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Clinton budget: miracle cure or snake oil?

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Clinton says his new spending plan contains the magic formula that will balance the budget not only in 2002 but for two decades thereafter. But to Republicans, the Clinton calculus is more snake oil than miracle cure.

In the eyes of the GOP, Clinton loaded up his \$1.69 trillion budget for 1998 with a host of gimmicks that provide the illusion, but not the reality, of achieving budget balances.

"It is disappointing to me that he didn't show more political courage," said Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss.

Republicans attacked Clinton for putting off nearly two-thirds of the tough spending cuts until 2001 and 2002, after he will be out of office.

They also charged that the president was offering popular middle class tax cuts - such as a \$500 per child tax credit and tax breaks for college education expenses - but employing a trigger mechanism that could make the tax relief disappear after 2000 if the budget deficits

balloon higher than current forecasts.

Even on tax cuts, the GOP complained that the \$98 billion in relief for individuals had to be balanced against \$76 billion in higher taxes, primarily on corporations, rich investors and airline travelers, leaving only \$22 billion as a net reduction in the federal tax burden.

Clinton's budget also employed an old Ronald Reagan trick of sneaking tax increases in under the guise of "user fees."

There would be new fees on food processors to pay for Clinton's stepped-up food inspection program and on drug companies for approvals of new treatments, plus new fees on employers to help pay the cost of certifying foreign workers.

In all, the president's budget proposed new fees or increases in existing fees totaling \$47.3 billion over five years.

In addition to attacking this approach as a backdoor tax increase, Republicans said powerful interest groups have successfully lobbied Congress to defeat many of these ideas in the past and were likely to do so again. That means lawmakers will have to look elsewhere to find the money to make Clinton's deficit projections come out right.

Even as unhappy as Republicans were at what they saw as budgetary sleight of hand, they were careful not to attach the dreaded DOA label on Clinton's new budget.

"I will not consider it dead on arrival," said House Ways and Means Chairman Bill Archer, R-Texas. He said that he had been assured by top Clinton officials that the budget represented only the administration's first offer in what is shaping up to be an arduous negotiating process.

For his part, Clinton professed optimism that 1997 will be the year Washington finally arrives at a plan to eliminate budget deficits. He said his program would achieve balance not only in 2002 but until 2020, when further adjustments will be needed to handle a flood of baby boomer retirements.

"Based on the projections we now have, we believe we can maintain a balanced budget for more than two decades," Clinton told reporters after sending his 1998 spending blueprint to Capitol Hill. "This is not going to be a one-time thing."

That forecast, if it comes true, would certainly represent a major

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Photo by Mauri Montgomery

Icy roads

Slick streets contributed to a wreck at the corner of Lawton Street and Highway 60 Friday morning. Police reported that

the driver of the van, traveling on Lawton Street, failed to yield the right of way and pulled into the path of the pickup truck.

Unemployment rate creeps up

WASHINGTON (AP) - The nation's unemployment rate crept up to 5.4 percent in January despite moderate growth in businesses' payrolls, particularly at temporary help firms.

The Labor Department today described the rate increase, from 5.3 percent in December, as essentially unchanged. Still, it was the highest rate since July. During the last five months of 1996, the rate shifted between 5.3 percent and 5.2 percent.

The increase in payroll jobs - 271,000 - was the best since August and a little stronger than many economists anticipated. The Labor Department said it was exaggerated by the effect of last winter's heavy snows on statistical adjustments designed to smooth out the impact of seasonal weather patterns on the job numbers.

And, the department said a good portion of the job gain - 82,000 - came at temporary help services.

The figures calmed some inflation jitters on Wall Street, where bond prices rallied on the report. Yields on 30-year Treasury bonds fell to 6.67 percent in early trading from 6.75 percent late Thursday.

Awards presented to volunteers at annual United Way meet here

BY SPEEDY NIEMAN
Editor-Publisher

There were numerous "Angels Among Us" when Deaf Smith County United Way held its annual meeting at Hereford Community Center Thursday night.

--Amy Schumacher, head of the FIRE division, was recognized as Volunteer of the Year.

--Hereford Regional Medical Center received the Champion of the High Plains award, recognizing

employees for commitment to the well-being of the community through United Way.

--St. Mary's Family Health Clinic received the Longhorn Award, recognizing employees new to United Way and demonstrating pronounced generosity.

--Aikman Elementary and Hereford Junior High received the Whiteface Awards, recognizing special efforts by students.

--KPAN received the Mustang Award, recognizing businesses with 10 or under employees who demonstrate consistent support of UW.

--The Hustler 100 Award went to Plains Insurance and FirstBank Southwest for companies who have 100 percent participation in their employee campaign.

New president Tom Simons, who served as emcee, congratulated all board members and volunteers on reaching the campaign goal for the second straight year.

Other special recognitions made by Simons included:

John Sherrod accepted a State Media Award presented to FirstBank Southwest for an ad published in The Hereford Brand during the campaign; Mike Harris of West Texas Rural Telephone, Rodney Bailey of

Hereford Regional Medical Center and Jeff Torbert of State Farm were cited for participation in the loaned executive program.

Outgoing president Rodney Ruthart, on the board since 1992, was also recognized for outstanding service, as were outgoing board members Bobby Boyd, Janet Walker, John Stagner and Torbert.

The PACE division is made up of the top 10 businesses whose employees have the highest level of contributions. This year these employees gave a total of \$47,577, which represented 36 percent of the total campaign.

The top 10 were: Hereford Regional Medical Center, HISD, Southwestern Public Service, City of Hereford, FirstBank Southwest, W.T. Rural Telephone & W.T. Services, Arrowhead Mills, Deaf Smith Electric, Hereford State Bank, and

Caviness Packing.

The United Way board implemented a bonus allocation program last year - providing incentives for the agencies to earn extra dollars if the campaign collects funds above the allocation expense and administrative budget.

Nine agencies participated in the program and earned the bonuses. The agencies and bonus percentages: Senior Citizens, 22; YMCA, 16; Texas Panhandle Mental Health Authority, Hereford Center, 16; Big Brothers/Big Sisters, 13; Girls Scouts, 11; Salvation Army, 7; American Red Cross, 5; Camp Fire, 5; Boy Scouts, 5.

Simons also expressed appreciation to executive director Karen Sherrod, to FirstBank Southwest, Hereford State Bank and Hereford Texas Federal Credit Union for underwriting dinner expenses.

'Love your enemies' is new lesson for Hillary

WASHINGTON (AP) - "Love your enemies" is a lesson Hillary Rodham Clinton says she is ready to live.

The first lady, addressing Thursday's National Prayer Breakfast, echoed her husband's inaugural call for bipartisanship - and "repairing the breach" - by recalling her own four-year tenure in Washington.

"I have felt often as though I were thrown into a breach, and I have felt on other times that I wish to push someone into a breach," Mrs. Clinton said to knowing chuckles from her luncheon audience.

"I have to confess it has crossed my mind that you could not be a Republican AND a Christian," she added.

The first lady, who has weathered considerable media scrutiny and suspicion from conservative Republicans, told of an encounter the previous night with a man who asked her forgiveness. "For most of the last four years, I have worked very hard to destroy you," she quoted him as saying.

"I was taken aback," Mrs. Clinton said, adding it was not until she got home that the stranger's message sank in.

"What I should have said is, 'I don't know you and I don't know anything about you, but I want YOU to forgive ME also, because I am sure that in my moments of frustration and anger I have said terrible things about people like you - and I have thought even worse.'"

Mrs. Clinton said she now recognizes that "part of the challenge of living a life in the public arena is constantly to ask oneself, 'What can I do to repair?'"

"We've spent a lot of time in the last several years demonizing people with whom we do not agree politically," she said.

The prayer breakfast, an annual day of fellowship, drew a bipartisan group of nearly 4,000 people both inside and outside government.

President Clinton, Vice President Al Gore and House Speaker Newt Gingrich each spoke at a morning session of the interfaith gathering, where the president also lamented his shortcomings.

"This town is gripped with people who are self-righteous, sanctimonious and hypocritical," Clinton said. "I plead guilty from time to time."



Conducting a profile session

Don Killough, a consultant with the Texas Association of School Boards, conducted a profile session with Hereford Independent School District teachers on Thursday. Community members were able to discuss their educational concerns with consultants at a town meeting Thursday night. The sessions are part of the search for a new school superintendent, who will replace Charles Greenawalt.

Consultants hold profile sessions

Hereford community members discussed the characteristics of a school superintendent with Texas Association of School Boards consultants in a town hall meeting Thursday.

The meeting was part of the search process for a new superintendent, who will replace Charles Greenawalt.

Consultants also met with central office administrators, principals, media personnel, teachers and school trustees on Thursday.

Consultants were to meet with parents, students, business/civic leaders and paraprofessionals/support staff members on Friday.

The meetings will provide the community with the opportunity to discuss their main characteristics of a school superintendent and their educational concerns.

Greenawalt's resignation will be effective March 1. Nena Veazey, an assistant superintendent, will take the position of interim superintendent.

The superintendent application deadline is March 1.

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Local Roundup

Cold weather continues

Hereford reached a high temperature of 35 degrees on Thursday and an overnight low of 26 degrees. KPAN Radio also recorded 3/4 of an inch of snow and .12 of an inch of precipitation. For Friday night, look for partly cloudy skies with a low near 20. Winds will be light and variable. Saturday will be partly sunny with a high in the lower 40s. The five-day forecast calls for mostly cloudy skies with slight chances of rain and snow. Highs will be in the mid 40s.

WTRT committee to meet

The nominating committee of West Texas Rural Telephone Cooperative Inc. will meet at 11:30 a.m. Saturday in the Hereford Country Club to nominate candidates for three board of directors seats. The election will be at the annual membership meeting March 18 in the Hereford Bull Barn.

Miss Texas 1996 to appear

Miss Texas 1996 Michelle Martinez will make an appearance at Hereford Junior High School from 2:05 p.m. to 2:35 p.m. Tuesday in the varsity gym. As Miss Texas, Martinez travels to schools to promote her platform of family values. Parents are encouraged to attend.

Emergency Services

Activities reported by law enforcement agencies:

POLICE DEPARTMENT FRIDAY

- Sexual Assault of a Child was reported from the 400 block of Jowell Street. Investigation is pending.
- Theft was reported in the 600 block of North Ave K, where gasoline was taken.
- Disorderly Conduct was filed from the 100 block of Avenue H, but the case was unfounded.
- Theft was reported in the 700 block of La Plata Drive where a flute was taken.
- Theft of gasoline was reported in the 1300 block of East Park Avenue.
- A gas card was reported to have been found in the 400 block of 25 Mile Avenue.
- Reckless damage was reported in the 1100 block of West 1st Street where a business sign was struck by a vehicle.

- An incident of a telephone being shut off was reported in the 400 block of West 2nd.
- A dispute over a fence being torn down was reported in the 300 block of 16th.
- An incident was reported in the 600 block of Stanton where an argument began over the phone.
- A minor accident was reported in the 600 block of West Park Avenue.
- Ten traffic citations were issued.
- One speeding citation was issued.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

- Dispatched to the 200 block of Avenue E, for an accident.
- Dispatched to N. Progressive Road for an accident.

