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Medicare proposal may be close to approach by GOP; Republicans hold judgment

By LAURA MECKLER
Associated Press Writer
WASHINGTON (AP) - President Clinton's Medicare plan appears to be close to the Republican approach - not just in budget numbers but in the policies that lie beneath them. But most Republicans are withholding judgment until they see the fine print.

Still, the tone is in stark contrast to last year's bloody battle over the program that serves nearly 38 million elderly Americans. Because Medicare is such a huge piece of the federal budget and because its spending is increasing much faster than other areas, restraining its growth is central to balancing the budget.

debate during the campaign would ever have suggested," said Robert Reischauer, former director of the Congressional Budget Office and now a senior fellow at the Brookings Institution.

With the Medicare ball in his court, the president proposed a plan Tuesday that split the difference between last year's final offers. Most Republicans cheered, while reserving final judgment until they see the details.

And the details are not likely to make for another ugly battle, said a Republican congressional aide who helps shape health policy.

"Our members have no intention of having that kind of conflict over Medicare again," the aide said, talking about his bosses on condition of anonymity. "There are policy differences, but these are all the kind of things that would get worked out in a normal course of budget negotiations."

Just one difference has emerged so far. Republicans protest Clinton's plan to shift payments for fast-growing home health care from the hospital trust fund, which is on the verge of bankruptcy, to the Part B program, which pays for doctor costs and is financed mostly with general tax revenue.

Republicans call the shift a gimmick to save the trust fund. The administration argues home health care really belongs in the Part B program.

The latest Clinton proposal would cut future spending by \$100 billion over five years, \$138 million over six years.

The two sides came closer to an agreement by early 1996, but with a presidential election on the horizon, no deal was done. Clinton labeled Republicans extremists as he won a second term; Republicans accused him of demagoging.

In reality, many say, there wasn't much difference in the two sides' final positions.

"There's a lot more agreement between the Clinton administration and the Republican Congress than the

ideas in Clinton's plan that Republicans have supported, at least in concept, in the past. Among them:

-- Beneficiaries would continue paying 25 percent of the cost of the Part B program. The current premium, \$43.80 per month, would slowly increase to \$61.90 by 2002. Republicans have suggested even higher premiums.

-- Reducing payments to hospitals and doctors.

-- Changing the way hospitals are reimbursed for training medical students.

-- Allowing hospitals and doctors to set up their own, competitive managed-care plans. This was a GOP proposal last time.

Clinton's plan also would extend new preventive care benefits to participants, such as annual mammograms and colorectal screening. It also would reduce patient payments for outpatient hospital treatment.

In a new proposal, Clinton would cut payments to managed care plans, which serve 10 percent of beneficiaries. Arguing that these plans are overpaid, the administration wants to give them 90 percent of the cost of treating someone in traditional Medicare, down from 95 percent now.

Health maintenance organizations say they are not overpaid and threaten to reduce benefits and increase out-of-pocket costs for their Medicare customers. It's not clear what the Republican position will be.

Rapid-fire confirmations signal more bi-partisan foreign policy

By DAVID BRISCOE
Associated Press Writer
WASHINGTON (AP) - After rapid-fire confirmations in the Senate, the first female secretary of state and a new Republican defense secretary prepared to begin what Democrats and Republicans hailed as a switch to a firmer, more-bipartisan U.S. foreign policy.

Other than that, there are many

Perry, and said he will speak his mind within the administration but did not expect to win every debate. Cohen will be the Cabinet's only Republican.

Sen. Jesse Helms, the Senate Foreign Relations Committee chairman who led the one-sided Albright floor debate, said he expects her to help him in efforts to reform U.S. foreign policy agencies and the United Nations.

"This time around, we must work together," said Helms, R-N.C.

Before the vote, Republicans and Democrats took turns at Senate microphones to praise Albright and then Cohen. But nearly every

But despite a parade of praise culminating in twin 99-0 votes confirming Madeleine Albright and former Maine Sen. William Cohen, deep differences between Capitol Hill and the White House were apparent. During brief debate, Republicans unanimously embraced Albright and Cohen, but several blasted President Clinton's defense cuts and handling of U.S. interests abroad.

Albright was to be sworn in today, becoming the highest-ranking woman in any administration.

Clinton said the quick and decisive Senate action "sent a strong signal to the world of its determination to work in a constructive and bipartisan spirit with the administration on our nation's foreign policy and national defense."

"I think the vote truly does signal a new era of bipartisan foreign policy," Albright said at the United Nations, where she served as Clinton's first-term U.N. ambassador. "And now I can't wait to get started."

Echoing her view, Cohen said during his nomination hearing that his selection by Clinton signaled a commitment to bipartisanship. He praised his predecessor, William

Republican found differences with Clinton's foreign or military policies, either over committing U.S. troops abroad, trade agreements or dealing with hostile nations such as China, Iran and Cuba.

"My support for this nominee should in no way be misconstrued as an endorsement of President Clinton's conduct of foreign policy," said Helms. He called Clinton's actions around the world "vacillating and insecure."

Albright "must move swiftly and decisively to reverse that trend," Helms said, expressing some confidence that she would.

State's dairymen dump 250,000 gallons of milk

SULPHUR SPRINGS, Texas (AP) - Dairy operators in Texas aren't crying over spilled milk.

to 500,000 gallons of milk were dumped.

At least 250,000 gallons of milk was dumped Wednesday as part of a one-day national dairy strike to protest low prices.

"Farmers were waiting for somebody to do something," Van Vleet said.

Clint Van Vleet, president of the 250-member Texas Milk Producers Association, said the pricing system should be abandoned.

"No one in the middle. We are the most important parties involved," Van Vleet said.

He said Secretary of Agriculture Dan Glickman should ask President Clinton to create a task force of consumers and farmers to study milk prices.

Darin Von Rudin, a Westby, Wis., dairy farmer, said the strike was to send a message to milk processors that farmers can't continue to live on what they are paid.

Glickman supports ending the dependence on the exchange to set milk prices as a short term solution to the problem.

But two organizations that represent thousands of farmers question whether the public supports the strike.

He plans to issue options this spring to possibly replace the current pricing system.

"Farmers remember negative backlash from milk dumpings and strikes in the 1960s and 1970s," said Tom Thieding, spokesman for the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation. "They remember trucks being stopped at gunpoint and all the ugly things that happened."

Citing frustration over a steep drop in milk prices, farmers in Wisconsin, Minnesota, Vermont, Pennsylvania, New York, Missouri, Texas, California and New Mexico took part in the strike.

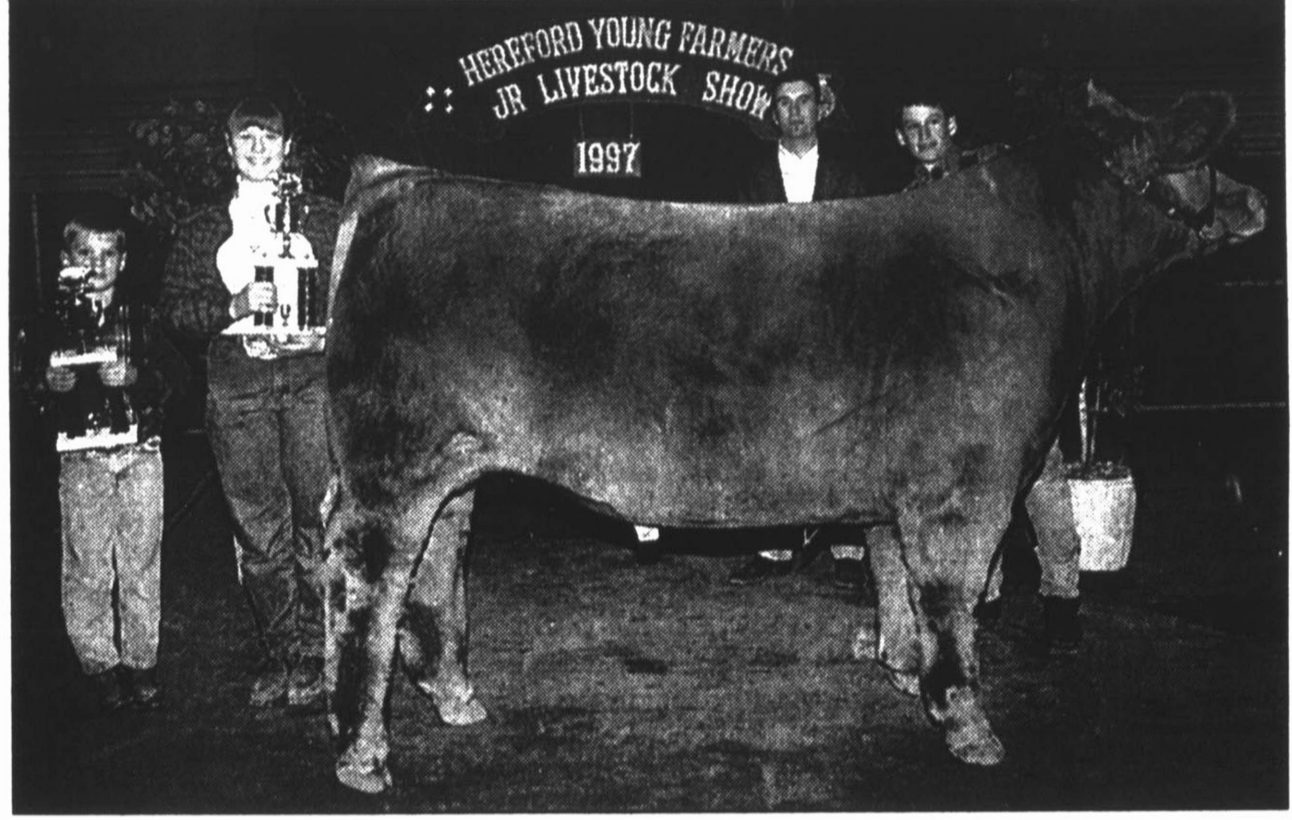
The National Farmers Organization doesn't organize strikes unless it feels there is sufficient support to make a difference, said Joe Paris, NFO national dairy specialist.

"We are sending a message to the government that we want the price system thrown in the scrap heap," Van Vleet said.

"I don't feel as if there is large support in this case," Paris said.

