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Up in the air

A Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative worker, Steve Landers, works on lights being strung on trees in Mothers Park in preparation for a community Christmas tree lighting ceremony on Dec. 2. Landers is about 50 feet off the ground, about equal to the height of Brand photographer Mauri Montgomery who took this photograph from another boom bucket. REC personnel spent Tuesday stringing lights on 16 trees in the park including a 50-foot red cedar which will be the city's official Christmas tree. On the ground in this photo are city and REC employees and in background at top of photo can be seen businesses and traffic on E. Park Avenue.

Hospital approves bids on ambulance, computer system

BY SPEEDY NIEMAN
Publisher-Editor

Low bids were accepted on an ambulance, a Home Health Care computer system and a lab information system when directors of Deaf Smith County Hospital District met in regular session Tuesday night.

After reviewing five bids on an EMS ambulance, the board accepted the low bid of \$94,934 for a Road Rescue Freightliner.

The trustees received bids of \$43,940 and \$54,365 from Lewis and MSI software companies for a Home Health Care computer system, then opted for a five-year lease plan from Lewis. The first year cost is \$12,140 with the remaining four years at \$8,640 per year. The hardware is from Foster Electronics in Hereford.

A low bid of \$28,224 was accepted from Fletcher/Flora Company for a lab information system. Bids of \$39,500 and \$70,952 were also received.

Jim Robinson, administrator and chief executive officer of Hereford Regional Medical Center, reported the Joint Committee on Accreditation of Hospitals will be here next Monday and Tuesday for its 3-year inspection of the hospital.

The board approved policies which formally adopt practices for short range and long range planning, strategic planning, and the budgeting process. Robinson also gave the board information on a self-evaluation procedure for trustees.

A financial report on the rural

health clinic indicated that expenses were exceeding income, and directors asked Robinson to "closely evaluate" the operation of the clinic. A loss of \$4,345 was reflected in October. The clinic owes the hospital \$377,237 for startup costs, and the board requested a repayment scheduled be put in place.

The hospital's financial statement reflected a loss of \$128,379 for October. Robinson reported cash was down due to fewer patients, but CD's and cash equivalents were at \$2.1 million in comparison to \$1.3 million a year ago.

The operations report showed admissions were down significantly, with the average at 13.6 per day in comparison to 19.8 a year ago. Out-patient visits continue to increase and the number of surgeries were up. Home Health visits were at a record 2,773.

Robinson reported that the proposed purchase of land behind Hereford Medical Clinic, facing East Park Avenue, is awaiting clearance of the title policy. The small triangular plot is priced at \$10,000.

The administrator also reported that employees had pledged \$11,000 to the United Way campaign. Robinson informed the board that he is in the process of the annual community needs assessment.

The board went into closed session to discuss two items. In the open forum at the beginning of the meeting, Steve Cortez, former board member, brought a complaint against

a hospital employee. The board discussed the concern in executive session and requested that Robinson investigate the matter.

The board also discussed other land acquisition in the closed session. Several proposals had been made on a "medical mall", or centrally-located center for more efficient operation of hospital subsidiaries. Directors asked Robinson to study alternatives to that plan. No action was taken.

All board members were present except Boyd Foster, who was out of town. The meeting adjourned at 10:24 p.m.

Death ruled accidental

A ruling of accidental death has been issued in the death of a six-month-old after an autopsy on the child revealed a balloon blocking the esophagus.

Deaf Smith Justice of the Peace Johnnie Turrentine made the ruling Wednesday morning. The baby, Diamond Selezl Vargas, died late Monday.

Emergency personnel transported her from the home, 127 Ranger, to Hereford Regional Medical Center, where she was pronounced dead.

Judge Turrentine order the autopsy, performed in Lubbock.

Unemployment rate at 16-year-low in state

By The Associated Press

It's been 16 years since unemployment rates were this low in Texas, and economists say they fear it will make it harder for companies to find good help.

The Texas Workforce Commission reported Tuesday that unemployment decreased in October for the fourth straight month. State and local governments added 29,500 jobs to their payrolls.

Economists say if the unemployment rate falls much lower, and the pool of available workers continues to shrink, businesses will be unable to expand or relocate to Texas because they won't be able to find enough employees.

The state's unemployment in October was 5.2 percent, down from 5.4 percent in September, and the lowest rate since 5.1 percent in March 1980.

The jobless rate was even lower in Texas' two largest cities - 4.6 percent in Houston and 3.5 percent in Dallas.

Barton Smith, economics professor at the University of Houston, said he was talking to Compaq Computer Corp. representatives recently and they were complaining about having trouble finding employees.

"They've always had a great record recruiting people to Houston," Smith told the Houston Chronicle.

The shortage problem is more acute because the economy is doing so well across the nation, he said. Two years ago, a company like Compaq had no trouble recruiting workers from California. But now, California employers have jobs of their own to fill.

Joel Wagher, labor market analyst for the Workforce Commission in

Houston, said tight labor markets may lead to higher wages as employees are able to demand more pay because good workers will be in short supply.

That's already begun to happen in the temporary help business. Personnel agencies report that many agencies have had to boost wages and sweeten their benefits packages to attract workers.

But so far, inflation has not increased, the Texas Workforce Commission said.

Consumer prices in Texas, for example, were up only 2.5 percent at an annual rate in August, and the average weekly earnings for manufacturing jobs in Texas rose only 0.1 percent in October, the commission said.

Bill Luker, regional economist for the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, said he sees no cause for alarm.

Six killed after heavy rains, snow hit Oregon, Washington

ROSEBURG, Ore. (AP) - A rain-soaked hillside broke loose in southern Oregon, swallowing up a home and killing the four people inside. A newspaper deliveryman swept down the hill by a wall of mud and debris survived.

The heavy rainfall swelled streams and rivers in western Oregon on Tuesday. Flooding closed roads, stranded motorists and forced people from their homes in a less-severe replay of last winter's catastrophic flooding. The drenching rain began Monday and was tapering off Tuesday. Forecasters said another weather system off the coast appeared weaker.

The deluge was caused by a "pineapple express" - a weather pattern that brings moisture-laden

tropical storms to the Northwest, said National Weather Service meteorologist Steve Todd in Portland.

An early winter storm blanketed Washington with as much as 2 feet of snow, a result of the moist air from Oregon colliding with cold air from British Columbia to the north. At least two people were killed, and the snow snarled traffic, closed roads, knocked out power and shut schools.

A hunter was killed when a large pine tree snapped from the weight of heavy snow and crushed the motor home where he was sleeping near Naches in south-central Washington, the Yakima County Sheriff's department said.

A Yakima man who was shoveling snow outside his mobile home was

killed when his carport collapsed under the weight of snow, police said.

In southern Oregon, Douglas County sheriff's deputies recovered four bodies from a rural home 30 miles northwest of Roseburg that was bulldozed by a huge mud slide Monday evening. The rain created "a liquid river of mud that demolished the house," sheriff's Capt. Robert Stratton said.

"The house is now kindling. There are utensils and shoes scattered to kingdom come," he said.

Killed in the mud slide were Rick Moon, 46, and his wife, Susan Moon, 44, neighbor Sharon Marvin, 40, and a third unidentified woman.

The Moons' children were not hurt. Their daughter, Rachelle, who is in the 11th grade, was reportedly sent from the house by her father. Their son, Justin, a seventh-grader, was helping a neighbor clear mud down the road and escaped injury when someone yelled a warning.

Arnold Ryder, 70, who was delivering evening newspapers in the area said he heard a man "holler to the little boy to Run! Run! Run!"

Ryder said he was walking back to his car in the pouring rain when he heard "four or five of those great big trees crack, and a big roar like a freight train" as the mud slide roared toward him.

"I grabbed a tree and hung onto it. It was too much. Down over the hill I went, praying all the way," he said.

Ryder came to a stop about 150 feet down the hill.

Nearly 5 inches of rain fell along the central Oregon Coast and in the southern Willamette Valley in the 24-hour period ending at 4 a.m. Tuesday. North Bend on the southern coast reported 6.66 inches of rain.

Interstate 5 was closed in southern Oregon due to mud slides and traffic slowed to a crawl in the populous Willamette Valley because of high water.

U.S. 101, the main coastal route, was closed by high water in the southwest corner of the state at Port Orford and near Bandon.

Better behavior seen with Safe Schools Act

AUSTIN (AP) - Texas teachers say their students are behaving better since the Safe Schools Act was passed last year.

An informal survey of about 950 Texas teachers found that threats of violence, assaults, abusive language and theft have gone down since an initial survey in 1993.

The survey was released Tuesday by the Texas Federation of Teachers.

The law lets teachers remove violent or disruptive students from their classrooms and place them in alternative education programs. It also calls for automatic removal of students who commit violent or drug-related offenses.

"Teachers are telling us that they finally have a tool they can use to keep order in the classroom and prevent future disruptions," Sen. Gonzalo Barrientos, D-Austin, said Tuesday.

The Texas Association of School Boards has said some of the language in the act needs to be clarified.

The law needs to be clearer about what happens to students who are placed in alternative education programs and are later expelled because of repeated misbehavior, said Joe Ramos, assistant director of governmental relations with the association.

Ramos said the law also needs to ensure that a hearing is held to allow those classified as problem students the opportunity to present their case.

In May, U.S. District Judge James Nowlin of San Marcos ruled that part of the Safe Schools Act is unconstitutional because it denies students due process of law by moving them to alternative education programs without formal hearings.

While he was off campus, Timothy Nevares, 15, was accused of throwing rocks at a car, injuring a passenger. Nevares' father filed a lawsuit in Hays County after the school district told him his son was being sent to the alternative school.

A provision in the Safe Schools Act provides for hearings based on

on-campus incidents, but not those that occur away from school.

Robert Nash, spokesman for the Texas Federation of Teachers, said Nevares was given the opportunity to explain his actions, though not in a formal hearing.

"We take issue with his (Nowlin's) interpretation of the law," Nash said. "We are in favor of due process. We believe the law provides for due process now, but if further clarification needs to be made, we support it."

Barrientos, who introduced the bill in 1995, said he is willing to work to clear up some of the language in the law.

"I believe there are some measures that should be clarified," Barrientos said.

But he said efforts should be focused on implementing the law in all Texas schools, "not trying to fix what isn't broken."

Of the teachers who participated in the informal survey, about 35 percent said their schools are enforcing the Safe Schools Act.

Planes collide on runway, taking lives of 14 persons

QUINCY, Ill. (AP) - The charred bodies of 14 people were left overnight in the mangled wreckage of two planes that collided in a fireball at a small airport with no control tower.

The United Express commuter plane had just landed Tuesday night when it collided on the runway with a small private plane that was about to take off.

