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Miss Texas dazzles Hereford Junior High



By SHERRI MARTIN
Staff Writer

Michelle Martinez dazzled the staff and students at Hereford Junior High School, just as she did the judges in the Miss Texas 1996 pageant.

Martinez, 23, was the guest speaker at a school assembly on Tuesday.

She performed piano selections, including the classical selection she played in the Miss Texas talent competition.

Winning the pageant nor playing the piano came easily, she said.

Martinez dreamed of being crowned Miss Texas since she was young, she said.

She participated in several local pageants, where she always finished as a runner-up, she said.

"I tried and lost 20 local pageants," she said.

Then, she was crowned Miss Fort Worth. She placed 15th in the Miss Texas pageant.

She went on to be crowned Miss Arlington. She placed sixth in the Miss Texas pageant, where she also won the overall talent competition.

Then, she was crowned Miss Dallas. And, with the third time being a charm, she won the title of Miss Texas 1996.

She went on to become a top ten finalist in the Miss America 1996 pageant.

"If I had decided to quit along the way, there would be someone else speaking here today -- giving you their speech and their spill," Martinez said.

She has studied the piano for 19 years. She practiced playing the piano for several hours a day, Martinez said.

"And look, I have no fingernails," she said.

Fingernails are just one of the many sacrifices Martinez has made to become Miss Texas, she said.

Students must make sacrifices in life, but they should not sacrifice their dreams, she said.

"Life is too short to live with what if, what might have been," Martinez said.

Students should not let drugs destroy their dreams, she said.

"Drugs take control of your life. If they don't kill you, they will kill your dreams," Martinez said.

Martinez is a senior majoring in piano and biology. With her goal of becoming a physician, Martinez will complete her studies at the University of Texas in Arlington.

Martinez travels daily to schools to promote her platform of family values.

She will make more than 300 appearances across the state as Miss Texas 1996, where she will speak to school children.

Signing autographs

Miss Texas 1996 Michelle Martinez signs autographs for some Hereford Junior High School students on Tuesday. Martinez,

whose platform is family values, was a guest speaker at a school assembly. She also performed several piano selections.

Photo by Sherri Martin

Victor Morales drops bid for United States Senate seat

DALLAS (AP) - Failed U.S. Senate candidate Victor Morales won't be running for a San Antonio congressional seat after all.

The Mesquite schoolteacher who gained fame for a Senate candidacy waged in a white pickup truck said Tuesday he won't seek the seat left vacant by the recent death of Rep. Frank Tejeda.

The announcement came a day after he told several news outlets that

he would be a candidate. On Tuesday, he said he absolutely will not run.

"You can take that to the bank," Morales said. "You can put your life savings on it."

Morales cancelled an evening news conference at his mother's home in Pleasanton, about 30 miles south of San Antonio. He was scheduled to discuss his political future, which for a time included a

possible bid for the 28th Congressional District seat.

Morales, a Democrat, lives in Crandall, about 300 miles north of the district that extends from southern San Antonio to the Rio Grande. Although he wasn't legally required to live in the district, Morales had said he would move there if he won.

A special election is slated March 15 to fill the seat left vacant by Tejeda, a Democrat who died Jan. 30 after battling a brain tumor. The filing deadline for the race is Wednesday.

San Antonio City Councilman Juan Solis issued a statement late Tuesday saying he would announce his candidacy for the race today.

After an adrenaline rush of three days slowed, Morales said he looked at a stack of school work and his children and opted out.

"On top of that, I reminded myself that during the last part of the (Senate) campaign I told myself I will never run for office without having money in the bank and organization," he said.

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP) - The O.J. Simpson case exploded on the American scene 2 1/2 years ago, mixing money, murder and celebrity worship. It destroyed lives, exposed prejudices and wreaked havoc on the justice system.

Now that a second jury has spoken, will the obsession cease or is this just the beginning of a new chapter in a saga as tragic and transfixing as any that has ever come before an American court?

Most likely, Simpson mania will continue unabated as long as Simpson lives. A jury says he should spend the rest of his life paying for two killings he insists he did not commit.

Like Lizzie Borden and a host of other mysterious figures in this nation's vivid judicial history, Simpson will probably remain a subject of controversy and debate.

Did he kill his beautiful ex-wife Nicole Brown Simpson and her friend Ronald Goldman? The criminal jury

said he was innocent; now a civil jury has held him responsible. Dueling verdicts leave room for endless second guessing.

The larger issues will occupy pundits for years. Did the system fail in the criminal trial? Or was the civil proceeding a faintly disguised brand of double jeopardy? Did an ugly streak of racism infect the civil case as it did the criminal trial?

On the personal front, Simpson's future appears bleak - an athlete and actor past his prime trying to sell his autograph and other memorabilia of tarnished glory to a public that may not be interested. A commercial pitchman without a product, a father of two young children who may wonder whether their dad is a killer.

The penalty of \$25 million assessed by the civil jury Monday is more than Simpson has, by anyone's estimate, and probably more than he will ever earn. Added to compensatory damages of \$8.5 million, it spells a lifetime of debt for a man who has grown used to living as a millionaire.

The victims' families said in the aftermath that money was not their goal. They wanted vindication, they said. They wanted justice.

But their lawyers might not share those views. Their own substantial fees depend on collection of damages, and their quest all along was to make Simpson suffer.

Many felt that by the time the case ended, plaintiff lawyer Daniel Petrocelli was more consumed by the case than even his client, F.O.D. Goldman, who was a man possessed.

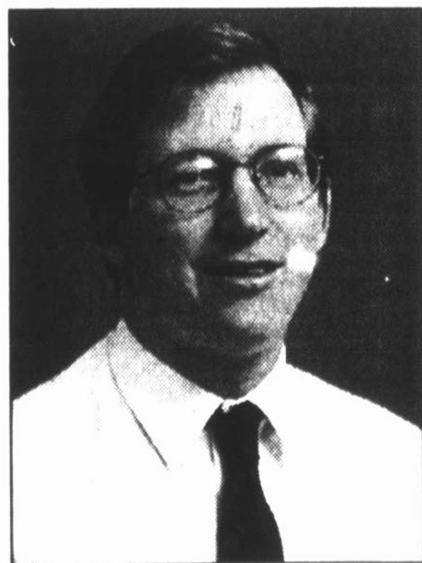
Petrocelli has plans to begin seizing Simpson's assets - although that may be a task blocked by legalities. The court has already delayed execution of punitive damages for 10 days, and his lawyers are certain to ask Judge Hiroshi Fujisaki to reduce the damage awards as excessive and inflamed by passion.

Simpson also can file bankruptcy in the interim. This could allow him to put the plaintiffs in line behind other creditors, including his attorney, who placed a lien on his client's Brentwood mansion to ensure his fees.

The gracious estate, once a symbol of Simpson's soaring success, is now the most visible evidence of his disgrace. Heavily encumbered by mortgages, he will probably lose it.

If there is hope in Simpson's life it is only the hope of a man whose freedom remains assured.

Publisher names Wells as new managing editor



TOMMY WELLS

Democrat. During his career, Wells has covered national personalities ranging from former Texas Gov. Ann Richards to Michael Jordan to the Dallas Cowboys.

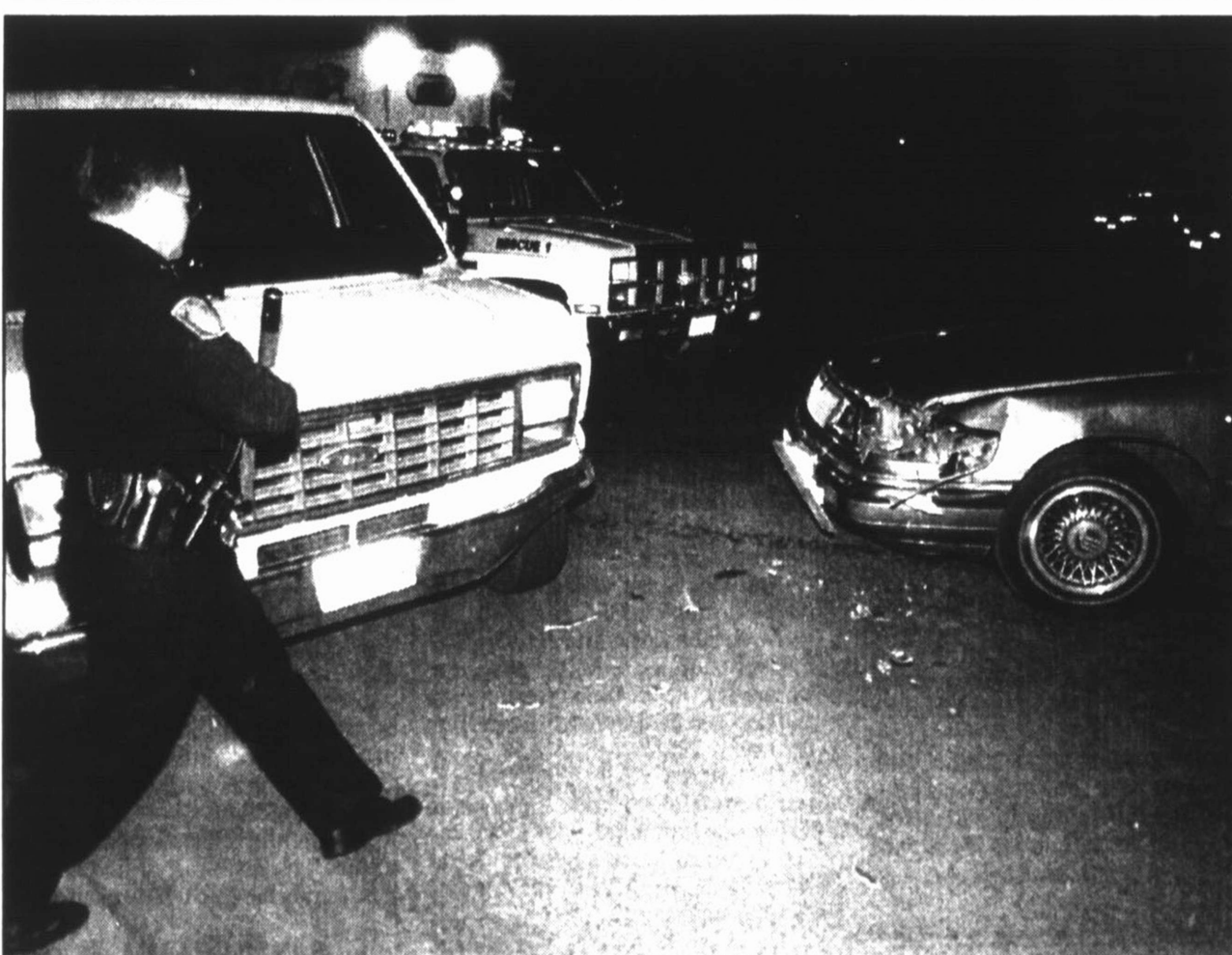
A native of Pasadena, Texas, Wells is heavily involved with the six-man and 8-man football scenes in North America. He and a partner, Joe Nash, publish an annual magazine covering every six-man and 8-man high school team in the United States and Canada. They also sponsor the All-Americas Bowl games - a pair of international six-man and 8-man all-star games.

"My family and I are thrilled about coming to the Hereford area," he said. "This gives us an opportunity to raise our family in a small-town atmosphere."

A 1985 graduate of Ranger High School, Wells is an alumni of Ranger College, where he graduated with honors in history and physical education. He also served a tour of duty onboard the USS Manitowoc (LST-1180) and the USS Boulder (LST-1190), making four major deployments overseas.

Wells, the son of Bobby and Faye Wells of Ranger, will be relocating to the Hereford area with his wife, Patricia, a 1987 graduate of Klondike High School. The couple have four children: Whitney, age 9; Tommy Jr., 5; Kayme, 4; and Bobby, 2.

Tommy Wells has been named the managing editor of the Hereford Brand, according to publisher/editor O.G. "Speedy" Nieman. Wells, a multi-award winning writer, joins the Brand staff after having served as the publisher/editor of the Quad City Messenger, a newspaper in Southern Palo Pinto County. A 15-year veteran of the newspaper industry, Wells has also worked for several other papers throughout the state, including the Breckenridge American, Mineral Wells Index, Bay City Tribune and Wood County



Accident scene

Hereford police and emergency rescue units were called to the scene of a two-car collision Tuesday evening at the intersection of Miles St. and 5th St. No serious injuries were reported, but the occupant of the car at right was transported to Hereford Regional Medical Center for further observations.

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Local Roundup

Snow stays in forecast

Hereford reached a high of 63 degrees on Tuesday and an overnight low of 22 degrees. KPAN Radio also recorded a trace of precipitation. For Wednesday night, look for mostly cloudy skies with areas of fog. Thursday will be cloudy with a chance of light snow. The high will be in the middle 30s. The winds will be from the south at 10-20 mph. A chance of snow will stay in the forecast for the next few days.

Emergency Services

POLICE DEPARTMENT WEDNESDAY

- A 17-year-old male was arrested in the 100 block of Avenue B on traffic violations.
- A 51-year-old female was arrested in the 200 block of Sunset Avenue for a Domestic Violence Assault.
- An incident was reported in the 500 block of Avenue C where some juveniles were seen attempting to inhale spray paint.
- Criminal attempt was reported in the 400 block of Blevins.
- Criminal trespass was reported in the 100 block of Northwest Drive.
- Theft of over \$300 worth of rings was reported in the 600 block of Irving Street.
- Theft of \$40 taken from a purse was reported in the 700 block of La Plata Drive.
- Theft of \$16 dollars worth of gas was reported in the 2900 block of East 1st.
- A report of criminal mischief was reported in the 100 block of Sunset.
- A garage door was reported to have been spray painted in the 500 block of Avenue B.
- A fence was reported to have been spray painted in the 500 block

- of Avenue B.
- Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 300 block of North Main.
- Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 200 block of East 4th Street.
- A runaway was reported in the 600 block of Irving.
- Accident in the 500 block of North Miles with some injuries reported.
- Accident in the 300 block of North 25 Mile Avenue with some injuries reported.
- Accident in the 500 block of North 25 Mile Avenue with some injuries reported.
- 17 citations were issued.