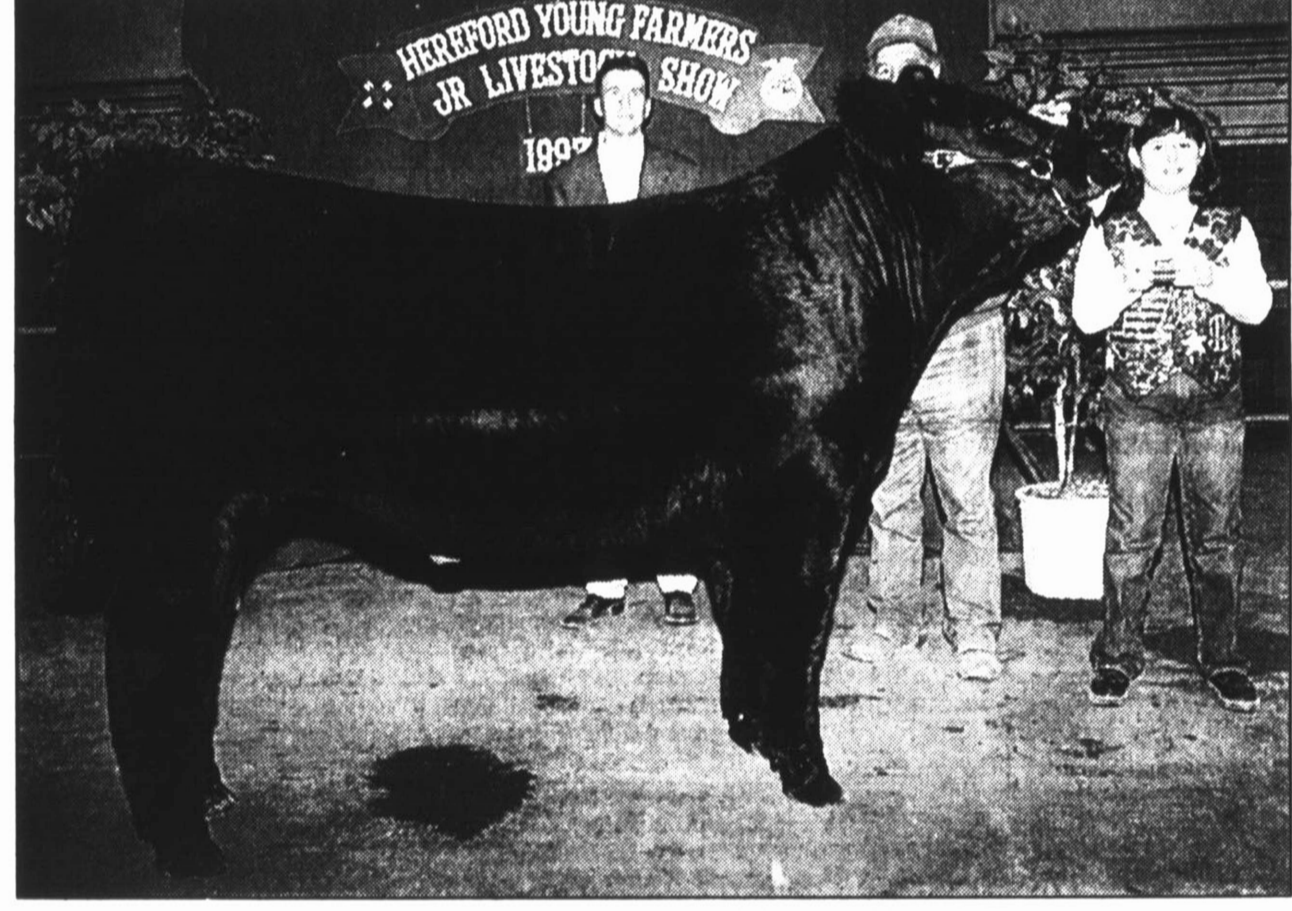
Van Vleet said he had received support from dairy operators throughout Texas and that 250,000

The strike is meant to draw attention to plummeting milk prices that farmers claim are putting them out of business.



Five-County, County Champion Steer

The 1997 Five-County and County Grand Champion Steer at the Hereford Young Farmer's Junior Livestock Show was shown by Ian Isaacson of Hereford FFA. Isaacson also won the Exotic division. Pictured are his brother, Evan; his sister, Ivory; steer judge Kevin Kuhlman; and Isaacson.



Five-County, County Reserve Champion Steer

Amanda Wall of Hereford FFA won the Five-County and County Reserve Champion Steer honors at the 1997 Hereford Young Farmers Junior Livestock Show. Pictured are steer judge, Kevin Kuhlman; her father, Johnny; and Wall.

Champion steers shown by Hereford FFA youths

Exotics claim show grand, reserve honors

By SHERRI MARTIN
Staff Writer
Ian Isaacson of Hereford FFA lead his 1,275 pound Exotic steer to the Five-County and County Grand Champion Steer honors at the Hereford Junior Livestock Show Wednesday night.

Amanda Wall of Hereford FFA lead her 1,225 Exotic steer to the Five-County and County Reserve Champion Steer honors.

Nelson Beville, a Hereford FFA member, led two steers into championship honors.

He won the Five-County and County Champion American Steer honors and the Five-County and County Champion English Steer honors.

The Five-County Reserve Champion American Steer honors went to Jake Steelman of Bovina FFA.

The Five-County and County Reserve Champion honors went to Evan Isaacson of Hereford FFA.

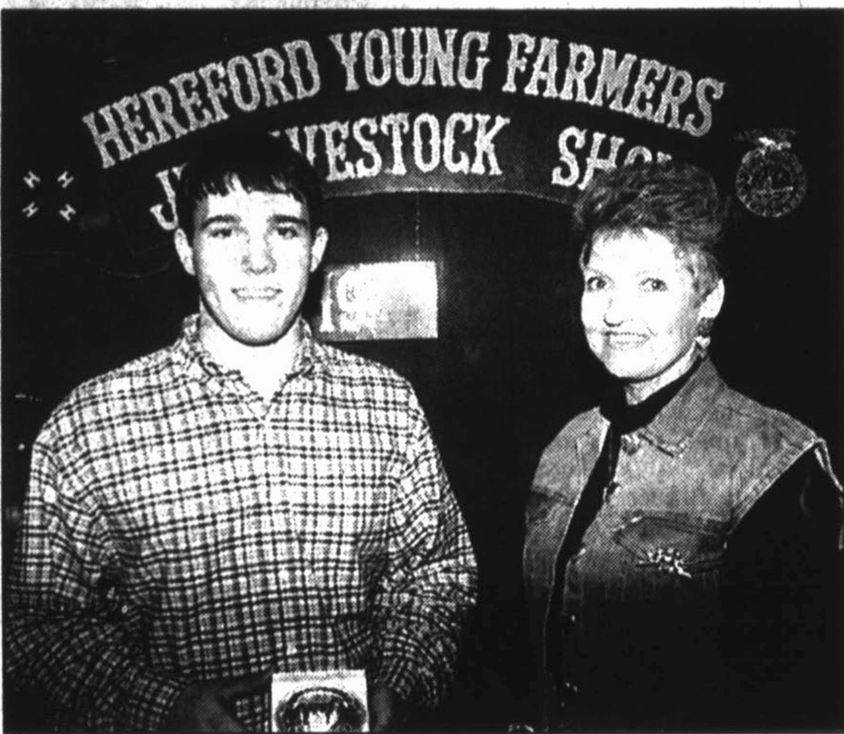
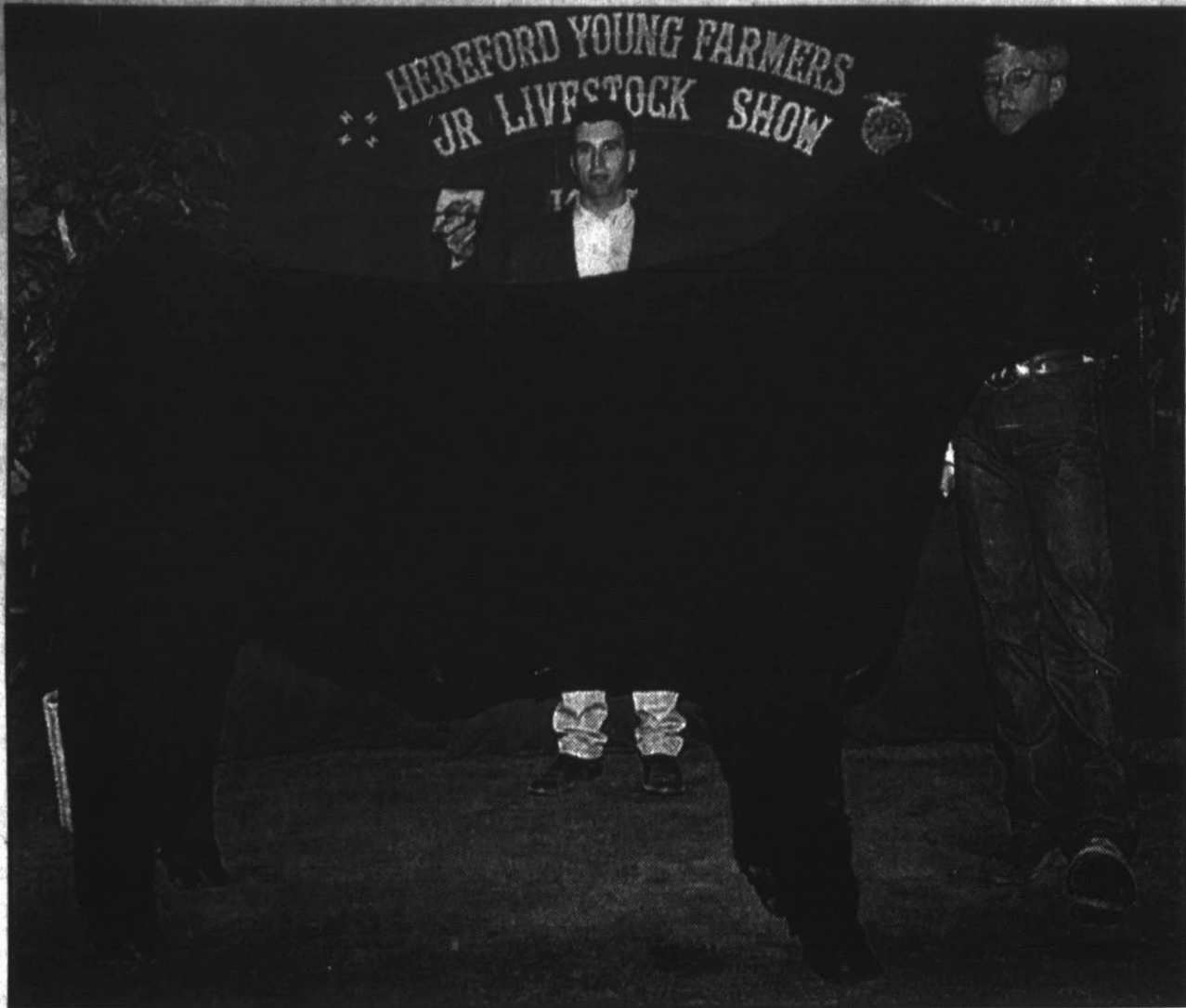
- AMERICAN**
Class I -- 1, 1. Nelson Beville, Hereford FFA; 2. Jake Steelman, Bovina FFA.
FIVE-COUNTY, COUNTY CHAMPION AMERICAN STEER
Nelson Beville, Hereford FFA
FIVE-COUNTY RESERVE AMERICAN STEER
Jake Steelman, Bovina FFA
- ENGLISH**
Class I -- 1, 1. Justin Johnson, Deaf Smith Co. 4-H; 2. Clint Patterson, Palmer Co. 4-H; 3. Joni Johnson, Friona FFA; 4, 2. Craig

