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## County gets audit; fund balance hit of \$121,000 seen

By GEORGIA TYLER  
Staff Writer

Expense of operating Deaf Smith County fell short of revenue in the last fiscal year, but the good news is the shortfall was not as great as anticipated.

General fund spending for the year amounted to \$3,653,420 while revenue was \$3,558,667.

County Judge Tom Simons, commenting on the audit, said he is pleased with the financial performance of the county in the last year.

In a report on the audit of fiscal affairs of the county, given by Pat McGinty Monday morning, Commissioners' Court learned the general fund balance on Sept. 30 stood at \$933,785, a decrease of about \$121,000 from the same date a year earlier.

In other business:  
-- Commissioners adopted a holiday schedule for 1997.

-- Re-appointed two members of the Deaf Smith County Child Welfare Board.

-- Approved bonds for county officials, as required by law.

When the budget for the 1995-1996 fiscal year was adopted, County Auditor Alex Schroeter projected expenditures would outdistance income by about \$200,000.

McGinty's audit showed the shortfall didn't quite meet Schroeter's prediction and stood at \$108,161.

The cash balance of the general fund at the beginning of the year was \$1.05 million and was \$933,785 when the fiscal year ended.

The financial picture was helped by higher revenue from taxes, \$95,000; additional fines and fees, \$186,265; state sources, \$17,107, and interest income, \$18,439.

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The audit was accepted, on motion of Commissioner Lupe Chavez of Precinct 3 and second by Commissioner Troy Don Moore of Precinct 2, and unanimous vote. Commissioners Tony Castillo of Precinct 1 and Johnny Latham of Precinct 4 concurred.

Appointed to serve new terms on the welfare board are Charmayne Klett and Kay Hall. Both were appointed originally to serve unexpired terms and now will serve full three-year terms on the board.

The 1997 county holiday schedule will not include Oct. 13, Columbus Day as it has in previous years, but will allow for a two-day holiday at Christmas. Two floating holidays will remain on the schedule.

Designated are Jan. 1, Feb. 17 (Presidents' Day), March 28 (Good Friday), May 26 (Memorial Day), July 4, (Independence Day), Sept. 1, (Labor Day), Nov. 27-28 (Thanksgiving) and Dec. 25-26, Christmas.

Commissioners decided to leave the floating holidays intact but eliminate Columbus Day for 1997, only.

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### Dashing through the snow

Snow? It doesn't seem like Santa's elves will be giving too many ski rides this winter. Hereford residents enjoyed a high temperature of 76 degrees on Monday. The forecast calls for

sunny skies and warm temperatures for most of this week. These yard decorations, created by the Don Taylor and Mike Page families, were spotted in the 300 block of Centre Street.

## O'Leary suggests new Pantex project

### Plutonium storage, nuclear processing facility described

By MICHELLE MITTELSTADT  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) - Pantex would shoulder more of the nation's weapons-grade plutonium storage - and potentially could become a nuclear processing facility - under a new plutonium management strategy unveiled Monday by Energy Secretary Hazel O'Leary.

The course for Pantex and other nuclear weapons complex facilities depends in large measure on how the government decides to deal with 50 tons of surplus weapons-grade plutonium.

Under the \$2.3 billion strategy O'Leary outlined Monday, the

government favors two approaches for use in the coming decades: Encase some of the plutonium in glass and bury it, and burn tons more at civilian nuclear power plants.

"The arms race is over and now it is time to destroy excess plutonium forever," O'Leary told a news conference.

Pantex, the nuclear weapons assembly and disassembly plant outside Amarillo, is one of four installations that would be considered for fabrication of mixed oxide fuel, a plutonium derivative that would be burned in civilian reactors. A MOX fabrication plant could cost as much as \$1 billion.

The DOE blueprint, which outlines the government's preferred alternatives and remains some time away from implementation, would represent "a dramatic change for Pantex," said Beverly Gaddis of Serious Texans Against Nuclear Dumping, a group opposed to continued operations at Pantex.

"We've never been a facility that did any form of processing of plutonium at all," Ms. Gaddis said, expressing concern that the dangers to the public and environment would be magnified.

Pantex, which already serves as the temporary storage site for thousands of disassembled nuclear warhead triggers, would be one of just three plutonium storage sites under the Energy Department plan - down from the current seven facilities.

Under the proposal, the plutonium cores currently stored at Rocky Flats would be moved to Pantex as early as next year. Zone 12 storage facilities would be upgraded to store the Rocky Flats warhead triggers, known as pits, and others.

Under a final environmental impact statement issued Monday, the Energy Department raised the ceiling for on-site interim storage of pits at Pantex from the current 12,000 maximum to 20,000.

Texas Attorney General Dan Morales has fought increased storage at the Panhandle plant, saying he doesn't want Texas to become the nation's "de facto nuclear waste dump."

Of the higher ceiling, Morales spokesman Ward Tisdale said: "Obviously, that's contrary to our concern that it not be a long-term storage facility for plutonium."

"We'll be studying what the administration has announced," Tisdale said.

Even as Pantex is poised to become the repository for more plutonium, O'Leary stressed that her department is taking additional safety measures, including changed air-flight patterns over the plant.

In addition to the flight pattern changes, the department announced it is improving the seals inside Pantex buildings to minimize the chances of plutonium dispersal in the event of a high-explosive accident.

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## Hey kids, send us your Santa letters

It's not too early for local youngsters to write their letters to Santa - especially if they want to make sure their letters are included in The Brand's annual "Christmas Greeter Edition," to be published on Sunday, Dec. 22.

Some school classes make a project out of the "letters to Santa," while children may send individual letters on their own (or with a little help from mom or dad). Some may want to add a hand-drawn picture for Santa.

For those who are a little old to be asking for gifts, we invite

youngsters to submit a Christmas essay about their favorite Christmas, what Christmas means to them, or another holiday topic.

Essays should be no more than 200 words. They should be neatly printed or typed. The best of the essays will be published in the special "Greeter" edition of the newspaper along with letters to Santa.

Letters and essays may be brought to The Brand office, 313 N. Lee, or mailed to Box 673. Deadline is Dec. 10 for submitting letters and essays.

## State senator reviews plans for new legislative session

### Bivins conducts Hereford Town Hall

By GEORGIA TYLER  
Staff Writer

When the 75th Texas Legislature begins work in January, there is little doubt that property tax relief and school financing will be primary issues to be considered.

State Senator Teel Bivins of the 31st District opened his "town hall" in Hereford to questions Monday afternoon after he reviewed the "menu" of issues to be faced.

Speaking at the Hereford Community Center, the Amarillo Republican also called attention to an agenda he hopes to implement:

-- Passage of a term limits bill.

-- Agreement on a bill allowing voluntary castration of second time child molesters.

-- Putting "teeth" in the uninsured motorist bill on the books now.

Eliminating the practice of state legis. tors representing clients before agencies of state government.

Addressing the possibility of Republicans becoming the majority party in the Texas Senate, Bivins said that he and his colleagues should take note of problems at the federal level when the parties were at odds.

"Lt. Governor Bob Bullock, Democrat, has shared power with Republicans," declared Bivins. "We Republicans must share power with the Democrats."

As a member of the Legislative Budget Board, the senator is at the

seat of power in preparing and passing a budget for the next biennium of state government.

He also serves on the Senate Education Committee.

Those two appointments put him in the forefront as the Legislature grapples with the state's spending and financing public education. "The state spends 60 percent of its money on education," he said.

The problem that plagues legislators is finding ways to provide property tax relief, also the No. 1 priority of Governor George W. Bush, said Bivins.

He said there are three approaches that may be considered: passing a gross receipts tax, implementing a business activity tax (also called value-added tax) and a sales tax adjustment.

Bivins said the Legislature "may monkey around with the sales tax, raising it by a half-cent." He pointed out that the sales tax raises \$2.5 billion for the state's treasury.

Responding to a question, "Tell us what's wrong with a personal income tax dedicated to education," Bivins observed that "Texans are vehemently and overwhelmingly opposed," as illustrated by a 1993 constitutional amendment vote.

Another constituent asked about implementing a voucher program for primary education, allowing parents

to enroll their children in private schools at public expense.