SHERIFF DEPARTMENT

- No arrests.
- No reports.



Top worker

Liz Agan, left, received the Kiwanian of the Month award from Kiwanis Club President, Mike Morrison, Thursday at the club's regular noon meeting at the Hereford Community Center. She was recognized for her work on various club activities.

State lawmakers receive Bush's property tax plan

By MICHAEL HOLMES
Associated Press Writer
AUSTIN (AP) - Gov. George W. Bush's property tax reduction plan, proposed last week in his State of the State address, now officially is before the Legislature.

Reps. Rob Junell, D-San Angelo, and Tom Craddick, R-Midland, filed a bill and a proposed constitutional amendment on Thursday that would provide what the Republican governor says is much-needed relief from rising local school property taxes.

Bush, who has been touring the state on a sales mission for his plan, hailed the two lawmakers for showing "leadership and courage" in sponsoring his legislation.

The governor wants to reduce school property taxes, which now total about \$10 billion a year, by about \$2.8 billion.

He has called for a \$1 billion tax cut funded by the state's cash surplus, and replacing some property taxes with a half-cent increase in the 6 1/4 percent state sales and motor vehicle sales tax, plus creation of a new business activity tax.

"I am absolutely convinced cutting school property taxes and developing a fairer way to fund our

schools is essential for the future of Texas," Bush said.

"This plan, combined with the budget I presented to the Legislature last week, fully funds our schools and results in an overall \$1 billion reduction in Texans' tax burden. I urge members of the Legislature to join me in giving school property tax relief to Texans," he said.

According to Bush's office, the bill introduced in the House calls for increasing the homestead exemption by \$20,000 in 1997 and cutting property tax rates by 20 cents in every school district on Jan. 1, 1998.

The measure also would require the state to reimburse districts for the cost of the higher homestead exemption and tax rate rollback; exempt business inventory from school maintenance and operations taxes; repeal the corporate franchise tax; and deposit lottery revenues and the extra sales tax money into a new school trust fund.

The bill would impose safeguards to keep property tax rates from rising again. It calls for a two-thirds vote of school boards to raise taxes after the rollback. Increases of 2 cents or more in any year or cumulative increases of 4 cents or more over three years

would require voter approval.

The business activity tax would levy a 1 1/4-cent charge on all business activity. It would be calculated by taking a business' total receipts or sales, subtracting the cost of goods, certain expenses, capital investment and a standard \$500,000 deduction, then multiplying by 1 1/4.

The proposed constitutional amendment, which would require voter ratification, would create the new school trust fund and require a three-fifths vote of the Legislature to raise the business activity tax rate.

Under the plan, voters would have to approve the amendment for the tax changes to take effect.

Craddick, who left the Capitol immediately after House session Thursday, released a written statement calling his sponsorship of the bill a courtesy to Bush.

"Gov. George W. Bush has asked me to introduce his tax bill. As a courtesy to him I am introducing his bill in my name. All inquiries or questions about his bill should be directed to his office," Craddick said.

Karen Hughes, a spokeswoman for Bush, said the governor's office offered to field calls since "it is the governor's plan."

Lotto winners get payment option

AUSTIN (AP) - Lotto Texas winners get a new option for getting paid next week - a lump sum instead of annual installments.

Texas Lottery officials said Thursday that the new "cash value option" - a single payment equal to about half of the estimated lotto jackpot - takes effect Monday.

"Players have been asking the lottery for the choice to claim their jackpots immediately, in one lump sum, since Lotto Texas began four years ago. We're ready to give them that choice," said Karen Porter, lottery marketing director.

The first drawing where winners

could choose the new payment scheme will be held on Wednesday.

Leticia Vasquez, lottery spokeswoman, said the option will be available only for lotto drawings, the twice-weekly six-number drawings where jackpots have been starting at about \$4 million.

Under the new system, when players purchase lotto tickets, they also will make a choice for prize payment: lump sum or 25 annual payments.

Players who choose to claim their winnings in a lump sum will receive the single payment for about half the estimated jackpot. That's because

about 50 percent of the each jackpot total comes from interest earned on annuities the lottery purchases for winners.

"Many people will wonder what happened to the 'other half,'" Ms. Porter said. "The 'other half' is the interest the players would have received if the lottery had invested that net present value and paid out the prize over 25 years."

A winner choosing annual installments gets that earned interest, which over time raises the total payout to that amount listed as the estimated jackpot.

Obituaries

WALLACE ALLISON Feb. 6, 1997

Wallace Delman Allison, 70, of Rule died Thursday. His sister, Lois Matchett resides in Hereford.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at First Baptist Church with John Greeson and the Revs. J. R. Williams and Don Meyers officiating. Burial will be in the Rule Cemetery under direction of McCauley-Robison Funeral Directors.

Mr. Allison was born Oct. 16, 1926, in Rule. He married Helen Roddy on Feb. 12, 1948 in Stamford. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II and he was a charter member of the Lions Club. He was a member and past president of the Chamber of Commerce, and he was past president of the Rule Cemetery Association.

He was president of the stockholders for the Rule Co-op Gin & Elevator, and he was a member of the Rule Masonic Lodge. He was a 32nd Degree Mason Shriner, and he was past president of the Haskell County Pecan Show. He was named Man of the Year in 1994 by the Rule Chamber of Commerce, and he was a member of First Baptist Church.

He owned Allison Farm Supply, and he worked in real estate. He was a farmer.

Survivors include his wife; a son, John Allison of Rule; two daughters, Brenda Griggs of Lubbock and Jan Briles of Stephenville; a brother, Desmond Allison of Smithville; four sisters, Olga Hayes of Carlsbad, N.M., Novis Pittcock of Rule, Lois Matchett of Hereford and Joyce Newman of Stamford; and seven grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Briles Memorial Fund in care of Farmers National Bank in Rule.

REY LUERA Feb. 5, 1997

Rey Luera, 44, of Lubbock, died Wednesday. His sister, Janie Luera resides in Hereford.

Vigil services will be at 8 p.m. Friday in St. Peter's Catholic Church. A mass will be celebrated at 2 p.m. Saturday in St. Peter's Church by the Rev. Martin Pena, pastor. Burial will be in Olton Cemetery by Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home.

Mr. Luera was born in Olton. He lived in Plainview before moving to Lubbock in 1993. He married Dolores Valdez in 1978 in Plainview. He was a Catholic.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Rocky Luera and Benjamin Luera, both of Lubbock; a daughter,

Annlisa Luera of Lubbock; his parents, Luis and Mary Luera of Olton; four sisters, Janie Luera of Hereford, Estella Oroso and Jessie Luera, both of Olton, and Elva Kason of Germany; and three brothers, Joe Luis Luera, the Rev. Ruben Luera and Roy Lee Luera, all of San Antonio.

CHESTER STRICKLAND Feb. 4, 1997

Chester Strickland, 89, of Albany, Ga., a former resident of Silverton, died Tuesday. He was also a former superintendent of public schools in Hereford.

Funeral services were set today at 11 a.m. in First United Methodist Church of Silverton. Burial will be in Silverton Cemetery by Myers-Long Funeral Directors.

Mr. Strickland had lived in Albany the past 5 1/2 years. He had retired as superintendent of Denton public schools. He served as HISS superintendent in 1945-46.

Survivors include his wife, Gladys; a daughter, Kay Wylie of Abilene; two brothers, J.D. Strickland of Abilene and Alton Strickland of Lubbock; a sister, Durene McPherson of Happy, 3 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild.

Snow dumps on Panhandle

By The Associated Press
Snow fell across the Texas Panhandle early today while a mixture of rain and snow dampened northern areas of the South Plains.

A snow advisory was in effect for the southern Panhandle, northern portions of the South Plains and the northern rolling plains. Forecasters said 1-2 inches of snow was possible in those areas.

The snow was expected to end during the day with skies expected to begin clearing from the west tonight. It will be mostly fair tonight and sunny on Saturday.

There is a slight chance of rain northeastern sections of North Texas tonight. The rest of the area will have cloudy skies. It will be cloudy on Saturday with a slight chance of rain in southwestern areas on Saturday night.

South Texas will have showers and thunderstorms tonight with precipitation ending in the Hill Country this evening. Skies will remain cloudy on Saturday.

A cold night is in store across most of the state with readings in the 30s expected as far south as the Hill Country.

Lows tonight will be in the teens in the Panhandle and in the 20s and 30s elsewhere across West Texas, the 20s and 30s in North Texas and in the 30s and 40s in South Texas.

Highs Saturday will be in the 40s and 50s over most of West Texas, ranging from the 30s in the Panhandle to the 60s in the Big Bend area, in the 40s and 50s across North Texas and in the 50s and 60s in South Texas.

Widespread fog was reported in northern sections of South Texas. Visibility at San Antonio was one-fourth of a mile during the pre-dawn hours.

Rain was widespread across North Texas.

CLINTON

legacy for Clinton, given the government's track record. It has managed just eight balanced budgets in the past half century.

Under Clinton's five-year program, the deficit will remain above last year's \$107 billion for the next three years and then drop dramatically until achieving a surplus of \$17 billion in 2002, the target date that both he and the Republicans have promised to achieve balance for the first time in three decades.

But to make the numbers come out correctly in 2002 while still offering popular new programs, Clinton adopted a now-you-see-it-now-you-don't approach.

Two of his new spending programs - federal support for school construction and expanded health coverage for workers between jobs - would simply disappear in 2002, the year he wants to achieve a balanced budget.

Gene Sperling, head of Clinton's National Economic Council, defended this budgeting idea, saying the construction program was designed to jump-start local projects.



AUSTIN (AP) - The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday by the Texas Lottery, in order: 6-0-6 (six, zero, six)

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Lifestyles

Ann Landers

Dear Ann Landers: Please tell your readers not to dump their mothers, fathers or other loved ones into just any old nursing home and assume they will be well cared for. Urge them to select a home that has been looked into carefully, one where they feel certain their loved one will be given competent care. Then -- and this is the hard part, Ann -- ask your readers to remember where they left "Grandma" or "Grandpa." Too many people don't.

Visit him or her, and bring a thermos of coffee or hot chocolate, a sweet roll or cookies. Make it seem special -- like a party. Take your loved one out to lunch, if possible. Decorate his or her room for an upcoming holiday -- Valentine's Day, July Fourth and so on. Brush her hair, and put a red ribbon in it. Trim his mustache or beard. Do her nails or give her a pedicure. I'll bet she's never had one. Write letters. A back rub with some wonderfully fragrant body cream would be ever so welcome.

I am an activity aide in a nursing home, and I do all these things. I also play music and arrange classes, games, crafts, cooking and spiritual programs. I'm a shoulder to cry on and a willing listener. There are only two of us here and over 100 residents. Without family support, it is not possible to meet all their needs.

You can place your loved ones in a home without feeling guilty if you do even a few of the things I've suggested. Please try, and there will be no regrets down the road. No name or initials, please. Just sign me -- A Caregiver in N.Y.

Dear Caregiver: Thank you for taking the time to write. Your letter is sure to make a difference in the lives of a great many senior citizens. You've done more good than you will ever know.

