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Fees subsidize city operations, auditors report

By GEORGIA TYLER
Staff Writer

Water and sewer fees, totaling more than \$800,000, supplemented regular revenue for operating the City of Hereford during the last fiscal year. The transfer of funds is typical of the annual operation of the city.

In an audit of the city's financial affairs, reviewed Monday night, the year ended with a general fund unrestricted balance of \$44,646. The water and sewer fund retained earnings amounted to \$292,459.

The audit was reviewed by Chris Leonard of the accounting firm of McGinty and Associates.

In other business on the meeting's agenda, the commission:

-- Concurred with the planning and zoning board on two zoning requests.

-- Tabled action on condemnation proceedings on three buildings described as "dangerous."

-- Granted two requests for water

connections outside the city limits.

-- Heard a report from Mike Hatley of Hereford Economic Development Corporation.

-- Re-appointed Terri Johnson, city secretary, to the Firefighters' Relief and Retirement Fund board of trustees.

City taxes accounted for \$967,732 during the fiscal year ending Sept. 30. The largest general fund revenue source was derived from services, \$1,343,216, which includes solid waste disposal.

Total revenue for the year was \$3,529,587, or \$86,213 less than expected.

Expenditures from the general fund added up to \$4,545,456, or \$154,227 more than budgeted.

Operating revenue in the water and sewer fund amounted to \$2,036,591 while expenses were pegged at \$1,370,737. During the year, the city paid \$283,444 in principal and interest on revenue bonds.

In the report from HEDC, Hatley introduced Randy Nies of Dumas who is working on building a theatre complex in Hereford.

Nies said progress is being made on financing options for the four-screen complex. He said he hopes to be "able to move forward" soon.

Hatley said the HEDC also has been in conference with a dairy that is looking for a site for a 8,500-head facility which would employ 60 persons.

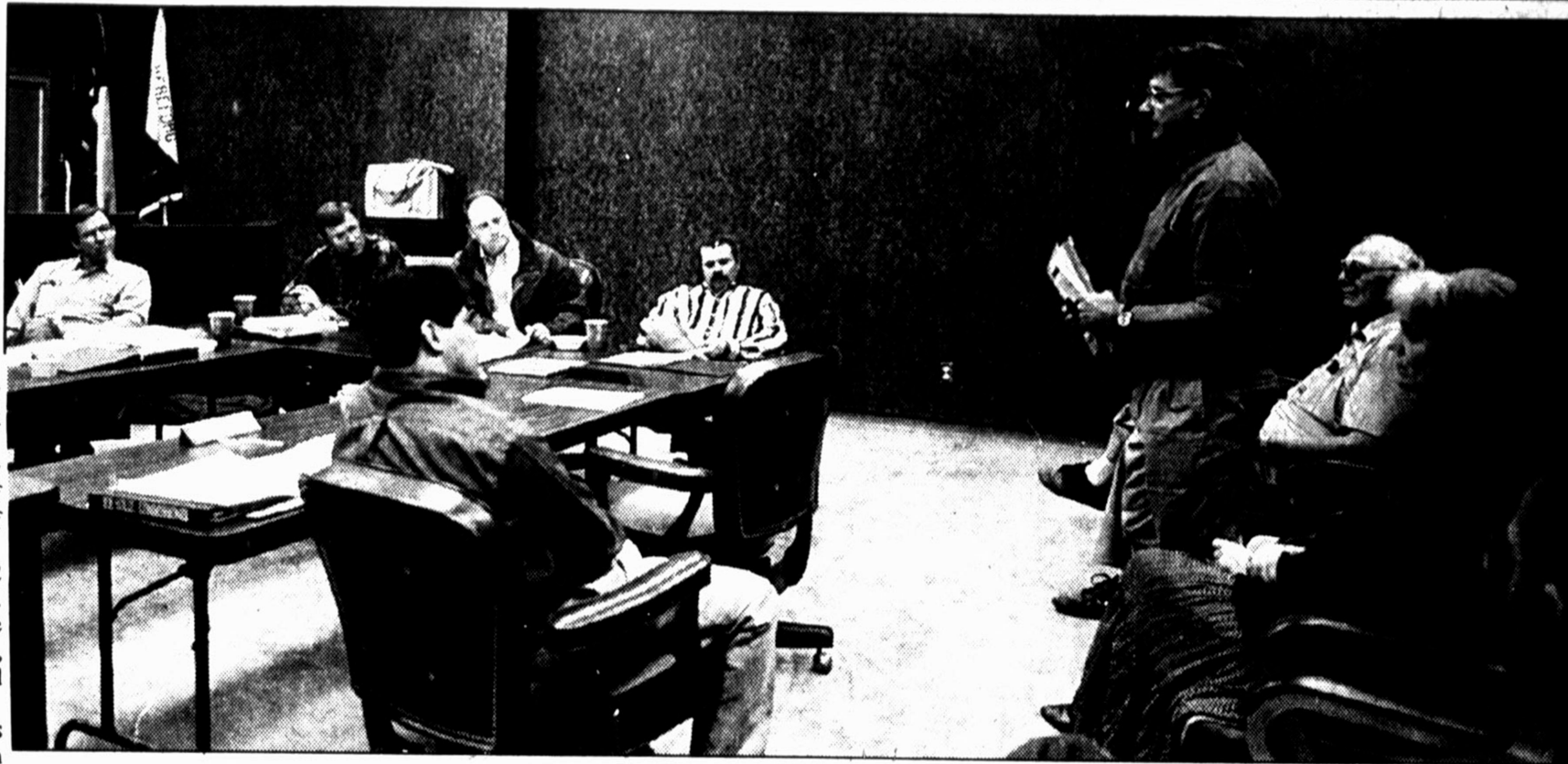
In conjunction with the Deaf Smith Chamber of Commerce, the HEDC is lending support to an effort to attract a "major retailer" to Hereford, Hatley added.

The HEDC executive director also told the commission that Holly Sugar is in a "holding pattern" on plans, although there is indication that the number of acres subscribed to beet production next year has increased.

By ordinance, the commission approved zoning changes at 901 S. McKinley and 809 S. 25 Mile Avenue.

The McKinley change is from single family to mobile home district, requested by Albert Edwards. Martha Lueb asked for local retail zoning, a

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Revamping business district

Pat Reily, representing Hereford Beautification Alliance explains to the City Commission the HBA's proposals for improvements on Main Street, in the central business district. Commissioners,

back from left, are Wayne Winget, Scott Hall, Roger Eades, Carey Black, and foreground, Joe Soliz Jr. Officials called for a joint project by the city, HBA and downtown merchants.

Main Street improvement project proposed as cooperative work of city, HBA, merchants

By GEORGIA TYLER
Staff Writer

A joint project to improve the appearance of the downtown shopping area of Hereford was proposed to the City Commission Monday.

During a work session of the commission prior to the regular meeting, Pat Reily, speaking for the Hereford Beautification Alliance, suggested the city, HBA and merchants on Main St. join hands to effect changes in the area.

"We canvassed merchants about a year ago about what to do," said Reily, "and it was nearly a consensus to remove plants and the covers on corners and install trees."

In other discussions during the work session, the commission received copies of suggested ordinances to adopt the Uniform construction codes in use in most area towns, reviewed a proposed ordinance on demolition of dangerous buildings and heard a report on the status of the city's water development program.

Reily told the commission that the HBA proposes to plant trees on each corner of intersections and install new

benches. Primary target for the improvement project is the 100 and 200 blocks of Main.

"A sidewalk along the west side of Dameron Park also would be an improvement," Reily remarked.

Commissioner Roger Eades asked if any cost estimates had been obtained.

Mayor Bob Josseland said the city could carry out demolition of the old corner covered benches but he suggested that merchants on the street be enlisted to help with expense of new trees and benches.

"Merchants are enthusiastic about doing something," responded Reily. He told the commission that in the survey a year ago, the HBA encountered only one "negative" to removal of present structures and planting new trees.

He estimated that 20 to 24 trees would be needed to accomplish the task. He said there would be four intersections with four trees for each.

Josseland said the "city wants to do something but I'm hung up on wanting participation of merchants and HBA." He commended the beautification alliance for its part in the project.

During the report from Pete Wilt, chief building official for the city, on demolition codes and construction codes, commissioners were advised that other cities in the area work under the same codes.

Terry Langehennig, city attorney, explained that the demolition code would "speed up the process" in removal of dangerous buildings.

"State law dictates what can be done and city has the authority," he noted.

Langehennig pointed out that the code's biggest change from that in effect now is "it keeps it out of the courthouse."

Certain steps that required state court action are removed, he added.

Construction contractors have been briefed on the construction codes and are willing to comply, Wilt told the commission. A complete schedule of fees for permits is a part of the code and will be implemented on adoption of the code by the commission.

Only one project in the \$3 million water development program remains to be completed, Nolen reported.

Initiated three years ago with proceeds from a revenue bond sale, the development program has provided the city with an additional 4 million gallons per day, Nolen continued.

A pipeline from a well a mile north of E. 15th on Progressive Rd., remains to be constructed. City crews will do most of the work.

Eight new wells -- four from the Ogallala Aquifer and four from the Santa Rosa formation -- have been added to the system.

A million-gallon storage facility was constructed at the C Street station, a pipeline 1 1/4 miles along E. 15th and a pipeline 1 1/2 miles at the southeast edge of the city to Veterans Park were installed and a lift station on W. 15th was built to bring up to standard water pressure in northwest Hereford.

Cold blasts across state

By The Associated Press

A strong Arctic cold front raced southward across Texas early today, bringing with it gusty winds and temperatures that should drop into the teens and even the single digits.

Wind chill advisories were in effect through tonight for the Panhandle southward into the Permian Basin. A snow advisory was in effect for the Panhandle and northern areas of the South Plains.

A winter storm watch was in effect for the mountains of Southwest Texas through Wednesday morning.

Hereford braced for the blast of cold air as temperatures dropped to the teens Tuesday morning.

The cold temperatures brought a light blanket of snow to the area.

