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Community to be big part in search for superintendent

By SHERRI MARTIN
Staff Writer

The Hereford community will be involved in the search for a new school superintendent.

A highlight of the search process will be a town meeting at 7 p.m. on Feb. 6. It is open to the public.

Don Killough of Austin and Tom Jarboe of Friona, both consultants with the Texas Association of School Boards will conduct "profile sessions" in the community.

In the sessions, the consultants will discuss characteristics of a school superintendent that are important to the community, Killough said.

The profile sessions will give the consultants an opportunity to hear the educational concerns of the Hereford community, he said.

"We want to get a better feel for Hereford," Killough said.

The consultants will conduct profile sessions on Feb. 6-7. HISD will send invitations to the several community members who have been chosen to participate, Killough said.

On Feb. 6, consultants will meet with central office administrators, 1 p.m.; principals, 2 p.m.; media, 3 p.m.; teachers, 4:15 p.m.; and board of trustees, 5:30 p.m.

On Feb. 7, consultants will meet with parents, 10:30 a.m.; students, lunch periods; business/civic leaders,

1:30 p.m.; and support staff, 2:30 p.m.

Also, the consultants will make campus visits on both days.

Notes from the profile sessions will be compiled in a brochure, which will be distributed to all applicants, Killough said.

The superintendent search process will proceed on this schedule:

-- Feb. 6-7, Consultants conduct profile sessions with several groups in the community.

-- March 21, Application deadline.

-- April 1, Trustees review applications and announce six to eight finalists.

-- April 3-5, Trustees interview finalists.

-- April 7, Consultants and trustees prepare for follow-up interviews, field will narrow to three finalists.

-- April 10-12, trustees conduct follow-up interviews of the three finalists.

-- April 16-17, If board deems necessary, trustees visit the home district of the superintendent candidate.

-- April 22, Board votes on the superintendent candidate.

The schedule moves quickly over a three month period. But, the board wants to complete the search process before school's out, Killough said.



Speaking on the future of water

Wayne Wyatt, High Plains Underground Water District No. 1 Manager, was one of the speakers at the annual West Texas Vegetable Conference Tuesday in the Hereford Community Center. "Water is our Highest Priority" was the conference theme.

Availability of water limits ag production

By SHERRI MARTIN
Staff Writer

Water is the most limiting factor in agricultural production in the High Plains of Texas, High Plains Underground Water District No. 1 Manager Wayne Wyatt said at the annual West Texas Vegetable Conference Tuesday.

The conference, with the theme of "Water is our Highest Priority," was held in the Hereford Community Center.

"If we do not have an ample water supply, certainly, vegetable irrigation will have to drop back to dryland farming totally in this area," Wyatt said.

Dryland farming is so sporadic. It is not dependable nor a high yielding means of production, he said.

"And it does cut economic opportunities for the area," Wyatt said.

Producers should consider running step draw down tests, a method of measuring what the water well yield will be when the water level drops, he said.

"I think it's a real good practice that people should do," Wyatt said.

Whether a vegetable producer or

not, the future of the water supply is so important to any producer, he said.

The High Plains will not receive any water from the Mississippi River nor the Great Lakes, Wyatt said.

"What we've got is what we've got. If we waste it, we're out of

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Hospital district to erect building

Medical office complex planned

BY SPEEDY NIEMAN
Publisher-Editor

Directors of Deaf Smith County Hospital District, after considering leasing or purchasing existing property, Tuesday night voted to build a new medical office complex on the West side of the present hospital grounds.

The action came after the board held an executive session to discuss leasing or purchasing options. The proposed building will have between 12,000 and 15,000 square feet of floor space.

Directors have been discussing leasing or purchasing several buildings in town for several months. The motion to construct a building was approved on a 5-2 vote, with Larry Watts and Jo Beth Shackelford voting against.

In other business Tuesday night, the board approved an amendment to the hospital's indigent care plan, which limits the amount of payments to hospitals outside Deaf Smith County, and approved the applications of 19 physicians for privileges in the emergency room. The hospital contracts for doctors to work in ER.

Lee Persfield, president of the Panhandle Coalition Health Services, presented an overview of the coalition-sponsored programs. Deaf Smith County is a beneficiary of the grant writing efforts to receive a \$50,000 grant from the Children's Trust Fund of Texas.

The grant will fund efforts by Hereford Regional Medical Center, Hereford Independent School District, and San Jose Community Center to prevent child abuse.

Shellic Hamby, RN, presented a Quality Management report, which was approved by the board. It summarized the results of a coronary care patients' study.

Jim Robinson, hospital administrator, presented an operations report and update on hospital activities. He pointed out the decline in inpatient admissions is continuing, with the hospital averaging 10.8 patients a day in December. Procedures in surgery, cardiac rehab, and physical therapy continue to grow. Home Health Care department visits also continue to increase.

Director Dean Crofford presented the financial report, which reflected an increase in operating revenues, but also an increase in overall expenses. A net loss of \$4,260 was shown for December.

Robinson reported he will meet with the president of Northwest Texas Hospital to discuss a lawsuit that hospital has brought against HRMC. He also reported the hospital's Level IV Trauma Designation will take place in February, and that HRMC had received full accreditation, as well as Deaf Smith Home Services, from the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations.

Medical staff appointments were also presented to the board. These include: Directory of surgery, Dr. Nadir Khuri; director of EMS/ICU/ER, Dr. G.G. Payne; director of OB, Dr. H.R. Johnson; director of family practice, Dr. D.E. McBrayer; director of medicine, Dr. J.I. Perales; director of physical therapy, Dr. Bruce Clarke; director of respiratory therapy, Dr. Stephen Lawlis.

Four-month sojourn on Mir ends for Blaha

By MARCIA DUNN
AP Aerospace Writer

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) - Astronaut John Blaha returned to Earth today aboard shuttle Atlantis after four months on the Russian space station Mir, eager to reunite with his wife.

Brenda Blaha watched with daughter Carolyn as Atlantis swooped through a clear sky and landed at Kennedy Space Center at 9:23 a.m.

NASA passed on the first landing attempt just after sunrise because of clouds over the runway. The clouds later drifted away, allowing Atlantis' pilots to fire the braking rockets and slip out of orbit for the final leg of Blaha's long journey.

"Welcome back after a super mission, a fabulous way to start the year 1997," Mission Control said

after Atlantis rolled to a stop. "And a special welcome back to John."

"Feels great to be back," Blaha replied.

Blaha left Earth aboard Atlantis on Sept. 16, 128 days ago. He was the third American to live on Mir and, after overcoming depression early in his mission, said he adjusted well to isolated station life although he missed his wife more than he ever imagined.

He circled Earth more than 2,000 times and traveled 49 million miles. To ease the crush of gravity, he returned lying in a recumbent shuttle seat; it will be weeks and probably months before his weightlessness-weakened muscles and bones are back to normal.

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Counsel sought \$800,000 penalty

By LARRY MARGASAK
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) - During plea bargaining over New Gingrich's punishment for admitted misdeeds, the ethics committee's special counsel sought a financial penalty that would have nearly tripled the \$300,000 assessed against the speaker, Gingrich's lawyer says.

"They wanted to make sure they got their pound of flesh," attorney J. Randolph Evans said in an interview Tuesday. At one point, Evans said he asked special counsel James M. Cole "whether it was their goal to render him (Gingrich) destitute."

As for the speaker, Evans said the Georgia Republican was "shocked"

even about the \$300,000 figure when he first heard it. The House approved the penalty Tuesday, 395-28, to pay for an expanded investigation caused by his misleading statements to the panel. It was the first time the ethics committee had recommended such a penalty.

Evans said Cole at one point sought \$800,000, although another source close to the investigation placed the top figure sought by Cole at \$500,000. The source would not be identified by name. Cole, who negotiated on behalf of a four-member investigative subcommittee, declined comment.

Gingrich's lawyer said the \$300,000 figure was agreed upon

after several weeks of negotiations in December.

"He was consistently shocked at the concept of multiple hundreds of thousands in any form, whether it was \$300,000 or \$800,000. I think he was hurt by it," Evans said.

"He was hurt by the idea the committee was insisting on that kind of money when there previously was no precedent. I made it clear to Cole that I didn't believe he had the kind of money they were talking about," the attorney added.

One source who spoke on condition of anonymity said Cole's top proposal was a \$500,000 penalty, but he really was shooting for the \$300,000.

Nurses play essential role in Hereford public schools

Watchdogs of student health believe well children perform better in classroom



By SHERRI MARTIN
Staff Writer

A student's complaint of a sore throat sends school nurse June Rudd to her medicine cabinet. After a close examination, Rudd prescribes a piece of peppermint candy.

"We are not their mother, we are not their doctor, and we are not allowed to prescribe medicine," she said.

National School Nurse's Day is Wednesday. Rudd is one of four registered nurses employed by the Hereford Independent School District.

She is the nurse at Hereford High School and Hereford Junior High and the secondary programs at Stanton Learning Center. She serves more than 2,000 students.

