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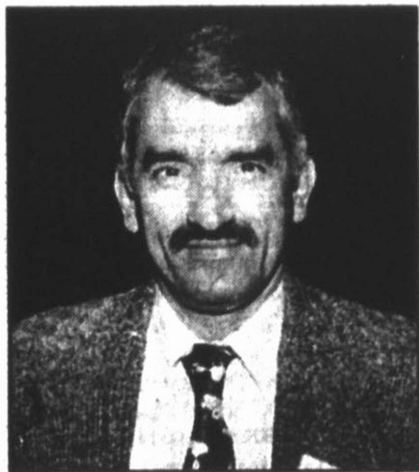


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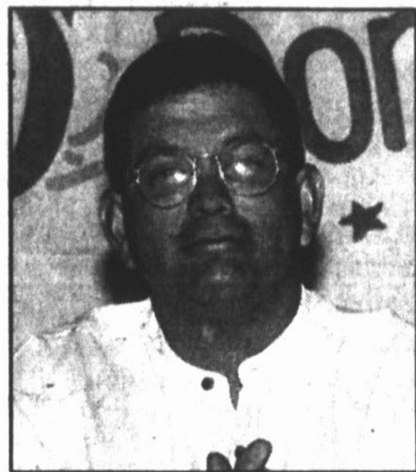
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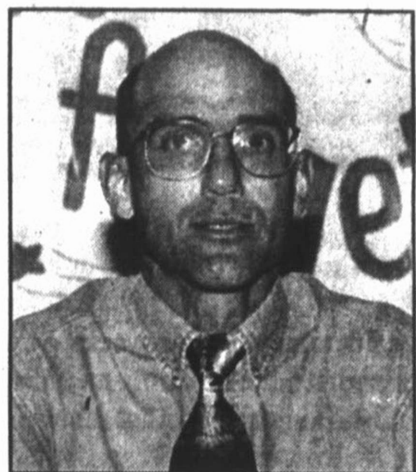
Public introduced to candidates at forum



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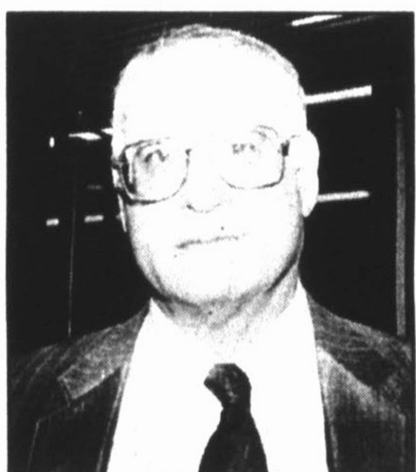
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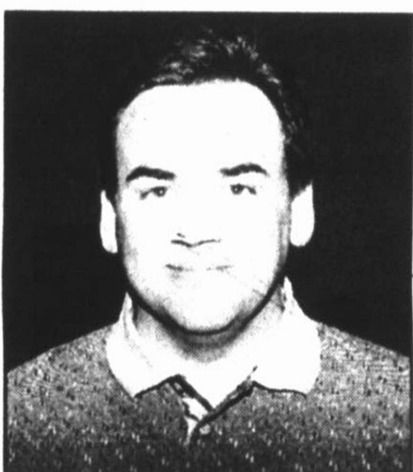
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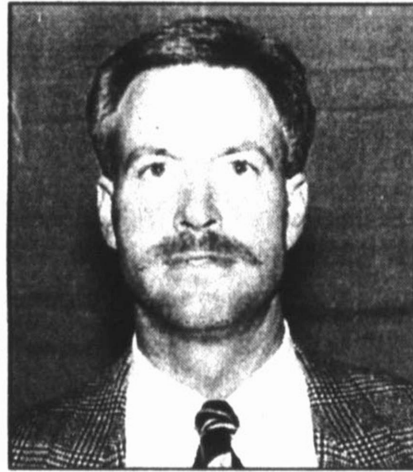
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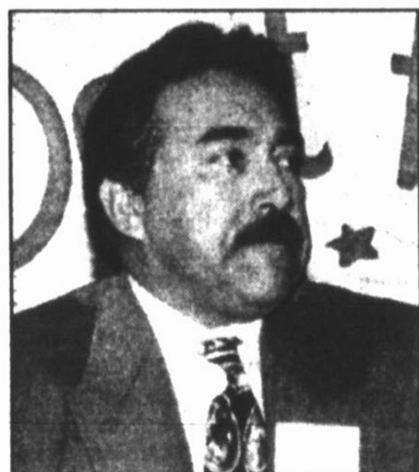
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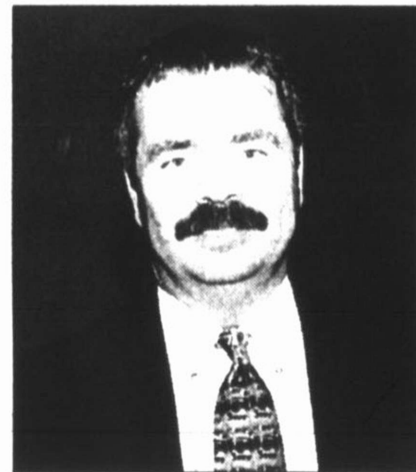
LARRY WATTS



EUGENE CONDARCO



WAYNE WINGET



CAREY BLACK



ROGER EADES

By GARRY WESNER
Managing Editor

Local residents who attended a "Meet the Candidates Forum" heard the views, goals and qualifications of seven candidates for school board, four city commission hopefuls and four men seeking seats on the Deaf Smith County Hospital District board of directors.

They also got an added bonus -- the appearance of seven candidates running for county elected office in this November's general balloting.

The forum is held annually and is co-sponsored by the Hereford Educators Association and the Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce

as a means to let the public hear from the candidates before they go to the polls.

Voting in the municipal elections will be on Saturday, May 4. Early voting for the city, school and hospital district races will be Monday, April 15, through April 30 in the County Clerk's office.

Under the format of the forum, each county candidate was given two minutes to give a statement.

The city, school and hospital candidates were given a two-minute opening statement and a one-minute closing statement, plus were asked questions compiled by the organizers and solicited from the public.

Among the candidates in the city commission races, only the four incumbents attended. Challenger Joe Soliz in Place 2 and Frank Maes for an at-large seat were absent.

All school board candidates were present except District 4 hopefuls Angie Alonzo and Leroy Lopez. Alonzo issued a statement through Margaret Del Toro expressing regret not being able to attend, explaining she had been called out of town on business that could not be changed.

Two hospital board candidates, incumbent Steve Cortez and challenger Mark Collier, were not present.

Those attending were:
CITY COMMISSION -- Eugene Condarco, Place 2; Wayne Winget, Place 4; and Carey Black and Roger Eades, at-large.

SCHOOL BOARD -- Raul Valdez and Charlie Arellano, District 2; Dave Charest, District 4; Lloyd Ames, Tracy Straughan and Glenn Boozer, District 5; and Jeff Torbert, District 7.

Forum to air on television

Local residents who were unable to attend Thursday's "Meet the Candidates Forum" -- or who want to review what they saw -- will have several opportunities to view the entire forum on local television.

Hereford Cablevision will broadcast the forum six times between now and the May 4 municipal elections.

Residents will be able to hear the candidates for city commission, school board and hospital district board -- as well as county candidates in the November general election -- speak about important issues, qualifications and goals.

The forum will be aired on April 18, 23, 25 and 29, plus May 1 and 3. Each broadcast will be on Cable Channel 19 at 7 p.m.

HOSPITAL BOARD -- Larry Watts, Boyd Foster, Dean Crofford and Henry Reid.

Following is a summary of some of the statements made by candidates. They are presented in the order in which the candidates appeared on the program.

CITY COMMISSION
Unity was a theme expressed repeatedly by incumbent candidates Condarco, Winget, Black and Eades -- to the extent that Winget, Black and Eades wore matching blue blazers and khaki pants.

Condarco said he is running for a full term on the Commission to participate.

"I care about the city, what goes on in the city and the decisions that are made about our tax dollars," he said, adding that he also wants to "break that misunderstanding about how the city works."

The voluntary park fund was addressed by Winget in a question.

He said the fund held about \$120,000 when the commission began its current phase of park improve-

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Candidates present

CITY COMMISSION

Eugene Condarco, Place 2
Wayne Winget, Place 4
Carey Black, At-large
Roger Eades, At-large

SCHOOL BOARD

Raul Valdez, District 2
Charlie Arellano, District 4
Dave Charest, District 4
Lloyd Ames, District 5
Tracy Straughan, District 5
Glenn Boozer, District 5
Jeff Torbert, District 7

HOSPITAL DISTRICT

Larry Watts
Dean Crofford
Boyd Foster
Henry Reid

Candidates absent

CITY COMMISSION

Joe Soliz, Place 2
Frank Maes, At-large

SCHOOL BOARD

Angie Alonzo, District 4
Leroy Lucero, District 4

HOSPITAL DISTRICT

Steve Cortez
Mark Collier

Commission votes to purchase building for back taxes

By GEORGIA TYLER
Staff Writer

On a split vote, Deaf Smith County Commissioners' Court Friday morning approved purchase of a building, located north of the Hereford city limits, for \$9,625.87, the amount of taxes owing two entities.

On a motion by Commissioner Johnny Latham of Precinct 4 and second by Commissioner Tony Castillo of Precinct 1, the purchase was approved by Commissioner Troy

Don Moore of Precinct 3, Latham and Castillo.

Commissioner Lupe Chavez of Precinct 2, voting against the motion, asked to be "put on record" that he opposed the purchase, saying there are several areas of ceiling damaged because of roof leaks, the asphalt parking area needs repairs, there is no water well and interior changes would be needed.

County Judge Tom Simons reminded Chavez that for "\$9,500, you don't get the Taj Mahal."

The metal building of 3,800 square feet sits on a .68-acre, located west of Avenue K, on County Rd. 8

The property was part of a larger parcel offered at sheriff's sale for taxes. A barn and home, with land, were sold at auction. The taxes owed on the site being bought by the county accumulated over several years, by Hereford Independent School District and Deaf Smith County Hospital District.

Action on the purchase was delayed at the commission's meeting Monday to allow further inspection, requested by Chavez.

He argued Friday that "the bargain could turn out to be less of a bargain because of modification needed to suit our purpose."

Mayor meets with public

By GEORGIA TYLER
Staff Writer

Hereford citizens attending Breakfast with the Mayor found no fault with work of city government after hearing a city update Friday morning.

Mayor Bob Josserrand reviewed projects undertaken or completed to improve the city and asked for comments from those attending the breakfast at the Ranch House.

Importance of the city's efforts to (See GRAMM, Page 7)

A proposal for use of the building is to consolidate the Deaf Smith County Probation Department and the county's Youth Home.

After Chavez raised objections about the building, Simons responded, "It's not like someone else hasn't looked at the building." He said that if the building does not work out for the juvenile department, there may be other uses, "or, we could sell it."

Chavez declared he believes "it's

time to draw the line on spending.

Included in the motion to purchase the property was provision for transfer of general fund money to the miscellaneous account.

County Auditor Alex Schroeter called attention to other budget accounts that are overdrawn. He mentioned fire, \$20,000; juries, \$3,000; prisoner board, \$12,000, and court reporter, \$3,000.