All 14 people aboard the planes were killed: the 10 passengers and two crew members aboard the commuter flight and the two people on the smaller plane.

The bodies would not be moved until after investigators from the National Transportation Safety Board

arrived today, Adams County Coroner Chris Boyer said.

"It's now a tangled mess of wreckage that is all burned," he said.

The only recognizable part of either aircraft was the tail section of the larger plane, tilted and doused by foam and water.

Quincy's Baldwin Municipal Airport has no control tower to guide pilots, who must communicate with each other on an open radio frequency, airport manager David Smith said.

The incoming plane was a United Express Beech 1900 that had originated in Chicago and stopped in Burlington, Iowa, before heading to Quincy. It was to return to Chicago.

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Lifestyles

Ann Landers

Reader says suicide is no answer

Dear Ann Landers: Ten years ago, when I was 14, my mother and I escaped from her abusive husband (my stepfather). The mental and physical abuse left us both emotionally destroyed. We ran away in the middle of a snowstorm with only the things we could fit in our car.

We moved two states away. My mother and I shared a room while living at my grandparents' home. No one had time for my problems. I started going to a new school and went from straight A's to getting C's and D's. I sank into a deep depression, convinced that suicide was the only way out.

I had my death planned and even wrote my last words to my family. But before I swallowed those pills, something made me call the local suicide hot line. I talked to a woman there for over an hour. She made me promise to wait until the next day before I did anything.

The next morning, the Dallas Morning News ran an article on teen suicide. My mother, knowing how unhappy I'd been, woke me up early to show it to me. I broke down in tears, and we talked and cried for hours. Together, we went for counseling through our church, and slowly, we both came back from the

edge. I'm now in medical school and married to a wonderful man. We plan to have children of our own soon. Although life is not a bed of roses, it has never been better. When I was suffering in that bottomless pit, I could not even fathom a future as good as this.

Please tell those who can see no way out that suicide is NOT the answer. Depression is an illness that can be treated. With love of family, friends and counseling, depression does not have to take your life.

Ten years ago, I made a promise -- I waited until the next day. I will enjoy surprises for the rest of my life. -- Future Doctor in Houston

Dear Houston: You have written a letter that could save lives. The most important words are these: "Depression is an illness that can be treated." Waiting until the next day made the difference between life and death.

Dear Ann Landers: That letter you printed about the woman whose fox fur got caught in a man's zipper reminded me of something that happened to me back in the '30s.

I took a plane trip home to visit my mother. In those days, we traveled in our best clothes, with hat and gloves.

I happened to be seated next to a man who had had a few too many drinks. When he returned from a visit to the bathroom, I noticed his zipper was open. Being extremely shy, I didn't say anything.

I finally decided to take my gloves off. When I pulled the right one, my left hand slipped and my right glove flew into the man's lap and landed right on his open zipper. I was too embarrassed to reach over and get it, so my glove sat there all the way to Chicago. When the flight attendant instructed us to fasten our seat belts for the descent, the man must have thought the glove was his shirttail. He tucked it into his pants and zipped up. I almost died.

When we deplaned in Chicago, a woman greeted the man affectionately. I assumed she was his wife. It's been 60 years since this happened, and I still wonder what she thought when he took his pants off and a lady's glove fell out. I still laugh thinking about it. -- Bettye Hawley, Van Nuys, Calif.

Dear Bettye: Thanks for a hilarious story. I can see why it has stood the test of time. It's one your grandchildren will pass on to their children.



Society officers for 1997

Officers for the Deaf Smith County Genealogical Society for 1997 were installed following a dinner meeting Monday. Troyce Hanna, right, installed L.J. Clark as president; Donita Rule, vice president; Wilma Clark, secretary and historian; and Pat Pugliese, treasurer.

Genealogical society installs officers

The Deaf Smith County Genealogical Society met Monday at K-Bob's Restaurant for a Dutch treat dinner and installation of officers.

Troyce Hanna installed as officers for the 1997 year L.J. Clark, president; Donita Rule, vice president; Wilma Clark, secretary; Pat Pugliese, treasurer; Wilma Clark, historian; Jean Beene, protem for Mildred Sheffy as parliamentarian. The society will meet again Jan.

20 at 7 p.m. in the Deaf Smith County Library. Everyone interested in family research is invited to attend. In attendance at the installation

were guests Grant Hanna and Jerilyn Rule and members Don Minchew, Hanna, Rule, Beene, Pugliese, and the Clarks.



Survivor donates painting

Debby Holmes, employee of Hereford State Bank and Wendel Clark, with Sagebrush Galleries, display a painting by Carl J. Smith, a cancer survivor, which is being offered in a drawing sponsored by the Circle of Friends to benefit the Harrington Cancer Center. The painting is on display this week in Hereford State Bank. Tickets are \$25 each and may be purchased at Hereford State Bank or from any member of the Circle of Friends. For more information, contact Jody Skiles at 578-4347.

Draper Club has regular meeting

A program titled "Twas the night before..." was presented by Beverly Harden, county extension agent, at the recent meeting of the Draper Family Community Education Club.

The regular meeting was held in the home of Johnnie Messer. Tonia Vaughn, president, conducted the business meeting. Opening exercise was a poem called "Thanksgiving."

Members were reminded to bring wrapped gifts for the disabled elderly to the Council Christmas party Dec. 9.

Refreshments were served to guests Perry Keyes, Cruz Messer and Harder and members Carmen Rickman, Brandy Martin, Nikki Messer, Misti Paget, Messer and Vaughn.



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MONDAY-Italian spaghetti, buttered zucchini squash, sunshine coleslaw, whole wheat bread/cornbread, pound cake with fruit topping; or chicken and

dumplings, fruit cocktail. TUESDAY-Roast beef with gravy, mashed potatoes, green peas, garden salad, dressing, biscuit, apple cobbler; or roast pork, applesauce.

WEDNESDAY-Beef stew with celery, tomato, onions, potatoes and carrots, cheese sticks, coleslaw, cornbread, mixed fruit, cookie; or chicken stew.

ACTIVITIES

THURSDAY-Festival of Trees activities begin at 8:30 a.m., conclude with Tree Auction from 8-10:30 p.m.

FRIDAY-Festival of Trees activities begin at 8:30 a.m., conclude

with Fashion Show/Dinner from 7-9 p.m.

SATURDAY-Festival of Trees activities begin at 8:30 a.m., conclude with melodrama dinner theater from 7-9:30 p.m.

SUNDAY-Festival of Trees activities begin at 12 noon with Holiday Turkey Buffet, conclude at 4 p.m.

MONDAY-Pool classes, doll class 1-4 p.m.

TUESDAY-Pool classes, Beltone Hearing 12:30-3 p.m., doll class 6-9 p.m.

WEDNESDAY-Pool classes, ceramics 1-3 p.m.

New Arrivals

Tonya and Bubba Long of Amarillo are the proud parents of a daughter, Bridgett Ann, born Nov. 11 in Baptist/St. Anthony's Hospital.

She weighed 7 pounds, 6.8 ounces and was 21 inches long. Grandparents are Jerry and Betty Deckard of Hereford and Kay Long of Enid, Okla.

Alpha Iota Mu decorates tree

Alpha Iota Mu Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority met at the Senior Center and decorated their tree for the Festival of Trees following the business meeting.

The chapter voted to conduct a fund-raiser. Members will be selling tickets for a 72-inch painted wooden tree with lights to be used as a yard decoration. Tickets will be available for \$1 each or six for \$5. The drawing will be held Dec. 8.

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4. What tastes like licking an ashtray?
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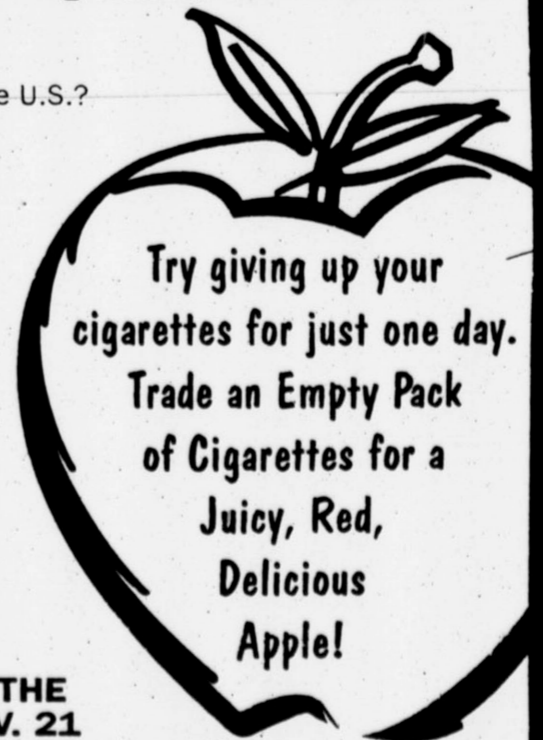
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Make sure everything is well done if you cook dressing inside turkey

By ROBERT GREENE
AP Farm Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) - Back in August, the Agriculture Department tried to knock the stuffing out of Thanksgiving turkeys, warning Americans that improperly cooking the dressing inside the bird could cause serious illness or even death.

With Thanksgiving Day drawing near and the turkey industry up in arms, the agency has pulled back. Now it's telling cooks: Go ahead and stuff. Just make sure everything's very well-cooked.

In its latest advisory, the agency recommends sticking a meat thermometer into stuffing to make sure it reaches 165 degrees, enough to kill bacteria from either the turkey or any eggs used in the stuffing.

That's a much weaker warning than in August, when the department's Food and Safety Inspection Service warned in bold letters in fliers that it "strongly advises against stuffing the turkey."

Citing new research and other data, it said at the time, "Improperly cooked stuffing can cause serious illness or even death."

The turkey-and-dressing folks didn't care for that - though the University of Georgia study that formed the basis for the warning was paid for by their own National Turkey

Federation. The Georgia research had recommended that stuffing be cooked outside the bird.

Georgia researcher John Carpenter says the initial advisory exaggerated his findings. And that was the message the industry carried when it met with officials who run the department's Meat and Poultry Hotline, which put out the flier.

So on Oct. 31, the department put out a new flier that offered "advice on stuffing a turkey safely." It says "cooking a home-stuffed turkey can be somewhat riskier than cooking one not stuffed."

No mention of serious illness or death. And not until about eight paragraphs down comes the advice, "If you are not prepared to use a meat thermometer to measure the internal temperature of the stuffing in the bird, then the stuffing should be cooked outside the turkey."

The department denies it was forced to eat crow. The safe-cooking message remains the same, and it's true that undercooked stuffing can cause illness or death, said Susan Conley, the official in charge of the turkey bulletins.