Rudd's assistant, Kathy Whipple, L.V.N., works with students at the high school.

Pat Simmacher, the nurse at Northwest Primary School and West Central Intermediate School and the morning 4-year-old program at Stanton Learning Center, serves more than 850 students.

Karen Fangman is the nurse at Terra Blanca Primary School and Shirley Intermediate School and the afternoon 4-year-old program at Stanton Learning Center. She serves more than 750 students.

Fangman's assistant, Elaine Webster, L.V.N., works with the

medically fragile unit at Shirley Intermediate School.

Mary Ann Warren, the nurse at Aikman Primary School, Bluebonnet Intermediate School and the early childhood department at Stanton Learning Center, serves more than 785 students.

The nurses rotate between their two main campuses each day and remain on call for the Stanton Learning Center.

Some days the nurses will cover as many as five campuses, Fangman said.

"I have been at five in one day. It depends on if one of us is out and the other campuses need us," Fangman said.

The nurses would like to see more nurses hired by the district, where each campus would have their own nurse. However, finances have not allowed this to happen, Simmacher said.

"I think it will take a push from the public and parents to say this is what we want before we will see it happen," she said.

The nurses' duties include making clinic calls, administering daily medication and screening the students for height, weight, vision, hearing, dental and head checks.

State law requires all students in the first, third, fifth, seventh, ninth and eleventh grades to have regular screenings, Simmacher said.

Students will also be screened for

tuberculosis and scoliosis, which is an abnormal curvature of the spine, she said.

They also do follow-up screenings. If a student fails one of the tests, the student is re-screened in two weeks, Simmacher said.

The nurses administer flu shots to all faculty members and tuberculosis shots to new teachers and all cafeteria employees, Fangman said.

They also provide an inservice training for all teachers, which includes CPR, first aid, seizure treatments and universal precautions.

With their offices as a classroom, nurses are also teachers. The nurses are always teaching students to lead a healthy lifestyle, Simmacher said.

They also assist the coaches with sports physicals, she said.

"For a lot of kids, we are the only medical person they have ever come in contact with," Simmacher said.

In some cases, the nurses attend doctor's appointments with their students, Fangman said.

"We work closely with the physicians, the optometrists, the dentists, the hospital and the Texas Department of Health," she said.

School nurses are very limited in what they can do as far as dispensing medication, Rudd said.

"We cannot just hand out medication," she said.

Medication must be sent to school

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Open wide, wider

A student's complaint of a sore throat calls for an examination by the school nurse. Here, Mary Ann Warren, HISD school nurse, examines the throat of Aikman Primary School first-grader

Local Roundup

Unseasonably warm

Temperatures in Hereford continue to remain on the warm side according to Radio Station KPAN. The high recorded Tuesday was 61 degrees, with an overnight low of 30. Tonight is expected to be partly cloudy with a low again near 30 and southwest wind 10-20 mph. Thursday's high will be around 60 with southwest wind 15-25 and gusty.

News Digest

STATE

AUSTIN - Electroconvulsive therapy for psychiatric patients would be banned in Texas and made into a misdemeanor offense under a bill filed in the Texas House.

AUSTIN - Two state senators called for an end to the mandatory release of some prison inmates, saying the policy is outdated, unneeded and "just crazy."

PLANO - Beginning Feb. 3, Texas motorists will have to provide proof of a Social Security number to obtain a new or renewed driver's license. The new requirement - already in place in several other states - is part of the Texas attorney general's effort to enforce court-ordered child-support payments. But some people object on privacy and paperwork grounds.

AUSTIN - A bill being rushed through the Legislature to replace the state's anti-stalking law thrown out by the Court of Criminal Appeals may have the same defect that led to the previous law's demise, a lawmaker said Tuesday. Rep. Robert Thlton, R-Pasadena, said during a House committee hearing on the bill that the definition of stalking remains vague in the pending bill. T

AUSTIN - Attorney General Dan Morales says he is considering issuing a formal legal opinion on affirmative action requested by higher education officials. Morales said, however, he believes some university officials are looking for political cover in requesting the action.

HOUSTON - With a thousand miles of new sidewalks, thousands of new streetlights, a strong economy and declining crime rate, Mayor Bob Lanier says Houston is a much better place than when he first took office five years ago.

AUSTIN - Even with water conservation measures in place, Texas faces a potential shortage of water that could mean up to \$40 billion in losses to the state's economy by the year 2010, a Senate committee has been told.

SAN ANTONIO - Police have opened an investigation into circumstances surrounding the case of a second man this month to die after a fight with a San Antonio officer. Merle York, 66, suffered an apparent heart attack Jan. 3 in a struggle with a police officer. He died Sunday.

KERRVILLE - The bloody knife found in Darlie Routier's home could have made one of the wounds to her son's chest, an expert testified Tuesday. Another witness said she didn't find the boy's blood on the weapon.

Emergency Services

Activities reported by law enforcement agencies:

POLICE DEPARTMENT

-- 26-year-old woman was arrested on outstanding warrants for theft out of Randall County.

-- 32-year-old man was arrested for driving without a driver's license and for driving without having liability insurance.

-- 14-year-old boy that was reported as a Dimmitt runaway, was found hiding in a residence in the 300 block of Avenue E.

-- A Lincoln Towncar's tire was slashed by unknown persons while it

was parked in the 700 block of Country Club.

-- Report of child abuse was investigated in the 200 block of 13th street.

-- Eight traffic citations issued.

-- One motor vehicle accident without injuries.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

-- Dispatched to 60 and Main to a motor vehicle accident.

-- Dispatched to one mile East of Dawn to a vehicle and grass fire.

SHERIFF DEPARTMENT

-- One report of burglary of a motor vehicle.

WATER

business," he said.

However, water flows across this area every day in the form of clouds. As a percentage of the total amount, the amount of water that falls from the cloud systems is a very small amount, Wyatt said.

Precipitation enhancement, or cloud seeding, is the only way producers are going to add to the water supply, he said.

"It can be done. It is being done in nations all around the world," Wyatt said.

Agricultural producers are still suffering from the effects of the drought, he said.

"Precipitation enhancement may or may not break the drought," Wyatt said.

The cost is estimated at 8 cents an acre. "It's not cheap, but it's not too expensive either," he said.

A one-year precipitation enhancement program is likely to do some

good. But, it is not the solution to a long-term water supply for the High Plains, Wyatt said.

"If we do it, we need to get into a program which will extend over a long period of time," he said.

A total of 5.5 continuing education units (CEUs) were available for private and professional applicators of restricted use agricultural chemicals.

The Texas Department of Agriculture has approved 3 credits for integrated pest management, 1 credit for laws and regulations and 1.5 in general pesticide use.

The conference was co-sponsored by the High Plains Vegetable Growers and Shippers Council, the Deaf Smith County Extension Vegetable Development Committee, the Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce, Texas A&M University, Texas Tech University and the Texas Department of Agriculture.

ASTRONAUT

Atlantis and six astronauts lifted off Jan. 12 to pick up Blaha and drop off his replacement on Mir, Dr. Jerry Linenger. Two days later, Atlantis docked at the station for the fifth time in 11 years.

Over five days of joined flight, the seven Americans and two Russians moved nearly 4 tons of supplies and scientific samples between the spacecraft. The shuttle pulled away Sunday.

With his mission, Blaha stretched the number of consecutive days Americans have spent in space to more than 300.

The 54-year-old retired Air Force colonel and former combat pilot maintained the U.S. presence aboard Mir in September when he swapped places with Shannon Lucid following her record six-month stay. The only other American to live on the station, Dr. Norman Thagard, completed a 115-day flight in 1995.

Linenger, a 42-year-old doctor with a toddler son and a pregnant wife, will conduct science experi-

ments on Mir until late May, when Atlantis is scheduled to return for him and leave yet another U.S. astronaut.

While Lucid said in space-to-ground interviews that she missed M&Ms, potato chips, the sun and the wind, Blaha consistently said the only thing he longed for was his wife, Brenda. They have been married for 30 years and have three grown children and a grandson.

"If they would have brought her up on (Atlantis) and she was over there now with me on the Mir, I'd be happy to still be there," Blaha said after the two spacecraft separated.

He said he became depressed after a month on the station and that having a fellow American on board would have helped. Thagard also said he felt culturally isolated on Mir.

Blaha added he would have been more comfortable during his journey if he had had private quarters.

On the next space shuttle flight, Discovery and a crew of seven are to blast off Feb. 11 for the second Hubble Space Telescope servicing mission.

New secretary of state is woman who promises to 'tell it like it is'

By DONALD M. ROTHBERG

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) - At her most undiplomatic, Madeleine Albright once publicly raked the French defense minister over the coals. On another occasion, she dismissed Iraqi complaints about possible U.N. sanctions as "laughable."

The woman who is about to become secretary of state speaks her mind.