- Campbell, Hereford FFA, Deaf Smith Co. 4-H; 5. Levi Steelman, Bovina FFA.
Class II -- 1, 1. Evan Isaacson, Hereford FFA; 2. Justin Sutton, Castro Co. 4-H; 3., 2. Catherine Beville, Hereford FFA; 4., 3. Cory Marsh, Hereford FFA.
Class III -- 1, 1. Nelson Beville, Hereford FFA; 2, 2. Cassie Abney, Hereford FFA; 3., 3. Craig Campbell, Hereford FFA, Deaf Smith Co. 4-H; 4., 4. Cory Marsh, Hereford FFA; 5., 5. Jeremy Henning, Hereford FFA.
- FIVE-COUNTY, COUNTY CHAMPION ENGLISH STEER**
Nelson Beville, Hereford FFA
- FIVE-COUNTY, COUNTY RESERVE ENGLISH STEER**
Evan Isaacson, Hereford FFA

- EXOTIC**
Class I -- 1, Jennifer Battenhorst, Vega FFA; 2, 1, Ivory Isaacson, Hereford FFA; 3., 2. Jerad Johnson, Deaf Smith Co. 4-H; 4., 3. Glenn Kahlich, Deaf Smith Co. 4-H.
Class II -- 1, 1. Zack Wall, Hereford FFA; 2, 2. Brent Carlson, Hereford FFA, Deaf Smith Co. 4-H; 3. Justin Sutton, Castro Co. 4-H; 4., 3. Jerad Johnson, Deaf Smith County, 4-H; 5., 4. Jarret May, Hereford FFA, Deaf Smith Co. 4-H.
Class III -- 1, 1. Amanda Wall, Hereford FFA; 2, 2. Chad Christie, Hereford FFA; 3., 3. Brent Carlson, Hereford FFA, Deaf Smith

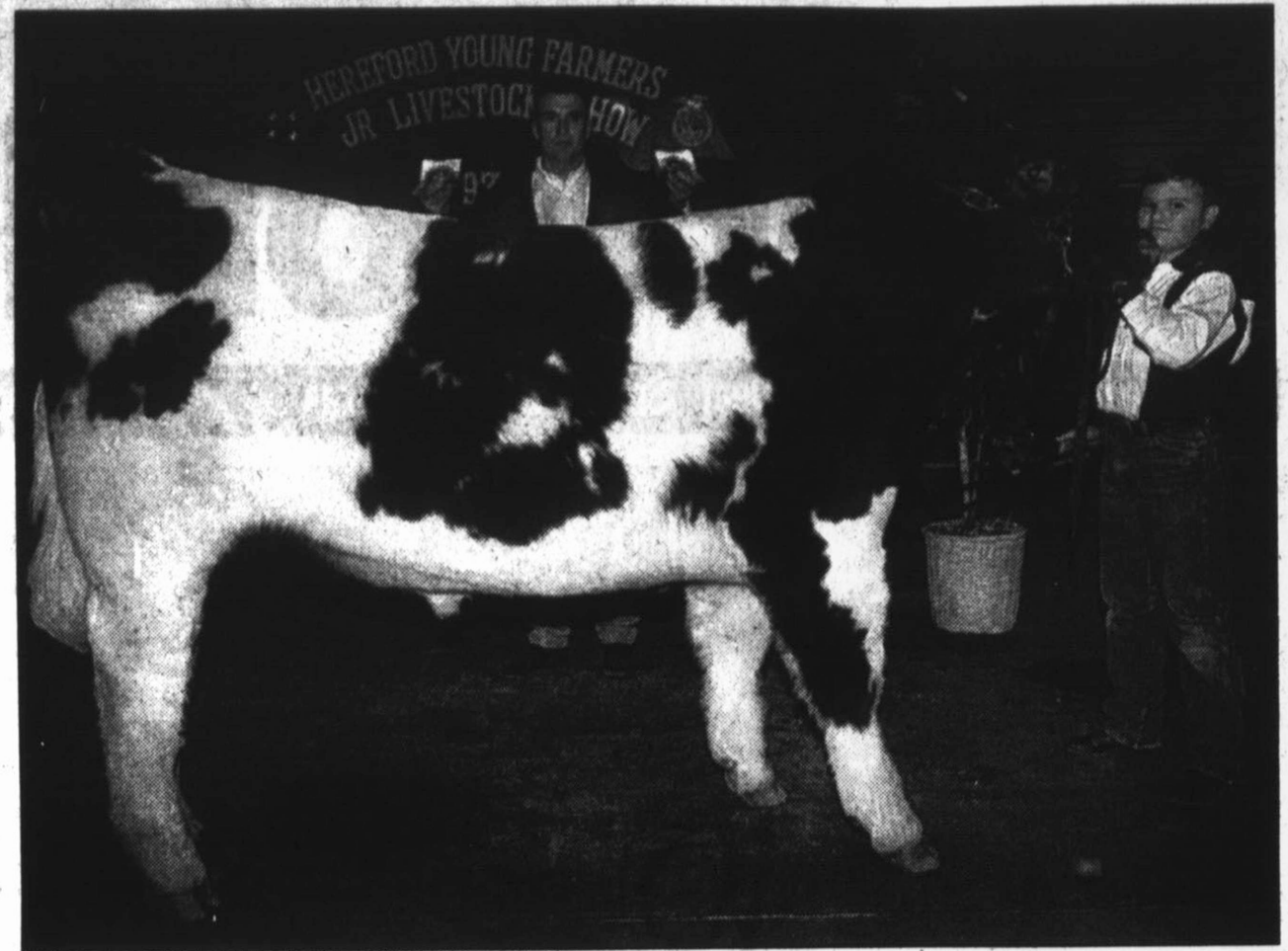
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First-year showman winner

Cory Marsh, left, was awarded the outstanding first-year showman award from Charlene Sanders of the Hereford CattleWomen. The award is based on an interview and showmanship skills.



Showmanship winners

Brent Carlson, in left photo, won the senior County showmanship honors at the Hereford Young Farmers Junior Livestock Show. Carlson is a member of Hereford FFA and Deaf Smith County 4-H. Also pictured is showmanship judge Kevin Kuhlman. The junior County showmanship honors went to Justin Johnson, in the right photo. Johnson is a member of Deaf Smith County 4-H. Also pictured is showmanship judge Kevin Kuhlman.

STEERS

Co. 4-H; 4., 4. Jarrett May, Hereford FFA, Deaf Smith Co. 4-H; 5. Alicia Smith, Friona FFA.

Class IV -- 1., 1. Ian Isaacson, Hereford FFA; 2., 2. Zack Wall, Hereford FFA; 3. Wesley Mays, Castro Co. 4-H; 4., 3. Justin Johnson, Deaf Smith 4-H; 5., 4. Camille Vasek, Hereford FFA; 6., 5. Vic Henning, Hereford FFA.

Class V -- 1., 1. Cassie Abney, Hereford FFA; 2., 2. Zachary Vasek, Hereford FFA; 3. Joni Johnson, Friona FFA; 4., 3. Jarrett May, Hereford FFA, Deaf Smith Co. 4-H.

FIVE-COUNTY, COUNTY CHAMPION EXOTIC STEER
Ian Isaacson, Hereford FFA
FIVE-COUNTY, COUNTY RESERVE EXOTIC STEER
Amanda Wall, Hereford FFA
FIVE-COUNTY, COUNTY GRAND CHAMPION STEER
Ian Isaacson, Hereford FFA
FIVE-COUNTY, COUNTY RESERVE CHAMPION STEER
Amanda Wall, Hereford FFA

Cisneros leaves cabinet, joins Spanish language TV network

SAN ANTONIO (AP) - Henry Cisneros, who is resigning President Clinton's cabinet as housing secretary, will become president and chief operating officer of Univision, the Spanish-language TV network announced today.

Cisneros said he was looking forward to joining the private sector with a company that will avail itself of his Hispanic heritage. He will begin working at Univision's corporate headquarters in Los Angeles next month.

"The Hispanic population in America, now at 30 million, is growing at a faster rate than any other segment of our society. In fact, by the year 2040, one in every four Americans will be Hispanic," he said.

"However, a huge gap still exists between the dollars that U.S. advertisers spend with Univision and the audience that the Univision network and stations deliver, and I am confident that, together with the other members of the Univision team, we will be able to close that gap."

A. Jerrold Perenchio, who will continue as chairman and chief executive officer, said Univision officials were pleased to bring Cisneros into the fold.

"His presence alone will serve to elevate the position that Univision occupies in both the Hispanic community and among the leading communications companies in this country," Perenchio said.

Univision is the dominant Spanish-language broadcaster in the United States.

Obituaries

DANA BARBER

Jan. 21, 1997
Dana Barber, 34, a former Hereford resident, died Tuesday in St. Paul's Hospital in Dallas.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday in Cathedral of Hope of Dallas.

Ms. Barber graduated from Hereford High School in 1981. Survivors include a daughter, Shelby Elizabeth Weemes Barber; her parents, Ray and Shirley Barber of Nocona, formerly of Hereford; a brother, Robert Rexford Barber of Lebanon, Tenn.; and a sister, Damie Jean Barber of Rincon, Ga.

Family requests memorials to a scholarship fund for Shelby Elizabeth Weemes Barber established at Nations Bank, account 1297675036.

JOYCE ELIZABETH LOUDDER

Jan. 21, 1997

Joyce Elizabeth Loudder, 77, of Bedford and formerly of Breckenridge, died Tuesday in a North Richland Hills hospital. A sister, Evelyn Pierce is a Hereford resident.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday in Elliott Street Church of Christ in Breckenridge with Jim Cox officiating. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. in Mount Marion Cemetery in Strawn, directed by Melton Funeral Home.

Mrs. Loudder was born in Strawn

and married N.B. Loudder in 1941 in Breckenridge. She owned and operated Loudders Beauty Shop, and was a former member of Breckenridge Woman's Forum and Woman's Club.

She moved to Bedford in 1995 from Breckenridge, and was a member of Pipeline Road Church of Christ in Hurst and Elliott Street Church of Christ in Breckenridge.

Survivors include her husband, of Bedford; one daughter, Renee Hayden of Bedford; one sister, Evelyn Pierce of Hereford; and two grandchildren.