He said the projected balance in

unencumbered funds through March was \$750,000. The budget projected a balance of \$741,000 at the end of the year.

"We'll just reduce the fund balance to pay these," Schroeter.

Latham offered a motion to transfer funds, as suggested by Schroeter. Castillo seconded and Moore voted with them on the question. Chavez abstained from the vote.

Coming in Sunday's Brand

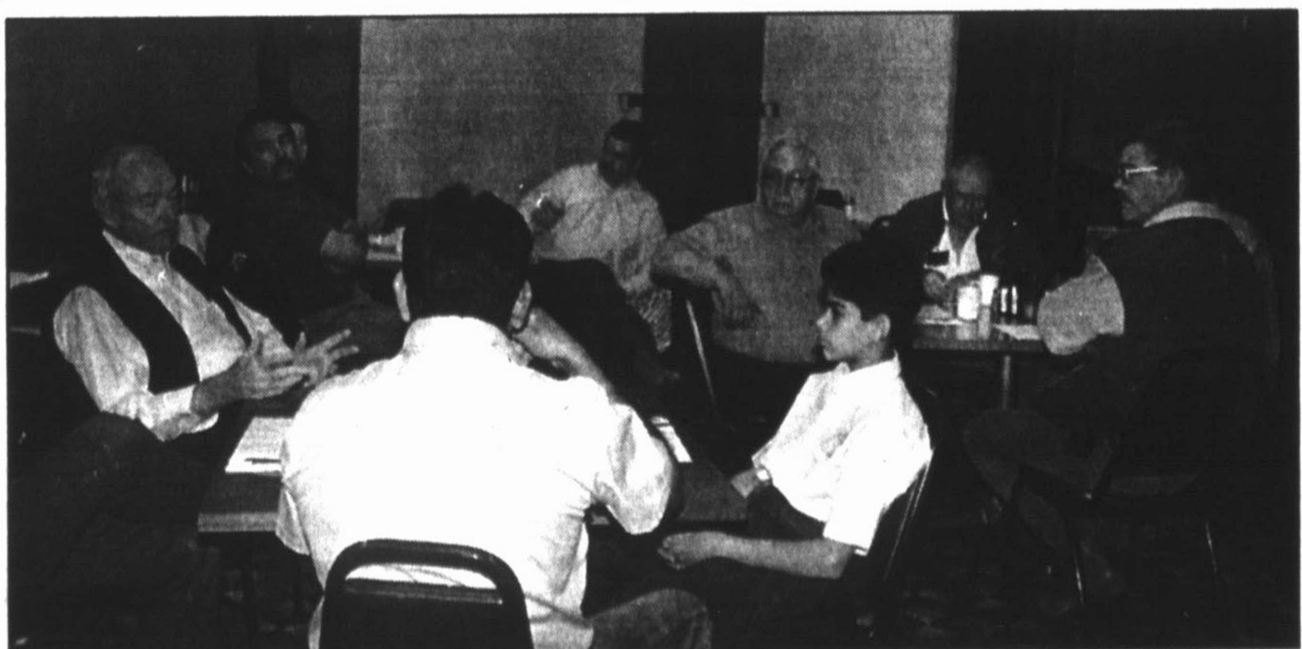
Spring has sprung and, with the warmer weather has come the time to start thinking about doing something to fix up the old homestead -- whether it be a new front lawn, a tree or flower garden, or even a complete remodeling job inside and out.

Whatever your needs, check out Sunday's Home Improvement special section, which features news stories about a variety of fix-up and gardening subjects, as well as special advertising offers from many local businesses.

Also Sunday, the past year has been one of patience, adaptability and perseverance for the Tom and Valerie Fellhauer family.

The family has been remodeling its home that long, updating the kitchen, adding a bedroom and completely changing the look of the home.

Meet them and learn how their project is going.



Mayor at breakfast

A review of City of Hereford projects was given by Mayor Bob Josserrand, left, at a dutch-treat breakfast Friday morning. Josserrand touched on park improvements and water development, as well as the city's infrastructure, airport improvements and solid waste disposal.

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Local Roundup

Warm, windy on Saturday

Hereford recorded a high temperature of 82 degrees on Thursday, with an overnight low Friday of 40 degrees. For tonight, the forecast calls for partly cloudy skies and a low near 40 degrees. South winds will be 5 to 15 mph. For Saturday, look for partly cloudy skies with a high around 70 degrees with west to northwest winds at 20-25 mph and gusty.

Recycling set Saturday

Community School and the Hereford Beautification Alliance will co-sponsor the regular recycling day from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Saturday in the St. Anthony's School parking lot. Recycling also will be held on Saturday, April 20, at the same time on the parking lot. Items to be collected are aluminum cans and all other metals, bundled newspapers, glass and car batteries. No plastic will be accepted.

Emergency Services

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

HEREFORD POLICE

A 17-year-old male was arrested in the 600 block of Irving for Class A theft.

Class C criminal mischief was reported in the 300 block of Brevard. Criminal trespass was reported in the 500 block of Avenue G.

Class C assault (domestic violence) was reported in the 100 block of North Centre.

Class B criminal mischief was reported in the 400 block of Avenue B.

Class B theft was reported in the 100 block of Beach.

Domestic disturbance was reported

in the 300 block of Whittier.

Officers issued six traffic citations.

DEAF SMITH SHERIFF

A 27-year-old female was arrested for violation of probation (theft by check).

A 34-year-old male was arrested for DWI.

A 17-year-old male was arrested for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Volunteer firefighters were called out at 11:40 a.m. to a burr fire at Barrett and Crofoot West.

Firefighters were called out at 7:35 p.m. to a seed fire seven miles east on U.S. 60, at Gayland Ward East.

Firefighters were called out at 11:37 p.m. to an alarm malfunction at 603 P. East Park Avenue.

Teen given prison sentence

A 19-year-old Thursday in 222nd District Court Thursday was ordered to serve terms in prison on revocation of two probated sentences and guilty pleas to two charges.

Judge David Wesley Gulley revoked probation of Glenn Eugene Toews on state jail sentences for burglary of a building and forgery. He must serve concurrent terms of 22 months on the convictions.

Toews entered guilty pleas to escape and unauthorized use of a motor vehicle. He will serve a two-year prison sentence consecutively to the other terms on the escape plea. Toews was given a sentence of 180 days in Deaf Smith County jail on the vehicle charge.

On the state's motion to revoke probation of Roger Salas, also known as Roger Padilla, Judge Gulley sentenced the defendant to four years in prison. He had been placed on deferred adjudication probation of 10 years for aggravated assault with a

deadly weapon.

Judge Gulley modified terms of probation for Jesus Soto on three convictions, all for burglary of a motor vehicle. On two convictions, probation was extended two years and a one-year extension was ordered for the third sentence. The defendant also will be placed on intensive supervision for six months.

Guilty pleas were entered by Albertito Molinar, burglary of a habitation, and Norma Salazar, tampering with government records. Molinar was ordered to serve a seven-year probation sentence. Salazar was placed on deferred adjudication probation for five years.

Laislado Perez, also known as Arturo Cerda, was ordered to enter the Tom Green County restitution center, in modification of terms of his probation for felony driving while intoxicated. He also will be placed on intensive supervision for three months.

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ments. Winget said the commission wants to put volleyball courts up at other city parks and is building rest rooms at Dameron Park.

Black, when asked about the budget and income from the Aquatic Center, said figures are not complete for the first year of operation, but noted that the city budgeted \$234,000 for operations and estimated revenue of \$140,000, leaving a \$95,000 loss the first year.

But, he stressed, that may be lower due to increasing popularity of the facility.

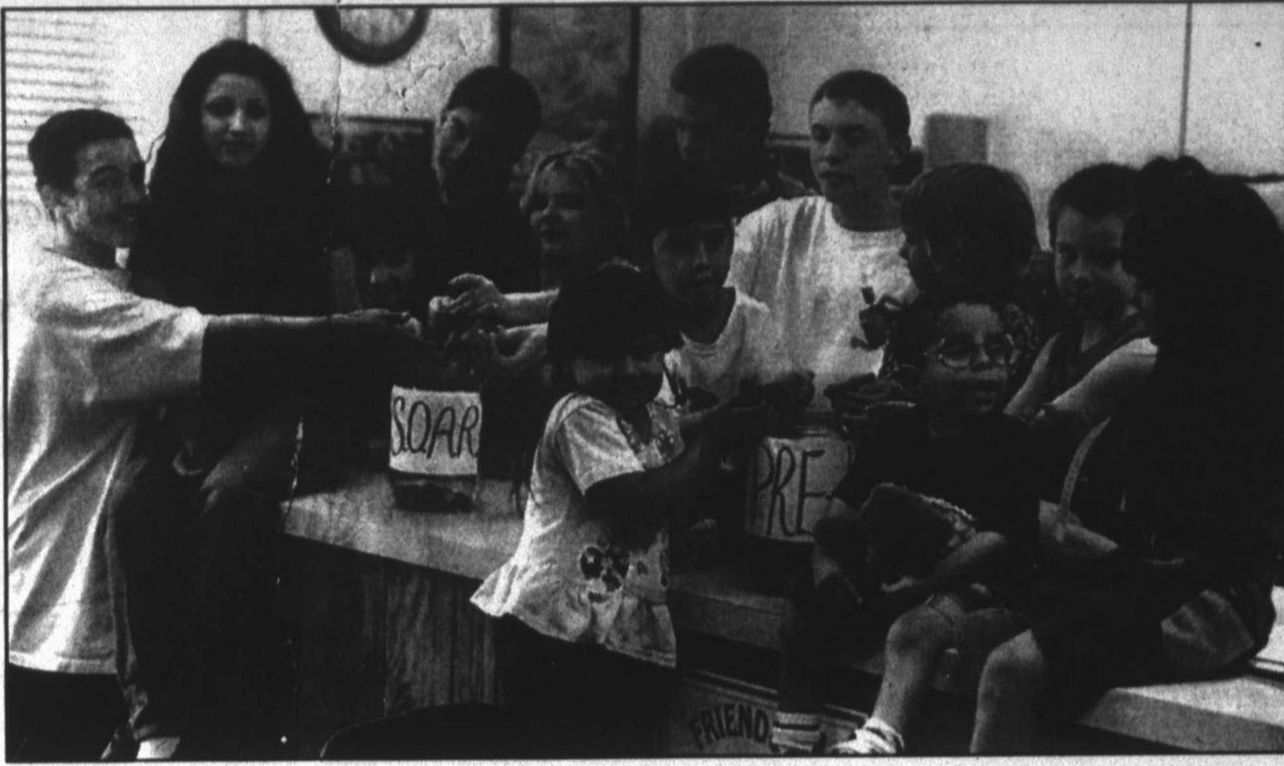
Eades was asked about the Hereford Economic Development Corporation. He said the city

commission has "the ultimate authority" over that entity, and approves budget and expenditure to existing businesses or new companies coming to town.

Eades said he would like the commission to keep working with the other taxing entities in town, citing the unity created through joint funding of the aquatic center.

When asked what he would most like to accomplish during his term on the commission, Condarco smiled and replied, "In actuality, I would like to accomplish everything we're trying to do."