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee unanimously approved her appointment as secretary of state on Monday and the Senate was expected to complete the confirmation process today.

"I'm going to tell it like it is here, and I'm going to tell it like it is when I go abroad," she told the committee at her confirmation hearing.

No one who has watched her during four years as U.S. ambassador to the United Nations expects Albright to have any trouble living up to that promise.

Her openness was used against her by administration insiders who hoped President Clinton would choose someone else to succeed Warren Christopher as the nation's top diplomat. They sniped at Albright for campaigning too openly for the job.

But Clinton is a great fan of her style and her loyalty.

Don't expect her combative manner to extend to public disagreements with Clinton. In fact, some of Albright's sharpest jabs have been directed at critics of administration policy.

When Francois Leotard, the French defense minister, suggested two years ago that U.S. concerns about Iraqi troop movements might be motivated by domestic politics, Albright alerted reporters and headed for the television cameras.

She proceeded to denounce Leotard for "giving comfort to a brutal dictator" and said France was going easy on Iraq because of its extensive commercial ties with that country.

Albright's blunt manner won her the support of Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., the committee chairman feared as no friend of the State Department or the United Nations.

At the hearing on her nomination, Albright didn't hesitate to make clear that she disagreed with the chairman.

"I think the important thing to keep in mind is we created the U.N., and the U.N. is important and good for the United States," she said.

As for attempts, often led by Helms, to cut foreign aid and the State Department budget, Albright said the nation should have "the superb diplomatic representation that our people deserve and our interests demand. We cannot have that on the cheap."

"You have said some things that are wrong," Helms responded. "I know that you are sincere, but I believe you are sincerely wrong."

It was a mild rebuke from the conservative senator. But after all, he must admire her sharp tongue when it is turned toward targets such as

Fidel Castro, Saddam Hussein and the United Nations.

Back in 1994, when U.N. official Yasushi Akashi called U.S. policy toward Bosnia "somewhat afraid, timid and tentative," Albright ripped into him saying that U.N. officials "should remember where their salaries are paid. ... They should not even be thinking of criticizing the policies of member states. Frankly, I'm tired of it."

She opened a speech to a NATO audience last spring by noting that the topic was the United Nations, NATO and crisis management and said she was tempted to consult "the world's most acclaimed model" for conflict resolution.

"Unfortunately, Security Council debates and reruns of 'Star Trek' tend to occur at the same time," she quipped.

When Iraq complained about the possibility the U.N. might impose new sanctions, she said last June that "Iraq's assertion that its security is threatened by unnamed sanctions is laughable."

She dismissed Saddam as "a dime-store bully."

Shocking many of her male diplomatic colleagues at the United Nations after Cuban jets shot down unarmed exile planes, Albright noted the pilots were overheard using the word "cojones" (Spanish for testicles) and said, "This is not cojones, this is cowardice."

A demonstrator outside the United Nations once shouted in Serbo-Croatian "Why are you so awful to the Serbs?"

The multi-lingual Albright replied, "Because they are awful."



HOSTS receives recognition

The Hereford Junior High School HOSTS program was presented a certificate in recognition of their achievement as an exemplary HOSTS supplemental math program. Pictured, front row from left, Amanda McCleskey, eighth-grade; Lynda Corpus, seventh-grade; Josie Segundo, eighth-grade; and Lucy Yanez, seventh-grade; back row from left; Chris Aguilar, seventh-grade; Fidel Sanchez, eighth-grade; Victor Flores, eighth-grade; Juan Garcia, eighth-grade; Sandra Saul, HOSTS teacher; Tania Valenzuela, seventh-grade; and Ms. Pena, teacher assistant.

Clinton offering restriction on Medicare expenditures

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Clinton is offering to restrict Medicare spending over the next six years by \$138 billion, a move welcomed by congressional Republicans as a helpful first step.

On the first full day of his second term, Clinton also called Tuesday for campaign reforms he promised but failed to achieve in his first four years.

The administration also announced it was would tighten up on access to the White House after last year's disclosure that at least one convicted

felon and a Chinese arms dealer had attended campaign-related events there.

All White House guests will have to provide a Social Security number to obtain entrance. Foreign nationals would have to obtain access through the National Security Council, and names of guests to social events must be received by the White House social secretary far enough in advance to allow adequate screening.

But spokesman Mike McCurry said Clinton still will feel free to

invite big-money contributors to sleep over in the White House in the Lincoln bedroom, as high rollers did in his first term. "He has a right as a human being and as president to say thank you," McCurry told reporters.

The president said he was "meeting the Republicans head on" by offering to scale down Medicare spending by \$100 billion over five years to balance the budget by 2002. "I hope they'll meet me halfway."

The savings would be \$138 billion over six years. The savings are substantially more than Clinton proposed when budget talks collapsed last January.

Republicans, who had accused Clinton of demagoguery on Medicare during the campaign, spoke warmly about his proposal.

"The fact that he has unilaterally moved halfway in our direction is something that is very, very positive for us," said Rep. Bill Archer, R-Texas, chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee. He called it a "tremendous move" but said Republicans would have to study the details.

House Budget Committee chairman John Kasich, R-Ohio, said, "This brightens the prospects to get a budget agreement."

Most of Clinton's savings would be achieved by reducing payments to doctors and hospitals. But a portion of it - \$10 billion over five years - would come from recipients by increasing the premium they would pay for coverage beginning in 1999.

The president renewed his support of a bill co-sponsored by Sens. John McCain, R-Ariz., and Russell Feingold, D-Wis., seeking to ban political action committee contributions to all federal candidates and end unlimited soft money donations. "Soft money" is a term for political donations that individuals and corporations can give to avoid limits on direct giving to candidates. Instead the money goes to the political parties.

"Act now," Clinton encouraged Congress. "While the public is watching, while the momentum is building, act now. Don't delay. You've got a good bill here."

Midwest cattlemen feel brunt of winter

By JEREMIAH GARDNER

Associated Press Writer

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) - Randy Volk counts five calves, seven cows, two bulls and 20 young pigs that succumbed to the severe winter, many of the dead still strewn across his ranch yard and frozen to the ground.

"I suppose the pigs will eat them, or the coyotes. We'll burn them if we can," said Volk, who ranches near Shields, in southern North Dakota. "I would say they froze their testicles and that killed them, or else the snow rolled into their nostrils and they smothered."

Across the Plains, tens of thousands of cattle are dead or in danger of dying. Some froze in recent blizzards that roared across the region, dumping more than 4 feet of snow in North Dakota alone. Others starved because they could not find feed, or their snowed-in owners were not able to deliver it.

The state office of the federal Farm Service Agency received reports of more than 12,600 cattle deaths in North Dakota this winter. The number is expected to be even higher in South Dakota.

The National Cattlemen's Beef Association doubted the deaths would hurt the national beef supply. Even before the blizzards, beef prices had been rising. But individual ranchers

won't be as lucky.

"It's probably going to do some guys in," said David Stark, who ranches near the northwestern North Dakota town of Tolley.

Some farmers may have lost livestock but won't know it until the snow melts. Cattle are roaming off, over fences buried in snow.

Even surviving livestock are in tough shape. "I've seen more cattle with their feet froze and parts of their ears froze off than ever before," said Gary Willman, whose 100 cattle have barely endured.

Willman's brother and neighbor, William, has to use a chain saw to cut his frozen hay into chunks to feed his cattle. But at least they're alive. "I'm lucky," he said Tuesday. "My cows got it made better than anybody."

His 28 cattle have survived the ferocious winds and snow behind the shelter of trees on his ranch near Almont, in central North Dakota. But the gravel road leading to his cattle has been packed with snow since November. The two-mile walk to his cattle begins at an 8-foot gate buried in snow.

"I can't see the fence no more. I just go right over the top," William Willman said.

Dairymen dump milk to protest price drop

SULPHUR SPRINGS, Texas (AP) - Dairy operators in Texas were prepared to dump up to a half million gallons of milk today as part of a one-day national dairy strike.

Citing frustration over a steep drop in milk prices, farmers in Wisconsin, Minnesota, Vermont, Pennsylvania, New York, Missouri, Texas, California and New Mexico vowed to take part in today's action.

"We are sending a message to the government that we want the price system thrown in the scrap heap," said Clint Van Vleet, a Sulphur Springs dairyman and president of the 250-member Texas Milk Producers Association, a protest leader.

Van Vleet said he had received support from dairy operators throughout Texas and that 250,000 to 500,000 gallons of milk would be dumped today.

"We aren't trying to punish the public," said Darin Von Rudin, a Westby, Wis. dairy farmer. "We are trying to send a message to milk processors that we can't continue to live on what they pay us."

But two organizations that represent thousands of farmers question whether there is much public support for Von Rudin's proposed strike.

The National Farmers Organization doesn't organize strikes unless it feels there is sufficient support to make a difference, said Joe Paris, NFO national dairy specialist.