ZELMA KUYKENDALL

Jan. 21, 1997

Zelma M. Kuykendall, 90, longtime resident of Phoenix, died Tuesday. Services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday at Lakeshore Mortuary Chapel in Phoenix.

Mrs. Kuykendall was born in Trenton on Aug. 6, 1906. She and her late husband, Felix, were residents of Hereford in 1925 to 1932. The family moved to Dove Creek, Col., in 1949. After the death of her husband in 1967.

She returned to Hereford and assisted in the care of her father, H.L. Culpepper. She was active in the Church of Christ and senior citizens

programs. She rejoined her daughters in Phoenix in 1982, and managed the family farm in Dove Creek.

Survivors include five daughters, Billie M. Sutton, Verna Z. Brawner, Lajauna S. Talley and Shirley D. Kern, all of Phoenix, and Imogene Matthews of Sunnyvale, Ca.; a sister, Verna Featherston of Tulsa; 14 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren and 6 great-great grandchildren.

BERNICE REED

Jan. 20, 1997

Funeral services for Bernice Reed, 70, were held Wednesday at 1 p.m. in Rix Chapel with Rev. Ted Taylor, pastor of the Nazarene Church, officiating.

Burial was in West Park Cemetery with arrangements by Rix Funeral Directors. Mrs. Reed died Monday at Hereford Regional Medical Center.

Mrs. Reed was born March 5, 1926, in McAlister. She had been a Hereford resident for most of her life and had been a farmer's wife. She worked as an activity director for Golden Plains and later for Westgate Nursing Home.

Survivors include one son, Sparky Stephens of Hereford; one grandson and one great-grandson; and a special friend, Violet Moon of Hereford.

The family requests memorials be to a favorite charity.

Local Roundup

Sunny and breezy

Hereford reached a high temperature of 52 degrees on Wednesday and an overnight low temperature of 39 degrees. For Thursday night, look for partly cloudy skies with a low around 30. Winds will be gusty at 15 to 25 mph. Friday will be mostly sunny and breezy with a high in the mid 50s. Winds will be from the northwest at 15-25 mph. Caution is advised on area lakes. The five-day forecast calls partly cloudy with highs in the mid to upper 40s.

Freshman schedule class supper

The Freshman class of Hereford High School will sponsor a class supper from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 24 at Hereford Junior High, prior to the basketball games against Pampa. The menu will include chili, cornbread, salad and cinnamon rolls. Cost is \$4.50 for adults and \$2.50 for children. Carry-out is available for an additional 50 cents.

Academic decathlon team advances to state round

The Hereford High School Academic Decathlon team has advanced to state competition for the fourth time in five years.

The team, which won 41 medals, placed second out of 13 teams in the Region II meet in El Paso Jan. 17-18.

Hereford was in the medium school category, which consists of schools with an enrollment between 700-1649 students.

The team competed against Lubbock Estacado, Sweetwater, Andrews, Ft. Stockton, Canutillo, and San Elizario schools.

Also, Bowie, Burges, El Paso High, Parkland, Riverside and Ysleta schools in El Paso.

The team is coached by Cherie Zinck and James Perkins.

The team members and their medals include:

VARSITY LEVEL
Matthew Baird -- Second in economics, super quiz and overall team.

Mandi Gaitan -- Second in super

quiz and overall team.
Tyson M. Duncan -- First in science and varsity team, second in super quiz and overall team and third in mathematics.

SCHOLASTIC LEVEL
Isabel Sanchez -- Second in super quiz and overall team.

Mari Gamez -- First in scholastic team member, second in super quiz and overall team and third in mathematics.

Michael Williams -- First in science, second in overall team and third in essay.

HONORS LEVEL
Robin Bell -- Second in super quiz and overall team.

Damian Esquivel -- Second in super quiz and overall team and third in science.

Eddie Montoya -- Overall individual honors winner, first in honors team member, language and literature, economics and science, second in super quiz, math and overall team, third in fine arts and social science.



Academic decathlon winners

The Hereford High School academic decathlon team won 41 medals at the Region II meet in El Paso. Pictured, standing from left, Michael Williams; Tyson Duncan; Damian Esquivel; Eddie Montoya; and Matthew Baird; seated from left, Mandi Gaitan; Robin Bell; Mari Gamez; and Isabel Sanchez. Not pictured are the team coaches Cherie Zinck and James Perkins.

Emergency Services

Activities reported by law enforcement agencies Thursday:

POLICE DEPARTMENT

-- One white Pekingese dog was stolen from a residence in the 500 block of Blevins Street.

-- Prowler was reported in the backyard of a residence in the 400 block of Avenue C.

-- Seven traffic citations issued.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

-- No fire calls.

SHERIFF DEPARTMENT

-- 40-year-old male was arrested for traffic tickets out of Amarillo.

-- 20-year-old male was arrested for possession of marijuana.

-- 24-year-old male was arrested for violation of probation.

-- One report of theft and burglary of a motor vehicle.



AUSTIN (AP) - The winning Lotto Texas numbers drawn Wednesday by the Texas Lottery: 1-8-29-30-33-47 (one, eight, twenty-nine, thirty, thirty-three, forty-seven)

No ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

A winning ticket would have been worth an estimated \$8 million.

Saturday night's drawing will be worth an estimated \$12 million.

AUSTIN (AP) - The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Wednesday by the Texas Lottery, in order: 7-1-2 (seven, one, two)

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Lifestyles

Ann Landers

Lack of knowledge on Bible test provides amusing answers

Dear Ann Landers: I've noticed that you've printed several amusing columns containing messed-up facts about history, science, etc. Here's one you might want to share with your readers. It was printed in the Vancouver Sun and contains real answers given on a Bible knowledge test. — Your Friend in Chicago

Dear Chicago Friend: Loved it! I'm sure my readers will, too. Thank you.

1. Noah's wife was Joan of Ark.
2. Lot's wife was a pillar of salt by day and ball of fire by night.
3. Moses went to the top of Mount Cyanide to get the Ten Commandments.
4. The seventh commandment is "Thou shalt not admit adultery."
5. Joshua led the Hebrews in the battle of Geritol.
6. Jesus was born because Mary had an immaculate contraption.
7. The people who followed Jesus were called the 12 Decibels.
8. The epistles were the wives of the apostles.
9. One of the opossums was St. Matthew.
10. Salome danced in seven veils in front of King Harrod's.
11. Paul preached acrimony, which is another name for marriage.
12. David fought the Finkelsteins, a race of people who lived in biblical times.
13. The Jews had trouble throughout their history with unsympathetic Genitals.
14. A Christian should have only one wife. This is called monotomy.

Dear Ann Landers: Can you stand one more letter about people who ride along (for free) on a continuing basis because "you were going there anyway"?

I had a neighbor who asked me for rides to work because one of his two cars broke down and his wife needed the remaining car for shopping, carpooling and so on. After a while, I realized that he was making no attempt to repair his car because he found me to be a much less expensive mode of transportation.

Although he offered to pay the \$1.50 in tolls every day, I came to resent him as a passenger when I realized the deal he was getting. I was still paying \$325 a month for the car loan, \$75 a month for insurance, plus regular maintenance and repairs. Every mile that car was driven reduced its resale value. On the other hand, my neighbor was paying the grand total of about \$30 a month in toll fees.

When my agitation got the better of me, I rattled all this off to him on the way to work one day. He just looked at me like I was crazy. He said, "What are you talking about? You're not driving anywhere special just for me." Why don't they get it? — Beltsville, Md.

Dear Md.: They "don't get it" because their thinking is on a totally different track. They figure, "He (or she) was going anyway. It didn't cost anything to let me ride along." The truth is, the driver is providing a valuable service and there should be some compensation. Maybe this column will open a few eyes.

Dear Ann Landers: Why is it when you buy a new car, a few neighbors always want to know how much you paid for the car, how much the dealer allowed for a trade-in, how much the payments are and more? I don't think it's any of their business. My answer is "If you're going to help me pay for it, I'll tell you." Do you agree that this is a good comeback? — Jan in Middlesex, N.J.

Dear Jan: There are smoother ways to avoid answering nun-uv-ye-bizniz type questions. Example: "Why would you be interested?"

Lonesome? Take charge of your life and turn it around. Write for Ann Landers' new booklet, "How to Make Friends and Stop Being Lonely." Send a self-addressed, long, business-size envelope and a check or money order for \$4.25 (this includes postage and handling) to: Friends, c/o Ann Landers, P.O. Box 11562, Chicago, Ill. 60611-0562. (In Canada, send \$5.15.)

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PSAT results meeting

Counselors at Hereford High School held a meeting Monday evening in the library to give a short presentation on the pre SAT test and hand out test booklets and results. They interpreted the results for students and parents in attendance.

To Your Good Health

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: My niece, who's 34, has been told she has pulmonary hypertension. I wonder what you can tell me about it. Would a lung transplant help? — L.R.

ANSWER: Pulmonary hypertension involves pressure of blood flowing through the lungs. That pressure exists apart from — and bears no relationship to — the rest of the circulation in most other ways. You measure it separately and in a distinctly different manner.

Its rise would present serious and immediate concern.

Normal lung pressure is about a fifth of that in the rest of the body. Whereas arm blood pressure might be 100 over 80, the person's normal lung pressure might, for example, measure 20 over 10.

You can't measure lung pressure at standard points or even with standard instruments. It requires spe-

cial techniques. Let's leave that subject for another day.

Except for an occasional secondary cause, pulmonary hypertension guards its secrets. We might isolate an obvious cause that can be remedied — removing a lung clot, for example. But most cases remain idiopathic, and we are left with the frustrating task of trying to control symptoms, chief among which is shortness of breath with slight effort.

Calcium blocker drugs can help, and there's a new treatment: continuous infusion of prostacyclin. The patient wears a tiny device at the waist. It pumps the medicine continuously into a large vein in the upper chest by way of a plastic tube. Lung transplantation is an option for some patients.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I am a blonde. Is there any possible way to

speed the healing process, say for the discoloration of a bruise? Besides being fair-skinned, I am active physically and bruise easily. As a model, I am required to have an unblemished body. It sometimes takes a week for a discoloration to fade completely. Any suggestions? — J.H.

ANSWER: For the first day or two, try leaving the bruise alone. Then apply warm compresses to the bruised skin. That will dilate area blood vessels, increase blood flow and help carry away the bruise's pigment.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I have something called "acanthosis nigricans." What causes it? How does it happen? — A.C.

ANSWER: Acanthosis nigricans is a patch of dark, leathery skin, often found under the arms, on the back of the neck, in the groin area or on the belt line. It's often associated with obesity, and sometimes with diabetes.

More rarely, the adrenals, the thyroid and ovaries have been implicated. It also has been seen with cancer, especially of the intestinal tract.