He then qualified that water availability is a big issue, as is parks



Helping the park fund

Students at the Stanton Learning Center have placed their pennies on the line to help the "Build on the Dream" fund-raising project to help the Aquatic Center park. K-4 students toured the aquatic center and park to see where their money was going, then they and the students in the SOAR program collected money for two weeks. Some classes had competitions, while some Pre-kindergarten classes pitted the morning and afternoon classes against each other to see which could raise the most money. The class that raises the most will get a Coke party. Trying to help their respective teams are: SOAR students, from left, Ricardo Chavez, Foster; Ramirez, Linda Lopez, Markie Ybarra, Jessica Escobar, Quintan Gilliam and Michael Magaly; and Pre-Kindergarten students, from left, Irene Taylor (on chair), Teresa Presaido, April Parker, Eloy Rodriguez (with teddy bear), Trevor Mize and Apolonia Castillo.

MAYOR

improve park facilities drew approval from several citizens.

"I think the commission is on the right track, improving our parks," said Rick Jackson.

Another resident said he believes the park improvements have had "an impact on homeowners... people are trying to improve the city."

Josserand's review included:

-- Water development, such as drilling new wells, installing a booster station in northwest Hereford in the system and looking for new sites for water wells.

-- Park improvements, pointing toward facilities being constructed in Langley and Dameron Parks, and others planned in the future.

-- "Build on the Dream" campaign for the Hereford Aquatic Center Park, with a total of more than \$38,500 contributed by businesses, individuals, families and school children.

-- Growing use of Hereford Aquatic Center, with revenue growing and numbers increasing. Josserand noted that in February, 3,436 persons used the center and revenue of \$6,800 was reported; in March, the numbers rose to 4,968 and \$11,132.

-- Study of the infrastructure, water and sewer lines and streets, continuing by city staff and the commission. The mayor pointed out that the attention must be given soon

to the older parts of the city's infrastructure.

-- Further study planned on solid waste disposal, in view of an exemption from EPA regulations offered cities under 20,000 population although state rules have not been completed.

-- Replacement of 45 of the older fire hydrants in the city continuing.

-- Improvements in taxiways and around hangers at the city-owned

airport to be made this year, largely with funding from a state and federal grant.

Adding to the discussion of parks, Josserand reported that Texas Parks and Wildlife will direct cleaning of fish in the pond at the HAC park and re-stock to providing fishing opportunities for residents.

"What we're saying is, the pond will be for families -- children can bring their parents," Josserand remarked.

Obituaries

LAVERNE DELCIE WHITE

April 11, 1996

Laverne Delcie White, 61, of Hereford, died Thursday at St. Anthony's Hospice in Amarillo.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday in Rose Chapel of Gililand-Watson Funeral Home with Dr. Ed Williamson, pastor of First United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Rest Lawn Memorial Park Cemetery, by Gililand-Watson Funeral Home.

Mrs. White was born at Happy and grew up in Hereford and was a resident of Hereford for a number of years. She married Robert Hartman in Clovis, N.M., in 1952. She was a

member of First Baptist Church of McKinney.

Survivors are two daughters, Delcie Hreccan of Salisbury, Md., and Denise Hernandez of Deer Park; a brother, Carl Goetsch of Knox City, seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. She was the niece of Wilma Goetsch of Hereford.

The family has requested that memorials be directed to American Diabetes Association.

DOLLIE CRUCE NEWBERRY

April 10, 1996

Dollie Mae Cruce Newberry, 96, died Wednesday in a Hereford nursing home.

Services will be held at 4 p.m. Saturday in Baum-Carlock-Bumgardner Funeral Home in Mineral Wells, with burial in Rock Creek Cemetery in Parker County.

Mrs. Newberry was born in Palo Pinto County. She married William Franklin Cruce in 1921. He died in 1964. She married Turner O. Newberry in 1968. He died in 1990. She lived in the Mineral Wells area all her life until moving to Hereford in 1994. She was a Baptist.

Survivors are two sons, William Clarence Cruce of Mineral Wells and Donald Britton Cruce of El Paso; a daughter, Larrayne Harrison of Floydada; a sister, Marie Cotton of Mineral Wells, 14 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren and a number of nieces and nephews.

NORRIEN GARRISON

April 10, 1996

Norrien Garrison, 65, of Adrian, died Wednesday. A daughter, Kris Garrison Dollar, is a Hereford resident.

Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at Vega Memorial Park Cemetery with the Rev. Stephen Gaines of First United Methodist Church officiating. Arrangements are by N.S. Griggs Funeral Directors of Amarillo.

Mrs. Garrison was born in Denver and grew up in Adrian, where she was graduated from high school. She attended the University of Texas at Arlington. She married Chock Garrison in 1952 in Tucumcari, N.M. She farmed and ranched and was an adult leader in 4-H and FFA. She was a member of United Methodist Church.

Survivors include two other daughters, Kathy Garrison of Amarillo and Kim Garrison Brown of Krum; a son, Kirk Garrison of Adrian; a brother, Verne Jacobsen of Salem, Ore., and 10 grandchildren.

MARY FURGESON

April 10, 1996

Mary Furgeson, 68, of Becton, died Wednesday at her home. She was the mother of Debbie Lewis of Hereford.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Friday in the United Methodist Church of Idalou with burial in

Groups want support for reform bill

By JUAN B. ELIZONDO Jr.
Associated Press Writer
AUSTIN (AP) - Texas lawmakers in Washington claim to support changes in the way congressional races are financed, but only two have given the issue more than lip service, three citizens groups contend.

Common Cause Texas, Public Citizen of Texas and the League of Women Voters of Texas called on 28 Texas congressmen to pledge their support for a campaign finance reform measure foundering in a House committee.

The three groups said Thursday that the proposal needs support from 218 House members to bring it up for a vote.

So far, it has support from 22 lawmakers, including Reps. Lloyd Doggett, D-Austin, and Ron Coleman, D-El Paso.

The resolution would:
- Impose a voluntary spending limit of \$600,000 per election, with \$360,000 in contributions from within the candidate's home state.

- Require candidates who limit their spending to raise at least \$60,000 in contributions of \$200 or less, with \$18,000 coming from within the district the candidate is running.

- Give participants a 50 percent discount on television and radio advertising.

- Grant participants three price-reduced mailings through the U.S. Postal Service to all voting-age residents of the districts in which they are running.

This "is a real test as to whether Texas congressmen are committed to real reform in the way campaigns are financed," said Tom Smith, director of Public Citizen Texas.

Becton Cemetery, by White Funeral Home.

Mrs. Furgeson was born at Idalou and attended Idalou High School and Texas Tech. She married J.E. Furgeson in 1947. She moved to Becton in 1949. She was a member of the Order of Eastern Star and the United Methodist Church of Idalou.

Survivors are her husband, two sons, Mike Furgeson of Petersburg and Eddie Furgeson of Idalou; another daughter, Ann Lisebay of New Home; five sisters and 10 grandchildren.

RAFAEL MEDINA

April 9, 1996

Rafael Medina, 81, mother of Jaine Mendoza of Hereford, died Tuesday.

Rosary was recited Thursday evening. Services were held Friday morning in Sacred Heart Catholic Church with burial in Parklawn Memorial Gardens. Lemons Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Medina grew up in San Marcos and moved to Plainview in 1956. He worked in the Hereford Co-op Gin until retiring in 1979. He married Candelaria Rodriguez in 1934 at San Marcos. She died in 1988.

Survivors are eight other daughters, Maria Tovar of Berlin, Wis., Elida Rivera of Dumas, Vickie Robles of Borger, Anna Rivera of San Antonio, and Gloria Ferrer, Rosa Gallardo, Connie Rivera and Mary Petrosa, all of Plainview; two sons, Robert Medina of Plainview and Rafael Medina Jr., of Austin; a brother, three sisters, 47 grandchildren and 52 great-grandchildren.

Lottery

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

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County candidates at forum

Wes Fisher, right, past president of the Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce board, welcomes participants and spectators to Thursday's "Meet the Candidates Forum," which brought together candidates for upcoming city, school board, hospital board and county races. Shown behind Fisher are the county candidates, who were allowed to make two minute statements about themselves and the office they are seeking in the November general election. Shown from left are, Margaret Del Toro, unopposed for tax assessor-collector; Mike Morrison, Republican candidate for sheriff; Sheriff Joe Brown, incumbent and Democratic candidate for sheriff; Wayne Betzen, Republican candidate for Precinct 1 County Commissioner; Troy Don Moore, Precinct 3 County Commissioner and Democratic candidate for re-election; and Dan Hall, Republican candidate for Precinct 3 County Commissioner. Not present was Tony Castillo, Precinct 1 Commissioner and Democratic candidate for re-election.

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Lifestyles

Ann Landers

DEAR ANN LANDERS: A while ago, you printed a letter from a woman whose grandson was in the service. He kept making expensive long-distance calls home, and she wanted him to write instead. You said, "Letters written while in the service become part of the family history. Your grandson will be awfully glad he wrote them."

Your answer was right on target, Ann. Let me tell you about our family. In 1924, my mother and her seven siblings began a round-robin family letter in which everyone wrote about the week's happenings, added their letter to the others and sent them on to the next person. Every month, Mother would get a letter from all of her siblings. When the mail arrived, everything stopped while Mother had a "visit" with her family.

With my four brothers in the military during World War II, it was only natural that my family start our own letter. After 72 years, our family still has a round-robin letter going. My parents are gone now, and three of my brothers have died, but the letter continues with my surviving brother, me, the widows of my three brothers and two very special cousins. It is a joy and a delight to us all.

In the mid-'70s, I started a third letter with our own six children. There has even been talk among some of our 18 grandchildren of starting their own. I wouldn't be surprised if they did since they come from a long line of persistent communicators. Perhaps you would like to pass this idea to your younger readers. -- Virginia in Cedar Hill, Texas

DEAR VIRGINIA: What a splendid idea. How I wish someone had suggested it to me when I was much younger. Such letters would have been priceless today. So much family history is lost if no one takes the time and trouble to write it down. How sad.

DEAR ANN LANDERS: You asked your readers to tell you how they met their spouses. I'd like to tell you about my "fairy-tale" courtship.

When I retired from my job of 17 years as administrative assistant to the publisher of the daily newspaper in Scottsbluff, Neb., the paper ran a full-page photo of me with a write-up about my retirement. I had been widowed for almost four years, and the prospects around this area were pretty limited.

I was pleasantly surprised when I received a call from a gentleman who had lost his wife the previous summer. I knew him only by reputation, which was stellar. He had seen my photo in the newspaper. A mutual friend had informed him that I walked every day, and he asked if

he could join me. I accepted immediately. Although we had worked within a block of each other for the past 17 years, we had never met.

Well, we did meet -- and fell in love almost immediately. We have been married almost four years and are still sailing along on a cloud -- living the very good life. But my husband still tells people that "it pays to advertise," and he's sure glad I did. -- Bernice Lessman in Gering, Neb.

DEAR BERNICE: So am I. What a heartwarming story. I did a little research and found out that the paper you worked for is the Star-Herald. I am happy to give it a little free advertising.

Have trouble sleeping at night and don't want to get involved in a novel? "A Collection of My Favorite Gems of the Day" is the perfect bed-stand mate. Send a self-addressed, long, business-size envelope and a check or money order for \$5.25 (this includes postage and handling) to: Collection, c/o Ann Landers, P.O. Box 11562, Chicago, Ill. 60611-0562.