Emergency Services
Activities reported by law enforcement agencies:

FIRE DEPARTMENT

-- No fire calls.

SHERIFF DEPARTMENT

- 28-year-old female was arrested for Violation of Probation.
- 23-year-old male was arrested for Violation of Probation.
- One report of forgery.

Senate may modify HB 72 rule

AUSTIN (AP) - A new school year wouldn't mean a new slate for students participating in extracurricular activities under a bill by Senate Education Committee Chairman Teel Bivins.

Under his bill, a student failing a course during the last six-week grading period of the school year would be suspended from extracurricular activities the following fall. It would apply even if a student

ends up with a passing grade for the course overall.

Suspensions under the no-pass, no-play rule currently aren't held over from one school year to the next. But Bivins, R-Amarillo, said Tuesday

he wants to "keep the focus on academics."

The no-pass, no-play rule was modified in the 1995 legislative session.

Under the current rule, failing students' suspension from extracurricular activities is as short as three weeks, if they can bring up their grades to passing in that time. Students can practice or rehearse during the suspension period.

The bill, which includes the three-week suspension period, "might ensure that those students during the summertime not only practice band or debate ... but also do a little work in the summertime to get ready to get their grades in good shape in the first six weeks of the next school year," Bivins said.

If students do well in summer school, Bivins said his intention is that would keep them from being suspended in the fall.

In addition, he said, "Once they know what the rules of the game are, it will be I hope an incentive for them to work harder in the springtime."

The bill is opposed by Eddie Joseph of the Texas High School Coaches Association, who said, "Obviously, the object is to pass the course."

Joseph said a student could do well in the other grading periods, then hit a slump or traumatic event and make a 69 in the final six weeks, but still pass the class. A passing grade is 70 out of 100.

"When the springtime comes, all youngsters have a hard time staying focused on what they're there for," he said.

Police collecting more samples in Ramsey case

BOULDER, Colo. (AP) - Investigators in the slaying of 6-year-old beauty queen JonBenet Ramsey collected hair and blood samples from a former professor, and requested additional handwriting samples from family members, according to reports.

The Denver Post reported today that the parents of JonBenet, whose body was found in the family home Dec. 26, were asked to give more samples of their handwriting in an attempt to determine the author of a ransom note demanding \$118,000.

And the Rocky Mountain News said Boulder police just a few days ago contacted a former University of Colorado professor who played Santa Claus at a party in the Ramsey home on Dec. 23.

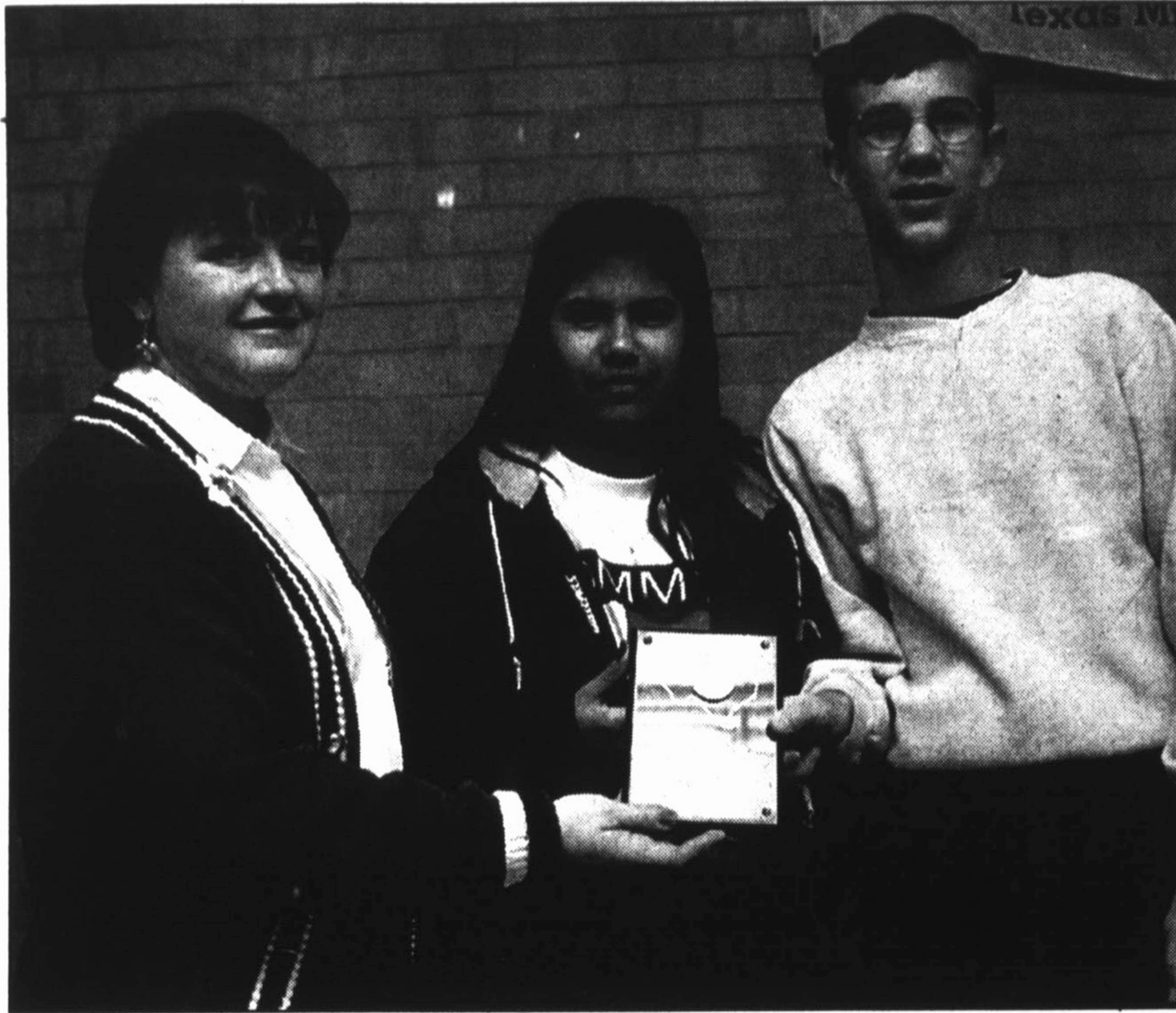
Bill McReynolds, 67, said investigators came to his Boulder County home the day after he and his wife returned from a trip to Spain, seeking hair, blood and handwriting samples.

Meanwhile, Boulder police prepared today to ask a judge to seal an autopsy report in the case, and city officials announced procedures for formal interviews with John and Patsy Ramsey, JonBenet's parents.

The procedures require the Ramseys to be interviewed separately at a time and location chosen by police. The sessions would be audiotaped or videotaped.

The Ramseys have offered to meet with police investigators, but the two sides have not been able to agree on a location, said family spokesman Pat Korten.

The parents do not want to be questioned at police headquarters because they want to avoid the news media.



United Way award

Hereford Junior High School received the Whiteface Award at the annual United Way meeting recently. The school held a "Pie in the Face" contest, where students raised \$527.27 for the United Way. Pictured, from left, are Marylin Leasure, HJH principal and United Way board member, Melissa Morales, eighth-grader; and Flint Dollar, eighth-grader.

Discovery closing on mission to update Hubble telescope

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) - Space shuttle Discovery closed in on the Hubble Space Telescope today on a mission to update the renowned observatory 360 miles above Earth. The seven crewmen tested the shuttle's robot arm and other equipment to make sure everything works properly for the Thursday morning capture of the \$2 billion telescope.

Discovery, which rocketed into orbit Tuesday, was 1,400 miles away from Hubble early today. Telescope components were being turned off one by one by remote control in preparation for the rendezvous.

Before they can begin adding 11 major parts to Hubble, the astronauts must grab the telescope with the robot arm and then latch the 43-foot-high

NASA plans to perform four spacewalks during latest shuttle flight

instrument to a platform in the shuttle's open cargo bay. The platform rotates, allowing four spacewalkers to reach every side of Hubble.

The spacewalkers will float out into the bay in pairs, four days in a row, beginning Thursday night. Their top priority will be to hook up a \$125 million imaging spectrograph and a \$105 million near-infrared camera, and remove two outdated science instruments.

They also will install a pointing-system sensor, new data recorders, a computer "switchboard," and electronics for Hubble's 40-foot solar panels.

Since its launch aboard Discovery in 1990, one other set of mechanic-astronauts has visited the telescope. In December 1993, a shuttle crew fixed Hubble's blurred vision with corrective lenses and replaced unsteady solar panels and broken gyroscopes.

"It's clear that the last mission was probably the toughest shuttle mission ever," said Ed Weiler, NASA's chief Hubble scientist. "This may be No. 2 or No. 3. It's not every day we launch a shuttle and try to do four six- or seven-hour spacewalks."

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SAN ANTONIO (AP) - Bessie the cow was listed in Ripley's Believe It Or Not after she gave birth to a ninth set of twin calves. Guess what? That's right. Believe it or not, she's now had a 10th set of twins. Officials at the Texas Agricultural Extension Service in College Station say no one is sure if it's a record, but cattle breeders agree it's unusual. "We've never had to help her (give birth) and she's never lost a calf and that is very unusual," Arnold Bredewater, owner of the prolific 14-year-old bovine, said Tuesday.

THE WOODLANDS, Texas (AP) - The mysterious 1993 death of a Spring man, previously ruled an accidental drowning despite two gunshot wounds to the head, has been reclassified as a homicide.

Montgomery County Justice of the Peace Edie Connelly reversed her 1993 ruling on Paul Jerome Beauchamp's death Tuesday after three of four pathologists who re-examined his exhumed body agreed that he died of the wounds.

Beauchamp's family had rejected the official finding by a former Harris County pathologist and Montgomery County sheriff's detectives that Beauchamp was drunk, staggered into a pond and drowned after leaving a Christmas party.

Dr. Joye M. Carter, Harris County medical examiner, headed the team of pathologists that re-examined the body on Nov. 18. She reported that the pathology team's lone dissenter from the new homicide finding was Dr. Vladimir M. Parungao.

HOUSTON (AP) - A Houston-area man condemned for killing five family members is in court trying to keep half of the \$600,000 family inheritance.

Robert Coulson, 28, was sent to death row for the 1992 slayings of his adoptive parents, Otis and Mary Coulson; their daughter, Sarah; and Robin and Richard Wentworth, his biological sister and her husband.

The only family survivor is Sarah Coulson's son, who was just 1 month old at the time of the November 1992 attack at the Coulsons' home in the suburb of Spring Branch.

Robert Coulson, listed as an heir in his adoptive father's will, has balked at requests to sign away his rights, forcing a trial that began with jury selection Monday in Harris County probate court. He is acting as his own attorney.

Attorneys for the victims' estate must convince a jury that Robert Coulson was liable for the slayings. The ruling would disqualify his claim to 50 percent of the inheritance and place it in a trust fund for the lone survivor, who now is 4 years old and in the care of an adopted family.

AUSTIN (AP) - The state law requiring motorcyclists to wear a helmet would be repealed for adults under a bill approved by the Senate State Affairs Committee.

The committee voted 9-2 to repeal the 1989 state law requiring motorcyclists - age 18 and older - to wear head protection. The measure now goes to the full Senate for consideration.

The bill died in the Senate in 1995, but on Tuesday bill author Sen. Jerry Patterson, R-Pasadena, attributes that to the political pressures of the time and not the merits of the bill.

"Passage at that time would have put in jeopardy or restricted usage of federal highway funds," Patterson said. "That is no longer the case."

EL PASO, Texas (AP) - A year to the day after emerging from bankruptcy, El Paso Electric Co. is showing the signs of a comeback: its books are in the black, its stock is trading well and debts are being paid off.

But analysts are reluctant to declare the turnaround complete just yet. "There are still a lot of warts on them, still a lot of risk," said Andrew Levi, an analyst with Furman Selz in New York.

The utility filed for Chapter 11 protection on Jan. 8, 1992, after years of struggling with a growing stake in the Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station near Phoenix and other poor investments in real estate and thrifts.

The company still has a large stake in the Palo Verde plant and it's fighting to retain the city of Las Cruces, N.M., which wants to break away because of high rates.

Obituaries



CONSTANTINE DALLIS Jan. 25, 1997

Constantine "Little Gus" Dallis, 89, of Klitoria, Greece, died Jan. 25. His daughter, Yiota Malouf resides in Hereford.

Services were in St. Dimetrios Greek Orthodox Church.

Mr. Dallis was born Feb. 15, 1907, in Lefkas, Greece. He moved to Lubbock in 1925 from Georgetown, and he graduated from Lubbock High School in 1928.

He entered Texas Tech College, and he graduated with a degree in business administration. He was the first European to graduate from Texas Tech. He married Katerina Zournas in 1938 in Greece.

He worked for the Relief and Rehabilitation Administration for the United States in Greece, and in 1949, he joined the American Mission Aid to Greece as an interpreter for the Patras area. He later opened a business in Klitoria.

Survivors include a son, Tommy Dallis of College Station; two daughters, Diamatoula Ganos of

Triplos, Greece, and Yiota Malouf of Hereford; nine grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

DAVID C. AGUILAR Feb. 10, 1997

David C. Aguilar, 64, of Amarillo, formerly of Hereford, died Monday. Services were at 10 a.m. Wednesday in First Baptist Church of Hereford with Bruce Hernandez, officiating. A memorial service was at 7 p.m. Tuesday in Rix Chapel. Burial was in West Park Cemetery by Rix Funeral Directors.

Mr. Aguilar was born Sept. 5, 1932 in Crystal City. He moved to Hereford in 1969 and was employed by Jim Pavilchek. He became owner-operator of Aguilar Plumbing Inc. in 1971. He was a member of Templo Calvario Church of Hereford. He had been a resident of Amarillo for two years.

He is survived by his wife, Elena Aguilar; five sons, Elias Aguilar and Arnold Aguilar, both of Amarillo, David Aguilar of Harlingen, Eduardo Aguilar of Hereford and Antonio Aguilar of Humble; three daughters, Irma McCain of Tomball, Alice Rios of Houston and Stella Garza of Dallas; 21 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

The family requests memorials be to the Aguilar Family Fund and St. Anthony's Hospice of Amarillo.

