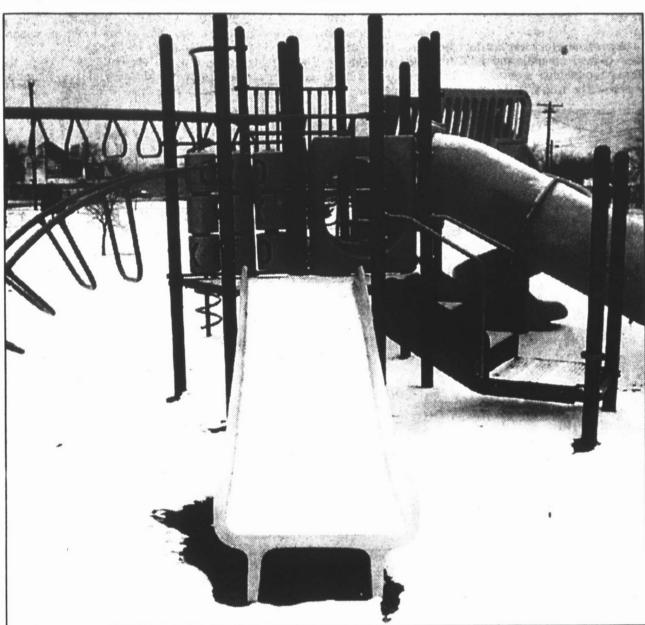
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Too cold to play

A playground without children is a common sight in the wintry, cold weather. The high temperature was 28 degrees in Hereford on Tuesday. Since children have been cooped up in their houses, many children will be seen playing outdoors when the weather warms up toward the end of this week.

Senior citizens urge tougher regulations on nursing homes

By JUAN B. ELIZONDO Jr.

Associated Press Writer AUSTIN (AP) - Judith White packed the Capitol on Tuesday. brought lawmakers close to tears as she described a recent fall from her bed in a nursing home.

Mrs. White, 57, said she screamed for help for more than an hour before someone helped her back into bed. Even then, she was left uncovered by the blanket she was trying to reach when she fell.

"We were good citizens. We went to war. We had children. We led good lives and we're being treated this way. It's not fair," Mrs. White told the House Human Services Commit-

She urged lawmakers to approve a bill to toughen state nursing home homes provide services that "enable regulations. "You have to be in a the resident to attain and maintain the nursing home to know what it's highest practicable level of physical,

Mrs. White, of Austin, was among several hundred senior citizens who

The bill they support, by Rep. Elliott Naishtat, D-Austin, is expected to be before the committee for about a week before a vote is taken.

going to guarantee, as much as the law can guarantee, that people in these facilities receive the highest quality of care," Naishtat said. The bill would make it more

"We're going to pass a law that's

difficult for nursing homes to get state licensing.

It also would increase fines for violating state standards and increase quality of care standards. Those include requirements that nursing emotional and social well being.'

"We want (nursing home residents) to be taken care of. We want them to have ... all the rights any other person would expect to have,' said Wilhelmina Gladden, head of the AARP's Legislative Council. "We feel that money that is paid to most nursing homes is adequate to give better care than is given.

The American Association of Retired Persons brought hundreds of senior citizens to the committee hearing. Ms. Gladden said the seniors' presence was to show lawmakers they are serious about seeing changes to the state's nursing home system enacted.

A package of bills approved in 1995 relating to nursing homes has been criticized as not doing enough to protect nursing home residents. They are people," Ms. Gladden

(See NURSING, Page 2)

Board approves computer lab bid

HISD extends, renews administrators' contracts

By SHERRI MARTIN **Staff Writer**

Extension and renewal of administrators' contracts were approved by Hereford Independent School District trustees Monday.

In other business, trustees: -- Accepted bid for the Hereford Junior High Computer Literacy lab and Hereford High School Business and English labs.

-- Accepted bid for the HVAC (heating, ventilation and air conditioning) construction project at Aikman Primary School.

-- Granted a request for use of gyms for girl's AAU basketball tournament.

-- Approved a driver's education class as a local credit.

-- Approved Update 53, a local policy update in compliance with Senate Bill 1.

-- Heard proposals on a girls' softball team and a boys' wrestling

-- Heard report on HJH Junior Historians and general reports.

The following administrators' contracts were extended another year, which would take their contracts through the 1998-99 school year:

Nena Veazey, Corky Lockmiller, Terry Russell, Don Minchew, Dianna Drew, Brenda Reeh, Craig Yenzer, Susan Robbins, George Ochs, Alice Lockmiller, Tommy Rosson, Charles Lyles, Darla Underwood-Baggett, David Fanning and Marylin Leasure.

The following administrators' contracts were renewed for the 1997-

Merlee McWethy, Severo Reyna, Terri Souter, Lloyd Stebbins, Sara Gallagher, Martha Tijerina, Oscar Rendon, Sarah Lawson, Richard

Tooley files for reelection

Randy Tooley, District III school trustee, filed for reelection on the HISD board Tuesday.

Three positions on the board will be up for election May 3. Karen Sherrod has filed in District I, and the seat vacated by Roy Dale Messer expires in District VI.

Three positions are also up for election on Hereford City Commission and the Deaf Smith County Hospital District board. Deadline for filing as a candidate in the local elections is March 19.

Tom Coneway has filed as a candidate for Place 3 on the city commission. Terms expiring are those of Sylvana Juarez, Place 1; Scott Hall, Place 3, and the mayor's post, currently held by Bob Josserand.

The three seats up for election on provide a good balance. the hospital board are those currently held by Mal Manchee, Jo Beth Shackelford, and Scott Keeling.

Sauceda, Ken Cole, Linda Lowe and Mary Ontiveros.

presented the bids for the computer project. projects.

\$243,000 by Valcom to purchase 173 Compaq computer systems.

The low bid of \$203,000 by LEK Denton. was submitted for the purchase of 173 computer "clones."

Even with a substantially lower computer "clones" because of their added to the total cost. failure rate.

"I have had serious problems with clones," she said.

The funds for the computer project have been budgeted.

Ouicksilver owner Henry King presented the bids for the Aikman Technology Director Dianna Drew Primary School HVAC construction

Trustees accepted a low bid of Trustees accepted a bid of \$340,421 by Armstrong Mechanical. The only other bid was \$371,543, which was submitted by W.D.

An additional \$40,000 for Quicksilver management costs and Agnew Engineering costs and

bid, Drew did not recommend the \$13,000 for asbestos removal was The school district will receive

approximately \$23,000 in rebates. The funds for the construction project have been budgeted.

(See SCHOOL, Page 2)

Capitol Almanac

Bill proposes review. of tenured professors

AUSTIN (AP) - State universities potential for harmful effects. would have to review tenured professors' performance at least once every six years under a bill passed by the Texas Senate.

The bill by Senate Education Committee Chairman Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo, passed Tuesday and goes to the House for consideration.

Under the measure, universities would be required to establish a system for reviewing tenured professors, whose jobs traditionally

have been secure. An unsatisfactory review could lead to disciplinary action, including

The University of Texas System Board of Regents already has announced review guidelines. The Texas A&M University Board of Regents has passed a resolution requiring a review process. The idea has raised concern among

those who say tenure has protected professors who express unpopular ideas, and thus academic freedom. They cite policies that have allowed even tenured professors to be dismissed for cause, such as HISTORY LESSON incompetence.

Supporters of review, however, say they've heard from parents, students and even professors concerned that some faculty slack off after being granted tenure.

"Academic freedom is one of the most important concepts that we have but so is accountability to taxpayers," who pick up the bulk of the tab for public higher education, said Bivins. He said his bill would

Sen. Steve Ogden, whose district includes Texas A&M, opposed the bill and expressed concern about the "How do we keep this bill from

having the very real, unintended consequence of this being used as a political weapon?" asked Ogden, R-Bryan.

Elsewhere:

TOUGHER RULES? Several hundred senior citizens

packed the Capitol to support a measure that would toughen regulations of Texas nursing homes. The bill, by Rep. Elliott Naishtat, D-Austin, was considered by the

TOUGHER PENALTIES

With a proposal to send church arsonists to prison long enough to get religion, a bill to increase the penalty for burning a place of worship has won the endorsement of a Senate committee. Sen. Rodney Ellis' bill would make burning a place of worship a first-degree felony, up from second-degree, requiring a lawbreaker to face a prison term of five to 99 years and as much as a \$10,000 fine.

Wirecutters snapped through barbed wire to open a display about the XIT Ranch, the fabled Panhandle spread that gave Texas its Capitol. crafty government financing and some serious symbols for the word "big." "The XIT Ranch is why we have a Capitol," said Bill Green, who curated the new exhibit at the Capitol Complex Visitors Center.

AND...

The Texas early voting period would be shortened by three days under a bill passed by the Senate and sent to the House.

HHS junior takes stand on tobacco use by children

By SHERRI MARTIN Staff Writer

Seventeen-year-old Jacqualyn Bezner is taking a tough stand on tobacco use by children. 'I am really against smoking. I don't want children

to smoke," Bezner said. Bezner was a participant in the '97 Legislative Day in the Texas Capital in Austin.

Bezner, American Cancer Society staff members and volunteers discussed their positions on several bills with senators and representatives.

"It was definitely a privilege," Bezner said. Bezner is the daughter of Frank and Jeri Bezner. She is a junior at Hereford High School, where she is a member of TATU (Teens Against Tobacco Use).

TATU is in its first year at HHS. The club sponsors are Angela Strafuss and Cindy Simons, she said. Tobacco is one of the leading causes of death. More than 20,000 Texans die each year of smoking or other

tobacco-related illnesses, she said The statistics will scare any teenager, as it did herself. However, most teenagers have never heard these facts and figures, Bezner said.

"I think it'll open their eyes too," she said. Bezner has seen firsthand the negative effects of smoking. She has lost several relatives to tobacco-related illnesses.

"I have seen some people I really care about suffer and die because of smoking. I've seen all the energy it takes to take their last breath.

Sometimes I wish my friends would have seen the things I've gone through. It's (smoking) not worth it," she said.

She served as a lobbyist for Senate Bill 55, which

was filed by Sen. Judith Zaffirini, chair of the Senate Health and Human Services Committee. This bill is designed to limit the access and use of

tobacco by children, Bezner said. This bill is awaiting a hearing date in the Senate

Health and Human Services Committee, she said. Senate Bill 55 includes: -- Penalties and potential tobacco license suspension or revocation for retailers that sell tobacco to minors.