You mention in an edited portion of your long letter that you have been treated for colon cancer, so that is a consideration.

Successful treatment of the acanthosis's cause usually ends the skin blemish.

In fact, recurrence might indicate return of the tumor, so it's an important sign in that respect. Your doctors have done a wonderful job, and I can understand your dismay at their leaving the area. Take heart. Doctors of their caliber are sure to leave you in the capable hands of a trusted colleague.

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Dr. Donohue regrets that he is unable to answer individual letters, but he will incorporate them in his column whenever possible. Readers may write him at P.O. Box 5539, Riverton, NJ 08077-5539.

White named president of country club board

Hereford Country Club members elected five new directors during an annual meeting Tuesday night, and the board reorganized and named Warren White as the new president.

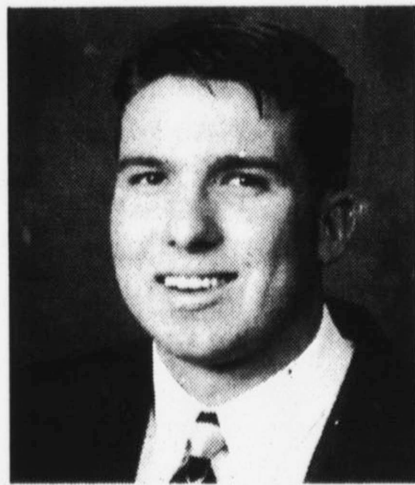
Elected as new directors were Wade Easley, Jimmy Ross, Bob Myer, Garry Yosten and Dan Warrick.

The board then elected White,

manager of Mc6 Feedyard, as president. Mike Hatley was selected as vice president, and Jimmy Ross is the new secretary.

Outgoing board members were Raymond White, past president; Roger Eades, past V.P.; Ruth Newsom, Herschel Black and Dr. Steve Lewis.

Riley receives college degree



R.J. RILEY

R.J. Riley, son of Roy and Helen Riley of Hereford, graduated from West Texas A&M University in December with a bachelor of arts in kinesiology.

The 1991 graduate of Randall High School plans to spend two years in missionary work in Rio De Janeiro, Brazil.

Some desire is necessary to keep life in motion; and he whose real wants are supplied, must admit those of fancy.

—Dr. Johnson

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—Walter Bagehot

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Sports

Patriots are perfect Super Bowl underdogs

By BARRY WILNER
AP Football Writer

NEW ORLEANS (AP) - The New England Patriots are perfect Super Bowl underdogs. They are from the AFC, they have the inferior record and they feel they aren't being taken seriously.

It's a job description nearly every AFC team in the current 12-game losing streak has filled with efficiency, if not flair.

So why should anyone believe the Patriots will beat the Green Bay Packers on Sunday and avoid turning the AFC's Dirty Dozen into an Unlucky 13?

"Mike Tyson was a big favorite, too," Patriots linebacker Willie McGinest said Tuesday. "Everyone thought he would knock out Evander Holyfield, and I did, too. But in that kind of fight, and this kind of game, anything goes. The Packers have a good team and they have a right to be confident. But that doesn't shatter our confidence. They don't scare us."

Nor does the 14-point line. Both sides, in fact, are discounting it.

The Packers claim they won't get trapped into thinking that just because history, the oddsmakers and - according to some Patriots - the media say they are locks for their first NFL crown in 29 years, that the outcome isn't in doubt. They don't believe in this same-time-next-year stuff.

"The best two teams are here," Packers defensive end Sean Jones said. "When we beat Carolina last week, it was the two best teams in the NFC. I believe New England defied the odds and showed they are the best team in the AFC. It's always good for football when the two best teams are playing."

Usually, the two best teams are meeting for the NFC crown, punctuated by the lengthy championship runs of San Francisco and Dallas, which have three victories each in the ongoing Super Bowl string.

Only in 1988, when the Bengals were 12-4 and the 49ers 10-6, did the AFC champion have a better record. Only in 1987, when the Broncos were

favored over Washington, and 1990, with the Bills favored over the Giants, was the NFC representative an underdog.

Patriots coach Bill Parcells, who has been the center of attention concerning his status after Sunday's game, guided the Giants to two championships in the streak. He understands the reasons for the NFC's dominance and why virtually any of that conference's winners will be favored in the Super Bowl - at least until an AFC team wins the darn thing.

"When I was coaching in the NFC," said Parcells, who had a relatively easy media day after being grilled about his future on Monday, "we had a lot of good teams there. And I think that the teams that came out of the NFC at that time and eventually made it to the Super Bowl were battle-hardened, because they had to beat the Bears and the Redskins and the 49ers. You know, there were a lot of teams that you had to beat."

The Patriots had to beat a Pittsburgh team with an ailing main weapon, Jerome Bettis, and a second-year Jacksonville club that was playing its third road game in as many weeks. To get here, the Packers knocked off the 49ers and the Panthers, also a second-year team, but one that finished 12-4 and won eight straight - including eliminating the defending champion Dallas Cowboys.

That, plus the streak and the statistics - Green Bay led the league with 456 points and allowed the fewest, 210 - made the Pats heavy longshots. Since the Dolphins began the 12-game slide with a 38-16 loss as a 3-point underdog to San Francisco, AFC squads have gotten lots of points in betting spreads. New England is the second-largest 'dog since 1984, ahead of only San Diego's 19-point margin two years ago, the most in Super Bowl history.

Brett Favre could care less. The Packers quarterback didn't come to New Orleans on holiday.

"I think this team can handle it well, because it's been like that all season. We've been the favorite for the majority of games," Favre said. "When we were not favored, I think we lost."

"I think it's how teams handle all the pressure, not who is the favorite. The team that handles the pressure has a better chance to win, but as far as being a favorite or an underdog, that doesn't bother us. That doesn't matter."

Moya stuns Chang in Australian Open

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) - Everyone knew Martina Hingis was climbing steadily to the top ranks of world tennis. Carlos Moya staged a more spectacular arrival.

Moya, at 20 even more a newcomer to the Grand Slam circuit than the 16-year-old Hingis, started the Australian Open by ousting defending champion Boris Becker.

Today, he reached the final by stunning No. 2 Michael Chang, last year's runnerup here and at the U.S. Open.

Moya forced Chang out of his usual game with strong and acrobatic play in a 7-5, 6-2, 6-4 victory. He now awaits the winner of Friday's semifinal between No. 1 Pete Sampras and No. 5 Thomas Muster.

Hingis moved within one match of becoming this century's youngest singles winner at a Grand Slam tournament by beating Mary Joe Fernandez 6-1, 6-3.

In her final Saturday, she will face Mary Pierce, the 1995 champion but - like Moya - unseeded here. Pierce advanced by beating No. 12 seed Amanda Coetzer 7-5, 6-1.

While Hingis has been playing Grand Slam tournaments for two years, reaching the U.S. Open semifinals last summer, Moya never got past the second round in his first four of tennis' big four tournaments last year.

"I don't think that anybody really expected him to get to the final," said Chang.

But, he said, Moya "played some great tennis. He was hitting his backhand down the line pretty well and his forehand was on today."

Moya, seeking to become the first Spaniard to win the Australian Open, hit 44 winners to 33 by Chang, and was even better at avoiding unforced errors, making just 31 to Chang's 46.

Hingis was thrown by a horse named Magic Girl on Tuesday, and "it was magic for me. She just helped me a lot, made the light go on after

Houston team gets Swoopes

HOUSTON (AP) - Olympic gold medalist Sheryl Swoopes got what she wanted - she'll play with the Houston franchise in the Women's National Basketball Association after she has her baby this summer.

"I'm going to work hard during the pregnancy and afterward, so that I can get back on the court as soon as possible and do what I want to do," said Swoopes, due to deliver about the time the season starts in June.

Swoopes' pregnancy actually helped the Houston franchise because it also was assigned another top player, former Southern California guard Cynthia Cooper, currently playing professionally in Italy.

Swoopes and Cooper were among 16 top players the league assigned to its eight franchises on Wednesday. The Houston franchise is owned by Houston Rockets owner Leslie Alexander.

"The league told us we would not have Cynthia Cooper's talents had it not been for Sheryl's pregnancy," said John Thomas, Rockets executive vice president. "Cynthia is one of the players at the top level of this group of 16."

that fall. Since then I changed completely."

Except maybe for a flash of anger that delayed her victory over the 14th-seeded Fernandez, Hingis said she has made nearly no mistakes since being thrown.

In fact, her final opponent, Mary Pierce, has more of a claim to major change.

While Hingis has reached at least the semifinals of her last eight tournaments, winning three, Pierce hasn't reached a semifinal since Hamburg, Germany, last April, when she improved her record against Hingis to 3-0. Ranked third in the world after winning the Australian in 1995, Pierce has since slipped to No. 22 because of injuries and poor form.

"I just feel like my game is getting better and better with every match," Pierce said.

Coetzer, who upset Graf in the fourth round, battled back from 1-5 to 5-5 against Pierce, but then found her opponent too tough.

Looking ahead to Pierce, Hingis said, "I think I'm a little better mover, but she has much more power from the baseline, so we'll see."

Hingis also will be playing in the women's doubles final. She and Natasha Zvereva of Belarus beat the top-seeded team of Gigi Fernandez and Arantxa Sanchez Vicario 6-3, 5-7, 6-2 today, advancing to a championship meeting with Lindsay Davenport and Helena Sukova of the Czech Republic.

A victory in that match wouldn't be Hingis' first Grand Slam doubles title, however. She and Sukova won at Wimbledon last year.

Pierce is the first unseeded women's finalist in the Australian since Chris O'Neil won in 1978. The last unseeded women's finalist in one of the majors was Mima Jausovec of Yugoslavia, who lost to Chris Evert in the 1983 French Open.

Moya became the first unseeded player to make the Australian Open final since Steve Denton in 1981.

Mark Edmondson, in 1976, was the last unseeded man to win the Australian Open.

TEXAS production chief heads Super Bowl show

CANYON, Texas (AP) - Even though a Texas team won't be on the field in New Orleans Sunday, the Super Bowl's halftime entertainment will help make up for it.

The halftime show's production manager, Chris Laue, serves the same position for the summer musical "Texas." The annual presentation takes place against the backdrop of Palo Duro Canyon cliffs southeast of Amarillo.

Laue manages the halftime team that coordinates staging, lighting and special effects, a job that involves supervising 800 performers and stage hands.

"The halftime show resembles a huge rock-and-roll concert, with hundreds of lighting effects," said Laue, whose Texas show is known for its pyrotechnics. "We've tried hard to come up with wacky things that will shock people, like 100 Harley-Davidson motorcycles that will roar onto the field."

Laue said the challenge involved putting on a show for not only the 77,000 spectators at the Louisiana Superdome, but the 180 million viewers who will see it through 19 Fox Sports cameras.