RAYMOND ADAMS Feb. 9, 1997

Raymond Adams, 88, of Friona, died Sunday.

Graveside services were at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Friona Cemetery with the Rev. Vergil Ichtertz officiating. Burial was under the direction of Ellis-Blackwell Funeral Home. Mr. Adams was born Feb. 4, 1909,

in Endicott, Neb. He married Nola Griffith on Oct. 19, 1929, in Clovis, N.M. She died Nov. 29, 1989. He married Tommie Washington on Oct. 23, 1994 in Hereford.

He owned Adams Drilling Co. in Friona.

Survivors include his wife; and a sister, Carrie Lindsey of Fairfield, Okla.

HUBERT DAVIS Feb. 11, 1997

Hubert Davis, 82, of Lockney, died Tuesday. His son, Raymond Davis resides in Hereford.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday in First Baptist Church with the Rev. Harold Abney of Lockney officiating. Burial will be in Lockney Cemetery under the by Moore-Rose-White Funeral Home.

Mr. Davis was born Sept. 11, 1914, in Palmer. He attended Palmer schools. He married Izell Whitfill on Feb. 26, 1935, in Ennis. She died Feb. 11, 1991. He also was preceded in death by a son, James Davis, in 1988.

He moved to Floyd County from Palmer in 1945. He worked for Consumer's Fuel in Lockney for 30 years. He also was a farmer.

Survivors include three sons, Mac Davis of Ransom Canyon, Tommy Davis of Lockney, and Raymond Davis of Hereford; five daughters, Libby Hernandez of Lockney, Frances Carlson and Nancy Hayes, both of Lubbock, and June Taylor and Laura DeLuna, both of Plainview; two brothers, Lester Davis of California and Herman Davis of Hurst; two sisters, Gladys Blocker of Palmer and Lois Wills of Ferris; 18 grandchildren; four step-grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; and nine step-great-grandchildren.



AUSTIN (AP) - The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery, in order: 8-4-9 (eight, four, nine)
AUSTIN (AP) - The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery: 3-11-14-28-38 (three, eleven, fourteen, twenty-eight, thirty-eight)

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Lifestyles

Elderhostel Program is topic of HRSEA

Hereford Retired School Employees Association met Monday at Hereford Senior Center for lunch and the regular monthly meeting with approximately 40 members and guests in attendance.

Marie Stringer gave the invocation, Benny Womble led the group in

the Pledge of Allegiance and Pat Montgomery led the singing of "My Country 'Tis of Thee."

Audrey Powell, treasurer, reported there are now 80 members in the HRSEA. Margaret Lomenick reported the HRSEA has logged 16,484 hours of volunteer activities in the Hereford area.

Marie Stringer gave the Texas Retirement Association building trust fund report and Carol McGilvary gave a legislative report.

Jean Beene's monthly fitness report consisted of suggestions for maintaining and improving good eye sight. She stressed eating dark green, leafy vegetables and assured the group there was no danger in overdoing on lettuce. She encouraged members to observe all good health rules since there is no "magic bullet" for a healthy body.

member who won the "Share the Pot" prize.

Karan Garrett of Altus, Okla., have the program on Elderhostel Adventures that are available for any person age 55 or over. The adventures are available in all 50 states and many foreign countries. Service programs are also provided for those interested in donating their time to worthy causes. There are 50 locations in Texas that have Elderhostel programs at various times during the year.

Special guests attending the meeting were Lena Hofferlin and Delores Freeman of Altus. Also attending were Clovis Seago and Lois Ethridge of Hereford.

The next HRSEA meeting will be March 10.

The HRSEA voted to give a memorial in honor of Vida Hicks to the Texas Retired Teacher Association building trust fund.

Dempsey Alexander was the lucky

McCaslin grandson attends young leaders conference

James McCaslin, son of Mr. and Mrs. J.D. McCaslin of Dallas and grandson of Mrs. Clarice McCaslin of Hereford and the late Carl McCaslin, is attending the National Young Leaders Conference this week in Washington, D.C.

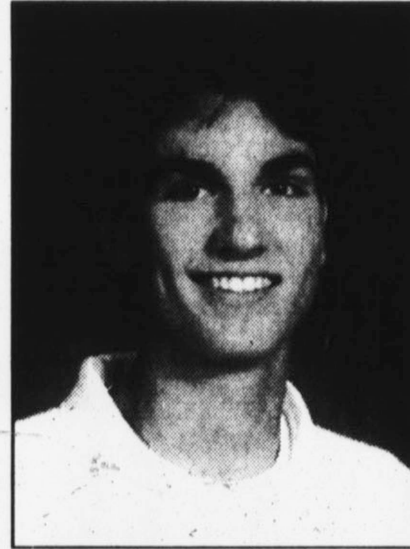
The conference is a leadership development program for high school students who have demonstrated leadership potential and scholastic merit.

McCaslin, a junior at Trinity Christian Academy, is among 350 scholars attending the conference from across the United States.

The theme of the National Young Leaders Conference is "The Leaders of Tomorrow Meeting the Leaders of Today." Throughout the six-day conference, McCaslin will interact with key leaders and newsmakers from the three branches of government, the media and the diplomatic corps.

The conference is sponsored by the Congressional Youth Leadership

Council, a nonprofit, nonpartisan educational organization founded in 1985.



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Benefit dance is for fire victims

A "Gift from the Heart" benefit dance for Doug and Annabeth (Frielmel) Roming and family, who lost their home and belongings in a fire on Jan. 3, will be held from 6-7:30 p.m. Saturday at the Bluebonnet Saloon (Bell St. exit of S. Canyon E-Way).

Music will be provided by Garre Lagrone and "Bottom Line."

For more information, contact Jan Mulloy at 806-655-9864.

Hospital Notes

Report from Hereford Regional Medical Center on Feb. 10:
Admissions: Ormel Walker.
Discharges: Fred Heflin, Antonio Cervantez.

Report on Feb. 11:
Admissions: Marsha Ankeney, Ruby Adame.
Discharges: Sidney Ward, Jorge Guzman.



On display at the museum

Members of Hereford Study Club saw a special display currently on view at the Deaf Smith County Museum. This black cotton two piece dress with leg of mutton sleeves and accompanying wide brimmed hat were worn by Mrs. Donner to the Presidential Inauguration in 1897 when William McKinley was sworn in as the 25th President of the United States. This dress and another worn by Mrs. Donner were donated by Mrs. Jack Brown.

Study club has meeting at museum

Hereford Study Club held its regular meeting for the month of February at the Deaf Smith County Museum.

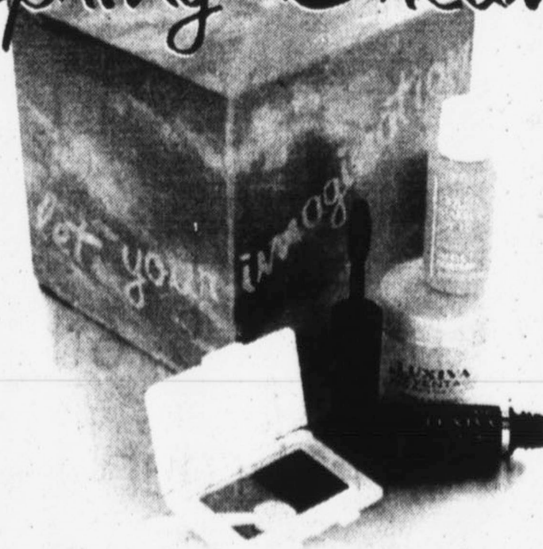
Donna Brockman, director of the museum, and Leslie Gavina, assistant, informed the members about the Deaf Smith County Historical Society and its board of directors who work to make the museum a success. They then conducted club members on a tour of the museum, discussing various objects of interest.

Hostesses Barbara Allen and Gladys Setliff served refreshments to Jean Ballard, Doris Bryant, Morgan Cain, Elizabeth Cesar, Addie Cunningham, Jeane Dowell, Hazel Ford, Mildred Garrison, Elizabeth Hellman, Betty Martin, Carole McGilvary, Nedra Robinson, Mary Stoy, Evelyn Wilson and Virginia Winget.



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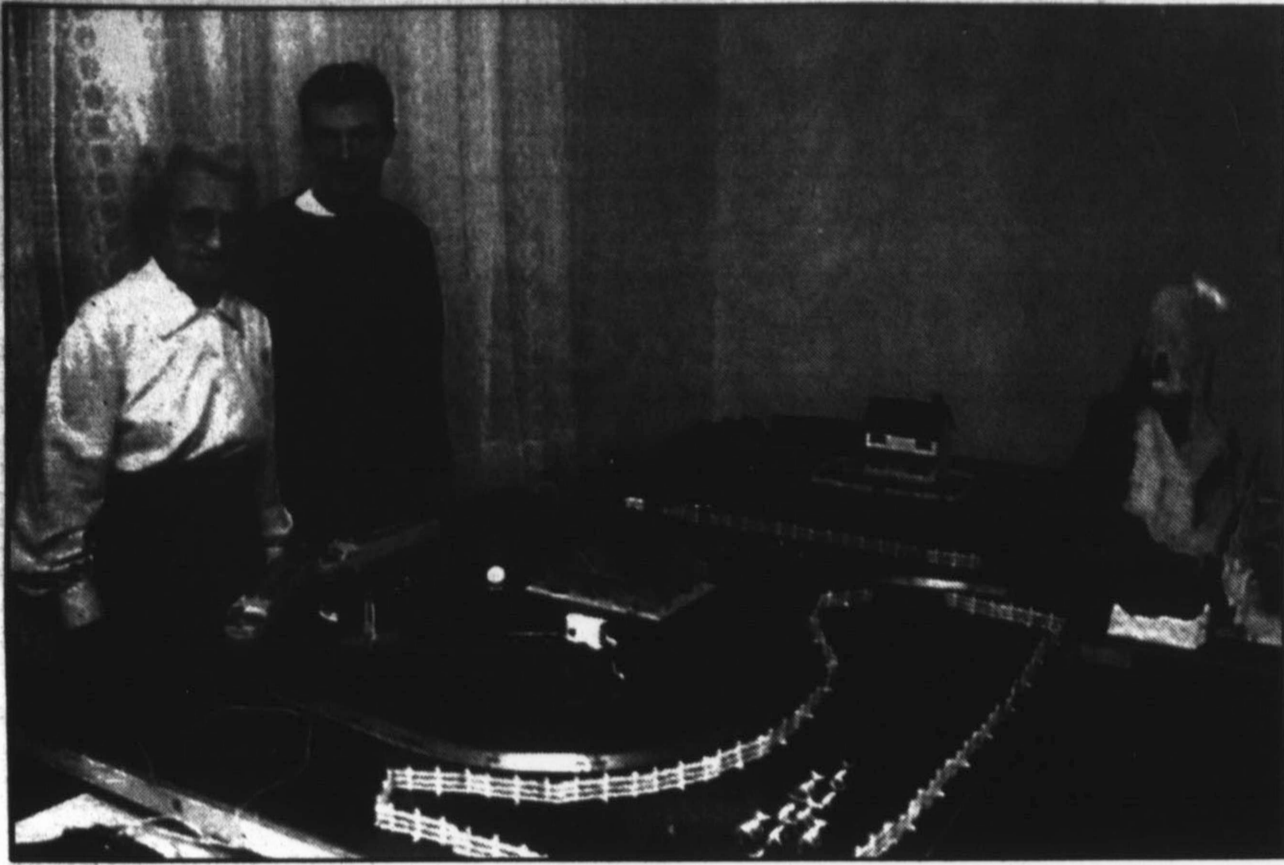
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King's Manor train depot

Winona Jacobsen, resident of King's Manor, and Greg Scruggs, activity director, check out the toy train as it makes its way past a ranch, a winter village and a farm. Scruggs set up the display in a room adjoining the Country Store using a train which had been donated to King's Manor some years ago. Funds to purchase the miniatures to complete the display were raised by bake sales. A train display is being planned for Westgate Nursing Home and will be operational as soon as funds are available to purchase needed items.

Offbeat offerings could please that special someone on Valentine's Day

By RACHEL BECK
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) - Tired of buying roses and chocolates for a valentine? How about an African lion or two nights in a swanky hotel for \$16,000?

While it's easy to cling to Valentine's Day standards, those willing to explore gifts beyond the Godiva counter are sure to find some offbeat offerings to please that special someone.

"She doesn't eat chocolate and I'm not buying her a diamond ring," said Peter Klein, a 30-something New Yorker. "Now I'm looking for something fun, and of course, kind of romantic."

Perhaps the Detroit Zoological Society has the answer. For \$25, participants can "adopt" a number of animals, including trumpeter swans, African lions and bald eagles.

Packages include an adoption certificate, a photograph of the animal, a fact sheet and a newsletter. For \$50, chocolates and a plush animal are included.

And if your honey happens to be named Bow, Arrow, Cupid, Sweetheart or Honey, submit the name for a free flight on any of the routes Air South flies.

"People now look for things that are out of the ordinary and fun, and this fits both of these," said Tom Volz, vice president of marketing at

Columbia, S.C.-based Air South, which runs similar name promotions for Christmas, Easter, St. Patrick's Day, Thanksgiving and July 4.

The more self-indulgent may enjoy Hyatt Hotel's "Ultimate Romance" package at the Park Hyatt Hotel in Washington. For \$16,000, the four-star presidential suite is all yours for two nights, complete with fireplace, candle-light hot tub and "unobtrusive butler."

Club Med also has a Valentine's deal that lets one person go half-price for a seven-night stay at some of its resorts when two people book together. Inns and spas from Oregon to Maine are also offering special Valentine's weekend getaway packages.

For those who prefer simpler gifts, Williams Sonoma has heart-shaped muffin pans for \$36 or chocolate molds for \$12, an easy way to bake a romantic treat.

Looking to add a little spice to the holiday? Try Brookstone's mechanical massagers. For \$2,595, there's the Panasonic Urban Massage Recliner that soothes the whole body, and for the less wealthy, the No Hands neck massager for \$99.

But bucking tradition isn't for everyone and retailers are betting that lots of heart-shaped merchandise is bought for Valentine's Day.