"I would like to see a pilot program put in place," Bivins replied.

Bivins was asked what issues concern residents of the Panhandle most, as he has traveled about the district.

"Taxes, parole violators being held in local jails, water resources and costs of prisons," he said.

The senator said he has been asked on more than one occasion if the state can't back off on building more prisons and "pay attention to building schools."

A crowd of about 75 persons heard Bivins explain the prospects for legislation. He was introduced by Hereford Mayor Bob Josseland who called Bivins a man "who has made a difference in the lives of people in Hereford, Deaf Smith County and the Panhandle."

Now number eight in seniority in the 31-member state senate, Bivins said the Town Hall approach gives him the opportunity to hear from voters in the district.

He predicted that Republicans for the first time in history will be the majority party in the senate.

He said 16 Republicans and "maybe one more" will be in the upper house while the lower house will have 75 Democrats and 65 Republicans.

## Two-year-old case settled in county

By GEORGIA TYLER  
Staff Writer

A case against two women indicted in late 1994 for tampering with government records was resolved last week when the women entered guilty pleas to reduced charges.

Grace Gonzales, 51, and Delia Griego, 41, each received sentences of 180 days in jail, probated one year, and fined \$1,500 each on misdemeanor charges of making false statement on application.

The original indictments alleged that the women made false entries on voter registration application. After

the Deaf Smith County Grand Jury returned the indictments on Dec. 15, 1994, a motion was filed in U.S. District Court to have the case transferred from state jurisdiction to federal as a civil rights case.

Since their attorney, Jeff Blackburn, filed the motion on Jan. 31, 1995, there had been no disposition in the federal court.

Deaf Smith County Criminal District Attorney Roland Saul said Monday that the reduced charges were offered to the two defendants in an effort to close out the case.

"We never had heard anything from the federal court," he said. In

return for changing the charges from felony to misdemeanor, Saul said, the women have agreed, through their lawyer, to have the federal motion dismissed.

Neither woman now lives in Deaf Smith County.

The investigation leading to the indictments against them was focused on voter registration drives early in 1994, prior to state primary elections.

The guilty pleas were heard in Deaf Smith County Court on Dec. 4, almost two years after the original felony indictments were handed down.



Photo by Georgia Tyler

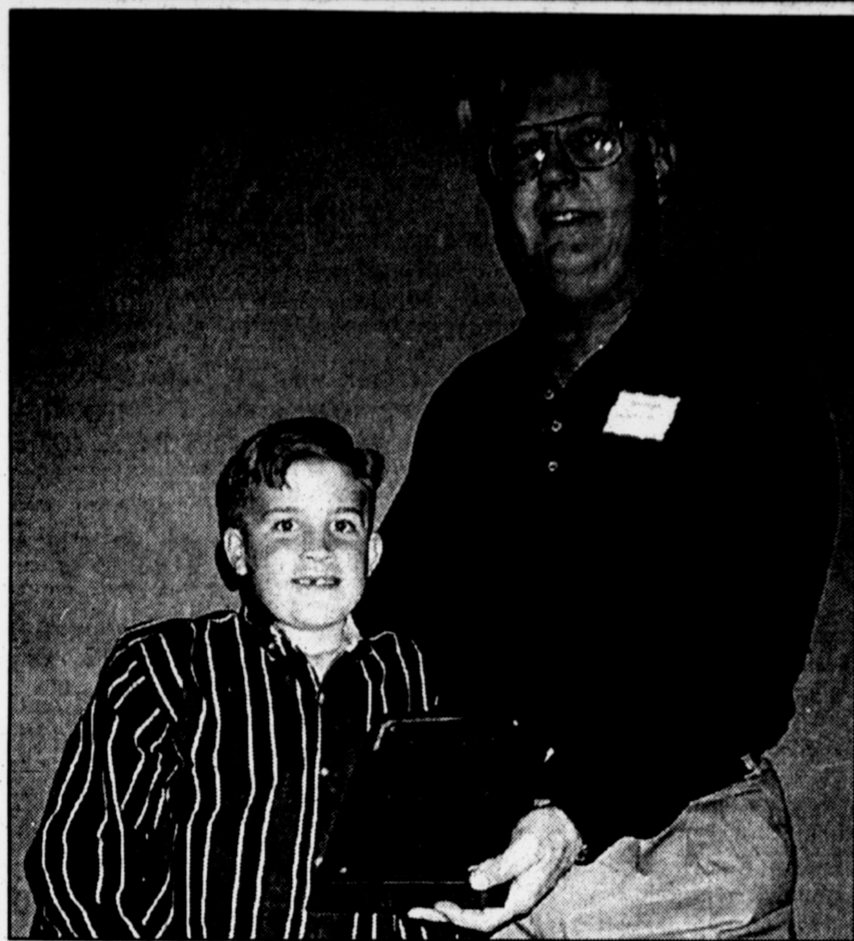
### Bivins meets constituents

During a Town Hall Monday afternoon, State Senator Teel Bivins, whose 31st district includes Hereford and Deaf Smith County, discussed his goals for the 75th Legislature which begins its work in January.

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# Lifestyles



**"Bigs" of the year**

Jeanette Tice, right, was named Big Sister of the Year and Troy Don Moore, second from left, was named Big Brother of the Year at the annual Big Brother/Big Sister Appreciation Dinner



held Friday at First Baptist Church. Tice is pictured with Ashley Carter. They have been matched for three years. Moore and Blake Carter, left, have been watched for almost four years.

## Moore, Tice honored at Christmas dinner

Troy Don Moore was named Big Brother of the Year and Jeanette Tice was named Big Sister of the Year at the annual Big Brothers/Big Sisters Appreciation Dinner-Christmas Party held Dec. 6 at the First Baptist Church fellowship hall.

Moore has been matched to Blake Carter for almost four years. Tice has been matched to Ashley Carter for three years.

Board president Roger Eades welcomed guests and expressed appreciation to the United Way and the community for its continued support of the local Big Brothers/Big Sisters program.

Special Christmas music was sung by Noelle Merrick, Christy Schumacher and Annie Keenan.

A "Little's Ensemble" of Nick Figueroa, Eric Roddy, Jonathan Martin, Dannelle Haws and Chelsey Stone sang "Angels Among Us" as a tribute to all of the volunteers and especially their "bigs."

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My husband asked for a divorce after 25 years of what I thought was a good marriage, so he could marry

his young secretary. He left me something that will be with me for the rest of my life -- herpes.

My ob-gyn told me that there is no cure for herpes and that I will have to abstain completely when I have an

outbreak and use condoms all other times because there might be internal sores that I am unaware of.

A friend recently told me about an intense antibiotic program of six months that clears up herpes completely. She said her doctor told her about it. I find it hard to believe, but I'd be thrilled to hear you say it's true. Please consult your experts and let your readers know.

Now my question that requires mature judgment: When do I tell my new sweetheart that I have this disease? If I speak of it too early in the relationship, he might head straight for the door. If I wait for the romance to grow really strong, he may be furious that I didn't tell him sooner.

Where is justice, Ann? I'm 45 and have been with only one man in my entire life. I need answers. -- Paying for Someone Else's Sins in Colorado Springs

**Dear Colorado Springs:** There is no cure for genital herpes, but with careful management and the drug acyclovir, you can live a normal life. I suggest that you tell your new sweetheart as soon as he shows signs of becoming seriously interested in a physical relationship.

Meanwhile, you need a lot more information than I can give you in this space. The more you know, the better able you will be to deal with the disease. Write to: American Social Health Association/Herpes Resource Center (ASHA/HRC), Dept. PR70, P.O. Box 13827, Research Triangle Park, N.C. 27709. Please enclose \$1 for postage and handling. (Internet: <http://sunsite.unc.edu/ASHA/>)

**Dear Ann Landers:** Last spring, I lost my husband to prostate cancer. I feel as though half of my life has vanished. I wish someone had told me

what to expect.

You can count on support from family, friends and neighbors for a while, but brace yourself for the questions you will be asked. I was astonished when one woman asked me, only a few days after my husband's funeral, "What are you going to do now? Move to something smaller?" Another friend asked, "Are you going to sell one of your cars?"