A low temperature of 13 degrees with wind gusts of 20 to 25 miles an hour this morning was recorded by KPAN Radio, the city's official weather reporting station.

Temperatures in North Texas will not get back above freezing until Saturday, forecasters say.

The front early today was located along a line from the Dallas-Fort Worth area westward to San Angelo.

Light snow was reported in the Panhandle and South Plains. There was blowing snow from Amarillo northward into the Oklahoma Panhandle.

Wind chills were expected to drop to 20 to 30 below zero across portions of the Panhandle and South Plains and to as low as 5 to 15 below zero in North Texas.

Temperatures will dip below freezing as far south as the Hill Country.

Lows on Wednesday morning will be from near zero to 5 below in West Texas, the teens in North Texas and in the 30s and 40s in South Texas.

Highs Wednesday will be near 10 in the Panhandle and in the 20s elsewhere in West Texas, the 20s across North Texas and in the 40s in South Texas.

CSF fills needs for many citizens awaiting government agency help

Well-intentioned government programs don't always function as quickly or as efficiently as they should in delivering help to those in need.

Often, the process of qualifying for help from programs like Social Security is a long and drawn-out one. The needs go on, although assistance may be slow in coming.

A 48-year-old disabled diabetic is hoping to obtain assistance through Social Security, but the bills continue to stack up while this individual's status is yet-to-be determined by the agency.

The local resident is asking the Christmas Stocking Fund for some help with utility bills and groceries this holiday season.

You can help local residents with



these kind of pressing holiday needs through your donation to the Christmas Stocking Fund.

CSF, a volunteer organization not affiliated with any other entity or organization, seeks to help the community's less-fortunate during the Yule season.

Assistance can come in several forms, including food boxes, and vouchers for defraying utility, medical and pharmacy expenses, and for obtaining clothing.

Local merchants collect these vouchers and return them to CSF for direct payment of authorized amounts. No change is returned to voucher recipients when they redeem vouchers, and vouchers can only be used for the services or merchandise listed on the forms.

Assistance from CSF is directed by a committee of anonymous volunteers representing a broad cross-section of the community. Volunteers screen applications and make

decisions on forms of assistance to be extended.

Donations to CSF may be made in person to The Hereford Brand, 313 Lee, or mailed to CSF in care of The Brand at Box 673, Hereford. Listings of donors and amounts given will be published periodically in The Brand.

Balance Forward	\$8,054
Anonymous	20
Mr. and Mrs. Gayle Cornelius	40
La Madre Mia Study Club	250
Lucille G. Posey	50
In memory of Lois Petersen	
Joan Coupe	25
Sylvester T. Loerwald	25
Sid and Susan Shaw	25
In memory of Mickey Walls	
L.J. and Wilma Clark	25
Frank and Margaret Zinser	100
Don, Linda and David Cumpton	100
In memory of Brent Cumpton	
Anonymous	35
Charles and Geraldine Schlabs	200
In memory of Frank and Ethel Knabe and Teresa Schlabs	
Anonymous	25
Beth Vines	10
Bill and Barbara Townsend	200
Lamplighters Sunday School Class of First Baptist Church	65
Jimmy, Marilyn and Jami Bell	50
Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Newton	100
Employees of Hereford Janitor Supply	300
V.F.W. Auxiliary	50
Anonymous	100
KPAN Radio	100
Lane, Jonathan, Lisa and Chip Formby	250
L.D. and Joyce Stevens	100
Mr. and Mrs. Leroy McDonald	100
Anonymous	50
Total 12-16-96	\$10,449

Judge sentences five to state prison terms

Five defendants were sentenced to prison terms Monday when probation was revoked by Judge David Wesley Gulley in 222nd District Court.

During the all-day court session, guilty pleas were heard from three offenders and terms of probation were modified for three defendants.

On the state's motion to revoke probation, Susan Rodriguez Pacheco was sentenced to nine years in Texas Department of Criminal Justice institutional division. Originally, she was given a 10-year sentence for tampering with a government record.

Raul Nava Jr., convicted earlier of aggravated assault and given a seven-year probation sentence, was ordered to TDCJ for six years on revocation of probation.

Jose Luis Higuera was sentenced to a four-year prison term for felony driving while intoxicated, on the state's motion to revoke probation. His original sentence was five years' probation.

A four-year term in prison was assessed Quen Ester Walker, originally sentenced to five years' probation for forgery by making, on revocation of probation.

Sergio Gonzales was ordered to prison for five years after his probation sentence of six years was revoked. He was convicted earlier of forgery by passing.

Housing construction jumps

WASHINGTON (AP) - Builders boosted housing construction in November at the fastest rate in 16 months with the strength showing in the Midwest and South.

The Commerce Department said today the 9.2 percent gain is the best since July 1995. It followed two consecutive drops and is much bigger than the modest advance predicted by analysts. It included both single-family homes and apartments. The increase brought the seasonal-

ly adjusted annual rate of housing starts to 1.51 million. That's up from 1.39 million in October, slightly higher than originally estimated.

November's construction surge was strongest in the Midwest, where starts jumped 20.8 percent, the largest increase since March 1994, to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 337,000.

Starts rose 12 percent in the South to a rate of 682,000.

Guilty pleas were entered by three offenders. Nicolas Lomeli, 38, was sentenced to six years' probation on a plea of guilty to felony driving while intoxicated. Lomeli also was ordered to a substance abuse facility on modification of probation on a previous conviction for felony DWI.

Deferred adjudication probation was granted Guadalupe Ortiz III, charged with sexual assault of a child. He was fined \$1,500 as well as sentenced to seven years' probation.

Judge Gulley also granted deferred adjudication probation to Tonei Anne Grossarth, 19, charged with aggravated sexual assault of a child. The sentence included six years' probation and a \$1,000 fine.

Terms of probation were modified on the two-year state jail sentence of Josa M. Perez, convicted of forgery by making. He was placed on intensive supervision for six months.

Rita B. Perez, previously convicted of forgery by making and sentenced to probation of a state jail sentence, was placed on intensive supervision on motion of the state to revoke probation.

A defendant serving a probated sentence for forgery, Tammy Cox, was ordered to enter a treatment center in Plainview, in modification of terms of probation.

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Six rifle shots fired into HHS classroom

A rifle was fired into a Hereford High School classroom Monday night, where a teacher was working in the room. The teacher was not harmed in the incident.

Police are investigating the incident which occurred at 10:36 p.m., Hereford Police Chief David Wagner said.

The police department received three calls from neighbors who heard the shots, Wagner said. Six shots from a 223 caliber

rifle were apparently fired from the west side of the building in the 200 block of Avenue F, he said.

Police found six casings in the street. Three shots entered the building. One shot hit a bookcase and the two other shots were lodged in the ceiling, Wagner said.

The teacher was in the building, but no students were in the building and no one was injured in the incident, he said.

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Local Roundup

Brr!!

Hereford recorded a high temperature of 54 degrees on Monday and a low temperature of 13 degrees Tuesday morning with wind gusts of 20 to 25 mph. KPAN Radio also recorded a trace of snow. A wind chill advisory is in effect for Tuesday night. It will be partly cloudy and very cold with a low around zero. The forecast for Wednesday calls for partly cloudy skies and very cold temperatures with a high in the teens.

Lions Club to meet

Hereford Lions Club will meet for its regular noon meeting tomorrow, Wednesday; however, there will be no meetings for the next two weeks. Club meetings will resume Jan. 8.

Band set concert

Hereford Junior High School band will present their annual Christmas concert at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Hereford High School auditorium.

Obituaries

VIDA HICKS

Dec. 15, 1996

Vida Hicks, 84, of Amarillo, formerly of Hereford, died Sunday. Services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday in First Baptist Church with the Rev. Terry Cosby, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in West Park Cemetery by Gilliland-Watson Funeral Home.

Mrs. Hicks was born in Hereford. She graduated from Baylor University and received a master's degree from West Texas State College. She was a school teacher. She attended First Baptist Church, where she taught Sunday school for many years. She helped people from Mexico develop language skills.

Survivors include two nephews and four great-nieces and nephews. The family suggests memorials be made to First Baptist Church.

J.S. SCARBOROUGH

Dec. 15, 1996

J.S. "Sam" Scarborough, 84, of Dimmitt died Sunday. His daughter, Carolyn McDonald resides in Hereford.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Lee Street Baptist Church with the Rev. Kevin Wood, pastor, officiating. The body was donated to the Texas Tech School of Medicine. Arrangements are made by Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Homes.

Mr. Scarborough was born in Burk Burnett. He moved to Dimmitt in 1959 from Plainview. He married Naomi Young in 1943. He attended Wayland Baptist College in Plainview from 1948 until 1950. He served in the Army Air Corps in World War II.

He farmed in the Plainview area and Easter community until his retirement. He was ordained a deacon of the Happy Union Baptist Church in 1951 and was past noble grand of the Independent Order of the Oddf. flows No. 159. He helped organize and ordain the first deacons of Lee Street Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife; a son, Donald Scarborough of Dimmitt; two daughters, Ann Ho-Gland of Amarillo and Carolyn McDonald of Hereford; a brother, Joe Scarborough of Spade; and six grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be made to the American Cancer Society or a favorite charity.

RAY L. GALLIER

Dec. 15, 1996

Ray L. Gallier, 69, of Umbarger died Sunday.

Private graveside services will be held in St. Mary's Cemetery with the Rev. Jim Hutzler, pastor of St. Mary's Catholic Church, officiating. Arrangements are by Brooks Funeral Directors of Canyon.

Mr. Gallier was born in Port Neches. He attended Beaumont High School. He joined the Navy at age 15 and received a Purple Heart while serving in the Pacific during World War II. After his discharge, he became a welder in the construction business and lived in Ohio, Mississippi and West Virginia.

