING PLAINS: Soil moisture very short. Wheat fields in poor to fair condition. Supplemental feeding continues. Stock ponds low; need water. Pruning fruit trees and spraying pecan trees still underway. Grass fires being reported.

NORTH TEXAS: Soil moisture very short to short. Pastures and ranges poor to fair. Onions, potatoes, cabbage being planted. Grass fires resulting from lack of moisture. Fertilizing wheat and spring crops. Pruning peaches.

EAST TEXAS: Soil moisture very short to short. Soil moisture critical to winter pastures. Supplemental feeding continues. Land preparation for vegetables continues. Some planting underway. Pruning and spraying underway for pecans and peaches.

FAR WEST TEXAS: Soil moisture very short to short. Pasture and range feed fair. Supplemental feeding of livestock continues. Seed bed preparation underway. Moisture needed to sustain forages. Lambing and kidding started.

WEST CENTRAL TEXAS: Soil

moisture very short to short. Ranges and pastures poor and continuing to deteriorate. Livestock in fair to good condition. Heavy supplemental feeding. Land preparation underway for spring gardening. Farmers are plowing cotton land.

CENTRAL TEXAS: Soil moisture very short. Yield prospects decreasing due to dry conditions. Short on hay supply. Cattle losing weight. Stock tanks low on water supply. Preparing to plow up wheat. Corn planting delayed.

SOUTHEAST TEXAS: Soil moisture very short to adequate. Pastures short and dormant. Supplemental feeding of livestock continues. Limited garden activity. Need moisture and warm temperatures. Pastures and forest fires reported in some areas.

SOUTHWEST TEXAS: Soil moisture short to adequate. Pastures and ranges poor. Heavy supplemental feeding of livestock. Harvesting cabbage, spinach, and southern greens. Irrigated farms planting sorghum and corn; dryland farms delayed.

COASTAL BEND: Soil moisture very short. Winter pastures short. Supplemental feeding continues. Land preparation for spring planting. Corn being planted. Some planting delayed due to little moisture. Peaches in bloom.

SOUTH TEXAS: Soil moisture short. Pastures in poor condition. Planting corn and grain sorghum. Sugarcane harvest making progress. Harvest active on carrots, cabbage, greens, and citrus. Pre-irrigation underway in irrigated areas.

Pope revises some of rules for election of successor but leaves tradition intact

BY FRANCES D'EMILIO Associated Press Writer

VATICAN CITY (AP) - With rules ranging from modern devices to whether cardinals get a good night's sleep, Pope John Paul II has changed some of the rules governing his successor.

The new rulebook, made public by the Vatican, does not change centuries-old tradition of the elaborate ceremony of conclave, or elections.

John Paul also decided to keep the more modern revisions, including the one introduced by Pope John Paul I limiting participants to no more than 120 cardinals, who must be younger than 80.

The "Apostolic Constitution," John Paul did not suggest that he would be in a papal election, which would be the death or resignation of a pope. He will be at hand.

John Paul turns 76 in May, and has been plagued with medical problems. His health had "nothing to do with the election," said Monsignor Jorge Maria

Mejia, an Argentine prelate who is secretary of the College of Cardinals. During his papacy, John Paul has embraced modern technology with gusto. Vatican documents are now available on the Internet.

The revised rulebook reveals a John Paul worried about the perils modern technology can pose for the secrecy surrounding papal elections.

In the new rules, John Paul decrees that "two trustworthy technicians" check out the Sistine Chapel to make sure no hidden recording devices have been installed in the chamber.

He reminded the faithful that the penalty for violating the strict secrecy of a papal election is excommunication.

Everything from cellular telephones to highly sensitive sound recording devices could pose a danger, Mejia said.

Those assisting in the conclave must also "swear to refrain from using any audio or video equipment capable of recording anything which takes place during the period of the

election," John Paul wrote. Elections will continue to be held in the Sistine Chapel, under the frescoed ceiling of Michelangelo, "where everything is conducive to an awareness of the presence of God."

But John Paul, who has sat through two conclaves - the 1978 election of John Paul I and his own election two months later - decided the cardinals should have more comfortable quarters and more privacy in a new residence within Vatican City's walls.

Up to now, some cardinals participating in elections have slept in improvised bedrooms in such places as the modern art wing of the

Vatican Museums. Under John Paul's rules, the only way of choosing the pope will be secret paper balloting, with a two-thirds majority mandatory. If the cardinals repeatedly deadlock over several days, an absolute majority will be enough.

Cardinals will longer be able to choose a new pontiff by acclamation, in which electors unanimously proclaim one name as their choice without voting, presumably divinely inspired.

That ancient method, the pope writes, "is no longer an apt means of interpreting the thought of an electoral college so great in number and so diverse in origin."



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Keeping an eye on Texas

Texans gulp bottled water

Sales of bottled water in Texas rise from 86.2 million gallons in 1987 to 154 million gallons in 1994, or about 8.4 gallons for every person in the state. Bottled water may be gathered from natural springs as well as municipal water systems.

Source: John Sharp, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts and International Bottled Water Association.

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