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## Bush tax plan, with \$1 billion cut, due soon

By MICHAEL HOLMES  
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 AUSTIN (AP) - Gov. George W. Bush's tax plan is coming into sharper focus. Aides say he likely will propose a \$1 billion tax cut combined with new business and sales levies to replace some local school property taxes.

"We're working on it," said Bush spokeswoman Karen Hughes.

She said Wednesday that the governor hopes to unveil his full proposal in the State of the State address, tentatively scheduled for Jan. 28.

According to Bush's staff, the plan being discussed would have several elements:

- A \$1 billion tax cut, funded from the current budget surplus.
- An increase in the state sales tax by one-half or three-fourths of a cent per dollar. Currently 6 cents, the Texas sales tax rate is among the nation's highest, and local jurisdictions may add up to two cents to that.
- Replacing the business franchise tax and the property tax on business inventory with a new "business activity tax."
- That new levy would tax a company's gross receipts, subtracting the cost of goods and materials, and also subtracting capital investments

in equipment and the like. A standard business deduction of \$500,000 would be allowed.

"Gov. Bush has said from the beginning that it should be fair and broad-based and apply to active businesses," Ms. Hughes said.

One sticking point that remains is how to make certain that local school property taxes would drop - and stay down - when new state money is pumped into schools, aides said.

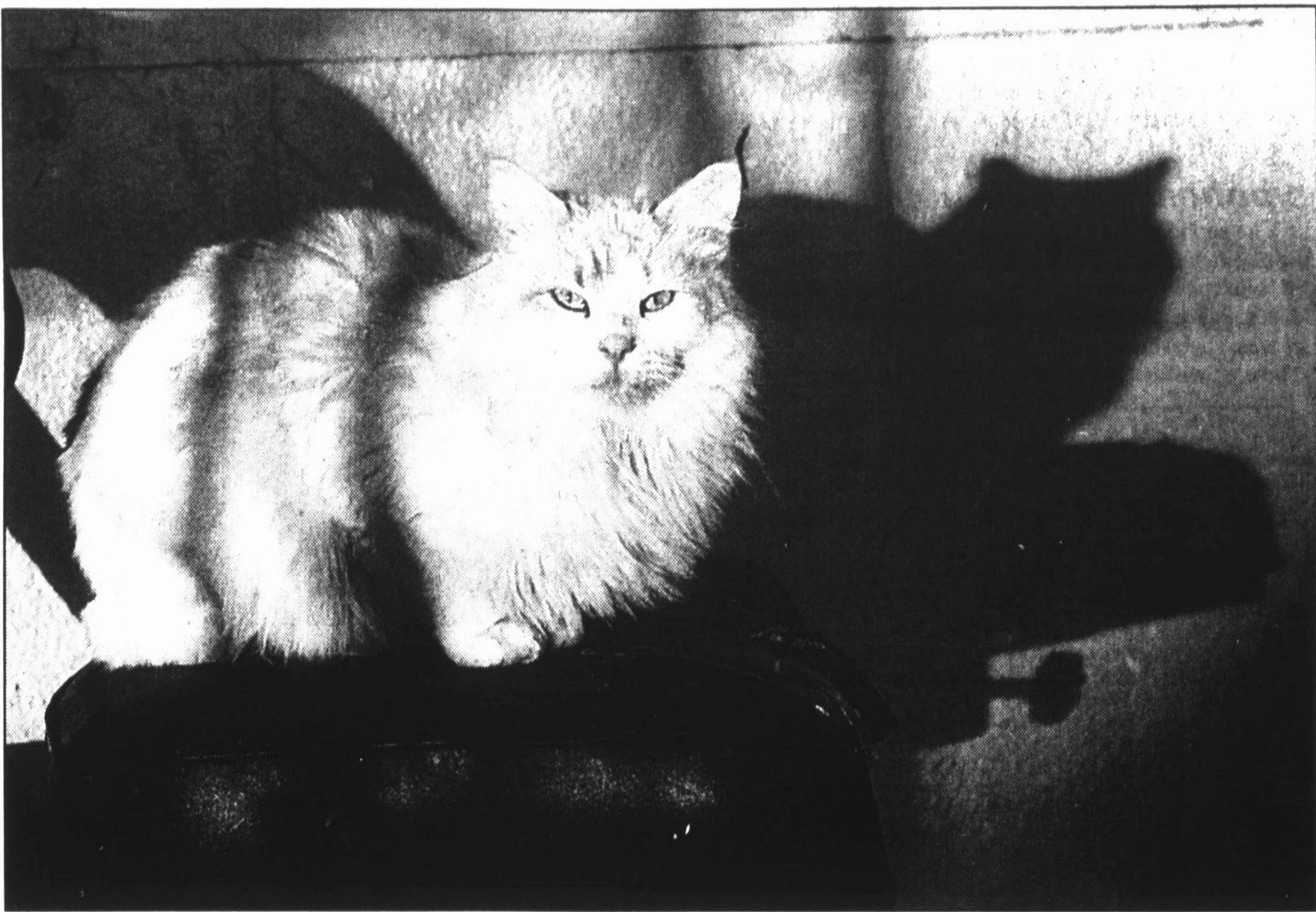
Bush first raised the idea of property tax relief in 1995. He said rising school property taxes are jeopardizing the ability of young Texans and the elderly to own homes.

Property taxes make up the majority of public school funding in Texas. Those local levies now total about \$10 billion a year.

The Republican governor also said he worries that depending too heavily on property taxes threatens to throw the state's delicately-balanced school funding formula out of kilter.

With the Legislature now in session, Bush says he is confident lawmakers will address the issue.

"I think there is enough money in the budget to have a tax cut," he said. That's a change from his initial idea of a dollar-for-dollar, state-for-local tax swap.



### Casting a shadow

There was enough sunshine Wednesday afternoon (for the first time in several days) to actually cast a shadow. This cat seemed

to be enjoying what warmth the afternoon rays had to offer. Skies are expected to remain mostly sunny through the weekend.

## Anti-stalking bill on fast track in Austin

AUSTIN (AP) - An anti-stalking law is on a fast track toward being restored to Texas' books with passage by a state Senate committee and an endorsement from U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, who has been a stalker's target.

The full Senate was expected to take up the measure today, said Sen. Mike Moncrief, its author.

Every senator has signed on as co-author of the measure, which would replace a law found unconstitutional last year by the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, he said.

"They know how important it is to get this law back on the books as soon as possible to provide the protection the people of this state are entitled to receive," Moncrief said.

The Senate Criminal Justice Committee approved Moncrief's bill Wednesday after hearing from supporters including Mrs. Hutchison,

R-Texas.

"I don't want one Texas woman, child or man to have a threat implemented because we did not have the law on the books," she said after testifying.

The action on stalking, a subject declared an emergency matter by Gov. George W. Bush, came less than 24 hours after the Legislature opened its 1997 session. Moncrief said he also hopes for quick action in the House.

Mrs. Hutchison, who has been stalked by the same man since 1972, sponsored a federal law targeting stalkers who cross state lines. That law, however, won't assist Texans unless the state law is reinstated.

"The bottom line is the federal law is not going to help the victims in Texas if we don't have the underlying Texas law. So I know that you are going to act quickly," Mrs. Hutchison told the committee.

## Job benefits claims fall

WASHINGTON (AP) - The number of first-time claims for jobless benefits fell by 32,000 last week to a three-month low.

The Labor Department said today new applications for unemployment insurance totaled a seasonally adjusted 323,000, down from a revised 355,000 the previous week.

It was the lowest level of new claims since 319,000 were filed during the week ended Oct. 19.

Many analysts had expected the number of new claims to fall by about 6,000 last week from the initial estimate of 361,000. Applications totaled 373,000 during the week ended Dec. 28.

Economist Michael P. Niemira of Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi in New York noted the government has had difficulty in the past in adjusting claims for seasonal variations around the turn of the year.

"Hence, volatility should be expected and downplayed," he said. Lynn Reaser, an economist at Barnett Banks in Jacksonville, Fla., also said the high levels of claims at year's end were not consistent with other signs of economic strength.

## Accord reached, Israeli soldiers end rule in Hebron

HEBRON, West Bank (AP) - In heavy rain and fog, Israeli soldiers loaded up dozens of trucks with boxes of equipment and lowered the Star of David flag today, preparing to end their 30-year rule in Hebron.

Army bulldozers dismantled cement barriers at the gate of Israel's main military headquarters on a hill above the city. Soldiers folded large olive drab tents and piled furniture, communications equipment and water tanks into the trucks.

The base will become the headquarters of Yasser Arafat's 400-member security force after Israel's parliament approves the handover of 80 percent of the city of 130,000 Palestinians and 500 Jews.

The Israeli parliament debate was expected to last late into the evening, with each of the 120 legislators given a chance to speak.

At the session today, Netanyahu defended the agreement as "better, safer and more responsible" than the one signed by his predecessors.

That angered Labor Party lawmakers, who demanded that Netanyahu apologize to Yitzhak Rabin, the slain prime minister who led the peace efforts. Confronting the hecklers, Netanyahu said: "It's hard on you that we achieved all these

things you were unable to achieve." Approval is guaranteed because Labor supports the peace agreements. As many as a third of the legislators in Netanyahu's nationalist-religious coalition were expected to abstain or vote no.

An equally turbulent debate erupted at the Palestinian legislative council in the West Bank town of Ramallah. Legislators were angry that they had not been given copies of the agreement.

Both the Israeli and Palestinian Cabinets approved the accords on Hebron and a three-stage pullback from West Bank rural areas late Wednesday night.

The Israeli Cabinet voted 11-7 after a tumultuous 12-hour debate. Science Minister Benny Begin, son of the late Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin, resigned in protest.

The Palestinian Cabinet and the PLO Executive Committee, in contrast, authorized the agreement with comfortable majorities.

The accord calls for Israeli troops to withdraw from most of Hebron within 10 days of the signing of the agreement.

But the handover was expected to be completed as early as Friday, since

speed was important to keep extremists on both sides from carrying out attacks aimed at scuttling the agreement.

Ibrahim Ghosheh, spokesman for Hamas, noted that 20,000 Palestinians would remain in the Israeli-controlled center of the city "at the mercy of settlers and the Israeli army." Ghosheh pledged "continued resistance and jihad (holy war) against the Zionist occupation."

Israeli and Palestinian security officials worked together closely today to prepare the handover. At the Hebron military headquarters, agents of the Palestinians' Preventive Security met with Israeli army commanders.

Palestinians living near the military headquarters were euphoric as they watched the Israelis prepare to leave.

"It is one of the happiest days of my life," said Maher Dandi, a 25-year-old baker, watching from his home. "I never dreamt the army would leave here."

An army base in southern Hebron was empty by this morning, and the Israeli flag gone. Two soldiers stood guard on the roof. Dozens of Palestinians watched, waiting for the Israelis' departure.



### Bundled up

Hereford got a break from the frigid temperatures on Wednesday. The high was degrees, which caused much of the snow and ice to melt. Here, Bo Puente, bundled up in his winter clothes, has his hands full as he shovels snow of the sidewalk. Puente is the son of Melly and Noe Puente.