"It's more that the first one was, I guess, misunderstood, and perhaps it had to do with an unfortunate tone," she said.

The solution is fine for the Turkey Federation, a trade group of turkey

farmers and processors whose members sell 45 million holiday turkeys.

"Obviously they realized that the public was going to go crazy with not being able to stuff their turkeys and kind of came to an agreement that in fact you can stuff it as long as you do it safely," said Erin O'Brien, a federation spokesperson.

Neither message seemed to be swaying holiday plans much - even at the agency's own cafeteria.

"I'm still going to stuff my turkey," said Randy Weber, an associate administrator of the department's Farm Service Agency, who was unaware of the changed message.

Anne Jenkins won't, but it has little to do with the Agriculture Department's warnings. Jenkins plans a seafood dinner with ham and a small turkey breast on the side. "I like a 20-pound dressing and five-pound turkey breast," she said.



Pretty gingerbread houses

Members of the Sparklers 4-H Club made gingerbread houses at their recent meeting. Barbara Kaesheimer furnished the gingerbread walls and each girl created her own individual house by decorating with an assortment of candy and trimmings. The December meeting will be a canned food drive.

Needlepoint figurines are subject for La Madre Mia

Susan Hicks, a member of La Madre Mia Study Club, presented the program at the regular meeting in the home of Mary Herring.

Hicks has handcrafted a collection of needlepoint Santas and researched the history of each. Each Santa in her collection is considered a "gift giver," such as St. Nicholas, Father Christmas and Kris Kringle. She also has Santas based on political and patriotic themes.

Mysedia Smith, president, conducted the business meeting.

Members answered roll call by responding to the question, "What about your Santa?"

The annual Christmas Tour of Homes, scheduled for Dec. 8, was discussed and committee assignments were made.

Attending were special guest, Melinda Bridge, and members Ruth Black, Francine Bromlow, Merle Clark, Linda Cumpston, Gladys Merritt, Bettye Owen, June Owens, Nancy Paetzold, Georgia Sparks, Betty Taylor, Marline Watson, Nicky Walser, Herring, Hicks and Smith.

Today in History

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By The Associated Press
Today is Wednesday, Nov. 20, the 325th day of 1996. There are 41 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On Nov. 20, 1789, New Jersey became the first state to ratify the Bill of Rights.

On this date:
In 1620, Peregrine White was born aboard the "Mayflower" in Massachusetts Bay - the first child born of English parents in present-day New England.

In 1910, revolution broke out in

Mexico, led by Francisco I. Madero. In 1925, Robert F. Kennedy was born in Brookline, Mass.

In 1929, the radio program "The Rise of the Goldbergs" debuted on the NBC Blue Network.

In 1945, 24 Nazi leaders went on trial before an international war crimes tribunal in Nuremberg, Germany.

In 1947, Britain's future queen, Princess Elizabeth, married Philip Mountbatten, Duke of Edinburgh.

In 1967, the Census Clock at the Commerce Department ticked past 200 million.

In 1969, the Nixon administration announced a halt to residential use of the pesticide DDT as part of a total phaseout.

In 1975, after nearly four decades of absolute rule, Spain's Gen. Francisco Franco died, two weeks before his 83rd birthday.

Ten years ago: The director of the World Health Organization, Dr. Halfdan Maher, announced the first coordinated global effort to combat the deadly disease AIDS.

Five years ago: California Democrat Alan Cranston accepted a Senate reprimand for his dealings with former savings-and-loan chief Charles H. Keating Jr., but then denied he was guilty of many of the allegations, prompting an angry rebuttal by New Hampshire Republican Warren B. Rudman.

One year ago: Federal employees idled during a government shutdown returned to their jobs. Olympic figure skating champion Sergei Grinkov died of a heart attack in Lake Placid, N.Y. BBC Television broadcast an interview with Princess Diana, who admitted being unfaithful to Prince Charles. Radio stations began airing a new Beatles recording, "Free As a Bird," which had debuted on ABC-TV the night before.

Today's Birthdays: Author and TV personality Alistair Cooke is 88. Sen. Robert Byrd, D-W.Va., is 79. Economist Beryl Sprinkel is 73. Actor-comedian Kaye Ballard is 70. Actress Estelle Parsons is 69. TV personality Richard Dawson is 64. Comedian Dick Smothers is 57. Singer Kim Weston is 57. Singer Norman Greenbaum is 54. Sen. Joseph Biden, D-Del., is 54. Actress Veronica Hamel is 53. Broadcast journalist Judy Woodruff is 50. Singer Joe Walsh is 49. Actor Richard Masur is 48. Actress Bo Derek is 40. Reggae musician Jim Brown (UB40) is 39. Actress Sean Young is 37. Rapper Mike D (The Beastie Boys) is 31. Rapper Sen Dog (Cypress Hill) is 31.

Family Film set Thursday night

Thursday is Family Film Night at the Deaf Smith County Library.

This month's feature is "Papa Was A Preacher." It will make you laugh. It will make you cry. It will make you feel warm all over.

Admission is free and popcorn is available for 25 cents.

Family Film Night is sponsored by Friends of the Library.

Martinez chosen for college board

Tamarah Martinez of Hereford, daughter of Mary Martinez, has been selected to serve as music chair on Austin College's Campus Activities Board.

The Campus Activities Board (CAB) works in conjunction with its advisor and the director of student life to coordinate the flow of activities on campus. It initiates, plans and carries out many events including dances, entertainers and participatory programs that appear on campus.

Arts festival set at Wesley UMC

Wesley United Methodist Church will host its 16th annual Festival of Arts and Crafts from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. on Dec. 7 in the Community Center.

A limited number of booths are available, with applications being screened. Booth fee is \$10.

Applications may be obtained by writing to Ellen Collins, 801 Miles St., Hereford, Texas 79045 or call 806-364-0774.

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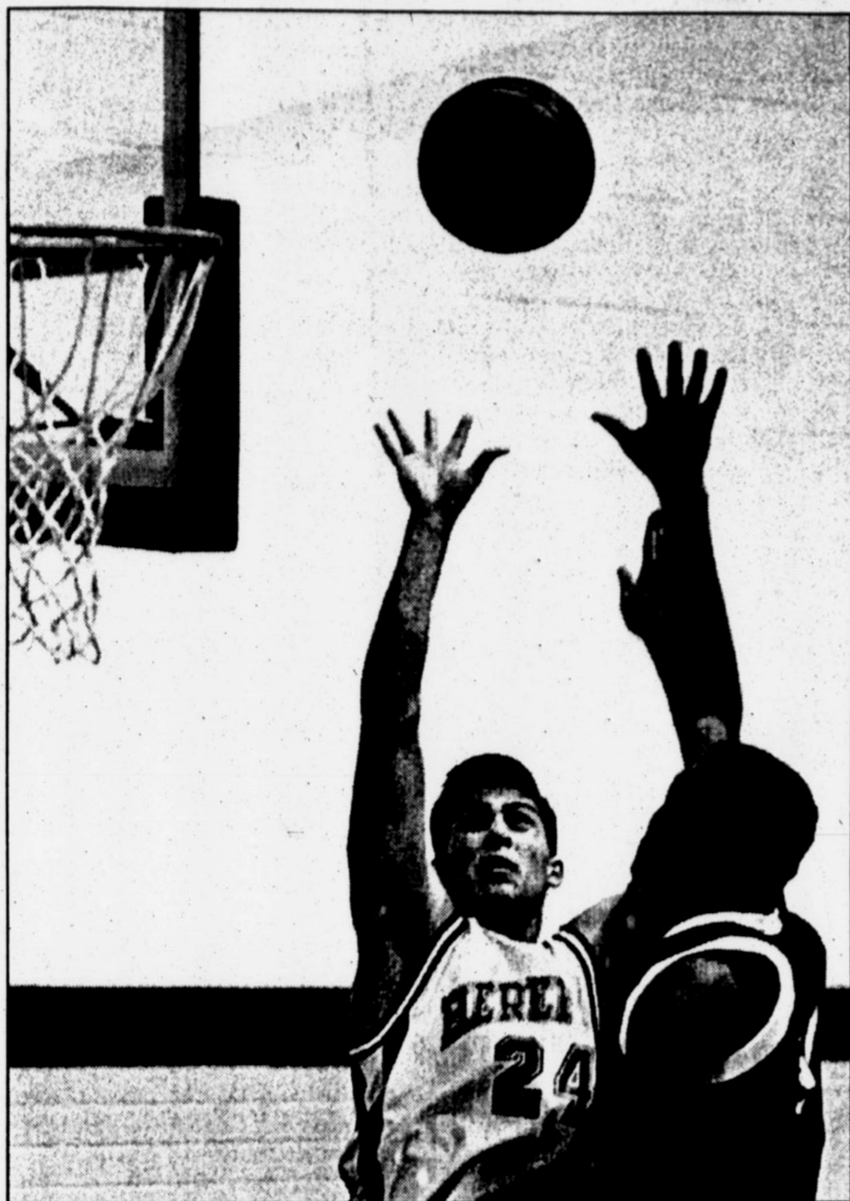
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Sports

Herd holds off Hornets; Lady Whitefaces fall



Cleaning the glass

Hereford's Isaac Walker (24) goes up after a rebound during the Herd's 54-50 win over Tulia Tuesday night in Whiteface Gym.

By JAY PEDEN
Sports Editor

The Hereford boys' basketball team held off Tulia all night for the Herd's first win of the season Tuesday in Whiteface Gym.

Hereford won 54-50 in a game it almost controlled - but never quite did. Tulia only led once, but Hereford never led by more than eight points. Hereford improved to 1-2.

The Hereford girls' team - or some of it anyway - made its season debut Tuesday but lost to Tulia, 55-51.

In the boys' game, Tulia chased Hereford all night. Bryant McNutt scored five points in an early 8-0 run which gave Hereford a 13-5 lead. Hereford kept the lead, but Tulia kept up, trailing 21-18 after one quarter.

Tulia grabbed a 32-21 lead late in the second quarter, but Hereford's Cory Schumacher's layup with three

seconds left put Hereford up 33-32 at the break.

Tulia stayed close and pulled within two points a few times in the final minutes, but key baskets by Isaac Walker, McNutt and C.J. Kuback kept Hereford ahead. Jason Myers also had a steal in the final minute.

"It was a good ball game," Herd coach Randy Dean. "It certainly was a good win for us. It wasn't always a thing of beauty, but we're awfully happy to get a win."

"We're still playing real streaky," he said. "I think that explains the way the scoring went back and forth tonight."

Johnathan Keenan led the Herd with 17 points, and McNutt added 12.