Elk of the Year

Paul Hamilton, right, was honored as the 1995-1996 Elk of the Year by Hereford Elks Lodge #2269 during the recent installation of officers. Presenting the plaque to Hamilton is outgoing exalted ruler J.C. Malone.



Trying out the planter bench

Pictured, from left, are Kali Gerber, Ashton, Mason and Allyson Paetzold, enjoying the sunshine on this redwood planter bench which will be just one of the items available during the auction at St. Anthony's Parish Carnival Crazy on April 21 from 12 - 5 p.m. All proceeds from the annual carnival benefit St. Anthony's School.

Game Day scheduled set for Coulter Road Church

More than 200 single adults are expected to participate in an area-wide Game Day, sponsored by the Amarillo Area Baptist Associational Singles Ministry, on April 20 from 1 p.m.-6 p.m. at Coulter Road Baptist Church, 4108 S. Coulter, in Amarillo.

Activities for the second annual event will include volleyball, walleyball, pingpong, table and board games, fellowship, food and music from local churches, according to Dennis Cravey, ABA Singles Council

spokesperson.

"We are asking participants to bring a covered dish or refreshment," Cravey said. "And they need to wear court shoes and dress comfortably."

Single adults from all ages and church affiliations are welcome to come for the day.

For further information, contact Cravey at 806-376-6959 or Mark Neal at Coulter Road Baptist Church, 806-356-8888.

Rebekah Lodge holds meeting

Hereford Rebekah Lodge #228 met Tuesday evening in regular session with 11 members present.

Noble grand Anna Conklin presided at the business meeting. Reports were made of sick members and 10 visits to the sick, 21 cheer cards and seven dishes of food delivered were recorded.

Definite plans are underway for dinner to be served on Father's Day,

June 16, with the public invited. Plates will be served for \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children.

Susie Curtsinger read "The Letter" by Grace E. Easley. Conklin drew the "door prize" brought by Jessie Matthews.

Dorothy Lundry served as hostess. Others present were Peggy Lemons, Ben Conklin, Nelma Sowell, Tony Irbeck, Rosalie Northcutt and Leona Sowell.

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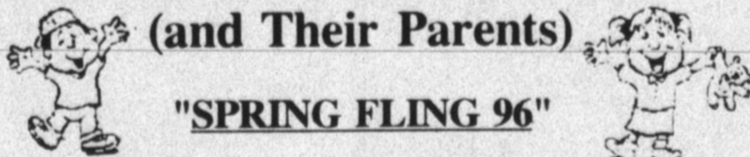
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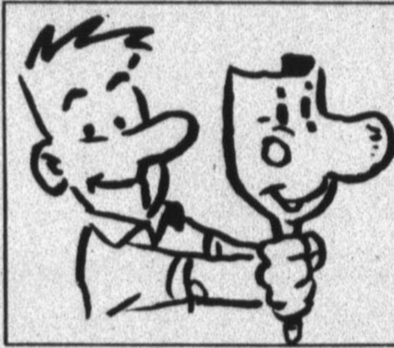
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Herd looking for win

The Herd baseball team is still looking for its first win in District 1-4A. Caprock could give the Herd its best chance when the Longhorns come to Whiteface Field for a game at 1 p.m. Saturday.

Hereford has lost eight straight games and holds records of 0-5 in District 1-4A and 4-15 overall. Caprock is 1-4 and 10-10.

The junior varsity teams from both schools will play after the varsity game Saturday. Hereford's JV also will host a game at 4:30 today against the Dumas JV, and the Herd JV B team will go to Boys Ranch for a game at 5 p.m. today.

Hereford club hosting rodeo

The Hereford high school rodeo club will host a Tri-State High School Rodeo Association event Saturday and Sunday at the B-Bar-S Arena west of Hereford.

There will be two rodeo performances each day - at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. - plus team roping at 1 p.m. each day.

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Kids Inc. needs umpires

Kids Inc. is looking for a few good men in blue.

The local baseball program needs umpires. Anyone interested in working games should call Eddie Fortenberry at 364-5534.

Kids Inc. could also use a few more Babe Ruth players. Boys 13-15 years old who want to play baseball can still sign up. Call Steve Bigham at 364-3545 or Steve Horrell at 364-1058.

United Way Partnership set for June

The United Way June Partnership has been set for June 1-2 at Pitman Municipal Golf Course in Hereford.

The two-person scramble is open to all golfers - men and women - with verifiable handicaps. The handicaps will be used only for flighting purposes.

The entry fee is \$65 per player. Lunch will be served both days.

For more information, call Dave Kaesheimer, the Pitman golf pro, at 363-7139, or call the United Way office at 364-5220.

7th graders win track meets

The Hereford Junior High seventh grade boys' track team has won two meets this year: at Pampa March 29 and at Borger April 4.

The team accumulated 183 points in Pampa and 179 points in Borger.

Coaches received the results recently; they were mailed from the site of the meet.

The HJH eighth-graders' results were not submitted.

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First place: Cody Hodges, long jump, 16-1; Joe Mendoza, 100-meter dash, 12.69; Rafael Flores, 400 dash, 61.92; Gilbert Hernandez, 200 dash, 26.32; 400 relay (Kyle Artho, Hodges, Hernandez and Mendoza), 50.34; 800 relay (Jonathan Soto, Rick Bodayo, Valentin Sustaita and Chayse Rives) 1:50.17; and 1,600 relay (Rives, Flores, Mendoza and Hernandez), 4:00.25.

Second: Sustaita, discus, 99-11; Mendoza, shot put, 35-1; Michael Barba, 300-meter hurdles, 48.76.

Third: Flores, long jump, 15-10; Bodayo, shot, 35-2; Soto, 110 hurdles, 20:34; Artho, 200 dash, 27.14.

Fourth: Hernandez, high jump and pole vault (no heights provided for high jump or pole vault); Julian Ramos, 49.96.

Fifth: Hodges, high jump; Jessie Edwards, pole vault; Hagen Henderson, shot, 33-4; Jose Sanchez, 2,400 run, 9:17; Roger Rios, 800 run, 2:36.

Sixth: Mendoza, high jump; Alex Uvalde, 2,400 run; Chris Rue, 800 run, 2:37; Cody Hodges, 110 hurdles, 21.00; Slade Hodges, 300 hurdles, 52.52.

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First: Mendoza, shot, 37-11 1/2, and 100 dash, 12.15; Flores, 400 dash, 1:02.43; Barba, 300 hurdles, 48.71; 400 relay (Artho, Cody Hodges, Hernandez and Mendoza), 49.25; 800 relay (Soto, Bodayo, Rives and Sustaita), 1:50.25.

Second: Bodayo, shot, 35-9 1/2; Cody Hodges, long jump, 16-1 1/2; Hernandez, pole vault, 8-0, and 200 dash, 25.13; Ramos, 300 hurdles, 50.40; and 1,600 relay (Soto, Flores, Hernandez and Mendoza), 4:11.38.

Third: Edwards, pole vault, 7-9; Uvalde, 2,400 run, 9:22.07; Sustaita, 100 dash, 12.35; Artho, 200 dash, 25.79.

Fourth: Valentine Diaz, discus, 94-4; Mendoza, high jump, 4-10; Flores, long jump, 15-5; Ramos, 400 dash, 1:03.47.

Fifth: Rios, 800 run, 2:36.65; Uvalde, 1,600 run, 5:53.93; Cody Hodges, 300 hurdles, 52.69.

Sixth: Henderson, shot, 35-3; Rios, triple jump, 29-1; Rue, 800 run, 2:37.75; Rue, 200 dash, 26.52.

Norman storms through Masters' opening round

By DOUG FERGUSON
AP Sports Writer

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) - If nothing else, years of heartache at Augusta National Golf Club have taught Greg Norman to be patient.

As badly as he wants to win the Masters, as pure as his swing felt when he warmed up on the practice range before the first round Thursday, nothing could alter his plan of attack - which really wasn't much of an attack at all.

Norman simply waited for Augusta National to come to him, and then he refused to let it go.

His 24-foot birdie putt that bounced over a spike mark before falling dead center into the cup on No. 18 was his ninth birdie in the last 12 holes, giving him a 9-under-par 63.

That's the lowest first-round score in 60 years of the Masters. It tied the course record first set by Nick Price in 1986 and, more importantly, gave Norman a 2-stroke lead over Phil Mickelson.

"When you get into the type of roll that I got into, let it happen," he said. "Let the reins of the horse go and let him run as fast as he wants to run. I wanted to get as much under par as I could. I didn't care if I got the lead or not. I wanted the situation."

He had to wait for it, which was a stiffer test than some of the pin placements on fast, firm greens that made the course play harder than Norman's score would indicate.

He could have pressed when he missed birdie putts of 10 feet or less on three of the first six holes. He could have panicked when Mickelson tapped in a 2-foot birdie putt on the 18th hole for his 65.

"I didn't attack today," Norman said. "If you lose your patience, get a little too aggressive with your putter and you have those 3- or 4-footers coming back and miss one, you get impatient and let it get away. All I could do was be patient."

It paid off on a day that figured to benefit the early starters, like Bob Tway and Scott Hoch, who shot a 67 before the warm Augusta air began to dry out the greens even more. Lee Janzen, another early starter, was at 68.

Nick Faldo was in a fivesome at 69, while Jack Nicklaus - 10 years after his sixth and most amazing Masters title - Raymond Floyd and Paul Azinger were in a group at 2-under 70.

John Daly took a double-bogey on

(See MASTERS, Page 5)

Bulls outplay, outclass Nets

By The Associated Press
How does much of the NBA feel about facing the Chicago Bulls?

"They play on a different level than we do," Nets coach Butch Beard said after the Bulls matched a club victory record and clinched home-court advantage throughout the playoffs by beating New Jersey 113-100 Thursday night. "This was like a scrimmage for them."

Actually, a scrimmage might be more challenging than some of the matchups on Chicago's upcoming schedule. The Bulls (67-9) are three victories shy of breaking the NBA victory record set by the Los Angeles Lakers in 1971-72. Chicago has six games left, three against teams with sub-.500 records.

"With 67 wins and six games left, it looks good as long as we take care of business," Michael Jordan said of getting to 70 wins and beyond. "We don't want to stagger into the playoffs. We want to be at our best."

Jordan wasn't at his best at New Jersey, but it didn't matter. He had only 17 points in 26 minutes, but was able to sit out long stretches.

"I was more pleased tonight with our bench than our starters," Bulls coach Phil Jackson said. "The bench

played really well in the second and fourth quarters, and some of our starters were a little lackadaisical. I was glad we could hold on and we didn't have to go back to Scottie and Michael when they made their run."

Scottie Pippen had 15 points, while Toni Kukoc and Ron Harper each scored 14.

Dennis Rodman made his first appearance at the Meadowlands since a head-butting incident with referee Ted Bernhardt on March 16 that led to a six-game suspension. He drew a technical foul for pushing Armon Gilliam following a dunk by the Nets forward.

Rockets 113, Nuggets 109
At Houston, Hakeem Olajuwon made sure the Nuggets paid for not having Dikembe Mutombo protecting the middle. He scored 37 points, including 14 in the fourth quarter.