## Pantex has potential problems in handling uranium, says DOE

WASHINGTON (AP) - Pantex, the assembly-disassembly site for the nation's nuclear weapons, has several potential weaknesses in its handling of highly enriched uranium, the Energy Department says.

Vulnerabilities at the Texas Panhandle plant were discussed in a new report examining possible problems in the handling and storage of more than 250 metric tons of highly enriched uranium stored at DOE facilities nationwide.

Some 155 vulnerabilities were cited. Five were at Pantex, which houses 16.7 metric tons of the nation's uranium stockpile.

"Anything that we can do at this site to eliminate that vulnerability either is being done or will be done," said Pantex spokesman Tom Walton.

The uranium report released Wednesday was one of several initiatives discussed by outgoing Energy Secretary Hazel O'Leary as part of her campaign to lift the veil of secrecy surrounding many DOE operations.

"Our view is the public has a right

to know about the activities of its government today and during the Cold War," she told reporters.

The most significant Pantex vulnerability cited relates to the 13 buildings where nuclear weapons are assembled and disassembled. The buildings, colloquially known as "Gravel Gerties," are made of reinforced concrete walls with collapsible roofs topped by tons of gravel. In the event of a high-explosives detonation, the gravel would collapse into the building, trapping any radioactive material.

The report raised the possibility that Pantex workers and the environment could be contaminated in the event an explosion isn't significant enough to collapse the roof. Uranium dust could seep through gaps in doors, the report said.

Walton said the seepage issue already is being addressed. Some of the buildings have been fitted with new seals, he said.

The second biggest Pantex vulnerability relates to the possibility

of a fire or high-explosives detonation in the event of a plane crash. Walton noted that the Federal Aviation Administration has put in place a plan shifting Amarillo International Airport traffic away from Pantex.

Community activists have long complained about the issue of overnight of the area where plutonium pits are stored. They also have repeatedly cited the need for better door seals.

The other vulnerabilities mentioned relate to air-monitoring, paperwork issues, and the unnecessary handling of canned uranium subassemblies by Pantex workers. The extra handling results because of a lack of certified shipping containers in which to return the highly enriched uranium to the Oak Ridge plant in Tennessee.

"We don't build these canisters, we don't certify these canisters," Walton said. "This is a larger DOE-wide problem."

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## Local Roundup

### Warm weather ahead

Hereford reached a high temperature of 43 degrees on Wednesday with an overnight low of 17 degrees, according to KPAN Radio. For Thursday night, look for mostly cloudy skies and a low around 10. Friday will be mostly sunny with a high in the mid 30s. The five-day forecast calls for mostly clear skies with highs around 40 to 50.

### PSAT results meeting set

There will be a meeting at 6:30 p.m. Monday in the Hereford High School library for students and parents. There will be a short presentation and students will receive the test booklets and results.

### Sophomore class supper set

The sophomore class supper will be from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Friday in the Hereford Junior High cafeteria. The menu consists of baked potatoes with toppings of chili, chopped broccoli and cheese sauce, butter, grated cheese, sour cream, bacon bits and chives; sliced bread; peach and apple cobbler; coffee; and tea. The cost will be \$4 per person and \$4.50 for carry-out.

## Obituaries

### FRANK E. WATSON

Jan. 15, 1997

Frank E. Watson, 83, of Hereford, died Wednesday.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday in Gilliland-Watson Funeral Home Rose Chapel with the Rev. H. W. Bartlett of Temple Baptist Church officiating. Burial will be in Rest Lawn Memorial Park.

Mr. Watson moved to Deaf Smith County in 1945 from Vega. He married Belmont Bourlan in 1940 in Silverton. He was a veteran of World War II and a member of Temple Baptist Church and the Masonic Lodge.

He worked at an implement and

auto body shop. He enjoyed woodworking as a hobby.

Survivors include his wife; a son, Doug Watson of Shawnee, Okla.; seven brothers, L.A. Watson of McAlester, Okla., Ores Watson of Wichita Falls, Marvin Watson of Hodgen, Okla., Loyd Watson of Tyler, Dorsey Watson and Duane Watson, both of Wagoner, Okla.; three sisters, Eula Caldwell of Canyon, Inez Vaughn of McAlester, Okla. and Lillian Qualls of Iola, Kan.; and one granddaughter.

The family requests memorials be to Hereford Senior Citizens and Deaf Smith Health Care Foundation.



### I can break it!

Rick Castaneda, left, and Corey Scott, employees of North Plains Printing, work to clear ice from the downspout on the rain gutters. Warmer temperatures and sunny skies are causing the accumulations of snow and ice to melt making it necessary to clean the gutters so water will drain from the roof.

## Winter weather paralyzes states, strands residents

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) - Bone-chilling cold, high winds and blinding snow paralyzed much of the Midwest, stranding truckers, shutting down highways and schools, and causing at least six deaths.

In Minnesota, Gov. Arne Carlson closed all public schools today. "With the wind chill factor approaching 70 below across most of the state, we simply cannot allow our children to be outside waiting for the bus or take the chance of getting stranded on the way to school," he said.

Not much snow hit the state Wednesday, but winds gusted to 30 mph, blowing around the snow that fell this weekend. Forecasters predicted several more inches today.

This morning, the wind chill was 63 below zero in Grand Marais - north of Lake Superior - but the 500-mile John Beargrease Sled Dog marathon continued.

Wind chills fell to 70 degrees below zero early today in Iowa, where light snow with winds gusting as high as 42 mph stopped traffic.

"It's situation normal in Iowa - we can't see a thing," said Ed Hoheg, a truck driver from Minneapolis who was waiting the storm out at a truck stop on Interstate 35. "I've been driving this highway every day for 20

years and this is as bad as I've ever seen it."

Four to 8 inches of snow fell in parts of Illinois, closing schools and businesses - even hard-to-close malls. In the southern part of the state, freezing rain coated streets and shut down Southern Illinois University in Carbondale.

Even the post office couldn't deliver in Belleville, Ill.

"I've been here seven years and I've never called off delivery before, but it's dangerous, and I don't want my people hurt," Postmaster Roger Wilson said.

Icy conditions in Arkansas led to four deaths, including an 80-year-old man who slipped while getting the newspaper and three killed in car wrecks.

In St. Louis, about a quarter-inch of ice slowed traffic to a crawl and caused cancellations and delays at Lambert Airport.

Although the roads were bad, the sidewalks seemed worse. At Saint Louis University Hospital, doctors estimated three-quarters of their patients were slip-and-fall cases. At least two deaths - a car accident and a man who had a heart attack trying to get his car out of a ditch - were blamed on the weather in Missouri.

Farther West, four elementary school pupils passed out when carbon monoxide from a furnace leaked through heating vents into their classrooms in Orem, Utah. At least 38 pupils at the Sharon Elementary School were treated for dizziness and nausea.

A furnace air duct clogged with snow and ice was thought to have led to the release of the fumes, Alpine School District spokesman Michael Robinson said.

Wind gusts of 51 mph and driving snow swept across North Dakota, shutting major highways where motorists had virtually no visibility. "It's almost like being in a hailstorm," Patrolman Keith Ogdon said in the northeastern part of the state.

About 31 inches of snow fell in Flagstaff, Ariz., this week. On Wednesday, snowplows unplugged Interstates 17 and 40, which had been closed since Monday with 6-foot drifts.

Some locals who grew up in the blistering Arizona sun enjoyed the rare conditions.

"I like it. It slows everything down," substitute teacher Jennifer Genck said. "It's great to see people skiing around town."

## GOP senators oust chairman

AUSTIN (AP) - With a new majority in the Texas Senate, GOP senators have ousted their old caucus chairman in favor of a new one who says she has more time to devote to the job.

Sen. Florence Shapiro of Plano took over from Sen. J.E. "Buster" Brown of Lake Jackson on Wednesday after Republican senators said their leader shouldn't also be a committee chairman.

Brown, who heads the Natural Resources Committee and serves on the powerful Finance Committee, opposed the new restriction.

"I think you limit yourself when you start limiting the people who have proven their ability and experience," he said after the caucus met behind closed doors. "I did not feel like I was overburdened."

Ms. Shapiro, the first woman to head the GOP caucus, said the vote on barring committee heads from the caucus post wasn't unanimous, but that her selection was. Caucus votes are secret.

The leadership change doesn't signal a desire for a more partisan Senate, which has a 16-14 GOP majority with a special election to decide the remaining seat, Ms. Shapiro said.

"The majority of the issues that are important to the state of Texas are not Democrat or Republican issues. They are Texas issues," she said. Ms. Shapiro said part of her job will be educating new GOP lawmakers on the legislative process and issues.

"The amount of work ... seems to be getting larger, and that is why I believe that the senators chose to have someone that could devote more time to it," she said.

Republicans took control of the Senate in last year's elections, their first majority in either legislative chamber in 125 years.

Democratic Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock greeted the change with equanimity, quipping, "If they want new titles, call one of them Napoleon and the other one Evita."

Bullock has predicted the potential for intraparty bickering this session.

"If there is dissension at this time; in both the House or the Senate, it will be more within the parties - within the caucuses - than there is with the members on the floor," he said on Tuesday.

Brown, who served two years as GOP caucus chairman, said he steered Senate Republicans "through what I considered the stormy period, and that is from the time that the elections took place that gave us the majority until we get our session started."

## Booster club not affiliated with posters

A spokesman for the Whiteface Booster Club reported Wednesday that it has no affiliation with an out-of-town company selling ads for a football poster and schedule.

The booster club official said the club wants local merchants to know that Whiteface Booster Club "does not support or recommend the company in any manner."

## Grand jury returns two indictments

The Deaf Smith County Grand Jury returned two indictments Tuesday.

Marvin Joe Robison was charged with forgery by passing. The other indictment was not released as the defendant is still at large.

## News Digest

### STATE

DALLAS - Former Texas Lt. Gov. Ben Barnes paid \$508,944 to a former GTECH official in a series of transactions remarkably similar to those that led to the lottery official's conviction on kickback charges in New Jersey, prosecutors allege in a court document.

AUSTIN - An anti-stalking law is on a fast track toward being restored to Texas' books with passage by a state Senate committee and an endorsement from U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, who has been a stalker's target.

AUSTIN - Sen. Jerry Patterson wants to settle the question once and for all: only the Legislature may constitutionally regulate the "wearing of arms," he says. Not the city council. Not the county commissioners. The Legislature. Patterson, author of the state's 1995 law allowing concealed handguns to be carried by licensed Texans, filed a bill Wednesday to put the constitution's language about regulating weapons into state law.

AUSTIN - Gov. George W. Bush's tax plan is coming into sharper focus. Aides say he likely will propose a \$1 billion tax cut combined with new business and sales levies to replace some local school property taxes. AUSTIN - Texas homeowners would be able to use the equity in their homes for limited purposes under a bill filed by Rep. Steven Wolens. The legislation would allow Texas homeowners to use their homes as collateral for loans to start or maintain a business and to pay for education, medical and reverse annuity mortgage expenses.

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AUSTIN - A Central Texas school district has been asked for more information by state education officials mulling the district's bid to turn public money over to parents for their children's private education. "It is obvious that you and the other trustees have done some creative thinking," Education Commissioner Mike Moses said in the letter requesting more information from Lake Travis Independent School District. The letter, dated Jan. 10, was released Wednesday by the Texas Education Agency.