A survey by the International Mass Retail Association found consumers will spend an average of \$30 on Valentine's gifts and 50 percent of its 1,000 respondents ranked candy and cards as the top gift items.

"A box of candy, he's doing good," said Lisa Schwartz, who eyed some lingerie at Victoria's Secret in New York. "A dozen roses, he's doing a lot better."

Ann Landers

Dear Ann Landers: I am a 40-year-old woman who has been married for 20 years. I had a boyfriend in high school but was sexually inactive for two years before I met and married "Paul." I've been completely faithful to him.

I have recently been treated for genital herpes, and I can't get a straight answer from my doctor about where and how I contracted this virus. Paul doesn't seem to be infected, and it doesn't seem to bother him that I am.

My doctor and Paul have accepted the possibility that this virus may have been dormant in my body for over 20 years -- since before I married. The books I have read say the incubation period is as short as a week. I can't help but suspect that Paul has been unfaithful recently and this virus is what I have to show for it.

Meanwhile, Paul still expects to have an active sex life, but I am so ashamed of having a sexually transmitted disease that I want nothing to do with sex.

Please give me a straight answer. If I didn't get this from Paul, how did I get it? And if it's from sexual contact, could it have remained dormant in my body all this time? I'm counting on you, Ann. -- Devastated in the East

Dear D.: Since Paul is not infected and isn't accusing you of fooling around, give him high marks for being so trusting. Most men would not be so generous.

It is entirely likely that the herpes virus has been dormant in your body all this time. Also, cold sores are caused by a herpes virus. It is possible to acquire genital herpes through oral sex with a partner who has a cold sore on his or her mouth.

Names in the news

NEW YORK (AP) - With "Thunder Road" well behind him, Bruce Springsteen was looking for new avenues of expression.

"There was a period where I didn't know if I had anything new to say," the rocker-turned-troubadour says.

That was in the '80s, when he was groping for a new style.

Now, he favors acoustic guitars and harmonicas over stacks of amps, and has found "a sense of place," he told Rolling Stone for the Feb. 6 issue.

That special place is somewhere "between the road and the void," says the 48-year-old Springsteen, who has upcoming shows in Japan and Australia.

Besides, after three decades in show business, "I feel pretty lucky that I've got a job."

For more information, write to the American Social Health Association, Herpes Resource Center at: ASHA/HRC, PR72, P.O. Box 13827, Research Triangle Park, N.C. 27709, and enclose \$1 for postage and handling. (Internet: <http://sunsite.unc.edu/ASHA/>)

Dear Ann Landers: My husband and I rent an apartment unit in a quadplex. We don't object to noise. We are located over the garage and are accustomed to it.

The problem is our new neighbors, who were quiet until a few weeks ago, when they gave a party. The bass on their stereo was turned up to the max, and we could feel the vibrations through the floor. The neighbors on the other side spoke to them at 10 p.m. I called at 1:30 a.m. The stereo kept blasting until 3:00 in the morning.

We've never had any other problems with these people. Despite their odd work hours, they have been almost too quiet. I have never had a conversation with the woman, though I've tried. She seems to be quite shy. Their children are beautifully behaved, which says a lot about the way they were brought up.

How do I break the ice with these neighbors? Periodically, on weekends, they crank up the music again.

I also like to relax to music, and I would like to turn up my stereo when I get home from work, but I'm aware that I live side by side with other people, and I want to be considerate of them.

I don't want to call the police or make trouble. Also, I'm not sure of my rights. They own their unit, and we only rent. How should we handle this? -- Sound-Bitten in California

Dear Bitten: You say you rent an apartment in a quadplex. Why not invite all three other families in for a Sunday brunch? Keep it friendly. Don't mention the loud music on weekends.

If the disturbance continues, you should then tell the offending neighbors and ask for their cooperation. After having been guests in your home, they will, I'm sure, make an effort to be more considerate.

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MONDAY-Polish sausage, hash brown potatoes, sauerkraut, pickled beet salad, whole wheat bread, sliced pears, peanut butter cookies; or smothered chicken, yellow squash.

TUESDAY-Sliced lean ham, broccoli and rice casserole, whole kernel corn, carrot/raisin salad, rolls, strawberry shortcake; or beef patty, fruit cup, diabetic cookie.

WEDNESDAY-Chicken fried steak with gravy, mashed potatoes, buttered peas and carrots, cottage cheese, biscuits, applesauce cake; or

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WEDNESDAY-Pool classes, exercise class 10-10:45 a.m., ceramics 1-3 p.m., Birthday Social 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Bay View program is on life of Bonhoeffer

Bay View Study Club met Feb. 6 at St. Thomas' Episcopal Church where it heard a program by The Very Reverend Charles A. Wilson on "Love Letters from Cell 92."

The program related the personal life of Dietrich Bonhoeffer who was martyred at Flossenbug on April 9, 1945.

Betty Rudder and Mary Fraser were hostesses for the meeting.

Lois Scott, president, presided over a brief business meeting including committee reports. Ruth McBride, reporting for the project committee, noted that the Bay View project of recovering the window seat and dining room chairs at the E.B. Black House was well underway.

Those in attendance were guests Linda Gilbert, Amy Gilliland and Claudia McBrayer; and members Ruth Allison, Margaret Bell, Beth Burran, Roberta Caviness, Fraser, Virginia Garner, Lois Gilliland, Nancy Hays, Elizabeth Holt, Helen Langley, Yiota Malouf, McBride, Judy Mitts, Ruth Newsom, Helen Ross, Rudder, Scott and Sue Sims.

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Sports

Lady Whitefaces make easy work of Big Spring

By TOMMY WELLS
Managing Editor

WOLFFORTH - You'll have to forgive Big Spring head coach Ron Taylor if the last thing he did Tuesday night was take a flashlight outside and peer around the corner to make sure the Hereford Lady Whitefaces had indeed boarded the bus and left town.

You can understand Taylor's dilemma. After watching his Lady Steers get ran over by Hereford on the basketball court, the last thing he probably wanted to do was get in front of the Lady Whitefaces' bus - especially bus that was carrying a little extra weight in the form of a golden Area championship trophy.

Hereford, only one week after making its first appearance in the state playoffs, earned a ticket into the Region I-4A quarterfinals by pounding out an impressive 71-43 victory over Big Spring in front of a large crowd in Frenship's Tiger Pit.

The win improves the Herds' season record to 23-7 and sends them into a third-round playoff bout against state-ranked Levelland Saturday evening at Wayland Baptist University in Plainview. The game is slated for a 7 p.m. tip-off.

Did we mention that the Lady Whitefaces' win over Big Spring was a case of pure defensive domination?

How dominating, you ask? Consider this: Hereford forced the Lady Steers to commit no less than 24 Big Spring turnovers - in the first three quarters. The Lady Steers finished the night with better than

Hereford 71, Big Spring 43

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Hereford - Briar Baker 1 0-0 2; Kendra Wright 0 0-0 0; Kari Barrett 0 1-6 1; Jamie Marquez 0 0-0 0; Catie Betzen 4 3-4 12; Julie Rampley 11 5-7 29; Misti Davis 1 4-4 7; Makeesha Rives 3 0-1 9; Valerie Guzman 0 0-0 0; Stacie Betzen 0 0-0 0; Christina Kuper 0 0-0 0; Tori Walker 2 1-1 5.
Big Spring - Krissy McWherter 1 2-2 3; Keesha Lott 2 0-2 4; Brandi Purcell 0 4-4 4; Maggie Haddad 1 0-0 2; Traci Bellinghausen 4 0-0 8; Melissa Martinez 1 2-3 3; Nadia Cole 3 1-2 7.

30 errors.

"We're playing real good defense right now," said Herd head coach Eddie Fortenberr. "And that's what you have to do to win in the playoffs."

That and score, which the Lady Whitefaces did almost at will. Hereford, which managed to play every player on its roster, managed to get offensive production from nine different players in the rout.

The Lady Steers, who closed out their 1996-97 campaign with an 18-11 mark, held its own in the early minutes of the contest. The Lady Steers wrapped a pair of shots by Maggie Haddad and Keesha Lott around a soft spinning jumper by Sarah Ramey to take a 4-2 lead with 1:16 having expired off the clock.

Big Spring's celebrations last just 17 seconds, though. Ramey con-

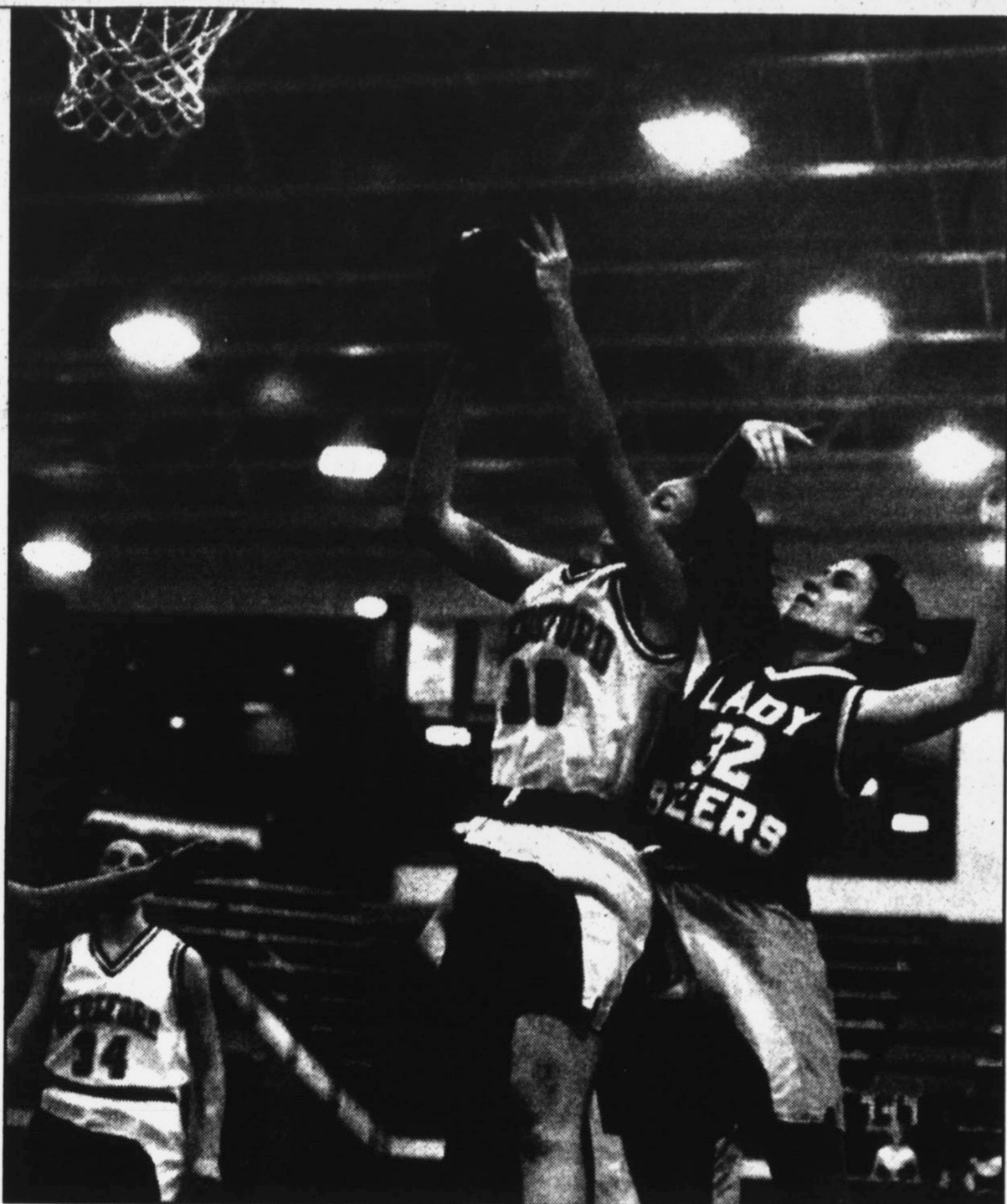
verted a long pass from Julie Rampley on the transition game into an easy layup that tied the game at 4-4, with 6:27 left. Just 46 seconds later, Kari Barrett gave the Herd the lead for good when she pushed home the backside of two free throw opportunities.

The bad news was just beginning for the Lady Steers. Hereford's trapping defense forced Big Spring to turn the ball over on its next two possessions, paving the way for a pair of easy shots by Rampley and Ramey that carried the Lady Whitefaces to a 9-4 cushion.

Hereford really got serious from there. The Lady Whitefaces held Big Spring scoreless in the final 2 1/2 minutes of the frame - forcing six more turnovers during that span.

The offense wasn't left out. After the Lady Steers had pulled to within 9-7 on an offensive putback by 5-foot-9 junior post Traci Bellinghausen, Misti Davis, Catie

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The beat goes on

Julie Rampley (30) and the Hereford Lady Whitefaces earned the right to advance to the Region I-4A quarterfinals Tuesday night by running down Big Spring, 71-43. Hereford improved its season record to 23-7, will face Levelland this Saturday night at 7 p.m. at Wayland Baptist University in Plainview. Rampley finished with a game-high 29 points.

Herd golfers finish strong in Big Spring Invitational

By TOMMY WELLS
Managing Editor

BIG SPRING - Keith Henderson and the Hereford Whitefaces turned in an impressive outing in their first outing of the season. The Whitefaces finished sixth in the final team standings of the annual Big Spring Invitational Golf Tournament.

Keith Henderson paced the HHS linksters. The Whiteface standout turned in the low score in the second round Saturday, carding a two-over-par 74. He finished the two-day tournament with a final mark of 155.

Lubbock Coronado won the boys' team crown, shooting a two-day total of 610 - 27 strokes better than runner-up Plainview. The Matadors, who had grabbed the lead Friday with a round of 299, closed out the event with a second round of 311.

San Angelo Lakeview placed third with a mark of 641, while Big Spring edged out San Angelo Central for fourth by one stroke, 642-643.

Henderson wasn't the lone HHS golfer to put up solid numbers. Keith Riley and Jeremiah Barows finished carded solid efforts. Riley fired a second round of 86 and finished the event with a total of 163. Barrows, who posted a 79 over the final 18 holes, finished at 164. Greg Reinart and Daniel Edwards each finished at 168.