He married Sarah Beltz in 1959 in

Clovis, N.M. He moved to Canyon in 1973, then to Umbarger in 1984. At the time of his death, and for the past 10 years, he had been employed at the Panhandle Plains Historical Museum in Canyon. He was a member of Dawn Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife; three sons, William Saucerman of Mill Creek, W.V., Tory Gallier of Chickasha, Okla, and Douglas Gallier of Umbarger; a daughter, Khadra Montene Walton of Chandler, Ariz.; a sister, Evelyn Utz of Farwell; and six grandchildren.

MARTHA VALDEZ TRUJILLO

Dec. 13, 1996

Martha Valdez Trujillo, 77, of Clayton, N.M. died Friday. Her son, Albert J. Trujillo resides in Hereford.

A rosary was held at 7 p.m. Monday and mass at 2 p.m. Tuesday, both in St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church with Father Joseph Kuehner, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Clayton Memorial Cemetery by Hass Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Trujillo was born in Wheelock, Okla. She graduated from Clayton High School. She married Jesus M. Trujillo; he died in 1969. She was a member of the St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church, Ladies Auxiliary and VFW Post 3271.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Mackie Joe Valdez, in 1995.

Survivors include two daughters, Linda Garcia of Clayton and Glenna Trujillo of Dumas; three sons, Albert J. Trujillo of Hereford, Clyde Trujillo and Glenn Trujillo, both of Dumas; four sisters, Flora Tixier of Longview, Wash., Lena Grub of Aptos, Calif., Viola Berg of Mora, N.M. and Triney Vera of Dalhart; 14 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

JESSE J. RIERSON

Dec. 12, 1996

Jesse J. Rierison, 94, of Clovis, N.M. died Thursday. His daughter, Coy Fryar resides in Hereford.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Monday in Highland Baptist Church with Dr. Herbert Bergstrom officiating. Burial will be in Hollene by Steed-Todd Funeral Home.

Mr. Rierison was born in Knox County, Texas. He married Callie Mae Miller in 1923. He had farmed in the Hollene and Grady communities. In 1953, he moved to Clovis and worked for Worley Mills and Houston Lumber Company. He later worked as a custodian for Gattis Junior High School and Clovis High School. After he retired from the Clovis school system, he worked as a custodian for Highland Baptist Church, where he was a member. He was also a member of the Clovis One's Club and Clovis Senior Citizens.

Survivors include five daughters, Coy Fryar of Hereford, Wilma Peaslee and Loretta Brock, both of Phoenix, Ariz, and Marietta Johnson and Floyd Robert, both of Clovis; a brother, Herman Rierison; two sisters, Ada Fitzgerald of Clovis and Nora Belle Drannell of Burbank, Wash.; 14 grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren; and two great-great grandchildren.

Bivins bill broadens scope of law

Safe schools provisions of education act to be enhanced

By PEGGY FIKAC
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) - A state law empowering teachers to remove disruptive students from their classrooms would be broadened in some areas and pupils would be ensured due process under proposals by Senate Education Committee Chairman Teel Bivins.

"The purpose of this package of bills ... is to further the cause of safe schools," Bivins, R-Amarillo, said in filing legislation Monday for consideration when lawmakers convene in regular session in January.

The safe schools provision in the 1995 education reform law allows teachers to remove violent or disruptive students from their classrooms for placement in alternative education programs. It also calls for automatic removal of

students who commit violent or drug-related offenses.

Bivins' package includes bills to: - Give schools the discretion to expel students for misdemeanor drug offenses. Bivins said current law only allows schools to expel students for felony drug, alcohol and controlled substance violations.

- Ensure students are informed of the allegations against them and have a chance to respond. A federal judge in May ruled part of the safe schools law unconstitutional, saying it denies students due process by moving them to alternative education programs without formal hearings.

- Require alternative education programs run by juvenile justice authorities to serve all students who are expelled, not just those declared delinquent by a court. This would allow students who continue to be

disruptive when placed in a school-run alternative education program to be sent to a program run by juvenile justice authorities.

- Require schools to place students in alternative education programs for off-campus felonies only if the student has been charged and the school has been notified. Current law says school personnel must send students to an alternative program if the student "engages in conduct punishable as a felony."

House Public Education Committee Chairman Paul Sadler, D-Henderson, agreed that changes are needed in the safe schools law.

Like Bivins, Sadler said he doesn't want to back away from the law but said he believes clarification is needed in areas such as due process.

"What I'm going to take a look at is to see if we can rewrite the entire

chapter (on safe schools) as a whole and make it a little easier to understand," Sadler said.

A major proponent of the safe schools law was the Texas Federation of Teachers. Its secretary-treasurer, John O'Sullivan, said the group still must review details of Bivins' bills but that they don't appear to change core provisions of the law.

"There is always a risk that presenting any list of changes to a fundamentally sound law invites others to submit their less well-intended changes as a result. So we certainly hope the short list of measures announced by Senator Bivins will not open the door to many more," O'Sullivan said.

Also Monday, Bivins said he plans to file a proposal for a pilot program to allow public money to be used for private school tuition for disadvantaged students.

State Senate assignments announced

By PEGGY FIKAC

Associated Press Writer
AUSTIN (AP) - With a new majority in the Texas Senate, Republicans have nailed down several key chairmanships and a majority on most committees from Democratic Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock.

But they still have fewer overall chairmanships than Democrats, with a breakdown of nine to six under assignments announced Monday. They also lack a majority on the powerful Finance Committee, which is headed by Republican Sen. Bill Ratliff of Mount Pleasant.

In assessing the committee assignments, Republican leaders didn't express concern over those numbers.

"Republicans chair four of the most powerful committees in the Senate - Finance, Economic Development, Natural Resources and Education," said Sen. Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo, Education Committee chairman.

The appointments of Ratliff and Bivins first were announced in August, after former Finance chairman John Montford, D-Lubbock, resigned from the Senate.

Republicans also head the committees on Administration and Veteran Affairs and Military Installations and were picked to lead Natural Resources subcommittees on agriculture and water that in the 1995 legislative session were headed by Democrats.

Bivins called the committee makeup fair and noted that Democratic committee heads include longtime senators.

"If we are in fact going to have a bipartisan Senate, the idea of taking a long-term incumbent Democrat out of the chair of a committee just because there has been a change in the (Senate) majority is something we don't need to do," he said.



Looking at theatre plans

City Commissioners Wayne Winget and Joe Soliz Jr., look at an architect's rendering of a proposed theatre complex in Hereford. The City Commission heard a report on progress from Randy Nies, who is working on the project.

AUDIT

change from two family and multi-family designation.

Pete Wilt, chief city building official, asked the commission to delay condemnation on three pieces of property, until the new demolition code can be implemented.

The delay affects 226 Avenue A,

318 Avenue A and 314 Avenue A. Wilt said condemnation will not be required on property at 329 Avenue H and 107 Bradley.

"Both buildings have been demolished," he reported.

Water service outside the city limits was approved on requests from

Paul Kilpatrick, east of Windsor St., and north of Wilson, and Larry Mendoza, west of Windsor and north of Mabel.

Both property owners will be required to install their water lines and pay a rate one and one-half times the regular city rate.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

This letter is a result of my family's experience at the high school choir concert on Thursday evening, Dec. 12.

In a flyer brought home by our choir member, this concert was promoted as "the biggest night of the semester" and as the "Annual Christmas Concert."

I must congratulate the choral director, Margaret Williams, on the quality of music presented. I feel she has done an outstanding job. Her concern for her students' singing abilities and performance are obvious, though I can't say the same for her students' concern or respect for her.

The flyer mentioned above asked, even pleaded, that parents were needed as volunteers to help supervise the students while in the band hall and in the auditorium as each group sang. The request was also for school support both in the band hall and the auditorium. We took the request seriously and, along with out-of-town guests, accompanied our singer to the band hall.

I must say I was appalled at the conduct of the children. There were four adults in our group and five other parents that I know of in the band hall. The high school choir members assisted the parents in attempting to control the junior high and sixth graders with very little success. I saw no member of the school staff other than Mrs. Williams.

When we entered the auditorium, there seemed to be no more than 40 or 50 parents present, with about three times that number of students

in the three choirs combined--which means MAYBE one-third of the parents bothered to support their children in this school activity.

During the performance of the various choir groups, the audience was rude, loud and inconsiderate. Some of the parents could be included in this group. I only saw one school staff member in the auditorium during the performance, and he had his hands full trying to control an auditorium full of unsupervised children.

I am not aware of this concert having been publicized by any means other than the notice sent home with students. I'm sure many residents of this town would be interested in attending a program such as this but if we don't know about the good activities of our children, how are we going to support them?

Hereford is my hometown and I completed school here. We've been away for many years and only returned about two years ago. Our children have attended other schools, and we have seen how other towns do these things. It is embarrassing that conduct such as that which occurred at this concert is allowed to continue--or even exist in the first place at a school function.

I suppose Hereford is not the only place that public apathy exists or flourishes, but there is no excuse for it. It is the responsibility of every child's parents to be involved, aware and supportive when and where possible.

We complain about gangs, drugs, alcohol, vandalism and all the rest, but we choose not to be a part of the

solution to it. It should not be the responsibility of teachers to raise our children, or the police to intervene when that fails.

Parents, where were you Thursday evening? The auditorium should have been overflowing with people interested in and supportive of these kids. Personally, I never dreamed that so many parents have so little regard for or interest in their children. It is no surprise under those circumstances, that we have all the social problems that are so prevalent.

Sincerely,
Alan Newman

Dear Editor:

I may know the best kept secret in Hereford but I am willing to tell all. The secret is based on hard work, energy, attention on the part of approximately 180 sixth graders, junior and senior high students, and ONE teacher.

So that your stress level will not be elevated, I'll go ahead and spill the beans. There is a mighty program being developed in the vocal music/choral education arena of Hereford Independent School District.

The recent Christmas program by the Sixth Grade Honor Choir, Junior High Chorus and the Hereford High School Mixed Choir is proof that the program is off to an excellent start. Only loyal parents and a few close friends attended the concert, along with some unruly "unfriends." The concert was enjoyed by those few so that is why I consider it a secret or many more would have been there.

These groups will all perform again

because they obviously love to sing and are eager to learn. Their ONE teacher is giving excellent instruction. These singers know and recognize their steady improvement.