-- Anyone appearing to be under 27 years of age must be asked for proof of identification. -- Vending machine and self-service sales are restricted, except in bars and other places not open

to those under 18 years of age. Giveaways of samples and coupons are prohibited. -- Tobacco-related signs or billboards are prohibited.

are required to participate in a tobacco education The American Cancer Society supports penalizing minors for possessing tobacco as long as access issues and adult responsibility are part of the bill, she said.

-- Minors are penalized for possessing tobacco and

If the bill is passed, Bezner said, it will give the American Cancer Society representatives a better chance of saving children from smoking. TATU members are doing their part to save children

from smoking too. The members are presenting classroom demonstrations to different schools, civic organizations and clubs, Bezner said.

For information on having the club demonstration at a civic organization meeting or club meeting, contact Strafuss at 363-7620.



Speaking against tobacco use

Hereford High School junior Jacqualyn Bezner, third from left, participated in the American Cancer Society's '97 Legislative Day in Austin. Pictured with Bezner, from left, Chris Hurt of Amarillo, Dr. Myron Dees of Canyon, Rep. John Smithee, Dr. Candace Myers of Amarillo and Dr. James Luce of Amarillo. Bezner, American Cancer Society staff members and volunteers discussed their positions on several tobacco-related legislation with senators and representatives.

Local Roundup

Migrant meeting canceled

The HISD Migrant Department has canceled a meeting at 10 a.m. Thursday in the central administration building. The meeting will be rescheduled at a later time.

Chamber banquet tickets on sale

Tickets are on sale for \$14 for the Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce banquet, which will be held March 13. The tickets can be purchased from any Hereford Hustler, C of C board member or at the Cof Coffice, 701 North Main. Josh Davis, the winner of three Olympic gold medals in the 1996 Atlanta Games, will be the guest speaker. For more information, contact the C of C at 364-3333.

Brrr!

Hereford reached a high temperature of 28 degrees on Tuesday with an overnight low of 22 degrees. KPAN Radio measured 0.05 of an inch of moisture and 1/2 inch of snow. For tonight, look for a 40 percent chance of evening snow, then decreasing cloudiness. The low will be near 20. Thursday will be partly cloudy with a less than 20 percent chance of snow showers. The high will be near 40. The five-day forecast calls for cloudy skies and warmer temperatures.

News Digest

AUSTIN - A war of words is continuing between Texas Lottery Chairwoman Harriet Miers and the company whose lottery contract she ts to reopen for bids.

WASHINGTON - A day after the arrest of Mexico's drug chief on corruption charges last week, State Department officials moved quickly to mute complaints that anti-drug cooperation was impossible with a country so prone to high-level transgressions.

WASHINGTON - The Southwest border is under siege from armed Mexican drug traffickers who use sophisticated equipment such as night vision scopes to sneak into the United States, a Texas border police chief

AUSTIN - The Senate considers a bill that would require evaluation of Texas professors after they receive tenure, which traditionally has protected faculty from being fire.

AUSTIN - An author of the sweeping 1984 reforms of Texas education told a House committee that the present funding system for public education was inadequate. Dallas lawyer Tom Luce, a former state lawmaker and gubernatorial candidate, endorsed the framework of Gov. George W. Bush's school property tax plan.

AUSTIN - With a proposal to send church arsonists to prison long enough to get religion, Sen. Rodney Ellis' bill that would increase the penalty for burning a place of worship moved out of committee today.

AUSTIN - Travis County Attorney Ken Oden says he has strong evidence against Sen. Drew Nixon, who's charged with prostitution after being arrested for soliciting an undercover police officer for sex. Oden said a video recording of Nixon's conversation with undercover office Christine Shelton is donvincing.

AUSTIN - Cutting a strand of barbed wire, officials opened a new display Tuesday about the fabled XIT Ranch, the 3 million acre spread that helped the state build its current Capitol.

MEDIA, Pa. - Chemical fortune heir John E. du Pont was convicted of third-degree murder, as jurors rejected his insanity defense but decided he was mentally ill when he killed an Olympic wrestler. The verdict Tuesday means that the multimillionaire will probably spend time in a mental hospital, and go to prison only if he is deemed cured.

WASHINGTON - Inviting donors to drink coffee with the president at the White House was so lucrative that the Clinton-Gore campaign chairman even projected that one hastily scheduled gathering could bring in \$500,000, documents show.

Obituaries

DOROTHY LEE RENFRO Feb. 24, 1997 Dorothy Lee Renfro, 85, of

Hereford, died Monday. Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday in the Rix Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Jordan Grooms of Amarillo and Dr. Tom Fuller, pastor of First United Methodist Church in Hereford, officiating. Burial will be at 9 a.m. Saturday in Fredrick Memorial Cemetery in Fredrick,

Mrs. Renfro was born Dec. 11, 1991 in Leonard. She graduated from Leonard High School and attended Oklahoma State University.

She married Jack Renfro in 1932. He preceded her in death on Feb. 20, 1964. The Renfros were involved in farming and ranching throughout the southwest. They owned several ranches including the 146,000 acre TO Ranch near Raton, N.M. After Mr. Renfro's death, she opened and perated the Chandelier Shop in Hereford.

Mrs. Renfro was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Club. She served on the Finance Hereford.



Committee of the Texas Panhandle Heritage Foundation. She actively worked as a volunteer at King's Manor Methodist Home.

Survivors include two sisters, Miriam Haley and Ermine Peavy, both of Dallas.

The family requests memorials be to King's Manor Methodist Home or ford and the Hereford Country First United Methodist Church in

> CECILIO CABALLERO JR. Feb. 24, 1997

Cecilio "Pollito" Caballero Jr., 4,

of Hereford, died Monday. A rosary will be recited at 7 p.m. y in Rix Funeral Directors 1. Services will be at 2 p.m. y in San Jose Catholic with the Rev. Domingo and Jesse Guerrero, deacon, ing. Burial will be in West

lemetery. ilio was born in Hereford. vivors include his parents ilio and Alice Caballero; two rs, Yesenia and Janette Caballe-



Winter weather advisory remains in effect for much of North Texas

By The Associated Press

Flash flood and winter weather advisories were out for parts of Texas Tuesday as rain washed over North Texas and snow fell over West Texas.

A flash flood watch was in effect for all of North Texas through Wednesday. It was cloudy and wet in North Texas as showers developed Tuesday afternoon throughout much of the area. There was some fog, particularly near Killeen.

Occasional thunderstorms with locally heavy rain are expected areawide Wednesday, with some

Snow art

By MICHAEL HOLMES

Associated Press Writer

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Ranch, the fabled Panhandle spread

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a Capitol," said Bill Green, who

curated the new exhibit. "It played

a pivotal part in building Texas a

kept millions of acres of public lands,

said Green, a former Capitol historian now with the Panhandle-Plains

Upon admission as a state, Texas

Tom Suchs, executive director of

the Texas Health Care Association,

should be changes to how they are

But he said Naishtat's bill has too

Officials from the Department of

many punishments and not enough

room for nursing homes to work with

Human Services and the attorney

regulators to solve problems.

Capitol.'

said.

regulated.

Historical Museum.

NURSING

'The XIT Ranch is why we have

serious symbols for the word "big."

AUSTIN (AP) - Wirecutters

severe thunderstorms possible in the southeast half.

In West Texas, a winter weather advisory was is in effect through Wednesday for the southeast Panhandle. A winter weather advisory was also in effect Tuesday night for the extreme southern Panhandle, South Plains and other parts of West

A snow advisory was in effect for most of the Panhandle and the West Texas mountains; a winter storm watch will be in effect Wednesday for

Snow and ice created this art design on a bush located on La Plata Drive. A high temperature

of 28 degrees and snow accumulations of 1/2 inch were recorded in Hereford on Tuesday.

The forecast calls for snow continuing on Wednesday, with additional accumulations of

two to four inches. Wednesday night will be partly cloudy and cold with a low near 20.

Fabled XIT Ranch goes on display

constitutional convention in 1875

offered 3 million acres in the western

Panhandle for construction of a new

Government being government,

even then, things dragged on, But in

1881, the old capitol burned - giving

urgency to the need for a new

A Chicago company, known as the

The company consisted of four

Capitol Syndicate, got the land and

work began on the pink granite

partners, with brothers Charles B. and

John V. Farwell later buying out the

others. The ranch covered a strip of

authority to enforce current rules and

enough authority now for the state to

Suchs agreed some rules need to

THCA represents about 80 percent

"It may be that they need clarification," Suchs said of some

state rules. "But we also believe the

system ought to be changed and not

rules need to be made stronger.

regulate nursing homes.

of Texas nursing homes.

Capitol still in use today.

In 1882, the deal was done.

Capitol in Austin.

building.

Land rich but cash poor, a land about 200 miles long and 25 to

30 miles wide.

John Farwell traveled to England

"The brothers acquired the land

in 1885 to establish the Capitol

Freehold Land & Investment Co.

Ltd., which sold bonds to raise

before they had seen it. They figured

3 million acres of Texas couldn't be

bad," said Walt Davis, director of the

Panhandle-Plains museum that helped

survey the place. It was so large, that

job took 36 days and more than 900

many "bigs" attached to the XIT and

onto the land. Eventually, the XIT

The Farwells had one of the

nation's biggest dry goods companies

and brought a number of modern

business practices to the ranch. Some

Ron Rives requested the use of the

junior high and high school gyms for

a girls' AAU basketball tournament,

which is being sponsored by the High

The tournament is tentatively set

Trustees granted the request, with

the provision that the organization

pay a \$200 rental fee, janitorial

services and a coach's supervision

"As we grow, we must establish

Driver's education may no longer

She recommended the district offer

Trustees unanimously approved the driver's education course as a

be counted for state graduation credit,

Assistant Superintendent Nena

guidelines to control the use of these

facilities," Greenawalt said.

Plains Sports Association.

herd would total 150,000 head.

SCHOOL -

Greenawalt said.

for April 4-6.

services.

school year.

Veazey said.

local credit.

grade point average.

They sent a man from Chicago to

assemble the exhibit.

Texas.

Snow continued to fall over the Panhandle with freezing rain and freezing drizzle from Lubbock to the Midland-Odessa area Tuesday, along with patchy fog. Otherwise, skies were cloudy over the region with temperatures in the 20s, 30s and 40s.