Tuesday's version of the Lady Whitefaces was a combination of

varsity and junior varsity players. With volleyball season still going on, many of the eventual varsity basketball players weren't available for the game.

Misti Davis, the only returning letter-winner in uniform, kept the team in the chase with 22 points, including five three-pointers.

One of her treys pulled Hereford within one at 25-24 with 20 seconds left in the second quarter. With three seconds left, Tori Walker hit a 10-footer for a 26-25 lead at halftime.

Tulia started the third with a 6-0 run to retake the lead, but Hereford ended the quarter with a 7-0 run to take it back. Davis hit a trey and Christina Kuper and Staci Betzen each had layups to give the Herd a 40-38 lead.

Tulia ripped off a 7-0 run to start the fourth and took the lead for good. Hereford pulled within one point

twice but Tulia hit 3-of-4 free throws in the final 30 seconds.

"It was a heck of an effort," coach Eddie Fortenberry said of his substitute Herd. "I was proud of them. We've had a game and a scrimmage. Tulia has played Nazareth and Happy, and they pounded Nazareth."

"If we correct some things, we win the game," Fortenberry said. "That's a credit to our kids."

Hereford easily swept the junior varsity games.

The boys won 50-33 behind 11 points from Eric McNutt.

The girls won 53-33. Kristin Cole and Meredith McGowan each scored 10 points, and Amy Perrin and Rachel Chavez each had nine.

The boys sophomore team hosted Muleshoe Monday at the high school, but Hereford lost that game, 56-47. Cory Marsh led Hereford with 17, and Brent Huseman added 10.

Switzer did right thing letting Boniol kick FG

By DAVE GOLDBERG
AP Football Writer

Barry Switzer has committed some well-publicized gaffes in his nearly three years as an NFL head coach.

Letting Chris Boniol kick a record-tying seventh field goal at the end of Monday night's 21-6 victory wasn't one of them. In fact, it was a demonstration of why Switzer is now 35-13 as a head coach - his players like him because he cares about them.

"I wouldn't deny your son, my son, anyone's son a chance to make an NFL record," Switzer said after Boniol's kick with 20 seconds left tied the mark previously achieved by Jim Bakken in 1967 and Rich Karlis in 1989.

Switzer knows the consequences. The extra three points set off a minor melee that ended without blood being shed. They also gave the Packers more incentive than they already have (and they have a lot) in any playoff meeting, which despite Monday's victory by Dallas, could still be at Lambeau Field.

But the long-run effect the field goal will have on his team is more positive than negative, for it reinforces for the spear-carriers (everyone but Troy Aikman, Emmitt Smith, Michael Irvin and Deion Sanders) that their coach is willing to give them their time in the spotlight.

"If Reggie White needed a sack record, you know they'd have him go after our quarterback," cornerback Kevin Smith said after the game.

Remember this - while Switzer sometimes uses college analogies (the Bengals were once "Iowa State"), he won't run up the score the way he occasionally did at Oklahoma. There are no pollsters to impress in the NFL.

And just three weeks ago, he told Jerry Jones to get lost when Jones, standing next to him on the sideline in Miami, urged him to go for an

extra touchdown in a game that was already clinched in order to rub Jimmy Johnson's nose in the dirt.

Monday night's melee took place in part because the Packers had no idea that Boniol was kicking for a record.

On the previous play, Aikman took a knee in the gentlemanly way it's done in the NFL - the Dallas linemen gestured to the Green Bay linemen to stay down, that there would be no play.

Then came the timeout, and then came the record-tying kick.

AND ANOTHER SEVEN THREES: The last time a kicker had seven field goals, the game was even stranger than the one Monday night.

It took place Nov. 5, 1989 in the Metrodome, with Rich Karlis kicking for the Minnesota Vikings against the Los Angeles Rams. Karlis kicked his seven field goals, the Rams scored three touchdowns and the game went into overtime tied at 21-11.

On the first series of overtime, the Vikings held and the Rams lined up to punt.

Minnesota's Mike Merriweather broke through, blocked the punt and tried to fall on it, but it skittered through his arms out of the end zone. Merriweather, thinking he needed the touchdown to win the game, lay in the end zone banging his fists on the turf while his teammates celebrated.

The Vikings had indeed won, 23-21 on the safety, the only overtime game in NFL history decided that way.

There also was a strange footnote.

Instead of celebrating the win or congratulating Karlis, Minnesota coach Jerry Burns spent most of his time after the game berating his offense for failing to get into the end zone.

Finally, he was interrupted by a Minneapolis reporter, who said: "You won, didn't you, Jerry?"

"I think so," Burns replied.

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Johnson, Yale, Okla., \$28,944. 19, Bryan Anderson, Tucson, Ariz., \$28,925. 20, Joe Beaver, Huntsville, Texas, \$27,079.

TEAM ROPING (HEELING)

1, Rich Skelton, Llano, Texas, \$58,859. 2, Allen Bach, Toltec, Ariz., \$53,778. 3, Steve Northcott, Odessa, Texas, \$50,781. 4, Joe Day, Howe, Texas, \$43,419. 5, Monty Joe Petska, Turlock, Calif., \$43,211. 6, Chris Green, Valley Springs, Calif., \$40,637. 7, Cody Cowden, Le Grand, Calif., \$40,562. 8, Tom Bourne, Marietta, Ga., \$39,075. 9, Bret Gould, Pollok, Texas, \$38,130. 10, Jeff Medlin, Tatum, N.M., \$36,805. 11, Brent Lockett, Visalia, Calif., \$36,767. 12, Nick Sarchett, Scottsdale, Ariz., \$36,030. 13, Jay Wadhams, Pueblo, Colo., \$36,020. 14, Kory Koontz, Sudan, Texas, \$35,862. 15, Britt Bockius, Claremore, Okla., \$35,459. 16, Dennis Gatz, Modesto, Calif., \$35,099.

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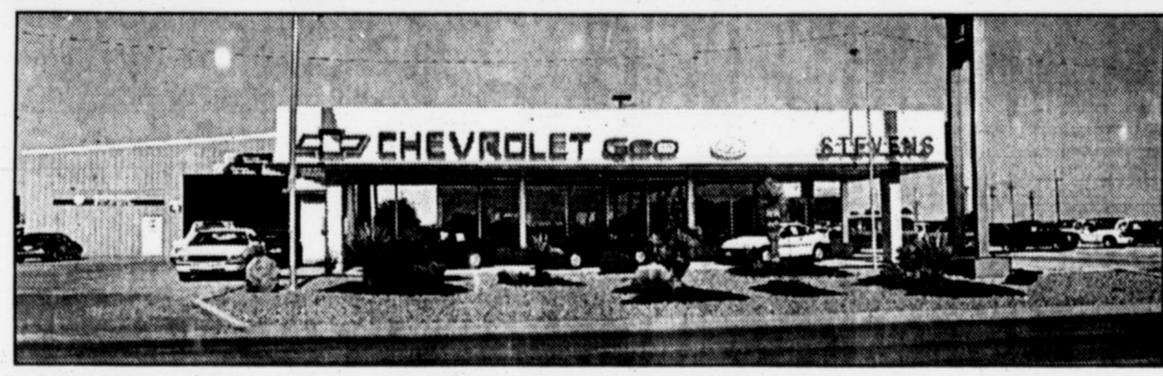
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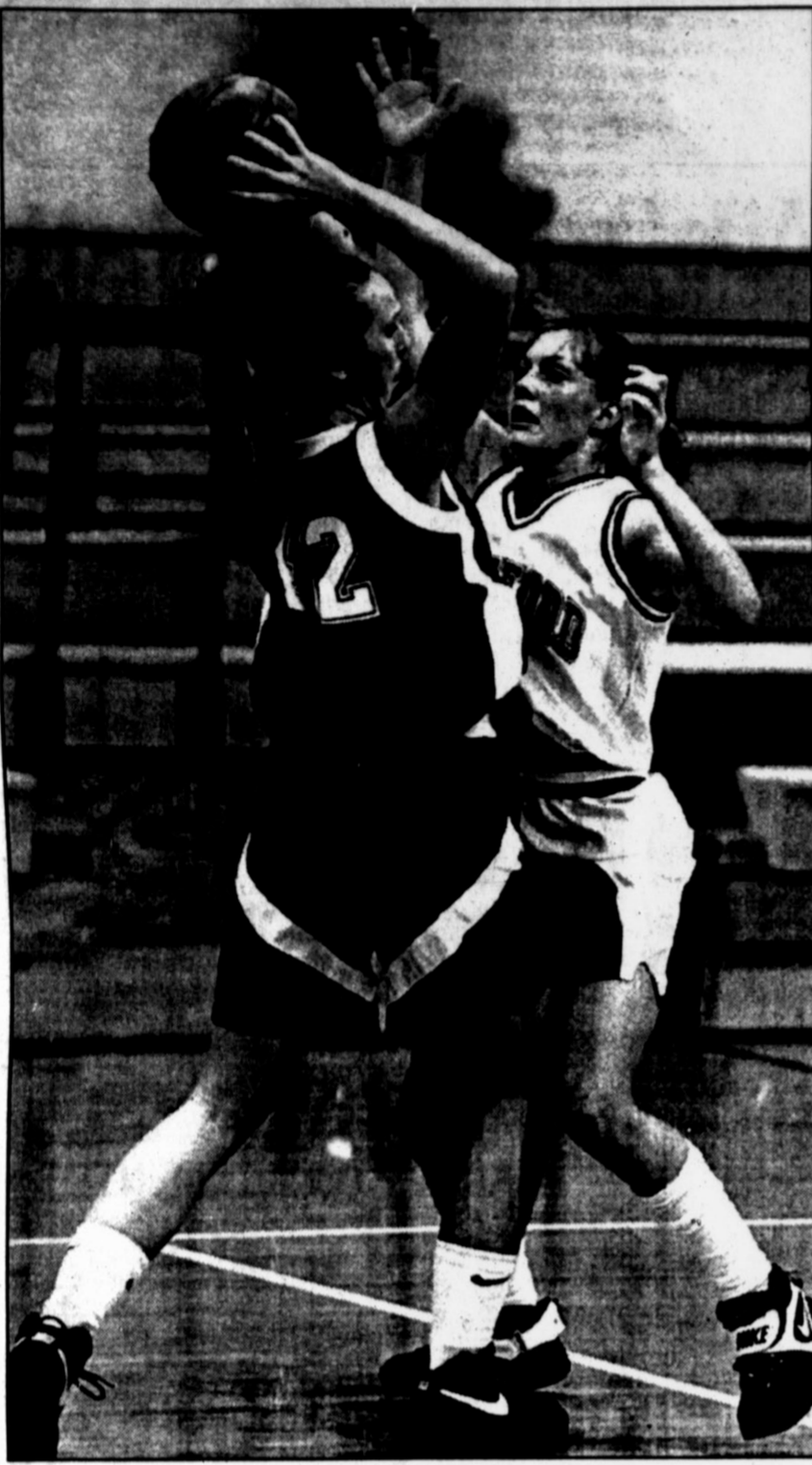
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Ball hawk

Hereford's Misti Davis (right) gets in the face of a Tulia player. The Lady Whitefaces lost their season opener, 55-51, Tuesday night in Whiteface Gym. Davis scored 22 points including five three-pointers.