AUSTIN (AP) - The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery, in order: 4-7-3

AUSTIN (AP) - The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery: 4-7-19-28-30

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Lifestyles

Ann Landers

Reader objects to Ann's attack on incestuous senior citizens

Dear Ann Landers: A while ago, you reprinted a letter about an incestuous couple. I'm writing to object to the wanton attack you made on that brother and sister. He was a 60-ish divorced man, and she was a widow in her late 50s. They had sex twice a week. You said they were sick. I think your attitude is overly judgmental and narrow-minded.

If a pair of unmarried senior citizens, even a brother and sister, can find sexual satisfaction in a monogamous relationship, I say more power to them! Since the woman is past child-bearing age, their genetic background is totally irrelevant.

As for your charge that they're denying themselves the "opportunity to have normal relationships," both parties have been married before and are fully cognizant of what they're supposedly missing. If the writer had

said, "When we were children, we were next-door neighbors," I'll bet you, too, would have said, "Congratulations, and more power to you." -- A Friend of Humanity in Reisters-town, Md.

Dear Friend of Humanity: These two are a bit more than "next-door neighbors." They are brother and sister, and I am not about to tell them, "More power to you." If it is the need to release sexual energy we're talking about, a far better alternative is solitary sex, I recommend it.

Dear Ann Landers: I am a 14-year-old girl, and I have noticed something about the letters you print. So many people who write seem to think skinny people have it easy. What they don't know is that being skinny is not all that wonderful.

I have been asked how much I weigh by complete strangers. This is

very rude and hurtful. I have never heard of anyone going up to a fat person and asking, "How much do you weigh?" I get comments from relatives about how I need to put on some weight. Ann, for a couple of years now, I have been trying to add pounds to my 5-foot-7-inch, 95-pound body, but no matter how hard I try, I can't gain an ounce.

The overweight girls in our school get asked out a lot. So far, no guy has asked me anywhere. So, for those people who think being skinny is terrific, please let them know they are wrong. Tell them that it's a lot easier to take off weight than to put it on. -- A Girl in Santa Rosa

Dear Santa Rosa: More people in America are overweight than underweight. Thank you for being an eloquent spokesperson for the silent minority.

Dear Ann Landers: I have enjoyed reading your columns on ridiculous lawsuits, and I would like to add another example to your fine collection that I read in the Rockford, Ill., Register Star. The sad thing about this example is that the courts are tied up wasting time on nonsense and the taxpayers have to foot the bill. -- R.E.B. in Cherry Valley, Ill.

Dear R.E.B.: Thanks for sending the article. Here it is:

"A man is suing Michigan for \$1 million because he says he caught a cold in the drafty Capitol rotunda in Lansing. Chris Morris filed the suit, saying he caught 'a cold and a hard cough' while visiting an art exhibit in February.

"Chris DeWitt, spokesman for Attorney General Frank Kelley, said the whole thing is 'ridiculous,' but 'one of our assistants will have to spend time on this lawsuit, so it does end up costing taxpayers money.' A clerk at the Ingham County Courthouse said the \$90 fee for filing a suit was waived because Morris is broke.

"John Truscott, spokesman for Gov. John Engler, said, 'The irony is we've heard for years the Capitol is full of hot air. I don't know where the cold air is coming from.'"

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Wyche FCE program centers on craft making

Kay Behrends presented the program at the recent meeting of the Wyche Family Community Education Club. She provided information on various types of arts and crafts.

Louise Axe was hostess for the meeting held in the Hereford Community Center.

Vice president Mary Lou Aven presided over the business meeting in the absence of the president.

The opening prayer and pledges to the United States and Texas flags were led by Thelma Auten.

The opening exercise given by Axe

was titled "The Touch of the Master's Hand."

Roll call was answered by reporting volunteer hours through December and January. A total of 150 hours was reported.

Jo Lec was elected council delegate and will attend the council meeting on Jan. 27. The council meeting will be followed by a leaders' training meeting.

Members present were Pet Ott, Carol Sartain, Auten, Aven, Axe, Behrends and Lec.



Aggie Mom displays flag

Shirley Wilson, president of the Golden Spread Aggie Mothers' Club, unfurls a Texas A&M University flag in front of the E.B. Black House. The club will host a luncheon for the state meeting of the Federation of Aggie Moms' at 11:30 Saturday in the Black House. The local club will also observe its silver anniversary. All present and past members are welcome to attend.



Getting ready for stock show

Karla Vasek, left, and Cyndi Isaacson help make chili that will be served at the concession stand during the Hereford Young Farmers Junior Livestock Show which begins today at the Bull Barn. Deaf Smith County 4-H'ers and their parents operate the concession stand as their major fund-raiser for the year.

Senior Citizens

MENUS

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MONDAY-Swiss steak, mashed potatoes, buttered sliced carrots, tossed green salad, cornbread, tapioca pudding with fruit; or chicken, fruit cocktail.

TUESDAY-Chicken fillet with gravy, mashed potatoes, spinach, Waldorf salad, hot rolls, meringue pie; or hamburger steak, mixed fruit.

WEDNESDAY-Beef brisket, pinto beans, steamed cabbage, pickles/onion slices, coleslaw, French bread, apricots, sugar cookies; or ham.

ACTIVITIES

THURSDAY-Pool classes, exercise class 10-10:45 a.m., oil painting 9-11 a.m., choir practice 1-2 p.m., Thrift Store open.

FRIDAY-Pool classes, line dance 10-11 a.m., Thrift Store open.

SATURDAY-Games 12 noon - 4 p.m.

MONDAY-Pool classes, line dance 10-11 a.m., doll class 1-4 p.m.

TUESDAY-Pool classes, exercise

class 10-10:45 a.m., doll class 6-9 p.m., Beltone 1-3 p.m.

WEDNESDAY-Pool classes, exercise class 10-10:45 a.m., ceramics 1-3 p.m.

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Local students on honors list

Maria Elena Gonzalez and Isidro Perez, both of Hereford, were among the more than 245 students named to the Amarillo College Honors List for the fall 1996 semester.

Honorees must be enrolled in 12 or more hours of academic courses and make a grade point average (GPA) of 3.6 or above to qualify for the honors list.

Hospital Notes

Report from Hereford Regional Medical Center on Jan. 22:

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Discharges: Francisca Ontiveros, Monique Mendez, Lilia Arredondo, Charlie Cruz, Jewell Hargrave.

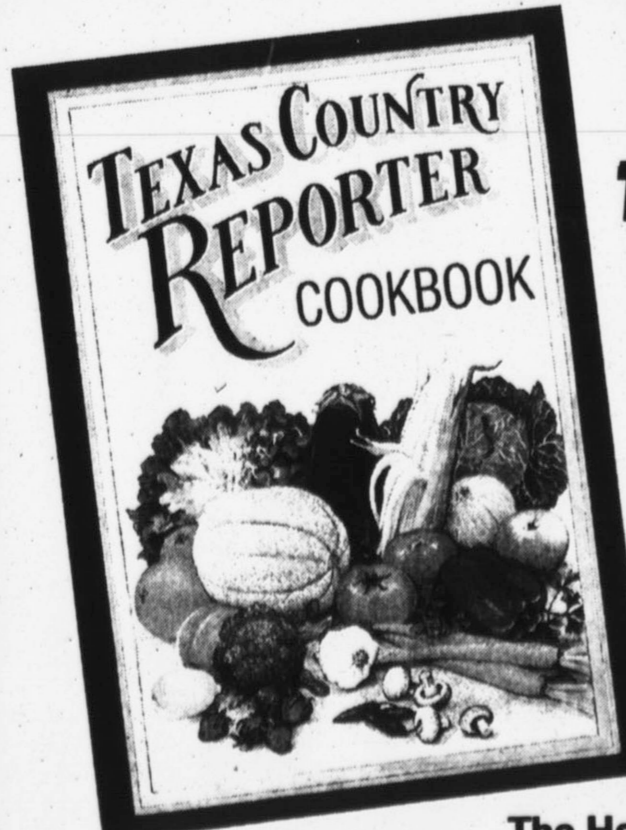
Baked chips now in two new flavors

PLANO, Texas (AP) - Frito-Lay is introducing two new flavors in its category of chips that supposedly won't head straight to your hips.

The company said Tuesday that it was launching sour cream and onion and barbecue flavored Baked Lay's, low-fat potato crisps made from potato flakes.

The new flavored chips have 1.5 grams of fat per 1-ounce serving, or about 11 crisps, compared with 10 grams of fat for regular potato chips.

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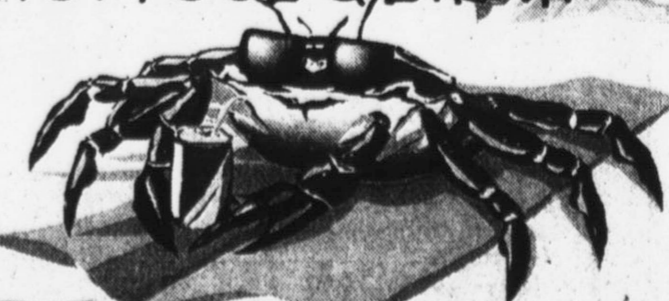
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Sports

Hereford sweeps doubleheader at Borger Lady Whitefaces clinch playoffs; boys host Pampa in big game Friday

The Hereford Whitefaces swept a doubleheader at Borger Tuesday night, winning the boys' game by a 60-46 score and taking a 53-47 triumph in the girls' contest.