Laue, a California native, has worked on the "Texas" show since 1986. He also has worked for Disney, Dick Clark Corporate Productions and Lone Star Ballet.

The "Texas" musical drama, a romantic history of the Panhandle region, runs nightly except Sundays at Palo Duro. The show is staged beneath a 600-foot cliff and has been seen by nearly 2.8 million people.

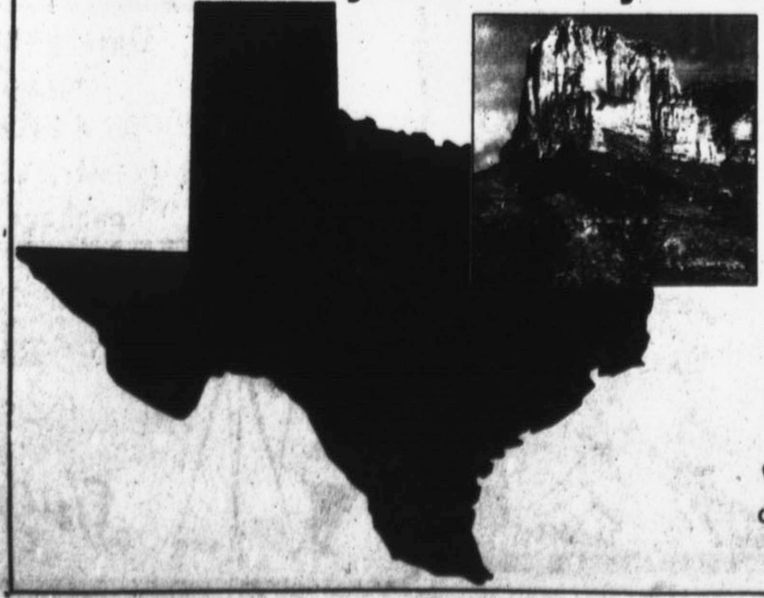
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Kentucky meets challenge of losing star player; Texas beats Oklahoma

By The Associated Press
Derek Anderson's knee injury ended a stellar college basketball career and turned the rest of Kentucky's season into a question mark.

The third-ranked Wildcats met challenge No. 1 Wednesday night with a 58-46 victory over Vanderbilt at Riverfront Coliseum. It was their first game since the news of Anderson's injury, and it came on the day the fifth-year senior had surgery on his right knee.

"This game pleased me more than any this season because of the way we went after it," Wildcats coach Rick Pitino said. "They know what it means to lose Derek Anderson. They know our back's to the wall right now."

That has a different meaning for the defending national champions than it would for most teams. The Wildcats (17-2, 5-1 Southeastern

Conference) have won 14 games this season by 20 or more points. Pitino feels the depth that means those lofty margins of victory will now mean a lot more.

Allen Edwards replaced Anderson, the SEC's leading scorer, in the starting lineup and scored 16 points. Kentucky struggled early, then pulled itself together in the second half.

In other games involving ranked teams on Wednesday, it was: No. 1 Kansas 89, Texas A&M 60; No. 14 Iowa State 54, Kansas State 48; Florida State 84, No. 19 North Carolina 71; and No. 23 Texas 76, Oklahoma 66.

The change in the starting lineup affected both Kentucky's backcourt and frontcourt. Edwards opened at small forward, with Ron Mercer moving from forward to shooting guard.

Kentucky took control in the

opening five minutes of the second half as Scott Padgett, who had 16 points, hit two 3-pointers and Edwards added another and a layup in an 11-point run that made it 38-21. Vanderbilt (11-6, 3-3), which was led by Billy DiSpaltro's 16 points, was never closer than 10 points the rest of the way.

No. 1 Kansas 89, Texas A&M 60
The Jayhawks (19-0, 5-0 Big 12), the only unbeaten team in Division I, matched the best start in school history with their 39th straight home victory, the longest current such streak in the country. Paul Pierce had 19 points and Raef LaFrentz had 18 points and 10 rebounds for Kansas, which scored the game's first 11 points. Calvin Davis had 17 points for the Aggies (6-9, 0-5).

No. 14 Iowa St. 54, Kansas St. 48
Kelvin Cato, who was benched for the game's first 5 1/2 minutes after a couple of bad practices, had 18

points, 15 rebounds and eight blocked shots and made three late free throws for the Cyclones (12-3, 3-2 Big 12), who played their second straight game without injured leading scorer Dedric Willoughby. Iowa State, which had lost three of four, missed 10 of its first 11 shots and trailed by five points in the second half before rallying behind Cato. Ayome May and Shawn Rhodes each had 10 points for the visiting Wildcats (7-8, 0-5), who lost their sixth straight game. Florida St. 84, No. 19 North Carolina 71.

James Collins scored 22 points for the Seminoles (11-4, 2-4 Atlantic Coast Conference), who held off a late rally to snap a three-game league losing streak. The visiting Tar Heels (11-5, 2-4) trailed by as many as 12 points in the second half and closed within 65-63 on two free throws by Antawn Jamison with 7:02 left. Florida State later used an 8-0 run for a 77-69 lead with 1:38 to play. Shammond Williams had 25 points for North Carolina, which is off to its worst conference start ever.

No. 23 Texas 76, Oklahoma 66
Reggie Freeman scored 24 points and Ira Clark led an inspired defensive effort in the second half for the Longhorns (10-5, 4-1 Big 12), who struggled offensively early. Texas used a 12-0 run to take a 56-50 lead with 6:52 left and then made 10 of 12 free throws over the final 1:08. Lou Moore had 19 points and 13 rebounds for the visiting Sooners (10-5, 2-3).

Lady Raiders avenge loss to Cowgirls

STILLWATER, Okla. (AP) - Oklahoma State wasn't able to do at home what it managed to do on the road against Texas Tech.

The Cowgirls stunned then-No. 7 Texas Tech in Lubbock two weeks ago, winning by 22 points. But the Lady Raiders got a measure of revenge Wednesday night by winning 73-61.

"We knew they were going to come in fired up since we beat them so bad down there," said Cheri Edwards, who led OSU with 20 points and seven rebounds. "One of our goals is to always win our home games, so it's always a big disappointment when we lose at home."

Rene Hanebutt scored 17 points, including a big 3-pointer late in the game that helped carry Texas Tech (12-4, 4-2 Big 12) to the victory.

Alicia Thompson added 16 points and 14 rebounds for the Lady Raiders, who outscored Oklahoma State 20-9 in the final six minutes.

The Cowgirls (11-5, 3-3) trailed by seven early in the second half but came back and took a 49-47 lead on a 3-pointer by Sarah Boyd with 9:29 remaining.

The Lady Raiders took the lead for good a few moments later on a jumper by Thompson. But they didn't take firm control until Hanebutt and Melinda Schmucker made back-to-back 3-pointers to give them a 65-56 lead with two minutes left.

Texas Tech secured the victory by going 8-for-8 from the foul line in the final 1:06. Hanebutt made six of those.

76ers snap losing streak; Nets beat Spurs, 103-95

By The Associated Press
Thirteen turned out to be Philadelphia's lucky number.

The 76ers snapped their 13-game losing streak Wednesday night with a 127-125 overtime victory over the Boston Celtics.

Jerry Stackhouse scored a career-high 38 points and Rex Walters had the best game of his career as the 76ers won for only the second time in their last 25 games.

"We stuck together and we kept playing hard," said Walters, who just missed a triple-double with 27 points, 11 assists and nine rebounds. "At the end of regulation I looked up and thought the game was never going to end."

Allen Iverson made three free

throws in the final 30 seconds to clinch the victory in the matchup between the two worst teams in the Eastern Conference. Boston is 9-28 and Philadelphia is 9-31.

After Iverson's free throw with nine seconds left made it 127-125, Boston had a final chance to win. But Dee Brown missed a 3-pointer from the left wing with two seconds remaining, sending the Celtics to their third straight loss.

Todd Day led the Celtics with a season-high 27 points.

Elsewhere, it was Sacramento 97, Detroit 92; New Jersey 103, San Antonio 95; Denver 94, Vancouver 84; Utah 111, Phoenix 99; and Seattle 98, Portland 97.

Kings 97, Pistons 92

At Sacramento, Mitch Richmond scored 22 of his 38 points in the fourth quarter and won his personal duel with Grant Hill. Richmond, who added a season-high 10 rebounds and 10 assists for his third career triple-double, scored all 11 of the Kings' points in a five-minute stretch of the fourth period. Hill had 33 points and 10 rebounds for the Pistons.

Nets 103, Spurs 95

At San Antonio, Kendall Gill scored 32 points, including 15 in the third period, as New Jersey beat the Spurs. Kerry Kittles added 23 points for New Jersey, which took the lead for good with a 15-3 run midway through the final period. Dominique Wilkins, returning after missing 10 games with a sore knee, and Vernon Maxwell each scored 20 points for San Antonio.

Jazz 111, Suns 99

At Phoenix, Karl Malone scored a season-high 41 points, including 27 in the second half. John Stockton added 23 points and 12 assists for Utah, which won for the fifth time in six games and stopped the Suns' five-game home winning streak. Cedric Ceballos led the Suns with 20 points and 10 rebounds.

Nuggets 94, Grizzlies 84

At Denver, Mark Jackson had his 11th career triple-double. LaPhonso Ellis scored 22 points and the Nuggets led from start to finish. Jackson, coming off a 21-point, 22-assist performance Monday, finished with 15 points, a career-high 16 rebounds and 12 assists. Rookie Shareef Abdur-Rahim scored 22 points for the Grizzlies, who have lost 12 of their last 14.

Sonics 98, Blazers 97

At Seattle, Hersey Hawkins' layup with 2.8 seconds left gave the SuperSonics their ninth consecutive victory. The Sonics won despite career-high scoring nights by Portland's Gary Trent (24) and rookie Jermaine O'Neal (20). Detlef Schrempf led Seattle with 26 points. Hawkins scored the winning layup after taking a pass from Gary Payton on a backdoor play.

Sports Briefs

By The Associated Press

BASEBALL

NEW YORK (AP) - Don Mattingly, the greatest New York Yankees player never to reach the World Series, will never get that chance.

Mattingly, 35, who sat out last season when New York won the championship, formally announced his retirement at Yankee Stadium. A six-time All-Star and a nine-time Gold Glove first baseman, Mattingly hit .307 in a 14-season career. He was the AL MVP in 1985.

Yankees owner George Steinbrenner immediately pronounced Mattingly's number retired. His 23 will join 1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 32, 37 and 44 in the Yankees' increasingly crowded pantheon.

FOOTBALL

NEW ORLEANS (AP) - Brett Favre, whose 39 touchdown passes set a Green Bay Packers record and was the third-highest total in NFL history, won the Miller Lite player of the year award for the second straight time.