Holtz announces resignation

Coach gives no reason for leaving Notre Dame

SOUTH BEND, Ind. (AP) - By the time Lou Holtz took the stage, what he was about to say was old news. By the time he left, he was part of Notre Dame's history, and everybody was already looking toward the future.

With Holtz's decision to leave Notre Dame after his 11th season official, the question now is: Who's next?

Northwestern candidate Gary Barnett and Irish defensive coordinator Bob Davie are the early favorites. Athletic director Mike Wadsworth said there are fewer than six candidates for college football's glamour job.

"We would be looking for a person that has really the attributes of coach Holtz in terms of coaching ability and representing the university's ethics and morals and commitment," said the Rev. William Beauchamp, the university's executive vice president.

Wadsworth and Beauchamp said they've already had exploratory talks with the candidates. Those who express interest in the job will be interviewed further, and they hope to have a new coach in place by early December.

One person, Wadsworth would not say who, took himself out of the running for family considerations.

Barnett confirmed Tuesday that he was contacted by Notre Dame officials, but said he hadn't decided yet if he was interested.

"Once I have had time to fully

consider my options, I will let them know of my decision as to whether I wish to be considered for the job," he said in a written statement.

Davie declined comment Tuesday, saying he's more concerned with helping players deal with Holtz's announcement, which he likened to an earthquake.

"They just endured a heck of an announcement with coach Holtz, and they don't need another distraction. And Bob Davie is not going to be that distraction," he said.

Others mentioned are LSU coach and former Irish player Gerry DiNardo; former UCLA coach Terry Donahue and Wisconsin coach Barry Alvarez, a former Notre Dame assistant.

Barnett's advantage is that he's proven he can coach in the most difficult of situations. After years as the Big Ten's doormat, Barnett took the Wildcats to the Rose Bowl last year - their first appearance since 1947.

Northwestern is one of the few prominent football schools with admissions standards that are as tough as Notre Dame's. Barnett has shown he can attract players who can succeed both in the classroom and on the football field, a big selling point for the Notre Dame administration.

But he also has a 12-year contract at Northwestern, and Notre Dame would likely have to pay to get him. Wadsworth did not rule that out.

"There's no policy that I know of

at the University of Notre Dame with respect to that," he said. "I think I would be more concerned about what would be the motivation for that coach to want to move from where he is to Notre Dame."

Davie, 42, doesn't have Barnett's head coaching experience, but he's built an excellent reputation as both a coach and recruiter. His "Wrecking Crew" defenses at Texas A&M were highly regarded, with the Aggies leading the nation in total defense in 1991, and ranking third in 1993.

Players respect and like him, and the Notre Dame administration thinks very highly of him, too. When Holtz underwent emergency neck surgery last year, it was Davie who took over in his absence. Holtz supports Davie, and most of the players want him.

Notre Dame hasn't hired an assistant as its head coach since Terry Brennan succeeded Frank Leahy in 1954, but Wadsworth left the door open for Davie.

"If there is an assistant coach that you know well who has the potential capability, that certainly substitutes for experience," he said.

While Notre Dame searches for a new coach, Holtz will be looking for a new job. Despite rumors that he resigned so he could coach in the NFL - specifically the Minnesota Vikings if Dennis Green leaves - Holtz, 59, said he has no plans.

He could give no explanation for why he is leaving, except that he thinks

it's the right thing to do. He said he's glad he won't break Knute Rockne's record of 105 victories at Notre Dame, but said that isn't why he's leaving.

Holtz is 99-29-2 at Notre Dame and 215-94-7 overall.

"I've always felt remorse every time I've left a place. When you left a place you always had something to go to and that gave you enthusiasm and excitement," he said. "I don't know how I'll handle not having anything to look forward to."

Though it was obvious Holtz is leaving Notre Dame reluctantly, he said again and again that it was his decision to go. He started thinking about it last February, and quickly put the idea out of his mind.

But he started thinking about it again last month, and came to his decision over the last three weeks. The university was reluctant to send Holtz go, Wadsworth said.

"The university intended to go in the same direction," he said. "We felt the football program was going extremely well. We felt very confident with it in Lou's hands."

So did the players.

"It was a shock to the team, to the program, to the university and to college football," quarterback Ron Powlus said. "He's an outstanding coach, and more than that, an outstanding leader."

While the players and the university are going to miss Holtz, he said he will miss them more. He was calm and composed during his 75-minute news conference to announce his resignation, though his voice caught slightly when he mentioned his players and how saddened he was to think he disappointed them by leaving.

"I feel worse than I've felt in a long time," he said. "I do not feel good about this at all. But I do think it's the right thing to do."

Red Sox hire away Braves' coach

BOSTON (AP) - By naming Jimmy Williams manager, the Boston Red Sox took care of their most urgent - but not necessarily most important - off-season priority.

Now Williams and general manager Dan Duquette must, among other things:

-Figure out how to re-sign Roger Clemens;

-Quell the clubhouse turmoil that resulted from the firing of manager

Kevin Kennedy; and

-Decide how to fit Mo Vaughn, Jeff Frye, Wil Cordero, John Valentin, Nomar Garciaparra and Tim Lincecum into the infield.

"I've got a wife and four kids. You want turmoil?" Williams said Tuesday after becoming the 41st manager in Red Sox history. "You've got to talk. You can't choose up sides and say, 'Let's see who wins this battle.'"

"It's not an 'I' game, it's a 'we' game. Teams that don't win, I believe, are in the 'I' syndrome. Those that do are in the 'we' syndrome."

Williams said Tuesday that he didn't think Valentin should be moved from shortstop to third to make room for Garciaparra, a philosophy that runs counter to the decision Duquette made at the end of last season.
















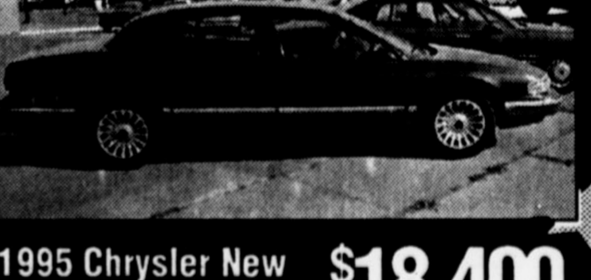
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Olajuwon out with heart problem

**By CHRIS SHERIDAN
AP Basketball Writer**
In Houston, they know all about the "Heart of a Champion." It was the Rockets' trademark phrase two summers ago when they won their second straight championship.

They also know about the heart of Hakeem Olajuwon. It has acted up before, and it did it again Tuesday night.

Olajuwon experienced an irregular heartbeat during halftime of Houston's 122-93 victory over the Minnesota Timberwolves, a similar problem to one he had five years ago.

"He had a glass of water at halftime and as soon as he had it, he felt his heart beating irregularly," Rockets spokesman Tim Frank said of Olajuwon. "We brought the doctors in."

Frank said Olajuwon's condition is called atrial fibrillation. He left the arena under his own power, underwent an electrocardiogram (EKG) at Methodist Hospital and stayed overnight for more tests.

"It still hasn't returned to normal," Frank said. "It has to be treated medically and when it returns to normal, he'll be back on the court."

In other NBA games, the Los Angeles Lakers edged Golden State 112-109, Portland nipped Phoenix 92-90 in overtime, New York held off Orlando 92-88, Milwaukee beat Dallas 100-97, Cleveland defeated Atlanta 73-63, Seattle downed Toronto 106-98 and Miami beat Denver 104-86.

Olajuwon experienced an irregular heartbeat during the 1991-92 season, but it returned to normal after medication.

Olajuwon also had anemia at the end of the 1994-95 championship season and was hospitalized with a blood clot in his left leg before the 1990-91 season.

"It appears to be what he had a couple of years ago," Rockets coach Rudy Tomjanovich said of the latest affliction. "It could be one day or it could be a lot longer. We're going to be very careful since it involves the heart."

Charles Barkley led Houston with 22 points and 17 rebounds as the Rockets improved to 9-1. They have games later this week against Phoenix on Thursday, at Golden State on Saturday and at the Los Angeles Lakers on Sunday.

Olajuwon's status for those games won't be known until he gets out of the hospital.

Kevin Garnett tied a season-high with 20 points to lead the Timberwolves, who allowed 100 points for the first time this season. Lakers 112, Warriors 109

Nick Van Exel broke out of a prolonged slump with 27 points on 11-of-16 shooting and Shaquille O'Neal had 26 points, 12 rebounds, seven assists and three blocks.

The game at the Forum was tied until Elden Campbell dunked and O'Neal added a three-point play - hitting his first foul shot of the night after five straight misses - for a 102-97 lead with 5:13 left.

The Warriors twice got within two points, but could get no closer. Trail Blazers 92, Kings 90, OT

At Portland, Arvydas Sabonis sent the game into overtime and then scored the winning points on a short hook shot with 20 seconds left.

Sabonis' clutch shots and a pair of crucial misses by Mitch Richmond overshadowed a season-high 31-point performance by Kings guard Mahmoud Abdul-Rauf. Knicks 92, Magic 88

New York nearly blew a 25-point, second-half lead before clinching it with 4-for-4 shooting from the foul line in the final 70 seconds and a key block by Patrick Ewing - one of his

seven in the game at Orlando. Ewing had 24 points and 16 rebounds and surpassed 20,000 points for his career - the 23rd NBA player to do so.

Bucks 100, Mavericks 97

At Milwaukee, Johnny Newman scored a season-high 27 points, including 10 in the fourth quarter, and Armon Gilliam added a season-high 27 points to go with his 13 rebounds.

For Dallas, Jason Kidd had season-highs in points (25) and rebounds (13) and tied his season-high in assists (8). Jamal Mashburn missed a 3-pointer

for the Mavericks right before the final buzzer sounded.