Dear Ann Landers: "Quebec Quandary" wanted to know what your readers thought about essays typed on computers and helped by spell checkers. I found this poem in a college paper, and it made quite an

impression. I don't know who wrote it, but I'm sure your readers will get a kick out of it. I certainly did. -- Charlotte in Hillman, Mich.

Dear Charlotte: That poem was widely circulated. I received several copies. I laughed when I read it, and I'm sure my readers will, too. Thanks for sending it on. Here it is: Spell-bound

I have a spelling checker, It came with my PC. It plainly marks four my revue Mistakes I cannot sea. I've run this poem threw it, I'm sure your please too no, Its letter perfect in it's weigh, My checker tolled me sew.

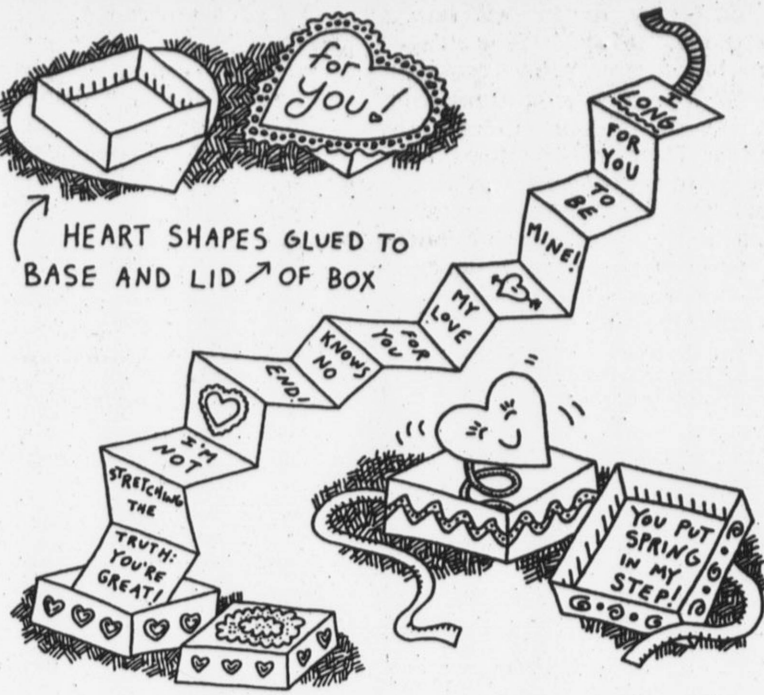
Dear Ann Landers: "Too Close for Comfort" said her husband's ex-wife gave up the right to be part of the family when they were divorced. My question is, why?

I married at 18 and have been divorced for three years. My ex's two brothers have been the brothers I never had. Their wives are like sisters to me. His maternal grandparents are the only grandparents I've ever known. His mother was as dear to me as my own mom.

To this day, we have lovingly tried to help each other both financially and emotionally. As for my ex, I am truly sorry that he chose to cut himself off from his former in-laws. My family misses him. -- Faithful Reader in Spring Grove, Ill.

Dear Reader: Your generosity of spirit is refreshing. Too bad you can't be cloned. The world could use more people like you. Thanks for writing.

What can you give the person who has everything? Ann Landers' booklet, "Gems," is ideal for a nightstand or coffee table. "Gems" is a collection of Ann Landers' most requested poems and essays. Send a self-addressed, long, business-size envelope and a check or money order for \$5.25 (this includes postage and handling) to: Gems, c/o Ann Landers, P.O. Box 11562, Chicago, Ill. 60611-0562. (In Canada, send \$6.25.) ANN LANDERS (R) COPYRIGHT 1997 CREATORS SYNDICATE, INC.



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Valentine in a box is sweetheart's surprise

Surprise your sweetheart with a one-of-a-kind valentine in a box. There's more to this greeting than meets the eye. Choose a springy heart that pops out at you, or a heartfelt pullout message that goes on and on and on.

For either valentine, you will need a small cardboard box or a jewelry box with lid. Paint the box with gold, red or pink paint, then glue on ribbons, bows and stickers. For a fancy decoration to resemble a box of chocolates, cut two identical heart shapes from construction paper. Make sure they are slightly larger than the dimensions of the box. Glue one heart on the box lid and add lace trim around the edges. Glue the second heart on the base, lining it up with the top heart.

* Pop-out heart valentine box: Cut out a heart shape from construction paper to fit the inside of the box. Wind a pipe cleaner around your finger to form a spiral. Glue one end of the spiral to the inside center of

the box. Glue the heart to the opposite end of the spiral. Write a message on the inside lid, such as "My heart flutters for you!" Gently press down on the heart and replace the lid. Tie the box shut with a ribbon.

* Pullout message valentine box: Measure the inside width of the box. Cut out a piece of paper as wide as the measured amount and 16 inches long. Fold the paper accordion-style to fit inside the box. On one side of the paper, write a valentine message with a few words on each section, leaving the bottom section blank. Glue the blank flap to the bottom of the box, making sure it is positioned so that when you lift the strip of paper the message is facing you. At the opposite end, glue a strip of ribbon to the center for a "pull." Gently fold the paper neatly in the box and replace the lid.

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Menus

HEREFORD I.S.D.

Breakfast
MONDAY-Pancakes with syrup; or cereal, buttered toast, diced peaches, milk.

TUESDAY-Little smokie, biscuit and jelly; or cereal, buttered toast, orange wedges, chocolate milk.

WEDNESDAY-Scrambled eggs with sausage, flour tortilla; or cereal, buttered toast, apple juice, milk.

THURSDAY-Breakfast pocket; or cereal, buttered toast, mixed fruit, chocolate milk.

FRIDAY-Cheese toast; or cereal, buttered toast, banana, milk.

Lunch
MONDAY-Spaghetti with meat sauce, cabbage apple raisin salad, green beans, fruit salad, cornbread, chocolate milk.

TUESDAY-Oven fried chicken with gravy, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, apple crisp, whole wheat roll, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Submarine sandwich (turkey and cheese), lettuce

and tomato slices, potato wedges with catsup, strawberry yogurt, chocolate milk.

THURSDAY-Beef enchiladas with picante sauce, lettuce and tomato bits, seasoned pinto beans, Spanish rice, pear delite, cowboy bread, milk.

FRIDAY-Cupid's yummy chili dog, angelic fries with catsup, heavenly baked beans, romantic fresh fruit, valentine cookie; sweetheart chocolate milk.

ST. ANTHONY'S SCHOOL

MONDAY-Nacho grande, pinto beans, tossed salad, peach crisp, milk.
TUESDAY-Chicken pot pie, blackeyed peas, yams, biscuit, mixed fruit, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Macaroni and cheese, sweet peas, carrots, whole wheat rolls, fruity Jello, milk.

THURSDAY-Sloppy joes, tator tots, ranch style beans, cupcakes, applesauce, milk.

FRIDAY-Bean chalupas, tossed salad, rice, apple cobbler, milk.

Whitfill, Cummings voted best at Toastmaster meeting

Gary Whitfill was voted best evaluator and best topic speaker and Joe Don Cummings was voted best speaker at the Thursday morning meeting of Hereford Toastmasters.

Cummings' topic was "Cup of Independence" and Charles Minchew served as evaluator.

Whitfill was evaluator for a speech by Wayne Winget titled "What the Heck You Guys Doing?"

As a topic speaker, Whitfill spoke on "What Is Wrong with Society?" Other topic speakers and their topics were: Margaret Del Toro, "O.J. Simpson Civil Trial"; Clark Andrews, "Darlec Routier Innocent or Guilty"; and Linda Minchew, "Menendez Brothers' Right to Kill."

Topicmaster was Pat Varner.

Mike Morrison was presiding officer for the meeting and Linda Minchew was toastmaster. Charles Minchew was timer; Breck Hunsaker, AH counter and Morrison, grammarian.

As wordmaster, Del Toro introduced the word donnybrook. Hunsaker was a guest at the meeting, along with Adolfo Del Toro.

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Today in History

By The Associated Press
Today is Friday, Feb. 7, the 38th day of 1997. There are 327 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On Feb. 7, 1964, The Beatles began their first American tour as they arrived at New York City's John F. Kennedy International Airport, where they were greeted by thousands of screaming fans.

On this date:
In 1812, author Charles Dickens was born in Portsmouth, England.
In 1904, a fire began in Baltimore that raged for about 30 hours and destroyed more than 1,500 buildings.
In 1931, aviator Amelia Earhart

married publisher George P. Putnam in Noank, Conn.

In 1936, President Roosevelt authorized a flag for the office of the vice president.

In 1944, during World War II, the Germans launched a counteroffensive at Anzio, Italy.

In 1948, General Dwight D. Eisenhower resigned as Army chief of staff and was succeeded by General Omar Bradley.

In 1971, women in Switzerland won the right to vote.

In 1974, the island nation of Grenada won independence from Britain.

In 1983, Elizabeth H. Dole was sworn in as the first female secretary

of transportation by the first woman to sit on the U.S. Supreme Court, Justice Sandra Day O'Connor.

In 1984, space shuttle astronauts Bruce McCandless II and Robert L. Stewart went on the first untethered spacewalk.

In 1986, Haitian President-for-Life Jean-Claude Duvalier fled his country, ending 28 years of his family's rule.

In 1991, the Rev. Jean-Bertrand Aristide was sworn in as Haiti's first democratically elected president.

Ten years ago: The crew of the Stars and Stripes, skippered by Dennis Conner, brought the America's Cup back to the United States to the cheers of about 60,000 people in San Diego. (Stars and Stripes had defeated Australian defender Kookaburra III.)

Five years ago: Russian President Boris N. Yeltsin and French President Francois Mitterrand signed a cooperation treaty in Paris. Former

heavyweight boxing champion Mike Tyson testified at his rape trial in Indianapolis that his accuser, a Miss Black America contestant, had consented to have sex with him.

One year ago: During a Central America tour, Pope John Paul II received a warm welcome in Nicaragua, his first visit there since 1983.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Eddie Bracken is 77. Country singer Wilma Lee Cooper is 76. Author Gay Talese is 65. Blues singer-musician Earl King is 63. Actor Miguel Ferrer is 43. Reggae musician Brian Travers (UB40) is 38. Actor James Spader is 37. Country singer Garth Brooks is 35. Rock musician David Bryan (Bon Jovi) is 35. Actor-comedian Chris Rock is 31.

Thought for Today: "A cruel story runs on wheels, and every hand oils the wheels as they run." - Ouida (Marie Louise de la Ramee), English writer (1839-1908).

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Hints from Heloise

Dear Heloise: A while back you printed an article for removing scratches from wood furniture. Your reply was wonderful. However, your hint for a similar problem that appeared in the December issue of Good Housekeeping magazine was better. Is it possible to reprint the hint for using nuts? -- Mrs. F. McNamee, Simi Valley, Calif.

I'd be happy to reprint the hint for trying to cover scratches on wood furniture by simply using the "meat" of a walnut or pecan.

Since I am limited on space in the newspaper column, sometimes I can't print all the solutions, but here is the one you requested.

Hospital Notes

Report from Hereford Regional Medical Center on Feb. 7:

Admissions: Mary Irene Nunez, Sidney Ward, Rusty Davis, Edmundo Murillo, Katherine Perrin.

Discharges: Maria Montes.