### NATION/WORLD

TEL AVIV, Israel - Israel is poised to pull its troops out of most of the West Bank city of Hebron after the Israeli and Palestinian Cabinets approve a new peace agreement. Israel's parliament is expected to overwhelmingly approve the accord today, and army troops were already packing up outside Israel's military headquarters in Hebron. The quick pace of events since Wednesday's 2 a.m. accord signing reflects both fears of last-minute violence by extremists and the fact that the peace process once thought dead is - at least for now - back on track.

MINNEAPOLIS - A brutal blizzard and bone-chilling winds socked the Midwest and Plains, closing highways, shutting down schools and causing at least four deaths.

SANTA MONICA, Calif. - Pale and shaken, criminalist Dennis Fung endured his latest scrape in the O.J. Simpson case, this time recanting testimony about a bloody glove from just one week ago.

WASHINGTON - President Clinton enjoyed a record-high job approval rating in a new poll that found the public's view of Congress had improved even as embattled House Speaker Newt Gingrich's standing deteriorated. The survey, completed a week before Clinton's second inaugural, found that 59 percent approved of the way he was handling the presidency.

WASHINGTON - Bowling to calls for more civility in politics, President Clinton is offering the nation's highest civilian award to Bob Dole.

Clinton plans to award the Presidential Medal of Freedom to his vanquished GOP rival Friday at a ceremony unveiling the winning design for a World War II monument.

## Astronaut returns home after four months on space mission

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) - It has finally hit home for astronaut John Blaha - he's going home after four months in space.

"When the shuttle docked, I kept saying I thought it was a dream. This has become my world," Blaha said today from the Russian space station Mir.

"When I woke up this morning - I slept on the shuttle last night - for the first time I said 'I'm going home.' And I'm really excited about it," he told CBS Radio.

Dr. Jerry Linenger, Blaha's replacement on the outpost 240 miles above Earth, already has changed into a blue cosmonaut jumpsuit, while Blaha has traded in the outfit for a yellow golf shirt and shorts.

Linenger, who celebrates his 42nd birthday today, helped move his gear into the station, where he'll live the next 4 1/2 months.

The seven astronauts and two Russian cosmonauts carried thousands of pounds of supplies into Mir from space shuttle Atlantis, which docked at the station Tuesday night.

Linenger, a physician and father of a 1-year-old son, has formally switched places with Blaha, who will return to Earth with the four men and one woman who blasted off Sunday with Linenger on Atlantis for the

orbital swap.

Blaha, the third American to live on the Russian station, has been busy showing Linenger around what he had called home since September. The 54-year-old retired Air Force colonel will have spent 128 days in orbit if

Atlantis lands as scheduled on Wednesday.

During his four months aloft, Blaha said, he's missed only one earthly pleasure: Brenda, his wife of 30 years.

## Emergency Services

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

**HEREFORD POLICE**  
-- A 34-year-old man was arrested at Avenue I and Heibach for public intoxication.

-- A red pager was stolen at a residence located in the 300 block of Bradley street.

-- \$27.00 worth of gasoline was stolen from a store located in the 500 block of South 25 Mile avenue.

-- Domestic disturbance reported at a residence located in the 400 block of Bradley street. No assault took place.

-- A 20-year-old woman was assaulted by a 27-year-old woman at a store located in the 900 block of East Park Avenue. No serious injuries

and no charges filed.  
-- Seven traffic citations issued.  
-- Four motor vehicle accidents without injuries was reported.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT**  
-- Sent to 200 block of West James for a motor vehicle accident.  
-- Sent to 502 Sycamore Lane for smoke inside of the house.

**SHERIFF DEPARTMENT**  
-- 30-year-old male was arrested for violation of probation.  
-- 60-year-old male was arrested for bench warrant.  
-- 32-year-old male was arrested for possession of Methamphetamine.  
-- 34-year-old male was arrested for public intoxication.  
-- Sheriff office filed forgery report.

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# Lifestyles

## 'Alternative Inaugural Ball' portrays Hillary as some of most powerful women in history



Illustrated by David LaRochelle

WASHINGTON (AP) - Hillary Rodham Clinton has already picked a glamorous designer gown to wear to the inaugural balls, but if she were still undecided ... well, just think of the hair and wardrobe possibilities. At least 16 "alternative" choices, to be exact. But then again, maybe she'll be better off wearing that embroidered Oscar de la Renta tulle gown with matching satin cape. The 16 hair and gown fashions at Wednesday night's "Alternative Inaugural Ball" really weren't meant for the first lady to wear, but were designed to portray her as some of the most famous and powerful - even

most hated - women throughout our world's history. Suggestions ran the gamut from Cleopatra to Marie Antoinette and Mata Hari to Glenda, the good witch from the "Wizard of Oz," and Mrs. Clinton is almost sure to meet them in the history books some day. "They're all women who have had somewhat of a tainted past, because it seems like with Hillary you either love her or hate her," said Dennis Roche, a Washington hairdresser and idea man behind the fashion show. "We decided to have fun with some of the Hillary stereotypes by dressing her up as if she were Barbie," Roche added, explaining the

strange title for the unusual event, "The Malibu Hillary Show." He said Mrs. Clinton and Barbie are two of the most influential women of the '90s. Why not? Mrs. Clinton seems to change her hair and wardrobe as often, if not more so, than the celebrated plastic doll. So, as rock music blared at a downtown nightclub and free champagne flowed, the models - holding cutouts of Hillary's face on a stick - moved their stuff down the short, 20-foot wooden runway. Hillary as Marie Antoinette? She wore an emerald green dress that laced up the back, topped by a light pink bodice. She also wore seven wigs - at the same time - to create that 18th century look, but for a price. "My ears hurt because the wigs are so heavy," complained 28-year-old Julie West of Fredericksburg, Va., who was tapped to play the beautiful queen of France who died on the guillotine during the French Revolution.

occhi, 22, of Port Tobacco, Md. "Everyone's asking me, 'Who are you?'" But the night's big hit was "Health Care Hillary," dressed in a long-sleeved, gray nurse's dress unbuttoned at the collar to reveal an amount of cleavage that the real Mrs. Clinton is unlikely ever to show in public. "I think I'm going to get sick and love it," the announcer declared after the model, 23-year-old Robin Brundage of Vienna, Va., walked out. Other possible looks included Anne Boleyn, Queen Elizabeth I, Eva Peron, a suffragette, Scarlett O'Hara, Little Bo Peep, Mae West, Madame Butterfly, a Queen of Hearts, I Dream of Jeannie and a Star Trek captain. The models were supplied by a local production company, Roche, who owns the upscale Roche Salon, said the gig cost him about \$5,000. "This is my party. It's all on me," he said. There was no immediate comment from the first lady, who did not attend.

## Use holiday to make your own peace prize

Celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. Day in your home with family discussions that recall King's dreams and accomplishments for peace and justice in our nation and the world. For a special activity, make your own Family Peace Prize together. Before you make the peace prize, tell your children that Martin Luther King Jr. was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964. Then share with one another various ways conflicts might be resolved peacefully. Focus on specific world events as well as issues facing your community. Bring the discussion even closer to home and talk about occasions when family members have tried to resolve conflicts. Encourage one another to demonstrate patience, self-control

and respect for others throughout this new year. As an incentive, present your own peace prize on a regular basis to the family member who makes real efforts to be caring and thoughtful to others. Design and construct your family award together, using cardboard, foil and ribbon. Cut out a cardboard circle about 5 inches in diameter, then cover with shiny foil. Punch a hole at the top and thread an 18-inch length of ribbon through the hole. Print your family name on a piece of colored paper and glue it across the front of the medal. Add your family picture too. This activity was adapted from my new book, "Year-Round Holiday Fun Book," Augsburg, 1996.

## Hints from Heloise

Dear Readers: We have received many questions about the proper way to store flags and banners. We contacted our friends at the International Fabricare Institute and they shared the following information to pass along. Many flags may be washable, but before attempting any type of cleaning you will need to check to see what material the flag or banner is made of and what the care label suggests. If your flag or banner is old and doesn't have a care label, it would probably be best to take it to a dry cleaner. If you choose to wash the flag or banner at home, be sure to test all designs, trims and colors for colorfastness before washing. Not doing so can result in a terrible mess. Before cleaning or taking it to be cleaned, be sure to mend any rips or tears and check the seam to be sure there aren't any loose areas. Once it has been cleaned, roll it, or if you fold it, put tissue paper between folds and then put it in a box or other storage container. You can also wrap it in unbleached muslin that has been washed and rinsed.

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## Ann Landers

Dear Ann Landers: I am engaged to a wonderful man whom I love very much. His only living parent is in failing health. "Hank" also has a mentally handicapped sister, "Molly," who requires supervision. Hank and I live together, and we have taken care of Molly on many occasions. I can foresee in the not-too-distant future Hank's father becoming unable to care for Molly or himself. I have heard Hank tell other family members he would never put his sister or his father in a nursing home. You may think I'm selfish, but I am not prepared to take on this demanding responsibility. I just don't see myself as a live-in nurse for the family. I'm quite sure this is the plan, and frankly, I feel as if I am being set up. Should I bring up this subject before the wedding or wait until Hank and I get settled? Please give me some advice before disaster strikes. This dilemma has been keeping me up nights. -- No Name, No City, Please

While almost anything goes in New York, I was surprised to see a well-dressed female guest of the hotel fill a plastic bag she had in her purse with six rolls and nonchalantly walk out the door. I was tempted to tell this woman she was not only tacky but was stealing. Remembering your admonition to MYOB, I let it pass. Was I wrong, or should I have said something? -- Al in Bellevue, Wash. Dear Bellevue: Actually, the woman was not stealing. When a complimentary meal is served, it is not specified how many rolls (or cups of coffee) a guest should have. Was it tacky? Yes. Was it illegal? No. Should you have said anything to her? No. Why risk a fat lip or a broken nose for the satisfaction of "setting her straight"? This was not your business. ANN LANDERS (R) COPYRIGHT 1997 CREATORS SYNDICATE, INC.

## Barn Church meets Friday

Jon Randles, evangelist from Lubbock, will be the featured speaker for Barn Church at 7 p.m. Friday in B-S Arena. Randles speaks at men's rallies, youth camps, public school assemblies and at college football chapels, in addition to his ministry to U.S. churches and preaching trips to Eastern Europe. Barn Church is a non-denominational Christian ministry for anyone who likes things a little bit on the country side with some singing, some preaching and a testimony or two. B-S Arena is six miles west of Hereford on FM 1058 and two miles north on FM 1057.

## Pilot Club sets 42, game night

Pilot Club of Hereford will hold its "42" and Family Game Night from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 23 in the Hereford Community Center. Tickets are \$5 per person and will be available at the door.