In fact, the excellent choral program going on in the elementary and intermediate schools of HISD is a secret to many in our community, too. If the community suddenly realizes in a few more years that they proudly produce excellent singers and a boast a superior choral music program, don't say I didn't tell you.

(From one with 40 years of vocal/choral music experience.)

Betty Wolle



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Texas Lottery

By The Associated Press
One ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Saturday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

The ticket, bought in Bandera, was worth an estimated \$4 million. The numbers drawn Saturday night from a field of 50 were: 10-18-20-34-37-41.

Wednesday night's drawing will be worth an estimated \$4 million.

AUSTIN (AP) - The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday by the

Texas Lottery, in order:

5-8-9
(five, eight, nine)

AUSTIN (AP) - The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday by the

Texas Lottery, in order:

0-7-8
(zero, seven, eight)

AUSTIN (AP) - The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Monday by the

Texas Lottery:

2-13-25-29-32
(two, thirteen, twenty-five, twenty-nine, thirty-two)

Lifestyles

Ann Landers

Dear Ann Landers: "Uncertain in Chicago" asked about the propriety of naming non-family members to raise her children should something happen to her and her husband. Perhaps our experience will be helpful.

When our children were 3 and 6, we considered the same possibility. My parents were elderly. My husband's parents were divorced and getting along in years. Our siblings were having trouble raising their own children.

After much agonizing, we asked close friends, whose values for raising children resembled our own. My mother heard about it and was devastated. Old-country standards dictated that in the event of a double tragedy, children should be cared for by family members.

Three years later, we asked my parents to take care of our children when we took a week's vacation. When we returned, my mother said, "You were right, honey. We're too old for this!" The subject never came up again. -- Portland, Ore.

Dear Portland: Your mother's candor was most admirable. I hope her straightforwardness will serve as an example and make it easier for others to be upfront about taking on such a responsibility.

Dear Ann Landers: This is in response to your column on the origins of various religious bodies.

Please know that the Eastern Orthodox Church is not a "sect." It numbers more than 250 million faithful worldwide. Orthodox Christianity and Western Christianity separated in the 11th century over matters of theology and Church governance. That unfortunate separation continues to this day.

Please correct this error in your column. -- Fr. Gregory Havrilak, director of communications, Orthodox Church in America

Dear Fr. Havrilak: Thank you for setting me straight. I appreciate your letting me know my information was not correct. My apologies to those I may have offended.

Dear Ann Landers: My son was married a year ago. Approximately 200 people attended the ceremony and reception. The couple received some exquisite gifts, and I could tell a great deal of time and thought had gone into their selection. One year has passed, and no acknowledgments have been sent for either the shower or wedding gifts.

I am extremely embarrassed. Many of our friends and family members were very generous both financially and in time expended to get "just the right gift." My sister gave them \$5,000.

A few months ago, I offered to help compose messages, lick stamps -- anything to move the process along. My son became annoyed when I mentioned this lapse of etiquette and told me his wife has been very busy "getting settled." He assured me that eventually she will "get around to it."

I don't want to damage my relationship with my daughter-in-law,

but her failure to acknowledge the generosity of family members and friends is an embarrassment. I want to write notes of apology to my friends and relatives for her negligence. Please advise, yes or no. -- Distressed Mother-in-Law in N.Y.

Dear M.I.L.: The answer is NO. Expressing appreciation for those wedding presents is not your responsibility. Too bad your daughter-in-law is a bit of a slob. Her lack of good manners, however, does not reflect on you.

Why doesn't your son write the thank-you notes? Most brides are working outside the home these days. It would not be considered the least bit unusual.

Drugs are everywhere. They're easy to get, easy to use and even easier to get hooked on. If you have questions about drugs, you need Ann Landers' booklet, "The Lowdown on Dope." Send a self-addressed, long, business-size envelope and a check or money order for \$3.75 (this includes postage and handling) to: Lowdown, c/o Ann Landers, P.O. Box 11562, Chicago, Ill. 60611-0562. (In Canada, send \$4.55.)



Pilot Club at work

Members of the Pilot Club of Hereford assisted at the annual Big Brothers/Big Sisters Appreciation Banquet by acting as servers. The Pilot Club meets at 7 a.m. on the second and fourth Thursday of each month.

Two Hereford students involved in HSU events

Jason Eades of Hereford was selected for induction into the newly formed Gamma Beta Phi Society at Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene when it inducted 91 members into its charter in November.

Gamma Beta Phi Society is an honor and service organization for students in colleges and universities in the United States.

The objectives of the Gamma Beta Phi Society are to recognize and encourage excellence in education, to promote the development of leadership ability and character in its members, and to foster, disseminate, and improve education through

appropriate service projects.

Ted Peabody from Hereford, a freshman Bible and management major at Hardin-Simmons University, was involved in Adopt-A-Grandparent recently at HSU.

The program provided one grandparent for every two students who signed up for this activity. There were 50 grandparents who participated.

The students and grandparents ate dinner and visited with each other.

The grandparents came from participating nursing homes in Abilene.

Hints from Heloise

Dear Heloise: I am always reading your column and was interested to read about someone asking how to clean pennies.

You mentioned the wheat pennies. I have a few, but I do not know where to find out about their value. Can you help me with an address where I can write for the information? -- Mrs. C. Albanese, Livingston, N.J.

I'd be happy to help. I did mention that wheat pennies should NOT be cleaned. If you do, they could lose their value.

To see if your pennies are worth anything, look in the Yellow Pages of your phone book under "Coin" to find a dealer or collector in your area.

Or, check your local library, which should have several books on coins with the information you need.

Hope this helps. -- Heloise

ADDRESSING ENVELOPES
Dear Heloise: Since I have arthritis and have very poor handwriting, I type all the addresses on the Christmas-card envelopes. I think this makes it much easier for the post office to figure out where my mail is to go.

On the other hand, I really do think most people discard the envelopes anyway after ascertaining the return address, if any, and I personally sign and make little notes in handwriting. I think this makes the cards more personal than having the names printed on the card. -- Mrs. John Hayne, Wadsworth, Ohio

Though etiquette is not my area of expertise, I think typing the address is fine, and since it's easier for you, that's all that matters.

Also, you are right, a printed or typed address makes it easier for the post office to read. -- Heloise

LIGHT BULBS

Dear Heloise: Motels and hotels: Please put 75- to 100-watt light bulbs in the bed reading lights. Not all of us can read by 40- to 60-watt bulbs. -- Pete Hansen, Billings, Mont.

I agree! I end up taking the lampshade off and pulling the lamp as close to me as possible. -- Heloise

Send a money- or time-saving hint to Heloise, PO Box 795000, San Antonio TX 78279-5000 or fax it to 210-HELOISE. I can't answer your letter personally but will use the best hints received in my column.

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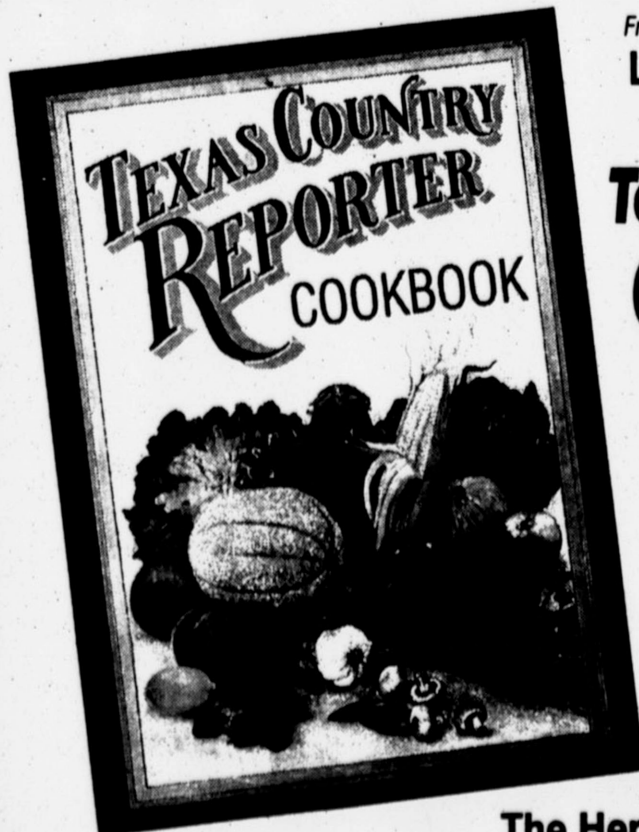
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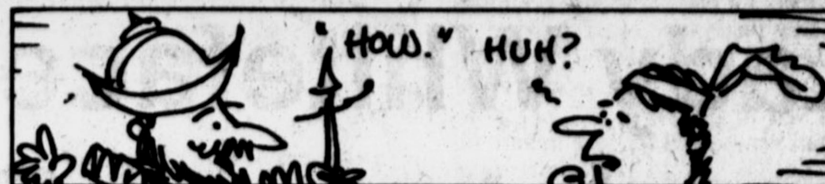
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Sports

Lady Whitefaces claim 1-point win at Caprock Longhorns nip Hereford boys, 58-57

By JAY PEDEEN
Sports Editor

Hereford's varsity basketball team got into a couple of close battles with Caprock Monday in Amarillo, and only the Herd girls escaped with a win.

Catie Betzen's three-pointer with 30 seconds to play gave the Herd girls a 64-62 lead, and Caprock missed two out of three free throws after that. That left Hereford a 64-63 winner and gave the Lady Whitefaces a 2-1 record in District 1-4A.

In the following boys' game, Caprock's Miguel Morales picked up a loose ball and scored with three seconds left to lift the Longhorns to a 58-57 win. It was the district opener for both teams.

The Hereford girls fell behind 19-13 after one quarter but stormed back to lead 38-30 at halftime. They upped the lead to 53-42 at the end of the third quarter, but Caprock put on a late charge in the fourth quarter.