Too often, people don't understand the sense of loss a new widow experiences, nor do they realize her need to "settle in" before sweeping changes are made. I'd like to offer a suggestion:

It's important to allow some time before making major decisions, such as selling your house. Once it's sold, you'll never again see those bushes and trees your husband planted. They can be a comfort.

Don't dash off to live with your children or be influenced to sell out and relocate to live near your sister. Your relatives have their own lives.

Although those women who asked me such intrusive questions may have intended no harm, they should be more considerate. They don't know when they might be joining our ranks.

-- Newly Widowed in Missouri  
**Dear Missouri:** The Voice of Experience is always worth listening to. Thanks for the wise counsel.

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## Family stress teams help defuse domestic situations

PHOENIX (AP) - Armed with a trunk full of teddy bears and rubber gloves, Brad Schexnayder pulls up to a house where blood dots the sidewalk and police cars line the road.

Schexnayder patiently gathers the facts amid the chaos: A sobbing 11-year-old explains why he whacked his cousin on the head with an ashtray. Children fidget on the porch and peer out of the house as police try to track down their mother.

It's another Saturday night for the family stress team.

Three teams, each covering a Phoenix police precinct, help defuse moments involving domestic disputes, suicide attempts and alcoholics. They refer people in trouble to counselors and shelters.

During his two years on the team, Schexnayder has seen a man jump off a bridge to his death and has found an infant doped up on cocaine.

"A lot of people aren't aware of what this is when they get into it," Schexnayder says of the approximately 50 volunteers who work with him and two other full-time staffers.

"Some people think they're going to come out here and just kind of walk around," he says. "All of a sudden they're going to go in somebody's house with feces smeared all over the place, no food, kids that are dirty."

The stress teams cover precincts in the city with high domestic violence rates. The program was begun in 1980 by what is now the Southwest Behavioral Health Services; it operates under contract with the Phoenix Police Department.

More than 100 police departments nationwide have available some type of on-scene crisis intervention, according to the National Organization for Victim Assistance in Washington, D.C. The programs can be administered by a police department, a county or district attorney's office or a private social services group.

## Book review is given for club

Carol McGilvary gave a book review on "The Little Mixer" by Lillian Nicholson Shearon when La Afflatus Estudio Club met for its Christmas luncheon on Dec. 3 in the home of Mary Herring.

Following lunch prepared by Herring and Lois Lemons, a short business meeting was held.

Members contributed to the Christmas fund for the Wichita Falls State Hospital.

In attendance were Virginia Beasley, Leola Cook, Virginia Curtsinger, Alberta Higgins, Aileen Montgomery, Roxie Phipps, Della Stagner, Louise Streun, Mary Williamson, Merle Boozer and Margaret Baxter.

In Phoenix, police call for a team if they decide a situation is more suitable for counselor types. Police first persuade the people involved to agree to talk with the stress team counselors.

"We have a lot of situations where there's not a crime committed," Officer Carlos Rodriguez says. "You need to get them help. They want help, but they just don't know where to turn."

Schexnayder says he is not aware of team members ever having their lives threatened, but police respond immediately if a team calls for help.

The teams cruise their precincts in unmarked police cars on Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights. They carry only a police radio and cellular phone.

Stashed in the trunk are items such as diapers, coloring books, baby formula and teddy bears to help ease tense situations involving children.

"I like to give them to little kids so it seems like a positive experience and we don't seem intrusive," says volunteer Shawn Alexander.

The rubber gloves come in handy for teams who must take bloody or drunk people to hospitals or shelters.

At the house where the boy hit his cousin with the ashtray, Alexander chats with the sobbing boy while Schexnayder tries to track down the person responsible for the cousin, an apparent runaway.

The team stays until the mother returns and accepts responsibility for the two boys. Schexnayder gives her the name of a counselor, but probably won't ever know if she follows up.

"We are not mobile counselors," he says. "I will tell you where you need to go, I will tell you what you need to do. I am not going to do it for you."

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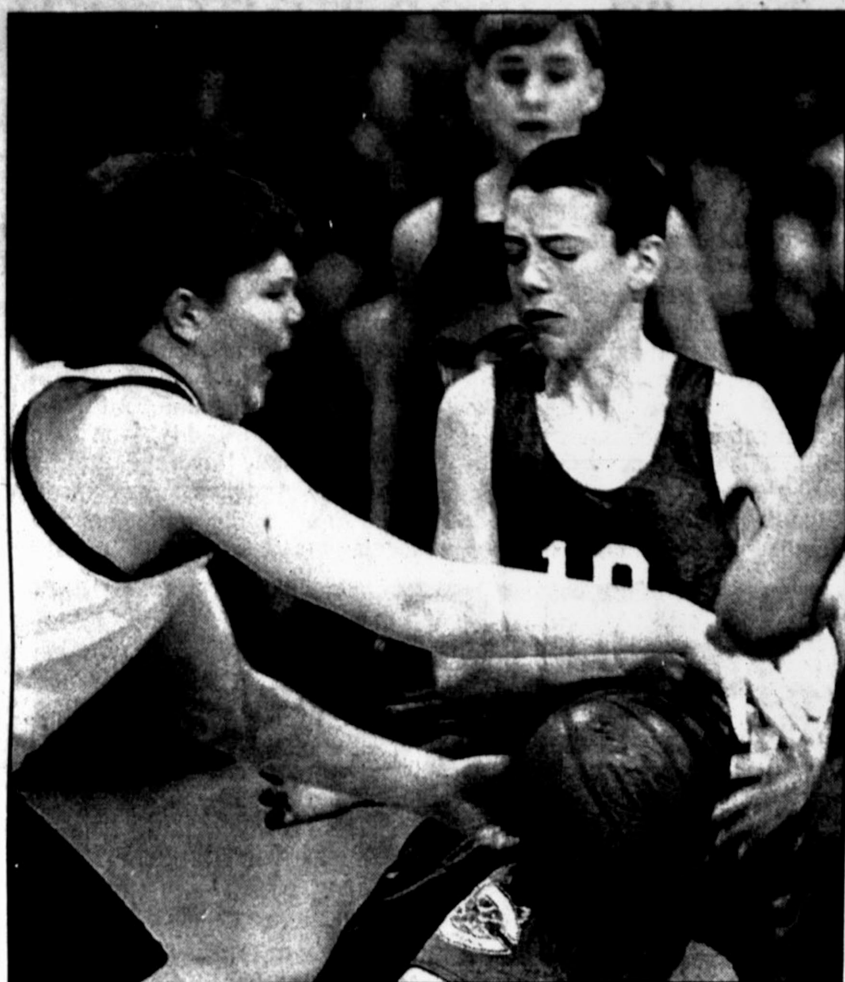
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# Sports



## Herd girls fall in Concho finals

**By JAY PEDEN**  
Sports Editor  
Julie Rampley scored 27 points, but it wasn't enough to get the Hereford girls' basketball team past San Angelo Central in the championship game of the Concho River Classic.

District 1-4A play tonight against Canyon, starting at 7:30 in Canyon. The Lady Eagles (12-0) are the defending champions of Class 4A and are ranked No. 1 again this year.

30 at the end of the third quarter. "Our shooting percentage is not very good right now. We're struggling offensively," Herd coach Eddie Fortenberry said. "The effort was there - everything was there, except shooting the basketball. It was a frustrating day."

Misti Davis had three. After Rampley scored 19 in the first half, Central used a box-and-one defense in the second half. That means four players - the box - played a zone and one player played man-to-man. "They went to a box-and-one," Fortenberry said. "Obviously, (Rampley was) who the 'one' was guarding. If they hadn't, she might have won it by herself."

## Boys' cage team overwhelms Lockney

The Hereford boys' basketball team salvaged a win from the Plainview Lions Classic Saturday, defeating Lockney, 88-65 in the seventh-place game.

Herd coach Randy Dean said of the win over Lockney. "We got a solid contribution from everyone at the offensive end."

the all-tournament team, and Schumacher led the Herd with 17 points each. Keenan ended with 15 points, and C.J. Kubacak also hit double figures with 13.

"Defensively, we had a lot of bright spots," Dean said. "We allowed a few too many three-point shots, but in our players' defense, (Lockney) was shooting them from long range."