Robert Horry put the Rockets ahead for good with a 3-point basket with 5:46 left in the game. After Dale Ellis' 3-pointer cut the lead to 111-109 with 49 seconds left, Olajuwon iced it with two free throws with 3.7 seconds to go.

Mutombo sat out the game with a strained left hamstring. Rookie

Antonio McDyess jumped center for Denver and led the Nuggets with 23 points.

Heat 115, Bucks 105

At Miami, Alonzo Mourning sparked two early rallies on his way to a 32-point night. The victory moved Miami into a tie with the Charlotte Hornets for the eighth and final playoff slot in the Eastern Conference.

The Heat have won 12 straight against the Bucks. Milwaukee's 10-18 overall mark against Miami is the team's worst against any opponent.

Vin Baker scored 29 points and Glenn Robinson added 27 for the Bucks, who have lost 23 of their last 26 games.

Miami's Tim Hardaway and Milwaukee's Sherman Douglas each had 19 points and 12 assists.

Warriors 111, Clippers 101

Golden State strengthened its playoff chances with a road victory. Latrell Sprewell scored 28 points as the Warriors moved within 1-1/2 games of Sacramento in the race for the eighth and final Western Conference playoff berth. The Warriors have five games remaining, the Kings six.

Kevin Willis added 24 points for Golden State as all five starters scored in double figures. Rodney Rogers led the Clippers with 21 points. Loy Vaught and Terry Dehere added 16 points each for Los Angeles.

Cavaliers 101, Knicks 97

At New York, Danny Ferry scored a career-high 32 points as the Cavaliers pulled within one game of the Knicks for the fourth playoff seed in the Eastern Conference. Both teams have five games remaining, including another

head-to-head next Thursday at Cleveland.

Terrell Brandon added 18 points and Bobby Phillips and Tyrone Hill 14 each. Patrick Ewing had 29 to lead the Knicks.

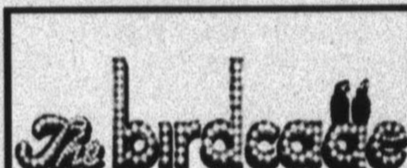
"I had a great feel for the ball tonight, I can't explain it. Some nights I've done other things better, but tonight I shot the ball as well as I could," Ferry said.

Trail Blazers 114, Mavericks 99

Portland won its 10th straight at home as Arvydas Sabonis got 21 points and 15 rebounds in 23 minutes. The Blazers (41-36), who have won four straight and 15 of their last 17, never trailed against the outmanned Mavericks (24-53).

Buck Williams came off the bench for 18 points and seven rebounds for the Blazers. He even hit a 3-pointer, the fifth of his 14-year career.

Jim Jackson scored 23 points, while Jason Kidd had his eighth triple-double of the season with 19 points, 10 rebounds and 10 assists.



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Aikman, Switzer make up

IRVING, Texas (AP) - Troy Aikman and Barry Switzer, who were on such icy terms they rarely spoke in the last half of the 1995 season, "had a meeting to settle our differences," the Cowboys quarterback says.

Neither would comment on what was resolved at the meeting, which occurred in the past two weeks, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported today.

"That's between me and Troy," Switzer said, but he called the powwow "very productive."

Aikman said, "We're just going to put everything behind us and work

on next season."

Problems began after reports got back to Aikman that defensive line coach John Blake complained to Switzer that Aikman seemed to regularly single out black players as targets for occasional angry outbursts.

According to the newspaper, teammates said after Aikman heard that report, he went to them and to coaches to see if they had a problem with his approach. He was livid that Switzer did not back him more when the issue came up, teammates said.

Blake left after the regular season to become head coach at the University of Oklahoma.

Barkley added to Dream Team

NEW YORK (AP) - The NBA wants an Olympic encore from Charles Barkley.

Barkley was a surprise choice Thursday night for one of two remaining spots on the Olympic team roster. Mich Richmond got the other invitation when a 10-man USA Basketball selection committee voted by telephone.

The NBA refused to confirm the choices, but The Associated Press

learned of them from sources who asked not to be identified. If Barkley and Richmond accept the invitations, their selections will be announced Sunday on NBC.

They would join an all-NBA roster that already includes Anfernee Hardaway, Grant Hill, Karl Malone, Reggie Miller, Hakeem Olajuwon, Shaquille O'Neal, Scottie Pippen, David Robinson, Glenn Robinson and John Stockton.



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Padres get to Maddux; Park stops Marlins

By BEN WALKER
AP Baseball Writer

On a day that marked the end of the road for Greg Maddux, the home fans in Los Angeles saw why the Dodgers have been so high on Chan Ho Park.

The San Diego Padres stopped Maddux's major-league record string of 18 straight road wins, beating the Atlanta ace 2-1 Thursday.

"I knew it was going to end sooner or later," Maddux said. "Overall, I thought I pitched all right. You make mistakes in a game like that, you're not going to win."

Maddux, a four-time Cy Young winner, was 18-0 with an 0.99 ERA in 20 regular-season road starts since losing in Montreal on June 27, 1994.

Park, meanwhile, was sharp in his second start in the majors. He held Florida to one hit in five innings and pitched the Dodgers to a 5-0 victory.

Expected to be a big success since signing with the Dodgers two years ago, the Korean-born Park has spent most of his time in the minors. But an injury last week to Ramon Martinez pushed the 22-year-old right-hander into the rotation.

A crowd of 36,023 at Dodger Stadium cheered loudly for Park, much the same way the fans encouraged Japanese-born Hideo Nomo last season.

"I wasn't really nervous," Park said. "I felt the same as I did in spring training. I had a good changeup coupled with a good

fastball."

In other NL games, St. Louis beat Philadelphia 2-1, Houston downed Cincinnati 9-4, Colorado defeated New York 7-3 and Montreal beat Pittsburgh 6-5 in 11 innings.

Maddux (1-1) gave up two runs and five hits in seven innings. Steve Finley singled home the go-ahead run in the fifth.

Maddux had lost on the road since his streak, although that came at Cleveland in last year's World Series.

Dodgers 5, Marlins 0

Three Los Angeles pitchers combined on a four-hitter.

Kevin Brown (0-2) again got no support from his new team. Florida has not scored a single run during the

22 innings he's pitched this season.

Mike Piazza and Eric Karros hit RBI singles during a four-run fourth inning. Todd Worrell struck out Jeff Conine with the bases loaded to end the eighth and preserve a 4-0 lead, and closed for his third save.

Cardinals 2, Phillies 1

Andy Benes made it a big week for the Benes brothers, pitching St. Louis past Philadelphia at Busch Stadium.

Benes allowed three hits in 7 2-3 innings. A day earlier, Alan Benes pitched a four-hitter and struck out 11 in a win over Montreal.

Adam Benes, the youngest of the trio, was the winning pitcher Thursday for St. Louis' Class A

Peoria affiliate in the Midwest League.

Ron Gant again picked on Terry Mulholland. Gant went 3-for-3 with a home run against the left-hander, and is 15-for-37 (.405) with five homers against him lifetime.

Astros 9, Reds 4

Pitcher Shane Reynolds found a way to beat Cincinnati - with his bat.

Reynolds, 0-4 against the Reds last year, hit a home run and double as the Astros won at Riverfront Stadium for the first time since 1994. Houston was 0-6 in Cincinnati last season.

Reynolds, who pitched seven innings, connected in the fourth for his first career home run. The solo shot off Mark Portugal marked the first homer by a Houston pitcher since Darryl Kile on July 3, 1993.

The Astros had 18 hits, four by Brian Hunter. Derek Bell homered and Jeff Bagwell doubled and drew four walks.

since his first at-bat of the season. Walt Weiss, Ellis Burks and Dante Bichette singled and Walker hit a 438-foot drive.

Fancy-fielding shortstop Rey Ordóñez made two errors on the same play with the bases loaded in the third inning, enabling the Rockies to take a 6-0 lead.

Expos 6, Pirates 5

Pittsburgh rookie reliever Francisco Cordova was tagged for a game-winning home run for the second straight day, giving up Shane Andrews' solo shot in the 11th inning at Three Rivers Stadium.

On Wednesday, Benito Santiago hit a three-run homer off Cordova that rallied Philadelphia.

Rondell White hit a two-out, two-run single in the ninth that tied it at 5 for Montreal. The Expos trailed 4-0 in the seventh before Andrews' double began a comeback.

White Sox halt Rangers' streak

By The Associated Press

The Texas Rangers finally stopped winning. Cleveland, however, hasn't stopped losing, helping Baltimore to its best start in 30 years.

Texas, which started the season a franchise-best 7-0, wasted a 10th-inning lead Thursday and lost to the Chicago White Sox 8-5 on Lyle Mouton's three-run homer in the ninth.

"Who knows how long the streak could have gone?" Rangers starter Bobby Witt said. "But tomorrow, we'll try to start a new one."

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The 18th hole to shoot 71. Defending champion Ben Crenshaw was at 77, six shots worse than 59-year-old Tommy Aaron but still better than Fred Couples, who ballooned to a 78.

That got Couples a surprisingly early tee time - the Masters is the only major that puts out new pairings every day - when play began today in ideal, dry weather, with warm temperatures in the offing.

Four straight days of those conditions have put the table-top greens at their swiftest, making 40-foot putts up the slope often more desirable than an 10-footer from above the hole.

That's one of the lessons Mickelson learned in his short history at Augusta, and it worked to his favor on Thursday.

"When I first came here, I felt like I should be firing at every pin," he said. "And I feel like now I might fire at a pin in a certain spot, but firing at a pin means maybe 8 feet left of it so I have an uphill putt."

Patience can be as imperative as knowing the subtle breaks of the greens, and no one proved that more than Norman. While he knows a tournament can be lost but not won on the first day, he realizes the same holds true for the front nine.

"We're out there churning our guts out knowing that if you don't get off to a good start you're going to be in a for a long day," Norman said. "The way I played the first five holes set up the rest of the day. I played them good. I played them strong."

"But when I got through the sixth hole, I just said to keep swinging the way you're swinging and take advantage of the good shots that you can hit," he said. "And things happened for me on the back nine."

Even his bad shots turned into brilliance. His hooked tee shot on No. 14 clipped a tall pine and dropped straight down, leaving him 220 yards to the hole. He hit a 4-iron over a mound and up the ridge of the green, the ball stopping 3 feet from the hole.

He birdied both the par 5s with two putts, one from 40 feet on No. 13, the other an 18-footer that turned away from the cup on the last roll. Norman winced, straightened and gently rubbed his stomach, looking like a man who had not had enough to eat.

Then he proceeded to birdie two of the last three holes for his 63, only the 18th such score in a major championship.

Texas went ahead 5-4 on Will Clark's homer off Matt Karchner at Comiskey Park, but Chicago tied the score in the bottom half on Ozzie Guillen's sacrifice fly off Mike Henneman (0-1).

Henneman walked Frank Thomas with one out in the 11th, Harold Baines singled and Mouton connected on a 1-0 pitch.

"Everybody wants to hit a home run to win the game, whether it's in the back yard or in the big leagues," Mouton said. "I've done that many times in the back yard, and in the back yard I'm always victorious."

At Camden Yards, the Orioles improved to 7-1 with a 14-4 rout of Cleveland, dropping the defending AL champions to 2-5. Brady Anderson homered twice, going 4-for-5 with three RBIs.