"It's one of those deals where you've got to give a lot of credit to Caprock - not to take anything away from our kids," Herd girls' coach Eddie Fortenberry said. "Caprock had one of those nights where everything they threw up went in."

The Lady Longhorns hit seven three-pointers.

Tuesday's game wasn't Hereford's best defensive performance, Fortenberry said, but it was an improvement on the way the offense has been struggling.

Julie Rampley led the team with 25 points and grabbed a rebound with five seconds left in the game after Caprock missed a free throw that would have tied the game.

Betzen's clutch trey gave her 21 points for the game.

The Hereford boys took a 48-40 lead into the fourth quarter, but Caprock tore that up with a 9-0 run.

"(Caprock) made a couple of timely three-pointers," Herd coach Randy Dean said, "and we missed some opportunities at the beginning of the quarter to score some easy baskets."

Bryant McNutt hit two big baskets in the fourth, giving Hereford leads of 50-49 and 52-51, but Caprock had answers for every Herd score.

Isaac Walker put Hereford up 54-52, but the Longhorns hit two free throws. Hereford's Johnathan Keenan hit a trey for a 57-54 lead, but Caprock's Fernando Vitela hit a two-pointer, then stole the ball for Caprock with 25 seconds left.

"They took a three-point shot that we actually deflected," Dean said, saying Cory Schumacher got a piece of what looked like a Caprock airball. "That resulted in a loose ball under the basket. It rolled out to the corner, their kid (Morales) picked it up, drove into the lane and made a three- or four-footer."

Keenan got off a turnaround three-pointer before the buzzer, but it missed.

"We did basically everything we

needed to do to win," Dean said. "There were some little things we need to do - little things like free throws and rebounding. The bottom line is they got the breaks at the end of the game and we didn't."

McNutt led Hereford with 15 points, and Keenan and Walker each added 11. The other Herd scorers were: C.J. Kubacak, nine; Schumacher, six; Jason Myers, three; and Dustin Hill, two.

Hereford won both the junior varsity games played Monday at Caprock.

Hereford won the girls' game 46-27, but details and high-scorers weren't available.

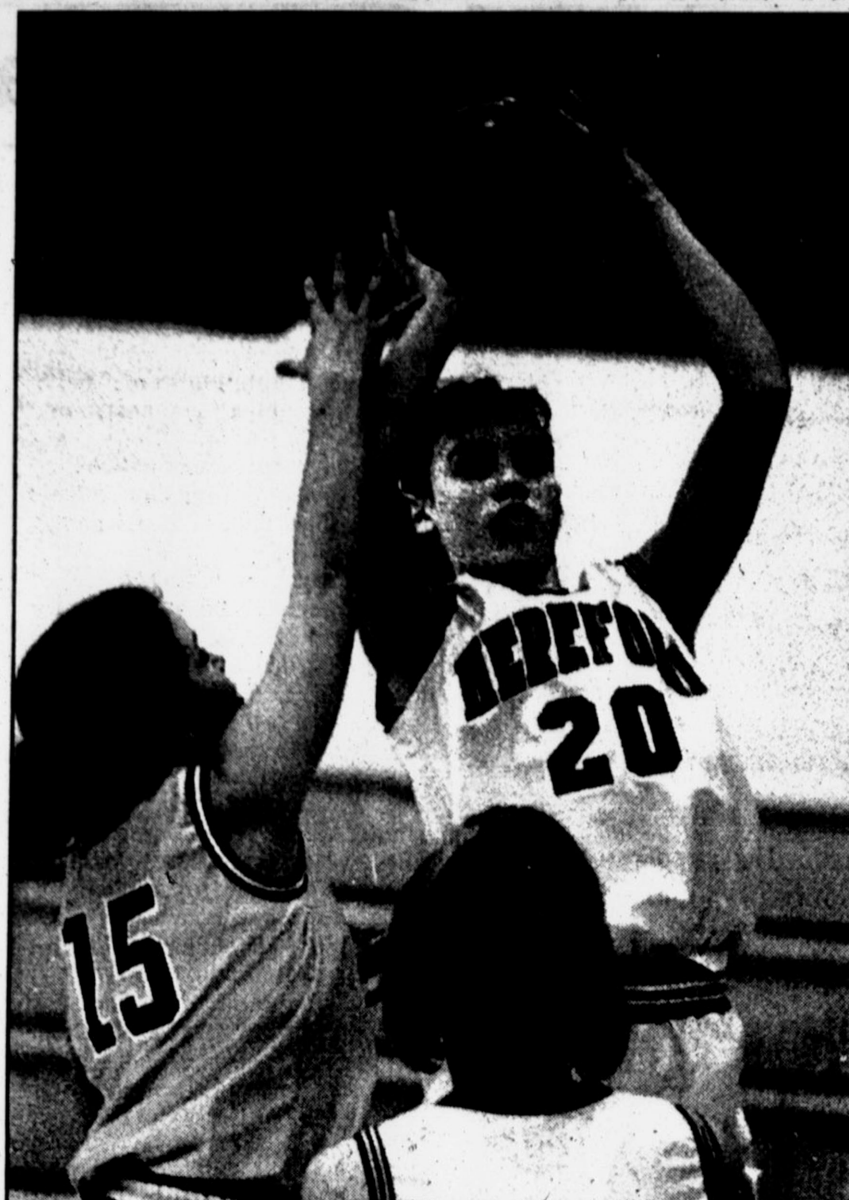
The Herd boys' JV won 57-49, getting 15 points from James Miller. Mitch Wagner and Matt Cosby each scored 10 points, and Greg Ewing added nine points.

That win, along with three straight wins for the title of the Canyon JV tournament over the weekend, boosted the JV boys' record to 12-4.

They beat Dimmitt, 65-42, in the championship game, as Wagner scored 15, Ewing had 12 and Miller and Eric McNutt each scored 10.

Hereford beat the host team, 65-47, in the semifinals. Ewing threw in 16, and he was backed by: McNutt, 13; Cosby, 12; and Wagner, 10.

Tulia was the victim in the first round, 56-34. McNutt had nine points, while Freddie Escobal and Ewing each had eight points.



Hacked in the act

Kristin Fangman (20) of the Hereford girls' junior varsity team goes up for a shot, and it appears that an Amarillo High player is fouling her. Amarillo High won the game, 48-46, Saturday in Whiteface Gym, claiming the championship of the Hereford JV tournament.

Irvin says he's clean

IRVING, Texas (AP) - Michael Irvin says he's still clean of drugs, despite rumors to the contrary. The Dallas Cowboys wide receiver tried Monday to squelch talk that he had violated terms of his four-year probation on charges of drug possession.

Irvin, suspended by the NFL for the first five games of the season, made a rare appearance in the dressing room during the Cowboys' daily media hour. Irvin had been speaking to the media only after games.

For several weeks, rumors have swirled the NFL that Irvin had a setback and was in danger of being sent to jail by state District Judge Manny Alvarez, who had warned him not to make even one slip.

Alvarez's court coordinator, David Lozano, has affirmed Irvin's contention that the rumors are

Herd girls' JV falls to AHS in title game

Amarillo High held off a late challenge from Hereford to win the championship game of the Hereford Junior Varsity Girls Tournament Saturday in Whiteface Gym.

Hereford's JV trailed all the way in the game, until the press produced a run and a 42-41 lead. AHS regrouped though, mustering a 4-0 mini-run and holding off the Herd for a 48-46 win.

Nichole Albracht led Hereford with 18 points, and Toni Eicke added eight.

Hereford squeaked by Tascosa, 44-40, to get to the finals. Valerie Guzman led the way with 12 points in that game, Eicke had nine and Amy Perrin added eight.

Tascosa went on to rout Dimmitt in the third-place game, 65-31.

Hereford's ninth grade team played two games in the tournament Saturday and lost consolation to Palo Duro, 65-34. Janey Blakely led Hereford with 12 points.

In an earlier game, the Hereford freshmen lost to Dimmitt, 49-39. Audra Witkowski led Hereford with 15 points in that game.

NCA boys blast Trinity Fellowship

The Nazarene Christian Academy boys' basketball team ripped Trinity Fellowship, 41-24, Thursday in Hereford.

Chayse Rives led NCA with 24 points, and Jeremy Gonzales chipped in nine points.

Trinity beat NCA in the girls' game, 39-33. Lindsey Goforth and Lyndzie Torbert each scored 13 points.

Purcella takes world title

Hereford's Steve Purcella and his team roping partner, Steve Northcott of Odessa, finished as world champions after a strong weekend at the National Finals Rodeo.

They finished first in the average, and the bonus of more than \$18,000 boosted Purcella's season winnings to \$91,069 - more than \$5,000 more than second-place man Tee Woolman.

LAS VEGAS (AP) - Final results of the \$3.2 million National Finals Rodeo held at the Thomas and Mack Center:

Saturday's go-round
Barrel racing: 1. Larry Sandvick, Kaycee, Wyo., 83 points on Flying U Rodeo's Samantha Skool, \$11,654; 2. tie, Deb Greenough, Red Lodge, Mont. and Ken Lensegraw, Piedmont, S.D., \$7,593; 4. Wayne Herman Dickinson, N.D., \$7,423; 5. Kelly Wardell, Moorcroft, Wyo., \$7,472; 6. Marvin Garrett, Belle Fourche, S.D., \$7,176.

Calf roping: 1. Joe Beaver, Huntsville, Texas, 7.7 seconds, \$13,384; 2. Roy Cooper, Childress, Texas, 8.1, \$10,029; 3. Blair Burk, Durant, Okla., 8.4, \$6,675; 4. Rusty Sewall, Comstock, Texas, 8.8, \$3,355; 5. Ricky Canton, Cleveland, Texas, 9.4, \$1,130; 6. Shane Slack, Idabel, Okla., 9.8, \$742.

Saddle bronc riding: 1. Dan Mortensen, Manhattan, Mont., 88 points on Franklin Rodeo's Skool's Airwolf, \$11,654; 2. tie, Billy Etbauer, Ree Heights, S.D. and Rod Hay, Wildwood, Alberta, \$7,593; 4. Glen O'Neill Calgary, Alberta, \$4,238; 5. Craig Latham, Texoma, Texas, 7.4, \$2,472; 6. Derek Clark, Colcord, Okla., 7.3, \$1,766.