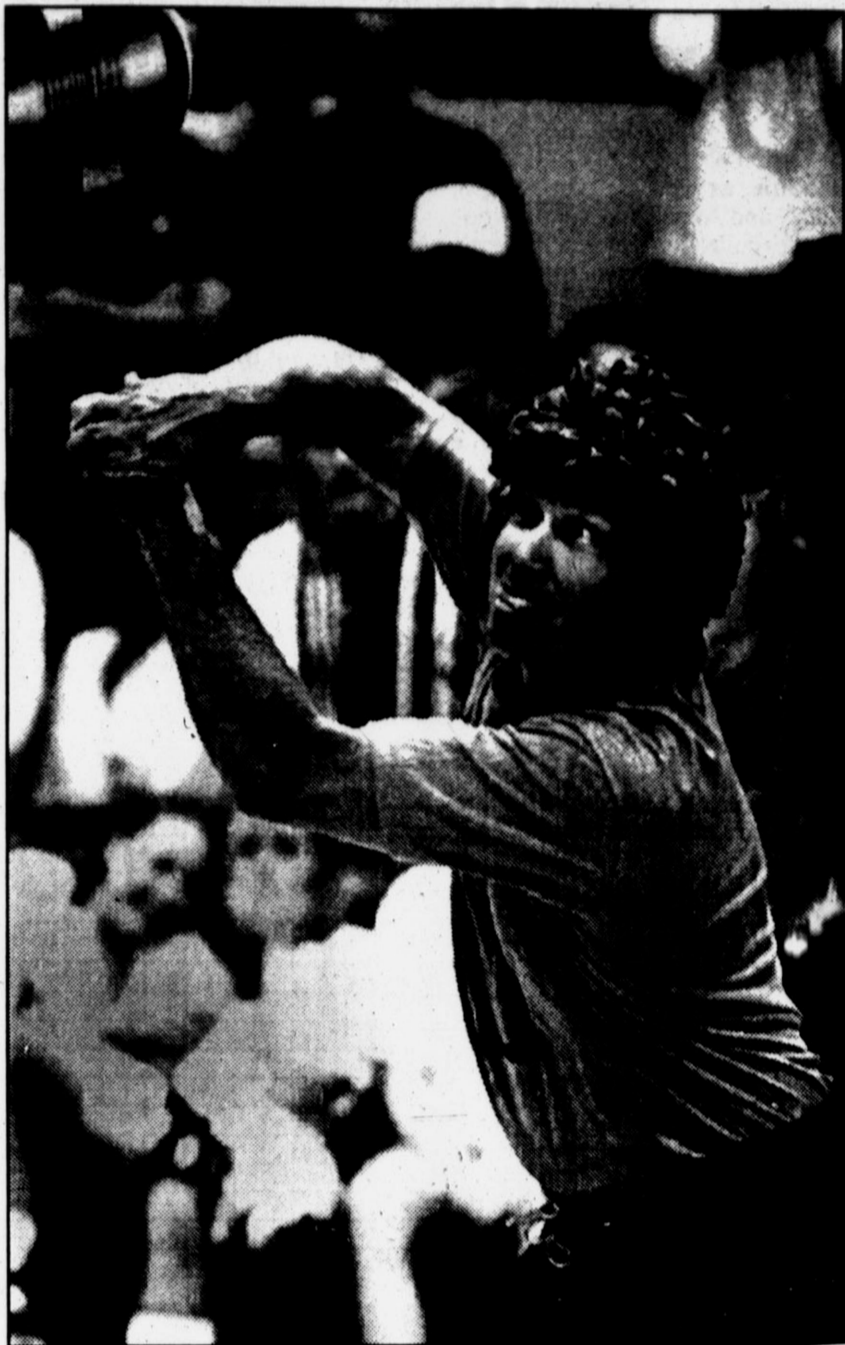
Cavaliers 73, Hawks 63

At Cleveland, the low-scoring game almost produced an NBA record.

The Cavs and Atlanta combined for just 60 points in the second half.

SuperSonics 106, Raptors 98

Shawn Kemp had 26 points and 18 rebounds and Gary Payton scored 24 as Seattle began a six-game Eastern swing with its eighth straight win. The Sonics nearly blew a 25-point halftime lead.



Demon-not

Kenny Fangman makes a valiant effort at digging a volleyball. Fathers of Hereford volleyball players donned wigs and bright orange uniforms to impersonate Dumas players at the pep rally held for the Herd Tuesday night in Whiteface Gym. Fangman is the father of Kristin Fangman.

Free agent Belle jumps to White Sox

CHICAGO (AP) - Can we expect a kinder, gentler Albert Belle now that he's switched teams and become baseball's highest-paid player?

Hardly. The newest member of the Chicago White Sox, his bank account ballooning eventually to \$55 million fatter with a five-year deal, says he'll be himself.

He's not trying to run from his bad-guy image or necessarily attempting to change it in a city where two seasons ago he was caught using a corked bat and subsequently suspended.

"You mean the bad guy image you gave me? Right?" Belle said Tuesday when pressed on the issue.

"I found early on that you can't try to please everyone. My main concern and the only thing I can control is going out on the field. Some people like it; some don't. I can't change their perception."

Vowing to "continue to be Albert Belle" could mean emotional outbursts from a player who has been suspended five times the last six years.

But the White Sox, hoping to overtake Belle's former team - the Cleveland Indians - and boost sagging attendance, want the Albert Belle who has hit 98 homers the last two seasons.

Teaming with two-time MVP Frank Thomas, the White Sox now have one of the most potent lineups in baseball.

"I'm not going to change my

personality because someone wants me to change. My No. 1 priority is to produce," Belle said.

"I just want to come over and be an integral part and continue to put up big numbers and play defense and watch Frank Thomas hit more home runs. I get to see it first-hand now."

Thomas was asked by Sox owner Jerry Reinsdorf whom he would like to see the team pursue in the offseason, Barry Bonds or Belle. It was a no-brainer for Thomas: Belle.

The White Sox then outbid the Indians and the Florida Marlins with a huge package deal.

"It's not about the most money," Belle said. "I'm sure I could have shopped around and got more money. You got to look at the personnel; you got to look at the organization and the direction it's heading."

Belle's package was thought to eclipse both Bonds' \$43.75 million, six-year contract with San Francisco and Ken Griffey Jr.'s \$8.5 million average salary under his \$34 million, four-year deal with Seattle.

Belle led the Indians to their first AL pennant in 41 years in 1995 when he hit 50 homers and 50 doubles in the same season. They also won the AL Central in 1996, when Belle hit 48 homers with a league-leading 148 RBIs, but were knocked out in the first round by Baltimore.

Reinsdorf said the signing of Belle shows the White Sox's commitment to get to the World Series after a fan survey revealed that their biggest disappointment was the cancellation of the Series in 1994 when the Sox

were leading their division.

After consulting with Thomas, Reinsdorf began negotiations with Belle's agent, Arn Tellem, who also represented some members of the Chicago Bulls. Reinsdorf is chairman of both the Sox and the Bulls and now has the highest-paid player in two sports.

Michael Jordan's \$30.14 million, one-year deal with the Bulls is the highest average salary in team sports.

"It was very similar to the intensive negotiations I had with Michael Jordan. I asked Arn what he wanted, he told me, and I said, 'Yes,'" Reinsdorf said.

Reinsdorf, a leading critic of baseball's current labor system, voted against the proposed labor deal last month. If the new deal had been in effect, adding Belle would have forced the White Sox to pay a luxury tax next year.

"It is perfectly fiscally responsible for us to give him this money," Reinsdorf said. "We have to compete

under the system that exists. We have an obligation to our fans to try to win. It doesn't mean I have to like the system. This is not about money; this is about winning."

Cleveland general manager John Hart had a different perspective.

"In this case, it didn't make sense for us. If in fact Albert received \$10 million, it's not that we couldn't have stepped up and played, it's just that there are better ways for us to spend our money," Hart said.

"For Jerry Reinsdorf, who's been a proponent of all the things he's been a proponent of, to walk up to the podium and bust the market, I think that says something there. But they have Albert Belle, and I'm sure he feels good about it. What this means to the industry, that's for Jerry to live with."

Belle has a career slugging percentage of .580, which is second among active players to Thomas' .599. Belle and Thomas are the only active players to drive in 100 runs in each of the past five seasons.

Angels make 'Anaheim' part of official name

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) - The California Angels officially became the Anaheim Angels on Tuesday - complete with a new logo - while their stadium was undergoing a turn-back-the-clock renovation.

"Anytime you have an ownership change, people are going to do things their way, so to speak," said Angels president Tony Tavares, who unveiled the new logo with an assist from general manager Bill Bavasi.

"We didn't take over until May of last year and we had to inherit a few things that you don't necessarily like, but don't have the time to change," Tavares said. "So the first opportunity we really got to make a mark on the team was with new uniforms, a new logo and a new identity."

The new uniforms won't be revealed for at least another month. The logo depicts a home plate covering crossed bats, with "Angels" splashed diagonally across the front. An angel wing is hitched to the side of the "A," giving it the Disney flair.

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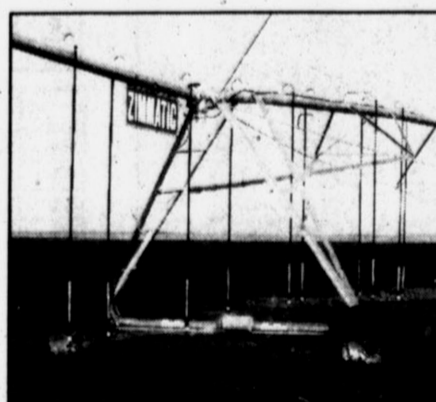
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Texas Crop Report

Peanut harvest shows higher yields

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) - The peanut harvest is under way across the state and the overall yields and grades for the crop are higher than last year, reports the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Robert Lemon, an extension agronomist from College Station, said that the majority of the Texas peanut crop is grown in three major areas of the state.

"West, Central and South Texas are the production regions of the state," Lemon said. "However, some peanuts are also grown in the Panhandle."

He said that the crop in West Texas was very good with yields from 4,500 to 5,500 pounds per acre and grades in the upper 70s.

Lemon explained that the peanut grading system measures the quality of the sound, mature kernels.

"Basically, what the grading system means is that the higher the grade of a ton of peanuts, the more money the producer will receive for that crop," Lemon said.

The good crop in West Texas is attributed to excellent growing conditions during peak bloom. These factors helped to set a better than average crop that matured early.

Central Texas was the one area that did not have above average peanut yields this year, Lemon said. This growing region set a good crop,

but heavy rains in August in September were very detrimental. Therefore, the yields and grades were less than expected.

Lemon said that like West Texas, South Texas had a very productive peanut season.

"The tomato spotted wilt virus was not as serious a problem as it has been in the past," Lemon said. "Therefore, yields and grades were both good."

The peanut crop in the Panhandle also was very successful. Mike Schubert, peanut specialist with the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station in Lubbock, said the yields were better than normal and the grades were good.