## Purcella takes team roping lead at NFR

Hereford's Steve Purcella and team roping partner Steve Northcott moved into first place on the year-long earnings list with high finishes in the last two performances of the National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas.

through Sunday, with performances each day.

\$59,565; 3. Allen Bach, Toltec, Ariz., \$54,241; 4. Cody Cowden, Le Grand, Calif., \$52,756; 5. Bret Gould, Pollok, Texas, \$52,179.

Koontz, Sudan, Texas, 6.5, \$706. **Sunday's performance**  
1. Liddon Cowden, Merced, Calif.-Brent Lockett, Visalia, Calif., 4.8 seconds, \$8,365; 2. Steve Purcella, Hereford, Texas-Steve Northcott, Odessa, Texas, 5.3, \$6,268; 3. Bret Boatright, Mulhall, Okla.-Jeff Medlin, Tatum, N.M., 5.4, \$4,172; 4. Matt Tyler, Corsicana, Texas-Kory Koontz, Sudan, Texas, 6.3, \$2,097; 5. Bobby Hurley, Ceres, Calif.-Cody Cowden, Le Grand, Calif., 9.9, \$706; 6. Speedy Williams, Sanderson, Fla.-Bret Gould, Pollok, Texas, 10.1, \$464.

**Gimme that**  
Andrew Carnahan (left) of the Hereford seventh grade A team reaches to knock the ball loose from a Canyon player. Canyon defeated Hereford, 40-19, in Saturday's championship game of the seventh grade bracket of a tournament held at Hereford Junior High.

## Hereford's 8th grade boys capture tourney

The Hereford eighth grade A basketball team rolled to a another victory Saturday at Hereford Junior High, and this one gave it the championship of the tournament played here.

Hereford's leading scorer with 10 points. Hereford's eighth grade B team lost the consolation game to Canyon's A team, 43-33, although William Shows scored nine points.

In the ninth grade finals, Dimmitt pulled out a 54-52 win, hitting 5-of-8 free throws in the final minute and a half. Nick Whatley's three-point play tied the game at 49-49, and L.J. Vallejo's subsequent free throw gave Hereford a one-point lead, but Dimmitt's free throws and defense were too much.

The seventh grade B team won the seventh-place game, beating Canyon B 21-19. Roman Alaniz and Thad Guseman each scored six points for Hereford.

They intoxicate themselves with work so they won't see how they really are.

---Aldous Huxley

## Red Raiders ranked 18th

Three schools that have spent a lot of time in the Top 25 are back in the rankings.

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## Marlins lure Fernandez

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# Herd's Kubacak, Mariscal earn all-district nods

Hereford's C.J. Kubacak and his 42 receptions earned a place on the District 1-4A all-district football team, which was announced Monday. Kubacak, a receiver, made the first team, and cornerback Navarro Mariscal made the second team. They were the only Hereford players honored.

Pampa, Dumas and Canyon - the district's three playoff representatives - dominated the team. Dumas, the district's surprise team, received Most Valuable Player honors for running back Adam Crownover and the Coach of the Year title for Brent McCallie.

The all-district lists were held until

all the district's teams were finished playing. Pampa lost Saturday to Grapevine, 31-14, in the Class 4A Division I semifinals.

Kubacak finished the year in the top 10 in Class 4A in receptions, despite the fact that his team played only nine games.

"C.J. had a tremendous year, both in statistics and in the intangible things I asked him to do as a senior leader," Herd coach Craig Yenser said. "He consistently made big plays, and I'm happy with his performances. He played well the entire year."

"Navarro had a fine year in the secondary," Yenser said. "He was consistently our best cover man. For a young man who didn't play football until the start of his junior year, he was a tremendous overachiever. We matched him up with the best receivers in the district, and he covered them probably better than we could have asked. He's arguably one of the best corners we've had in several years."

Following are the complete all-district teams.

## FIRST TEAM

### Offense

Quarterback--T.J. Watson, sr., Borger.

Running backs--Adam Crownover, sr., Dumas; Marques Long, sr., Pampa; Keith Wright, sr., Canyon.

Wide receivers--C.J. Kubacak, sr., Hereford; Trent Teague, jr., Caprock; Micah Ladd, jr., Randall.

Tight end--Devin Lemons, sr., Pampa.

Center--Kevin Jordan, sr., Borger.

Guards--Cody Richardson, sr., Canyon; Leroy Aldana, jr., Dumas.

Tackles--Ryan Davis, sr., Pampa; Chris Hudgins, sr., Dumas.

Kicker--Charlie Russell, jr., Canyon.

### Defense

Linemen--Felipe Arellanes, jr., Dumas; Aaron Hayden, jr., Pampa; Hudgins, sr., Dumas.

Ends--Jason Cranmer, sr., Canyon; Lemons, sr., Pampa.

Linebackers--Ryan Bruce, sr., Pampa; Carl Clements, jr., Dumas; Joe Cuellas, sr., Canyon.

Backs--Damon Martin, jr., Dumas; Scott Anderson, sr., Caprock; Tony Powell, soph., Borger; Ray Tollerson, sr., Pampa; Wright, sr., Canyon.

Punter--Russell, jr., Canyon.

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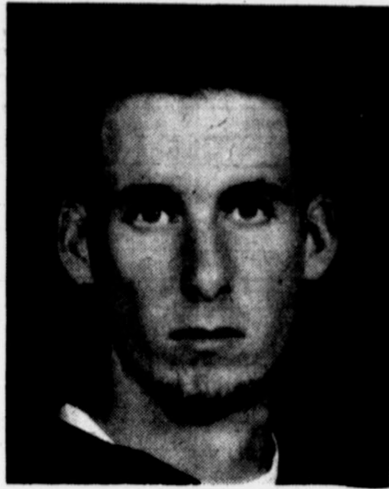
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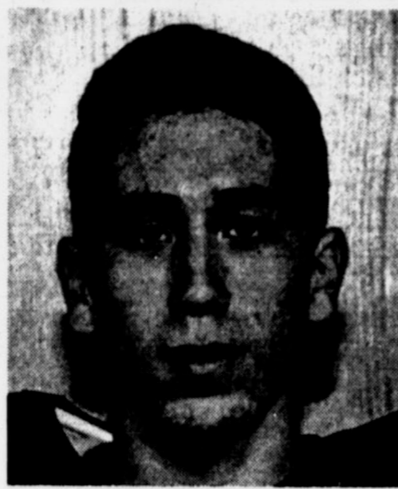
RBs--Craig Alexander, sr., Borger; Matt Milligan, sr., Dumas; Scott Anderson, sr., Caprock. WRs--Colby Yeary, sr., Borger; Justin Calvert, sr., Dumas. TE--Jeff Weidrich, sr., Randall. Center--Michael Kelley, sr., Canyon. Guards--Justin Adams, sr., Caprock; Brian Swift, sr., Pampa.

Defense

Line--Seth Russell, jr., Randall; Chad Casida, jr., Borger; Adams, sr., Caprock; Jordan, sr., Borger. Ends--Nathan Jennings, sr., Dumas; Weidrich, sr., Randall. LBs--Jerry Hall, sr., Caprock; Wes Brown, sr., Canyon; Rene Mendoza, sr., Dumas. Backs--Navarro Mariscal, sr., Hereford; Merced Rivero, sr., Dumas; John Ayers, sr., Canyon; Terry Longbine, sr., Canyon. P--Blackmon, jr., Pampa.



C.J. KUBACAK  
...First team all-district



NAVARRO MARISCAL  
...Second team all-district

# Bowl picture settled - more or less

By The Associated Press  
Notre Dame and Wyoming aren't going to bowls, even though they wanted to. Brigham Young and Nebraska are going to bowls, but not the ones they wanted to. And Florida and Florida State are going to THE bowl, but they're not the teams the fans wanted.

Except those from Florida, of course.

It seems like it wasn't until the bowl picture got really settled that it got confusing.

## Oakland stuns Kansas City

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) - The Oakland Raiders reversed years of constant failure against the Kansas City Chiefs by beating them at their own game.

Jeff Hostetler threw for three touchdowns and Napoleon Kaufman ran for 109 yards, helping the Raiders turn around a one-sided rivalry and rejuvenate their playoff hopes with a 26-7 win over the Chiefs on Monday night.