Steer wrestling: 1. Ote Berry, Checotah, Okla. and Rod Lyman, Lolo, Mont., 3.8 seconds, \$11,707; 3. Chad Bedell, Jensen, Utah, 3.9, \$6,675; 4. Birch Negaard, Buffalo, S.D., 4.0, \$3,355; 5. Brock Andrus, St. George, Utah and Frank Davis, Sonora, Texas, 4.1, \$936.

Team roping: 1. Shane Schwenke, Zortman, Mont./Monty Joe Petka, Turlock, Calif., 4.7 seconds, \$8,365; 2. Charles Pogue, Ringling, Okla./Allen Bach, Toltec, Ariz., 5.0, \$6,268; 3. Bobby Hurley, Ceres, Calif./Cody Cowden, Hereford, Texas/Steve Northcott, Odessa, Texas, 5.4, \$2,097; 5. Liddon Cowden, Merced, Calif./Brent Lockett, Visalia, Calif., 5.5, \$706; 6. tie, Matt Tyler, Corsicana, Texas/Kory Kootz, Sudan, Texas and Kevin Stewart, Glen Rose, Texas/Tom Bourne, Marietta, Ga., 5.6, \$232.

Barrel racing: 1. tie, Kay Blandford, Stockdale, Texas and Sharon Kobold, Big Horn, Wyo., 14.19 seconds, \$7,317; 3. Kristie Peterson, Elbert, Colo., 14.22, \$4,172; 4. Sharon Smith, Dibble, Okla., 14.51, \$2,097; 5. Sherry Cervi, Marana, Ariz., 14.52, \$706; 6. Angie Meadors, Wetumka, Okla., 14.54, \$464.

Bull riding: 1. David Fournier, Poolville, Texas, 86 points on David Bailey Rodeo's Alabama Fats, \$11,654; 2. Terry West, Henryetta, Okla., 85, \$8,829; 3. Chris Littlejohn, Sapulpa, Okla., 84, \$6,357; 4. Tuff Hedeman, Morgan Mill, Texas, 83, \$4,238; 5. Michael Gaffney, Lubbock, Texas, 82, \$2,472; 6. tie, Royd Doyal, Pittsburg, Texas and Adriano Moraes, Keller, Texas, 81, \$883.

Sunday's go-round
Barrel racing: 1. Mark Garrett, Spearfish, S.D., 83 points on Big Bend Rodeo's Spring Fling, \$11,654; 2. Clint Corey, Kennewick, Wash., 82, \$8,829; 3. (tie) Eric Mouton, Weatherford, Okla. and Pete Hawkins, Weatherford, Texas, 81, \$5,297; 5. Ken Lensegraw, Piedmont, S.D., 78, \$2,472; 6. (tie) James Boudreaux, Hackberry, La. and Cleve Schmidt, Belle Fourche, S.D., 77, \$883.

Calf roping: 1. Joe Beaver, Huntsville, Texas, 8.6 seconds, \$13,384; 2. (tie) Herbert Theriot, Poplarville, Miss. and Roy Cooper, Childress, Texas, 9.1, \$8,352; 4. Troy Frain, Minstare, Neb., 9.3, \$3,355; 5. Brad Goodrich, Everett, Wash., 9.4, \$1,130; 6. Fred Whitfield, Hockley, Texas, 10.2, \$742.

Saddle bronc riding: 1. (tie) Jess Martin,

Dillon, Mont., 83 points on Big Bend Rodeo's Major Holly, and Ryan Mapston, Arlee, Mont., 83 points on Calgary Stampede's Skool's Zippy Delivery, \$10,241 each; 3. (tie) Toby Adams, Red Bluff, Calif. and Dan Mortensen, Manhattan, Mont., \$5,297; 5. Glen O'Neill, Calgary, Alberta, 81, \$2,472; 6. Rod Hay, Wildwood, Alberta, 80, \$1,766.

Steer wrestling: 1. Tom Duvall, Henryetta, Okla., 3.7 seconds, \$13,384; 2. (tie) Chad Bedell, Jensen, Utah and Rope Myers, Van, Texas, 3.9, \$8,352; 4. Mark Roy, Dalemead, Alberta, 4.2, \$3,355; 5. Brian Fulton, Valentine, Neb., 4.5, \$1,130; 6. Rod Lyman, Lolo, Mont., 4.6, \$742.

Team roping: 1. Tee Woolman, Llano, Texas and Rich Skelton, Llano, Texas, 4.1 seconds, \$8,365; 2. Daniel Green, Valley Springs, Calif. and Chris Green, Valley Springs, Calif., 4.2, \$6,268; 3. Liddon Cowden, Merced, Calif. and Brent Lockett, Visalia, Calif., 4.5, \$4,172; 4. Shane Schwenke, Zortman, Mont. and Monty Joe Petka, Turlock, Calif., 4.7, \$2,097; 5. Doyle Gellerman, Nampa, Idaho and Britt Bookius, Claremore, Okla., 4.8, \$706; 6. Steve Purcella, Hereford, Texas and Steve Northcott, Odessa, Texas, 5.4, \$464.

Barrel racing: 1. (tie) Kay Blandford, Stockdale, Texas and Kristie Peterson, Elbert, Colo., 14.11 seconds, \$7,317 each; 3. Tacy Lynn Johnson, Henryetta, Okla., 14.31, \$4,172; 4. Sharon Smith, Dibble, Okla., 14.37, \$2,097; 5. Angie Meadors, Wetumka, Okla., 14.44, \$706; 6. Fallon Taylor, Ponder, Texas, 14.52, \$462.

Bull riding: 1. Royd Doyal, 94 points on Growney Brothers Rodeo's Dodge Ram Tough, \$11,654; 2. Keith Adams, 90, \$8,829; 3. Jerome Davis, 89, \$6,357; 4. Terry West, 86, \$4,238; 5. Tuff Hedeman, 84, \$2,472. No other qualified rides.

Finals Average Payoff

Barrel racing: 1. Mark Garrett, Spearfish, S.D., 786 points on 10 head, \$31,783; 2. Ken Lensegraw, Piedmont, S.D., 780, \$24,367; 3. Pete Hawkins, Weatherford, Texas, 742, \$18,011; 4. Deb Greenough, Red Lodge, Mont., 721 points on nine head, \$11,654; 5. Larry Sandvick, Kaycee, Wyo., 709, \$7,416; 6. Marvin Garrett, Belle Fourche, S.D., 694, \$5,297; 7. Rocky Steagall, Sanger, Calif., 687, \$4,238; 8. James Boudreaux, Hackberry, La., 683, \$3,178.

Calf roping: 1. Joe Beaver, Huntsville, Texas, 101.9 seconds on 10 head, \$29,135; 2. Roy Cooper, Childress, Texas, 109.1, \$24,050; 3. Bud Ford, Everman, Texas, 109.9, \$19,070; 4. Fred Whitfield, Hockley, Texas, 110.1, \$14,091; 5. Blair Burk, Durant, Okla., 121.3, \$9,005; 6. Shane Slack, Idabel, Okla., 121.8, \$4,979; 7. Herbert Theriot, Poplarville, Miss., 126.6, \$3,900; 8. Bill Huber, Albia, Iowa, 127.4, \$2,225.

Saddle bronc riding: 1. Billy Etbauer, Ree Heights, S.D., 805 points on points head, \$31,783; 2. Ryan Mapston, Arlee, Mont., 777, \$24,367; 3. Craig Latham, Texoma, Texas, 753, \$18,011; 4. Dan Mortensen, Manhattan, Mont., 731 on nine head, \$11,654; 5. Dan Etbauer, Goodwell, Okla., 729, \$7,416; 6. Rod Hay, Wildwood,

Alberta, 712, \$5,297; 7. Steve Dollarhide, Wikeip, Ariz., 700, \$4,238; 8. Tom Reeves, Stephenville, Texas, 657, \$3,178.

Steer wrestling: 1. Mark Roy, Dalemead, Alberta, 44.8 seconds on 10 head, \$29,135; 2. Frank Davis, Sonora, Texas, 48.0, \$24,050; 3. Birch Negaard, Buffalo, S.D., 48.9, \$19,070; 4. Ivan Teigan, Camp Creek, S.D., 49.8, \$14,091; 5. Brian Fulton, Valentine, Neb., 50.5, \$9,005; 6. Herbert Theriot, Poplarville, Miss., 50.6, \$4,979; 7. Chad Bedell, Jensen, Utah, 52.5, \$3,900; 8. Brock Andrus, St. George, Utah, 52.8, \$2,225.

Team roping: 1. Steve Purcella, Hereford, Texas and Steve Northcott, Odessa, Texas, 70.9 seconds on 10 head, \$18,209; 2. Bobby Hurley, Ceres, Calif. and Cody Cowden, Le Grand, Calif., 85.8, \$15,031; 3. Kevin Stewart, Glen Rose, Texas, and Tom Bourne, Marietta, Ga., 89.8, \$11,919; 4. Speedy Williams, Sanderson, Fla. and Bret Gould, Pollok, Texas, 130.6, \$8,807; 5. Randy Polich, Aztec, N.M. and Nick Sarchett, Scottsdale, Ariz., 138.5, \$5,628; 6. Tee Woolman, Llano, Texas and Rich Skelton, Llano, Texas, 81.0 on nine head, \$3,172; 7. Liddon Cowden, Merced, Calif. and Brent Lockett, Visalia, Calif., 123.5, \$2,119; 8. Charles Pogue, Ringling, Okla. and Allen Bach, Toltec, Ariz., 71.3 on eight head, \$1,391.