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All you have to do is break a shelled walnut or pecan in half and gently rub over the scratches going in the direction of the wood grain. If they aren't too deep, the marks are usually concealed by the oil from the nut. Then all you have to do is buff with a clean, soft cloth to finish. Good luck. -- Heloise

PLANT LABELS
Dear Heloise: The time of year is approaching when many of your readers may be starting garden plants from seeds.

Commercial plants come labeled with preprinted plastic labels. Home gardeners may buy plastic or wooden labels to mark their seed flats and young plants.

My suggestion is to cut the thin cardboard used for 12-pack cartons of soft drinks into strips of the desired size (4-by-5/8-inch is typical). The plain unprinted side of the carton marks easily with an ordinary ballpoint pen. This type of cardboard is durable enough to mark the plants until it's time to transplant to the garden or flower bed. -- Harold M. Coombs Jr., Winnsboro, S.C.



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Church News

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The Hereford Brand publishes Church News items as a community service. Churches in Deaf Smith County are invited to submit information about upcoming church activities for publication in the Church News listing. Information must be submitted to the Brand offices by 5 p.m. Wednesday for the following Friday's paper. News items may be edited for length.)

COMMUNITY CHURCH
Pastor Dorman Duggan and congregation invite you to come and worship and praise with them Sunday morning.
Sunday school for all ages begins at 9:30 a.m. and the morning worship service starts at 10:30. A nursery is provided.

The Sunday evening service is at 6 and a nursery is again provided.
The Intercessory Prayer Group meets Monday night at 7 p.m.
Tuesday morning at 9:30 the Ladies Prayer Group meets.
The Wednesday service, children's church and youth group all begin at 7 p.m.
For more information or if you need prayer, call 364-8866 or 364-2423.

TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday school begins at 10 a.m. and the Sunday worship services are held at 11 a.m. and 5 p.m.
Pastor Ed Warren and the church congregation invite the public to all services at the church located on S. Hwy. 385 and Columbia St.
For additional information, call 364-3487.

SUMMERFIELD BAPTIST CHURCH
Bro. Ellis Parson and the congregation of Summerfield Baptist Church invite you to join us for services each Sunday and Wednesday.

There will be a Brotherhood Meeting at 7 a.m. Sunday at the Ranch House.
Sunday school begins at 10 a.m. followed by the worship service at 11 a.m.

Sunday in the 6 p.m. worship service, Bro. Parson will continue the Bible study of Ephesians. The study will continue at the 7 p.m. Wednesday service. It will be held each Sunday and Wednesday evening until the complete book of Ephesians is finished.
The week of Feb. 9-15 is Focus on W.M.U. week. On Wednesday, the Women on Missions meeting will be held at 6 p.m. at the church. All ladies are invited.

Transportation is available upon request.
For more information or to make arrangements for a ride, call 357-2535.

WESTWAY BAPTIST CHURCH
We at Westway Baptist Church welcome you to come join us for all services. We are a church that loves the Lord and teaches His holy word. We are small in size but our spirit is great. God has blessed Westway Baptist in so many ways.
We have Sunday School classes for all ages from nursery to adult at 9:45 a.m.
Worship services are at 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.
Monday evening at 7 we have a weight loss program.
Our Wednesday Bible study begins at 7 p.m. We are studying "Journey of a Lifetime."
On the first and third Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. we have craft classes.
Ronny Sanders is music minister and Ray Sanders is pastor.

COUNTRY ROAD CHURCH OF GOD
401 Country Club Drive
Pastor Woody Wiggins and the church congregation invite the public to attend all services and activities at the church.
The following is the regular schedule of services.
Sunday school begins at 10 a.m. and the Sunday worship services are held at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Services are conducted at 6 p.m. each Wednesday. Gospel singing will be held the last Sunday of each month starting at 5 p.m.
A nursery is provided during all services.
Pastor Wiggins says, "Come and experience what God is doing here - a church where the Spirit is alive and God is moving by His power, a church full of love where you are somebody and Jesus is Lord."
Our 24 hour prayer line is 364-5390.

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH
1204 Moreman
Pastor Danny Parnell and the membership of Bible Baptist Church invite you to visit this week for Sunday School and worship services.
Sunday School for all ages begins at 10 a.m., with the Sunday morning worship service at 11 a.m.
Sunday night services begin at 6 p.m., while Wednesday night services are at 7.

HEREFORD CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
We would like to invite you to join us here at the Nazarene Church for Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. and praise and worship at 10:30 a.m. This Sunday Pastor Ted's sermon title is "Hope is for the Hurting."
Children's Church with Pastor Carol will continue with this week's lesson on "A Bad Habit."
The topic for teens for Mission Impossible Wednesday is "The Bond of Love." Each week we will include praise and worship, top 10, drama, music, videos and lots of fellowship.
Teens are having Junior High Bible Study Club Thursday at 7:30 a.m. in the library. Senior High Study Club meets at 7:30 a.m. in the gym. Car groups meet Sunday evenings at 6: Jr. High Ladies, 244 Douglas; Jr. High Men, 205 Texas; Sr. High Ladies, 603 E. 5th; Sr. High Men, 325 Centre.

All ladies are welcome to join Susie Merrick's Bible study each Tuesday at 10 a.m. She is teaching on "The 26 Miracles of Jesus."
Kids, join us as Nazarene Kid's Korner on Wednesday and Friday of each week where all kids are welcome to come and share in the fun, games and outings we enjoy. Call Eleise at 364-8161 for more information.

TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH
The congregation and the pastor, H. Wyatt Bartlett, of Temple Baptist Church, 700 Avenue K, invite everyone to come and worship with them. Sunday School begins at 9:45 a.m. with classes for everyone. Morning worship is at 11 with the pastor speaking.
Evening worship begins at 6 with Discipleship Training at which time we will view a special video with Ray Vander Lann teaching Biblical Truths on location in the Holy Land. The evening service is at 7 with the pastor again preaching.

Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. we have prayer time and also Bible study. We are studying Psalms, chapter by chapter and verse by verse.

GOOD NEWS CHURCH
400 N. 25 Mile Ave.
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Pastor David Alvarado and the Good News congregation invite you to come and worship the Lord Jesus Christ with us in the spirit of love.
Come and experience the goodness of God and His power.
Sunday services are at 10 a.m. and Wednesday services are at 7 p.m.
If you have any questions or you need prayer, please call Pastor David Alvarado at 364-5239. God bless you.

FELLOWSHIP OF BELIEVERS
The Fellowship of Believers invites you to attend services this Sunday.
The Bible study class begins at 9:30 a.m. and the worship service at 10:30 a.m.
Classes for children are at 9:30 a.m. and are available through elementary ages. Nursery facilities are available during the worship service.
If you need transportation to the church services, please call 364-0359.
The youth group will meet at 6 p.m. Wednesday.
NEW HOPE CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
13th and Avenue H
Pastor Elda Olivarez and congregation invite you to worship with them.
Sunday School is at 9:30 a.m. and morning worship is at 10:30. Evening worship is at 6 on Sunday and 7 on Wednesday.
The youth meet Friday at 7 p.m. There are monthly meetings for men and women.
New Hope Church of the Nazarene was founded by Pastor Olivarez in June 1992, right in the center of the barrio. We are reaching out to single mothers, teenagers, the elderly and lots of children.
We would like to thank all who were involved in our Vision of "expanding out to reach out." Our new addition will include four Sunday school rooms, a cry room, fellowship hall and restrooms.
We are still praying and raising funds to complete our Vision.

AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH
Avenue would like to invite you to our Sunday services. Sunday School begins 9:45 a.m. and morning worship at 11. Evening services are at 6 p.m.
If you need a ride, please call 364-1564.
This Sunday will begin a NEW Discipleship Training course on "Witnessing." We invite you to come and join us and learn how to plant the seeds to those around us. The class begins at 5 p.m. each Sunday.
Women's Prayer Group and Study meets each Monday evening at 6:30 p.m. Come and learn "What Happens When Women Pray?" The group is led by Thelma Cherry.
We also have a Ladies Bible Study that meets the second Thursday of each month at 12 noon for those

working moms as well. Come join us this Thursday in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your lunch.
On Friday, Avenue will host a Valentine's Party. We invite all ages from birth to senior adult to come join in. We will crown a Valentine King and Queen in four different age groups. There will be games, food and fellowship. Any senior adult that needs a ride to and from the Valentine Party, please contact the church office at 364-1564 and we will be happy to pick you up.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
"The Far-Off Country Here at Home" is the sermon topic chosen by Dr. Tom C. Fuller for Sunday with the scripture lesson taken from Luke 15:25-32. Pre-service music will be presented by Amy Ruland playing a French horn solo. The Sanctuary Choir will sing "Sanctus" as the anthem, and the Sunshine Choir will sing "They All Lived Long Ago" as the offertory.
The morning worship service begins at 9:45; Sunday School classes for all age groups begin at 9:30. Evening services will be held in the sanctuary at 6.
The Council on Ministries will prepare and serve a barbecue luncheon at noon Sunday to benefit the Deaf Smith County Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Program. Donations will be accepted for the event, to be held in Fellowship Hall. The community of Hereford is urged to support this fundraiser to strengthen the outreach of this program.
The Confirmation Class will meet upstairs in the Education Building from 4 to 6 p.m. on Sunday.
The United Methodist Youth Fellowship will gather for a snack supper and program at 6:30 p.m.
The second session of the United Methodist Women study "China/Hong Kong" will be held in Ward Parlor on Wednesday beginning at 10 a.m.
The annual Lenten Life Study Series will kick-off with a Mexican Stack supper served by the Celebration Class at 6 p.m. Wednesday. Study groups will convene at 6:40. There will be groups for all ages beginning with children in kindergarten through adults.
Wayne Dollar, Missions Coordinator, invites individuals and couples to go with him to Chihuahua City, Mexico, for a Volunteers in Mission work experience, March 8-15. Contact Dollar for more information.
The UMYF will leave the church at 4:30 p.m. Feb. 14 for a ski trip to Red River. Youth and sponsors will meet at the church at 6:30 p.m. Thursday to pack the vehicles.

WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Wesley United Methodist is located at 410 Irving here in Hereford. We have a friendly congregation and would like to have you visit us.
Our Sunday school begins at 10 a.m. The worship service begins at 11 a.m. On Sunday evenings the youth service begins at 5 and the evening service begins at 6. Choir practice starts at 7 p.m. on Thursday.
The United Methodist Women have their quilt up and ready to begin quilting. This quilt will be our donation to the King's Manor Quilt Auction in July.
Confirmation classes began Thursday and will last for 13 weeks. They classes are held at 5:30 p.m. each Thursday.
Our congregation is small but friendly. If you are looking for a church home, we would love to have you visit us.
FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH
"Whatever Happened to Hell?" will be the title of Pastor Gaston's message Sunday at 10:45 a.m. The congregation warmly invites you to visit. A nursery is provided for all church services.
Sunday School begins at 9:45 a.m., and classes are provided for all ages. Children's Church is held at 10:45 a.m., and it is held in the fellowship hall.
Roger Kuykendall, a Texas Tech Red Raider, will be the guest speaker at 6 p.m. Sunday. You will be blessed by his dynamic ministry.
Following the evening service, there will be a Stack Supper at 7:30 p.m. Donations will be accepted, and the proceeds will be used to purchase new lighting fixtures for the sanctuary. The public is invited to come and enjoy good cookin'.
Royal Rangers and Missionettes, scouting-type programs for boys and girls, meets each Tuesday from 7-8:15 p.m. There are classes for girls and boys, ages 3 and up. Your kids will love being a part of this exciting program.
"The Dating Game" will be played by the youth on Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Don't miss this time of great fun.
The mid-week worship service will be held Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary.
On Feb. 15 the youth will go to Westgate Mall in Amarillo for a "Shop Till You Drop" outing. Contact Veronia Gallegos for more details.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
You are always welcome at First Baptist Church.
Our schedule of activities includes:
Sunday
9:45 a.m.--Family Bible Study
11 a.m.--Morning worship
4 p.m.--Team Kid
4, 4:30 & 5 p.m.--Disciples College
5 p.m.--Youth
Monday
6:30 p.m.--Adult handbells
Wednesday
5:30 p.m.--Fellowship supper
6 p.m.--Children's choirs
6 p.m.--Acteens
6:15 p.m.--Prayer meeting
7 p.m.--Youth
7 p.m.--G.A.'s and Mission Friends
7:10 p.m.--Adult choir
There is room for you in each of the above areas of fellowship and ministry. There is a place for you at First Baptist Church.

CHRIST'S CHURCH FELLOWSHIP
Christ's Church Fellowship would like to invite you and your family to come praise and adore Jesus Christ with us. Sunday School classes begin at 9:45 a.m. with the worship service and K.I.D.S. church beginning at 10:45 a.m. Deanna Edwards and Shelly McCracken present God's will in a wonderful and special way to the little ones.
All ladies are invited to join Carlynn Delozier on Monday nights at 7 or Cindy Cole on Wednesday morning at 10. "The Covenant" is the lesson for both.
Each Wednesday, children grades K-4 through 6th are welcomed to Bible Club starting at 6:30 p.m. At 7 p.m. the youth meet with Jeff O'Rand.
George Keenan leads "Experiencing God" Bible study on Wednesday nights at 7.

BARN CHURCH
Barn Church is a non-denominational Christian ministry. Our goal is to worship God and fellowship with each other. Barn Church is for everyone that likes things a little on the country side. We'll have some singing, some preaching and maybe a testimony or two.
It's come as you are, so dust off your jeans and come on out. Bring the family and tell your friends.
Barn Church meets the third Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. in the B-S Arena.

FRIO BAPTIST CHURCH
Pastor Larry Perkins and the congregation of the Frio Baptist Church invite you to join them for services each Sunday and Wednesday.
Sunday School begins at 10 a.m. and is followed by worship at 11 a.m. Evening services begin with Discipleship Training at 6 which is followed by evening worship at 7.
We would also like to invite youth to join us and our youth minister David Splawn.
Wednesday evening prayer services begin at 7.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
This Sunday we will Remember the Transfiguration of the Lord in our 10:30 a.m. worship time. The Rev. Jeremy M. Grant will preach on "To the Mountain Top and Beyond!" The scriptures are II King 2:1-12, II Corinthians 4:3-6 and Mark 9:2-3.
You are more than welcome to join us for Bible study in one of our Sunday morning classes at 9:15. We have a nondenominational class for people with special needs. We also have classes for young marrieds and singles, other adults, youth, elementary age, preschool and a nursery.
At 10:10 a.m., we gather each Sunday for a cup of coffee, a goodie and great fellowship. Come and meet a friend this Sunday.
The First Presbyterian Prayer Group gathers for the lifting of joys and concerns to God at 6 p.m. on Mondays.
Christian Growth and Nurture committee will meet at 5:30 p.m. on Monday and the Worship and Planning committee will meet at 7 p.m.
Little Blessings Day Care will be open from 7:45 a.m. to 6 p.m. on

Monday and Tuesday.
LOGOS Program will be held at 5 p.m. Wednesday. LOGOS is a program for youth from ages 4 to 18 covering Bible study, worship skills, dinner and playtime.
Adult Choir practice is at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday.
For more information, call the church office from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., 364-2471.

ST. THOMAS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH
"Hearing Voices" is the title of the sermon by The Very Rev. Charles A. Wilson on the Last Sunday after the Epiphany. It is based on all of the scripture readings for the day. The Holy Eucharist is celebrated at 11 a.m. and there is a coffee hour after the service.
Christian Education for all ages is at 9:30 a.m. each Sunday. Children and youth will meet in the Education Wing for "Living the Good News," a curriculum based on the Sunday readings in the Eucharist. The Adult Class meets in the Ruth Warner Room for the last in a series of sessions on "Epiphany and the Mission of the Church."
Ash Wednesday is February 12 and we will do the proper liturgy for that day with the Imposition of Ashes. The service is at 7 p.m. and will conclude with the Holy Communion. The Laying-on-of-Hands and Holy Unction for healing will be administered at the altar rail after the service.
Intercessory prayer requests from the community are most welcome. To have them included in the Prayers of the People at all services, please call 364-0146 and leave a message. In case of emergency, or to make appointments for personal conferences, please call Father Wilson in Amarillo at 353-1734.

CENTRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST
All husbands are invited to a Love Dinner Feb. 14 in the fellowship room at 7 p.m. All wives need to sign-up if you plan to attend, to bring food. Please call the office to RSVP.
Senior Citizen Day will be Feb. 20. The meal will be Potluck. Feb. 23 we will have a fellowship meal in honor of the Greenawalts. Everyone plan to be there.
The Prison Ministry volunteers will leave the building this Sunday after morning services. The teen devotional will be at Dale Hollingsworth's after services Sunday evening. Bring \$3 for pizza.
Come worship with us. Sunday Bible Class begins at 9:30 a.m. and worship is at 10:25 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday Bible Class begins at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY CHURCH
The leadership and congregation of Christian Assembly welcome you to worship the Lord with us.
Where the spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. Come, be a blessing and be blessed.
Jim Withrow, of New Life Fellowship in Safford, Ariz., will minister on Saturday night at 7 and Sunday morning at 10:30. There will be no Sunday evening service.
For more information, call 364-5874 or 364-0974.

ST. ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
St. Anthony's is located at 115 N. 25 Mile Avenue. Masses are held at 6 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday.
Spiritual growth opportunities: Men's Day of Recollection, Feb. 23; CYO Day of Recollection, March 2; JOY Day of Recollection, March 15; and Women's Day of Recollection, March 16.
In the event we have snow, JOY members would to shovel it out of your way and raise funds for their youth activities. By donation they will bring their shovels and scoops and make your walks and driveways safe. Call Valerie Artho at 364-5653 or Lisa Artho at 364-8525.
No CFC of Ash Wednesday. All students are to attend Ash Wednesday Service in the church with their families. Ashes will be distributed.
St. Anthony's School Auction will be at the K of C Hall on March 9. We are collecting items. Spread the word and invitation to buyers.
The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend will be Feb. 28-March 2. For more information, call Mike or Michelle Stephan at 1-800-795-LOVE. Register by Feb. 22.
"A Gift from the Heart" benefit dance for Doug and Annabeth (Frielme) Roming and family, who lost their house and belongings in a fire on Jan. 3, will be held Feb. 15 at the Bluebonnet Club (Bell Street Exit off Canyon E-Way) from 6-7:30 p.m. Dance to the music of Garre LeGrone and "Bottom Line." There will be a \$4 cover charge at the door.
Suffering from an abortion? If you are interested in forming an Abortion Victims Support Group, or just want someone to talk to (being male or female) call 289-5250 and ask for Sandy. Your call will be kept confidential.

Need a few dollars more? Round up your no-longer-used-but-still-usable articles and call The Brand's Classified Ad department. We will put a low-cost, fast-acting sales message together for you. Call 364-2030.

TEAM ROPING, BIBLE CAMP
reflects changes in worship
Worship styles and trends are changing and there are different approaches churches can use to reach a secular society.
One of these approaches that is becoming increasingly popular is the "cowboy church." This doesn't mean a church just for cowboys. It means a less formal style of worship where boots and jeans are an accepted form of dress, the music has a country beat and the family worships together.
In many instances, the speaker is just that - a speaker who shares his testimony - and not an ordained minister.
Randy Bird is such a speaker. And he is a man with a mission: to tell people there is hope when all seems hopeless.
He will do this during the team roping Bible camp this weekend at the B-S Arena. And he will participate in the team roping even though he is a paraplegic.
The team roping portion of the camp will be under the direction of Dale Woodard, a veteran rodeo clown and recent winner of the world championship team roping title at the Senior Pro Rodeo Finals in Reno.

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Sports

Hereford, Frenship ready for bi-district battle

By TOMMY WELLS
Managing Editor

Without a doubt, the Hereford Lady Whitefaces are happy to be in the position they're in right now: They're in the playoffs for the first time in school history.

If that fact is to be true come Sunday morning then happiness is about the only luxury the Lady Whitefaces can afford themselves. Hereford can't afford to sit back and smell the roses. If they do, Wolforth Frenship could be like the Wicked Witch in the Wizard of Oz, and leave them there permanently.

The Lady Whitefaces, coming off a monumental win over perennial state power Randall in a one-game district playoff for the district runner-up honors, will meet Frenship in the bi-district round of the Class 4A schoolgirl playoffs beginning at 7:30

p.m. Saturday night in the Floydada High School gym. Frenship earned the right to face Hereford by finishing third in the rough-and-tumble District 2-4A race.

"We're just tickled to death to be playing Hereford because that means we're in the playoffs," said Frenship head coach Sam Tipton, who was in attendance to see the Lady Whitefaces' win over Randall. "We know they've got a real athletic ballclub, so I really feel its going to be one fantastic game."

Don't be fooled by Frenship's third-place finish. They are indeed a team capable of sneaking up on anyone.

The Lady Whitefaces (21-7 overall) aren't without a few pluses themselves. The biggest of which might well momentum. Hereford has

Hereford		Frenship	
Pos.	Player	Pos.	Player
G	Julie Rampley	G	Stephanie Karr
G	Catie Betzen	G	Holly Potts
G	Misti Davis	G	Natalee Wilson
G	Kari Barrett	G	Connie Beyer
P	Briar Baker	P	Jennifer Hardy

shown the effort necessary at making a run in the playoffs over the past two months, winning 12 of their last 14 games - including the team's first two wins ever over the Lady Raiders.

The Lady Whitefaces will be led into the contest with a hot-shooting

four-guard rotation that features Julie Rampley, Kari Barrett, Catie Betzen and Misti Davis. Rampley, Betzen and Davis are each averaging better than 10 points a night.

Rampley, Davis and Sarah Ramey will likely share the defensive duties

inside. The trio combined on Monday to hold the Lady Raiders to less than 40 percent from the floor. Not bad for team that doesn't have an abundance of height. Ramey and Rampley are the Herds' tallest players, standing just over 5-foot-10.

Frenship, which is making its fourth straight playoff appearance, doesn't have a height problem. Both of Tipton's starting posts stand better than six-foot.

Leading Frenship into the contest are Natalee Wilson and post Jennifer Hardy. Wilson, a 5-foot-10 guard, is the team's top scoring threat this season. She has averaged 12.6 points a night. Hardy, a 6-foot-1 post, is scoring at a 10.4 points per game clip.