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Guess Who's 75 & Still Taking EASY? Love, Suzanne, Judy & Cathy

Dear N.N.N.C.: Don't wait for disaster to strike. If you do, you will be the major casualty. It appears that the ball is in Hank's court. He is going to have to decide whether or not he is willing to marry you, knowing it means a nursing home for his father and a care facility for Molly. Good luck. And now, please get a good night's sleep. Dear Ann Landers: You've already let your readers know that homeowner's insurance will cover the cost when a friend's son is bitten by the dog. There are two other things most people are unaware of concerning homeowner's policies: 1. Most policies cover the property of children under 21 who are attending college away from home. This is helpful to know if that stereo is stolen from the college dorm room. 2. If your policy allows it, always pay the small extra amount to get the endorsement "replacement cost on personal property." This removes haggling over the depreciated value of your furniture and requires the insurance company to buy you a new sofa after that fire. Hope this helps. -- Retired Insurance Adjuster in Waco, Texas Dear Adjuster: Too bad you retired. We need people like you to stay in the field. Thank you for the information that is sure to be of value. The mail on this subject was surprisingly heavy, but few who wrote were as specific and knowledgeable as you. Dear Ann Landers: When I visited a hotel in New York recently, the management was considerate enough to provide a complimentary continental breakfast of breads and coffee.

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# Sports

## Reeh, Cornelius to be honored by PSHO

Shrine picks Hereford pair for volleyball achievements

The Panhandle Sports Hall of Fame will present special volleyball achievement awards to Hereford's Brenda Reeh and Danielle Cornelius during induction ceremonies Feb. 2 at Amarillo College's Ordway Auditorium.

The PSHOF will induct Allene Stovall, Freida Altman and Junior Coffey into the shrine, and 23 other athletes and teams will be honored at the ceremonies.

Coach Reeh and Cornelius were big factors in bringing HHS not only its first state volleyball title, but the school's first-ever team championship. It was fitting that the PSHOF selected the duo as they saw four years of hard work pay off with the state title.

Cornelius was selected as the PSHOF volleyball athlete of the year after an outstanding high school career which was capped by a dominating senior season. She made the Lady Whiteface varsity as a freshman in 1993 and earned all-state recognition each of the past three years.

This season, Cornelius was named most valuable player in District 1-4A, was the MVP at the state tournament, was named to the Texas Sports Writers All-State first team, and was recently selected by "Volleyball" magazine as an honorable mention member of the Volleyball All-American team.

Cornelius was also recognized as the Panhandle area volleyball player of the year by the Amarillo Chamber of Commerce. She has signed a letter of intent to attend Oklahoma University on a volleyball scholarship.

Reeh earned the PSHOF volleyball coach of the year award for the second consecutive season. In her 12th season as Hereford's head coach, Reeh led the Lady Whitefaces to a school-best 34-1 record and a ninth consecutive trip to the playoffs.

"The individual recognition is certainly nice," said Reeh, "but honestly, it's all due to the efforts of the kids."

Cornelius proved she was one of the top players in the state - regardless of classification - in 1996 as she recorded 409 kills, 130 blocks, 99 digs and a .518 kill percentage.

"I consider this a big honor," said Cornelius. "This is probably the biggest honor a player in the Panhandle can receive, and I was excited to even be nominated."

Cornelius helped the Lady Whitefaces get a share of the District 1-4A title this past season, but she really came through in a big way at the state tourney.

In the semifinals, Cornelius had 12 kills as Hereford routed defending state champion Red Oak. In the championship match against Magnolia, Cornelius recorded 19



BRENDA REEH



DANIELLE CORNELIUS

kills, four solo blocks, 11 block assists, and eight digs - earning tournament MVP honors.

Danielle noted that a state title "is something that every Cornelius who went through Hereford High tried to accomplish." Her sister, Shantel, played volleyball for HHS and then played at the University of Texas. Several of her cousins played football for Hereford.

"The baby of the family finally did it ... that was real exciting" says Danielle.

Reeh has established herself as one of the top coaches in the state during her time at Hereford. Despite losing three all-staters from last year's state runnerup team, Reeh finally gained the elusive first state championship of her coaching career.

"There have been a lot of great moments coaching volleyball in Hereford, but there's no doubt that winning state has to be the best moment I've ever had," Reeh said.

"We've seen great effort from the kids for so many years, and this year's bunch were fortunate enough to take that extra step we've never accomplished before. They had an unbelievable work ethic and held each other accountable," said Reeh.

"As a coach, I couldn't ask for a more dedicated or coachable group of kids."

## Rodman kicks cameraman; Mavs held to record low total

By CHRIS SHERIDAN  
AP Basketball Writer

Even for Dennis Rodman, this was hitting a new low. Rodman kicked a cameraman in the groin during the third quarter of the Chicago Bulls' 112-102 victory at Minnesota on Wednesday night - then made light of the incident by claiming the cameraman overdramatized his injury.

"It's one thing to be hurt, but don't pretend you're more seriously hurt than you are," Rodman said. "He got carried off on a stretcher? It was a little bit dramatic to me. Maybe I'll send him some roses on the floor - Love, Dennis."

Maybe the NBA will send something to Rodman, too. Namely a suspension.

It would be the second of the season for the league's resident bad boy, whose delinquency resume also includes head-butting a referee, throwing ice at his coach, refusing to wear his shoes on the bench, flagrant fouls, verbal abuse incidents and other myriad acts of insubordination.

"I think I'll get some lawsuit papers next time I come up to Minnesota," Rodman joked afterward.

In other NBA games, Seattle clobbered Toronto 122-78, Orlando defeated Dallas 78-66, Detroit beat Vancouver 103-79, New York downed San Antonio 94-77, Golden State beat Philadelphia 128-111, Charlotte topped New Jersey 116-104

and Indiana defeated the Los Angeles Clippers 108-93.

The Chicago-Minnesota game was tied 71-71 when Rodman stumbled out of bounds along the baseline while struggling with Kevin Garnett for a rebound. Rodman fell over a still photographer, and cameraman Eugene Amos, sitting nearby, turned his camera on Rodman.

Still sitting on the floor, Rodman kicked out with the bottom of his foot and caught Amos very high on the inside of his left thigh. Amos slumped over for about seven minutes before he was carried off.

Rodman was among several Bulls who believed Amos was feigning his injury, although Wolves physician Sheldon Burns said Amos was kicked in the groin.

"It looked like he kicked him in the knee, and all of a sudden he came up with that falsetto," coach Phil Jackson said.

Police officers went to the hospital to interview Amos, but the department would not immediately say whether a complaint was filed. Reached at home early today, Amos said he "most definitely" would file charges against Rodman.

Scottie Pippen finished with 29 points, 17 of them coming in a 33-10 run in 9 minutes after Minnesota led 75-74. Michael Jordan had 25 points, Jason Caffey scored 20 and Rodman had 15 rebounds. It was Chicago's eighth straight win.

SuperSonics 122, Raptors 78  
At Seattle, the SuperSonics set an NBA record with 27 steals and Sam Perkins tied the record for most 3-pointers without a miss by going 8-for-8.

Perkins made his eighth with 5:21 left and stayed on the court until 46 seconds remained, but did not take another shot.

The Sonics connected on 15 of 26 3-pointers to break the club mark of 14. Toronto set a franchise record with 32 turnovers.

Magic 78, Mavericks 66  
At Dallas, a national cable audience got to see how bad things have gotten for the Mavericks.

Dallas was held to the lowest point total in franchise history as it lost for the fifth time in seven games.

Penny Hardaway, in his fourth game back from his latest stay on the injured list, scored 26 points.

"It was a breakthrough game for me," Hardaway said. "It was something I needed and something the team needed. But I feel like I won't be back to 100 percent for about two more weeks."

Pistons 103, Grizzlies 79  
At Vancouver, Grant Hill fell one assist short of a triple-double for the second straight night.

Hill finished with 31 points, 11 rebounds and nine assists before going to the bench for good with 5:23 left.

"I've had a couple of times where I was one or two short," Hill said. "Sometimes it's better to do that, just flirt with it, then actually get it."

Knicks 94, Spurs 77  
At San Antonio, the Knicks bounced back from a 20-point loss to Houston the previous night.

Allan Houston scored 20 points, including 13 in the third quarter when the Knicks started to pull away. Patrick Ewing had 18 points and 11 rebounds and John Starks added 13 points.

"I think we just wanted to come out and win," Houston said. "It's a matter of pride. Last night we got embarrassed."

Warriors 128, 76ers 111  
At Philadelphia, Latrell Sprewell scored 38 points and Golden State held off a late rally to send the 76ers to their 10th straight loss and 20th in 21 games.

Joe Smith had 26 points and 13 rebounds and Chris Mullin added 20 points and nine assists.

Hornets 116, Nets 104  
At Charlotte, Glen Rice scored 13 of his 35 points in the final 10 minutes, Vlade Divac added 25 points and 12 rebounds and Anthony Mason had 20 points and 17 rebounds for the Hornets, who won their third in a row and improved to five games over .500 for the first time under first-year coach Dave Cowens.

Pacers 108, Clippers 93  
Reggie Miller scored 25 points as Indiana notched its eighth consecutive victory over the Clippers and its fourth straight at the L.A. Sports Arena.

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## Sports Briefs

By The Associated Press

### BASEBALL

ATLANTA (AP) - Atlanta Braves reliever Mark Wohlers agreed to a three-year, \$13.125 million contract. The club has an option for a fourth year at \$5.5 million with an \$800,000 buyout clause.

Wohlers, 26, set a franchise record with 39 saves in 1996, striking out 100 batters in 77 1-3 innings. The contract calls for Wohlers to make \$3 million this year, \$4.125 million in 1998 and \$5.2 million in 1999.

LOS ANGELES (AP) - In an effort to keep the Los Angeles Dodgers under local ownership, the City Council recommended that owner Peter O'Malley consider taking the team public. The unanimous vote came nine days after O'Malley's put the team up for sale.

ROCHESTER, Minn. (AP) - Arnold Palmer underwent surgery for prostate cancer at the Mayo Clinic. He was resting comfortably and was expected to remain hospitalized for several days as he recovers.

Palmer, 67, who learned he had the cancer Friday, has withdrawn from the Senior Skins Game in Hawaii on Jan. 25-26. Lee Trevino will take Palmer's place in the event with Jack Nicklaus, Ray Floyd and Hale Irwin.



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**Restrictions:** Elementary grades only. *Exception:* Kindergarten children who meet the age requirements for the 8 & Under division.

**Dates:** Teams play and practice once a week after the season starts. Practice starts the week of Jan. 13th (depending on availability of gyms) and games begin Saturday, Jan. 18th.  
\*Coaches will be notified of game location and date of Coaches Meeting.

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# Wake Forest escapes; Horns, Raiders win

**By The Associated Press**  
Wake Forest won its first 12 games by eight points or more. The second-ranked Demon Deacons showed that as long as All-America Tim Duncan is around, they can win the close ones, too.

Virginia did a tremendous job against Wake Forest on Wednesday night, and the Cavaliers had a 54-48 lead with five minutes to play. But they didn't score the rest of the game as Duncan made two big bank shots in the final 1:07 to give Wake Forest a 58-54 victory.

The Demon Deacons (13-0, 5-0 Atlantic Coast Conference) won their 25th straight home game and are off to their best league start in 34 seasons. They and top-ranked Kansas are the only undefeated Division I teams.

Duncan had a season-high 28 points as Virginia (11-5, 2-3) opted to attack on the perimeter and converged on the 6-foot-10 center only after he got the ball rather than trying to deny it to him.