Barrel racing: 1. Kristie Peterson, Elbert, Colo., 141.89 on 10 runs, \$18,209; 2. Kay Blandford, Stockdale, Texas, 142.00, \$15,031; 3. Charlotte Schmidt, Cut Bank, Mont., 147.17, \$11,919; 4. Sandi Emond, Malta, Mont., 147.58, \$8,807; 5. Sharon Smith, Dibble, Okla., 150.77, \$5,628; 6. Melissa Hubber, Cleveland, Texas, 152.57, \$3,112; 7. Deborah Mohon, Gladewater, Texas, 155.70, \$2,119; 8. Sherry Cervi, Marana, Ariz., 158.83, \$1,391.

Bull riding: 1. Adriano Moraes, Keller, Texas, 724 points on nine head, \$31,783; 2. Michael Gaffney, Lubbock, Texas, 723, \$24,367; 3. Terry West, Henryetta, Okla., 690 points on eight head, \$18,011; 4. David Fournier, Poolville, Texas, 605 points on seven head, \$11,654; 5. Tuff Hedeman, Morgan Mill, Texas, 577 points on seven head, \$7,416; 6. tie, Mark Cain, Atoka, Okla., and Royd Doyal, Pittsburg, Texas, 500 points on six head, \$4,768; 8. Scott Mendes, Weatherford, Texas, 478, \$3,178.

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Barrel racing: 1. Mark Garrett, Spearfish, S.D., \$139,868; 2. Ken Lensegraw, Piedmont, S.D., \$113,399; 3. Marvin Garrett, Belle Fourche, S.D., \$111,875; 4. Deb Greenough, Red Lodge, Mont., \$111,239; 5. Larry Sandvick, Kaycee, Wyo., \$105,221.

Calf roping: 1. Fred Whitfield, Hockley, Texas, \$155,336; 2. Joe Beaver, Huntsville,

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

League Fee and Eligibility: League fee will be \$18.00. Additional children in same family \$15.00 each. All participants must be YMCA members. YMCA Memberships for youth are \$25.00 a year. (Partial memberships are available) ***ENTRY FEE MUST ACCOMPANY REGISTRATION FORM!

Equipment needed: Girls and boys supply their own shoes. (Only tennis shoes will be permitted for play and practice) All teams will wear pullovers provided by the YMCA.

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Dolphins threaten Bills' playoff plans

MIAMI (AP) - The Buffalo Bills' road collapse is complete, and a decade of dominance against the Miami Dolphins is over.

Now the Bills stumble back to Buffalo, where their season will end Sunday if they are unable to right themselves.

Needing a victory to clinch a playoff berth Monday night, Buffalo instead lost to Miami 16-14. The defeat extended the Bills' losing streak to three games, all on the road.

"We know we're a better team than we're showing," said Jim Kelly, who threw two touchdown passes. "I don't have the answers right now."

For the first time since 1986, Miami (7-8) swept a season series from the Bills (9-6) and defeated them in a late-season game. Buffalo had beaten the Dolphins 11 consecutive times in November, December and January in the past decade.

"There's a feeling of frustration and dismay," Buffalo defensive end Bruce Smith said. "Something's wrong. This is ridiculous."

Because the Bills lost, New England (10-5) clinched the AFC East title and will host at least one playoff game.

Buffalo fell into a tie with Kansas City and Indianapolis for the best record in the AFC wild-card race, which means the Bills will have to win on the road in postseason to reach the Super Bowl.

"If I'm in the playoffs, I don't care where it's at - in Buffalo or North Dakota," Smith said.

The Bills can clinch a wild-card berth if they win their final regular-season game Sunday at home against the Chiefs, or if Jacksonville (8-7) loses or ties its final game against Atlanta.

The second-year Jaguars will earn a berth by beating Atlanta, unless the Buffalo-Kansas City game ends in a tie.

Miami, eliminated from playoff contention Sunday, claimed a consolation victory and broke a three-game losing streak.

"We approached the week like any other game," coach Jimmy Johnson said. "We didn't want to finish the year on a down note, regardless of the situation."

For the fifth consecutive game, the Dolphins scored just one touchdown, but they controlled the ball for 42 minutes.

"We played defense hard," linebacker Zach Thomas said, "but we only had to play it for 18 minutes."

"We have a quality defense," Bills receiver Steve Tasker said, "and they aren't getting support from this side of the ball. We're in a funk. There are some mental mistakes going on out there, and that's ridiculous at this point in the season."

The Bills scored on Kelly's touchdown passes of 67 yards to Andre Reed and 16 yards to Eric Moulds. But they were outgained on the ground 145 yards to 51.

Rangers lure closer Wetteland

By JAIME ARON
AP Sports Writer
ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) - Once John Wetteland opted out of the final year of his New York Yankees contract, he expected the World Series champions to come right back with another offer.

It never happened. Wetteland eventually got tired of waiting for New York to do something, so he decided to do something on his own. He visited Texas, talked to Boston and considered going back to Montreal.

But after the World Series MVP spent some four hours at The Ballpark in Arlington with Rangers' management last Thursday, he knew he'd found a new home.

"It was just pretty hard to pass up," Wetteland, 30, said Monday after signing a four-year, \$23 million contract that makes him the highest-paid reliever ever. "The conditions here are too perfect. It's kind of mind-blowing to me."

Wetteland said he loved being a Yankee, and nearly choked up thinking about all the friends he was leaving behind.

"I'm really going to miss seeing those guys' faces every day," he said.

It was a goodbye he really didn't expect to make.

"I thought something was going to happen early (with the Yankees) because all the reports said they wanted to take care of that first," he said. "I didn't have time to be disappointed. I had to go and search elsewhere."

Texas was desperately seeking a closer of Wetteland's stature, especially after Mel Rojas signed with the Chicago Cubs and Eric Plunk, whom general manager Doug Melvin coveted, re-signed with Cleveland.

Surprisingly, the Rangers wound up getting Wetteland himself. "Somebody said this is as big as when Nolan Ryan came aboard," Melvin said.

Wetteland's deal includes a \$1 million signing bonus and \$1 million in severance pay after his career. He'll make \$4 million in next season, \$5.25 million in '98, \$5.75 million in '99 and \$6 million in 2000.

"We feel this is the final piece of a puzzle to get us to the next level," Melvin said. "There is no doubt in my mind we have the best closer in baseball today."

Wetteland proved he was among the game's best by converting 43 of 47 save opportunities during the regular season, then going 7 for 7 in the playoffs. His four World Series saves earned him the MVP award.

The Rangers had learned the importance of a dominant closer, as their bullpen blew 16 saves last year. Texas relievers also squandered leads in all three first-round playoff losses to the Yankees, while Wetteland shut them down twice.

"I'm aware of those problems they had last year, and, yes, I'm excited to see if I can make some kind of a difference," said Wetteland, who becomes the fifth-highest paid pitcher in baseball.

"But I'm not going to tell you I'm the big, important piece that's missing. I don't view it that way at all. I'm just looking forward to the opportunity to getting a lot of work, and I think I'm going to get that here."

The closer won't be the only new face in Texas' bullpen next year. The Rangers signed Xavier Hernandez last week and on Monday they acquired Cory Bailey from the St. Louis Cardinals.

The only players expected to return are lefty Ed Vosberg, who

must be re-signed, and right-hander Danny Patterson, who will likely be groomed into becoming a closer.

In New York, Wetteland will be replaced by setup man Mariano Rivera, who went 8-3 with a 2.09 ERA and 130 strikeouts in 107 2-3 innings in his first full season in the majors.

"From what I've seen," Wetteland said, "there's no question in my mind he can be outstanding."

Notes: For signing Wetteland, the Rangers must surrender to the Yankees their first-round pick in the 1997 amateur draft.

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Ford leads Bucks in Boston

By JIMMY GOLEN
AP Sports Writer

BOSTON (AP) - Chris Ford was probably feeling pretty down when he was fired by Boston Celtics boss M.L. Carr after the 1994-95 season.

If any painful memories lingered, though, they were erased Monday night when Ford returned to Boston as the Milwaukee coach and the Bucks won 107-91 for their fifth victory in six games. The Celtics, now coached by Carr, have but five wins in 22 games this season.

"I don't think he (Ford) would trade places at all," said Bucks guard Sherman Douglas, who was traded from Boston to Milwaukee last year. "I assume someplace deep inside, he was like, 'Yes, I'm happy.'"

"We, as players, had it in our minds that it was an important game," said Bucks forward Vin Baker, who scored 28 points and added 11 rebounds. "We didn't talk about it. There wasn't anything different we did. We just came out and played."

Andrew Lang had 12 points and 13 rebounds and Glenn Robinson had 19 points and nine rebounds for the Bucks, who have won three straight. Dana Barros led Boston with just 16 points.

Elsewhere in the NBA on Monday night, it was Detroit 98, Toronto 92; Washington 97, Sacramento 89; and the Los Angeles Clippers 122, Phoenix 121 in overtime.

Ford played for the Celtics from 1978-82 and coached them from 1990-95, when Carr, then the director of player personnel, fired him. Ford caught on with the Bucks (13-9) this year, taking on a promising roster that has a chance at the playoffs.

Carr and his Celtics cannot say the same. The sparse crowd offered Ford polite applause at his introduction - still better than the smattering of boos

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Texas, \$139,024. 3. Cody Ohi, Orchard, Texas, \$137,815. 4. Bud Ford, Everman, Texas, \$119,003. 5. Roy Cooper, Childress, Texas, \$116,464.

Saddle bronc riding: 1. Billy Eitbauer, Ree Heights, S.D., \$190,257. 2. Dan Mortensen, Manhattan, Mont., \$177,948. 3. Dan Eitbauer, Goodwell, Okla., \$139,476. 4. Glen O'Neill, Calgary, Alberta, \$120,359. 5. Craig Latham, Texhoma, Texas, \$114,127.

Steer wrestling: 1. Chad Bedell, Jensen, Utah, \$120,784. 2. Brian Fulton, Valentine, Neb., \$106,007. 3. Ote Berry, Checotah, Okla., \$102,039. 4. Mark Roy, Dalmaceda, Alberta, \$92,018. 5. Tom Duvall, Henryetta, Okla., \$91,377.