Both Wilson and Hardy are averaging over five rebounds a night, Tipton said.

Helping on the inside for Frenship is Connie Beyer, a 6-foot-2 post, who is averaging nine points and three rebounds a game.

The height advantage Frenship may have in the backcourt won't be evident in the front, however. Guards Stephanie Karr and Holly Potts are the smallest FHS starters, standing 5-foot-2 and 5-foot-5, respectively. Potts is averaging eight points a night, and is the team's top threat from the outside.

"I think the ball club that puts their game on the floor tomorrow night will survive," said Tipton, who has been coaching at the school for 11 years. "Since neither team knows a lot about the other, I think the one that adjusts better during the game and plays to their capabilities will help themselves quite a bit."

Angry Mason leads Hornets past Kings, 115-100

By BOB GREENE
AP Sports Writer

Anthony Mason felt slighted. The Sacramento Kings felt the anger.

Mason, having his best season in the NBA in his first year at Charlotte, is angry for being bypassed for this weekend's All-Star game in Cleveland.

"It's just a sign of great disrespect for Anthony Mason as a basketball player," Mason said. "I have no more respect for whoever is responsible for the choices. All I'm going to do is come out and play hard for the Charlotte Hornets."

He did just that Thursday night, setting a club record by making all eight of his field-goal attempts as the surging Hornets defeated Sacramento 115-100. Mason, who also sank all six free throws, finished with 22 points, six rebounds and four assists to lead the Hornets to their seventh consecutive victory over the Kings in Charlotte.

"He doesn't talk about it with us, but you can see that Mase has definitely been snubbed for the All-Star game," said Charlotte

forward Glen Rice, who was named to the All-Star squad for the second straight year. "It's just a shame that he didn't get picked. He deserves to be there."

In other NBA games, it was Orlando 119, Boston 111; Miami 102, Milwaukee 90; Minnesota 103, Vancouver 86; New Jersey 100, Indiana 104; Detroit 96, Houston 87; and New York 96, San Antonio 84.

Mason, on track to set new highs in virtually every statistical category this year, broke Charlotte's single-game record for the most field goals without a miss. The old mark was six by Eric Leckner in a February 1991 contest against Miami.

The victory was Charlotte's fourth straight and 11th in 14 games as the Hornets recorded their second-largest margin of victory this season and improved to 10 games over the .500 mark heading into the All-Star break.

"This was a pretty special ending for the run we've had," coach Dave Cowens said. "These guys are amazing."

Mitch Richmond led Sacramento with 37 points.

Pistons 96, Rockets 87

At Auburn Hills, Mich., Terry Mills scored 14 of his 16 points in the second quarter and Detroit easily beat slumping Houston.

Playing without Clyde Drexler and Charles Barkley, the Rockets have now lost six straight, while the Pistons have won six of seven.

Hakeem Olajuwon led the Rockets with 18 points, but was held to just three rebounds.

Timberwolves 103, Grizzlies 86

At Minneapolis, James Robinson hit four consecutive 3-pointers and scored 14 consecutive third-quarter points in Minnesota's victory.

The Grizzlies led 46-44 at the half, but Robinson outscored the entire Vancouver team 14-13 in the third quarter. Robinson, 4-of-5 from 3-point range, finished with 16 points, while Kevin Garnett led Minnesota with 18.

Vancouver's Anthony Peeler

scored 24.

Heat 102, Bucks 90

At Miami, Voshon Lenard scored 38 points, his second career-high total in two nights, as the Heat beat Milwaukee for the 16th straight time.

Lenard's performance, including six 3-pointers, followed a 28-point effort Wednesday night in Miami's victory at Boston.

Johnny Newman led Milwaukee with 26 points.

Magic 119, Celtics 111

At Orlando, Rony Seikaly scored 27 of his 32 points in the first half, and the Magic survived poor foul shooting down the stretch to gain their fifth straight win.

Penny Hardaway had 25 points and 10 assists, and Nick Anderson added 22 for Orlando, while Rick Fox paced Boston with 30 points.

Pacers 104, Nets 100

At East Rutherford, Rik Smits hit a go-ahead layup with 1:32 to play

and Indiana sank 14 of 15 free throws in the fourth quarter to beat New Jersey.

Reggie Miller paced the Pacers with 26 points, while Jayson Williams had 21 points and 20 rebounds for New Jersey.

Knicks 96, Spurs 84

At New York, Allan Houston scored 22 points and Larry Johnson had 20 in New York's easy win over San

Antonio. It was the Spurs' sixth straight loss.

Dominique Wilkins scored 19 points to lead the Spurs.

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Tagliabue might settle to Parcels mess behind scenes

By BARRY WILNER
AP Football Writer

NEW YORK (AP) - Paul Tagliabue will hold a hearing next week on Bill Parcels' agreement to become a New York Jets consultant. Unless, of course, the NFL commissioner can settle the matter behind the scenes before then.

Tagliabue ruled last week that Parcels, whose New England Patriots lost to Green Bay in the Super Bowl, could not coach or serve in a comparable position for any other NFL team in 1997 without the Patriots' permission.

Parcels resigned as coach of the Patriots last Friday, then signed on as a consultant with the Jets on Tuesday. He is scheduled to take over as their

coach and chief of football operations on Feb. 1, 1998, when he is free to do so under Tagliabue's ruling.

New England appealed to the commissioner to void the consulting deal, calling it a "transparent farce." Tagliabue has been in Hawaii, San Diego and Indianapolis this week on other matters, and will deal with the Parcels mess either Monday or Tuesday.

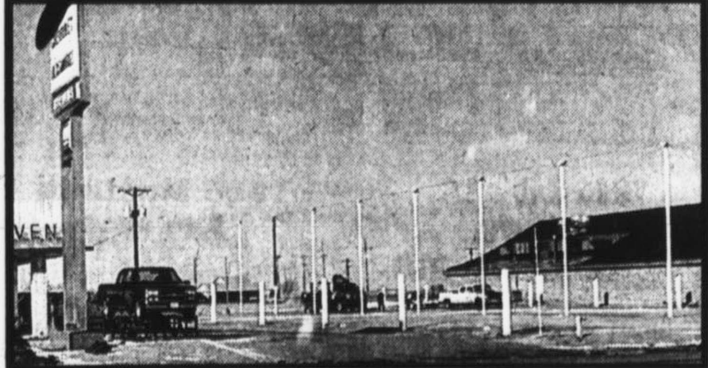
But a league source said Tagliabue "can be expected" to work on an agreement before having to render a decision on the consulting matter. One of his strengths as commissioner has been getting apparently intransigent sides to reach accords, even when the lines of communication have been cut.

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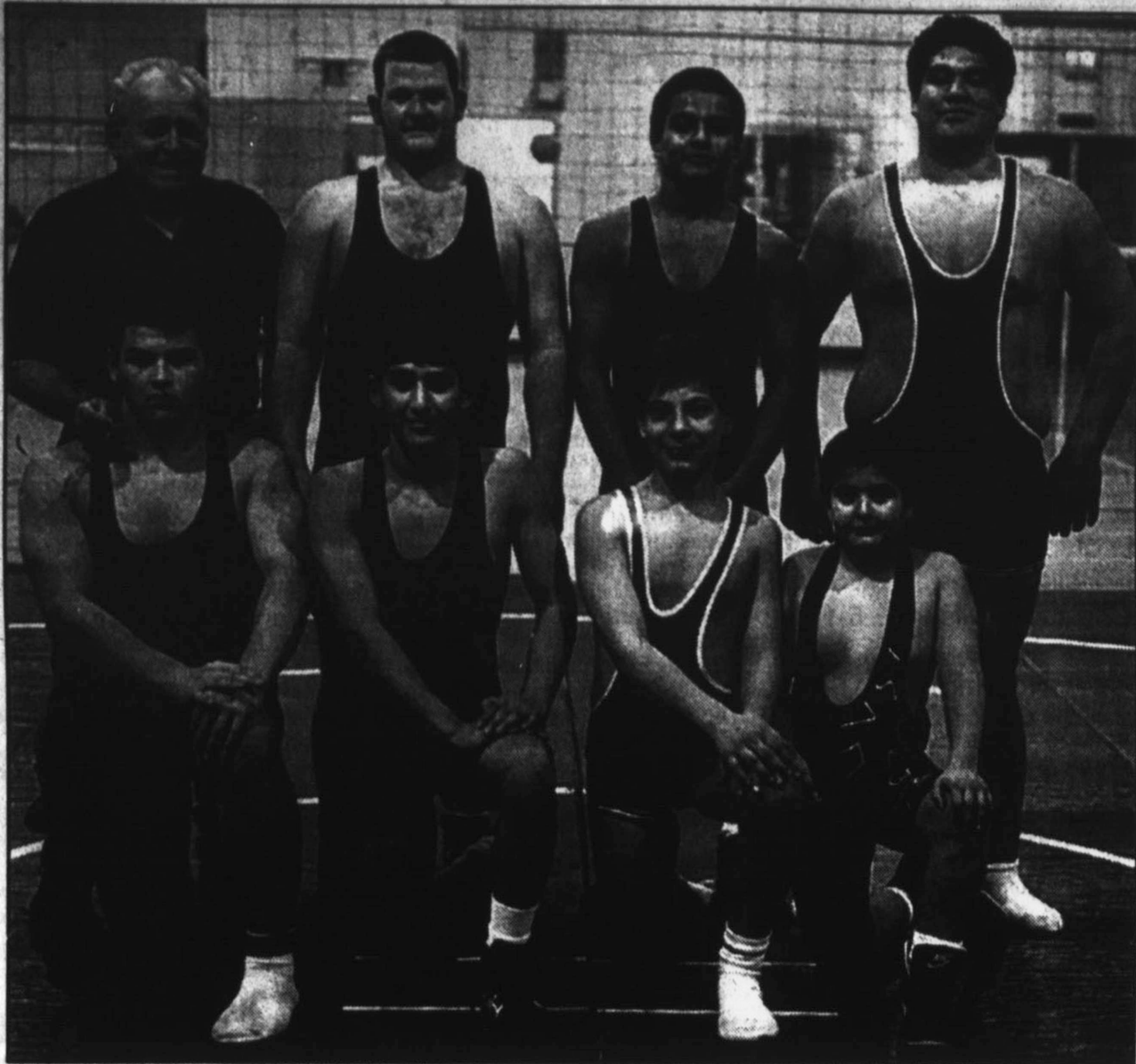
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Looking for titles

Members of the Hereford wrestling team are scheduled to compete in the Texas State Wrestling Tournament this weekend in Amarillo. Making the trip to Amarillo are, back row, left to right: Coach Rip Evers, Kris Cathey, Jose Lira, Jeremiah Beltran, front row: Kris Hammerbeck, Javier Alonzo, Randall Burrows and Vincent Burrows. Cathey and Lira were slated to compete in the high school regional tournament today in Borger.

Charities taking Shoeless Joe's will to state Supreme Court

By **JESSE J. HOLLAND**
Associated Press Writer
COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) - The American Cancer Society and the American Heart Association say "Shoeless Joe" Jackson's will belongs to them.

The state of South Carolina says it ain't so.