"I guess they were due for a win," Kansas City safety Mark Collins said. "Unfortunately, it came late in the season. This loss hurts because we didn't play well."

"I'm terribly disappointed for Wyoming, especially the student-athletes, coaches and fans," WAC commissioner Karl Benson said. "They were certainly deserving of a bowl game."

At least Notre Dame, 8-3 and ranked 18th in the final AP poll, reluctantly chose not to go after losing to Southern Cal and failing to qualify for one of the biggies. They'll stay home for the first time since 1986.

"At Notre Dame, we expect the

best and we deserve the best," offensive guard Mike Rosenthal said, speaking for the majority of his teammates. "The team agreed that if there wasn't a top bowl, there shouldn't be any bowl."

Wyoming finished 10-2 and ranked 22nd, but it lost the WAC title to BYU 28-25 in overtime on Saturday and didn't get a bid. The Cowboys would have gone just about anywhere, if asked.

"It's no longer for the kids," Wyoming Athletic Director Lee Moon said, admitting that Wyoming's problem was it only had 3,500 fans it could send to a bowl game. And it's a travesty that a team gets excluded simply "because you can't generate a large fan base," he said.

At the same time, BYU had to settle for a lesser bowl, a matchup with Kansas State in the non-alliance Cotton Bowl, despite a 13-1 season and No. 5 national ranking.

Four of the alliance teams - Texas, Nebraska, Virginia Tech and Penn State - are ranked lower than BYU. BYU and the WAC were so upset they still are considering legal action.

"At this juncture a decision has not been made whether to file any type of claim," the WAC commis-

sioner said. "We believe it's more important over the course of the next month to focus on the success of BYU and Utah in their bowl games and let our bowl partners conduct games without a cloud of controversy. As a result, we will delay the possibility of any legal action."

Another WAC team, Utah, is in the low-profile Copper Bowl.

At least No. 6 Nebraska remained in a bowl alliance game, matched against No. 10 Virginia Tech in the Orange Bowl, although a loss to Texas in the Big 12 championship game cost the Cornhuskers a shot at a third straight national championship.

For many, Florida-Florida State is just a rerun, and, with No. 2 Arizona State going against No. 4 Ohio State in the Rose Bowl, it might not even be for a national title.

In the game of the century two weeks ago, Florida State beat then-No. 1 Florida 24-21 in a real nail-biter.

"You would think that if you beat No. 1 during the regular season you wouldn't have to beat them twice," Florida State coach Bobby Bowden said.

Of course, Bowden's team is No. 1, for now.

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# Sexual harassment alleged by employee who worked in 'touchy-feely' workplace

By L.M. SIXEL  
Houston Chronicle

HOUSTON - Most of us walk into work each day, nod "good morning" to our colleagues and head to the coffee pot. But in some workplaces, it's common to hug and kiss co-workers in an affectionate greeting each morning.

And in those touchy-feely workplaces, when co-workers run into each other in the hall, it's time for another hug. And when times get tough at work, the boss may pat his employees' shoulders.

While it may sound warm and fuzzy, there's a problem encouraging that kind of affectionate conduct at work, said Dave Larson, professor of labor and employment law at Creighton University School of Law in Omaha, Neb. It gets into a question of whether the behavior is welcomed - and may be hard to stop once it starts.

A recent case involving the folks who produce the children's television show about the purple dinosaur Barney found itself having to defend its "friendly" workplace. One of the employees of the Lyrick Corp. of Richardson contended she was spanked by her boss.

Phyllis R. Ergo sued, alleging sexual harassment and assault and battery. Earlier this month, a Dallas jury decided she had no grounds for sexual harassment but gave her \$50,000 on the assault and battery charge.

During the testimony, Ergo testified that her boss was constantly hugging her, said Ergo's attorney Gary M. Pridavka of Dallas. And the company brought in a series of employees to testify that Ergo hugged her boss, walked down the hall with him arm-in-arm and gave him shoulder massages, Pridavka said. Pridavka said Ergo only showed

those affections because her boss asked her to, but that she felt very uncomfortable. Pridavka said Ergo later complained to her boss that she wanted the hugging to stop, as well as a request for dates.

Russell Mack, vice president of communications for Lyrick, said Ergo's complaint was investigated by three vice presidents and none found any merit.

Mack said the company doesn't tolerate any sexual harassment and contends the spanking incident never took place.

Pridavka said he thinks all the hugs and other types of affection cast a doubt on whether Ergo really discouraged the affection and made it difficult to prove the sexual harassment charge.

Mack said that Lyrick is a professional workplace with lots of teamwork, but it would be unfair to

characterize it as a place with a lot of hugging.

"I haven't seen any hugging going on - not personally," he said.

When people feel uncomfortable in a touchy-feely workplace, they can withdraw their approval, Larson said. But in an atmosphere where coziness is pervasive, all that hugging and kissing may be hard to stop.

At Whole Foods Market, for example, the employee handbook specifically states that "Touching is commonplace at Whole Foods. Pats on the back, shaking hands and hugging are all ways we use to tell each other that we care."

But once a company starts sanctioning physical contact between employees, it's a slippery slope, said Kate Birenbaum, a lawyer who's representing an employee who has filed a sexual harassment lawsuit against Whole Foods. "If my employer says it's OK to touch people and I'm already like that, I may not censor myself - I may not see I'm causing someone discomfort."

Whole Foods officials did not return calls for comment.

Some companies try to defend their employment practices by contending it's common in the industry.

For example, employers sometimes try to defend themselves in sexual harassment cases by saying that workers on the shop floor use vulgar, crude and sexually explicit language, said Helen Norton, director of the equal opportunity program at the Women's Legal Defense Fund in Washington, D.C.

The idea of standard practice seemed to apply in the case against Lyrick.

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## Eyeglass collection

St. Anthony's youth groups are continuing their eyeglass drive. Rachel Bezner, left, CYO vice president and Easter Lions Club Sweetheart, gives a collection box to Margie Daniels, director of Hereford Senior Citizens. The box will be at the Senior Center for the next week. The service project will collect old, used or even broken eyeglasses. Glasses may also be left at St. Anthony's Rectory or call 276-5656 for collection. The glasses will go to the Easter Lions Club to be used for the less fortunate.

## Garden Beautiful Club celebrates Christmas with luncheon meeting

Bessie Story was hostess to the Garden Beautiful Club in her home for the Christmas meeting. Jerry Wheeler was her co-hostess. President Marguerite Cole called the meeting to order and conducted business as usual.

Leona Andrews introduced the Christmas program leader, her daughter, Doris Eden of Amarillo. Ms. Eden read "The Best Christmas Ever." Members participated in the program by sitting in a circle and passing Christmas gifts to their right or left each time the words "right" or "left" were read.

Refreshments were served to Doris Bryant, Audine Dettman, Jeane Dowell, Dorothy Noland, Louise Streun, June Hubbard, Andrews, Cole, Story, Wheeler and Eden.

## Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, Dec. 10, the 345th day of 1996. There are 21 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 10, 1906, President Theodore Roosevelt became the first American to be awarded the Nobel Peace Prize, for helping mediate an end to the Russo-Japanese War.

On this date:

In 1520, Martin Luther publicly

burned the papal edict demanding that he recant, or face excommunication.

In 1817, Mississippi was admitted as the 20th state.

In 1869, women were granted the right to vote in the Wyoming Territory.

In 1898, a treaty was signed in Paris officially ending the Spanish-American War.

In 1931, Jane Addams became a

co-recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize, the first American woman so honored.

In 1948, the U.N. General Assembly adopted its Universal Declaration on Human Rights.

In 1950, Ralph J. Bunche was presented the Nobel Peace Prize, the first black American to receive the award.

In 1958, the first domestic passenger jet flight took place in the United States as a National Airlines Boeing 707 flew 111 passengers from New York to Miami in about 2 1/2 hours.

In 1964, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. received the Nobel Peace Prize during ceremonies in Oslo, Norway.

In 1967, singer Otis Redding died in the crash of his private plane in Wisconsin.

In 1994, advertising executive Thomas Mosser of North Caldwell, N.J., was killed by a mail bomb later blamed on the "Unabomber."