The Lady Whitefaces also played well. The Hereford girls turned a second round of 368 and made their second straight top five showing. Hereford, coming off a win in the

Herd boys to face Plainview Friday in playoff

By TOMMY WELLS
Managing Editor

The Hereford Whitefaces will get into the playoff scenario this week-end. The Whitefaces, the District I-4A No. 3 seed, is scheduled to face Plainview this Friday night beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the West Texas A&M gym in Canyon.

Hereford goes into the contest sporting a 16-15 record.

Big Spring Invitational Final Team Standings

GIRLS	
1. Fort Stockton	.695
2. Pampa	.728
3. Big Spring	.736
4. Lubbock Coronado	.750
5. Hereford	.752

BOYS	
1. Lubbock Coronado	.610
2. Plainview	.637
3. SA Lakeview	.641
4. Big Spring	.642
5. SA Central	.643
6. Hereford	.644

San Angelo Girls Invitational in their opening meet, placed fifth in the girls' final standings.

Fort Stockton rolled to the team

title. They shot a 341 in the second round - 14 strokes better than eventual runner-up Pampa. Big Spring and Lubbock Coronado finished third and fourth, respectively.

Amy Killingsworth led the Lady Whitefaces. A medalist in her first outing this season, she recorded a strong second round effort of 88 and finished the tournament with a final mark of 176.

Hereford teammate Jackie Bezner also turned in a solid showing in the second round. She posted an effort of 89 on the Big Spring Country Club course, and finished with a 183.

Stephanie Bixler, Lyndsay Ward and Katie Bone also played well. Bixler and Ward finished at 197 and 198, respectively. Bone checked in at 203.

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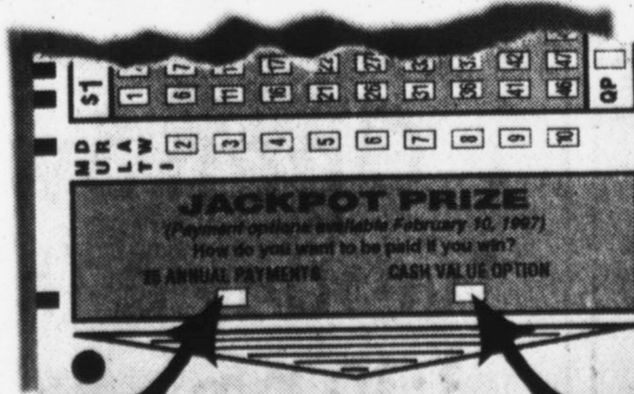
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NC clinches share of HPCAA North Zone crown

By TOMMY WELLS
Managing Editor

Chase Rives, Jacob Power and Jeremy Gonzales each scored into double-digits Tuesday night and helped lead the Nazarene Christian Eagles to within a step of basketball's Promised Land.

Nazarene Christian moved into a two-way tie for first place, and clinched at least a piece of the High Plains Christian Athletic

Association North Zone crown with a 49-26 drubbing of St. Andrews Episcopal.

With the win, the Eagles improved their season record to 10-3, and moved into a position to garner the North Zone title outright. Should Nazarene Christian defeat St. Andrews again Thursday night in their regular season finale they would win the district and advance to the HPCAA state tournament as

the North's No.1 seed. A loss, however, would throw the North Zone into a four-way tie and force a one-game playoff to decide the Zone's playoff representatives.

The Eagles began exerting their will early St. Andrew. Nazarene Christian, behind first quarter heroics from Rives, hammered out a 12-6 advantage in the initial frame.

They didn't slow down any in the second. Nazarene Christian posted

an 9-6 advantage in the frame and took a commanding 20-12 cushion into the intermission.

St. Andrew felt the sting of the Eagles' attack again in the third. Rives, Powers and Gonzales combined to lead the NC cagers on a 14-6 run in the stanza.

Nazarene Christian sealed the win with a 15-8 spree in the fourth.

Rives, a 6-foot-2 standout, led all NC players offensively, throwing in

a game-high 15. Power and Gonzales contributed 12 apiece, while teammate Jeremy Williams chalked up seven.

The Nazarene Christian Lady Eagles weren't as fortunate against St. Andrew. Despite picking up a season-high 18 points from Lyndzie Torbert, the NC girls suffered a tough 36-29 setback.

St. Andrews gained the upper hand in the matchup with a strong

offensive effort in the first half, posting a 23-11 run in that span.

Nazarene Christian, which also had solid efforts from Lindsee Goforth and Sloane Merrick, got untracked in the fourth. Torbert threw in 10 points in the frame and helped the Lady Eagles grind out a 13-4 advantage in the final stanza.

Goforth finished the night as NC's second-leading point-getter with eight. Merrick added four.

Last-second trey lifts JV past Dumas, 53-51

By TOMMY WELLS
Managing Editor

The Hereford Whiteface junior varsity may not get to making a trip to the state playoffs like their varsity counterparts, but that doesn't mean they don't have a flair for the dramatic.

The Whitefaces closed out their 1996-97 season Friday night with a buzzer-beating, come-from-behind win over the Dumas Demons in front of a large crowd in the Hereford gym. The Whitefaces sank a three-point attempt from the left baseline with four seconds remaining to claim a 53-51 win.

"It was a great one to end the season on," said HHS coach Rodney Allen, who saw his team battle back from a five-point deficit with just under three minutes to play. "It was just a great way for the team to end the year."

With the win, the Whitefaces ended their season with an impressive 18-9 record.

Hereford, which had four players reach double figures in the contest, struggled offensively in the first two periods. Dumas posted a 16-11 run in the first quarter, and then held the Whitefaces to just eight second period points.

Dumas held a 28-19 halftime ledger.

Greg Ewing and the Whiteface offense managed to find themselves in the third, however. Hereford pulled back to within striking distance in the stanza by hammering out a 20-14 margin.

The Whitefaces, following a jumper from the right baseline from Jeremy Urbanczyk at the buzzer, trailed at the start of the final eight minutes, 42-39.

Ewing led all HHS scorers, pouring in 13 points.

Dumas stretched its lead to 46-41 early in the fourth, before the

Whiteface defense began taking control. Hereford held the Demons to just five points in the final six minutes of the contest.

The Whiteface offense wasn't under any restraints, however. Hereford outscored Dumas by a 10-2 clip in the final 3:27 to take the victory.

Overall, the Whitefaces outscored Dumas by a 14-9 clip in the final frame.

Eric McNutt, Mitch Wagner and Urbanczyk all finished in double-digits for the Herd. McNutt tallied 12 points in the win, while Wagner and Urbanczyk each collected 10.

Rodman has friendlier encounter with cameraman

CHICAGO (AP) - Dennis Rodman ran into a cameraman - again - and responded with a smile and a tap instead of a kick. He also avoided a confrontation with a former head-butt victim.

He battled Anthony Mason, grabbed 14 rebounds and helped the Chicago Bulls beat the Charlotte Hornets 103-100 Tuesday night, a victory that was delivered by Michael Jordan's 3-pointer at the buzzer.

As he walked off the court, Jordan hugged Rodman and said, "Welcome back."

Rodman's return from an 11-game NBA suspension - for kicking a

cameraman in Minnesota on Jan. 15 - couldn't have been much better.

"He kept his composure," said Jordan, who scored 43 points in the Bulls' 15th consecutive home victory. "He did just the opposite of what he did last time. He learned his lesson."

With 5:59 to play, Rodman fouled Mason and stumbled out of bounds, where he tripped over WGN-TV cameraman Tommy Skinner. Rodman smiled, patted Skinner playfully on the chest and apologized into the camera.

"I just said, 'Are you all right? Are you all right? Please tell me you're all right!'" Rodman said.

Stern, the NBA commissioner, gave Rodman the second-longest suspension in league history for his January kicking of cameraman Eugene Amos - costing Rodman about \$1 million in salary as well as \$200,000 for an out-of-court settlement with Amos.

"I wasn't thinking about any money," Skinner said. "I was just trying to brace myself."

Said Rodman, who often dresses in drag: "It would have been a classic if I kissed him, but he probably would have sued me for slobbering all over

him."

Midway through the third quarter, Rodman was upset at a non-call by Ted Bernhardt - the referee Rodman head-butted to draw a six-game suspension last season. But there was no confrontation this time; Rodman already was walking away when coach Phil Jackson took him out of the game for a rest.

Jordan and Chicago's other star, Scottie Pippen, have been very critical of Rodman because they don't want his antics to keep the Bulls from repeating as NBA champions.

Girls

Betzen and Rampley sparked a 8-0 spree that gave the Herd a 17-7 cushion at the start of the second quarter. Betzen, following an offensive rebound by Makeesha Rives, and Rampley keyed the run by knocking down back-to-back 3-pointers in the final seconds.

Big Spring's nightmare got even worse. Hereford, thanks in part to a nine-point outburst by Rives in the first 2:46 of the second quarter, posted a 16-0 run to start the second period and took a huge 34-9 lead with 2:59 remaining in the first half.

Rives ignited the HHS run. The sophomore guard taxed the Lady Steers' defense on two consecutive trips down the floor by throwing 3-pointers from the left baseline and the right wing.

She was far from through. Rives, following a six-footer by Tori Walker, knocked down her third 3-point shot of the period seconds later and handed the Lady Whitefaces a 31-7 margin with 4:32 left in the stanza.

Walker, a 5-foot-8 freshman, buried a short baseline jumper seconds later, and then converted a foul shot to complete a three-point play and balloon the HHS lead to 34-7. Rives set up the opportunity by forcing one of eight BSHS turnovers in the second quarter.

Big Spring, the District 4-4A champion, managed to get untracked offensively late in the second quarter. Lott ended a seven-minute scoring drought for the BS cagers with 2:59 left in the second when she ducked into the paint for a layup. She tacked on another basket just 24 seconds later, cutting the

Lady Whitefaces' lead to 23 points, at 34-11.

Betzen and Rampley each pushed home baskets in the final minute to increase Hereford's lead to 28, at 40-12, before Lady Steers' guard Brandi Purcell sank two free throws and sent the game into the half.

"Our defense in the first half was really good," said Rives, who finished the game with five steals.

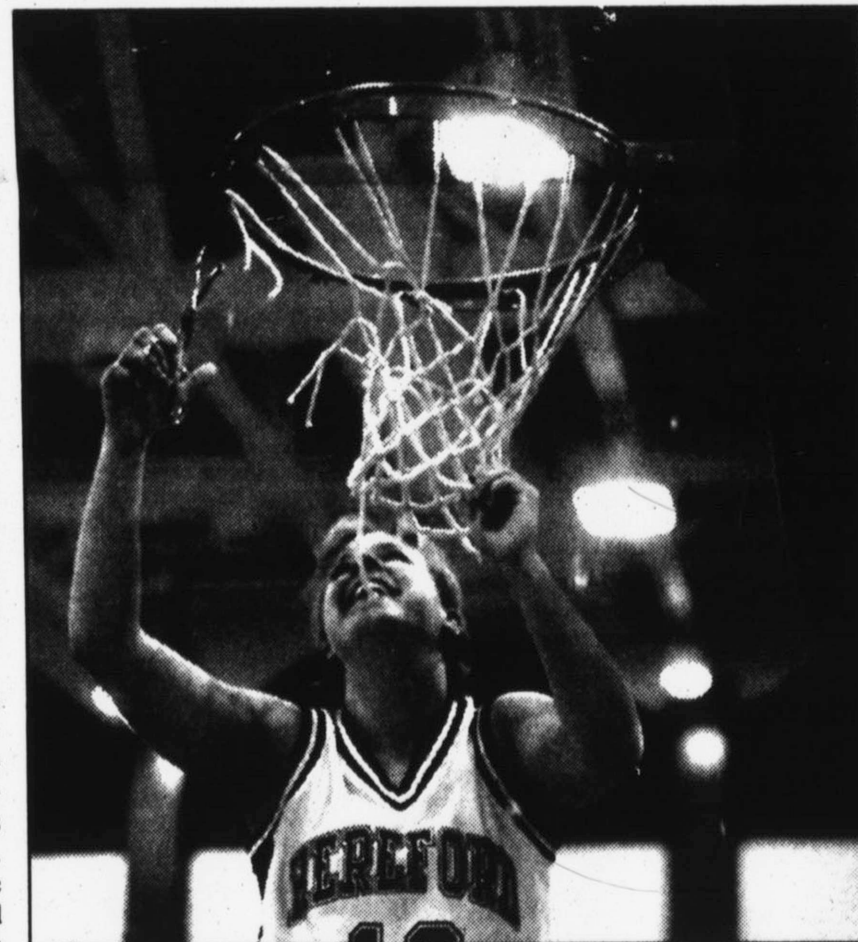
It was more of the same for the Lady Steers in the third. Rampley pumped in two shots and Davis added another in the first three minutes of the frame to lead a 6-2 run that carried the Lady Whitefaces' lead to 44-16.

From there, it turned into the Rampley Show. The junior spear-headed a 9-0 run by burying three shots from the field - including a 3-point shot from the left wing that was set up by a Jamie Marquez steal. Rampley's offensive heroics came in a three-minute span and pushed the Lady Whitefaces' commanding margin to 55-18.

Betzen closed out a strong third quarter effort by Hereford by pouring in a fallaway jumper from inside the paint with 19 ticks left in the stanza.

The Lady Whitefaces, thanks in part to a defense that forced 13 turnovers, outscored Big Spring by a staggering 17-6 ledger in the third.

The Lady Steers turned the final eight minutes into a free throw jam-boree. Big Spring, which outscored Hereford by a 23-14 margin in the final eight minutes, went to the charity stripe 14 times in the fourth period - connecting on nine.



Party time

Hereford's Kendra Wright took part in the post-game celebrations Tuesday night. The Lady Whitefaces cut down the nets in the Wolforth gym following their win over Big Spring.

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Diet in middle-aged women can increase likelihood of diabetes

By **BRENDA C. COLEMAN**
AP Medical Writer
CHICAGO (AP) - Middle-aged women who eat a lot of white bread, potatoes and certain other starchy or sugary foods are more likely to get diabetes, a study found.