Tony Tarasco, Jeffrey Hammonds, B.J. Surhoff and Rafael Palmeiro also homered for Baltimore.

"You can't make a lot of mistakes to my lineup," Orioles manager Davey Johnson said.

Albert Belle and Jeromy Burnitz connected for Cleveland, but Orel Hershiser (0-2) lasted only 3 2-3 innings, the shortest stint by an Indians starter this year, and left with Cleveland trailing 7-1.

"I've never seen him have that much trouble getting the ball down," Johnson said. "His high sinkers go a long way."

In other AL games, Seattle beat Detroit 9-1, New York beat Kansas City 5-3, Oakland beat Milwaukee 11-0, Minnesota beat Boston 6-5 and Toronto beat California 7-4.

At Chicago, Larry Thomas (1-1) retired all six batters he faced. Henneman felt he let down the Rangers, off to the best start in the majors since Milwaukee won its first 13 games in 1987.

"After the home run, we still had no outs and you'd like to have a big inning, but we didn't get it," Clark said of the 10th.

Orioles 14, Indians 4

The Orioles, just 2-10 against Cleveland last year, are off to their best start since they went 12-1 in 1966.

Scott Erickson (1-0) went six innings and Arthur Rhodes pitched three innings for a save. The Orioles seem to be gaining confidence by the day.

"When you think of a team that has power and impact all through the lineup, you think of the Indians," Tarasco said. "When you come out like we did tonight, it shows that this is a team capable of doing the same thing."

Mariners 9, Tigers 1

Dan Wilson hit three homers and Randy Johnson (2-0) took a no-hitter into the sixth at Tiger Stadium. Ken Griffey Jr. hit a solo homer for Seattle and Russ Davis hit a three-run homer.

Johnson (2-0) allowed three hits in 7 1-3 innings, struck out 12 and walked two. Greg Gohr (0-2) was the loser.

Yankees 5, Royals 3

Ruben Sierra's home run ignited a five-run second at Yankee Stadium, and Jimmy Key (1-1) won his first decision in nearly a year.

Key (1-1) allowed three hits in five

innings and struck out seven, but left the game with mild stiffness in his left shoulder. Steve Howe got four outs for his first save.

Tim Belcher (0-1) gave up five runs - two earned - and six hits in five innings.

Athletics 11, Brewers 0

Doug Johns (2-0) scattered five hits in eight innings and started three double plays.

Ernie Young drove in three runs as visiting Oakland snapped a five-game losing streak against Milwaukee.

Scott Karl (1-1) walked two in the third inning, committed a throwing error and allowed Young to score on a wild pitch. Young's run followed Allen Battle's RBI single.

Twins 6, Red Sox 5

Minnesota took advantage of three errors and Brad Radke (3-0) won his third straight start, striking out seven and allowing two runs - none earned - in seven innings at Boston.

Roger Clemens (0-2) allowed three runs and six hits in six innings and struck out eight. Tim Lincecum hit a three-run homer in the ninth off Dave Stevens, who hung on for his second save.

Blue Jays 7, Angels 4

Tilson Brito broke a 4-4 tie with a seventh-inning double off Jim Abbott (0-2) at the SkyDome.

Erik Hanson (2-1) gave up four runs on eight hits in seven innings. Mike Timlin pitched the ninth for his second save.

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TEMPLO EL CALVARIO
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Templo El Calvario welcomes their new Pastor Rev. Jesus Gomez. We invite you and your family to the Sunday School special program presenting our puppet ministry April 21 at 10 a.m. Our church is located at 137 Avenue G.

FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH
"How to Reverse a Recession" will be the title of Pastor Gaston's Sunday morning message. The worship service begins at 10:45 a.m., and a church nursery is provided.

Sunday School begins at 9:45 a.m. and classes are held for all ages. We have a toddler's class tailor-made for this special age. During the morning worship service, children's church will be held in the fellowship hall.

Choir practice will be held at 5 p.m. Sunday.

Rev. Willard Teague will be the special guest speaker Sunday evening at 6 p.m. A nursery is provided during the service. Following the service, a Dessert and Snack Fellowship will be held in the fellowship hall. Everyone is encouraged to come and bring a snack.

Women's Ministries will meet Tuesday at 10 a.m., continuing their discussion of the book *Becoming a Woman of Excellence*. Plans are being made for a church cookbook.

Royal Rangers and Missionettes, scouting programs for boys and girls, will meet Tuesday at 7 p.m. Your kids will have a great time at these club meetings.

Our mid-week service will be held Wednesday at 7 p.m. During the service, a youth service will be held in the fellowship hall. A nursery is provided during this meeting.

Joy fellowship will meet Thursday at 7 p.m. in the fellowship hall. All ladies are invited to attend.

The Missionettes club will be hosting a garage sale Saturday at the church to raise money for uniforms. Please come by and support these girls!

ST. ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
A Knights of Columbus Hall FIX-ER-UP project will begin April 27, in two shifts: 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. and 1-5 p.m., lunch and soft drinks provided. Sign up at any of the four church doors this weekend and next, or call Willie Jagers at 364-3894.

Divine Mercy Sunday is this Sunday. The Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be prayed during special holy hour at 5 p.m. Sunday afternoon.

New volunteers are invited to training for Problem Pregnancy Center office work. Meet this Monday, at 6:30 p.m. in the Antonian Room. Contact Michelle at 364-5299 or -0770 with questions.

Men are encouraged to sign up for the YMCA Church Softball League. The deadline is May 15. Contact Perez 364-7025 or Johnny Dan Alaniz 364-8162.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Morning worship services at First United Methodist Church will begin at 10:45 a.m. with the Dr. Ed Williamson preaching on the "Gifts from Beyond this World." The scripture lesson will be I Corinthians; 1:26-31. The Jubilate Ringers will present the prelude "contemplation" and the offertory will be "The Journey" featuring Deloris Dowell as soloist. The Sanctuary Choir will sing "The Victor" as the anthem.

Evening worship is set for 6 p.m. with the Carillon Rangers presenting special music. Cathy Higgins will be the soloist.

The United Methodist Men will meet for breakfast and a program on Sunday morning at 7 p.m. for a very important planning session.

The youth council will meet in the Friendship Classroom on Wednesday at 6 p.m.

The Council on Ministries will hold its monthly planning session in the Friendship Classroom at 7 p.m. on Thursday, with Helen Langley as the leader.

The Jubilate Ringers will leave on Friday April 19, to attend a Handbell Festival in Fort Worth. They will return to Hereford on Saturday.

A rally for the Promise Keepers fellowship group will be held in the HISD Administration Building auditorium on April 18 at 7 p.m. Keith Chadwick, a state leader of Promise Keepers, will be the guest speaker and special music will be presented by Jamie Johnson.

GOOD NEWS CHURCH
400 N. 25 Mile Ave.
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Pastor David Alvarado and the Good News congregation invite you to come and worship the Lord Jesus Christ with us in the spirit of love.

Come and experience the goodness of God and his power.

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

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

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
You are always welcome at First Baptist Church!

Our schedule of activities includes:
Sunday

9:45 a.m.--Bible Study for all ages
11 a.m.--Praise and worship
4 p.m.--Children's handbells
4:30 p.m.--Youth choir/drama
5:30 p.m.--Discipleship training
6:30 p.m.--Evening praise and worship

Monday
6:30 p.m.--Adult handbells

Wednesday
5:30 p.m.--Fellowship supper
6 p.m.--Children's choirs
6:15 p.m.--Prayer meeting
7 p.m.--Children's missions
7:10 p.m.--Adult choir

There is room for you in each of the above areas of fellowship and ministry. There is a place for you at First Baptist Church.

Make plans to attend the "Point of Grace Concert" with our youth on April 16.

Bring your preschoolers to the Preschool Spring Fling hosted by First Baptist on April 20 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. There will be 15 different activities for preschoolers to choose from including: Moon Walk, Stick Horse Race, Fishing Pond, Petting Zoo, Face Painting and Candle Shoot Out.

CHRIST'S CHURCH FELLOWSHIP

Pastor Bill Weaver and congregation invite you to join them at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday for Bible classes for all ages followed by the worship service and K.I.D.S. Church at 10:45 a.m.

Tuesday visitation is at 7 p.m.

PRECEPTS Bible study is held at 7 p.m. on Monday and at 10 a.m. on Wednesday.

The Wednesday night supper is at 5:30 followed by choir practice at 6, Bible Clubs at 6:30, Teens at 6:45 and praise, Bible study and prayer (for adults) at 7.

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH
1204 Moreman

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

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

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

WESTWAY BAPTIST CHURCH

We welcome you to join our church for all services.

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

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

Sunday evening service begins at 6:30.

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

Ronny Sanders is music minister and Ray Sanders is pastor.

COUNTRY ROAD CHURCH OF GOD

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

The winter schedule of services is followed.

Sunday school begins at 10 a.m. and the Sunday worship services are held at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Services are conducted at 6 p.m. each Wednesday. Thursday night prayer service begins at 6 p.m.

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

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

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

CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY CHURCH

Pastor Don Cherry and the congregation invite the public to attend all services.

Sunday morning worship is at 10:30 and the evening service is at 6. The Wednesday night service is at 7.

For more information, call 364-5874.

SUMMERFIELD BAPTIST CHURCH

The public is invited to attend all church services. Sunday school is at 10 a.m. and the Sunday worship services are at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. The Wednesday service is at 7 p.m.

For more information, call 357-2535.

IMMANUEL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Morning worship will be at 9 a.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church. Our special guest speaker for Sunday will be Rev. Wayne Paik.

Sunday School will be at 10 a.m. We will not have confirmation class this week.

CENTRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST

On Saturday everyone is invited to celebrate with Al and Joe Lee on 50 years of marriage. There will be a reception in the fellowship room.

There will be a youth devotional after services Sunday evening at the home of Rick and Jean Jackson. The Young Adults will have a fellowship April 20 at the home of the Fry's. Don't forget that those going to the prison will leave after services Sunday morning.

There will be an elders meeting Monday night at 7 p.m. An Hour for Jesus will be Tuesday at 7 p.m.

We would like to invite everyone to come and worship with us. We have Bible study Sunday at 9:30 a.m. and Wednesday at 7 p.m. We worship at 10:25 a.m. and 5 p.m. Sunday. Everyone is welcome.

NEW HOPE CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
13th and Avenue H

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

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

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

DAWN BAPTIST CHURCH

The Dawn Baptist Church prays that you will join them in their worship services. Bible Study for all ages at 9:50 a.m. and Worship Services at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. each Sunday.

Wednesday at 7 p.m. we meet for Prayer Meeting and Bible Study. Rev. Bill O' Dell of Amarillo will bring the messages.

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

Pastor Taylor and congregation would like to welcome you to join us this Sunday. The Message is "When Jesus Said Goodbye."

The Hereford Area Promise Keepers meeting will be Thursday at 7 p.m. in the HISD Building with Texas director, Keith Chadwick presiding. The Amarillo Promise Keepers "Wake Up" Rally will be at the Civic Center on April 26 at 6:30 p.m. with Dudley Hall as speaker. To register for the Denver conference, June 21-22, or Dallas, Oct. 25-26, you must get your tickets now. Call 1-800-239-7028 (automated registration with credit card.)