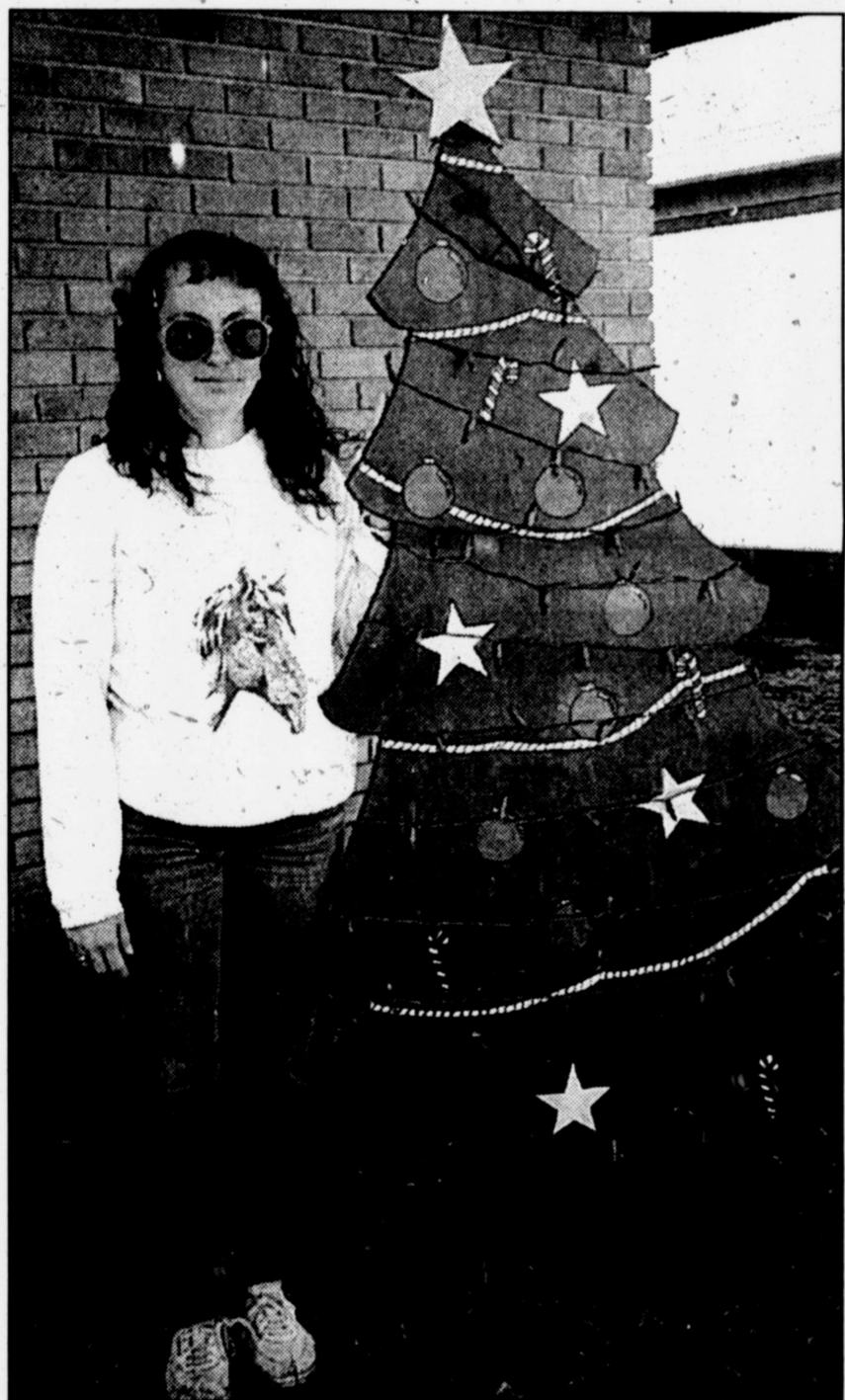
Ten years ago: Human rights advocate and Holocaust survivor Elie Wiesel accepted the Nobel Peace Prize, saying the honor belonged to all Nazi death camp survivors and their children.

Five years ago: William Kennedy Smith, accused of raping Patricia Bowman, proclaimed his innocence during his trial in West Palm Beach, Fla.

One year ago: The first group of U.S. Marines arrived in the Bosnian capital of Sarajevo to join NATO soldiers sent to enforce peace in former Yugoslavia.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Harold Gould is 73. Former Agriculture Secretary Clayton Yeutter is 66. Actor Tim Considine is 55. Pop singer Chad Stuart (Chad and Jeremy) is 53. Actress-singer Gloria Loring is 50. Pop-funk musician Walter "Clyde" Orange (The Commodores) is 49. Rhythm-and-blues singer Ralph Tavares is 48. Rhythm-and-blues singer Jessica Cleaves (Friends of Distinction) is 48. Country singer Johnny Rodriguez is 45. Actress Susan Dey is 44. Actor-director Kenneth Branagh is 36. Actress Nia Peeples is 35. Rock musician Scot Alexander (Dishwalla) is 25. Singer Puff Johnson is 24. Violinist Sarah Chang is 16. Actress Raven-Symone is 11.

Thought for Today: "It is only in romances that people undergo a sudden metamorphosis. In real life, even after the most terrible experiences, the main character remains exactly the same." -- Isadora Duncan, American modern dance pioneer (1878-1927).



## Tree winner

LaNell Malone was the winner of the yard ornament Christmas tree made by Bart Hurst and given away by Alpha Iota Mu Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority during the Wesley United Methodist Church Arts and Craft Bazaar Saturday at the community center.

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# U.S. teachers work more than colleagues abroad

By DEB RIECHMANN  
AP Education Writer  
WASHINGTON (AP) - U.S. school teachers teach longer hours than most of their colleagues abroad. Their pay also ranks high worldwide but looks worse when teachers' incomes are compared with the pay of other jobs.

Making the profession attractive to newcomers is becoming increasingly important as the United States and other countries anticipate a

teacher shortage, said the study released Monday by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development. U.S. teachers recruited in the baby-boom years are beginning to retire at the same time that enrollments are rising.

"U.S. teachers teach long hours for low relative pay," says said Andreas Schleicher, principal author of the study conducted by OECD, a Paris-based organization representing the wealthiest nations.

The organization collected data on education in 30 countries during 1993, 1994 and 1995. One section of the report focused on teachers in 18 countries.

The study said the starting salary was \$22,753 for U.S. public elementary school teachers and \$22,265 for middle school. Only Switzerland, Germany and Spain paid their teachers more than the United States in both categories. The average for all the countries was \$18,702 for primary school and \$19,685 for middle school.

Yet, America's ranking falls when its starting teacher salaries are viewed in relation to the average income per person, which the study says reflects the economic status of the teaching profession. When viewed this way, starting salaries are the lowest in Norway, Sweden and the United States, the study said.

"We're not getting the best and the brightest. Business offers them some pretty competitive salaries," said Lily Eskelsen, a teacher at Orchard Elementary School, just west of Salt Lake City. "Our competition is siphoning off people who say 'I really think I'd be a good teacher, but I can't sacrifice my family's economic well-being.'"

"I want to make the world better - one child at a time." They have to work long hours to do it, the study said.

Public elementary school teachers in the United States, Switzerland and the Netherlands are required to teach the longest of the 18 countries. Teachers in Sweden, Norway and the Czech Republic taught the least number of hours.

periods, but teachers will have more time to plan classes and discuss teaching practices with their colleagues, he said.

"I think you have to justify increased salaries by improving teacher preparation and teacher certification," he said. "And we need to update the skills of practicing teachers."

The American teachers taught 958 hours a year in elementary school, 964 hours in middle school and 943 hours in high school during 1994, the study says. That's more than the country average of 818 hours for elementary school, 760 for middle school and 688 for high school.

Marion High School in Marion, Ind., is changing its six 55-minute class periods into four 90-minute ones, says Roger Sharp, a math teacher at the school. The change was made to provide better instructional time for students, he said, but it also will increase teachers' planning time from 55 minutes to 90 minutes.

Students will have shorter lunch

In North Carolina, educators are considering keeping teachers on the payroll beyond the typical nine-month school year, says Eddie Davis, an English teacher at Hillside High School, an inner city school in Durham, N.C. Interested teachers could use the time to become more involved in school administration, writing curriculum and leading or attending workshops to hone their teaching skills, he said.