The strategy worked until it was time for Duncan to decide the outcome.

"There is a chance he would miss shots, there is a chance he would tire, there is a chance he would get into foul trouble," Wake Forest coach Dave Odom said of Duncan. "I think it was good strategy, but by the same token, I know who he is and I know what our team is. We've seen it time

and again."  
Virginia was held without a point over the final five minutes by the nation's No. 1-ranked field goal defense, which went to a zone to cut off the Cavaliers' outside shooters.

"It's hard to express how badly this one hurts," Virginia coach Jeff Jones said.

In other games involving ranked teams on Wednesday, it was No. 3 Clemson 67, No. 11 Maryland 63; No. 10 Louisville 92, Houston 78; No. 13 Duke 87, North Carolina-Greensboro 49; No. 17 Indiana 66, Northwestern 63; No. 19 Boston College 81, Fairfield 79 in overtime; Mississippi State 75, No. 20 Mississippi 64; No. 22 North Carolina 59, North Carolina State 56; No. 23 Texas 86, Texas A&M 76 in overtime; and No. 25 Texas Tech 67, Oklahoma 62.

Duncan also had 14 rebounds and four blocked shots for his 22nd straight double-double and the 71st of his career.

"Our objective going into the game was to let Tim Duncan play, let him have the game of his life," Virginia guard Curtis Staples said. "If he was going to beat us, he was going to have to beat us. In actuality, he did, he hit the two buckets toward the end that sealed it. That is why Tim Duncan is the best player in college right now, because he has the ability to do that."

Tony Rutland's long 3-pointer

with 2:58 left pulled the Demon Deacons to 54-52, and Ricky Peral's tip-in on a missed free throw by Duncan 56 seconds later tied the score 54-54.

Duncan's short bank shot with 1:07 left gave Wake Forest the lead, and after a turnover, Duncan nailed another turnaround banker with 10 seconds left to seal it.

Courtney Alexander led the Cavaliers with 18 points.

No. 3 Clemson 67, No. 11 Maryland 63

Greg Buckner scored 16 points and Terrell McIntyre added 13, including two 3-pointers in a late 10-2 run, as the visiting Tigers (15-1, 4-0 ACC) won their 11th straight. Terrell Stokes hit a 3-pointer to close the Terrapins (14-2, 4-1) to 65-63, but Merl Code made two free throws with 6.8 seconds left. Keith Booth had 16 points for Maryland, which was looking to go 15-1 for the first time.

No. 10 Louisville 92, Houston 78

Freshman forward Nate Johnson was 11-of-13 from the field and scored a season-high 24 points to lead the Cardinals (14-1, 3-0 Conference USA), who shot a season-high 57 percent from the field. Damon Jones scored 15 points for the visiting Cougars (8-6, 0-2).

No. 13 Duke 87, North Carolina-Greensboro 49

Jeff Capel had 19 points and the visiting Blue Devils (13-4) cruised after holding the Spartans without a

field goal for a seven-minute stretch midway through the first half.

Demetrius Cherry led Greensboro (6-10) with 11 points.

No. 17 Indiana 66, Northwestern 63

Neil Reed, benched for the first half by Indiana coach Bob Knight, scored 16 of his 18 points in the final 5:23 as the Hoosiers (15-3, 2-2) rallied at Northwestern to avoid their first three-game losing streak in the Big Ten since 1990. Jevon Johnson scored 16 points for the Wildcats (5-10, 0-4), who led 56-49 before Reed took over. They have lost seven straight overall and 16 straight to Indiana.

No. 19 Boston College 81, Fairfield 79

Antonio Granger scored on a runner in the lane at the overtime buzzer as the Eagles (12-2) avoided the huge upset at New Haven Coliseum. Danya Abrams had 26 points and nine rebounds for Boston College, which led 75-71 late in regulation. Greg Francis led the Stags (5-7) with 23 points, but was held scoreless for the game's final 18 minutes.

Mississippi St. 75, No. 20 Mississippi 64

Bart Hyche made nine of 10 free throws over the final 1:16 and scored 20 points as the Bulldogs (8-9, 2-2 SEC) won at Mississippi for the 13th time in 14th years. Jason Smith had a career-high 24 points for the Rebels (11-4, 3-2), who were playing their first game ever as a ranked team.

No. 22 North Carolina 59, N. Carolina St. 56

The Tar Heels (10-4, 1-3) scored the game's final 10 points to avoid extending their worst-ever start in the ACC. Antawn Jamison's layup with 12 seconds left gave North Carolina a 57-56 lead. C.C. Harrison had 21 points for the visiting Wolfpack (8-5, 0-4), who led 56-47 with 2:35 remaining.

No. 23 Texas 86, Texas A&M 76, OT

Reggie Freeman scored 30 points and the visiting Longhorns (9-4, 3-1 Big 12) dominated the overtime 14-4 for their seventh straight victory over

the Aggies. Shanne Jones had 16 points for Texas A&M (6-8, 0-4), which had a chance to win at the end of regulation, but Brian Barone's last-second shot was short.

No. 25 Texas Tech 67, Oklahoma 62

Cory Carr scored 11 of his 26 points in the final 3( minutes and Tony Battie had 16 points and 16 rebounds for the visiting Red Raiders (11-3, 3-1 Big 12). Nate Erdmann had 26 points for the Sooners (9-4, 1-2), who led 54-49 with 3:49 to play.

# Seifert walks away from 49ers

**SAN FRANCISCO (AP)** - George Seifert is walking away from his job as coach of the San Francisco 49ers, a startling departure signaling the overhaul of a team that won five Super Bowls and was known for its continuity.

California coach Steve Mariucci, a newcomer to the 49ers organization, but not their offensive system, is expected to be named as Seifert's

successor and become just the third 49ers coach in 18 years.

The formal announcement could come sometime today.

Seifert, with the 49ers organization for 17 years, including the last eight as head coach, led San Francisco to two of its Super Bowl victories and had the highest winning percentage by a coach in NFL history.

Sounding very much like Lou

Holtz, Seifert on Wednesday said leaving was the right thing for him to do, a decision he arrived at in part during his just-concluded fishing trip to Mexico.

"Basically, there was a sense and a feel that there needs to be some changes made. I came back with the feeling that this was best for myself and for the 49ers," Seifert said Wednesday.

"This thing eventually had to come to an end. It's been a great eight years in a tough position," Seifert said. He added he'll fulfill the final year of his contract with the 49ers as a consultant to the team.

Team officials did not immediately announce a replacement, but all signs point to Mariucci as the next 49ers coach.

Team president Carmen Policy said no one currently on the 49ers coaching staff was considered for the job.

Mariucci also served notice to Cal officials that he was leaving, a school source said, and he spent much of Wednesday huddled with his players and coaches to let them know about his decision.

"He kind of told them the situation came up real abruptly," Cal running backs coach Wayne Moses said.

Policy insisted he and 49ers owner Eddie DeBartolo were surprised by the decision by Seifert, whom they had expected to be the team's coach in 1997.

Coaching changes have been rampant around the NFL. Seifert becomes the 10th coach to leave a team since the start of the 1996 season, meaning one-third of the teams have made changes.

Seifert, 57 next week, won Super Bowls in 1989 and 1994. With a record of 108-35, Seifert is the franchise's winningest coach and has a winning percentage of .755. He reached 100 victories faster than any NFL coach.

Mariucci was schooled in the 49ers system while working for Green Bay coach Mike Holmgren, a former offensive coordinator for San Francisco. He was an assistant for four years with the Packers, getting much of the credit for turning quarterback Brett Favre into a two-time NFL MVP.

Mariucci, 41, has been coaching for 18 years. His Cal team began the 1996 season with a 5-0 record, but lost six of its last seven games - including a defeat by Navy in the Aloha Bowl.

# Tarango puts some sizzle into day at Australian Open

**MELBOURNE, Australia (AP)** - Still crazy after all these years, Jeff Tarango thrashed nemesis Marc Rosset at the Australian Open, then vowed to make this the year he soars in tennis, storms back at Wimbledon and maybe even learns to levitate.

Tarango, thrown out of Wimbledon two years ago and banned from the premises last year, held nothing back on or off the court Thursday.

"This is the year of Mr. Tarango," the Californian-turned-French enfant terrible of tennis proclaimed after a 6-4, 6-1, 6-1 victory over Rosset, the Swiss player he claimed was given friendly calls at Wimbledon by an umpire.

"I'm coming out and I'm here to prove myself. I'm 28, and this is my year. Nothing is really going to distract me, bother with me, tangle with me, anything. I'm just going to fight my little butt off."

One thing he won't do, he said, is keep quiet.

"I'm not going to ever bite my tongue, I'm just going to rephrase it," he said.

He said he holds no animosity toward Wimbledon, nor does he believe Wimbledon officials hold any toward him for walking away from a match, accusing umpire Bruno Rebeuh of cheating and thanking his wife for slapping Rebeuh in the face.

Tarango put some sizzle into an otherwise peaceful day at the Australian Open.

No. 4 seed Martina Hingis played hitting tennis to slip smoothly into the

third round of the Australian Open with a 6-4, 6-2 victory over Lisa Raymond.

"I played almost perfect in the second set," Hingis, 16, said of her first match against the 23-year-old American. "The first set was very tough. After the first set, I knew what I was going to do and how I was going to make the points."

First-set problems bedeviled two former men's champions: top-seeded Pete Sampras and No. 11 Jim Courier.

Both came back strongly, Sampras beating Romanian Adrian Panu 3-6, 6-2, 6-3, 6-2 and Courier downing Slava Dosedel of the Czech Republic 4-6, 6-2, 3-6, 6-4, 6-4.

"By land or by sea, I got the job done," Courier said after his second straight five-setter, this one 3 hours, 37 minutes. In two matches, he's played 100 games - more than he's ever played to get to the third round of a Grand Slam event.

Asked whether he enjoys the torture, Courier replied, "I like to dish it out more than I like to take it."

Twice the Australian Open champion, Courier earned a seeded spot by winning in the desert at Doha, Qatar, two weeks ago. He scrapped through three consecutive five-setters here last year before Andre Agassi downed him in the quarterfinals.

Sampras blamed his slow start, in part, on the sun.

"There was about 20 or 30 minutes where I couldn't really see the ball on the umpire's right because of the sun, so I really didn't serve the

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## Winter is good time to make decisions on repotting plants

PHOENIX (AP) - This is a good time to check whether plants growing in containers will benefit from repotting. Spring transplanting also tends to stimulate new growth, which can be even more of a benefit.

Plants that appreciate larger quarters usually provide ample clues. Look for discolored or yellowing leaves, roots coming out of the drain hole or growing exposed on top, a plant that wilts frequently and needs daily watering, or water that runs out of a pot as soon as applied.

Those are symptoms of a pot-bound plant. A secondary benefit of spring repotting is the opportunity to re-assess the placement and number of outdoor containers.

Since too many small containers are a guaranteed maintenance nightmare, can the plants be grouped into larger containers? Did the plants seem to suffer last year in the afternoon sun? Did the containers get too hot? Is a shift to a location with morning sun feasible?

Many house plants can be root-and top-pruned and returned to the same pot after adding fresh growing medium. This also helps keep them small enough for indoor culture.