Favre, also a two-time MVP, is the third player in the eight-year history of the award to win it twice. Joe Montana won after the 1989 and 1990 seasons and Steve Young after the 1992 and 1994 seasons.

Correction

Hereford's 7th grade B-team was a 23-21 winner over Valleyview here Monday night. A Tuesday report inadvertently listed the team losing the contest.

Barry Kriegshauser scored 8 points and Roman Alaniz had 6 in the winning effort.

In the 7th grade A-team game, which Hereford won by 40-30, Cody Marsh scored a game-high 23 points to spark the victory. Jeffrey Marquez added 6.

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Area Events

AMARILLO

Amarillo Opera will participate in the observance of February as Black History Month with a spirituals concert.

The concert, "Lift Every Voice," will be presented Jan. 31 and Feb. 1 featuring New Arts Six of Dallas, as well as local performers and choirs.

New Arts Six is comprised of six professional African-American women, trained in operatic music. Their mission is to preserve, promote and perform the ethnic folk music of African-Americans - the spiritual.

They will perform spirituals, as well as theatrical skits that correlate with the spirituals, about which they sing.

For more information, please call 806-371-5360.

The concert hall at the Amarillo Civic Center will swing to a different sound Jan. 25 when the Amarillo Symphony Orchestra presents its annual Pops Concert with the featured guest artist for the concert being a jazz group call Rhythm and Brass.

The first half of the concert features George Gershwin's "Cuban Overture" and the second half is devoted to Duke Ellington.

The concert, which is being sponsored by American Airlines, begins at 8 p.m. in the Amarillo Civic Center auditorium. Tickets are available by calling the Amarillo Symphony office at 806-376-8782.

The American Cancer Society, with the National Cosmetology Association and the CTFA Foundation, is sponsoring "Look Good...Feel Better," a special program which helps victims cope with the unpleasant side effects of cancer treatment.

With the help of cosmetology professionals, they will learn quick and easy makeup tricks. They will also learn how to compensate for hair loss, including how to use scarves and turbans.

The program is scheduled for 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Jan. 27 in the American Cancer Society office, 3915 Bell Street in Amarillo.

To register or for more information, call 806-353-4306.

WTAMU

Three West Texas A&M University faculty members will explore the evolving relationship between mass media and the political process at 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 2 in the Old Main, Room 220.

The lecture, "The Mass Media in Contemporary American Politics and Society," is the fourth in the WTAMU Faculty Community Lecture Series.

RuNell Coons, instructor of mass communications, will focus on the relationship between the news media and politicians. Fred Marsh, assistant professor of political science, will examine the changing role of print media in the 1990s. Billy Smith, instructor of mass communications, will explain the role of media as a socializing agent and how it influences politics.

The lecture is free and open to the public. A reception will follow.

Faculty Senate and the Faculty Development Committee are sponsoring the series. For more information, contact Dr. Wade Shaffer, chair of the Faculty Outreach Committee and assistant professor of history, at 806-656-2422.

West Texas A&M's music faculty members will take center stage Friday, Jan. 31 for the Faculty Grand Recital. The annual event, a finale to the department's career day for high school musicians, will begin at 8 p.m. in Mary Moody Northern Recital Hall. The public is invited, and admission is free.

Program selections range from instrumental to voice, classical to jazz and serious to humorous. The Faculty

Jazz ensemble will be featured.

A reception will immediately follow the concert in the Northern Hall Atrium. For more information, contact the Department of Music and Dance at 806-656-2840.

PEP

The Pep Ex-Students Association's 37th Annual Homecoming will be held Saturday at the Pep High School Cafeteria.

Classes to host reunions will be years ending in 7,8,9 and 0.

Registration begins at 5:30 p.m. and the banquet at 7 p.m. Price is \$10.

One \$500 scholarship will be awarded to a 1997 graduate. To be eligible, at least one parent must be an ex-student of Pep School and attend the homecoming.

LUBBOCK

The Texas Agricultural Extension Service is sponsoring a two-day Estate planning Seminar Feb. 20 and 21 at the Holiday Inn Civic Center in Lubbock.

The two days are designed to give a thorough analysis of relevant income and estate tax rules as they affect families and their businesses. It is designed for each of a married couple in that it discusses estate administration and tax reporting requirements for the surviving spouse.

This same information is useful for potential executors and trustees of estates and to all who want to make their estate settlement less of a burden to their loved ones.

The goal is to give the participants knowledge sufficient to make an informed choice as to the best alternative for their family and financial situation.

The registration fee is \$100. Call Carol Sabo, Christine Eubank or Wayne Hayenga for registration information. Phone 409-845-2226.



Key Club contribution

Key Club vice president Johnathan Keenan, left, and reporter George Pacheco present a \$100 check to Alva Lee Peeler, executive director of Big Brothers/Big Sisters.

Tartikoff battles cancer again

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Brandon Tartikoff is undergoing chemotherapy treatment for a recurrence of Hodgkins disease.

"I've beaten this opponent before," said the 48-year-old former chairman of NBC Entertainment and Paramount Pictures.

This is the third time Tartikoff has battled cancer of the lymph nodes, Daily Variety columnist Army

Archer reported Tuesday. "Back in 1981 I had my first recurrence. I was president of NBC, and ... I did not think it wise, in my position, with a network which was not doing very well to divulge my illness," Tartikoff said.

Tartikoff resigned in July as head of New World Entertainment. He recently launched a new production company, H. Beale.

Today in History

By The Associated Press
Today is Thursday, Jan. 23, the 23rd day of 1997. There are 342 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On Jan. 23, 1968, North Korea seized the U.S. Navy ship Pueblo, charging it had intruded into the Communist nation's territorial waters on a spying mission. The crew was released 11 months later.

On this date:
In 1789, Georgetown University was established in present-day Washington, D.C.

In 1845, Congress decided all national elections would be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November.

In 1920, the Dutch government refused demands from the victorious Allies to hand over the ex-kaiser of Germany.

In 1932, New York Gov. Franklin D. Roosevelt announced his candidacy for the Democratic presidential nomination.

In 1937, 17 people went on trial in Moscow during Josef Stalin's

"Great Purge."
In 1950, the Israeli Knesset approved a resolution proclaiming Jerusalem the capital of Israel.

In 1964, the 24th Amendment to the Constitution, eliminating the poll tax in federal elections, was ratified.

In 1977, 20 years ago, the TV miniseries "Roots," based on the Alex Haley novel, began airing on ABC.

In 1973, President Nixon announced an accord had been reached to end the Vietnam War.

Ten years ago: A wild day on Wall Street as the Dow Jones industrial average soared 64 points, then plunged 110 points to end the session down 44.15 at 2101.52.

Five years ago: Forty-seven nations, including the United States, agreed on a massive global humanitarian effort to rescue millions of hungry people in the former Soviet Union.

One year ago: Delivering his State of the Union address to a skeptical Republican Congress, President Clinton traced the themes of his

re-election campaign and confronted GOP lawmakers on the budget, demanding they "never - ever" shut the government again.

Today's Birthdays: Historian Joseph Nathan Kane is 98. Senator Frank R. Lautenberg, D-N.J., is 73. Actress Jeanne Moreau is 69. Actress Chita Rivera is 64. Country singer Johnny Russell is 57. Actor Gil Gerard is 54. Actor Rutger Hauer is 53. Delaware Gov. Thomas R. Carper is 50. Singer Anita Pointer is 49. Actor Richard Dean Anderson is 47. Rock singer-musician Patrick Simmons (The Doobie Brothers) is 47. Rock musician Danny Federici (Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Band) is 47. Rock singer Robin Zander (Cheap Trick) is 44. Princess Caroline of Monaco is 40.

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DATED this 21st day of January, 1997.

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Hints from Heloise

Dear Heloise: I laid an item that was wrapped in plastic on my toaster oven, forgot it was there and turned the oven on. Of course, the plastic stuck to the oven top. Any suggestions as to how I can get it off? — Doris Dickson, Evanston, Ill.

Here are a couple of things to try, starting with the mildest solution.

1. Turn the oven on to heat the plastic to soften it.
2. When it begins to soften, turn the oven off and use a wooden spatula to scrape off as much of the plastic as possible.
3. Remove any residue, sprinkle a little baking soda on a damp soft cloth, then rub and rinse well.

Another great solution is to use "iron cleaner," which is used to clean the soleplate of an iron. You can find it in a fabric or notions store and many drug stores in the cleaning-supply section. Be sure to read and follow the directions exactly. Good luck! — Heloise

FILM CANISTERS

Dear Heloise: I use the plastic cases that camera film is packaged in as containers to put lotions when packing for a trip. These containers are tight and have not leaked whenever I have used them. They are much cheaper than buying sample sizes. — Dorothea McNeerney, Phoenix

KITCHEN FIRES

Dear Heloise: After reading that there were as many as 84,700 kitchen fires in one year, I decided to write my experience.

When my elderly mother was living alone, I often would go to see her for a few minutes. I walked into the back door of her home, into a smoke-filled house. She had put potatoes on to boil, then left the kitchen to take a nap.

The smoke damage was not too much to cope with and we both learned a valuable lesson. Now, as soon as I start cooking, I turn on a timer that can be carried upstairs, downstairs and even in the yard. — Kay Moore, Spearfish, S.D.

COUNTY COURT DISPOSITIONS

State vs. Reba A. Garcia, 41, theft by check; \$50 fine, \$175 court costs, Jan. 8.

State vs. Rachel Chavez, 22, theft; 45 days in jail, \$187 court costs, Jan. 8.

State vs. Stacy Musick, 20, theft by check; \$100 fine, \$187 court costs, Jan. 8.

State vs. Misty Weber, 22, theft by check; 180 days in jail probated two years, \$150 fine, \$187 court costs, Jan. 8.

State vs. Maricela Barrientos, 18, false report to a police officer; 90 days in jail probated two years, \$150 fine, \$187 court costs, Jan. 8.

State vs. Savas Garcia, 22, assault; 45 days in jail, \$187 court costs, Jan. 8.

State vs. Lex Martin, 29, theft by check; 180 days in jail probated two years, \$150 fine, \$187 court costs, Jan. 8.

State vs. Maria Castanon, 20, driving while license suspended; 60 days in jail probated six months, \$150 fine, \$187 court costs, Jan. 8.

State vs. Julio Cerda, 30, theft by check; 180 days in jail probated one year, \$200 fine, \$187 court costs, Jan. 8.

State vs. Monica Garza, 25, theft by check; \$100 fine, \$187 court costs, Jan. 8.

State vs. Herman Saiz, 33, assault; 180 days in jail probated one year, \$150 fine, \$187 court costs, Jan. 8.

State vs. Herman Saiz, 33, false imprisonment; \$187 court costs, Jan. 8.