"American teachers do indeed spend a lot of time delivering instruction and there's a constant complaint that there's never enough time to plan lessons or time for proper staff development," Davis said.

## Keeping an eye on Texas

### Holidays light up winter season

The dark nights of winter are brightened by numerous celebrations throughout Texas. The holidays are times of joy, gift giving, and sharing simple and elaborate meals.

**Christmas**  
December 25  
Celebrates the birth of Jesus Christ, and January 6, the Epiphany, or revelation of Christ to the Magi.

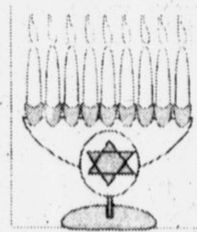
Symbols include Star of Bethlehem and manger, Santa Claus and Christmas trees. Gifts and toys are given to all. Holiday foods: turkey and dressing, as well as tamales, and German coffee cake, or stollen.



**Kwanzaa**  
December 26 - January 1  
Celebrates African-American unity, self-determination, collective work and responsibility, cooperative economics, purpose, creativity, and faith. Symbols include seven candles, ear of corn and unity cup. Gifts are simple and handmade. Karamu feast: traditional foods such as porridge, beans and corn, as well as other dishes.



**Hanukkah**  
December 5-13  
Marks the return to the Temple of Jerusalem in 165 BC. Eight candles symbolize the number of days oil lamps were lit in the temple, with a ninth candle to light the others. Traditional gifts for children include a dreidel, or four-sided top, and coins. Special food: latkes, or potato pancakes fried in oil.



**New Years**  
January 1 and February 7  
Celebrates the new year. In the Chinese lunar year, the New Year begins February 7, 1997—the Year of the Ox. Preparations include cleaning house and paying debts. Sweet rice is part of the festivity, along with fireworks. Gifts include "red envelopes" containing lucky money.



SOURCES: John Sharp, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, Texas African American Heritage Association, Jewish Federation of Austin, Asian Chamber of Austin, Internet.

# Iraq returns to world oil markets

KIRKUK, Iraq (AP) - Flashing a wide grin, Saddam Hussein turned on a pipeline today to carry oil from Kirkuk to Turkey's Mediterranean coast, signaling Iraq's return to world oil markets for the first time since 1990.

U.N. Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali gave the OK Monday, allowing Iraq to sell \$2 billion worth of oil to buy food and medicine for its people. Iraqis have lived under crippling international trade sanctions since Saddam's soldiers invaded Kuwait in August 1990, triggering the Persian Gulf War.

Saddam appeared to read a verse from the Koran, Islam's holy book, before switching on the pipeline after his surprise appearance at the outdoor ceremony in Kirkuk, 150 miles north of the capital.

The arrival of the Iraqi president and senior government officials, all wearing military uniforms, led to jubilation among participants, which included hundreds of ordinary Iraqis. Saddam's gesture was mainly symbolic.

Fatih Sen, director of the Yumurtalik oil export terminal on

Turkey's Mediterranean coast, told state-owned television station TRT today that the oil pumping had not yet begun because of a fault near Kirkuk. He did not describe the nature of the fault or say when it would be resolved.

Iraqi Oil Minister Gen. Amir Mohammed Rashid, in Kirkuk at dawn today for the ceremony, said Iraq will favor Turkey in oil contracts, but gave no details.

Exports from Iraq's Mina al-Bakr port on the Persian Gulf were expected to start Friday or Saturday, he added.

Fourteen U.N. inspectors will monitor the flow of Iraqi oil through a pipeline metering station on the Iraq-Turkey border and at seaports in Turkey and at Mina al-Bakr.

A three-hour delay in turning on the pipeline today led to currency speculation in Baghdad amid fears that the oil-for-food deal might be held up. The Iraq dinar dropped against the dollar, causing food prices to rise.

Later reports of Saddam's arrival in Kirkuk calmed the speculation. Baghdad newspapers devoted most

of their front pages to news of the oil-for-food deal, calling it the first crack in the sanctions.

"Yes to Saddam Hussein, who broke the sanctions and set Iraq's oil free," declared the government daily al-Jumhuriya.

Iraqis poured into the streets Monday night upon hearing of the U.N. approval, dancing, singing and firing shots into the air in jubilation.

In New York, U.N. officials said about 260 companies from 25 countries officially have expressed interest in bidding for Iraqi contracts, but no contracts have been approved.

Rashid, the Iraqi oil minister, said today he had submitted two oil contracts to the United Nations for approval, but gave no further details.

U.S. analysts say world demand is probably strong enough to support the extra 580,000 or so barrels that Iraq would ship per day. The amount is a small fraction of the 72 million barrels the world uses daily or the 17.5 million barrels that U.S. consumers demand.

Before the invasion of Kuwait, Iraq exported more than 3 million barrels per day.

Iraq cannot resume unlimited exports until the U.N. Security Council is satisfied that Iraq has dismantled programs to develop long-range missiles and weapons of mass destruction.

In addition to the oil monitors, about 150 U.N. inspectors will make sure humanitarian supplies bought with the oil profits are distributed equitably, and 30 other inspectors will keep track of Iraqi imports of food and medicine.

Iraq long had refused to accept the oil-for-food plan, saying it infringed on national sovereignty. It finally accepted the offer in May.

The plan had been delayed by technical issues, U.N. debate over restrictions on the sale of oil, and Iraq's military moves in the north in August and September, when it supported one Kurdish faction against another faction backed by Iran.

In Geneva, Carlos Alzamor, executive secretary of the U.N. Compensation Commission, says he expects to initially get \$100 million a month from the oil sales to settle Gulf War claims against Iraq.

12-10 CRYPTOQUOTES

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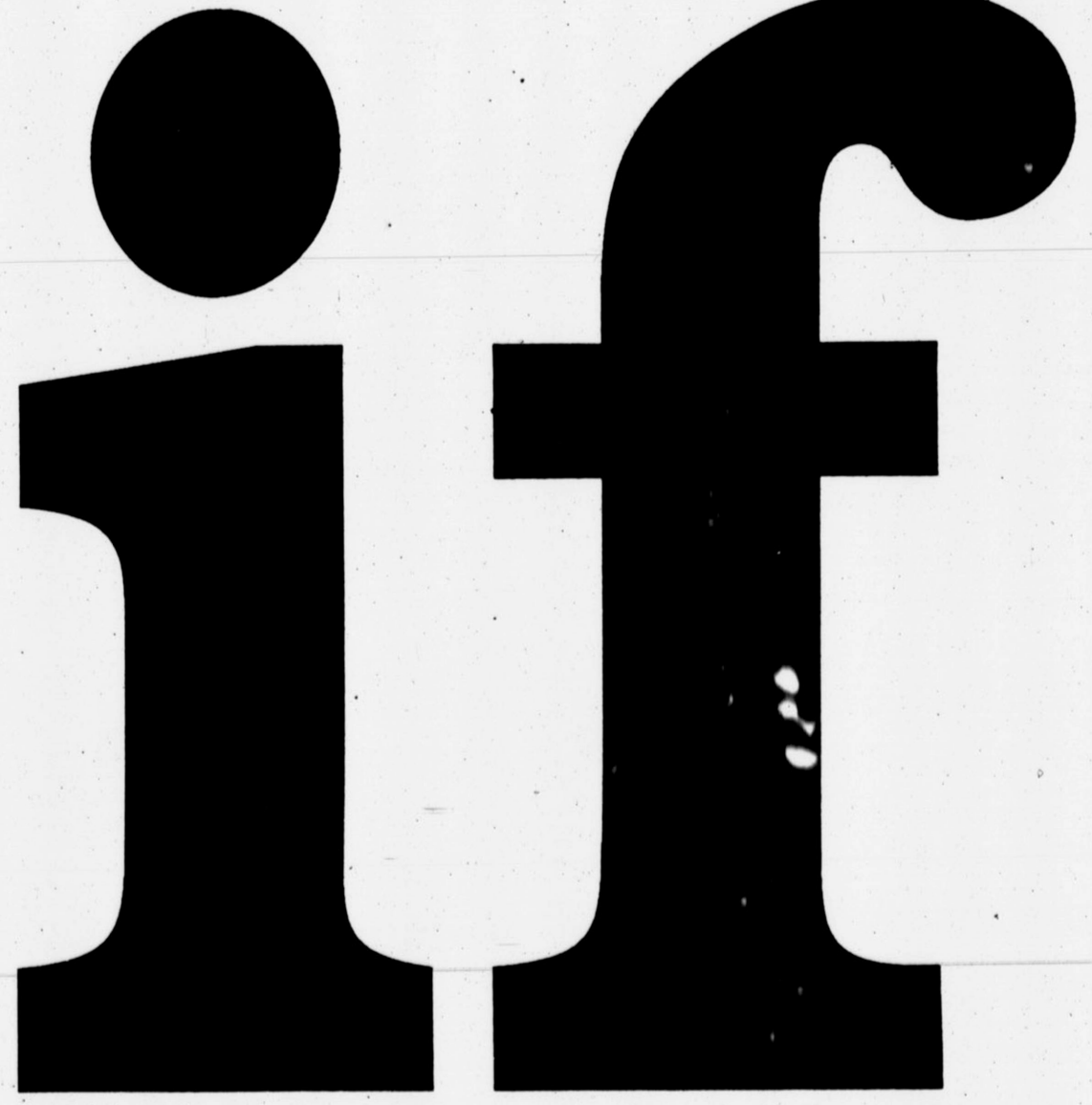
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# Polls open in three Texas congressional districts