The forecast was for cloudy skies through Wednesday, with snow likely aross the Panhandle and mountains with rain. There will be freezing rain or drizzle over the rest of the region. Precipitation will end in most

Partly cloudy skies are expected Thursday.

In South Texas, there was light rain and drizzle over the Hill Country while the Texas Gulf Coast had fog.

Skies will be cloudy Wednesday morning with a chance of showers or thunderstorms becoming partly cloudy and breezy in the afternoon, with highs in the upper 60s.

Wednesday night will be partly cloudy and cool with lows in the 30s

FBI calls off nationwide terrorist alert

DALLAS (AP) - The FBI dropped a nationwide terrorist-threat advisory after a U-Haul truck suspected of carrying the makings of a huge bomb turned out to be loaded with baking

The advisory was posted after witnesses said two men had loaded the truck with 30 gallons of diesel fuel and blue containers of what appeared to be thousands of pounds of fertilizer. Together, they could make a bomb similar to the one that killed 168 people at the Oklahoma City federal building.

However, the blue containers turned out to be carrying "baking soda for use as an antiseptic in scrubbing floors and tiles," a federal law enforcement official in Washington said Tuesday on condition of anonymity.

The FBI advisory had noted that Friday is the fourth anniversary of the raid on the Branch Davidian compound near Waco in which six cult members and four agents of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms were killed.

The advisory was canceled Monday night after the truck and its two occupants were located in

"The FBI and ATF now believe that there is no substance to the fears that two men driving a U-Haul truck were accumulating materials to build a bomb," the FBI said Tuesday.

The two men live in the area of Haltom City, outside Fort Worth, said Les Martz, ATF agent in charge of

The witness had told police the men loaded the diesel into containers in the back of the truck at a Texaco station in Haltom City on Saturday.

Emergency Services

Activities reported by law enforcement agencies Wednesday:

POLICE DEPARTMENT -- Theft reported in the 400 block of North Texas.

miles of travel. It was the first of -- 34-year-old male arrested for driving while intoxicated in the 1300 block of east Park Avenue.

"It was huge," Davis said. "Hopefully, people will learn (from -- 40-year-old male arrested for the exhibit) how big a ranch could domestic violence assault in the 200 block of Miles. In 1885, the first cattle were driven

-- Five citations issued.

FIRE DEPARTMENT -- No fire calls.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT -- 19-year-old male arrested for worked; some may not have been so two charges of theft of services.

The project should be completed by late July, Superintendent Charles

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

4-9-7 (four, nine, seven)

AUSTIN (AP) - The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery: 2-25-33-36-38

(two, twenty-five, thirty-three, thirty-six, thirty-eight)

Trustees also directed Athletic Director Brenda Reeh to develop gym rental guidelines for the 1997-98

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the course as an elective. The course will be offered as a pass/fail basis, The Brand was established which would not affect a student's 1901, converted to a semi-weekly in 1948, to five th

The nursing home bill is HB413.

AUSTIN (AP) - A bill pending in a House committee would make it more difficult to open a nursing home and would increase fines for violating state rules governing nursing homes. Here's a look at the bill:

general's office said they need more just be a punitive system.'

said nursing homes also think there be changed. But he said there's

LICENSING:

- The bill would allow state regulators to investigate anyone trying to open a new nursing home or renew their existing license to determine whether they have obeyed state rules and whether they are likely to obey state rules in the future. License applicants would pay for such investigations.

- The department's authority to revoke or suspend licenses would be increased and clarified.

QUALITY OF CARE: The bill would allow the Texas Department of Human Services to set rules for nursing homes that are tougher than existing federal rules.

Nursing homes would have to make clear to residents and visitors that information about quality of care inspections by state regulators are

- The department would be required to develop clear rules on the use - The department would develop clear rules on health issues, including

sanitation, food service, social services and activities and postmortem procedures.

Nursing homes could be fined up to \$25,000 for each incident or situation that threatened the health or safety of a resident.

- Nursing homes would have up to 60 days to correct certain violations before being fined. They would have to maintain those corrections for at least a year to avoid being fined after fixing any alleged problem.

Lifestyles

Checking once, checking twice

Shirley Brown checks over her favorite recipe that she will share for the 1997 Tasting Bee sponsored by the Deaf Smith County FCE Clubs. The Tasting Bee will be Tuesday, March 4 at the Community Center with continuous serving from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. A taste of Appetizers, Beverages and Nutritious Snacks will be accompanied by a chef salad lunch, all for \$10 which also includes this year's cookbook insert. Proceeds from the Tasting Bee enable FCE to sponsor a scholarship for a graduating high school senior.

Senior Citizens

MENUS

THURSDAY-Beef stew, cheese sticks, fried okra, tossed salad, cornbread, bread pudding with raisin sauce; or chicken tetrazini, fruit,

FRIDAY-Fried Pollack, cheese grits, blackeyed peas, stewed tomatoes, cornbread, pudding with topping; or ranch chicken.

MONDAY-Beef meatballs, sweet and sour sauce, steamed rice, green beans, buttered summer squash, French bread, fruit cheese cake; or Polish sausage, fruit cup.

TUESDAY-Baked sliced turkey. cornbread dressing, giblet gravy, cauliflower au gratin, seasoned green peas, fresh tomato slices, hot rolls, WEDNESDAY-Liver and onions, ceramics 1-3 p.m.

scalloped potatoes, buttered broccoli, garden salad, whole wheat bread, peach crisp; or chicken breast,

ACTIVITIES

THURSDAY-Pool classes, exercise class 10-10:45 a.m., oil painting 9-11 a.m.

FRIDAY-Pool class, line dance 10-11 a.m., Thrift Store open. SATURDAY-Games 12 noon-4

p.m., dance 7:30-10:30 p.m. MONDAY-Pool classes, line dance 10-11 a.m., doll class 1-4 p.m.

TUESDAY-Pool classes, exercise classes 10-10:45 a.m., decorative tole painting 1-3 p.m.

WEDNESDAY-Pool classes, cherry cobbler a la mode; or pears. exercise classes 10-10:45 a.m.,

C of C Women's Division still sponsoring membership drive

The Women's Division of the Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce which will continue through March.

The Women's Division sponsors a number of community activities.

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The current member of the Women's Division who signs the is sponsoring a membership drive most new members during the drive will receive a Brighton purse from the Pants Cage.

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

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

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

Are I.R.A. earning such as Interest and dividends,

■ Tax-Deferred?

depending on income.

Plans begin for Relay For Life fund-raiser

An organizational meeting to plan the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life fund-raiser in Hereford will be held at 6 p.m. Thursday in the County Courthouse, 235 E. 3rd.

Those wanting to serve as committee members or team captains for the event sponsored by the Deaf Smith County Chapter ACS are encouraged to attend this meeting, according to Jennifer Eggen, chair of Deaf Smith's Relay For life.

The Relay For Life will involve teams of 10 to 12 members who will walk or run around the track for a 24hour period to raise funds for the American Cancer Society through sponsorships.

During the event, someone from each of the teams has to be on the track for the entire 24-hour period, either running or walking around the track in relay style. Team members will switch off during the period. participants can camp out around the track, and when they aren't taking their turn on the track, they can take

part in family fun activities.

"The key thing is it's family oriented," Eggen said. "You can bring your kids out there." There are all kinds of activities planned for the occasion.

Approximately 25 10-person teams are being sought to participate in the event, according to Eggen. Teams can be composed of family, friends, businesses, churches, neighborhood groups, clubs and organizations.

Each team member is responsible

for raising a minimum of \$50 in sponsorship money to qualify for a Relay For Life T-shirt. Additional orizes are available for those raising \$100 or more.

The first lap of Relay For Life will be designated as the Cancer Survivors' Walk, said Chris Hurt, field representative for the American Cancer Society, adding that cancer survivors will be invited to make the first lap around the track.

At dusk, relay participants will take part in a very special candlelighting ceremony, Hurt said, with an accompanying luminary service. Luminaries in memory of someone who has lost their life to cancer or to honor someone who has survived, will be placed around the track. Then relay participants will continue to walk or run around the track until the 24-hour period is completed.

Those interested in helping with the fund-raiser are encouraged to attend Thursday's meeting so that committees can be formed and team captains designated, said Eggen.

For more information, contact Eggen at 364-3791.

Ann Landers

Dear Ann Landers: "Grieving Mom's" letter brought back some nightmarish memories that have taken me a lifetime to understand. She wrote that her young daughter had been molested by a teen-age neighbor boy while the girl was visiting her grandparents. The grandparents wanted to forget about the whole thing. Perhaps my letter will give her another perspective and, hopefully, the courage to report the boy.

When I was 4 years old, my mother became the guardian of her 11-year-old nephew. He moved into our home, and when he was about 15, he began molesting me. I was 7 at the time. He said terrible things would happen to me if I told anyone. I was afraid and kept quiet until I was 10. Then, I told my mother. She ordered me not to say anything and promised to talk to him. She never did. He went on molesting me until I was 12. Suddenly, I felt strong enough to stand up for myself and tell him, "No more." He never bothered me after When my own daughter reached

7, I realized how vulnerable she was and what a terrible experience I had been through at her age. My anger reached the boiling point, and I told my mother how furious I was that she had done nothing to protect me. She did not respond. Before she died, however, she confided that she was helpless because her father had molested her and she was unable to talk about the subject. It stirred up too many bad memories. I understood and

I want mothers everywhere to know that ignoring a problem of this nature only makes it worse. Your child needs to know there is someone who is going to take her side, no matter who gets embarrassed in the

My molester has two adult daughters who exhibit classic

Hospital **Notes**

Report from Hereford Regional Medical Center on Feb. 26:

Admissions: Bertie Teague, Beatrice Torres, Jean Davis, Andrew

Hernandez, Jason Culpepper. Discharges: Maria Hernandez, John McPherson.

symptoms of sexual abuse. Even now, at 50, I still feel unable to do anything about him. -- Donna in Portland, Ore.

Dear Donna: Please try to develop a relationship with those adult women and see if they will confide in you. Hopefully, they will open up and then seek professional help. In the meantime, you should consider professional help for yourself if you haven't already. Molesters should never be protected by silence. The truth must be told so recovery can

Dear Ann Landers: Some of those zany classified ads you printed recently came from a book called "Classified Humor," published in 1970. Here are some more classics from that book:

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Ann, these ads are the best remedy know for beating the blues, It's impossible not to laugh after reading just a few. -- Barry in Oxnard, Calif.