With the victories, the Lady Whitefaces cemented their hold on second place in the District 1-4A standings, while the boys kept alive their hopes for making a playoff berth. The girls have clinched a playoff berth but are still aiming to keep second place.

The Herd boys are now 5-3 in league action, tied with Pampa for third place. Hereford will host the Harvesters Friday night in a big game

for both teams. The Lady Whitefaces are 8-2 in district competition. Canyon leads with a 9-0 mark, while Randall is in third place at 6-3.

Hereford's boys led by 14-8 after the opening quarter Tuesday night, but the Whitefaces pulled away in the second stanza to post a 30-17 halftime advantage.

The Herd got balanced scoring with four players in double figures. Isaac Walker led the way with 13, followed by Bryant McNutt with 12, Jonathan Keenan with 11 and C.J. Kubacak with 10. Cory Schumacher added 6.

Hereford overcame some quick

foul troubles in the first quarter as three guards - Keenan, Schumacher and Jason Myers - all got two fouls.

"Once we got into the second quarter, we really got it going on both ends of the floor," said Coach Randy Dean. "That's the reason we were able to gradually extend the lead."

Hereford led by 14 points, 47-33, going into the final period. "Our game with Pampa here Friday is a big one," said Dean. "We're tied for third place with them and the top three teams go into the playoffs."

Hereford also won the junior varsity game, claiming a 55-50

victory. Matt Cosby sparked the scoring with 17 points while Mitch Wagner and Jeremy Urbanczyk each chipped in with 8 points.

The Lady Whitefaces built up a 14-point lead, 33-19, in their game against the Lady Bulldogs. Borger outscored Hereford 15-7 in the third period, however, to make the game closer. Both teams tallied 13 points in the closing stanza as Hereford won by the final score of 53-47.

Julie Rampley had a game-high 23 points to lead the Hereford scoring attack, and Catie Betzen was also in double figures with 14 points.

"We're not accustomed to being a playoff team," said Coach Eddie

Fortenberry. "We are taking everyone's best shot, and we don't know how to handle it yet."

Borger won the junior varsity

game by a 53-42 score. Valerie Guzman and Toni Eicke led Hereford with 12 points each. The girls will also be playing Pampa here Friday.



HSA 6th grade girls team

The Hereford Sports Association sixth grade girls team won their division of the St. Anthony Basketball Tournament this past weekend. The team has won several other tourneys. Members of the team, left to right, front row: Jamie Holman, Amber Fortenberry, Heather Brown, Carla Smith, Aundrea Banner; second row: April Riley, Kerri Flood, Jordan Davison, Becky Bailey, Catherine Beville and Tiffany Mercer. Coaches are Grady Brown, left, and Jackie Mercer.

HERD BOYS

Hereford 14 30 47 60
Borger 8 17 33 46
Walker 13, McNutt 12, Keenan 11, Kubacak 10, Schumacher 6, Cloud 3, Myers 2, Hill 2, Reinauer 1. Records: Hereford 13-14, 5-3; Borger 7-14, 1-7. JV game: Borger 55, Hereford 50.

LADY WHITEFACES

Hereford 14 33 40 53
Borger 6 19 34 47
Rampley 23, Betzen 14, Barrett 4, Davis 4, Rives 4, Ramey 4. Records: Hereford 19-6, 8-2; Borger 7-20, 2-7. JV game: Borger 53, Hereford 42.

1-4A STANDINGS

Boys		
Randall	7	1
Canyon	6	1
Hereford	5	3
Pampa	5	3
Caprock	4	4
Borger	1	7
Dumas	0	8
Girls		
Canyon	9	0
Hereford	8	2
Randall	6	3
Pampa	3	6
Caprock	3	6
Borger	2	7
Dumas	2	8

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Indiana beats Michigan; Baylor upset bid falls short

By The Associated Press

Indiana beat Michigan despite leading scorer and rebounder Andrae Patterson missing the game with a knee injury. That's surprising.

Indiana was even with Michigan in rebounds despite playing a smaller lineup due to injury and foul trouble. That's surprising.

Indiana played zone defense. That's shocking.

The 21st-ranked Hoosiers beat No. 13 Michigan 72-70 Tuesday night and all of the above was true, even the part about the zone defense, something Indiana coach Bob Knight, a man-to-man purist, rarely turns to.

The Hoosiers (16-4, 3-3 Big Ten) had lost three of their last four games, including a 17-point blowout at Purdue on Saturday. Patterson injured his knee in practice Monday and wasn't in uniform Tuesday night.

The Hoosiers led 65-50, but were outscored 20-7 the rest of the way. A rebound basket and two free throws by Maceo Baston capped an eight-point run that brought Michigan within two points with three minutes to go. Neither team scored after that, although both had plenty of chances.

In other games involving ranked teams on Tuesday, it was: No. 7 Maryland 103, Penn 73; No. 9 Cincinnati 77, North Carolina Charlotte 67; No. 10 Duke 70, North Carolina State 55; No. 18 Colorado 74, Baylor 70; and No. 22 Boston College 81, Pittsburgh 61.

Indiana's starting trio of guards all came through. No. 11 Reed scored 20 points. Freshman A.J. Guyton added 15 and grabbed the game's final rebound. Freshman Michael Lewis added 10 points and led the Hoosiers with four assists.

Maurice Taylor had 16 points for

Michigan, while Maceo Baston added 14 and Bullock 10.

No. 7 Maryland 103, Penn 73

Keith Booth and Rodney Elliott, two Baltimore natives making the short trip home, scored 26 and a career-high 22, respectively. The Terrapins (16-2) used a 20-4 second-half run to take over the game played at Baltimore Arena, about 25 miles from Maryland's campus. Jed Ryan scored 17 points for the Quakers (5-7), who have lost three straight.

No. 9 Cincinnati 77, N.C. Charlotte 67

Danny Fortson scored 30 points and grabbed 15 rebounds and Ruben Patterson made three big plays down the stretch for the visiting Bearcats (13-3, 3-0 Conference USA). The 49ers (12-5, 4-2) tied the game 65-65 with 2:03 left, then Patterson, who had 20 points, scored inside and converted two offensive rebounds off missed free throws. DeMarco Johnson led the 49ers with 21 points.

No. 10 Duke 70, NC State 55

Jeff Capel had a season-high 25 points - including seven over the final 2:27 - as the visiting Blue Devils (15-4, 4-2 Atlantic Coast Conference) beat the Wolfpack for the 12th time in their last 14 meetings. Damon Thornton had 15 points for N.C. State (8-7, 0-6), which closed within 59-53 with 3:05 to play.

No. 18 Colorado 74, Baylor 70

The Buffaloes (15-3, 6-0 Big 12) won their eighth straight, and it was in their first game as a ranked team in 28 years. Martice Moore, who scored 19 points, broke the game's final tie with a 3-pointer with 1:17 left that gave the visitors a 71-68 lead. Doug Brandt had 19 points and 14 rebounds for the Bears (12-6, 1-5).

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Jordan gets mad, scores 51; Hornets snap Rocket win streak

By CHRIS SHERIDAN
AP Basketball Writer

Leave it to Michael Jordan to outdo everyone else in the NBA - even on a night when several players had games that Jordan would be proud of.

Jordan's 51 points in the Chicago Bulls' 88-87 victory over the New York Knicks were the most scored Tuesday night as big individual performances were all the rage.

Latrell Sprewell had 46 points, Glen Rice scored 42, Clyde Drexler had 39 and Walt Williams totaled 32.

But the biggest story was Jordan accounting for 58 percent of his team's points - and the motivation behind it - as the Bulls handed the Knicks yet another loss on Chicago's home court.

In other games, Golden State beat

Dallas 105-93, Charlotte downed Houston 114-108, Toronto defeated Minnesota 116-108, Orlando topped Washington 93-88, Miami edged Atlanta 94-91, Indiana beat Milwaukee 92-89 and Portland defeated the Los Angeles Clippers 105-93.

On Tuesday morning, the Chicago Tribune ran a story quoting Knicks coach Jeff Van Gundy as saying Jordan was using his charm to con players from other teams into thinking he is their friend.

Jordan read the story, then took out his anger on the Bulls' archrivals.

Jordan's 51 points were the most scored in an NBA game this season. He set the old mark of 50 on Nov. 6.

Warriors 105, Mavericks 93

At San Jose, Calif., Sprewell backed his career-high point total

with 10 assists, six rebounds and five steals.

"It was the best game I've seen him play," said Chris Mullin, who scored 18 points for the Warriors. "He dominated the game from start to finish.