Repotting used to be called "shifting" - transferring a plant from a small to a larger pot - and the rules were inflexible. Only the next-size pot could be used: a plant growing in 3-inch pot had to be moved to a 4-inch one. The size of a pot is measured by its diameter at the top.

These days the process is more flexible but many of the old practices still are good basics. They developed from commercial needs, where plants were grown to be shipped.

One example is that pots must be clean. Try not to move plants while the ball of soil is wet; wait until it's

dry enough to crumble. Plants should never be re-set deeper than they were growing originally. Foliage should be pruned to match any loss of roots in transplanting.

Another good rule: if the plant did well in the old container, stick with the same type - plastic or clay.

In the home, a plant should survive if moved from a 2-inch to a 4-inch pot or from a 4-inch to 6-inch pot. But don't give them too great a shift. That can create drainage problems.

Remember that hardwood plants such as azaleas, roses and palms are more tricky than softwood ones like flowers.

It's also wise to standardize the growing medium. A good mix will drain well, hold water, have sufficient nutrients and allow oxygen to penetrate.

To get the plant out of a container, turn it upside down, hold it firmly with one hand and tap the rim sharply on a solid surface.

Cut the rootball on the sides and bottom, about 1/4-inch deep, and lightly rough it to induce the roots to break from the dimensions of the old pot.

Put sufficient growing medium into the new pot so the plant will stand about an inch below the rim with the soil level about the same as it was originally. Jam the new mix around it, using your thumbs.

Water the plant until water comes out of the drainage hole.

Container growing has been around for centuries. Ancient Egyptian hieroglyphics show plants growing in containers.

Some old practices, such as covering the drainage hole with broken pieces of clay pots or stones, now are questioned. Most gardeners use a hunk of sphagnum moss to cover the drainage hole.

## To Your Good Health

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: At a recent physical my doctor took blood for the usual tests. The lab report indicated a blood "amylase" level of 123. The lab normal range is 24-97. What are the consequences of a high amylase count? Do I have to change my diet, etc.? — J.A.

ANSWER: Welcome to the world of enzymes, body chemicals that split bits of food into ever smaller bits, permitting eventual passage into circulation.

The amylase enzyme helps break down carbohydrates. The salivary glands and the pancreas figure prominently in amylase's digestive work.

In fact, if damaged somehow, the glands release amylase into the blood, which then tests abnormal for it.

Your high amylase count points to trouble in either the salivary glands or the pancreas.

Many other enzymes, digestive and otherwise, serve as convenient guides to diagnosis.

Your doctor knows your immediate

health status. All things being equal, I would consider yours a marginal amylase rise. Absent symptoms, it seems reasonable to wait now to see if any evidence arises indicating serious salivary gland or pancreatic trouble. In all likelihood, none will.

You need no special diet. I should add that a spurious amylase rise can occur from presence of a peculiar enzyme, called "macroamylase." If that circulates in the blood, it can cause a deceptive rise in the patient's total amylase number. Special testing detects macroamylase, whose elevation in and of itself is harmless.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I have had breast cancer and cannot take anything with estrogen in it. Do you know of anything I could take for hot flashes? I have had as many as 17 of them in 24 hours. — D.S.

ANSWER: I'm sorry you're having such a difficult time. How about trying a few non-medical ploys that have helped some women over the hot-flash experience?

When it is possible, drink ice water just as soon as you feel a flash coming on. Some women carry an insulated bottle of ice water for just such occasions.

I also suggest that you try to end a hot flash by breathing slowly and deeply. You should avoid hot beverages and spicy foods.

A non-estrogen medicine you might tolerate is Bellerghal-S. Ask your doctor about it.

## Hospital Notes

Report from Hereford Regional Medical Center on Jan. 16:

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## Area Events

### WTAMU

More than 100 high school students and parents are expected to attend the annual West Texas A&M University Department of Music and Dance's Music Career Day for high school juniors and seniors beginning at 9:30 a.m. Friday, Jan. 31.

The day will begin with registration in the Atrium of Mary Moody Northern Hall on the WTAMU campus. The opening session will begin at 10 a.m. in Mary Moody Northern Recital Hall. The session will include information about career choices, financial aid, admission requirements, student services and campus life.

During the afternoon, students will have the opportunity to attend career information sessions where they can learn specific details about music career choices. Auditions for scholarships, tours of the campus and a multimedia demonstration will also be available.

Those attending are also invited to attend a concert including the WTAMU Symphonic Band, the WTAMU Chorale and the Jazz Ensemble at 5 p.m. in Mary Moody Northern Recital Hall.

The day will culminate with the Faculty Grand Recital, an annual event, set to begin at 8 p.m. in the Mary Moody Northern Recital Hall.

For more information or to register for Music Career Day, contact the Department of Music and Dance at 806-656-2840.

### CANYON

An exhibit titled "New Mexico in a Box" featuring images of the countless small churches, cemeteries, bars, curio shops and landmarks that dot the vast New Mexico landscape will open at the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum in Canyon on Jan. 20. The portfolio of small scale black and white photographs, by Jim Jordan of Amarillo, are matted to 10" x 8" to fit in a small presentation case.

According to the photographer, the prints are deliberately small to allude to the fact that natives of treeless plains are used to seeing objects long before they get close to them.

Like many West Texas families, Jordan vacationed with his parents in northern New Mexico to escape the summer heat of the plains for one or two weeks each year. It was during these trips in the early forties that Jordan began speculating on the scenery from the back seat of his father's 1938 Chevrolet Deluxe.

With retirement from the City of Amarillo, Jordan gained the great luxury of time to explore the Land of Enchantment with a camera.

The exhibit will continue through Nov. 1, in the Photo Gallery on the first floor of the museum.

### AMARILLO

J.C. Penney, 95.7 The KAR, Family Photo and KFDA NewsChannel 10 are sponsoring a Kids are Cute Contest on Jan. 25 at Westgate Mall in Amarillo.

The contest will be open to boys and girls between the ages of 6 months and 6 years. Experienced judges will judge the contest and will score the children based on appearance, personality and overall stage presence.

There will be limited space available. A maximum of 250 participants will be accepted on a first come first serve basis. An optional fund-raising contest is also available. Prizes include trophies, gift

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The Muscular Dystrophy Association, Panhandle Chapter provides program services to over 250 individuals diagnosed with one of 40 neuromuscular diseases. Both patients and their families have access to monthly clinics, and support groups, educational materials, referral services and more.

The Don Harrington Discovery Center is pleased to present a new planetarium show, "Comets: From Ice to Fire." This new production includes the latest simulations of how comets change through time, images of last year's Comet Hyakutake, and information on this year's best comet - Comet Hale-Bopp.

The show will begin Jan. 18 and run through June 8. Admission is \$3 per person and free for Discovery Center members.

"Comets: From Ice to Fire" was originally produced by Buhl Planetarium at the Carnegie Science Center in Pittsburgh. They have included the latest in video and photographic images to make this one of their best shows ever. The timing of it coincides with the best views of Comet Hale-Bopp, which is expected to be extremely bright and visible to the Earth's northern hemisphere in March and April of 1997.

The Texas Panhandle Mental Health Authority Child and Adolescent

Services is offering Parenting Classes for parents, grandparents, foster parents - anyone who has children in the home and is interested in looking at different ways to discipline children.

"SOS! Help for Parents" is a six week class that meets on Tuesday evenings from 7-9 beginning Jan. 21 and ending Feb. 25. The course is written by Lynn Clark, Ph.D. This class is designed for parents of the child 0-12. The class will be taught by staff members Stan Waddell, M.A.M.F.C., LPC, and Jon Nichols, B.A.

"Back in Control" will be taught on Saturday, Jan. 25 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Gregory Bodenhamer, a former probation officer, wrote this curriculum. It is practical advice that anyone can use that works with the young person ages 12-17. The instructors for this class are Heidi Rindlisbacher, MEd and Mike Champion, MEd.

The classes will be taught in the second floor conference room of the IBM Building at 7201 I-40 West, Amarillo. The cost of either class is \$5. The books are \$10. Pre-registration is required. To register, call Kim or Kandal at 806-354-2191. There is no child care. All classes are open to the public.



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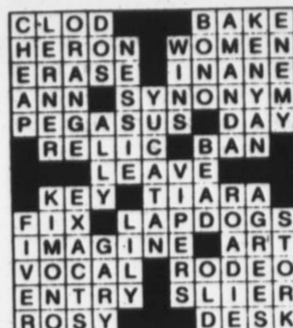
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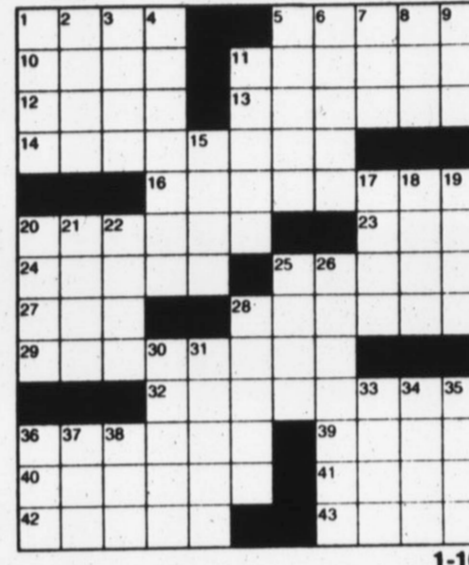
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# Entertainment

## Midler shines in two-hour HBO concert

LAS VEGAS (AP) - That Bette Midler!

One minute, she gets down and dirty in a bawdy burlesque number, next she spouts obscenity-spiked jokes, then she blossoms into a glamorous diva belting out spining-tling ballads.

All sides of the Divine One's stage persona can be seen in "Diva Las Vegas," a two-hour concert airing on HBO at 9 p.m. EST Saturday. It's definitely not the frumpy Bette you saw in "The First Wives Club."

She's a slimmed-down, outright babe, and she won't let you forget it, either. Her second song is "I Look Good" and she repeatedly asks the audience, "Don't I look good?" as she struts across the stage in strappy

black wheels, skin-tight black pants and a glittering black top beneath a mop of blonde ringlets.

Such an attitude is to be expected from the irrepressible Midler.

With her backup singers and dancers, the Harlettes, Midler puts on a super-charged production, her first full-length TV concert since 1984. She even slips into a mermaid outfit to revive her outrageous Delores DeLago character, who literally floats around the stage for a number of songs.

The concert's high point, though, is more understated. It comes near the end when Midler dons a floor-length brown gown, swoops up her hair for a classy twist and belts out the ballads "From a Distance," "To Comfort

You," "Stay with Me" and "The Wind Beneath My Wings."

In a pre-concert interview, Midler, 51, said the performance would be the last of her big-production shows. "I can't do it anymore. I can't take it anywhere," she said. "I can't take it overseas because it's just too huge of a production. It's cost-prohibitive."

She left open the possibility of touring with a smaller entourage in the future.

"I'd like to pare it all down and have a small group just to sort of get to Japan. I've had a 30-year career and I've never played Japan!" she said.

Midler is among a handful of entertainers who can claim success in virtually every arena - television, film, stage, music and standup comedy.

It's singing before a live audience, she said, that is her "first love."