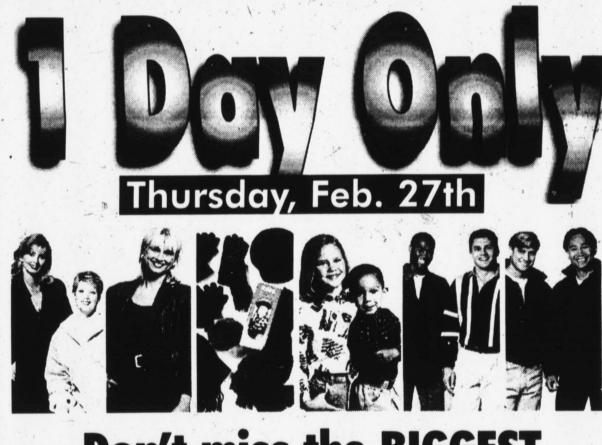
Dear Barry: Real-life humor is the best. No one can make up anything funnier. Thanks for some good laughs today.

New Arrivals

Jeff and Kim Shelton are the proud parents of a daughter, Peyton Rylee, born Feb. 12-in Hereford Regional Medical Center.

The infant weighed 9 pounds, 11 ounces and was 21-1/2 inches long. She is welcomed home by an older sister, Raegan, 4.

Grandparents are Mary and Leland Shelton of Hereford, Rose Stein of Kerrville and Wayne Leatherwood of Springtown.



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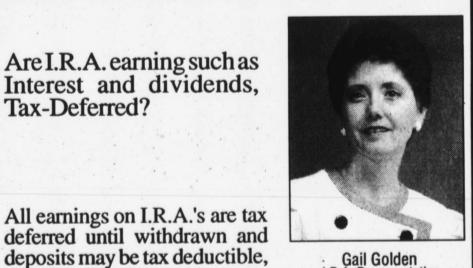


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HHS golfers

Members of the 1997 Hereford High School boys' varsity golf team include (left to right) Heath Henderson, Jeremiah Barros, Keith Riley, Greg Reinart and Daniel Edwards.

Almost delivered

Harris County commissioners approve Oilers' buyout offer

commissioners approved a \$5.25 million buyout offer from the Houston Oilers Tuesday.

However, the football team still needs permission from its leaseholder and the city before it can leave for Tennessee a year early.

Harris County Judge Robert Eckels, the county's top executive, and three commissioners favored the deal, which would pay the county \$3.75 million and turn over the deed to the Oilers' \$1.5 million practice facility. Commissioner Steve Radack voted against it.

But because of a 1995 federal court settlement, the Oilers also must negotiate an early release with Astrodome USA, holder of the stadium's master lease, and the city.

"We're more than happy to talk with the Oilers if they want to call us and attempt to work something out," Astrodome USA president Mike Puryear said. "There are two issues that we need to resolve, and I think they are aware of what issues."

One issue is a pending lawsuit over the cancellation of a preseason game last year amid controversy over the Astrodome's playing surface; the other is the remaining year on the Oilers' lease.

"I don't think we need to call them," Puryear said. "We think the ball's in their court."

Oilers spokesman David Pearson said the Oilers would maintain their policy of no comment.

The Oilers drew small crowds in the Astrodome last season as a lame-

HOUSTON (AP) - Harris County duck team planning to move to toured the Liberty Bowl in Nashville as soon as its lease expired after the 1997 season.

> The team offered \$50,000 to the city last week after Mayor Bob Lanier said he wanted to settle for \$500,000. The two sides hardly have talked since.

On Tuesday, Lanier called the agreement between the county and the Oilers "financially satisfactory." But he said he's waiting for Astrodome USA to give the nod.

"I'd like to be sure the two major financial parties are satisfied before signing off on any agreement," the

mayor said in a statement. A deal between the Oilers and Astrodome USA suggested last month was thrown out after Lanier demanded the team pay the city and county as well.

The Oilers would have given \$1.2 million to Astrodome USA, owned by Houston Astros owner Drayton McLane Jr., and withdrawn a \$2.5 million claim for revenue lost when the National Football League canceled a 1995 preseason game because of problems with the Astroturf.

Oilers owner Bud Adams agreed in the federal court settlement to play all home games in the Astrodome until the team's lease expired. In return, the city, county and Astrodome USA agreed not to interfere with the Oilers' negotiations with the city of Nashville, which is building a new stadium for

the team. Last weekend, Oilers officials

> "We went to the store for sour cream and to

check our numbers. We never did get the sour cream.

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School board hears proposal for softball, wrestling to be added

TOMMY WELLS **Managing Editor**

The athletic program in the Hereford Independent School District could be expanding to serve a greater variety of student interests in the coming months if Hereford athletic directors Craig Yenzer and Brenda Reah have their way.

Yenzer and Reah both appeared before the HISD school board Tuesday night and asked that the district look into idea of expanding its current extracurricular opportunities. The coaches, saying the student interest was in place, asked that the district add two new sports — fastpitch softball and wrestling beginning with the 1997-98 school year to better serve the varied interests of the students.

Both athletic directors indicated the new sports would better help the district increase its participation level among students who normally would not take part.

"I think its time we take a hard look at this," Reah said. "I think there is a segment of kids in our junior high and high school that is not being served by our athletic department and what we have today. I think this is an area where a lot of people who aren't involved in something could be involved."

Interest at the high school level was there, stated Reah, noting that recent survey of female students at the junior high and high school facilities revealed that over 120 students would participate if the sport was adopted.

The addition of softball would move Hereford into the latest trend among Texas schools and put the HISD in the forefront as far as panhandle programs are concerned. Currently, Lubbock, Dumas and

Pampa are the major communities playing. Amarillo schools are expected to begin play next year.

Since 1995, fast-pitch softball has been the fastest growing sport in the United States. Two years ago, the sport drew in over 26,000 new participants at the high school level.

Should the HISD approve the measure, they would have several avenues in which to go with the sport, Reah advised. The new program could jump immediately into the UIL leagues, or play as a club team for a year or two in order to build experience.

Currently, Hereford girls are limited to slow-pitch softball as part of the Kids Inc. program. Last season, there were four teams in the Kids Inc. program for high school age

"I think the interest is there in slow-pitch," said Reah, who stressed her goals of not allowing any new programs to affect the district's current spring sports. "I think that would move over to fast-pitch if we developed a team."

Yenzer, in asking the board to consider the addition of wrestling, indicated the new program could have several positive effects on the students, including a broader base of participation.

"This is something we might want to look at," he said. "By adding wrestling I can see a direct positive effect on the football program, and see it giving those athletes who don't play basketball something to do other than offseason."

Yenzer, too, said the interest appeared to be in place to start the program. In addition to a solid base being present in the current YMCA wrestling program, Yenzer said a recent poll of the HHS and HJHS campuses showed that approximately 120 students would be in favor of wrestling.

He also noted that wrestling, like softball, had evoked a lot of interest from citizens in the community, and would help the athletic department appeal to a larger variety of stu-

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Memphis, where they hope to play

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The Oilers, 8-8 last season, drew

crowds of more than 50,000 for

attractive matchups with Pittsburgh

and San Francisco but fans disap-

peared when the team fell into a

An all-time low crowd of 15,131

attended the Oilers' final home

game of the season on Dec. 15, a 21-

moving into their new stadium.

mid-season slump.

Carr's trey lifts Tech past Missouri

COLUMBIA, Mo. (AP) - An early 14-point deficit was no big deal for Texas Tech, which simply fed Cory Carr more often.

Carr had 30 points and was 7-for-13 from 3-point range as Texas Tech (17-8, 9-6 Big 12) put away Missouri with a 19-1 run that began late in the first half in an 84-73 victory Tuesday night.

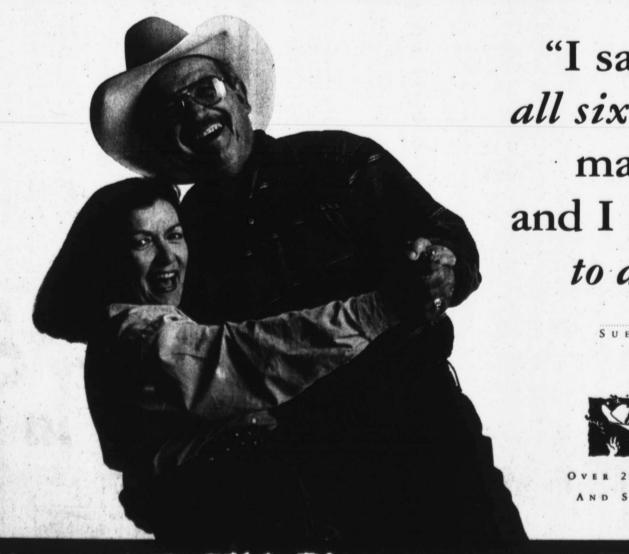
The Big 12's leading scorer made only two of six shots in the first half and clanked a few as Missouri got an emotional start in its home finale and jumped to a 15-1 lead. He hit five of his first eight after the break,

four of them from 3-point range.
"When he gets a fever like that, we want to get him the ball," coach James Dickey said.

"He's able to put up some numbers in bunches," teammate Tony Battie said. "When you're on the road, you have to give him the ball."

Carr's 3-point output tied his career best, which is also the school record, and tied a Hearnes Center

record for an opponent. "I was moving without the ball and guys were looking to screen for me, get me open," Carr said.



"I saw that all six numbers matched, and I just went to dancing."

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AND STILL COUNTING



HHS golfers

Members of the 1997 Hereford High School boys' junior varsity golf team include (left to right) Dustin Whitaker, Kent Reinart, Randy Mason, Cody Sargent and Cal Wallace.

Sonics edge Cavaliers in one of the NBA's lowest-scoring games

By The Associated Press How low can they go in the low-

scoring NBA?

Very low, indeed.

The Seattle SuperSonics beat the Cleveland Cavaliers 72-66 Tuesday night in one of the lowest-scoring games in modern NBA history.

How ugly was it?

"A couple of times I looked in the stands and I was amazed people were still there," Seattle's Hersey Hawkins said.

The 138 combined points were the seventh fewest since the shot clock was introduced in the 1954-55 season. But it wasn't even the lowest-scoring game the defensiveminded Cavs have been involved in this month. On Feb. 1, they lost to Miami 71-66.

"I feel like we just won a regional high school tournament," Sonics coach George Karl said. "Hey, a insurmountable."