A special Billy Graham telecast will be aired this Sunday.

Children, come and join Pastor Carol in Children's Church this Sunday when her sermon will be "Death is not the end; Life in Christ is Everlasting."

Youth Council meets at Jim's home Sunday. Junior high is 4-5 p.m. and senior high is 5-6 p.m. Bible Clubs are Wednesday mornings at 7 a.m. in the senior high gym and Thursday mornings at 7:20 at the junior high.

Women of Worth is sponsoring a Ladies Bible Study on Wednesday at 7 p.m. in room 205 using Kay Arthur video teaching. Contact Patty Hill for more information.

Join us as Nazarene Kid's Korner on Wednesdays and Fridays for fun, games, movies and outings. Call Elcise at 364-8161.

AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastor Johnny Griffith extends a warm welcome to you and your family to join us for worship.

Sunday school begins at 9:45 a.m.

and morning worship is at 11. This Sunday will be our observance of the Lord's Supper during morning worship.

Our Wednesday prayer meeting is at 6:30 p.m. along with Children's Choir at the same time. All other organizations such as RAs, GAs, Youth time and Adult Choir practice are at 7:15 p.m. on Wednesdays.

Our Youth would like to remind you to bring your vehicle to the Youth Car Wash this Saturday beginning at 10 a.m. at the church. It will be by donation.

Brotherhood Breakfast will be held this Sunday at 7:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We invite all men and boys to join us.

The Parkinson Support Group will meet this Sunday at 3 p.m. in the Manley home, 825 S. Miles.

The Youth will go to the "Point of Grace" concert Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. If you would like to go, we still have tickets for \$8 each. Contact Jerry Miracle.

The Promise Keepers Rally is at 7 p.m. Thursday in the HISD Building.

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

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

The Sunday evening service is at 6 and a nursery is again 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.

TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH

The Temple Baptist Church congregation and pastor, H. Wyatt Bartlett, invites everyone to come worship with us this week.

The Sunday School Hour and Bible Study are at 9:45 a.m. Morning worship is at 11 with the pastor preaching. His sermon will be "Peter: Alone with God" from Acts 10:9-17.

In the evening we will have Discipleship Training at 6 and worship at 7 at which time the pastor will preach. His sermon will be "Keeping the Door Open" from Acts 15.

Mid-week prayer meeting is Wednesdays at 7 p.m. This week will also be business meeting night.

On Sunday watch Billy Graham's World Television Series. Check local listings for times in our area.

TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH

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

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challenges ahead. He specifically noted technology and curriculum as being among them, but said the top two that demand attention are the dropout rate and teen pregnancy.

While there are programs in place to address those, Valdez said, the board needs to give utmost attention to those areas and "eradicate these two things from our district."

Arellano said one challenge is "for a school board to get along real well," while another concern is "to find programs to help our children increase their TAAS scores."

For Charest, the top challenge "is to fix the adversarial relationship that exists between the school board and the administration. ... It needs to be fixed and it needs to be fixed soon."

He also said another challenge is state and federal mandates.

He said one of his goals is to be able to sit before the public at a candidate forum at the end of his term "like the city commission" candidates, who displayed friendly banter

and unity of purpose during their time on stage.

Straughan said he could pick from a long list of challenges for his two, but that, "Number one, the district is facing a \$900,000 budget shortfall" to pay for state-mandated salaries.

He said he would like to say the board could fix all problems facing the district with no tax increase and that the district's tax base is growing, but "the fact of the matter is the tax base is not growing."

Straughan also said the new board needs to "mend the relationship between the board, the administration, the educators of the district, the community and the children."

Ames said mandated raises are ahead and the board will have to look hard at the budget to find money to fund them -- including the possibility of raising the district's \$1.239 per \$100 valuation tax rate.

Also, he noted, the district has a challenge in its infrastructure, in keeping the buildings up to date while having a safe learning environment for the children.

Boozer said problems between the existing board and the administration and employees has "caused the polarization of the community. This has to stop."

Another challenge he cited was the budget and figuring out ways to meet mandated salary increases.

Torbet also agreed that there needs to be "a team spirit" between the board and the district employees.

HOSPITAL BOARD

Questions to the hospital board candidates present were addressed to individuals by moderator Carolyn Waters.

Watts, when asked about why Hereford Regional Medical Center has affiliation agreements with two hospital systems, noted that High Plains Baptist-St. Anthony's in Amarillo -- the most recent affiliation entered -- has helped the hospital here in the past.

"High Plains has been sort of a quiet partner with us," he said, noting that they have helped the hospital here buy a nuclear medicine camera, they helped with a grant to open the rural health clinic and they have provided consultation about the clinic.

In earlier remarks, Foster said the agreement with Lubbock Methodist provides no direct management, but the hospital system does offer counsel, advice, help with purchasing equipment and other assistance.

Crofford said he did not believe HRMC was being used as "a pawn" by area hospitals, but said the changing face of health care is making all larger hospitals fight for more patients.

Reid, asked his top three objectives if elected, said one would be quality health care.

"I think we need the quality health care if at all possible at a reasonable price."

Also, he said, he believes the health industry is making money and that "our taxes probably shouldn't be raised any more."

On the subject of future expansion of the hospital, Foster said the board has decided to undertake some remodeling where it is economically feasible, but that there will be no physical plant expansion.

He did note that Lubbock Methodist will build a helipad on the west side of the hospital at no cost to HRMC.

Watts was asked the financial condition of the hospital.

"The financial condition looks good right now," he said.

Crofford said administrator Jim Robinson is not in conflict of interest serving on the board of King's Manor Methodist Home.

Reid, asked about the future of health care, said he sees major changes in the future, and called for not only a five-year plan for hospital operations, but a 25-year plan for the future to keep up with changes in the industry.

County candidates at forum

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 - 12 Banish
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 - 15 The works
 - 16 Dazzled
 - 18 Stephen of "The Crying Game"
 - 19 Pro vote
 - 20 Some
 - 21 Summoned
 - 23 Dazes
 - 25 24-Down doubled
 - 27 Conclusion
 - 28 Less normal
 - 30 Is in the red
 - 33 Go astray
 - 34 Mom's order
 - 36 Neighbor of N.Y.
 - 37 Tramp
 - 39 Man-mouse connection
 - 40 Elite Navy group
 - 41 Dole out
 - 43 Long-plumed wader
 - 44 City of northern
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- 1 Actress
 - 2 Rhododendron's kin
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 - 4 Historic time
 - 5 Bowler
 - 6 Oversee negotiations
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18	Guitarist	leader
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21	Numero	31 Signs up
22	"Sorry"	32 Asserts
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The first artificial nuclear fission was produced in 1938 by German chemists Otto Hahn and Fritz Strassman.

Study of early nuclear workers abandoned after half a century

By MARTHA MENDOZA
Associated Press Writer
LOS ALAMOS, N.M. (AP) - A half-century-long study of the first nuclear workers ever overexposed to radiation is being abandoned because Congress has decided U.S. Department of Energy scientists doing the work were biased.

"I think we will lose the bulk of the information we have spent the last 50 years gathering," said Dr. George Voelz, former medical director of Los Alamos National Laboratory. But it was Voelz's assertions that people working with plutonium are generally safe - and that the risks of overexposure are overrated - that helped prompt questions over the research in the first place.

"When you have the agency that is creating the risks and hazards also funding researchers to investigate whether there are risks and hazards, it is not surprising that the investigators are not as inquisitive as they ought to be," said Daryl Kimball, an associate director of Physicians for Social Responsibility in Washington, D.C., a medical watchdog organization.

This year, Voelz and other DOE epidemiologists are feeling the brunt of a 1991 federal memorandum of understanding that shifted management of the studies from the Energy Department to the Department of Health and Human Services' National Institute of Safety and Occupational Health, or NIOSH.

In-house epidemiologists at national laboratories at Hanford, Wash.; Oakridge, Tenn.; and Los Alamos, N.M., are closing up shop. Today, an advisory board decides what will be studied and assigns non-government scientists to do the research. As a result, some of the

longest-term radiation impact studies in the country - which took place over 50 years and cost more than \$21 million - have been dropped.

Supporters of that research say the quality of the work improved over the years. Among the studies cut off from federal funds is Voelz's study of the first overexposed workers in the country, a group of 26 soldiers who went to Los Alamos to help build the first atomic bomb during World War II.

Over the decades since, Voelz and his predecessors brought the men together every five years for medical evaluations and reported the findings.

Most of the group remain alive - and remain contaminated with plutonium.

The members were to meet again this year, but the study is no longer being funded and there will be no meeting.

Voelz said the nuclear industry, the federal government and the working people of the United States are the losers.

"The government is telling employers they shouldn't do studies of the health of their workers. It's taking away responsibility of management," he said.

But Steven Wing, an epidemiologist at University of North Carolina School of Public Health, said the Los Alamos data is "flawed and biased."

He is trying to use some of the data in a NIOSH-funded study of multiple myelomas - a cancer - associated with radiation, but said he has been having problems getting good numbers out of Los Alamos.

"The Department of Energy and its predecessors have been in the business of promoting the nuclear industry ever since it began," Wing

said. Nevertheless, he said, investigators at the DOE facilities know a lot of information nobody else knows.

"They have experience, they have insights, they have first-hand knowledge of how the data were collected and what the processes were," he said. "Many of these processes are still secret. This is irreplaceable stuff."

Dr. John Gofman, who founded the biomedical division at Lawrence Livermore Laboratories in northern California, said taking the studies away from the DOE and giving them to NIOSH is "nothing but eyewash."

"One arm of government doesn't offend the other arm," he said in a telephone interview from San Francisco. "What we need are independent, non-governmental watchdogs. The government should provide the money, but not say a damn thing about they way it is spent."

Richard Homung, associate director for energy-related health research at NIOSH, is used to criticism.

"We tell people, 'We're here to help you,' and everyone laughs," he said.

But Homung said his branch of government is doing a better job of studying the effects of overexposure to radiation than the DOE did.

"If you look at most studies that were done in the past, most of those studies were interpreted by the authors to be negative. That is, they found nothing wrong," he said. "Many of the studies we've done since taking over have had positive findings."

"I think that speaks for itself."

DOE Deputy Assistant Secretary Paul Seligman said during a telephone interview from Washington the occupational studies had merely been switched from one federal office to

another. "All that has really happened is the management has changed," he said. "It basically has been a transfer, not a termination, of a number of studies."

But asked about specific studies that have not been funded, Seligman conceded NIOSH "can't do everything."

"They are working with limited funds, so they're prioritizing which studies should be picked up and when," he said.

And he conceded that for the NIOSH studies that have been completed to date, the quality has been improved as well.

Those are discouraging words to epidemiologists like Laurie Wiggs, whose work as a DOE researcher at Los Alamos included the first in-depth look at health risks of women working with plutonium.

"I would not have put 17 years of my life into this if I didn't think our studies were extremely important and credible," she said.

Still, Wiggs said she realized years ago she was in a political situation she could never win. If she found workers were being harmed by plutonium, she would offend nuclear industry officials. If she found workers were safe, she would offend anti-nuclear activists.

"I decided the best bet was to do the best science I could and not worry about who I made mad. That way I could sleep at night," she said.