"Basically, the yields are a good deal higher than last year's yields," he said.

Schubert said that some of the peanut buyers are seeing a 15 percent to 20 percent increase in yields over last year. He also said that the grades of the peanut crop have been good.

Lemon said: "Overall, Texas has a very good peanut crop for 1996."

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

PANHANDLE: Short. Pastures, ranges in fair to good condition. Cattle in good condition. Cotton harvest is under way; yields very

good. Peanut harvest is nearing completion with good yields. Wheat rated good to excellent.

SOUTH PLAINS: Short to adequate. Harvest of cotton, sorghum continue as weather allows. Peanut and sugar beet harvest also continues. Wheat is doing well; some cattle are being placed on wheat pastures.

ROLLING PLAINS: Adequate. Pastures, ranges in fair to good condition. Livestock in good condition. Cotton is being harvested. Peanut harvest is under way; the crop is in fair to good condition. Peanut grades are good in many areas.

NORTH TEXAS: Short to surplus. Pastures, ranges in fair to good condition. Cotton and wheat rated very poor to fair. Sweet potato harvest complete. Turnips rated excellent. Pecans rated poor to good; harvest nearing completion.

EAST TEXAS: Adequate. Pastures, ranges in fair condition. Cattle conditions good; ample hay supplies. Peanut yields fair. Good yields in fall vegetables. Spray programs under way in peach orchards.

FAR WEST TEXAS: Very short to adequate. Pastures, ranges in fair to good condition. Cotton, sorghum being harvested. Some sorghum damaged due to freeze. Chili pepper harvest progressing well. Poor pecan crop.

WEST CENTRAL TEXAS: Adequate to surplus. Winter pasture

forage continues to grow. Livestock condition good. Peanut yields are good, but grades are poor. Wheat, oats doing well in most areas. Cotton harvest under way.

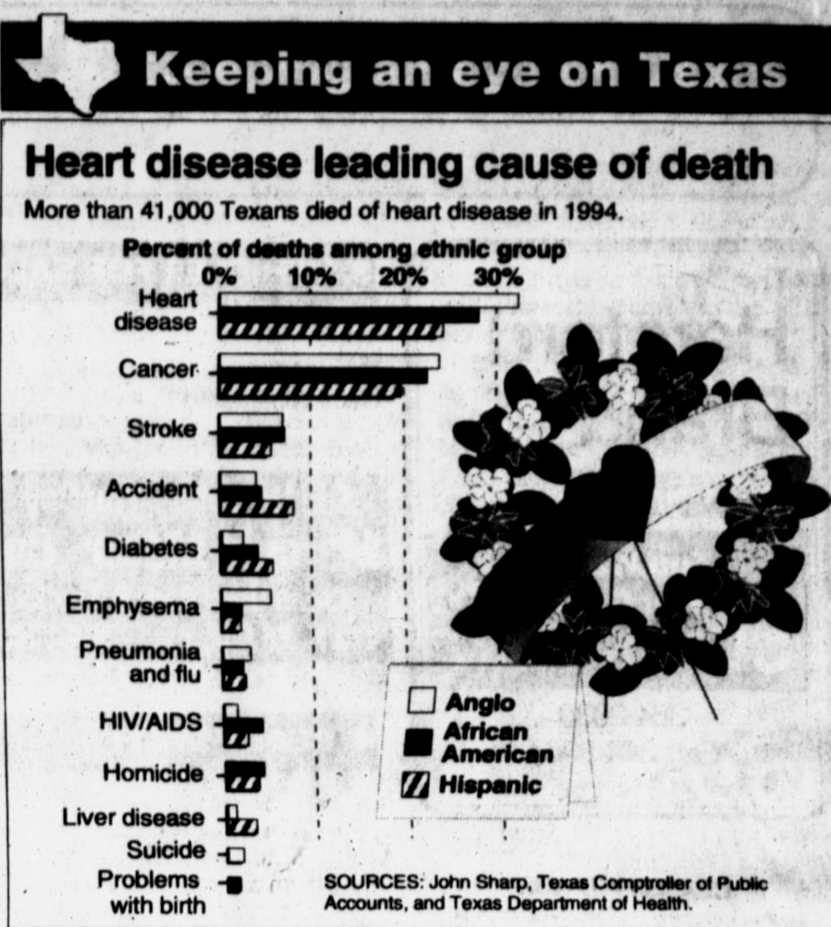
CENTRAL TEXAS: Adequate. Small grain production is excellent. Many producers already grazing livestock on small grains. Some second crop sorghum stands are waiting on frost to dry down moisture. Peanuts being harvested.

SOUTHEAST TEXAS: Short to adequate. Pastures, ranges in fair to good condition. Cattle feeding continues. Land cultivation continues for field crops. Some early season grazing on oats. Pecan harvest continues.

SOUTHWEST TEXAS: Very short to adequate. Pastures, ranges in very poor conditions. Hay prices steadily rising. Oats have begun to decline due to lack of moisture. Green bean harvest complete. Pecan crop is sparse.

COASTAL BEND: Short. Forage supplies remain short. Winter pasture planting continues. Good progress on second rice crop. Harvesting later varieties of soybeans. Fall gardens doing well.

SOUTH TEXAS: Short. Pastures, ranges in fair condition. Livestock in good condition; some supplemental feeding. Melon harvest continues. All vegetables doing well. Citrus harvest continues.



State's highest court may get weevil battle

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) - Opponents of the state's boll weevil eradication program were ready to take their battle to the state Supreme Court today, while others marshalled their forces back on the High Plains.

Justices were to hear arguments in the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation's appeal of a lower court ruling that left in limbo its statewide program to control the cotton-eating pests.

Last spring, State District Judge Marvin Marshall found that the foundation's methods of collecting assessments violated the state constitution, essentially invalidating the Abilene-based agency.

The foundation temporarily has ceased collections, board member Wayne Huffaker said, as it awaits the high court's decision, which might not come until January.

"If we lose the program, it's dead," said Huffaker, a grower near Tahoka, south of Lubbock. "There will be no possibility to resurrect it."

The original lawsuit, filed by 10 Hale County farmers, claims that since the state law creating the

foundation doesn't include a provision allowing for refunds, the assessment actually is a tax.

Such taxes on agricultural producers are unconstitutional.

Back on the farm, another group of Hale County growers plans to step up a petition drive calling for a recall vote on the High Plains. They're hoping for the same success Rio Grande Valley growers had in January when they ejected the agency from their area.

Those South Texas growers, who also have a lawsuit pending, had blamed the foundation's malathion spraying for a devastating beet armyworm outbreak last summer.

Similar efforts in Central Texas have failed, though.

"Most people we have heard from feel we will need some kind of boll weevil control program on the High Plains," wrote Tommy Applewhite, president of the High Plains Weevil Recall Organization, in a letter being sent to 13,000 growers and landowners this week. "We support that position as strongly as we oppose the current program."

Kato Kaelin presents new image to court

By MICHAEL FLEEMAN
Associated Press Writer
SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP) - Meet the new Kato Kaelin: calmer, cleaner cut, clearer headed - and even more trouble for O.J. Simpson.

Gone was the adle-minded, open-collared, longhaired flake who brought comedic relief to the criminal trial but failed to impress jurors.

Testifying Tuesday in the wrongful death trial, the new Kaelin - hair cut shorter, dressed in a jacket and tie - gave a confident, streamlined account of the days surrounding the killings of Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald Goldman.

Kaelin, Simpson's former houseguest, said Simpson brooded over his ex-wife's sex life and complained of her grip on their two children - all before the slayings.

Kaelin also survived a long, detailed cross-examination, never wavering from the plaintiffs' most important points: Simpson had time to kill and that the famed wall thumps came from an area where a bloody glove was found.

Kaelin's testimony came on the heels of more domestic violence evidence. Jurors heard an audio tape of Ms. Simpson saying she was afraid of Simpson's rages. The jury also saw

more pictures of a bruised and scratched Ms. Simpson - photos posthumously taken from her safety deposit box.

Simpson was once again missing from court, apparently in Orange County attending the custody trial over his two younger children.

The relatives of Ms. Simpson and Goldman are suing Simpson, claiming he was responsible for the June 12, 1994, killings. Simpson was acquitted of murder last year.

The trial resumes today with testimony from limousine driver Allan Park and FBI shoe print expert William Bodziak. Simpson is to testify Friday.

On Tuesday, Kaelin spent most of the day on the stand, providing details plaintiffs say point to motive.

Kaelin testified, for instance, that Simpson complained that Ms. Simpson was "playing hardball" with him about seeing his daughter at a dance recital hours before the slayings.

Also, Kaelin said, the day before the slayings Simpson was thinking about an event that had, a year earlier, sent him into a profanity-laced rage, resulting in Ms. Simpson's 911 call to police.

Kaelin testified that on June 11, 1994, he and Simpson were watching

a movie - "The World According to Garp" - when Simpson compared a scene involving oral sex to a night in 1992 when, looking through a window of her house, he watched his ex-wife have sex with a boyfriend on her sofa.

On Oct. 25, 1993, Simpson argued with his ex-wife about what he saw through the window, resulting in the 911 call that brought several police to Ms. Simpson's home.

Jurors earlier Tuesday heard the secretly recorded tape of the police interviewing Simpson and his ex-wife.

"He gets this animalistic look to him," Ms. Simpson said on the tape. "I get scared when he looks like that."

Kaelin, meanwhile, repeated his account of the three thumps on his guest-house wall the night of the killings.

He said the thumps came between 10:40 p.m. and 10:50 p.m. The plaintiffs have said Ms. Simpson and Goldman were killed between 10:35 and 10:40. They contend Simpson, trying to sneak onto his property, slammed into the wall behind Kaelin's room and dropped a bloody glove - the match to one left at the crime scene a few miles away.

Under cross-examination, defense lawyer Robert Baker tried to show that in earlier testimony Kaelin leaned toward the earlier thump time, which would favor the defense. But Kaelin insisted he had always estimated the time since he hadn't been looking at his watch.

Baker also tried to use Kaelin to get in evidence about former Detective Mark Fuhrman, who interviewed Kaelin the morning after the killings. The defense is now banned from introducing any of Fuhrman's previous testimony.

Kaelin said he didn't see Fuhrman for a good deal of time that morning -

Names in the news

STRAFFORD, Vt. (AP) - Famous groom, famous in-laws, famous minister, famous guests and still Daniel Day-Lewis managed to keep his wedding a secret.

The Oscar-winning actor married Rebecca Miller, the 34-year-old daughter of playwright Arthur Miller, in a small ceremony last week at the Strafford United Church of Christ.