Hornets 114, Rockets 108

At Charlotte, it was practically a one-on-one battle between Rice and Drexler as the Hornets snapped the Rockets' four-game winning streak.

Rice shot 13-of-25 from the floor and 14-of-16 from the free throw line. Drexler was 13-for-19 and 9-for-9. Rice's season-high point total included 19 fourth-quarter points.

Dell Curry finished with 23 points and Anthony Mason added 19 points and nine rebounds for the Hornets. Hakeem Olajuwon scored 26 for Houston, which played without Charles Barkley (sprained ankle).

Raptors 116, Timberwolves 108

At Toronto, Williams tied a club record with six 3-pointers and shot 12-of-20 from the field. The Raptors shot a season-high 55.7 percent from the field and made 12 of 20 3-point attempts.

Carlos Rogers scored 24 points off the bench on 9-of-13 shooting, Marcus Camby chipped in 23 points, Damon Stoudamire had a season-high 17 assists and 12 points and Doug Christie had 17 points, nine rebounds and seven assists.

Magic 93, Bullets 88

At Orlando, Rony Seikaly scored 26 points and Penny Hardaway had a clutch 3-pointer and layup down the stretch.

Orlando went 10-for-11 from the foul line in the fourth quarter and improved to 6-2 since Hardaway and Nick Anderson returned from the injured list two weeks ago.

Heat 94, Hawks 91

At Miami, Miami sank 13 of 19 3-point attempts, including a pair by Tim Hardaway in the final two minutes, to snap the Hawks' 10-game winning streak.

Hardaway made 6-of-9 3-pointers and scored 24 points. He had 11 assists and no turnovers. Voshon Lenard went 6-for-8 from 3-point range and scored 19 points.

Pacers 92, Bucks 89

At Milwaukee, Rik Smits scored a season-high 25 points in his eighth game back after foot surgery. Reggie Miller had 14 and Derrick McKey also had 14, including six in the fourth quarter and a blocked shot and free throw in the final seconds.

Glenn Robinson led Milwaukee with 29.

Trail Blazers 105, Clippers 93

At Portland, Clifford Robinson scored 23 points and grabbed a season-high nine rebounds in leading the Blazers to their ninth win in 11 games.

Arvydas Sabonis finished with 17 points, while Kenny Anderson totaled 15 points and 12 assists.

Hingis wins; Sampras, Muster advance in Australian Open

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) -

If Martina Hingis becomes the youngest Grand Slam champion of this century, she might have another distinction too: The only titlist ever to fall off a horse during a major tournament.

The fall during an attempted jump Tuesday didn't stop the 16-year-old Swiss star from continuing her ride. Then today, Irina Spirlea couldn't stop Hingis from advancing to her second consecutive Grand Slam semifinal, falling 7-5, 6-2 to Hingis' precise, confident strokes under

pressure.

In the Australian Open, the top three seeds - Graf, Arantxa Sanchez Vicario and Conchita Martinez - all lost before the quarterfinals. Defending champion Monica Seles stayed away because of a broken finger.

For a place in the final, the fourth-seeded Hingis next faces No. 14 Mary Joe Fernandez, a 7-5, 4-0 winner when Belgian giant-killer Dominique Van Roost quit in tears and pain from an abdominal muscle injury.

such a late stage in a hardcourt Grand Slam tournament.

No. 5 Thomas Muster, an undisputed master on clay but playing only his second Grand Slam semifinal on any other surface, reached that stage by capitalizing on the errors of No. 3 Goran Ivanisevic for a 6-4, 6-2, 6-3 victory.

Muster now faces No. 1 Pete Sampras, who needed five sets to beat No. 10 Albert Costa of Spain despite losing serve only once. Sampras had 23 aces as he prevailed 6-3, 6-7 (5-7), 6-1, 3-6, 6-2 in 2 hours, 52 minutes.

Also in the semifinals, facing No. 2 Michael Chang, is No. 25-ranked Carlos Moya of Spain, whose first year of Grand Slam tournaments in 1996 produced two first- and two second-round losses.

Rangers spending policy wins support

By JAIME ARON
AP Sports Writer

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) - Whether the Texas Rangers' new open-wallet policy or their first division pennant is to credit, team officials say they've never seen more preseason fan support for the club.

General manager Doug Melvin and several players have been traveling the state the last few days as part of an annual caravan aimed at boosting goodwill and selling some tickets.

This is Melvin's third such trip with the team and never before has he been received so warmly.

"The fans are very optimistic and enthusiastic," Melvin said Tuesday afternoon in a telephone interview from Bryan after having spent the morning in Austin.

"(Radio announcer) Eric Nadel said in Waco that he'd never seen so many Texas Rangers caps as he's seen on this caravan. Getting into the postseason last year was obviously huge. It got the monkey off our back."

Winning the AL West was a nice start. Spending about \$50 million to try making next year's team even better is another positive step.

The Rangers wrapped up their latest spending spree of the winter Tuesday by signing All-Star pitcher Roger Pavlik to a \$2.85 million contract.

Pavlik was the third arbitration-eligible Ranger in as many days to sign a one-year deal. All-Star catcher Ivan Rodriguez got a single-season record deal of \$6.65 million on Sunday and third baseman Dean Palmer got a 149 percent raise Monday by signing for \$4.8 million.

"It's good to get it out of the way so our energy can be spent on getting ready for spring training," Melvin said.

Texas' payroll last year was between \$37 million and \$38 million. Management had hoped to keep this year's payroll around \$44 million.

Instead, the Rangers already have committed more than \$51 million to the 24 signed players on their major league roster. Another 15 players on the roster have not signed.

Before this latest binge of signings, the biggest move was prying World Series MVP John Wetteland from the New York Yankees to be the closer the Rangers so desperately needed.

Fans responded to that with the most season ticket plans sold in one day. Overall, the Rangers already have sold more season tickets than last year (over 1,300 full packages and nearly 7,000 partial plans) and

could come close to their best-selling year ever.

Melvin said much of the credit should go to ownership for allowing him to spend more when needed.

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Quilt shows and tells history of Cherokee nation

TABLEQUAH, Okla. (AP) - Gertrude Elmore stands before a colorful quilt hanging in the Cherokee Heritage Center in Tablequah. With loving hands, she traces the stitching and embroidery, and begins to tell the story of her creation.

It started with a gift from her daughter, Sue Smith of Vian. Ms. Smith gave Ms. Elmore former Cherokee Chief Wilma Mankiller's book, "A Chief and Her People."

"It just made me become so interested in Native Americans," she said. "In doing research for the quilt, I learned all these things about Oklahoma. History wasn't my favorite subject in school. I knew about the Trail of Tears, but until you read the historical accounts and eyewitness reports, you don't know what a horrible thing it was."

Ms. Elmore, 70, began working on the quilt in January of 1994. When she had idle time, she'd work on the different panels while she watched television. There always was some part of the quilt she could work on if she couldn't find the exact material she was looking for to form the sky, grass, prairies or clothing of the characters in the panels.

Another daughter, Dawn Emanuel of Tablequah, helped with research for the quilt.

"I looked for a long time for material that looked like grass," she said. "And I picked some material for sky, but I didn't think it looked right. Then one day my daughter and I were driving home and the sky looked just like the material."

The design of Ms. Elmore's quilt begins with a panel showing the

diversity of Oklahoma's terrain - from the green forests and blue streams of the eastern part of the state to the rose-colored soils and prairies of the west. Appliqued figures show Native American tribes that established settlements and permanent homes in the east. The west shows a nomadic lifestyle utilizing tipis and travois pulled by dogs. During meetings at centralized locations, the tribes traded their wares.

The second panel shows the introduction of the horse by Spanish explorers. This enabled the tribes to supplement their row crops by hunting buffalo. A herd of buffalo being hunted includes a white calf, thought by the Indians to bring luck.

As history moved on, settlers and government sought Indian lands. In the process of readying the tribes for removal to the West, men were killed,

women were raped and entire families were rounded up at bayonet-point and marched to forts where many died, Ms. Elmore said.

"Here, the husband has been killed and is lying in his corn field," she said, as she held the quilt in her hands. "His wife has been raped by the soldier. In the next panel, when the tribes were on the Trail of Tears, I've shown that woman, in the same dress, now pregnant with the soldier's child."

The final panel includes appliqued capital buildings of each tribe, and the tribe's seal.

The panels are set together with brown cloth. Names of famous Native

Americans are embroidered on the borders. Quilting patterns in the border are designs from the seals of the Five Civilized Tribes and other Indian motifs. She also quilted the seal of Oklahoma and the state's bird, the scissor-tailed flycatcher, in the top border.

When visitors to the heritage center pass Ms. Elmore's quilt, they stop and spend several minutes looking it over, said Pat Stewart, special events coordinator.

"You can't just glance at it and walk by," she said. "It's like a book. Her quilt has been a wonderful addition to the exhibit, especially because of its historical aspect."