The Sonics set season lows with their 72 points and 35 percent shooting from the field. But they managed to win their seventh straight game by outscoring the Cavs by 14 points at the free-throw line.

"That was ugly basketball," Seattle's Detlef Schrempf said. "I don't know how y'all stand it."

Elsewhere in the NBA, it was New Jersey 97, Sacramento 90; Washington 108. Indiana 87; Houston 100. Los Angeles Lakers 96; Utah 110, New York 99; Dallas 86, Charlotte 84; Toronto 124, Denver 122 in overtime; and Los Angeles Clippers 98, Philadelphia

"Some of the smaller kids won't

come out for football. Some of the

shorter kids won't come out for bas-

ketball, and some of the slower kids

won't come out for track. This

Wrestling, which is currently governed by the Texas Interscholastic

Wrestling Association, is scheduled

to become a UIL-sanctioned sport

open a new avenue for

Rockets 100, Lakers 96

Sports

dents.

At Houston, Hakeem Olajuwon scored eight straight points in the final 4:08 for the Rockets, who lost Brent Price for the season with a knee injury. Price, who missed the first 27 games with a broken elbow, tore the anterior cruciate ligament in his right knee in the second quarter. Charles Barkley led the Rockets with 26 points and 17 rebounds, while Olajuwon scored 25.

Nets 97, Kings 90

At East Rutherford, Sam Cassell had two baskets and two assists in a key fourth-quarter run and New Jersey held Sacramento scoreless in the final, 4:46. Kendall Gill led the Nets with 28 points and 10 rebounds, and Cassell added 23 points; including a clinching 3pointer with 29 seconds left. Mitch Richmond scored 32 for the Kings, but was 3-of-15 from the field in the second half.

At Landover, Juwan Howard scored 20 of his 28 points in the first half as Washington built a 21-point lead and cruised past Indiana to end a three-game losing streak. Howard also had 11 rebounds and nine assists, barely missing the first triple-double of his NBA career. Reggie Miller and Rik Smits had 14 points apiece for Indiana, but they were a combined 9-of-25 from the

Mavericks 86, Hornets 84

At Dallas, rookie Erick Strickland scored a career-high 17 points. including two free throws with 3.9 seconds left, as the Mavericks snapped Charlotte's five-game winning streak. The Hornets had a chance to win, but Vlade Divac

during the winter portion of the

"It's a very physically demanding

sport," said Yenzer, "but, nonethe-

less, its something that would serve

Should the HISD approve the

addition of wrestling and fast-pitch softball to the curriculum, the dis-

trict would be looking at an expense

of approximately \$20,000 per sport.

1998-99 school year.

our students well."

missed a 3-pointer with one second left. Glen Rice led the Hornets with 29 points, while Anthony Mason had 16 points and 22 rebounds.

Raptors 124, Nuggets 122

At Denver, Damon Stoudamire scored nine of his career-high 35 points in overtime as Toronto blew a lead in the last 48 seconds of regulation before rallying to beat the Nuggets. Doug Christic added 27 points and had a team-record nine steals for the Raptors, who shot 57 percent from the field and forced 22 turnovers. Denver's LaPhonso Ellis scored 32 points, including eight in the extra period.

Jazz 110, Knicks 99 At Salt Lake City, Karl Malone scored 33 points for Utah, including four in a row late in the fourth quarter after he was whistled for the game's ninth technical foul, Malone, who pulled his hamstring in the first uarter and was flattened by a Charlie Ward pick in the third quarter, helped Utah win for the 26th time in 29 home games. Patrick Ewing led the Knicks with 28

points. **Clippers 98, 76ers 93** At Los Angeles, Loy Vaught had

20 points and nine rebounds for the Clippers, who never trailed in winning their second straight. The Clippers reversed a 101-84 loss at Philadelphia last Thursday and moved into seventh place in the Western Conference, a half-game ahead of Sacramento. The top eight teams make the playoffs, something the Clippers have done only twice since 1976.

for teams in spring training By The Associated Press Linton was scheduled to be tested Less than a week after signing a Wednesday after he was limited to record \$22.9 million, two-year throwing fastballs and changeups. extension, Barry Bonds fell down a He did not pitch after Sept. 11 last

flight of stairs at his spring training home and injured his right hip _ perhaps seriously. The Giants said MRI results of the outfielder's hip were inconclu-

sive, and doctors planned to contin-

ue studying the results in hopes of

having a more definitive diagnosis by Wednesday.

"I just slipped down the steps. I iust fell and hit the marble floor," Bonds said. "I hit the floor with my hip and went straight down."

Bonds, a three-time NL MVP, tumbled down 7-8 carpeted steps, and still was experiencing some soreness, even after a chiropractic session.

"It just seems like something's pinching a nerve in my hip every time I lean forward," he said.

Meanwhile, Houston Astros infielder Ricky Gutierrez fractured a thumb and will be out 1 1/2 to 2 months, the Yankees worried whether right fielder Paul O'Neill's injured hamstring will be healed by opening day, and the Royals found out that pitcher Kevin Appier and Doug Linton are sore.

Gutierrez fractured his right thumb while working out Tuesday at Kissimmee, Fla. He will undergo arthroscopic surgery in Houston on Wednesday, general manager Gerry Hunsicker said, adding Gutierrez likely will be sidelined for six-toeight weeks.

The 26-year-old infielder was injured when he charged and dived for a low chopper hit by the mound, jamming his thumb into the turf.

Slowed by the same left hamstring injury that bothered him at the end of last season, O'Neill still hasn't tested his leg by running full speed in workouts.

"I'm concerned and curious if it will get any better by what he's doing right now," Yankees manager Joe Torre said. "We'll have to see what the first few ballgames bring

O'Neill has been participating in batting practice and outfield sessions. He also took part in on-field conditioning Monday for the first

"I still know it's there," O'Neill said of the injury. "It doesn't hurt, but I'll feel better once I play a game and it doesn't bother me."

Royals

Kevin Appier had soreness in the upper part of his arm, and Doug Linton had elbow stiffness and will have an MRI.

Appier, who missed time last July with soreness in his arm and shoulder, did not have his normal veloci-

"Some of it is from normal throwing and stiffness we see in spring training," trainer Nick Swartz said of the Royals' probable opening day starter.

year because of tnderness in his right medial elbow ligament.

Injuries starting to mount

In his first outing under game conditions this spring, Jose Mesa gave up two home runs and a single to his first three batters in an intrasquad game at Winter Haven,

Mesa gave up a home run to Pat Borders, a single to Kevin Seitzer, and a home run to Omar Vizquel before recording his first out. That offensive outburst led a team managed by coach Jeff Newman to a 6-3 win over a team managed by coach Johnny Goryl in the fourinning intrasquad game.

Julio Franco had two hits and Chad Curtis had an RBI triple to lead Newman's team.

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Texas Panhandle native could win first Grammy

'Blue' nominated for song of year, best country song

By TERRY WALLACE

Associated Press Writer
ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) Thirty-four years ago, Bill Mack sent
"Blue" to Patsy Cline at the
prompting of a friend who thought the country music queen might turn the song into a hit.
When she died in a plane crash

a trunk at Mack's home. There it languished until Mack heard local

and he tossed it aside because he thought it was too mature for her. And she heard it and said, 'Daddy, I want to do that song.

"And, like (with) most dads, she wasn't going to get much argument on that. So that's how it started. It was an accident that she even got the

The accident proved momentous Rockies. for both Rimes and Mack.

ill health have been greatly exagger-

defamation and invasion of privacy.

judge Monday that fans could decide

was critically ill.

Wynette's lawyers told a federal

On Wednesday, the 65-year-old disc jockey and part-time songwriter could win his first Grammy Award for the song that made Miss Rimes a teen-age country star.

"Blue" is nominated for song of the year and hest country star.

Jobs dating back 48 years, Mack has carved out a prominent place in the footnotes of country music history.

He was an announcer for western swing master Bob Wills and was an early champion of Loretta Lynn and

the year and best country song. Miss Rimes, who already has won an American Music Award for best new shortly thereafter, the song went into artist because of the song, also is up for two awards.

The accolades are a big surprise for Mack, a Texas Panhandle native 11-year-old prodigy LeAnn Rimes for Mack, a Texas Panhandle nat singing Ms. Cline's hit "Crazy." who has written 200 songs "I thought, "That's it!" Mack considers songwriting a hobby. said. "I got her dad a copy of 'Blue," Mack is best known as who has written 200 songs but

Mack is best known as the "Midnight Cowboy," broadcasting country music to late-night radio listeners - especially truckers - for most of the past 27 years on Fort Worth station WBAP.

His "All-Night Trucking Show" now has 50,000-watt affiliates across the midwest and west. It reaches an audience from Canada to Mexico and from the Appalachians to the

she had surgery on clogged veins.

Wynette lawyer Gary Blackburn

"We're not saying they're merely

The National Enquirer's attorneys

vulgar, we're saying they're

her health problems were truthful.

thieves," Blackburn said.

Names in the News

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) - life was in danger and she needed a Tammy Wynette says reports of her liver transplant, while the Star said

The country music star is suing said the tabloids bought stolen

American Media Inc., which owns the medical records and exaggerated the

not to buy concert tickets if they said they may have been wrong about

believe stories that said the singer the liver transplant, but accounts of

year, the Enquirer claimed Wynette's John Nixon to dismiss the suit.

When she was hospitalized last They asked U.S. District Court Judge

National Enquirer and the Star, severity of her condition. accusing the papers of libel, "We're not saying they'

With the show and previous radio

Tanya Tucker long before he discovered Miss Rimes

Mack was working in San Antonio in 1960 when Ms. Lynn, then unknown, showed up with her husband to pitch her first record, "Honky Tonk Girl." He aired it on

the spot.
"I thought she was such a sweet person, and he was just a plain ol' country boy," Mack said. "And I played it, and people liked it. We started getting phone calls. It thrilled her to death.

The record soon became Ms. Lynn's first hit.

More than a decade later, he aired a rendition of "Delta Dawn" by Ms. Tucker, then an unknown 13-year-old country contralto from Texas' South Plains. The song was a hit, and Ms. Tucker became to the early 1970s what Miss Rimes is today.

"She and her dad both told me I was the first they heard play one of her records on the radio," Mack said. Ms. Tucker hasn't forgotten.

"Bill Mack is a wonderful person," Ms. Tucker said. "He has always been there for me and is a true legend in country music."