However, she no longer has funding. Many of her studies, as far as she knows, will never be completed. She spends her days packing up boxes of data in her offices and sending it to NIOSH.

"I think the real tragedy is the results aren't there for the workers," she said.

Members of U.P.P.U. Club sacrifice bodies to further knowledge of plutonium exposure

By MARTHA MENDOZA
Associated Press Writer
LOS ALAMOS, N.M. (AP) - When retired Los Alamos National Laboratory worker Nick Dallas had a lump removed from his lung 25 years ago, he didn't know the surgeons took a little extra - tissue samples, a piece of rib, a lymph node.

"I was quite upset at first. But (a friend) calmed me down, and now I'm kind of proud that I've contributed to a greater understanding of how plutonium distributes itself once it gets into the body," he told a recent forum at Los Alamos. Dallas is a member of the U.P.P.U. Club, so-called because that is literally what its members do - they pee Pu, the scientific symbol for plutonium. The radioactive element also clings to their lungs, lines their intestines and sticks to their bones.

"Fifty years after being overexposed to plutonium, the workers still carry a very real legacy of the atomic age with them every day. "But most of them are still kicking," said Dr. George Voelz, former medical director of Los Alamos lab. For decades, Voelz and other U.S. Department of Energy scientists have studied the group of 26 soldiers who were brought to Los Alamos in 1944

and 1945 to help develop the first nuclear bomb.

The men tell stories about splattering plutonium solutions on the floor and mopping it back up. They inhaled mists of plutonium nitrate. They stabbed their fingers with shattered flasks of plutonium.

"The conditions (for developing the bomb) were not the very best," said Bill Gibson, a U.P.P.U. Club member who also spoke at the Los Alamos forum. "When we spilled the solution, we had to get down on our hands and knees and clean it up."

Seven of the 26 men have died of various causes - three of heart failure, one in a car accident, one from lung cancer, one from prostate cancer and one from bone cancer.

The bone cancer death was the only case Voelz says may have been tied to plutonium exposure.

According to national mortality rate statistics, the group could have expected 16 deaths over the half-century period - so the mortality rate for the group is about 50 percent lower than the national average.

"Plutonium exposure doesn't seem to have hurt us, and if anything, it might have helped a little," said Gibson.

"I've only had about one cold in the last 20 or 30 years, but it may not

have anything to do with the plutonium," he said.

Ted Magel, another U.P.P.U. Club member, said that for years he mailed samples his urine to Los Alamos for screening.

"They were looking for any effect that might confirm or dispute the news media claim that one speck of plutonium will kill the population of the Earth. The media keeps writing that story over and over to the point that I get very, very mad," said Magel.

Every five years, the U.P.P.U. club has held a reunion during which members underwent medical tests and talked about old times.

This year there will be no meeting. The study - which cost the federal government about \$25,000 a year - has lost its funding.

"We did stop funding after the last round of his work because there's not a lot of epidemiological knowledge you can get from 26 people. It's not like you can generalize from that group to a larger study," said Richard Homung, associate director for energy related health research at the National Institutes for Occupational Safety and Health.

Not true, said Voelz.

He conceded that his group is small, and that what happens in it is

not statistically significant. But he also said there is more medical data about the 26 men, the level of their exposure and their physical condition over the past 50 years than any other overexposed plutonium workers in the world.

The U.P.P.U. Club members are tremendously disappointed. Some are even offering to pay their own way to Los Alamos for another meeting.

"I don't think there's any loss to us, but I think there's a loss to the scientific community," said Magel, who still lives in Los Alamos.

As for Voelz, he is still planning to publish a 50-year follow-up in Health Physics, the scientific journal that has reported the U.P.P.U. study every five years.

This month he sent out a batch of questionnaires to the U.P.P.U. members, even though he has no money to pay for his work.

He said this is a critical period because as the retired workers reach their 70s and their bones begin to decalcify, their rate of plutonium excretion may change.

"It's kind of a personal thing," he said. "I just volunteer because this has been my life."

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Consumer prices record steepest gain in five years

By JOHN D. McCLAIN
Associated Press Writer
WASHINGTON (AP) - Consumer prices shot up 0.4 percent in March, the steepest in more than five years, in a broad-based advance fueled in part by demand for heating products as winter renewed its chill over much of the nation.

The Labor Department said today the increase in its Consumer Price Index matched the advance in January when energy costs skyrocketed because of the blizzard that covered much of the East and frigid temperatures elsewhere.

Consumer prices advanced just 0.2 percent in February, when temperatures moderated.

The 0.4 percent increase was the largest since a 0.7 percent jump in October 1990. Analysts had expected a 0.3 percent increase.

The Commerce Department reported that retail sales were nearly stagnant in March, rising just 0.1 percent after a post-blizzard flurry by shoppers the previous month.

Sales totaled \$203 billion in March, up from \$202.9 in February. The February increase, originally estimated at 0.8 percent, was revised upward to 1.9 percent.

Energy costs jumped 1.4 percent in March, the biggest advance since a 1.9 percent gain in January. It was the fourth straight gain after declining

throughout most of 1995.

Other components shared in the CPI increase, including a 0.6 percent surge in food prices, largest since a 0.8 percent jump in December 1994.

Excluding the volatile food and energy components, the so-called core rate of inflation was up 0.3 percent, matching the January increase.

For the year so far, inflation at the consumer level has been rising at an annual rate of 4 percent. The CPI rose just 2.5 percent in 1995, the fourth year in a row it remained below 3 percent.

The lack of price pressures

recently has permitted the Federal Reserve to cut short-term interest rates three times since last July to spur economic growth. Signs of a strengthening economy led Fed policy-makers to leave rates unchanged at its last meeting in March.

The department had reported on Thursday that wholesale prices shot up 0.5 percent in March, the biggest increase in three months. That also was driven by a huge jump in winter-related energy costs.

Prices for some raw materials have been rising recently, causing concern on Wall Street that it could spark an inflationary spiral.

Fuel oil prices jumped 3 percent in March, the steepest gain since an 8.8 percent surge in January. Gasoline costs were up 3.7 percent, matching the January advance.

Gasoline has been in short supply recently as crude oil was diverted to fuel oil refineries and prices have spurted. Many analysts expect prices to continue to accelerate.

Electricity costs edged up just 0.3 percent and natural gas prices dropped 2.7 percent, the largest decline since they fell 2.9 percent in July 1987.

The cost of fresh fruit and vegetables jumped a combined 6

percent and accounted for 85 percent of the 0.6 percent jump in food costs.

Vegetables were up 10 percent, largest since a 14.6 percent increase in December 1994. The advance included a 33.4 percent increase for tomatoes, steepest since a 48.2 percent surge in May 1993. Lettuce was up 26.1 percent.

Apparel costs rose 0.6 percent. Transportation costs were up 0.7 percent, reflecting the price of gasoline. Automobile prices posted a 0.1 percent gain.

The costs for housing and medical care both were up 0.3 percent. Entertainment costs inched up 0.1 percent.

Grain prices impact livestock producers

By ROBERT GREENE
AP Farm Writer
WASHINGTON (AP) - Supplies of wheat and grain have moved from tight to tighter, putting pressure on livestock producers and eventually on what people pay for meat at the supermarket.

Depending on how cattle ranchers, hog farmers and others respond to the newest forecasts for low grain supplies, store prices could start rising in 1997. Livestock producers first cut back by sending their animals to slaughter, causing short-term surplus and low prices, followed by long-term price increases.

Wheat supplies will hit 50-year lows before the spring harvest, the Agriculture Department said Thursday. The bleak outlook for wheat was compounded by a forecast for the tightest corn supplies since the late 1930s.

The same department report showed pork, poultry and milk producers starting to cut production in response. The monthly report showed that beef production fell slightly after higher-than-expected slaughter in the first three months of the year.

The big livestock cutbacks have yet to be made as customers battle it out in the marketplace.

"The industry people and the exporters can outbid the domestic users, the livestock users," said Bill Uhrig, agricultural economist at Purdue University. "I think ultimately there's going to be some more liquidation."

As Uhrig and Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman pointed out Thursday, foreign buyers have the benefit of a weak dollar to lower the price impact. Users who can react swiftly have done so: The report noted a cutback in corn use for ethanol.

Glickman declared there was no emergency, saying the "marketplace will do its job of allocating supplies."

The short supplies were caused by heavier than usual export demand, low yields in 1995 and less-than-ideal

growing conditions for the fall-planted winter wheat crop now awaiting harvest.

Only a 6-1/2-week supply of wheat will be available starting June 1, when the new crop hits the market, if current use continues. Scarcely more than two weeks' worth of corn will be available as the major harvesting begins in August.

The driest season in more than 100 years has hit the belt of states from Texas northward that grow hard red winter wheat, the major U.S. wheat crop. Frost has also damaged the soft red winter wheat crop in Illinois, Indiana and Ohio.

Glickman, at a news conference, handed out vegetation maps that told the story: Vast areas of Colorado, Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas showed brown where this time last year they showed a yellow-green or blue-green.

"We've got to have decent rain in the next two weeks in the winter wheat belt," said Gregg Doud, analyst for U.S. Wheat Associates, the export marketing group for wheat growers.

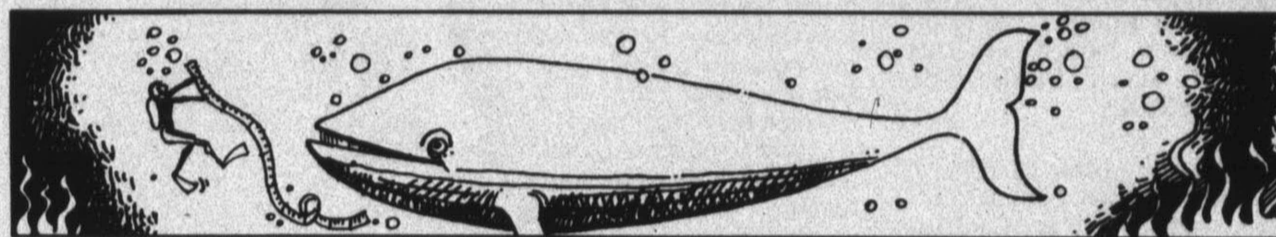
The outlook means a price boon for farmers who can manage to harvest their winter wheat or plant a spring wheat crop in the north, and for corn growers.

The immediate consumer impact should be minimal, the department said. Prices for cereal and baked goods will rise, with some of the costs already passed on to consumers early this year. Overall food costs should rise no more than 2.5 percent in 1996, according to a rough estimate that includes unrelated increases for fruits and vegetables.

The forecasts leave an opportunity for growers of spring wheat to plant more in North Dakota, South Dakota, Idaho, Minnesota, Montana and Washington, where conditions seem better this year. Many in the Northern Plains may opt for equally attractive corn, however.

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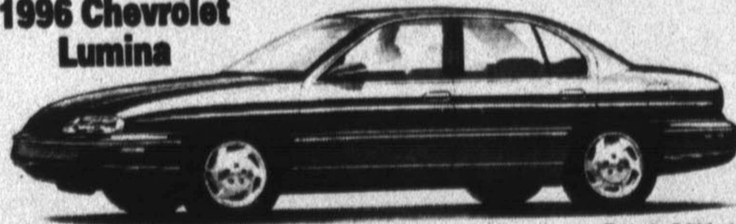


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