Lawyers for the two charities told the state Supreme Court on Thursday that Jackson's will could change his legacy from a baseball bad boy to someone who helped cure heart disease and cancer.

They say the will, with its "Joe Jackson" signature, should be theirs because Jackson's wife, Katie, named them as her beneficiaries.

But a circuit court judge ruled in August 1995 that the original will was government property.

The illiterate Greenville native's rare signature could be worth more than \$100,000, according to some estimates.

Jackson died in 1951, still fighting allegations that he and seven Chicago White Sox teammates threw the 1919 World Series. He was beloved in Chicago, and a young fan told him, "Say it ain't so, Joe" when the allegations came to light, and the sad line became part of baseball lore.

State officials say original wills are needed to allow genealogists and historians to track the state's past.

But attorney Leo Hill, who wrote Mrs. Jackson's will in 1959 just before she died, argued that a certified copy would serve the same purpose.

"This court rarely sees original documents," Hill said. "You see copies."

Hill, 69, who remembers hanging out near the liquor store Jackson

opened after he was banned from the major leagues, said the state planned to place the will in a vault, where it would be subject to rot and insects.

"The court today has an opportunity to fund medical research ... or set the dining tables in the storage area for silverfish and cockroaches," he said.

State archivist Ron Tryon said after the hearing that the will would be safe in the state's possession.

Rivers leads NCA Eagles to win over Pats

By **TOMMY WELLS**
Managing Editor

The Nazarene Christian Eagles moved a step closer to clinching a spot in the High Plains Christian Athletic Association playoffs this past week. And they did it in dramatic fashion - rallying from a fourth-quarter deficit to claim a thrilling 55-50 win over the Amarillo San Jacinto Christian Patriots.

Nazarene Christian, which can clinch a playoff berth this coming Tuesday at home against Saint Andrews Episcopal, earned their win over San Jacinto by unleashing a 20-12 barrage in the final minutes. They had trailed by a 38-35 margin heading into the fourth.

The Eagles didn't get off to a slow start, however. Nazarene Christian, which also picked up solid outings from Jeremy Gonzales and Jeremy Williams, outscored the Patriots by a 24-20 clip in the first two stanzas.

San Jacinto rallied in the third, posting an 18-11 run that sent them into the fourth with a three-point cushion.

Rivers finished as the game's top scorer, netting 22. Gonzales and Williams each contributed nine.

With the victory, Nazarene Christian improved to 7-2 and moved into a four-way battle for the two HPCAA playoff spots. The Eagles are now 9-3 overall.

Hereford matmen looking for state titles in Amarillo

By **TOMMY WELLS**
Managing Editor

AMARILLO - Rip Evers knows good wrestling when he sees it. And well he should. He sees it almost every day - in Hereford.

Everyone else will get the chance to see the sport when the Texas State Wrestling Tournament gets started this Saturday morning at the Cal-Farley Civic Center in Amarillo. And, odds are, they'll likely find someone they know on the mat.

No less than five Hereford-based wrestlers secured spots in the finals this season, including Jeremiah Beltran, one of the top-rated matmen in the nation. Also wrestling in the tournament, which will showcase approximately 1,200 wrestlers from throughout the state, will be Javier Alonzo, Kris Hammerbeck, Vincent Burrows and Randall Burrows.

Beltran may have the most on the line. The 6-foot-2, 275-pounder recently wrapped up the Texas Wrestler of the Year honors, and can do even more for the sport in this area with a win in the two-day tournament. Beltran will gain a berth in the Junior World Championships if he wins this weekend.

"He's a great wrestler," said Evers, who coaches the local Hereford wrestling team. "He's big, strong and knows his wrestling. He's also fast for big man."

And experienced. Beltran has been a part of Evers' camp for almost five years, sometimes facing some stiff competition.

As a seventh grader, Beltran checked into meets at better than 200 pounds, a fact that often catapulted him into higher division and pitted him against high school competition that sometimes were as much as four years older than himself.

Undaunted, Beltran, now a freshman at Hereford High, persevered - and won. In fact, he did so well he placed third in the state as a seventh grader.

He hasn't slacked off any since,

having lost just one match in the past three years - that coming last month when an Alaskan wrestler managed to grab a decision.

Beltran will be competing in the Division V 275-pound classification in the TSW tournament.

Should he win, as expected, he would be one of approximately 3,000 youths invited to participate in the Junior World Championships next month in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Beltran isn't the only Hereford wrestler Evers thinks has a chance at a state title. He said he expected Alonzo and Hammerbeck to compete for the championships in the respective weight classes.

"I think that Javier, Kris and Jeremiah all should take state," said the former mentor at Charlotte Catholic High School in North Carolina. "They've all become more aggressive, and their hearts are into it," he added.

NCA girls fall to Amarillo San Jacinto

The Nazarene Christian Lady Eagles suffered a tough 57-28 setback to the San Jacinto Christian Lady Patriots during recent High Plains Christian Athletic Association action.

The loss didn't spoil a fine effort by Nazarene Christian's Sloane Merrick, though. The Lady Eagles' standout pumped in a team-high 10 points in the contest.

The Lady Patriots grabbed the upper hand in the initial minutes of the contest, outscoring Nazarene Christian by a staggering 21-5 clip in the first quarter.

They never looked back from there. San Jacinto posted a 26-11 run in the second and third quarters and took a 47-16 ledger into the final period.

Alonzo will be competing in the Division V 135-pound classification. The 13-year-old has posted victories in each of Hereford's qualifying tournaments this season.

"For his weight, he might be the best 135-pounder around," Evers commented.

Hammerbeck is scheduled to make his run at the 1997 state crown in the 200-pound weight division.

Vincent Burrows will compete in the Division III 108-pound class, while Randall Burrows will wrestle in the Division V 125-pound group.

"I'm very fortunate to have every one of the kids," said Evers, who also indicated that two other Hereford wrestlers, Jose Lara and Kris Cathey, could be making state title bids - in the high school division - in another tournament Friday.

The Texas State Wrestling Tournament is scheduled to run through Sunday.

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Routier spends first full day in prison

GATESVILLE, Texas - Darlie Routier lay on her white metal cot, just a few inches off the cement floor in cell No. 6.

It was the suburban mother's first full day in prison after being sentenced to die for the murder of her 5-year-old son, Damon.

"I had one inmate call me a baby killer," Routier said, "but it doesn't bother me too much because they're not in here for good behavior."

"As long as I know what the truth is, that's all that counts," she said in an interview for a copyright story by the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

In her first interview since arriving at the Mountain View Unit in Gatesville, Routier talked for 20 minutes about the first 24 hours of the rest of her life.

Again, she disavowed any part in the deaths of two of her sons the night of June 6.

"If I had done this, I would be the first person to stand up and say, 'Oh, my gosh!'" she said. "I've never heard as many lies as what I heard in that courtroom."

At her side were three color photographs - of husband Darin; of her surviving child, Drake; and of herself with all three of her children.

A Woman's Devotional Bible lay at the foot of the bed along with a pair of black canvas slip-on shoes. A travel-size tube of Colgate toothpaste and a bright pink toothbrush were the only other personal items in the brightly lit cell.

"I have been living in a hell" the past eight months, said the 27-year-old Rowlett homemaker, who acted calm and cordial as she sat on the edge of her cot. She made small talk and smiled occasionally. Her voice was timid.

Earlier, through the window of her cell, she could be seen leaning on one elbow and scribbling furiously on a yellow legal pad. Wearing white prison garb, she had a dark gray blanket pulled over her legs and hips.

The tiny cell, with white painted walls and a stainless steel toilet and sink, is a temporary holding place until Routier joins the six other women on

Death Row at Mountain View. Officials say she may remain isolated for up to 90 days.

Routier arrived at Mountain View about 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, a day after her sentencing by a Kerr County jury, Senior Warden Pamela Baggett said. She spent an hour with an intake officer before being assigned a white uniform of pants and shirt. Then she was taken to her cell in an empty unit of the jail.

Melinda Gunnels, chief of unit classification who interviewed Routier, described her as "fine" during the interview, in which Routier received a 50-page rule book and was asked questions about her family and medical histories.

On her first morning in Gatesville, Routier was awakened, like the other inmates, at 4:30 a.m. for breakfast. Until she is moved to Death Row, she is allowed out of her cell three hours each morning for recreation, either in the nearby day room - furnished with metal picnic tables, bright yellow vinyl sofas and a television - or outside in a fenced cement and grass area with two trees, benches and two basketball hoops.

As a resident on Death Row, Routier will share a smaller but better-equipped day room, including

a stereo and bookshelves, with the six other women.

In her one-woman cell, she'll be allowed to hang no more than five photographs and be able to write at a small desk instead of on her cot. The view out of her cramped space will be of the immaculate window-lit day room.

On Thursday, she said, she spent her time writing to her husband and filling out visitation forms. She is allowed to choose 10 people whom she would like to be allowed to visit her in jail.

While awaiting the arrival of a reporter and photographer, Routier filled a page of the legal pad with large type - a letter directed to her family, which she propped up on the cot beside her. She said she would like the letter to be included in the newspaper photograph.

"I love you Darin and Drake and All my family," it read. "I know it will take time but I know we will find the Real Killer and the world will know what has been done is WRONG."

Routier said she plans to undergo hypnosis by a memory-loss specialist to recall better the events the night of the murder.

"I know I saw a man in the house that night," she said, "and I'm hoping that it's in my memory, and we can bring it out. I know I fought with this guy, so I know I've had to have seen him."

Asked how she felt, Routier replied, "How would you feel if you knew you didn't do this, but all the people weren't listening to you?"

"I'm all for the truth and what's fair and what's right," but the system, she said, sometimes fails. "People need to know when it does happen. It's not

the system we were all brought up (to believe) in. Not everybody in the system is working for the right thing."