Between each panel is a selection of Native American philosophy. One reads:

"When a person has too many possessions, that person becomes the possessed. That one must care and protect them. There is not time for the spirit, for the mountains, for the seasons, for dawn and for twilight when the spirit world is closest to our own."

In making the quilt, Ms. Elmore, who is not Native American, found a special feeling for Native Americans and their quilts.

"This quilt is my way of saying I'm sorry," she said. "I did it for the Indians - it's theirs."

Balloonist describes condition: 'I'm way behind in my sleeping'

SULTANPUR, India (AP) - Steve Fossett wasn't able to circle the globe in his big silver balloon, but the exhausted American adventurer did break two records before a lack of fuel forced him to land in a mustard field in eastern India Monday.

"I had a little rough landing, but the only problem I have is that I am way behind in sleeping," the jovial Fossett said, appearing relaxed in running shoes, gray slacks and several days' growth of beard.

Fossett, trying to become the first hot air balloonist to travel solo, non-stop around the world, set out from St. Louis on Jan. 13.

The 52-year-old securities trader from Chicago touched down just after 1 p.m. He said he landed at Piparpur, about 375 miles southeast of New Delhi. His ground crew and Indian officials earlier reported he landed at another village in the region.

"As I prepared to land, I saw hundreds of people. I did not know what to expect. But they were lovely people. They all cheered me," Fossett said in nearby Sultanpur, where he planned to stay the night.

Nobody spoke English, and it took an hour for a villager to slog through rain-ravaged roads to retrieve an English-speaking police officer. Fossett landed in fairly strong wind and his balloon got caught in a tree.

He said he struggled to keep his balloon over India's Ganges River valley, which he considered a safe place to land, as he pursued the endurance record.

"Thunderstorms came and I was real worried because my balloon could have been pushed toward the Himalayas in Nepal and that would have been very difficult," he said.

Fossett had hoped to become the

first hot air balloonist to travel around the world without stopping, but had to settle for breaking his own record for the longest distance traveled in a balloon and another record for staying aloft longer than any other balloonist.

He also claimed an altitude record, but could not immediately say what height he reached or what the previous record was.

Fossett covered about 9,000 miles and floated in the air for six days, two hours and 54 minutes, his team said in Chicago. They have been keeping in touch with him via computer.

The high point, he said, was making it across the Atlantic: "It is very tricky because weather conditions can make you go in circles. I was relieved when I crossed the Atlantic."

Television

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Urban students learn that 4-H is not just for country kids

By PATRICIA RODRIGUEZ
Fort Worth Star-Telegram
FORT WORTH, Texas - Stacey Bryant was excited when her mother Cindy brought up the idea of joining 4-H three years ago. The North Richland Hills student, now 12, thought that meant she'd get to chase a calf in the Stock Show calf scramble.

"I'd never heard of 4-H except at the Stock Show, and so I thought I'd get to raise a cow," Stacey says.

Mom and Dad overruled that - no room in their suburban back yard.

There was enough room, however, for the three Netherland Dwarf rabbits that Stacey and her sister Jennifer, 13, eventually raised as 4-H projects instead. The two home-schoolers have been enthusiastic 4-H members ever since.

Although many Texans connect 4-H to the Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show, which starts Friday, the Bryants are a more typical story. Not all 4-H kids live in the country, and not all are junior farmers, and many don't raise large animals, or any animals at all.

In fact, of the 628,000 Texas youth involved in 4-H in 1995, including 16,700 in Tarrant County, 62 percent lived in cities or 4-H suburbs. Only 12 percent lived on farms or in rural areas.

The most popular club project? Food and nutrition, also known as cooking - though the most popular overall program, offered through schools, is about NASA and space exploration.

The livestock image of 4-H is "an outdated perception," says state executive director David Hicks. When he left a fund-raising job at Texas A&M University a year ago to take the 4-H top job, his colleagues gave him, as parting gifts, a corn cob pipe, a pair of overalls and a John Deere cap.

"They thought that's what I would be doing. Well, yes, that's part of my job, but it's so much more diverse than that," says Hicks, who described 4-H as a youth service organization, designed to teach life skills and leadership to youth from 5 to 19.

Texas 4-H programs, funded by and run by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, started changing their orientation in the late '70s, says Nelson Jacob, youth development specialist at the state 4-H office in College Station. State 4-H enrollment more than doubled between 1960 and 1985, with most of that growth occurring in the late '70s when the program started reaching out to more urban and minority youth.

Part of that was because, as a publicly funded organization, 4-H needed to reach all segments of the community, Jacob says. But it was also in response to the state's changing demographics. Organization leaders realized urban and suburban children could also benefit from the agriculture-based curriculum programs they developed, and began taking them into more community centers and schools.

More recently, more extensive outreach efforts have started. In Houston, 4-H leaders have been working with chapters of Links Inc., an African-American service club, to establish clubs among children traditionally underserved by the program; the connection is being expanded to other areas of the state, Jacob says.

And this year, the national 4-H will unveil a \$54 million campaign orchestrated by the Ad Council, aimed at getting kids involved in 4-H-based community service programs.

The overall effort has resulted in

Today in History

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Five years ago: President Bush named Andrew H. Card Jr. to be transportation secretary. The space shuttle Discovery blasted off with seven astronauts.

One year ago: The White House announced that First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton had been subpoenaed by the Whitewater special prosecutor to testify before a grand jury investigating the mysterious discovery of her law firm billing records in the White House residence.

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clubs such as the one started in Diamond Hill 18 months ago.

"4-H was not offered when I was growing up here. It was for the farm kids," says Tammy Herrera, the Diamond Hill community advocate who started that area's club because she knew many kids who were bored and looking for something constructive to do.

Ms. Herrera was inspired to start her area's club by Robert DeAnda, a Tarrant County extension agent who told her that 4-H was no longer just horses and cattle. Other benefits were that the club charges no membership fee and there are no uniform costs; members pay only for the cost of

materials for their projects.

Ms. Herrera allowed her members to choose their own activities. They have mostly performed community service, such as park cleanups and starting a Christmas tree recycling program, and fund-raising activities at north Fort Worth events.

But she also took the kids to "broiler school," where they learned about choosing, breeding and raising poultry - important to kids who thought chicken came from KFC, she says. Several members raised broilers last year, and Ms. Herrera counts the project as a great learning experience, despite some adversity.

"We had some fatalities," Ms.

Herrera says, apologetically. "No, no, no - the chickens."

Still, raising the birds was invaluable in teaching responsibility, she says. And one girl turned into an entrepreneur - she went door-to-door and sold her remaining chickens for \$6 apiece, making a small profit.

Indeed, raising animals is a challenge for urban and suburban 4-H members, who must either choose animals that are allowed in their neighborhoods, or find a place to board them.

Jennifer Sanders, an Arlington High School junior, boards her cattle at a barn in Dalworthington Gardens, as do her two sisters and brother. The family must make the 15-minute drive

from their suburban home daily to feed, train and groom the cattle.

"It's actually really nice to get away. There are hardly any cars out there, and there's not a lot of noise, so it's a really nice break," says Ms. Sanders, who nevertheless does not plan a career in agriculture.

Instead, Ms. Sanders, who plays the violin and paints, wants to pursue computer animation or graphics. She likes 4-H because raising animals has helped teach her responsibility, and the other projects have been a good way to meet people and learn public speaking skills.

The Bryant sisters say much the same thing. As homeschoolers, they

have many extracurricular organizations from which to choose, says their mother Cindy, but she likes 4-H because it exposes them to many kinds of projects, from sewing to small animals to public service. Their club, made up entirely of other home-schooled students from the surrounding suburbs, has done such things as work at the food bank, clean up parks and make Christmas stockings stuffed with grooming items for the homeless.

"A lot of people, when they first hear about 4-H, they think it stands for four horses," Jennifer Bryant says. "We tell them it's a lot more than that."



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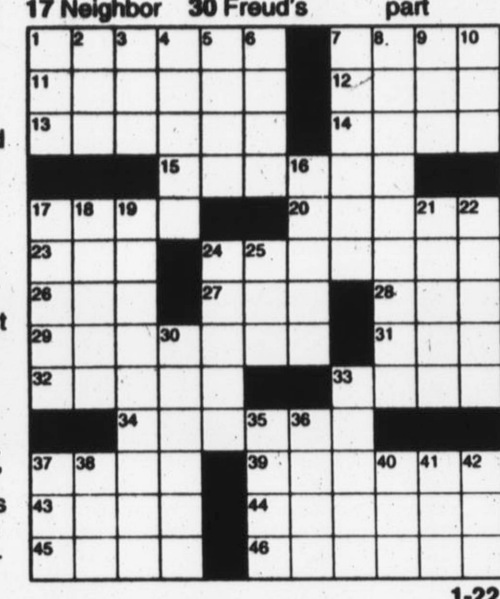
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In Simpson civil trial Plaintiffs expected to end summations

By MICHAEL FLEEMAN Associated Press Writer SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP) - Repeatedly, Daniel Petrocelli asked the question: What kind of man is O.J. Simpson?