The risk is especially high among those who skimp on cereal fiber, according to the six-year study of 65,173 nurses, published in Wednesday's issue of *The Journal of the American Medical Association*.

The researchers were led by Dr. Jorge Salmeron of Harvard School of Public Health, who previously reported similar findings in men.

The study involved what is known as Type II diabetes, by far the most common form of the disease in the United States. It afflicts more than 14 million Americans.

In Type II diabetes, which usually develops gradually after age 40, the body develops a resistance to insulin, the hormone needed to process blood sugar. The pancreas may also lose some of its ability to produce insulin.

Diets high in certain starchy and sugary foods cause frequent boosts in blood sugar. Researchers theorize that the pancreas may become exhausted by the demand, and diabetes may develop.

Outside experts immediately cautioned people not to alter their diets based on the findings.

Dr. Edward S. Horton, vice president and clinical director of research at the Joslin Diabetes Center in Boston, said the study makes unjustified assumptions about how specific foods affect blood-sugar and

insulin levels.

"I wouldn't want the public to go out and say, 'Geez, I've got to eat less potatoes. I've got to eat less white bread,'" said Horton, former chairman of the nutrition committee for the American Diabetes Association.

People would be better off staying lean and keeping active as well as eating a nutritious diet - all undisputed ways of reducing the risk of Type II diabetes, Horton said.

The nurses' study looked at how much in carbohydrates each woman ate and the "glycemic index" of each carbohydrate, a relative measure of how much the food drives up blood sugar. (Both starches and sugars are converted to blood sugar, or glucose.)

Foods with relatively high

glycemic indices are white bread (100), mashed potatoes (104) and cola beverages (87). Foods with lower glycemic indices are dark bread (58-70), broccoli (45) and peanut butter (40).

The women with the highest consumption of such carbohydrates were 1-1/2 times as likely to develop diabetes as the women with the lowest consumption.

Women who ate the least cereal fiber and the most refined carbohydrates had the highest risk - 2-1/2 times that of women who ate the most cereal fiber and the fewest refined carbohydrates.

Diabetes can lead to heart disease, nerve damage and blindness. Type II diabetes is the less severe form and usually can be controlled.



Women's Division activity

One of the events sponsored by the Women's Division of the Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce is the annual style show. The show features exclusively Hereford merchants and emphasizes that residents should shop Hereford first. The Women's Division membership drive is currently underway and anyone interested in supporting Hereford and Deaf Smith County is welcome to join. Applications are available from the Chamber office or any member of the Women's Division.

Prizes offered in membership drive sponsored by Women's Division

The Women's Division of the Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a membership drive which will continue through March.

The Women's Division sponsors a number of community activities including the Little Miss Hereford Pageant, an annual style show, Christmas lighting contest, Beauty Spot of the Month, Featured Artist, the Sneak Preview Night held prior to the "Eat-Your-Heart-Out-Neiman-Marcus" Fun Breakfast, and "Woman of the Year."

They are also responsible for decorations for the annual Chamber of Commerce banquet.

The current member of the Women's Division who signs the

most new members during the drive will receive a Brighton purse from the Pants Cage.

The names of all new members will be included in a drawing for 25 Hereford Bucks.

Winners will be announced at the quarterly meeting April 8 at 7 p.m. in the Hereford Community Center.

Applications for membership are available at the Chamber office, 701 N. Main, or from any Women's Division member.

The 1997 officers of the Women's Division are Elvira Enriquez, president; Nancy Denton, president-elect; Shannon Redwine, vice president and membership chairman; Kristi Hollingsworth, secretary-

treasurer; Linda Daniel and Janie Alejandre, directors; and Julia Laing, parliamentarian.

Today in History

By The Associated Press
Today is Ash Wednesday, Feb. 12, the 43rd day of 1997. There are 322 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On Feb. 12, 1809, Abraham Lincoln, the 16th president of the United States, was born in present-day Larue County, Ky.

On this date:
In 1554, Lady Jane Grey, who'd claimed the throne of England for nine days, was beheaded after being charged with treason.

In 1733, English colonists led by James Oglethorpe founded Savannah, Ga.

In 1870, women in the Utah Territory gained the right to vote.

In 1892, President Lincoln's birthday was declared a national holiday.

In 1907, more than 300 people died when the steamer Larchmont collided with a schooner off New England's Block Island.

In 1909, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People was founded.

In 1915, the cornerstone for the Lincoln Memorial was laid in Washington, D.C.

In 1924, George Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue" premiered in

New York City.

In 1940, the radio play "The Adventures of Superman" debuted on the Mutual network with Bud Collyer as the Man of Steel.

In 1968, "Soul on Ice" by Eldridge Cleaver was first published.

In 1973, the first release of American prisoners of war from the Vietnam conflict took place.

Ten years ago: Three Wall Street brokers - Robert Freeman, Richard B. Wigton and Timothy L. Tabor - were arrested on charges of insider-trading. (The government eventually dropped its case against Wigton and Tabor. Freeman pleaded guilty to a single felony count in August 1989.)

Five years ago: Democratic presidential candidate Bill Clinton released a letter he'd written as a student in 1969 in which he said he had decided to give up a draft deferment in order to "maintain my political viability." President Bush formally announced his bid for re-election.

One year ago: Bob Dole eked out a victory in Iowa's Republican presidential caucuses, while Pat Buchanan came in a surprisingly strong second.

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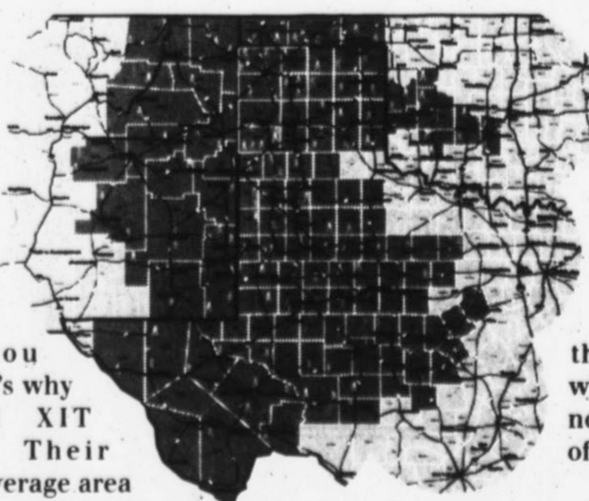


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'The Naked Truth' sitcom claims NBC as new home

LOS ANGELES (AP) - The weekly ritual for the cast and production team of NBC's "The Naked Truth" is about to begin. They descend to a rather colorless, cafeteria-like room below the show's set where they sit at long rows of tables and consume coffee and bagels.

Star Tea Leoni plops down beside "Cheers" alumnus George Wendt. Across the table is Mary Tyler Moore, who's playing Leoni's mother in four episodes this season.

Howls of laughter fill the room as cast members casually read their lines. The 46-page script focuses on the birthday of Leoni's character, Nora Wilde, a rather klutzy but cute divorcee who works at a tabloid.

The ritual is called a "table read" and it happens every Monday

morning in the basement below Stage 20 on the edge of CBS Studio Center in the San Fernando Valley. It gives writers an opportunity to hear their words spoken by the actors, and offers producers a chance to comment on which lines work and which ones don't.

Once the read is over, the production team shoes the cast away. The writers then fine-tune the script, which will be taped the following Friday.

"I thought this week's episode had a lot of potential," says executive producer Brad Grey, "although there were some specifics I won't get into."

After the table read, Leoni heads upstairs to her dressing room. On this sunny day, she's wrapped in a long, black wool coat and a scarf.

"I tried doing yoga but all of my mucus went right into my head as I was leaning over doing a move and literally my eyes started fluttering and I went into a somersault," she says. "Not a good idea to do yoga when you have a head cold."

Leoni talks cheerfully about her show - a midseason replacement that premiered this month - which she says has "finally found its legs."

The show first premiered on ABC in the fall of 1994, but wasn't picked up the following season.

Wowed by NBC Entertainment President Warren Littlefield, the producers jumped ship to NBC, which in turn gave them a gem of a time slot - at 9:30 p.m. Thursday, between rating kings "Seinfeld" and "ER."

"It's a lot of pressure," Leoni says, "but beyond that it's such a golden opportunity that it's not exactly raining on your parade by any means. I think it's the springboard that we need."

Wendt added another boost to the TV-PG rated show, coming on board as the new owner of the weekly tabloid, The Comet. The creation of his character gave producers a convenient excuse to make changes in the series.

As the new owner, he seeks to clean up the tabloid's image and he changes everyone's job. Leoni's character, for instance, went from being a paparazzi photographer to being an advice columnist.

"The idea behind this is how many

episodes can we stand to watch her jumping out of Dumpsters and hiding behind bushes?" Leoni asks. "This way we'll see a more intellectual argument. There will always be room for physical comedy without it being redundant."

And this time, Moore will play Leoni's mother. It was Dyan Cannon who had that job in the ABC incarnation.

"It's a coup," Leoni says. "I can't believe that she's here. I mean literally you want to pinch yourself. I mean it just tickles me pink that she's here."

The two actually met while filming last year's movie "Flirting with Disaster," which drew rave reviews for Leoni.

And while Leoni - a lithe, 30-year-old blonde whose comedic charm has been compared to Carole Lombard's - still has the big screen on her mind, her focus right now is on her TV show.

"I think we were off to a slow start," she says. "Frankly, I was not happy with really the first two episodes."

"It's been difficult for the writers. We've handed them some rather complicated, eccentric, intelligent but flighty characters and I think it's taken them a few episodes to really start to hear and retrieve our voices and give them back to us."

But now, she says, "It's a great new experience to not be teetering at all, in fact to be just revving up."

Networks air new law shows

NEW YORK (AP) - More and more, TV programmers are laying down the law.

And not just with prime-time dramas, such as two new lawyerly entries, ABC's "The Practice" and CBS' "Feds," which will come to prime time in March, joining a January newcomer, CBS' "Orleans," wherein Larry Hagman plays a witty Louisiana judge.

These days, TV's syndicators, too, are banging the gavel every way they can think of.

Buyers from the nation's local stations found that out anew last week when they gathered in New Orleans for the annual National Association of Television Program Executives convention. Mission: to land new hits for their schedules next season.

As they shopped the wares of NATPE's program bazaar, never far from the station bosses' minds was one of the few successful syndication launches of the 1996-97 season: "Judge Judy," a weekday half-hour that stars real-life judge Judy Sheindlin presiding over a made-for-TV family court.

Here, if it please the court, are more such reality lawyer shows

submitted for next fall. (But will they please viewers?)

"The People's Court," which is a daily half-hour format kept Judge Joseph Wagner on its bench for a dozen years, is a firm "go" for 1997-98. But, this time, former New York City Mayor Ed Koch turns from Hizzoner to His Honor, dispensing justice for a full hour Mondays through Fridays.

"LadyLaw" is described as a "cinema verite reality series" about the professional and personal lives of female lawyers, as well as women in various branches of law enforcement.

The host for this daily half-hour is perhaps the best-known "Lady-Lawyer" of them all, former O.J. Simpson prosecutor Marcia Clark.

And then there's a court jester called "Comedy Court."

What will happen here, say the producers, is real-life legal disputes argued not by lawyers but by stand-up comics. Steve Landesberg, making the leap from a detective on a cop sitcom (the long-ago "Barney Miller") here dons judge's robes.

There are plenty of reasons why television is courting viewers. Courtroom shows offer conflict

and resolution. Wrongdoing alleged with the promise of punishment. Emotions and intellect both displayed in ample measure. A contest and, for the viewer, a guessing game.

As the TV world anticipates a law-show boomlet in the months ahead, it's worth recalling twin flops of two years ago.

The highly awaited "Jones & Jury" fizzled with a format in which the studio audience served as a jury voting how to settle real-life disputes. With an almost identical concept, "Judge for Yourself" (originally titled "Judge & Jury") also went down in flames.

It's also worth remembering that the courtroom has been a successful venue for TV since its early days.

CBS' "The Verdict Is Yours," for instance, began a five-year run way back in 1957. Its particular gimmick? Professional actors, improvising from an outline, portrayed all the litigants and witnesses on the live weekday program. Bona fide attorneys played the lawyers and judges. And jurors were ordinary citizens who actually rendered a verdict.