Mack also has played a role in the career of crack Texas guitarist and songwriter Junior Brown, whose song "My Wife Thinks You're Dead" is up against "Blue" for the best country song Grammy.

"About 1973, I was with this group that had a little record out there. A truck driver that we knew stopped at WBAP and asked him to play the record. And he did. He's just that kind of guy," said Brown, who calls Mack one of his idols.

Mack's influence has landed him

in the Country Music Disc Jockey Hall of Fame, but it wasn't until "Blue" that he has received widespread attention for his songs, which he estimates have been recorded by 60 artists.

The closest he previously came to songwriting notoriety was with "Drinking Champagne," also written in the 1960s. George Strait hit the charts with it in 1990.

The Rimes association started in 1993, when Mack's wife, Cindy, talked him into picking up a tape of

an 11-year-old girl singing the jail inmates and truckers. national anthem at a Dallas Cowboys

can't believe that," he said of Miss face every time. Rimes' booming voice.

more than a late-night disc jockey. After all, radio is his bread and

At least once a night comes a request from somewhere in America for "I listened to it and I thought, 'I "Blue," bringing a smile to its writer's

"Bertha in Dallas wants to hear Despite the success of "Blue," 'Blue," Mack said early one recent Mack doesn't fancy himself anything morning. "Thank you so much. We'll get that on for you a little later.

"And Lyle called from Lincoln, butter, and he continues working Neb. He says we're coming in loud through the deepest part of the night, and clear in Lincoln. ... Wherever you talking country music and life with are, the Midnight Cowboy and company insomniacs, shut-ins, hospital patients, are happy to have you with us.

Television

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Pooh

4 Today

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Writers

Good Morning America

Quack Pack Bobby

BugsDaffy Animaniacs

6 B. Hillbillies Bewitched Little House on the Prairie

8 AM

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Sportscenter

Wonderland Umbrella

FEBRUARY 26

FEBRUARY 27

12 PM

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Lamb Chop

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Gunsmoke

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Medicine Woman

Young and the Restless

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Sportscenter

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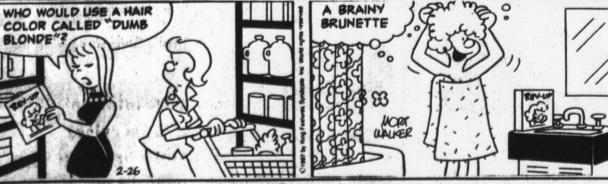


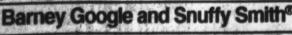






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Today in History

By The Associated Press Today is Wednesday, Feb. 26th, the 57th day of 1997. There are 308

days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Feb. 26th, 1919, Congress established Grand Canyon National Park in Arizona.

On this date: In 1802, French literary giant Victor Hugo was born in Besancon.

In 1815, Napoleon Bonaparte escaped from the Island of Elba to begin his second conquest of France. In 1846, frontiersman-turnedshowman William F. "Buffalo Bill" Cody was born in Scout County,

In 1870, New York City's first pneumatic-powered subway line was opened to the public.

In 1929, President Coolidge signed a measure establishing Grand Teton

National Park. In 1940, the U.S. Air Defense

Command was created. In 1951, the 22nd Amendment to the Constitution was ratified, limiting

a president to two terms of office. In 1952, Prime Minister Winston Churchill announced that Britain had developed its own atomic bomb.

In 1979, a total solar eclipse cast a moving shadow 175 miles wide from Oregon to North Dakota before moving into Canada.

In 1986, Pulitzer Prize-winning poet and author Robert Penn Warren was named the first poet laureate of the United States by Librarian of Congress Daniel J. Boorstin.

In 1991, Iraqi President Saddam Hussein announced on Baghdad author.

Radio that he had ordered his forces to withdraw from Kuwait.

In 1993, a bomb exploded in the garage of New York's World Trade Center, killing six people and injuring more than 1,000 others.

Ten years ago: The Tower Commission, which probed the Iran-Contra affair, issued its report, which rebuked President Reagan for failing to control his national security

Five years ago: The U.S. Supreme Court ruled unanimously that sexually harassed students may sue to collect monetary damages from their schools and school officials. The Supreme Court of Ireland cleared the way for a 14-year-old girl to leave the country for an abortion.

One year ago: President Clinton moved to step up economic sanctions on Cuba in response to Cuba's downing of two unarmed airplanes belonging to the Cuban-American exile group Brothers to the Rescue.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Mason Adams is 78. Actor Tony Randall is 77. Actress Betty Hutton is 76. Singer Fats Domino is 69. Political columnist Robert Novak is 66. Singer Johnny Cash is 65. Singer Mitch Ryder is 52. Singer Michael Bolton is 44. Actress Jennifer Grant "Beverly Hills 90210") is 31. Rhythm and blues singer Rico Wade (Society of Soul) is 25.

Thought for Today: "Rien n'est plus affreux que le rire pour la alousie." (Nothing is more frightful

than laughter when it comes to jealousy.) - Francoise Sagan, French

Womens, children clinic extends Thursday hours

Children's Health Clinic is announcing extended hours. "For the convenience of our mothers who work outside the home, we are now seeing our clients until 7 p.m. on Thursdays," Nancy Griego, RN, BSN, administrative manager of the new service, said.

The clinic is open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The clinic, which opened last September, emphasizes preventative healthcare. "Our purpose is not to take car of sick women and children," in Hereford that provides this care. The goal of the Women and Children's Clinic is to prevent illness and disease through regular check-up, immunizations and education."

The clinic is funded in part by a Title 5 grant that was awarded to the Provider Coalition of Health Services, Inc., a group that covers 26 counties and 18 hospitals.

"Prenatal services and well-baby check ups were provided until 1995 by the Texas Department of Health, and then for one year by Texas Tech, "Griego said. "We feel these services ar vital for the good health of the women and children of our community, so that's why this clinic was

The Hereford Women and developed by Hereford Regional Medical Center."

Griego explained that the clinic sees all women and children up to the age of 21. Services available to women include prenatal care, family planning services, including contraceptives, annual pap smears, breast examinations and other related

Infants and children can receive immunizations, check-ups, and dental care referrals. "We also provide the Texas Health Steps screenings, which includes complete physical exams, developmental testing, lab work as Griego said. "We have medical staff needed, and hearing and vision screenings." Griego said

Griego added that all services at the clinic are bilingual. The clinic accepts Medicaid, private insurance and self-pay patients and has special funding programs for individuals that do not qualify for Medicaid.

Staff members include a women's nurse practitioner, Carolyn Jansa, RN, WNP; Jane Matthews, RN; Carol Delaney, RN; a full-time social worker, Patsy Sanchez, BSW; Mari Martinez, office billing clerk; and Mary Gamboa, CNA, counseling aide and Debbie Gaitar, outreach worker. The medical director for the program is Dr. Howard Johnson.

Princess Diana's gowns will go on auction block

well-dressed royal to do with a closet silk evening dress covered with faux full of couture gowns? To the auction block, my dear.

Princess Diana is selling 80 of her elegant evening dresses in hopes of raising millions of dollars for charity.

"I hope that people will enjoy this, that they'll buy the dresses to wear, to have fun in them," Charles Hindlip of Christie's auction house said Tuesday. "Diana, Princess of Wales, has got superb taste, and I think many people will want to emulate it."

Christie's did not even guess how much the gowns will bring when they go up for bids June 25.

The gowns, five of which Christie's displayed at a preview Tuesday, range from a slinky number in white silk chiffon to the stately, ink-blue gown Diana wore to a 1986 White House dinner with the

midnight-blue tulle dance dress, its are passed on quietly to discreet tight bodice and flouncy skirt dotted upper-crust friends.

NEW YORK (AP) - What's a with diamond stars, and a straight, pearls.

Diana's most celebrated gown will be notably absent from the auction. The frothy, ill-fated wedding dress will stay in the closet.

The princess, in a statement Tuesday, pronounced herself "delighted that these dresses, which gave me so much pleasure, may be enjoyed by others.

Proceeds from the sale will go to Britain's AIDS Crisis Trust, the Royal Marsden hospital for cancer patients in London and several American charities, Hindlip said.

Diana sued a London weekly newspaper Monday that had said she would profit personally from the sale. Her 1996 divorce settlement forbids her from making money out of her position with commercial deals.

It will be the first such sale of Also on the block will be a royal hand-me-downs, which usually

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Announcement of FCE 'Woman of the Year' will be made during appreciation luncheon

Editor's Note: This story ran originally in the Sunday, February 23 issue of The Brand; however, the text was not in proper sequence. The text has been corrected and the story is

being reprinted in its entirety.

Additional Note: The Appreciation
Luncheon was not held Monday due to inclement weather. It has been rescheduled for noon Friday, Feb. 28.

Highlight of the annual Deaf Smith **County Family Community Education** Council Appreciation Luncheon to be held at noon Monday in the Community Center will be the naming of the 'Club Woman of the Year."

Nominees who have been submitted by their individual clubs are Alta Mac Higgins, Bippus FCE Club; Marilyn Smith, Cultural FCE Club; Tonie Vaughn, Draper FCE Club; Katherine Paschel, Ford FCE Club; and Shirley Brown, Wyche FCE Club.

The theme for this year's banquet is "Texas Grown Families." Featured speaker will be Terry Cosby, pastor of First Baptist Church of Hereford.

Special guests for the event will be members of Hereford Rotary Club. Nominees for the "Club Woman of the Year" award embody the ideals of building families and communities, while sharing education to help others have the best quality of life. These are the goals of all Family Community

Education Clubs. The "Club Woman of the Year" award is being sponsored for the 46th year by The Hereford Brand and will be presented by Becky Camp, Lifestyles Editor.

Nominees submitted resumes which were judged by an out-of-district Family Consumer Sciences Agent.

Nell Pope, member of the Cultural FCE Club, was the recipient of the "Club Woman of the Year" award last

FCE club members who have had perfect attendance at the monthly council meetings will receive a special presentation. Those who have had perfect attendance at the club meetings will also be recognized.

Members who have been in club work for 50 years or more will be presented roses and certificates. Following are excerpts from the

resumes of this year's nominees. Alta Mae Higgins became a member of Bippus Club five years ago; however, her time spent in service to the Bippus Club has numbered far beyond that time.

Following her retirement after 34 years of teaching, she served the club as a "visitor," presenting leader trainings, actively working on the club's service projects of rural neighbor adoption and on the Bippus Community Building.