"That's where I started my professional life and what I enjoy the most because it's me, you know?" she said. "I don't have to worry about someone else's ideas being superimposed on me."

"It's my expression and my art. And sometimes it's great and sometimes it's not so great, but at least I'm not at the mercy of someone else's taste. I'm at the mercy of my own taste and my own intellect."

With 16 cameras pointed at the stage, the concert was taped Jan. 11 at the MGM Grand Hotel and Casino on the city's famed Strip.

It was produced and directed by Marty Callner, best known for those Aerosmith music videos featuring Alicia Silverstone and Liv Tyler.

"When you work with someone

like this," a beaming Callner said after the concert, "she was so into it. Not for the money. There were no egos. We just wanted to do something great."

Callner accompanied Midler for a couple of months on a nationwide tour so they could hammer out choreography and fine-tune the performance for the HBO special.

Of all the cities they could have chosen for the show, why Vegas?

"I love Las Vegas. I love it!" Midler bellowed. "It's a great city. It's so silly. I have two minds about it. On the one hand I'm appalled and, on the other hand, I'm just like 'Oh so what, there it is, go ahead and enjoy it. Don't make a big deal about it.'"

By going to Vegas, she also could use that great name "Diva Las Vegas," a play on Elvis Presley's

movie "Viva Las Vegas." Plus, Midler has fond memories of the city of Lost Wages. She was married there to Martin von Haselberg by an Elvis impersonator.

Midler shows no signs of fatigue after a long day of photo shoots and interviews. Wearing a mismatched outfit of a leopard-print jacket and black-and-white checkered pants, she leans back on a couch, stroking her 11-year-old daughter's white jack terrier, Queen Puddles.

She's not one to just discuss career. She loves girl talk, too.

"Blonde is so great if you're old. There's nothing like blonde to keep your spirits up. Really. It just cheers you up to be a blonde," she says. "Red doesn't last. People thought I was a real redhead. I was never a real anything."

## This Week in Entertainment

Entertainment highlights during the week of Jan. 19 - 25:

50 years ago: The Crest, a Fox West Coast theater, opened in Long Beach, Calif. Prefabricated, with a spun glass curtain and seats that slid back, it was called "the theater of the future."

45 years ago: James Stewart's participation in the profits of "Bend of the River" was a precedent-setting deal that other film stars would emulate.

35 years ago: The Beatles signed a management contract with Brian Epstein, who began directing their image away from leather jackets toward a smarter stage presentation, with matching suits.

30 years ago: The Rolling Stones made their first and last appearance on the British TV show, "Sunday Night At The London Palladium." Traditionally, performers appeared on a revolving stage at the end of the show. The Stones refused, and the press and the public saw it as a snub against tradition.

20 years ago: The TV miniseries "Roots," based on the Alex Haley novel, was first telecast on ABC. It ran each night for eight days. The drama starred LeVar Burton, John Amos and Cicely Tyson.

15 years ago: B.B. King donated his entire record collection to Mississippi University's Center for the Study of Southern Culture. The collection of some 20,000 discs included 7,000 rare blues 78s.

10 years ago: The Walt Disney Studios declared 1987 as "The Year of Snow White," commemorating the 50th anniversary of the film, "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs." To mark the occasion, Disney said the movie would be simultaneously released in more than 60 countries, including China.

One year ago: Siegfried and Roy performed their 15,000th live show in Las Vegas, surpassing an attendance mark of 20 million. The German-born illusionists grossed more than \$325 million in a six-year period before sellout crowds in their high-tech showroom at The Mirage Hotel and Casino.

Spoken 10 years ago:

"The Oscar-winning movie laid the financial foundation for The Walt Disney Co., formed an entirely new film genre and paved the way for the 25 animated Disney classics that followed." - Disney chairman Jeffrey Katzenberg, referring to the 1937 film, "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs."

Spoken one year ago:

"We're never going to win any Grammy awards. We're never gonna win any respect from the squeaky-clean mob and Rolling Stone or everybody like that, because we don't give any messages out that they think are important." - Singer Brian Johnson of AC/DC, a group described by one reviewer as "the kings of raunch 'n' roll."

## Five questions with Debbie Reynolds

By BOB THOMAS  
Associated Press Writer

Debbie Reynolds, now receiving acclaim for her role in Albert Brooks' comedy movie, "Mother," starred in MGM musicals and romantic comedies during that studio's golden years in the 1950s.

The new movie, with Reynolds in the title role, could reignite a film career that began with a little role in "June Bride" in 1948 and has included "Singin' in the Rain," "Susan Slept Here" and "Tammy and the Bachelor."

She was nominated for an Oscar for her performance in "The

Unsinkable Molly Brown."

"Mother" chronicles the changing relationship of a divorced writer, played by Brooks, with his widowed mother, when he moves back in with her.

Reynolds, 64, got the role with a nudge from her daughter, author-actress Carrie Fisher, a friend of Brooks since childhood, she said.

She was asked about those legendary days of the 1950s.

1. Was it all as glamorous as it now seems?

Reynolds: Certainly it was, to those of us who weren't stars. Maybe it wasn't for Mickey Rooney and

Judy Garland and Elizabeth (Taylor), who were all unhappy there. But for those of us who were contract players, it was marvelous.

2. Why?

Reynolds: Because we were being paid to learn. We were given all those lessons, how to sing, how to dance, how to act. I couldn't have paid for all that. It was a dream come true.

3. 'Singin' in the Rain' was your biggest break there, wasn't it?

Reynolds: Yes, that and "The Unsinkable Molly Brown" and "How the West Was Won." But "Singin' in the Rain" was special. I was just under contract, and Louis B. Mayer

decided I should be in the picture. Why? I suppose because I was young and virginal and I could sing. But I couldn't dance.

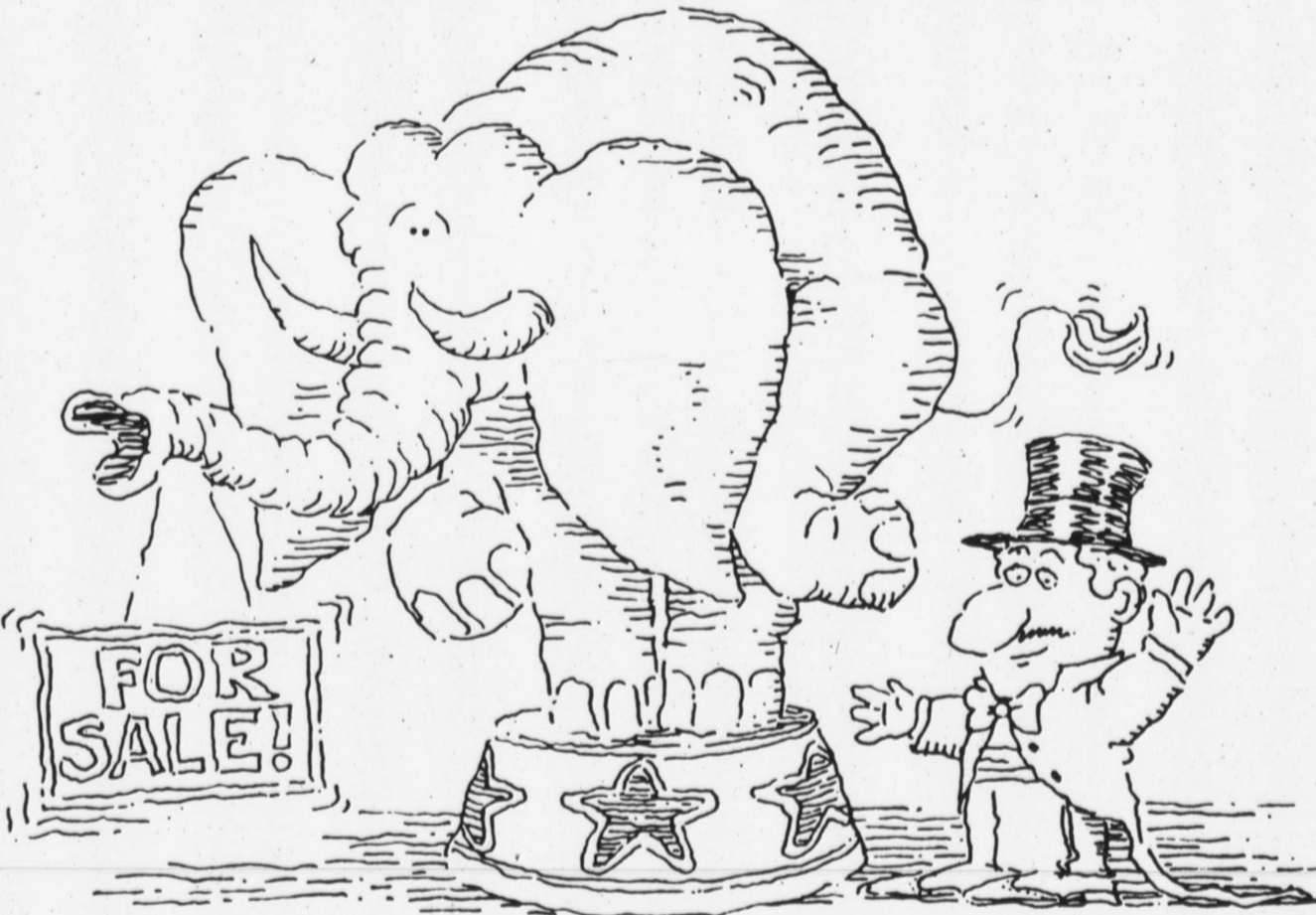
4. But you learned from Gene Kelly. Was he tough?

Reynolds: Yes, but he was tough on everybody, including himself.

5. What were the circumstances of your leaving MGM?

Reynolds: My contract was up after 15 years. The studio was dropping everybody. We all cleaned out our dressing rooms, loaded the stuff in our cars, and drove off the lot. Nobody there to say farewell. We just left.

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Mar	88.50	88.50	88.50	88.50	88.50	1.023
Apr	88.50	88.50	88.50	88.50	88.50	1.474
May	88.50	88.50	88.50	88.50	88.50	1.427
Jul	88.50	88.50	88.50	88.50	88.50	2.272
Sep	88.50	88.50	88.50	88.50	88.50	4.08
Nov	88.50	88.50	88.50	88.50	88.50	7.11
Dec	88.50	88.50	88.50	88.50	88.50	115

Est vol 2,379; vol Tu 2,384; open Int 152,117 - 405

### CATTLE-LIVE (CME) 40,000 lbs., cents per lb.

Feb	88.50	88.50	88.50	88.50	88.50	29,999
Mar	88.50	88.50	88.50	88.50	88.50	35,558
Apr	88.50	88.50	88.50	88.50	88.50	12,444
Jun	88.50	88.50	88.50	88.50	88.50	11,509
Aug	88.50	88.50	88.50	88.50	88.50	12,599
Oct	88.50	88.50	88.50	88.50	88.50	13,222
Nov	88.50	88.50	88.50	88.50	88.50	14,085
Dec	88.50	88.50	88.50	88.50	88.50	14,085

Est vol 56,000; vol Tu 54,367; open Int 153,118 - 442

### SOYBEANS (CBT) 5,000 bu., cents per bu.

Jan	720	720	720	720	720	3,467
Mar	720	720	720	720	720	71,511
May	720	720	720	720	720	20,382
Jul	720	720	720	720	720	57,648
Sep	720	720	720	720	720	8,457
Nov	720	720	720	720	720	13,122
Dec	720	720	720	720	720	14,085

Est vol 34,000; vol Tu 34,367; open Int 153,118 - 442

### GRAIN FUTURES

CORN (CBT) 5,000 bu., cents per bu.