Television

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 12											
6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	
Movie: Tom and Huck ** PG			(35) Movie: The Adventures of Huck Finn Elijah Wood	(20) Movie: The Libertators Robert Carandina. ** 1/2							
News	Ent. Tonight	Wings	Chic. Sons	Newsradio	Men-Badly	Law & Order		News	(35) Tonight Show		
Newshour With Jim Lehrer	Nova					Return to Giant		Tony Brown	Charlie Rose		
Videos	Videos	NBA Basketball Orlando Magic at Detroit Pistons				Inside-NBA		Movie: Night of the Living Dead (1990)			
News	Wh. Fortune	Grace Under	Coach	Drew Carey	Ellen	Primetime Live		News	Seinfeld	Nightline	
Fam. Mat.	Bzz!	Sister, Sis.	Nick Frano	Wayans	Jamie Foxx	News		Wiseguy		Heat	
News	Home Imp.	Nanny	Pearl	Movie: A Nightmare Come True (1997), Shelley Fabares		News	(35) Late Show				
Roseanne	Mad-You	Beverly Hills, 90210	Party of Five		Hercules-Jmys.	Mad-You	Cops	Real TV			
College Basketball Clemson at Wake Forest			College Basketball Connecticut at Boston College			Sportscenter		Aerobics			
Waltons	Highway to Heaven	Rescue 911			700 Club	Carson	Carson	3 Stoooges			
Movie: Fortunate	Movie: Who Framed Roger Rabbit PG	(45) Movie: Funny Bones (1995) Oliver Platt, Lee Evans. *** T				Movie: Eye for an Eye Sally Field. ** R					
(5:15) Movie: Tommy Boy	Movie: Mortal Thoughts Demi Moore. 'R'	Rosewood	Sandera	Tracy		Movie: Eye for an Eye Sally Field. ** R					
(4:45) Movie: First Knight	Movie: The Lost Boys Jason Patric. 'R'	(45) Movie: Under Siege 2: Dark Territory 1/2 'R'				Movie: Once Warriors					
Movie: ** Forever Darling	Movie: Souther (1972) Cicely Tyson. ***					Movie: Take a Giant Step (1959) Ruby Dee. **					
Dukes of Hazzard	Life of Conway Twitty	Prime Time Country				Exclusively Leeza Heart	Dallas	Dukes			
Wings of the Luftwaffe	Wild Discovery	Discover Magazine				Wild Discovery		Discover			
Equalizer	Biography	American Justice				20th Century	Law & Order	Biography			
Designing	Designing	Unsolved Mysteries				Movie: Something Wild (1986) Jeff Daniels. ***	Living	Mysteries			
FOX Sports News	FOX Sports	NHL Hockey Phoenix Coyotes at Dallas Stars						Sports			
In the Heat of the Night	Movie: Nighthawks (1981) Sylvester Stallone. ***	(05) Movie: Above the Rim (1994) Duane Martin. **						Movie:			
Doug	Rugrats	Hey Arnold! Happy Days	I Love Lucy	Munsters	M.T. Moore	Rhoda	Taxi	Odd Couple	Bewitched		
Highlander: The Series	Murder, She Wrote	(7:59) Movie: Night Watch (1995) Pierce Brosnan. **					Wings	Wings	Stalkings		
Bendita Mentira	Maria la del Barrio	Sentimientos Ajenos	Fuera	Lente Loco	P. Impacto	Noticiero	La Tocado				
Air Combat	Assassinations	True Action Adventures	Weapons at War				Year by Year	Assassin.			
RPM 2Night	NHL Hockey San Jose Sharks at Detroit Red Wings						NHL 2Night	Be a Player	RPM 2Night	NBA 2Night	

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 13

7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30	12 PM	
Pooh	Mermald	Wonderland	Umbrella	Grounding	Pooh Cmr.	Ducktales	Care Bears	Dumbo	Wonderland	GummiBrs	
Today				Leeza		Geraldo Rivera		Sunset Beach		Days-Lives	
Writers	Writers	Sesame Street		Puzzle Place	Mr Rogers	Storytime	Reading	Arthur	Barney	Lamb Chop	
B. Hillbillies	Bewitched	Little House		3's Co.	Mama	Griffith	Griffith	(05) Matlock		Movie:	
Good Morning America	Live - Regis & Kathie Lee			Caryl & Marilyn: Friends		Medicine Woman		News			
BugsDaffy	Animanlacs	Woody	Bewitched	Griffith	Empty Nest			Geraldo Rivera		News	
This Morning				Ricki Lake		Price Is Right		Young and the Restless		News	
Quack Pack	Bobby	Mask	Peter Pan	Fox After Breakfast		Step-Step	Mr. Cooper	K. Copeland	Paid Prog.	Gunsmoke	
Sportscenter	Sportscenter			Sportscenter		Sportscenter		Sportscenter		Final Four	
Highway to Heaven	Waltons			700 Club				FIT TV	Rescue 911	Home	
Movie: The Adventures of Baron Munchausen PG				(15) Movie: Two Little Bears **		(40) Movie: Honey Sweet Love 'NR'		Movie:			
Movie: Mommie Dearest	Lifestories	Movie: Ladybugs Rodney Dangerfield. *		Movie: A Little Princess Eleanor Bron. 'G'		Movie: Peggy-Married					
Movie: Iron Eagle IV Louis Gossett Jr.	(45) Movie: So Big Jane Wyman. ***			Movie: Tap (1989) Gregory Hines, Sammy Davis Jr. ***							
Movie: ** What a Blonde	Movie: Mama Loves Papa (1945) **	Movie: Variety Time (1948)	Parade	Movie: Desperate Search (1953) ** 1/2				Movie: Desperate Search (1953) ** 1/2			
(Off Air)	VideoMorning			Dallas		Aleene's Crafts		Wildhorse			
Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Assignment Discovery		Home Matters		Housesmart!		Start	Interior Mot.	Home	
Columbo				Lovejoy Mysteries		New Mike Hammer		Quincy		Equalizer	
Baby Knows	KidsDays	Sisters		Debt	Our Home	Main Ingrid.	Handmade	Living	Our Home	Designing	
FOX Sports News	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.		NHL Hockey Phoenix Coyotes at Dallas Stars						Sports	
Scooby Doo	Doo	Flintstones	Flintstones	Gilligan	Gilligan	Knots Landing		CHiPs		Thunder	
Looney Tunes	Rugrats	Busy World		Rupert	Muppets	Allegra	Gullah	Little Bear	Blue's Clues	Busy World	
Mighty Max	Sonic	Murder, She Wrote		Movie: Wounded Heart (1995) Paula Devicq.		Major Dad	Claude	USA Live			
Gros T.V.	El Chavo	Chespirito		Papa Solt.	Dr Perez	Des Mujeres Un Camino		Bajo un Mismo Rostro			
Classroom		History Showcase		Real West		Movie: The Juggler (1953) Kirk Douglas. ***		Crusade			
Flex Appeal	Bodyshape	Crunch		Training		Flex Appeal	Crunch	Gotta Sweat	Fitness	Flex Appeal	Bodyshape

12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30	
C. Brown	Donald	Pooh	Top Cat and the Beverly Hills Cats			C. Brown	Tale Spin	Ducktales	Chp 'n' Dale	Good Troop	
Days-Lives	Another World		Jenny Jones		Mauri		Oprah Winfrey		News	NBC News	
Body Elec.	Bridge	Keeping Up	Savor	In the Prime	Painting	Wishbone	C. Sandiego	Science Guy	Creatures	Magic Bus	
(12:05) Movie: Something Big (1971)	JonQuest	Flintstones	Flintstones	Brady	Dreams	Saved-Bell	Fam. Mat.	Fam. Mat.	Fam. Mat.	Fam. Mat.	
Jeopardy!	One Life to Live	General Hospital	Montel Williams		Rosie O'Donnell		News	ABC News			
News	Streets of San Francisco	Beauty and the Beast	Beverly Hills, 90210		Fam. Mat.	Dreams	Saved-Bell	Saved-Bell			
Bold & B.	As the World Turns	Guiding Light		Dating	Newlywed	Am. Journal	Hard Copy	News	CBS News		
Gunsmoke	Little House on the Prairie	Matlock		Batman	Spider-Man	Beetleborgs	Rangers	Fresh Pr.	Simpsons		
NCAA	Auto Racing: Daytona Qualifying		Final Four	Final Four		NBA's Great	Up Close	Sportsctr.			
(12:00) Home & Family	ShopDrop	Shopping	Animal	Animal	Bloopers	Bloopers	C. Burnett	C. Burnett			
(12:15) Movie: ** 1/2 Funeral in Berlin	30MinMv	(45) Movie: Chu Chu and the Philly Flash ** PG		Movie: Adventures-Munchausen							
Movie: Peggy-Married	Movie: The Hudsucker Proxy Tim Robbins. *** PG	Movie: American Hot Wax Tim McIntire.		Movie: Tuskegee Air							
Movie: Malcolm X (1992) Denzel Washington, Spike Lee. *** 1/2 PG-13				Movie: A Fine Mess Ted Danson. * PG		Movie: Love (1927) ** 1/2					
Movie: You for Me (1952)	(45) Movie: The Affairs of Doble Gillis	Movie: That Forsyte Woman (1950) Errol Flynn. ***		Movie: Love (1927) ** 1/2							
Wildhorse	VideoPM	America's Country Hits		Dallas		Wildhorse Saloon		Club Dance			
Home	Housesmart!	Interior Mot.	Start	Great Chefs	Great Chefs	Travelers		Bay. 2000	Next Step		
Equalizer	Columbo			Lovejoy Mysteries		New Mike Hammer		Quincy			
Nurses	Movie: The Man in the Moon (1991), Tess Harper. ** 1/2	L.A. Law		Commlah		Supermt		Debt			
Sports	FOX Sports News	Bowling ABC World Team Challenge	Thorghbrd	Robinson	Fame	Texas 500	Texas A&M				
Thunder	How the West Was Won	Wild, Wild West		Movie: Invitation to a Gunfighter (1964) ***		In the Heat of the Night					
Papa Beaver	Looney	Beetlejuice	Tiny Toon	Muppets	Chipmunks	Gadget	Who Afsrd?!	Rocko's Life	Clarissa	Tiny Toon	
USALive	USA Live	USA Live	USA Live	Wanted	Top Cops	Wings	Wings	Renegade			
Bajo-Rostro	Pecado de Amor			Cristina		Primer Impacto		Dr Perez	Noticiero		
Crusade	Combat at Sea	Real West		Movie: The Juggler (1953) Kirk Douglas. ***		Crusade	Crusade				
Sports Babe	NBA 2Night	NBA Finals	Auto Racing: NASCAR Qualifying & Winston Cup Practice			Photo Safari	Glory Days				

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Movie: That Dam Cat (1965) Hayley Mills, Dean Jones.				Movie: The Three Lives of Thomasina	(40) Movie: Nightjohn Carl Lumbly. ** 1/2 PG-13						
News	Ent. Tonight	Friends	Single Guy	Seinfeld	Naked Truth	ER		News	(35) Tonight Show		
Newshour With Jim Lehrer	Antiques Roadshow	Mystery!		Held in Trust: Lt. Flipper	Computer	Charlie Rose					
Videos	Video	Movie: Encino Man (1992) Sean Astin. **		(05) Movie: Men at Work (1990) Emilio Estevez. **		Movie:					
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State vs. John Alfred Lozoya, 34, theft by check; 180 days probated two years, \$195 court costs, Jan. 29.

State vs. Shawn Renee Moore, 26, theft by check; 90 days probated one year, \$100 fine, \$187 court costs, Jan. 29.

State vs. Tanya Smith, 17, theft by check; 180 days probated one year, \$187 court costs, Jan. 29.

State vs. Ernesto Ramos, 34, driving while intoxicated, second offense; 180 days probated two years, \$700 fine, \$242 court costs, Jan. 29.

State vs. Mary Helen Valdez, 20, assault; 90 days probated one year; \$200 fine, \$187 court costs, Jan. 29.

State vs. Edward Carrillo, 17, false imprisonment; 90 days probated one year, \$100 fine, \$175 court costs, Jan. 29.

State vs. Sylvia Mejia Contreras, 47, tampering with government records; court costs \$195, Jan. 29.

State vs. Rosalinda (Rosie) Perez, 36, theft by check; \$100 fine, \$187 court costs, Feb. 5.

State vs. Edelia Martinez, 30, theft by check; 180 days probated two years, \$100 fine, \$187 court costs, Feb. 5.

State vs. Ricky Lynn Taylor, 35, theft of service; \$100 fine, \$187 court costs, Feb. 5.

State vs. Edward Carrillo, 17, criminal trespass; 180 days in jail, \$175 court costs, Feb. 5.

State vs. Roland Perez, 17, evading arrest; 9 days in jail, \$187 court costs, Feb. 5.

State vs. Roland Perez, 17, theft; 180 days probated one year, \$187 court costs, Feb. 5.

State vs. Maria E. Lopez, 28, possession of marijuana; 180 days in jail, \$175 court costs, Feb. 5.

State vs. Eugene Dominguez, 33, evading arrest; 90 days probated one year, \$150 fine, \$187 court costs, Feb. 5.

State vs. Thomas Park, 40, possession of marijuana; \$200 fine, \$187 court costs, Feb. 5.

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Reynolds, Robert Roy Reynolds Jr., children, amended employer's order to withhold earnings for child support, Jan. 16.

In interest of Matthew Brian Espinoza, minor child, order on petition for child support and order withholding from earnings for child support, Jan. 20.

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State vs. Juan Porras Jr., judgment on plea of guilty to felony DWI, seven years Texas Department of Criminal Justice, probated seven years, \$500 fine, Jan. 17.

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Computers allow young cancer patient to complete schoolwork

By JOHN WISE
Lubbock Avalanche-Journal
LOOP, Texas - Eleven-year-old Christi Rolan likes to sport her Mickey Mouse T-shirt. It symbolizes the place she wants to go once all of this hubbub is done.

"California," Christi said shyly. Disneyland has been calling her name, but right now she's not able to go. She has bone cancer.

Since the day Christi learned about the cancer last May, she has had all kinds of support from doctors, family, schoolmates and teachers - the usual kindhearted gifts and gestures.

But some of the best help to Christi, who lives on a farm 10 miles south of this small agricultural community, comes in the form of technical support.

Chemotherapy and radiation treatments have left Christi's body weak and susceptible to infection. So she now uses a computer and fax machine to pick up assignments and turn in homework without leaving her house. Donations from various businesses on the South Plains have made this possible for Christi.

But she might not have been this lucky had she not accidentally discovered her disease.

Christi was playing soccer with other children at recess one day last spring when someone accidentally kicked her leg. When her calf swelled to an abnormally large size, she and her parents began to worry.

A visit to the doctor last May revealed that she had a primitive neuroectodermal tumor: bone cancer.

"It's hard to say, but it's a blessing. We would have never known," Debbie Rolan, Christi's mother, said of her daughter's soccer mishap. "I mean this is a big deal. The worst thing we've ever had in this house is the chicken pox."

Because Christi, her parents and two sisters live so far out of town, Loop school Supt. Richard Roberts thought he would try something different.

He recruited a host of sponsors, who bought or donated the money for supplies and support necessary to get Christi back on the learning track.

"They (the sponsors) have relieved a lot of the school's financial burden," Roberts said.

Poka Lambro Communications furnished a direct phone line from the Rolans' house to the school; Amoco Oil donated money for an Apple Macintosh computer and two fax machines; and Apple Computers donated a second machine and technical support.

By state law, school districts must provide for homebound students' education. But districts often can't afford it. The computer setup is an alternative to traditional homebound education, Roberts said, where a teacher visits the student at home for an hour or so each day.

Christi's sixth-grade English teacher, Polly Burlesmith, sits at the other end of the line. She, too, uses

a computer and fax machine. She is responsible for collecting all of Christi's assignments and faxing them to her each day.

"Things began to click when Mr. Roberts got all of the companies to make the donations," Ms. Burlesmith said. "I'm real proud to be in a school system that will take this much care just for one kid."

Even though the technology keeps them linked, she said, it isn't a substitute for the real thing.