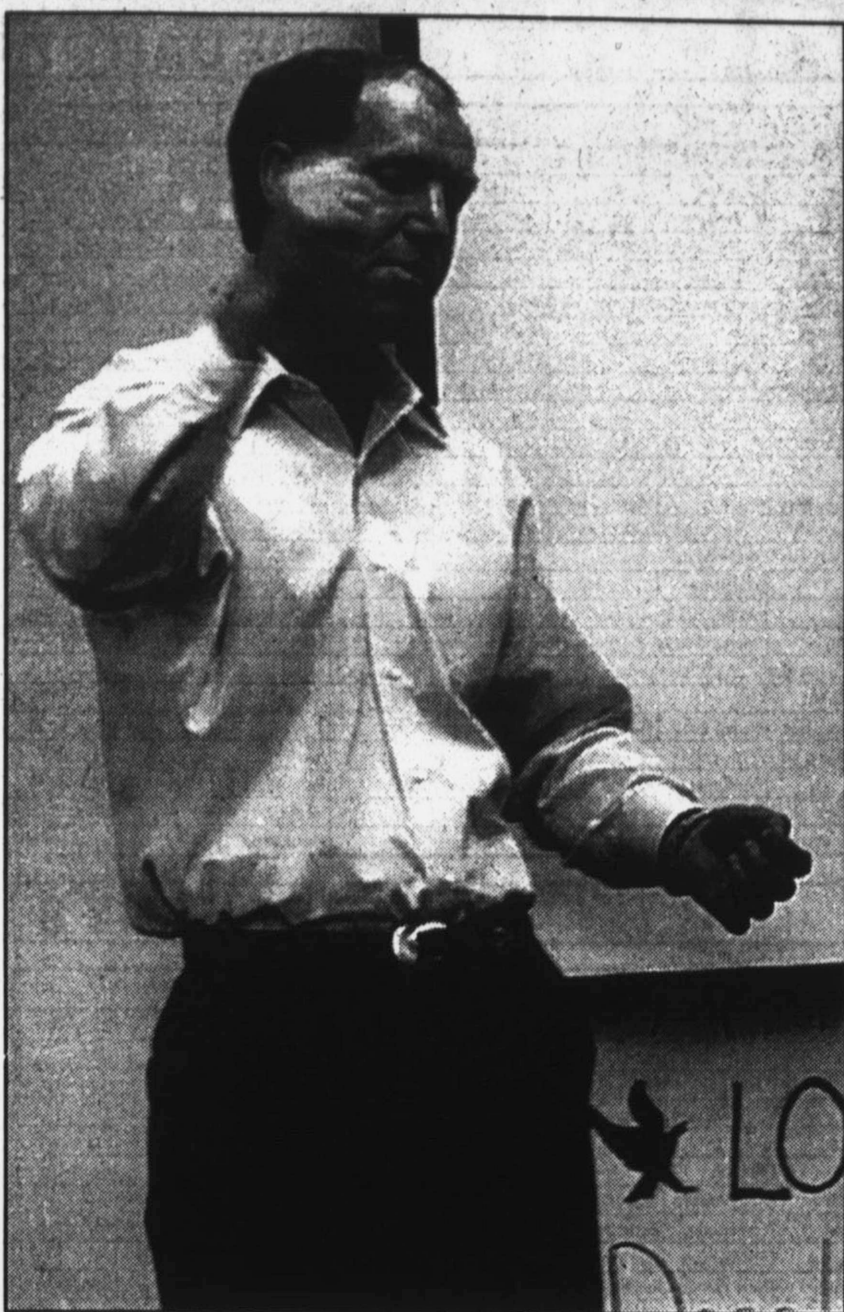
She hasn't watched the news, calling it "too depressing," and says that despite the "baby killer" label, she has received only encouragement from strangers, especially through the mail.

After a four-week trial in Kerrville, Routier was convicted Saturday of capital murder and was sentenced to death Tuesday. She was charged in the slaying of Damon, who was found stabbed with a kitchen knife in their Rowlett home. An appeal is automatic.

Routier, who had slashes on her throat, shoulder and right arm, has contended from the outset that an intruder attacked her and the boys while her husband and infant son slept upstairs.

The state's case rested on forensic evidence debunking Routier's claim of an intruder, along with testimony from police, paramedics and hospital nurses who said Routier did not behave as grieving mothers normally do.

Routier is the seventh woman on Texas' Death Row. The state has not executed a woman since 1863.



Predicting the weather

Most weatherman deliver their predictions with a punch. Here, "Doppler" Dave Oliver, weatherman at KFDA Newschannel 10 in Amarillo, speaks to Aikman Primary School students on Thursday.

Punishment phase of Simpson trial resumes

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP) - What's in a tainted name?

In O.J. Simpson's case, it all depends on the accountant.

Plaintiffs seeking punitive damages on top of the \$8.5 million they've won in compensatory damages said Thursday that Simpson is worth at least \$15.7 million, which includes \$2 million to \$3 million a year from signing autographs and writing another book.

The defense claimed that Tuesday's verdict left an already tapped-out Simpson \$9.3 million in the hole and argued that the jury should award the plaintiffs nothing in punitive damages.

"He can't pay his bills," Simpson's longtime business lawyer, Leroy "Skip" Taft, testified.

The punishment phase of the trial resumes today with more testimony from Taft and other Simpson money men, followed by another round of deliberations to determine a damage award to punish Simpson for two killings.

The same panel found Simpson liable for the June 12, 1994, knife slayings of ex-wife Nicole Brown Simpson and her friend Ronald Goldman, and awarded the \$8.5 million to Goldman's parents as compensation for the loss of their son's companionship.

Now, the jury is considering whether to award punitive damages to Goldman's parents and to Ms. Simpson's heirs - the two children she had with Simpson.

This final phase of the trial began with the defense moving to throw out any claims for punitive damages on grounds that plaintiff estimates of Simpson's net worth were based on future earnings instead of current value. Judge Hiroshi Fujisaki denied the request.

Then, in opening remarks to jurors, lead defense lawyer Robert Baker said the verdict ruined Simpson and now he can make "absolutely nothing" from the sale of his personality and autographs.

"Those days are gone forever," Baker said.

The defense estimated Simpson's net worth at minus \$9,356,157 when the jury award is factored in.

Simpson still owes about \$1.5 million in litigation costs for his two trials, plus an additional \$1.3 million in what was listed as just civil costs, forensic accountant Neill Freeman testified.

Also, Simpson's custody battle for the two children cost him more than \$188,000, Baker disclosed.

The plaintiffs used many of the same figures to reach their \$15.7 million net-worth figure, with a major addition: an asset of \$24.9 million - the amount plaintiffs said Simpson's name and likeness is worth.

A plaintiff expert defined this as the amount of money a person would pay the 49-year-old Simpson now for the rights to his name and image for the rest of his life.

The killings, plaintiffs' lawyers said, only enhanced Simpson's worth.

Freeman said after Simpson was charged with murder, Simpson made close to \$1 million on his book, "I Want to Tell You"; \$303,000 from his video; \$434,000 from pictures of his homecoming from jail which he sold to a tabloid; and \$75,300 from post-release interviews.

The largest income after Simpson's arrest, Freeman said, was from the sale of autographs and memorabilia for \$1,013,900.

Freeman suggested Simpson was hiding more than \$3 million - a \$1.25 million stake in a Honey Baked Ham chain and a \$1.75 million insurance payout to cover the cost of his civil case. Sources have said insurance will pay for Simpson's defense, but not for any awards.

"I don't understand where the cash went," Freeman said.

Taft testified that the money was used to pay some \$800,000 in income taxes, personal and business bills, including lawyers' fees and the cost of running Simpson's estate, as well as salaries for his staff, including his personal secretary.

He said some of the money also was used to pay expert witnesses for the civil trial.

Asked if Simpson ever "sent assets out of the country," Taft replied, "Absolutely not."

Another expert, Mark Roessler, testified that a signed photograph of Simpson today sells for \$60 - up from \$25 before the slayings.

In contrast, the celebrity licensing expert said fighter Mike Tyson's signed photo sells for \$100. Roessler told jurors the value of Tyson's photo went up after he was convicted of rape.

In all, Roessler said, Simpson could make \$2 million to \$3 million a year, primarily from signing pictures and memorabilia.

Roessler predicted Simpson could sell 25,000 autographs a year for the rest of his life. But Roessler balked when Baker asked him if he would represent Simpson and offer him a contract.



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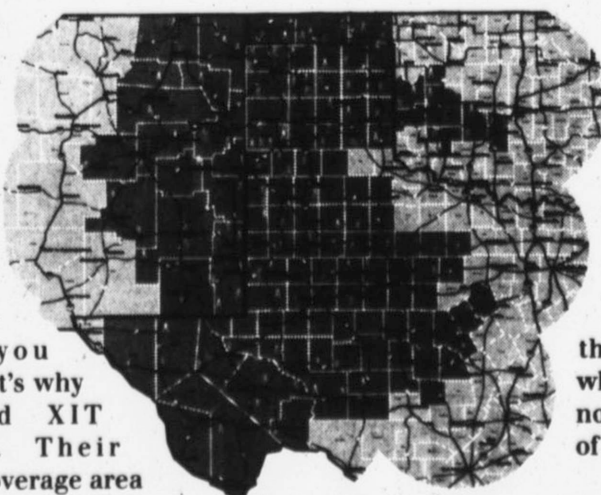


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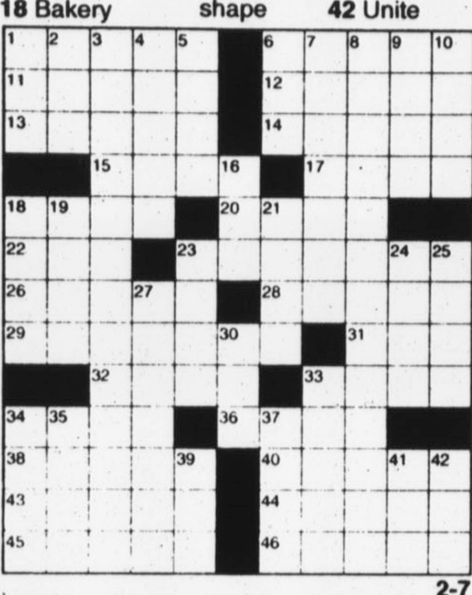
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Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the 222nd Judicial District Community Justice Council will be held on the 14th day of February, 1997 at 5:00 p.m. in the District Courtroom, Third Floor, Deaf Smith County Courthouse, Hereford, Texas at which time the following subjects will be discussed, to-wit:

1. Introduction - Tom Simons, Chairman of CJC.
2. Consider adoption of F.Y. '98-'99 Community Justice Plan.
3. Adjournment.

This notice is authorized by Article 6252-17 of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas.

Dated this 6th day of February, 1997.

222nd Judicial District Community Justice Council

By: *Smy Duffield*

I, the undersigned, County Clerk, do hereby certify that the above Notice of Meeting of the 222nd Judicial District Community Justice Council, is a true and correct copy of said Notice, and that I posted a true and correct copy of said Notice on the bulletin board and the Courthouse door of Deaf Smith County, Texas at a place readily accessible for the general public at all times on the 6th day of February, 1997, and said Notice remained so posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said meeting.

Dated this the ____ day of February, 1997.

County Clerk of Deaf Smith County, Texas

By: _____

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To Your Good Health

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: My wife has burning mouth syndrome. She has had it for four years, and it seems to be getting worse. She takes too many vitamins, I think. She takes vitamin B and a multiple one. She also has a prescription for an anti-depressant medicine. Can you offer any help for her? — R.W.

ANSWER: Burning mouth syndrome is a pretty common female complaint. Women predominate, 7-1. In fact, it comes on often with menopause, a fact that leads some to

postulate hormone deficiency as a cause. Estrogen declines in those years. The hormone-deficiency explanation does not satisfy me, however.

A deficiency of B vitamins can be a factor, although apparently not in your wife's case.

Iron deficiency has been mentioned as a cause, as has overuse of alcohol-based mouthwashes.

Some doctors — the ones who believe in the hormone-deficiency cause — offer estrogen supplementation for post-menopausal women with

your wife's complaint.

I've been looking around for something that might ease the troublesome problem. I understand that some women find relief by simply rinsing the mouth with cold apple juice two or three times daily.

Another remedy requires a trip to the drugstore. Shortly before a meal, you take a teaspoon of equal parts diphenhydramine elixir and Kaopectate. You can buy those without a prescription. You swish the concoction in your mouth for about 25 seconds, then spit out the resi-

due.

Let me know which remedy works, if any. Readers write me year-round on the subject.

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

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