Repeatedly, he offered his own answer: a liar and a killer. Mocking Simpson's alibi, sneering at defense strategies, pointing his finger at Simpson and staring him in the eye, the plaintiff lawyer unleashed an angry summation in the wrongful-death case.

The closing argument, which began Tuesday and continues today, attacked Simpson's character, sought to use his words - and silences - against him, and continually referred to Simpson as the kind of man who would, and did, kill his ex-wife and her friend, and then tried to cover his tracks.

"What you saw in this courtroom and heard in this courtroom will only lead you to conclude that this man is responsible for killing two people June 12, 1994, and is incapable of accepting responsibility and cannot and will not tell the truth," Petrocelli said.

The plaintiffs were expected to complete their first round of summations today, with more remarks from Petrocelli and statements from lawyer John Q. Kelly about domestic violence evidence.

Defense lawyers Robert Baker and Robert Blasler will then sum up their case, spending about a day outlining the police-can't-be-trusted argument. Simpson, who testified for four days during the civil trial, contends he was at home around the time of the slayings.

The plaintiffs will get the last say in a rebuttal, and the case could go to the jury as early as Thursday.

The relatives of victims Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald Goldman are suing Simpson, who was acquitted in 1995. If found liable, Simpson might have to pay the families millions of dollars.

Petrocelli, who represents Goldman's father, twice thrust a finger at Simpson and accused him, pointblank, of being a killer. "There's a killer in this courtroom," Petrocelli said, staring down Simpson from just a few feet away, while Simpson looked back impassively. "That's the man who attacked them, confronted them, and who killed them that Sunday evening in June."

Again Petrocelli pointed at Simpson, this time while discussing the slow-speed Bronco chase.

"Whether he's fleeing the police, whether he's going to pull the trigger, whatever he's going to do, it shows one thing: that he's guilty of killing two people," Petrocelli said.

He ridiculed Simpson's explanation of the chase as a race to commit suicide and picked apart the note the defendant left behind.

"What kind of a suicide note is that? There's not one word of sorrow in that note expressed for Nicole. Who signs a suicide note with a happy face? Have you seen that note - O.J. with a smiling 'O'?"

Simpson, according to Petrocelli, may also be a "very clever guy, a very smart guy, a very shrewd guy," but he made mistakes, leaving behind a host of evidence: blood, hair, fibers, gloves, a hat, socks.

Petrocelli, a man with carefully groomed graying hair, paced in front of the jury box more somber even than Simpson, who sat across the room scribbling notes and sometimes shaking his head in disagreement.

The lawyer showcased his most prized new evidence - a collection of photos showing Simpson wearing the same kind of Bruno Magli shoes that left bloody prints near the bodies.

Pointing to a photo purporting to show Simpson in those shoes, Petrocelli said: "The question is - the only question is - did Mr. Simpson have Bruno Magli shoes, size 12? If that photo is real, O.J. Simpson is guilty. O.J. Simpson is the killer. That's it. It's the end of the ball game."

That photo, Petrocelli argued, was corroborated by 30 other pictures taken by another photographer on the same day at the same football field.

And, in a rapid-fire barrage, Petrocelli went after the one area that was considered Simpson's strongest character.

"What kind of man takes a baseball bat to his wife's car right in front of her and says she was not upset even though she called police for help?"

"What kind of man says that with a straight face?"

Petrocelli answered his own questions: "A guilty man."

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Routine check-up

School nurses can often be found with a stethoscopes around their necks. The instruments are used to listen to sounds of the body, especially the chest. Here, Elaine Webster, L.V.N., checks the heart rate of Holly King. Webster is a nurse's assistant at Shirley Intermediate School.

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in the original container and with a written notice from the parent, Simmacher said.

Unlike nurses in hospitals, school nurses make many of their decisions independently, Rudd said.

"There's a lot of things that you would do in a hospital because you would have standing orders or a physician for that patient to tell you to do this or do that, and we don't have that at school," Rudd said.

The rules of confidentiality also apply to school nurses, Simmacher said. "A lot of things that are told to us and are dealt with, we can't talk about," she said.

The school nurses often consult with each other on medical conditions seen in the schools. And they turn to the community for assistance, Simmacher said.

Community organizations have donated such things as glasses to our students, Rudd said.

"We are fortunate that we have community resources to help us," she said.

The students are the most rewarding part of the nurses' work, Rudd said. "We have lots and lots of good kids in our district. It's a pleasure to work with them," Rudd said.

And keeping the students healthy is all in a day's work.

"Because a healthy kid learns better," Fangman said.



National School Nurse's Day

Wednesday is National School Nurse's Day. The Hereford Independent School District employs four registered nurses and two licensed vocational nurses in the district. Pictured, from left, are Pat Simmacher, R.N.; Karen Fangman, R.N.; Kathy Whipple, L.V.N.; and June Rudd, R.N.

Anti-stalking bill designed to cure ills of original law

By JUAN B. ELIZONDO Jr. Associated Press Writer
AUSTIN (AP) - A state lawmaker says everything possible has been done to rewrite a state anti-stalking law so it will meet constitutional requirements.

Rep. Debra Danburg, D-Houston and a sponsor of the bill, said Tuesday an anti-stalking measure being pushed through the Legislature would protect stalking victims without disturbing other people's freedoms.

A special House committee approved the anti-stalking legislation Tuesday and sent the bill to the full House for debate.

Speaker Pete Laney, D-Hale Center, has said he wants the bill considered Thursday.

Gov. George W. Bush has labeled the issue an emergency, allowing immediate consideration by lawmakers.

The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals ruled the state's 1993 anti-stalking law unconstitutionally

vague and threw it out last September.

"I think we've done everything humanly possible to make this constitutional and upholdable," Ms. Danburg said after the committee's approval.

She said anti-stalking leaders in the Senate have signed off on two House amendments added to the bill. She said the changes shouldn't delay final approval.

Rep. Robert Talton, R-Pasadena, raised concerns early Tuesday that the pending bill remained vague. But after voting for the bill, he said he believed the problems that brought down the previous law had been resolved.

The bill says stalking is action on more than one occasion, and pursuant to the same course of conduct, that is directed specifically at another person and that the offender believes the victim will regard as threatening; causes the victim or victim's family member to fear bodily injury, death or a property offense; and would

cause a reasonable person to fear such injury.

The committee's changes require that not only the stalking victim consider the actions threatening, but that the accused person know or should reasonably know that the actions would be perceived as threatening.

The changes also require juries to consider whether a reasonable person would consider the actions threatening.

"If the person did absolutely nothing but being in and around in the same place and didn't make a threat, that probably won't meet the (definition)," said Rep. Allen Place, D-Gatesville and chairman of the committee.

Labor officials attempted but failed to add language making clear that peaceful protests can't be considered stalking.

Rep. Brian McCall, R-Plano, said stopping legal protests isn't the intent of the bill and lawmakers will make that clear.

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<p>BEST CHOICE LARGE EGGS</p> <p>2/5.00 30 CT.</p>	<p>CRISCO OIL</p> <p>2.59 64 OZ. BOTTLE PURITAN & CANOLA OIL</p>	<p>KELLOGGS CEREAL</p> <p>Special Crispix</p> <p>2/5.00 CRISPIX 12 OZ. BOX SPECIAL K 12 OZ. BOX</p>
<p>LAYS POTATO CHIPS</p> <p>1.79 ASST. FLAVORS 14 OZ. BAG</p>	<p>TOTINOS PIZZA</p> <p>97¢ 9 OZ. PKG.</p>	<p>DUNCAN HINES CAKE MIXES</p> <p>ASST. FLAVORS 18 OZ. BOX</p> <p>1.79</p>

MEAT SELECTIONS

<p>FAMILY PACK GROUND BEEF</p> <p>89¢ LB.</p>	<p>FAMILY PACK BOTTOM ROUND STEAK</p> <p>1.99 LB.</p>	<p>COUNTRY STYLE RIBS</p> <p>1.59 LB.</p>
<p>PORK SPARE RIBS</p> <p>1.59 LB.</p>	<p>PACKER TRIM BRISKET</p> <p>1.39 LB.</p>	<p>RODEO WHOLE BONELESS HAMS</p> <p>1.69 LB.</p>

PRODUCE SELECTIONS

<p>FRESH CALIFORNIA BROCCOLI OR CAULIFLOWER</p> <p>99¢ EACH</p>	<p>WASHINGTON STATE APPLES</p> <p>PREMIUM RED DEL. APPLES</p> <p>69¢ LB.</p>	<p>THOMPSON GREEN SEEDLESS GRAPES</p> <p>1.59 LB.</p>
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<p>SUPER SELECT CUCUMBER</p> <p>89¢</p>	<p>BELL PEPPERS</p> <p>3/\$1.00 MIX OR MATCH</p>
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