Mrs. Higgins regularly attends FCE Council meetings and serves as a club liaison. She believes and lives a vision of "doing for others." She has logged 460 volunteer hours for people in her community. Her influence extends far beyond her community as she keeps in touch with youth in college to continually encourage them in their endeavors.

An active member of the First Baptist Church, Mrs. Higgins sings in the Golden Tones Senior Citizens Choir of the church and also participates in the Senior Citizens Young at Heart choir, serving as their

She is a member of the Hereford Retired School Employees Association, the Delta Gamma Society and has served as president of the Bippus Homecoming Activities.

Since her retirement, Mrs. Higgins states that she felt the need to keep up with changing times and found that FCE club work was one way to keep abreast of new technology and ideas. Mrs. Higgins says she has found club work rewarding and has enjoyed being a part of the service they do for others.

Cultural Family Community Education Club presents Marilyn Smith as its Club Woman of the Year nominee. Mrs. Smith is a four-year member of Cultural Club but is applauded by other club members as a very active and diligent newer

She is cited by her club as being a good friend to many as she shares the produce of her garden, shows a willingness to help in all ways that she can and brings an enthusiasm to whatever job is asked of her.

Mrs. Smith is a mother of four children and, with her husband, served as organizational leader of a 4-H club in Castro County. Working within the Extension Service family came natural to this busy and active

She currently serves as vice president of the Cultural Club, serves as an active program leader and has served on the yearbook committee. In addition, she has actively worked all club, council and scholarship fund-raisers.

Mrs. Smith states she has learned

much by being an FCE member and has enjoyed sharing that knowledge with her children and others. She further tates she has a better unders of the problems we face today in an ever changing world. She credits her club work with enhancing her talents and keeping her up-to-date with current

Katherine Paschel is the nominee for Woman of the Year of the Ford PCE Club. She is an eight-year member of the Ford Club. She is the mother of 7 and grandmother of 19 and uses her hobbies of sewing and gardening to share with her children and grandchildren.

Mrs. Paschel has presented programs to her club on her unique hobby of collecting Christmas cribs and decorations. She has served her club on the yearbook committee, as secretary and vice president. She has also assisted in their annual pheasant hunters fundraiser dinner which benefits the local 4-H clubs.

Mrs. Paschel is cited by her club as being a willing worker in the programs and activities they have each year. She also shares within her community and is an active worker in her church, the Immaculate Conception Church in Vega, where she has used her creative talents in flower arranging, sewing of vestment, altar clothes and banners.

She states that being a member of FCE has made her more aware of the needs of her club members and their families and also the needs of her community.

Shirley Brown represents the Wyche FCE Club as their nominee for Women of the Year. She has been an extension club member in Lubbock, Lynn and Deaf Smith counties.

Mrs. Brown is an active member of the Wyche Club where she serves as president and chairman of the executive committee. She has served her club on all committees and been active in presenting trainings and programs for the club.

She began her extension work in the 4-H clubs, assisting her three sons in their 4-H activities and helping organize a 4-H club in southern Lubbock County in the late fifties.

Mrs. Brown worked as an LVN for the Deaf Smith County Hospital for 31 years. Her continuous learning in her occupational field was attributed to her self-study and education, a positive attitude, tenacity and hard work. Her belief in this work ethic has proven to inspire others to work

toward their dreams and goals.

Her club members cite her volunteer spirit as being contagious as she serves and helps others.

Mrs. Brown is active in the First Baptist Church, Senior Citizens Choir, Order of the Eastern Star and several other clubs. She states her love for her community and dear friends has beined her become a

love for her community and dear friends has helped her become a caring and concerned person. She firmly believes that Hereford is a special place to live because of the great people who live and work here.

Draper FCE Club has submitted Tonie Vaughn as its nominee for Club Woman of the Year, Mrs. Vaughn is a 17-year member of the Draper Club where she has served as president and reporter and been actively involved in leading training sessions. She is an active visitor and supporter of the Cultural FCE Club activities, also.

Mrs. Vaughn serves on the FCE

Mrs. Vaughn serves on the FCE Council where she is reporter and on the finance committee which is active in fund-raising for Council projects.

She is well known for the gifts of food which she takes to those who are ill or just in need of cheer. Mrs. Vaughn is the mother of

seven children with a daughter and two granddaughters in the Draper

She states that growing up on a farm didn't prepare her for a public lifestyle. After her membership in an FCE club, she was able to express her views and ideas in front of others. This gave her education and courage to successfully share, teach and start the FCE spark that might help someone else flourish into a new FCE

Mrs. Vaughn is a member of Christ's Church Fellowship, actively visits at Golden Plains Nursing Home, is a member of Hereford Senior Citizens and is supportive of her grandchildren's activities.

Mrs. Vaughn states that her personal hobbies include her activities in FCE and volunteering in her community. The level of involvement that she has given her FCE work has encouraged other members to realize their potential that might have otherwise gone untapped.



Former Scouts being sought as part of 85th anniversary

An all out effort is underway to locate former Girl Scouts in Hereford as part of the 85th anniversary of Girl Scouting. The Texas Plains Girl Scout Council is planning a brunch at 10 a.m., April 5 at the Amarillo Country Club, as part of the celebration.

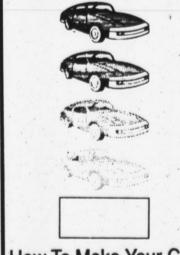
to partake in the festivities, but also to find out how Girl Scouting has benefitted them as adults. Many accomplished American women have been Girl Scouts and believe their experience had a tremendous effect The theme of the event is "85

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Top Spellers

Community Christian School announced the winners of its school Spelling Bee. These winners will compete in the county Spelling Bee March 6-7 in the Heritage Room of the Deaf Smith County Library. Pictured, from left, are Joe Russell, junior winner; Daniela Villegas, junior alternate; Erin Louder, senior winner; and Holley Edwards, senior alternate.

Partnership hopes to help change womens' treatment

By BETH J. HARPAZ

Associated Press Writer Bonadel Enloe collapsed in a store and found she couldn't use her arms and legs, doctors said the 66-year-old woman was depressed.

 Her daughter called Dr. Marianne Legato, an internist who has written several books on women's health, and described her mother's symptoms. "Your mother has a brain aneurysm," she said.

The diagnosis proved correct. Legato uses the story to illustrate the problems women often face when physicians dismiss their symptoms as hormonal, emotional or imagined.

Now she has formed an organization she hopes will help change the way women are diagnosed and treated: The Partnership for Women's Health, sponsored by Columbia University's College of Physicians and Surgeons with financial support from Procter & Gamble.

partnership will study the science of how normal human biology differs between men and women, and of how the manifestations, mechanisms and treatment of disease vary as a function of gender," Legato said at a news conference Feb. 13.

The partnership has already set up bone metabolism and osteoporosis. a Web site answering common NEW YORK (AP) - When questions about women's health. It is about to start a database called Genspec featuring the latest medical respond to treatment.

> Legato calls the field of study "gender-based medicine."

Dr. Vivian Pinn, director of the of Research on Women's Health, said the partnership's goal of establishing a clearinghouse for information was greatly needed.

world we want, but if it doesn't reach the practicing health care provider and the consumer, we're not going to make a difference," Pinn said.

Legato said the partnership will also identify areas where more research is needed and then try to both genders." match corporate funding with capable scientists. Procter & Gamble is starting the research off with \$1 million for two studies, one on how gender differences in heart cell membranes may affect cardiac rhythm, and the second on how sex

The partnership will also try to collect data and spur research on why

women live longer than men; why women are more likely to develop studies involving women or autoimmune diseases like lupus; emphasizing differences in how men differences in how men and women and women manifest disease and metabolize certain drugs like valium; differences in saliva flow rates, which may have implications for tooth and gum disease; and differences in brain tissue, which may influence mood, National Institutes of Health's Office behavior and a variety of disorders.

For years, many clinical trials for drugs and other treatments were carried out on men without consideration that women might respond We can do all the research in the differently. Federally funded clinical studies must now include women, and the American Medical Association's policies state that "results of medical testing done solely on males should not be generalized to females without dence that results apply equally to

> Legato would also like to see the average woman's health concerns taken more seriously by practicing

Public-aid recipients have troubles in new workplace

CHICAGO (AP) - Alice Longino knows how hard it is to climb from welfare into the world of work. Let her count the ways:

Department store clerk. Security uard. Customer service rep. Fast-food worker. Jobs counselor. Airline food hauler.

She has done all that and more. For eight years, she depended on a monthly government check in her mailbox, but desperately wanted more out of life. So she began working, bouncing from one job to another, quitting some, losing others, falling back onto welfare, then off again.

"Getting a job isn't hard," says the 27-year-old mother of two, a knowing smile crossing her round, girlish face. "It's keeping a job that

In less, than four years, Mrs. Longino has held more than seven. She freely admits she sometimes was the problem; she was constantly late, constantly making excuses for missing work. That's changed now.

"The first time you go to work, it's hard to get used to," she explains. "Once reality hits you in the face, it's easier. When you have something good and decent and you lose it and they say you're irresponsible, you

say, 'I have to get it together.' "
Mrs. Longino survived four interviews to win her new job as a \$10-an-hour receptionist-clerk at LaSalle Bank.

Her rocky start isn't unusual. Adjusting to on-the-job etiquette that most people take for granted dooms many people trying to break free from

Even those who successfully make the transition find there's a learning curve and that it usually takes more than one try before they find their niche in the 9-to-5 environment.
"We can't kid ourselves into

thinking they go into a job and their lives are set," said Demetra Nightingale, director of welfare and training research programs at The Urban Institute in Washington, D.C. "The reality is, you take a couple of

steps forward and one step back."
Most public-aid recipients want to work, experts say, but limited employment and social skills, sometimes compounded by personal problems that range from squalid housing to physical abuse or pressure from family members, make it tough to hold on to a job, especially in the

program that helps people around the Cabrini Green housing development, one of Chicago's poorest areas, reported in 1996 that 54 percent of 470 women it served lost or quit their jobs within six months and 71 percent

in a year.

"We know how to get them in the work force," said Toby Herr, director of Project Match, which helped Mrs.

Longino. "We don't know how to keep them there and advancing."

In Kansas City, a wage supplement progm that places welfare recipients in jobs and subsidizes employers has had mixed success. Of 737 people who enrolled in mid-1995, only 236 still are working.

One explanation for this trend is the work itself, usually low-wage, high-turnover jobs without benefits or promotion opportunities, sometimes in unstable companies. That has even broader, troubling implications.