State vs. Juanita Garcia, 45, theft; 180 days in jail probated two years, \$150 fine, \$187 court costs, Jan. 8.

State vs. Bonnie Perez, 19, 180 days in jail probated one year, \$300 fine, \$187 court costs, Jan. 8.

State vs. Ronald Edward Greider, 36, criminal trespass; 25 days in jail, \$175 court costs, Jan. 8.

State vs. Lydia Lynn Roberts, 31, theft by check; 180 days in jail probated two years, \$200 fine, \$187 court costs, Jan. 8.

State vs. Kerry Bradbury, 32, theft by check; \$50 fine, \$175 court costs, Jan. 8.

State vs. Armando Chavira Gonzalez, 23, driving while intoxicated, second offense; 180 days in jail probated two years, \$700 fine, \$242 court costs, Jan. 8.

State vs. Orpha Jass, 29, theft by check; 180 days in jail probated one year, \$100 fine, \$195 court costs, Jan. 15.

State vs. Amy Michelle Bradley, 20, theft by check; 180 days in jail probated one year, \$100 fine, \$187 court costs, Jan. 15.

State vs. Joe Luis Rodriguez, 32, theft by check; 60 days in jail, \$183 court costs, Jan. 15.

State vs. Lino Mike Rocha Jr., 24, bail jumping and failure to appear; 45 days in jail, \$175 court costs, Jan. 15.

State vs. Francisco Vasquez, 18, evading detention; 45 days in jail, \$175 court costs, Jan. 15.

State vs. Frank Mancillas, 42, possession of marijuana; 65 days in jail, \$175 court costs, Jan. 15.

State vs. Henry Gonzales, 25, driving while intoxicated, second offense; 180 days in jail probated two years, \$700 fine, \$242 court costs, Jan. 15.

State vs. Kenneth Ray Powell, 36, evading detention; 75 days in jail probated six months; \$150 fine, \$187 court costs, Jan. 15.

State vs. Miguel Castro Jr., 17, driving while license suspended; 75 days in jail, \$100 fine, \$187 court costs, Jan. 15.

State vs. Miguel Vasquez Jr., 27, assault; 180 days in jail probated two years, \$150 fine, \$187 court costs, Jan. 15.

State vs. Miguel Vasquez Jr., 27, resisting arrest; \$150 fine, \$187 court costs, Jan. 15.

State vs. Antonio Ruiz, 30, assault; 100 days in jail, \$175 court costs, Jan. 15.

State vs. Joe Luis Rodriguez, 32, theft by check; 180 days in jail probated two years, \$100 fine, \$175 court costs, Jan. 15.

JUSTICE OF PEACE COURT

Charles Hennessey, DDS, vs. Robert Scott, delinquent account, court costs, \$183.83, paid Dec. 9.

Herman Boons vs. Mary Ward, delinquent account, court costs, \$256.12, paid Jan. 21.

222nd DISTRICT COURT

State vs. Allen Paul Huckins, motion to dismiss, Dec. 5.

State vs. Derenda Boggs Deleon, motion to dismiss, Dec. 5.

State vs. Jesse Steven Chilton, agreed order modifying probation, Dec. 4.

State vs. Max Mungia, agreed order modifying probation, Dec. 5.

State vs. Moises Villeda Cruz, judgment on plea of guilty to felony DWI, six years probation, \$1,500 fine, Dec. 5.

State vs. Rodney Treadway, order deferring judgment and granting community supervision of eight years probation on a plea to engaging in organized criminal activity, Dec. 5.

State vs. Grace Gonzales, motion to dismiss, Dec. 9.

State vs. Delia Griego, motion to dismiss, Dec. 9.

State vs. Savas Garcia, order appointing attorney, Michael Allen, Dec. 7.

State vs. Darrell D. Short, order appointing attorney, Byron Boyd, Dec. 7.

State vs. Rafael Ornelas, order appointing attorney, Timothy Cantrell, Dec. 7.

State vs. Ricky Moore, order appointing attorney, Richard Brainerd, Dec. 9.

State vs. Graciela Tamez Martinez, order appointing attorney, Vaavia Rudd Edwards, Dec. 9.

State vs. Cedric Garcia, order appointing attorney, R.C. Hoelscher, Dec. 4.

In the marriage of Gerald Lee Hamby and Mary Jane Hamby, final decree of divorce, Dec. 12.

Adon Burns Trucking, plaintiff, vs. Bill Tyers and El Paso Livestock Auction, Inc., order granting new trail, Dec. 13.

In the marriage of Miguel Angel Campos and Diane Campos and in interest of minor children, agreed orders on motion to modify and motion to enforce in suit affecting the parent-child relationship, order for child support and custody, employer's order to withhold earnings for child support, Dec. 12.

In the marriage of Mercedes Limas, formerly Mercedes Cabezuena, and Alonzo Cabezuena, in interest of minor children, order on amended motion for enforcement by contempt and lump sum judgement, employer's order to withhold earnings for child support, Dec. 13.

Adon Burns Trucking, plaintiff, vs. Bill Tyers and El Paso Livestock Auction, Inc. order of partial dismissal, Dec. 13.

In the marriage of Juanita P. Villegas and John Villegas, final decree of divorce, Dec. 16.

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Texas crop report

Producers need rainfall to start spring planting

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — Drought-plagued producers need large amounts of rainfall to kick off spring planting this year, but the rainfall chances in much of the state are slim, experts at Texas A&M University say.

South Texas growers want moisture to start the spring planting season and to initiate warm season native grasses, according to the state Agricultural Extension Service.

"Most of our pastures are warm season and so the moisture we have received is beneficial, but now we need more of it and some warmer temperatures," said Dr. Robert Lyons, extension range specialist in Uvalde.

Although this part of the year is not typically wet, producers already are falling short on moisture.

"Basically, we are still on the dry side," Lyons said. "We have had some small rainfall, but nothing big, which is what we need."

Rainfall in parts of South Texas so far this year is about one inch to one and a quarter inches, but Lyons said Uvalde has only received three-quarters of an inch.

"Our problem is that we didn't grow a lot of forage last year, and so we are still feeling those effects," Lyons said. "But the real problem goes all the way back to August and September of 1995."

Further north in San Angelo, Dr. Allan McGinty, extension range specialist, said there has been no measurable rainfall over the past week.

"Because the year is pretty young, however, we still are in the fair category," McGinty said.

He added that range conditions in the San Angelo area are also in the fair category with some green, but it's too cold for them to produce.

"Forage supplies are moderate," McGinty said. "We hope that we have some winter weeds when it warms up and then we'll need some moisture to bring them on."

Central Texas, however, reports adequate soil moisture and that row crop fields are too wet to work.

Also, range conditions are reported to be fair to good in the Panhandle with short to adequate soil moisture. This area also reports that recent moisture has been beneficial to all crops.

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

PANHANDLE: short to adequate. Range condition fair to good. Cattle

in good condition. Supplemental feeding continues. Wheat fair to good condition. Cotton harvest virtually complete. Cotton ginning continues. Moisture beneficial to all crops.

SOUTH PLAINS: short. Supplemental feeding of livestock required. Wheat damaged by extreme cold conditions. Pecan harvest near completion. Land preparation under way for spring planting. Cotton remains in the fields.

ROLLING PLAINS: adequate. Ranges in desperate need of moisture; fair to poor condition. Supplemental feeding continues. Cotton harvest

nearly complete. Wheat fields in fair condition; some freeze damage.

NORTH TEXAS: adequate. Pastures in good condition. Supplemental feeding required. Stocker cow market active. Wheat being planted on cotton ground. Pastures covered in ice and snow.

EAST TEXAS: adequate. Pastures in poor condition. Winter growth has slowed. Supplemental feedings increased. Winter conditions hard on livestock. Good progress in grazing wheat. Dormant pruning and spraying active in peach trees.

FAR WEST TEXAS: short.

Pasture and range remain fair condition. Supplementation required. Alfalfa being cut and baled. Some winter freeze damage on wheat. Cold weather slowing most farming activities.

WEST CENTRAL TEXAS: short to adequate. Supplemental feeding increasing over time. Wheat crops damaged by cold weather. Oats holding steady with moisture; yields have been low. Moisture increasing outlook for spring forage.

CENTRAL TEXAS: adequate. Heavy supplemental feeding required. Below average temperatures slowed

crop growth. Row crop fields too wet to work. Peanut harvest complete. Land preparation slowed due to weather.

SOUTHEAST TEXAS: adequate to surplus. Livestock stressed by ice; supplemental feeding required. Freeze and ice killed oats, vegetable crops, fruit and pecan trees. Limited field activity due to freeze. Soils being tested for spring planting.

SOUTHWEST TEXAS: adequate. Forage availability is above average. Livestock in good condition for calving. Kidding and lambing activities gaining

momentum. Cabbage and spinach harvest under way. Fields ready for corn planting.

COASTAL BEND: adequate. Wet conditions with severe cold and ice across district. Supplemental feeding of livestock increasing. Hay supplies adequate, but getting shorter. Row crop land being fertilized for spring crops.

SOUTH TEXAS: short. Pastures, ranges in poor to fair condition. Cabbage harvest continues; little freeze damage. Harvest of celery, greens, grapefruit, and oranges under way. Orchards defoliated leaves from freeze damage.



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Missing atheist O'Hair's charge accounts used

HOUSTON (AP) — Charge accounts associated with missing atheist Madalyn Murray O'Hair have been used recently, prompting her estranged son to request a Texas Rangers investigation, the Houston Chronicle reported today.

Gov. George W. Bush received a letter Wednesday from Bill Murray requesting that Bush assign the case to the Texas Rangers, an elite investigative arm of the Department of Public Safety.

Karen Hughes, Bush's press aide, said the letter from Murray, who broke from his mother when he became a Christian years ago, would be reviewed by the governor's general counsel.

"It will probably be referred to the Department of Public Safety, but we can't be sure yet," she said.

Ms. O'Hair, her son Jon Murray and her adopted daughter Robin Murray have been missing since September 1995.

The Chronicle reported that an account officer for Nationwide Credit Corp. of Seattle, which handles collections for American Express, confirmed that up to \$1,000 a month has been charged since August 1996 to an account held by Robin Murray.

The officer, who was not identified, also confirmed that the monthly balances have been paid in full. The last bill of \$401.78 was paid in December.

In addition, an account at Lord & Taylor of New York, also in Robin Murray's name, is active and has been paid in full, the Chronicle reported. The last balance of \$233.79 was paid in April 1996, the newspaper said.

Store executives would not say who had made the last payment or where the monthly statement was mailed.

In addition to the charge account use, Bill Murray also expressed dissatisfaction with the Austin Police Department's investigation of the case in his letter to Bush.

"My mother received a Veterans Administration check each month from her last husband's benefits," Murray wrote.