"I'd rather have Christi back than all of the technology in the world," Ms. Burlesmith said.

So far it's working. Christi is still first in her class of eight, and she keeps an A average.

Right now, Christi is busy healing. She had surgery in November to remove her cancerous fibula, one of two bones that connect the knee and ankle. However, the healing process is taking longer than expected, and she may have to go to Dallas for a special oxygen treatment to speed healing.

Once her leg is better, Mrs. Rolan said, Christi will go through three more chemotherapy sessions, each one exhausting enough to keep her in the hospital anywhere from three to five days.

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Agriculture Briefs

PEORIA, Ill. (AP) - Illinois is losing its small hog farms to old age and new technology, raising questions about the long-term health of the state's \$3.3 billion hog business.

"That's a major concern to everybody in the industry," said Pete Merna of the Illinois Pork Producers Association. "If production continues to shift out of Illinois, the allied industries are going to move, too. Packers are going to build facilities where the hogs are."

Illinois had only 4 million hogs as of December, according to a report from the Agriculture Department. That was 8 percent below December 1995 and the lowest number since 1937.

The drop is partly a result of short-term problems.

Grain prices rose dramatically last year, increasing the cost of feeding hogs. Many farmers chose to sell their hogs rather than continue paying high feed prices. And some farmers raising both grain and hogs have decided to cut back on hogs to find more profitable uses for their corn and

soybeans.

But larger trends are driving the decline, too.

Factory-like farms that raise pigs from start to finish are taking over in the South. Their lower costs and technological innovations make it hard for small farms to compete.

And Illinois has many older farmers who don't want to invest in the new equipment and learn the new techniques needed in the hog industry today. They just get out of the business, experts say.

Roger Phillips, who farms near Baylis, found out in 1994 how rough the business can be. Hog prices fell dramatically and he sold all he had to cut his losses but was still left with a \$15,000 debt for feed.

Phillips works with organizations trying to keep huge hog facilities out of Illinois. He predicts these "mega hog farms" will squeeze out small farmers by undercutting prices and replacing the buying stations where farmers sell their hogs.

Texas crop report

Peach trees blooming prematurely

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) - Lower temperatures across the state last week may prove spring has not arrived yet, but some peach trees seem to think it has. The Texas Agricultural Extension Service reports that peach producers in Central Texas are hoping temperatures remain steady, as much warmer weather could hurt this year's crop.

Dale Hurst, Freestone County Extension agent in Fairfield, said if temperatures remain on the cooler side, peach trees in East Central Texas should bloom on schedule. He explained that an increase in temperature would cause early varieties of peaches to bloom early, resulting in a decrease in yield at harvest.

"Early varieties of peaches ripen around the second week in May," he said. "If temperatures are too warm, they will bloom early. Production will decrease if they go into bloom earlier."

Hurst said he has not seen any trees blooming in East Central Texas, but the buds are swelling. The temperatures it experienced last week were ideal to prevent an early bloom.

"We would like to push the bloom back as far as we can into March," he said. "If we could keep temperatures in the 55- to 60-degree range, early varieties would have less of a chance of blooming too soon."

Hurst said another concern for peach producers is the temperature dropping too low after bloom. He said early ripening varieties are more susceptible to a frost than late ones.

"Late varieties are still susceptible, just not as much as early varieties," he said. "Those blooms will die if there is a frost, and if the blooms die, the peach dies."

He added the major factor that

determines when peaches will ripen is the number of chill hours they receive. Chill hours are the number of hours the trees are exposed to temperatures below 45 degrees. Hurst said most varieties require between 700 and 800 chill hours.

Scott Durham, district Extension Director in San Angelo, said some peach trees in West Central Texas have begun to bloom. He said although the early bloom is not a good thing for the crop, he is not surprised.

"We had some nice, warm weather for a week, so I kind of expected that some would bloom a little early," Durham said. "We don't like to see it, but it happens every year in some areas."

Durham said the problem with an early bloom is that the area is still expecting its last frost sometime in late February to mid-March. Peaches that are already set will probably not survive a frost.

"Some years the trees bloom early and there isn't a damaging frost," Durham said. "Sometimes we can get away with it, sometimes we can't."

Dale Fritz, district Extension director in Bryan, said the warmer weather has resulted in some fruit trees blooming early in Southeast Texas.

For South Texas - close to Seguin - this is the time of year peach trees bloom, said James Kamas, Extension horticulturalist in Fredericksburg.

"I'm sure the peach trees around the Rio Grande Valley and many places in South Texas are already blooming," Kamas said. "It's not unusual there for this time of year."

On the other hand, Kamas said the trees in the Hill Country are not blooming yet. He added that it would be unusual for trees to begin

blooming this early in that area.

"It's not necessarily the early ripening varieties that will bloom early," Kamas explained. "It just depends on the number of chill hours the trees have received. Here in the Hill Country, that's usually not a problem."

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

PANHANDLE: Moisture short to adequate. Pastures, ranges in fair condition. Irrigated wheat in fair to good condition; dryland continues to decline. Wheat providing adequate grazing for livestock. Preparing land for corn in some areas.

SOUTH PLAINS: Moisture short. Pastures, ranges very dry. Wheat in fair to poor condition; needs moisture. Mild temperatures early in week, turning colder with light rain. Land preparation under way for most crops.

ROLLING PLAINS: Moisture adequate. Pastures, ranges improving with recent rainfall. Wheat fields in fair to poor condition; freeze damage in some counties. Cotton harvest almost complete. Supplemental feeding of livestock continues.

NORTH TEXAS: Moisture adequate to surplus. Pastures, ranges in fair condition. Wheat in need of drying conditions; fields damaged due to freezing temperatures. Planting onions. Pruning peaches. Harvesting pine trees.

EAST TEXAS: Moisture adequate. Winter pastures in fair condition; haying continues. Plowing, early vegetable planting active as weather permits. Good progress in wheat. Peach trees in bud swell, pruning, spraying continues.

FAR WEST TEXAS: Moisture very short to adequate. Pastures, ranges in

poor to fair condition. Preparing land for cotton; some pre-irrigation beginning. Onions progressing due to warming trend. Supplemental feeding of livestock continues.

WEST CENTRAL TEXAS: Moisture short to adequate. Pastures, small grain fields improving with recent moisture. Greenbug damage on some wheat. Supplemental feeding continues; recent rains should improve wintergrass, cool season forbes. Planting onions.

CENTRAL TEXAS: Moisture short to adequate. Mild temperatures, limited moisture allowing moderate growth of winter pastures. Dormant oil sprays being applied to peaches, pecans. Preparing land for corn planting. Heavy supplemental feeding of livestock continues.

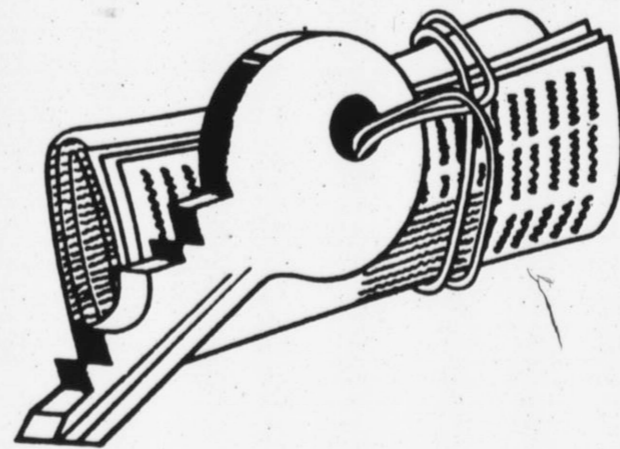
SOUTHEAST TEXAS: Moisture adequate to surplus. Pastures, corn crops improving with recent rainfall. Dormant oil sprays applied to pecans. Preparing soil for planting; equipment being repaired. Some fruit trees blooming early due to warmer weather.

SOUTHWEST TEXAS: Moisture short to adequate. Pastures, ranges showing some signs of stress. Spinach, cabbage, carrots, and southern greens harvesting continues. Fields ready for early spring planting; corn planting begins next week.

COASTAL BEND: Moisture adequate to surplus. Pastures, ranges improving; supplemental feeding of livestock continues. Oats making excellent growth due to warmer temperatures. Some wheat varieties stressed by rust. Some early peaches blooming.

SOUTH TEXAS: Moisture short. Pastures, ranges in poor condition; heavy supplemental feeding of livestock continues. Many fields lacking moisture for planting; some pre-plant irrigation under way.

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Grazing on stubble

These cows were spotted grazing in a pasture, located on West 15th Street. The high temperature was 63 degrees in Hereford on Tuesday. Cooler temperatures will hit the area on Wednesday, when a chance of light snow is possible.

State Capital



HIGHLIGHTS
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AUSTIN — Texans under 21 caught with alcohol on their breath, in their possession or merely appear to have consumed alcohol, would lose their driver's license under a bill approved by the Senate Criminal Justice Committee last week.

The legislation, sponsored by Sen. Royce West, D-Dallas, hits underage drinkers where it hurts most: it takes away their "wheels," the *Dallas Morning News* reported. "What we're trying to do is send a message ... that we have zero tolerance for drinking and driving," West said.

In Texas during the past five years, 1,330 alcohol-related traffic deaths have involved drivers between the ages of 15 and 20. Half of all traffic fatalities in that age group are alcohol related, compared with 36 percent nationally.

Texas law currently allows drivers under age 21 to operate a motor vehicle with a blood-alcohol level of up to 0.07. A reading of 0.10 is considered legally intoxicated.

Under West's bill, even a trace of alcohol would bring stiff penalties:

- Minors stopped for driving under the influence, depending on first, second or third offense, would face suspension of their driver's license for 120 days to 180 days; a fine of \$500 to \$2,000; up to 180 days in jail and from 20 to 40 days of community service.
- Police would be allowed a choice of either taking a minor who

is not driving, but in possession of alcohol, to the police station for a breath or blood test or issuing a citation on the spot.

■ For those who were not driving but have been consuming alcohol or have misrepresented their age, penalties would be similar to those assessed to minors caught driving under the influence.

Panel OKs Abortion Bill

A Senate committee last week approved legislation which would require doctors who perform abortions to notify a parent or guardian of a minor seeking an abortion.

Abortion opponents cheered the approval of the parental notification bill sponsored by Sen. Florence Shapiro, R-Plano. They said its early consideration in the legislative session could give the bill momentum as it moves to the full Senate.

"It gives us a boost," said Bill Price, president of Texans United for Life. "The pro-life movement in this state has not been successful in passing pro-life legislation. We've never gotten a hearing on a bill like this so early in the session."

"This bill doesn't ban abortion, and the purpose is not to mandate parent-child communication, but to proclaim the right of parents to know their daughter is in distress," Sen. Shapiro told committee members.

A similar bill failed in the Senate in 1995. But observers believe the new Republican majority in the Senate will assure passage. The measure is expected face stiff opposition in the House, where Rep. Kenny Marchant, R-Carrollton, is the sponsor.

Affirmative Action Nixed

Affirmative action programs are illegal, state Attorney General Dan Morales advised Texas' universities last week.

In an opinion issued at the request of University of Houston Chancellor Bill Hobby, Morales cited the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals decision issued last spring that ruled the University of Texas

School of Law may not consider race in its admission policy.

"Let us focus our time, energy and creativity on finding alternative ways to promote cultural diversity and equal opportunity in our universities instead of fighting a legal reality," Morales wrote.

Morales warned schools to not consider race or ethnicity in programs affecting students and advised them to use only race-neutral criteria in handling admissions, financial aid, scholarships, recruitment and retention programs.

Other Capital Highlights

■ More than 2,500 people gathered Feb. 3 at St. Leo's Catholic Church in San Antonio to mourn the death of Congressman Frank Tejeda, 51, who died Jan. 30 of complications from brain cancer. Gov. George W. Bush last week scheduled a March 15 special election to fill Tejeda's seat.

■ Acting Texas Lottery director Zoann Atwood resigned last week, after less than a month on the job. Atwood was appointed to the post Jan. 7, after the Texas Lottery Commission fired former lottery director Nora Linares. The commission named Kim Kiplin, who has worked as a general counsel for the lottery since 1993, as acting director.

■ Gov. Bush has proposed a \$70 million reading initiative designed to ensure that all Texas school children can read by the third grade. Last week, three democratic legislators filed a bill that would pump \$200 million into public school reading programs over two years.

■ The state's Permanent School Fund sold \$3.5 million worth of stock in Seagram Co. after Sen. Bill Ratliff, chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, objected to the "filth" on recordings marketed by Seagram subsidiary MCA Inc.

■ Rep. Hugh Berlanga, D-Corpus Christi, was re-elected chairman of the Mexican American Legislative Caucus. Rep. Leticia Van De Putte, D-San Antonio, was elected vice chair of the 35-member legislators' group.

Wage increases spark debate

By JOHN CUNIFF

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NEW YORK (AP) - There are "good" wage increases and there are "bad."

Unions might dispute this, management too, and economists could argue the point until the cows come home. But for the general public, what's the point of such a statement?

This: Wage increases that exceed productivity increases are likely to be inflationary.

On this point revolves the everlasting fear of inflation. Like a nervous fly, the discussion has flitted over the entire economic landscape in the past year, alighting but briefly before buzzing off again.

But in the past few weeks this fear has found something to feed on for a while. It is the debate over good wages increases and those that are bad, and it is good for a long, long workout.

A good deal of the fear arises from Wall Street, where higher or lower interest rates can test the foresight of analysts. These analysts are paid six figures to be right, and they project their nervousness widely.

In pursuit of clues, they examine the intonation of voice, the nuance of statement, and the body language of Alan Greenspan, Federal Reserve chairman and therefore the man most influential in the direction of monetary policy.

In his recent Senate testimony, the chairman commented that the "relatively modest wage gains we've

seen are a transitional rather than a lasting phenomenon," and then he sowed a bed of doubts.

"The unknown is how long the transition will last," he said, and then he revealed his own misgivings. "Indeed, the recent pickup in measures of wages suggests that the transition may already be running its course."

This statement has now supplied content for a new analysis of the

inflation question, which you might have thought was laid to rest last year, when every fractional economic statistic was examined in vain for clues.

Inherent in the statement was the fear of "bad" wage increases.

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