By MICHAEL GRACZYK  
Associated Press Writer  
HOUSTON (AP) - Voters in three Texas congressional districts were headed to the polls today for uncommonly late elections, with

## Rollins dies at age of 46

By PHILLIP L. VELEZ  
Associated Press Writer  
NEW YORK (AP) - Howard Rollins, an Oscar-nominated actor with roles in such movies as "Ragtime" and "A Soldier's Story" and the TV series "In the Heat of the Night," died at age 46.

Rollins died Sunday afternoon at St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital. The hospital declined to release the cause of death, but Frank Tobin, a publicist for actor Carroll O'Connor, said Rollins died from lymphoma.

In a statement Monday, O'Connor said he was "deeply saddened by Howard's death. He was a friend who we loved dearly."

Rollins starred opposite O'Connor in "In the Heat of the Night," based on the 1967 movie about a white Mississippi police chief who teams up with a black detective from the North. The show aired from 1988 to 1994, first on NBC, then on CBS.

Rollins was written out of the series after the 1992-93 season after repeated trouble with drugs. He spent a month in jail in 1993 for driving under the influence and reckless driving.

Rollins pleaded guilty in 1992 to driving under the influence of a tranquilizer. He was sentenced to two days in jail and fined \$1,000, and lost his driver's license.

Rollins played a proud Army lawyer in "A Soldier's Story" in 1984 and was nominated for an Academy Award for "Ragtime" (1981), in which he played Coalhouse Walker, a piano teacher who becomes a vengeful revolutionary.

He also starred in the 1980s Western series "Wildside," and several TV movies and plays.

## Names in the News

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Connie Sellecca is the co-executive producer on husband John Tesh's new Christmas album, though you might have a little difficulty recognizing her name.

The co-executive producer of "The Choirs of Christmas" is listed as Concetta Sellecchia. The actress changed her real name to the easier-to-pronounce Connie Sellecca.

On a lark, Tesh decided to use his wife's original name.

"I wish I had a great story to explain Connie's executive producer credit," Tesh said. "But the truth is, I was just trying to be funny."

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) - Some Grand Ole Opry stars are going home for the holidays - to the Ryman Auditorium.

Martina McBride, Ricky Skaggs and Porter Wagoner are among those who will perform Dec. 15 at the Opry's historic former home to benefit the Opry Performers Fund, which helps pay for entertainers' medical needs.

"For every Opry artist, the Ryman has a special home feeling and always will," said Opry member Jeannie Seely, who is coordinating the event.

"All of the stars on the show except Martina performed on the Opry when it broadcast from the Ryman, so this is indeed a homecoming," she said.

The Opry called the Ryman Auditorium home from 1943 until it moved to the Opryland theme park in 1974.

SEWICKLEY, Pa. (AP) - Eight-year-old Kelly Catalane is too young to vote, but she was still disappointed that Bob Dole lost the presidential election.

So Kelly dropped him a consolation note, which the erstwhile Republican candidate answered with a phone call.

"I was very surprised and very happy when he called," said Kelly, a third-grader in this Pittsburgh suburb.

Kelly was at school the first time a Dole aide called on Tuesday. Her mother, Liz, said Kelly would be home at about 4:30 p.m.

Soon after Kelly arrived, the phone rang. The conversation lasted about four minutes.

Dole asked Kelly her age and whether her parents had voted for him, then wished her a happy Thanksgiving and thanked her for her letter.

"He said it helped him very much and made him feel better about the campaign," Kelly said.

freshman incumbents in two of those districts trying to retain their seats.

At the same time, voters in West Texas were selecting a state senator in a race that could guarantee the GOP a majority in the Texas Senate for the first time in more than a century.

The unusual December congressional balloting is the result of a court-imposed redrawing of boundaries in three Texas districts in the Dallas and Houston areas to eliminate what federal courts found was gerrymandering based on race.

Changing those district lines also affected adjacent districts, voided March primary results and set up a November free-for-all in 13 Texas districts while the rest of the country was settling House races.

And when the top vote-getter in

three Texas districts - all in Southeast Texas - failed to attract more than 50 percent of the ballots cast in November, it forced voters to return to the polls today to select from the top two finishers in each race.

The outcome will determine whether the Democrats retain the edge in the 30-member House delegation or have a 15-15 split with the Republicans.

In the 9th District, which stretches from the Houston-Galveston area along the Gulf Coast to the Beaumont area, Republican Steve Stockman faced Democrat Nick Lampson, a former Beaumont tax assessor.

Incumbent Democrat Ken Bentsen, nephew of former U.S. Sen. Lloyd Bentsen, was being challenged by Republican Dolly Madison McKenna in the 25th District of south and east Houston. Bentsen led the Nov. 5 balloting with 34 percent to Ms. McKenna's 17 percent.

The winner will succeed Republican Jack Fields, who did not seek re-election. Fields had endorsed Kevin Brady, who got 41 percent of the vote last month. Gene Fontenot had 39 percent.

Whatever happens in the congressional balloting will have little impact in the House's overall party tilt. Republicans, with minimal losses nationally last month, hold a 227-205 advantage with one independent House member.

The same can't be said of the Texas Senate.

Republicans hold a 15-14 majority in the 31-member Senate, their first majority in the chamber since Reconstruction.

GOP state Rep. Robert Duncan is taking on Democrat David Langston, a former mayor of Lubbock, in a special election to replace Democrat John Montford. Montford quit to become chancellor of Texas Tech

University.

A Duncan victory would ensure a Republican majority.

If Langston wins, the focus will shift to Democrat Jim Turner's East Texas district. Turner is leaving the Senate for a congressional seat he won last month and that race early next year could set up a winner-take-all contest for Senate control.

The campaigns in the three remaining congressional districts have degenerated into a mudslinging barrage of charges and countercharges, with the Stockman-Lampson feud holding center stage.

Stockman, a 40-year-old accountant, stunned the political establishment two years ago by ousting 42-year Democratic incumbent Jack Brooks.

Last month, Stockman received 46 percent of the vote, two percentage


points more than Lampson. A third candidate, Democrat Geraldine Sam, whose votes threw the race into the runoff, surprisingly threw her support to Stockman. That prompted allegations from the Lampson camp of a payoff, accusations denied by Stockman and Ms. Sam.

Lampson also has asked the Justice Department to monitor today's voting, alleging that Stockman supporters in November intimidated black voters, accusations also denied by Stockman.


For his part, Stockman has hammered on Lampson's ownership of a home health care agency that had to reimburse Medicare for nearly \$2,500 to cover services not properly documented. Lampson insists there was no wrongdoing.

Democrats have repeatedly branded Stockman "extreme," accusing the gun-control foe of ties to militia groups - a charge Stockman has denied.

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