Jan	274	274	274	274	274	129,774
Mar	274	274	274	274	274	38,851
May	274	274	274	274	274	55,745
Sep	274	274	274	274	274	7,462
Nov	274	274	274	274	274	38,219
Dec	274	274	274	274	274	1,396
Nov	274	274	274	274	274	1,396
Dec	274	274	274	274	274	254
Nov	274	274	274	274	274	1,104

Est vol 10,000; vol Tu 82,997; open Int 74,144 - 3,486

### WHEAT (CBT) 5,000 bu., cents per bu.

Jan	391	391	391	391	391	363
Mar	391	391	391	391	391	363
May	391	391	391	391	391	363
Sep	391	391	391	391	391	363
Nov	391	391	391	391	391	363
Dec	391	391	391	391	391	363

Est vol 11,000; vol Tu 13,329; open Int 62,168 - 490

### METAL FUTURES

GOLD (Cme Div NYM) 100 troy oz., \$ per troy oz.

Jan	352.70	352.70	352.70	352.70	352.70	0
Feb	354.80	354.80	354.80	354.80	354.80	92,902
Apr	356.80	356.80	356.80	356.80	356.80	30,720
Jun	357.80	357.80	357.80	357.80	357.80	97,706
Aug	358.80	358.80	358.80	358.80	358.80	1,437
Oct	360.80	360.80	360.80	360.80	360.80	1,398
Dec	361.80	361.80	361.80	361.80	361.80	1,398
Nov	362.80	362.80	362.80	362.80	362.80	1,398
Dec	363.80	363.80	363.80	363.80	363.80	1,398

Est vol 13,942; vol Tu 13,942; open Int 95,576 + 364

SILVER (Cme Div NYM) 5,000 troy oz., \$ per troy oz.

Jan	445.0	445.0	445.0	445.0	445.0	2,999
Mar	445.0	445.0	445.0	445.0	445.0	64,868
May	445.0	445.0	445.0	445.0	445.0	10,239
Sep	445.0	445.0	445.0	445.0	445.0	8,663
Nov	445.0	445.0	445.0	445.0	445.0	3,647
Dec	445.0	445.0	445.0	445.0	445.0	1,919

Est vol 11,000; vol Tu 13,329; open Int 62,168 + 360

### FUTURES OPTIONS

CATTLE-FRDER (CME) 50,000 lbs., cents per lb.

Strike	Calls	Puts
84	2.82	3.17
87	1.85	2.20
90	0.90	1.25
93	0.35	0.70
96	0.10	0.45
99	0.05	0.30
102	0.02	0.15

Op Int Tu 5,563 calls 8,647 puts

CATTLE-LIVE (CME) 40,000 lbs., cents per lb.

Strike	Calls	Puts
84	2.72	3.07
87	1.75	2.10
90	0.80	1.15
93	0.35	0.70
96	0.10	0.45
99	0.05	0.30
102	0.02	0.15

Op Int Tu 5,526 calls 8,602 puts

WHEAT-LIVE (CBT) 5,000 bu., cents per bu.

Strike	Calls	Puts
274	3.50	3.85
277	2.50	2.85
280	1.50	1.85
283	0.80	1.15
286	0.40	0.70
289	0.20	0.45
292	0.10	0.30

Op Int Tu 30,000 calls 10,800 puts

SOYBEANS (CBT) 5,000 bu., cents per bu.

Strike	Calls	Puts
720	2.50	2.85
723	1.50	1.85
726	0.80	1.15
729	0.40	0.70
732	0.20	0.45
735	0.10	0.30

Op Int Tu 70,526 calls 24,802 puts

State Capital



**HIGHLIGHTS**  
By Lovell Williams & Ed Sterling  
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

**Bullock, a Democrat who presides over the Senate, said that if the new (16-14) Republican majority in the Senate wants to change the system, "they're going to have the opportunity to do it with no road-block, certainly, from me."**

Senate rules require a two-thirds vote to pass legislation.

**Lottery Director Is Fired**

The Texas Lottery Commission last week fired Nora Linares, who has been director of the Texas Lottery since its founding in 1991.

The commission voted 3-0 to dismiss Linares, without stating an official reason, after an ethics investigation revealed that her close friend, Mike Moeller, earned \$30,000 in 1992-93 from a contract with GTECH Corp., the company that runs the lottery.

Moeller is serving a federal prison sentence on bribery allegations that accused him of trading state and federal contracts for campaign contributions while he was a deputy commissioner of the Texas Department of Agriculture.

Last spring the lottery commission voted to renew GTECH's contract to run the lottery for five years without taking bids.

After the vote, Linares said, "I've done nothing that justifies the actions taken by this commission today. When the dust settles and the air is cleared and everything comes out in the open, I will be cleared."

Linares' lawyer, Buck Wood, said there is no evidence that Linares ever gave GTECH any favorable treatment or benefits because of Moeller's contract.

Wood also accused Texas Lottery Commission Chairwoman Harriet Miers, a Republican, of stirring up the ethics controversy to get rid of Linares, a Democratic activist, the *Chronicle* reported.

The commission named Zoann Attwood, the lottery's deputy director since 1992, to serve as interim acting director. Attwood is former director of the Montana Lottery.

**Special Elections to Fill Seats**

Two vacancies in the Texas Legislature will be filled by special elections to be held Jan. 28, two weeks after the 75th Texas Legislature convenes.

One vacancy was created when state Sen. Jim Turner, D-Crockett, was elected to Congress. The second vacancy resulted when state Rep. Steve Ogden, R-Bryan, notified Gov. Bush he was resigning from office to run for the seat vacated by Turner.

Also running for the seat Turner had held since 1991 is Democrat Mary Moore of Bryan, a certified public accountant and the daughter-in-law of former state Sen. Bill Moore, D-Bryan.

**Other Capital Highlights**

Attorney General Dan Morales advised several hundred state employees who work in two state office buildings to take a day off while bomb-sniffing dogs, state troopers and other investigators combed the buildings for explosives. Morales' office received a threat apparently connected with his dispute with the so-called "Republic of Texas," an anti-government group.

Gov. Bush appointed John Hill, former chief justice of the Texas Supreme Court, to the three-member Texas Lottery Commission on Jan. 3. Hill, who formerly served as Texas attorney general, joined Lottery Commission Chairwoman Miers and commissioner Anthony Sadberry on Jan. 7 in voting to fire Linares.

The three-member Texas Railroad Commission elected Commissioner Charles Matthews as chairman on a 3-0 vote. Matthews, a former mayor of Garland, was elected to the commission in 1994. As chairman, he succeeds Carol Keeton Rylander, who remains a commissioner. Rylander and Matthews, as well as Commissioner Barry Williamson, are Republicans. The TRC regulates the state's oil and gas production industry.

**Political center gets crowded**

By WALTER R. MEARS  
AP Special Correspondent  
WASHINGTON (AP) - It's getting crowded in the political center. And even the middle of the road has to lead somewhere, beyond the centrist slogans of both Democrats and Republicans.

That's when the differences will emerge, between and within the parties, right and left.

Outlining agendas and setting themes, President Clinton and congressional leaders talk of the center as the place to be. Clinton called his re-election a victory for the vital center, after a campaign in which Republicans said he was expropriating their issues.

"The president ran on our agenda," House Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Texas, repeated as the new Congress convened. He cited in particular the promise of a balanced budget by 2002.

"The center, I presume, is that we all agree we need to do this," said the Senate majority leader, Trent Lott, R-Miss. "We need responsible budgets, we need honest budgets, we need honest numbers and we need a balanced budget."

The last point is prospective, five years away, and while details of the path to balance will be disputed, Clinton and the Republican Congress almost certainly will settle on a plan this year.

Still, the budget Clinton sends Congress on Feb. 6 won't meet the GOP definition of centrist on items like welfare, for which he wants increased spending, and defense, which he will seek to cut. On the other wing, there probably will be liberal complaints about the depth of proposed cuts in Medicare and Medicaid spending.

Sen. Tom Daschle, D-S.D., the minority leader, said Democrats were able to get some of their proposals adopted in 1995 "because we were able to come to the middle and demonstrate that ... Republicans could join us there comfortably."

"We want to provide proposals that will be viewed as moderate, sensible, centrist proposals that allow Republicans and Democrats, conservatives and liberals, to work together," he said.

One of them will be for targeted reductions in the capital gains tax, a Republican aim Democrats once resisted as a GOP tax break for the rich. Now there is increasing Democratic support for limited reductions.

Republicans will seek sharper cuts in the tax on investment profits. "We are committed to that, and we want it to be real," Lott said.

Clinton has recommended a tax break on capital gains from the sale of homes. "The president knows he's going to have to do better than that," Lott told the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

In describing his agenda for the new Congress, Lott joked that a Democratic friend had accused him of being a closet moderate.

"But I don't think it's moderation or liberalism or desertion of your conservative principles if you acknowledge the realities and start off with the attitude we're going to work together," he said.

Clinton described his view of "the vital center" to the Democratic Leadership Council on Dec. 11. "We have clearly created a new center," he said. He said it was not "the lukewarm midpoint between overheated liberalism and chilly conservatism," but an effort to combine mainstream values with new ideas.

That philosophy will be part of his keynote messages for his second term

- the inaugural address on Monday and the State of the Union address on Feb. 4.

Then the real test, translating themes into action in a divided government. The Republicans aren't in the revolutionary mood that prevailed two years ago, when they gained congressional control. Clinton has said there must be changes to meet new challenges, but his proposals in and since the campaign have been relatively modest ones.

Historian Arthur Schlesinger Jr. coined the phrase "The Vital Center" as the title of a 1949 book, with a new edition due out this year, but dissents from Clinton's definition. In the Internet magazine "Slate," Schlesinger, a Democratic liberal, writes that "no great president was a middle of the roader."

According to Schlesinger, the middle of the road "is definitely not the vital center. It is the dead center."

Perhaps so. But that is the consensus starting point this year.



A group of kangaroos is called a "mob".

AUSTIN — Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock said the state Legislature, which convened Jan. 14, may change the law that requires wealthy school districts to share their tax revenue with poor districts.

Bullock said that because Gov. George W. Bush is urging legislators to reform the school property tax system, it would be appropriate to address the 1993 "Robin Hood" school finance law.

"It has always offended me somewhat to take money away from a wealthier district and give it to a poor district because I have always felt it was really the obligation of the state to bring the (education) system up instead of leveling it out," he was quoted by the *Houston Chronicle*.

About 100 of the state's 1,000 school districts have to share their local revenue.

Bullock had said it would be hard to lower school taxes without opening the debate on how education dollars are spent and thus endanger the school finance system's delicate balance.

But last week, in a meeting with reporters, he said the system may be repealed because "a number of senators and House members have been extremely critical of the school finance system we have today, specifically Robin Hood, and this will be their opportunity."

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