The Rev. William Sloan Coffin, a friend of Arthur Miller's since their days as Vietnam War protesters, officiated. The 18 guests included Day-Lewis' mother, widow of the Irish poet Cecil Day-Lewis, and the Irish bagpiper Ronan Browne.

On the bride's side were Miller and his wife, photographer Ingebor Morath.

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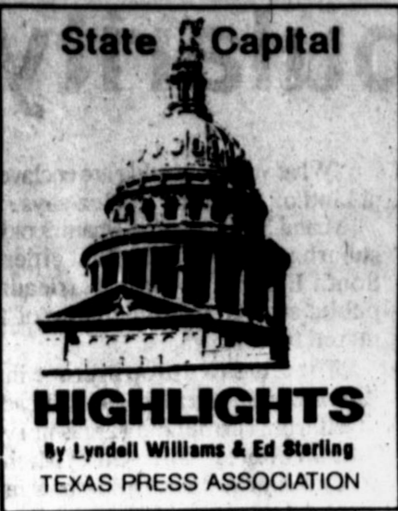
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State Capital
HIGHLIGHTS
 By Lyndell Williams & Ed Sterling
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AUSTIN — Gov. George W. Bush isn't jumping at suggestions to cut school property taxes by replacing them with a new mix of business and sales taxes, but he is working on the problem.

Last week, Bush said he thinks there's a way to reduce those taxes by \$1 billion over the next two years. He proposed using state budgetary savings and economic growth to yield a billion dollars in property tax relief.

"By holding the line on spending and insisting on leaner and more efficient government, we can raise the state's share of funding our schools while lowering taxes for Texans," Bush said.

"I view this as a down payment toward what I hope will be even more substantial property tax relief during the next legislative session."

School property taxes are expected to total about \$20 billion during the 1998-99 budget period.

Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock, who presides over the Senate, said he had given Bush a rough draft of his own property tax plan, but released no details.

On Aug. 31, the midway point in its two-year budget, the state government had a cash balance of \$1.4 billion above projections, the *Houston Chronicle* reported.

But the cash balance "doesn't really count," said Ross Ramsey,

a spokesman for state Comptroller John Sharp. He said Sharp will propose at least \$1 billion in savings when he issues his performance audit of state agencies later this year.

Moving On and Getting Rich
 For many Texas legislators, it was well worth burning their candles at both ends during their years as public servants. Especially for those who are now lobbyists.

Texas Ethics Commission records show that 67 former lawmakers are registered as lobbyists, and some make more than a million dollars serving special interests.

Those lawmakers-turned-lobbyists reported earnings totaling between \$10 million and \$22 million, according to a study released by Tom Smith, director of the Texas office of the government watchdog group, Public Citizen.

"These (former) legislators are using the inside knowledge and contacts they developed while serving the public's interest..." Smith told the Associated Press, adding that the reported earnings are about 15 percent of what has been reported by registered lobbyists, from Jan. 1 through Nov. 4.

State Board OKs Textbooks
 New social studies textbooks were approved 12-3 by the State Board of Education after a Hispanic board member called critics of the book racist.

The books, published by Harcourt Brace School Publishers, were attacked by some who said they dwelled too much on minorities and non-Christian religions and complained that the books portrayed whites and Europeans as cruel.

Reacting to those who attacked the books and not addressing her remarks to any specific board member, board member Mary Helen Berlanga of Corpus Christi said, "It is obvious from the protests that racism is alive and well."

"When I read time after time that

protesters wanted more about great Americans and less on minorities, and I read time after time again that there was an overemphasis on minorities, I realized that the protesters wanted that minorities be excluded. In other words, we're not considered Americans by the protesters."

Richard Watson of Gorman, who voted not to approve the books, asked that those who voted no not be categorized as racist. Watson, Donna Ballard of The Woodlands and Randy Stevenson of Tyler, who also voted no, focused their criticism on factual errors in the books.

Ogden Seeks Senate Seat
 State Rep. Steve Ogden, R-Bryan, is the first announced candidate in an upcoming special election to fill the Senate seat being vacated by Jim Turner, D-Crockett, who won a U.S. House seat on Nov. 5.

The special election could be held as early as Dec. 10 or as late as Jan. 28, depending on when Turner resigns his Senate seat.

Ogden, who could retain his House seat while seeking the Senate post, said he will quit the House so "I'll have no comfortable perch in the political system to return to."

Other Capital Highlights
 ■ Texas' 75th Legislature doesn't convene until the second week of January, but go-getter legislators already have filed hundreds of bills. More than 5,000 pieces of new legislation are expected to be filed before the late March filing deadline.

■ The Texas Department of Criminal Justice is investigating contracts that led to pay telephones in state jails, despite a law that forbids convicts' use of pay phones.

■ Now posted on the Texas attorney general's Internet home page is a list of the state's most-wanted deadbeat dads. Texas joins 14 other states that have such means to locate parents who don't pay court-ordered child support.

Courthouse Records

COUNTY COURT DISPOSITIONS

State vs. Antonio G. Ruiz, 30, theft of service; 180 days probated one year, \$100 fine, \$187 court costs, Nov. 12.

State vs. Valorie Lopez, 23, hindering appearance; 75 days in jail, \$187 court costs, Nov. 12.

State vs. Jesus A. Garcia, 33, theft by check; \$100 fine, \$187 court costs, Nov. 13.

State vs. Robert J. Gamez, 23, theft by check; \$100 fine, \$187 court costs, Nov. 13.

State vs. Jesus A. Venegas, 34, theft by check; 90 days probated six months, \$100 fine, \$175 court costs, Nov. 13.

State vs. Bonifacio Hernandez, 44, possession of marijuana; 30 days in jail, \$200 fine, \$187 court costs, Nov. 13.

State vs. Yolanda Martinez, 35, theft by check, 90 days probated six months; \$100 fine, \$187 court costs, Nov. 13.

State vs. Delia Dominguez Bell, 19, escape; 180 days probated two years, \$350 fine, \$175 court costs, Nov. 13.

State vs. Jaime Gonzalez, 19, evading arrest; \$187 court costs, Nov. 13.

State vs. Jaime Gonzalez, 19, criminal mischief; 180 days probated two years, \$400 fine, \$187 court costs, Nov. 13.

State vs. Alfredo Barrera, 58, theft; six months deferred adjudica-

tion, \$500 fine, \$187 court costs, Nov. 14.

State vs. Alfredo Barrera, 58, theft, six months deferred adjudication probation, \$187 court costs, Nov. 14.

State vs. Michael Lynn Schinkus, theft; six months deferred adjudication, \$500 fine, \$187 court costs, Nov. 14.

222nd DISTRICT COURT
 State vs. Wesley Wynn, a/k/a Wesley McGee, order appointing attorney, D'Layne Peoples, Nov. 5.

In the matter of Gloria Barrientez and Julian Barrientez, order for nonsuit, Nov. 7.

In the marriage of Flavio D. Nunez and Mary Jane Nunez and in interest of minor child, order for nonsuit, Nov. 7.

State vs. Leandra Harrison, order appointing attorney, Rex Easterwood, Nov. 8.

State vs. Brett Carson Norvell, order deferring judgment and granting community supervision on guilty plea to places weapons prohibited, Nov. 8.

Thalua Garner as agent for Thalua Garner, Vera McKee, Lena Bill Arp, Sterling Bearden, Ethel McKee and Alta B. Franks vs. Roy Walter Kuper, order vacating judgment, Nov. 8.

District Court, 222nd Judicial District, order for pre-trial conferences, Nov. 8.

In interest of Elia Ochoa, Luis Ochoa, Janita Marie Ochoa, Lino Ochoa and Yesenia Ochoa, first amended employer's order to

withhold from earnings for child support, Nov. 8.

In interest of Amanda Escamilla and Liza Escamilla, first amended employer's order to withhold from earnings for child support, Nov. 8.

In interest of Stephanie Megan Diaz, amended employer's order to withhold from earnings for child support, Nov. 8.

State vs. Albert Joseph Gonzales, amended order placing defendant on community supervision for driving while intoxicated-second offense, Nov. 11.

State vs. Gabriel Lee Mungia, motion to dismiss, Nov. 11.

State vs. Marcos Castillo, order setting hearing on Nov. 22, Sept. 17. Ninth Administrative Judicial Region, order of assignment by presiding judge for H. Bryan Poff Jr., to sit in 222nd District Court on Nov. 14, Nov. 12.

Pedro Heredia and Maria Heredia, individually and as next friends of Jesus Heredia, minor and incompetent, vs. Hereford Regional Medical Center, Hereford Regional Medical Center emergency medical services, Gerald Payne, M.D., Ranga Subramani, M.D., Vicki Hoggard, R.N., Heide Brandenburg and Rose Mary Barrett, R.N., order of dismissal without prejudice, Nov. 12.

State vs. Otis J. Roman, order appointing attorney, R.C. Hoelscher, Nov. 13.

In the marriage of Ronda Cornell Veazey and Johnny Kirk Veazey, final decree of divorce, Nov. 14.

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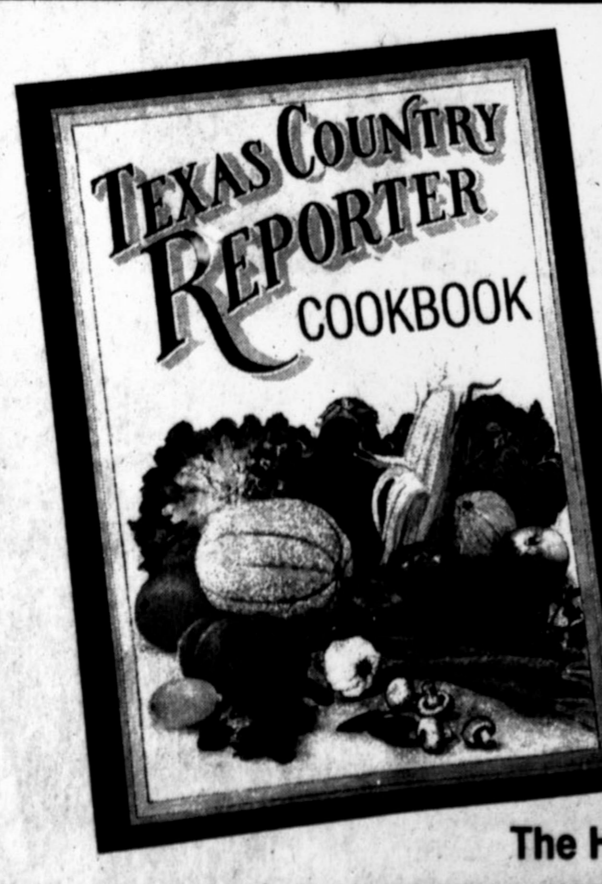
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