"The people who get these jobs, even if they stay with them, are never going to rise above a salary level that will truly move them into the middle class," said James Clark, director of South Carolina's Department of Social Services.

Welfare recipients know their Project Match a welfare-to-work options are restricted by education.



Spelling Bee champions

Hereford Junior High School announced the winners of its school Spelling Bee. These winners will compete in the county spelling contest March 6-7 in the Heritage Room of the Deaf Smith County Library. Pictured, from left, are Heather Brown, seventh-grade; Tiffinie Murillo, eighth-grade; Natalie Nino, eighth-grade; and Brigham Brown, eighth-grade.

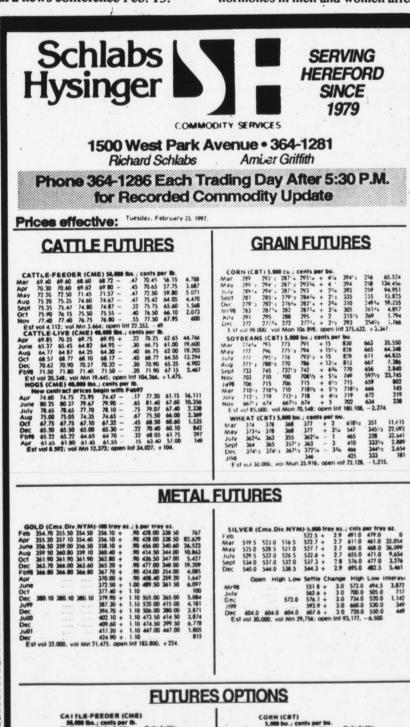




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The old Wichita Valley Railroad the lifeline from frontier to civilization when northwest Texas was being settled, the one stable plank of a young farflung society buffeted in turn by the booms and busts of cattle and oil, and now the region's most solid link to its misty past - has been

gouged from the ground.
From here to Abilene, all that is left is what John Christoff calls a "long pasture."

Burlington Northern, which bought the railroad decades ago, unloaded it last year. A materials company - a "scrap dealer" to rail lovers and many historians - bought it and wasted no time tearing it up to sell for

But the last seven miles of track, Northern-Santa Fe. from here to the old Allendale community in what is now Wichita the rails stands a chance. Falls, still lies where it has since

pioneer Texans built it in 1890. Christoff is no lover of old rails for is a businessman with eyes turned

But it's with a nod to the past that he sees a future braced by the potential of the old abandoned rails. Christoff is chairman of the North

Texas Rural Rail Transportation District. It's a government body formed by the commissioners courts in Archer and Wichita counties to

find a way to save the last stretch of the old Wichita Valley line. The Texas Legislature passed a special law allowing the creation of the rail districts. It was one of the few actions the state could take to slow what has become a real juggernaut.

Out-of-state concerns are snatching up a snippet of track here, a 100-mile piece there, and scrapping them, as the big rail companies abandon stretches of line all over Texas that they find no longer

Jawboning couldn't stop it. Public pressure couldn't do it. The Texas Railroad Commission seemed powerless.

The federal Interstate Commerce Commission's hands were tied by federal law that lets owners of such "short lines," as the little pieces are called, abandon them and sell them with few of the obstacles faced by huge companies like Burlington

Now, the notion of saving some of The rail district has some real

"We are in the process of their own sake. He is no historian. He condemnation proceedings under the right of eminent domain, to keep and preserve it for the future, whatever it Christoff told the Holliday Chamber of Commerce at its annual banquet last week.

The company the district is up

against is A&K Materials Inc. of Salt Lake City. A suit filed in state district court was moved to federal court and now is back in state court, as the

company and the district maneuver around the untested law.

"They're squealing. They're not ready for it," Christoff said of the lawsuit. "This may be a first. We're not tickled to death to be first. But if we don't, they'll just be able to run roughshod over asll the little lines that might be saved for the common

response from the Holliday audience. But the effort to save the rail, of course, hinges on money and people.

Christoff said he'd joked earlier with chamber President Larry Sweatt that he needed some cheerleaders for the project. He laughed when the drill team from Holliday Elementary School came out to perform a dance

He chuckled again at the unexpected omen from the little dancers. They

danced to the theme from "Mission

The grade ahead isn't as steep as

it could be, though. Because of its historic significance, what's left of the railroad qualified for a \$50,000 federal grant, to be matched with \$50,000 worth of earth work and labor by the counties as they build hiking, biking and

equestrian trails along the line.
But to Christoff, this is more than a trail project.

"If you're sitting here in Holliday, Christoff received a polite Texas, who knows what the future might bring? That rail will always be worth its scrap value. Holliday could be the 'Gateway to the Atlantic, the Pacific and the Gulf.' I don't know that, but it's a good idea," Christoff

> The possible extension of I-44 from Wichita Falls to Abilene, the possibility of operating an excursion train as a tourist attraction, future commercial uses as a spur from the Burlington Northern line -- all, he said, are simply

possibilities.

But, he said, the possibilities end

with the yanking up of the line.
"You can only go as far as your imagination," Christoff said. "But once the rail's gone, it's gone forever. It doesn't come back. Ever."

Northwest Texas history is storied. Cattle barons. Indian wars. Oil booms and busts.

"Through the center of it all is the railroad," said history professor Michael Collins of Midwestern State University.

He pointed out that Wichita Falls itself was founded because of the laying of the old Fort Worth & Denver Railway, which later picked up the Wichita Valley Railroad before Burlington Northern bought it in the 1930s.

"Certainly, I'm a supporter of this. Whatever commercial value this line may have in future years ... it will always have historic value, something that's intrinsic that can't be measured in terms of monetary value," Collins

said. "I don't believe that everything that's old is worth saving. But I think this last seven miles of the historic Wichita Valley line is worth saving.

"It's always been central to the development of this area, and I think it will be important for the future. Saving the last remaining remnants of the historic Wichita Valley line will preserve more than just a physical link between (Holliday and Wichita Falls), it will preserve a link to the past of our two communities.'

For now, however, the future of the railroad is as cloudy as its distant past. Eminent domain doesn't mean the government can just take the track away from A&K Materials. It still has to be paid for. And, because the law allowing it isn't tested, nobody knows for certain what will happen.

All that's for sure now is that the last seven miles of the line are still

"The courts will decide the cost and what the final outcome will be," Christoff said.

Texas crop report

Wet winter results in high insect numbers

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) - Farmers, ranchers and homeowners alike will experience problems with insects in the coming months because of the mild and wet winter, reports the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Dr. Cliff Hoelscher, Extension entomologist from Bryan, said many parts of Texas have experienced a wetter winter than last year. Therefore, he said, the insect populations are expected to be higher than normal.

"I would expect that we will see more insects," said Hoelscher. "The increased rainfall allows for different hosts such as weeds to develop, and this means that there will be more food for the insects and more insects in general."

Specifically, early indications have been that boll weevil populations will be higher than last year.

We have had high boll weevil numbers for the past two years, but because of the wet weather, it looks WEST CENTRAL TEXAS: not good news for the cotton producers."

Hoelscher also said beef and dairy cattle producers will have more trouble this spring with biting and sucking lice. He said the cooler temperatures in December and January facilitated an increase in lice populations.

Dr. Roger Gold, Extension entomologist from College Station, said homeowners also will have more insect problems this spring.

"We've had a mild winter so we predict that there will be a lot of fleas, termites and fire ants," Gold said.

He said termites have already begun swarming in South Texas and will begin swarming in Central Texas within the next 10 days.

"If after surveying your house you find that you have termites, you may need to seek a professional's help to make sure that you get rid of them,' he said.

Gold also said homeowners should begin observing their yards now for

"If you start early you can prevent some problems as we move toward the spring," Gold said.
Dr. Bart Drees, Extension

entomologist from Bryan, agreed. He said after the drought during the summer months last year, the ants

will thrive on the recent rains, and will be in full force this spring.

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

PANHANDLE: short to adequate. Pastures, ranges in fair to good condition; recent moisture beneficial. Cattle in good condition. Supplemental feeding continues; some calving reported. Wheat is fair to good. Top dressing soil with fertilizer.

SOUTH PLAINS: short. Recent

are has helped wheat an stures, but most areas need more

ROLLING PLAINS: adec

condition. Supplemental feeding of livestock continues across the district. Producers encouraged to scout for insects. Top dressing with fertilizer should increase as fields dry.

NORTH TEXAS: surplus. Pastures, ranges in very poor to excellent condition across the district. Livestock in good condition. Wheat in poor to excellent condition. No corn or cotton planted due to wet fields. Pruning and spraying peaches.

EAST TEXAS: surplus. Winter pastures fair. Cattle in good condition; haying continues. Garden. preparations and planting under way. Fruit trees showing early bud swell; pruning and dormant oil spray applications continue.

FAR WEST TEXAS: very short to adequate. Pastures, ranges showing improvement due to recent rains. Livestock in good condition; supplemental feeding continues. Wheat in very poor to fair condition;

like we may see even higher numbers adequate to surplus. Range, pasture this year," Hoelscher said. "This is conditions vary from poor to excellent. Livestock conditions poor to good. Oat stands progressing well. Wheat stands good to excellent. Dormant oil applications on fruit trees nearing completion.

> CENTRAL TEXAS: surplus. Pasture grasses short. Extensive having of cattle. No field work due to wet soils. Wheat yellowing because of wet soils and foliar disease; leaf rust and powdery mildew increasing.

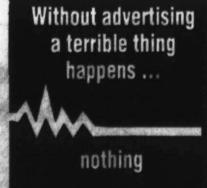
SOUTHEAST TEXAS: surplus. Excessive rainfall in some areas of the district was not advantageous. Cattle feeding continues. Surplus soil moisture has halted soil preparation and planting. Peach trees in full bloom.

SOUTHWEST TEXAS: adequate. Pastures, ranges have greened up because of recent rains. Livestock in good condition. Small grains are making good progress. Harvesting cabbage, spinach, carrots and southern greens. COASTAL BEND: adequate to

surplus. Varied rainfall across the district. Most fields too wet to work; planting corn where possible. Pruning fruit trees and dormant oil spraying under way. Some peaches blooming due to warm temperatures.

SOUTH TEXAS: short. Heavy grazing and haying pressures on pastures. Hot, dry conditions prevail. Corn planting under way. Sugarcane harvest complete. Melons being planted; carrots, cabbage nearing harvest.

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