Team roping, heading: 1. Steve Purcella, Hereford, Texas, \$91,069. 2. Tee Woolman, Llano, Texas, \$85,677. 3. Charles Pogue, Ringling, Okla., \$78,249. 4. Bobby Hurley, Ceres, Calif., \$73,011. 5. Speedy Williams (Sanderson, Fla., \$71,753).

Team roping, heeling: 1. Steve Northcott, Odessa, Texas, \$91,069. 2. Rich Skelton, Llano, Texas, \$85,677. 3. Allen Bach, Toltec, Ariz., \$76,997. 4. Bret Gould, Pollak, Texas, \$73,522. 5. Cody Cowden, Le Grand, Calif., \$73,372.

Barrel racing: 1. Kristie Peterson, Elbert, Colo., \$170,083. 2. Kay Blandford, Stockdale, Texas, \$152,895. 3. Sherry Cervi, Marana, Ariz., \$109,271. 4. Sharon Kobold, Big Horn, Wyo., \$76,237. 5. Molly Swanson, Simms, Mont., \$62,891.

Bull riding: 1. Terry West, Henryetta, Okla., \$125,425. 2. David Fournier, Poolville, Texas, \$119,308. 3. Jerome Davis, Archdale, N.C., \$111,212. 4. Adriano Moraes, Keller, Texas, \$107,109. 5. Myron Duarte, Peyton, Colo., \$100,628.

Wrangler Bullfighting: 1. Mike Matt, Billings, Mont., \$46,018. 2. Loyd Ketchum, Miles City, Mont., \$41,941. 3. Greg Rumohr, Cleburne, Texas, \$37,938. 4. Michael Sparks, Jacksonville, Texas, \$31,575. 5. Ronny Johnson, Texarkana, Texas, \$28,688.

given to the man who fired him. "I joined in," Carr said. "I'm a fan, too."

Ford said, smiling, that he didn't notice the boos for Carr, but that it was nice to hear that people appreciated his work as a player and a coach. He also said the game didn't bring back many memories for him because he had served his Celtics tenure in the Boston Garden; in fact, he had only been in the FleetCenter once before, for the circus.

And there were no hard feelings towards Carr, he said.

"How long ago was that? We've got to move on now," he said. "My job is to win basketball games, no matter who they're against."

Pistons 98, Raptors 92

Grant Hill had 27 points and 12 rebounds, and Detroit closed the game with a 10-0 run at Toronto.

Hill scored four points during the decisive run as the Pistons overcame a four-point deficit.

Damon Stoudamire scored 28 points to lead the Raptors, who dropped their fourth straight since defeating the Chicago Bulls on Dec. 8.

Clemens dubbed 'traitor'

WASHINGTON (AP) - Nothing against Canada, but Roger Clemens has been dubbed a traitor by a U.S. government spokesman for leaving Boston to pitch for Toronto.

"That is the official position of the State Department," Nicholas Burns said Monday in a tongue-in-cheek denouncement of Clemens that could only come from a Boston native and diehard Red Sox baseball fan.

"Roger Clemens is not a great American," Burns said during an otherwise routine State Department briefing. "Roger Clemens will never be able to say what Ted Williams and Carl Yastrzemski could say, and that is: 'We were lifelong Red Sox.' Roger Clemens is a traitor."

On Friday, the 34-year-old

Clemens agreed to a \$24.75 million, three-year contract with Toronto to become the highest-paid pitcher ever.

"For a measly few million bucks he went over to the opposition and we don't like it," Burns complained, to great laughter. "This has nothing to do with Canada," he added, remembering his diplomatic manners.

"It would have been worse if he had gone to the Yankees."

In fact, Burns speculated, the State Department might have had to send in Bosnia peace negotiator Richard Holbrooke to bargain to keep Clemens away from the New York Yankees if it had come to that.

"That would have been a real crisis," Burns said.

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YMCA MEN'S 5 ON 5 BASKETBALL

The YMCA Men's Basketball League is designed for men (no age limit) to show their athletic ability in b-ball games and to try their hand in winning a trophy. (1st place, 2nd place, 3rd place). Length of the league will be 6 weeks plus double elimination tournament. The team captain or manager will be responsible for the collection of the entry fee and to have all players listed on the roster in accordance with league guidelines by the start of the third game of the league. Out of town residents may participate in the league. Players must play at least 1/3 of the regular season games to be eligible for the tournament. Games will have 2 referees paid and scheduled by the YMCA.

Sign-up Deadline: Tuesday, January 7th, 1997 at 3:00 pm

Starting Date: Games will be played on Sundays starting at 1:00 pm, First game will be Sunday, January 12th.

Entry Fee: \$270.00 per team (Teams will not be entered until fee is turned in)

Uniforms: Teams may provide their own or use pullovers provided by the YMCA.

Unsportsman-like Conduct Penalties:

- 1) 1 warning, 2nd one out of the game
- 2) 2nd time out of the game and out of the league
- 3) Cheapshots or undercutting or any unnecessary play that could cause serious injury shall result in immediate ejection from the game. (Consumption of alcohol will not be tolerated)

Rosters will be available at game site. Individual players must have name on roster and be properly registered with their team before playing. As soon as a player participates in a league game they shall be deemed as starting the season. There will be no grace period. Team may start with 3 players, if they are not present then it will be called as a forfeit. Anytime players on the court or on the bench join an altercation that team/teams shall forfeit.

Teams arriving without enough players to field a team may enlist temporary substitutes in order to field a team. The game will be a forfeit but this will allow those present the enjoyment of playing. If there is an odd number of teams, one team will play twice on game day. Intentional foul will be 2 free shots and ball out of bounds.

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| 4 KAMR (NBC), Amarillo | 11 C-SPAN | 18 Showtime | 25 The Discovery Channel | 32 USA Network | 39 QVC |
| 5 KACV (PBS), Amarillo | 12 C-SPAN II | 19 Local Access | 26 Arts & Entertainment | 33 Univision | 40 ESPN2 |
| 6 WTBS, Atlanta | 13 KCIT (FOX), Amarillo | 20 HBO | 27 Lifetime | 34 CMT | 41 MTV |
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TUESDAY DECEMBER 17

6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM
Stingiest Man in Town	Present	(-40) Disney Christmas		Holiday	(-40) Avonies			Movie: Wakeless Ship		
News	Ent. Tonight	Mad-You	Something	Fraser	Caroline	Dateline	News	(-35) Tonight Show		
NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	News	Bucknell Christmas	Perspective	Politics	Today's	Charlie Rose				
Fam. Mat.	Fam. Mat.	(-65) Movie: Back to the Future (1985) Michael J. Fox ***½		(-35) Movie: Top Gun (1986) Tom Cruise. ***						
News	Wh. Fortune	Roseanne	Like a Work	Home Imp.	Spin City	NYPD Blue	News	Seinfeld	Nightline	
Fam. Mat.	Bzzz!	Hercules-Jyns.	Xena: Warrior Princess	H'mooner	News	Wayguay	Heat			
News	Home Imp.	Promised Land	Movie: Unholy Angel (1995) Dolly Parton.			News	(-35) Late Show			
Roseanne	Mad-You	Movie: The Munsters' Scary Little Christmas (1995)	Xena: Warrior Princess	Mad-You	Martin	Real TV				
Sportstr.	Outside the Lines	NHL Hockey Detroit Red Wings at Colorado Avalanche				Sportscenar				
Pinocchio's Christmas	Holiday Beats	Reacus 911		700 Club		Three Stooges		Carson		
Movie: Max is Missing PG	Movie: Thelma & Louise Susan Sarandon. *** R	(-15) Roger Corman Presents		Women	Situations					
Movie: Only the Lonely	Movie: The Cherokee Kid Sinbad	Crypt Tales		Ricky Jay-52 Assistants	Movie: The Brothers McMullen *** R					
(-5:00) Movie: *** The Net	Movie: Copcat (1995) Spumay Weaver, Holly Hunter.			Movie: Rambo: First Blood Part II *** R	Movie: ...At First Sight R					
Movie: *** Johnny Eager	Movie: Kiss Me Kate (1953) Kathryn Grayson. ***			Movie: The Toast of New Orleans (1950) ***½	Movie: That					
Dukes of Hazzard	Sam's Place Christmas	Prime Time Country		Country	Club Dance	Dallas		Dukes		
Bay. 2000	Next Step	Mysterious	World-Wond	New Detectives	Next Step	Bay. 2000		Wild Disc.		
Equalizer	Biography	Movie: Fat Chance (1991) John Trav. Kevin Whately.		Law & Order		Biography				
HopeGlori	Designing	Unsolved Mysteries	Movie: Betrayed by Love (1994) Mare Winingham.	Living	Mysteries					
FOX Sports News	FOX Sports	Local Action	Ski Prime	Boxing Prime Championship Series		Sports				
In the Heat of the Night	NBA Basketball Los Angeles Lakers at Chicago Bulls			Inede-NBA	Movie: Magnum Force (1973) ***½					
Doug	Rugrats	Doug	Happy Days	I Love Lucy	Munsters	M.T. Moore		Rhoda		
Highlander: The Series	Murder, She Wrote	Boxing				Silk Stalkings		Big Date		
Bendita Mentira	María la del Barrio	Canseval de Pasiones	Primer Impacto Noc.	P. Impacto	Noticiero	La Tocada				
Vietnam	Knights and Armor	Great Ships	Russia's Secret War	Year by Year		Knights				
NFL Great	College Basketball Minnesota at Rhode Island	Strongest Man		Strongest Man		NHL 2Night		NBA 2Night		

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 18

7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30	12 PM
Pooh	Mermaid	Wonderland	Umbrella	Groundling	Pooh Cmr.	Ducktales	Care Bears	Dumbo	Wonderland	Gummiblr
Today				Leza	Geraldo Rivera	Leza				Days-Lives
Great Masters		Sesame Street	Puzzle Place	Mr Rogers	Storytime	Reading	Arthur	Barney	Lamb Chop	
Brady	Bewitched	Little House on the Prairie	Boss?	Family Ties	Griffith		(-65) Matlock			Movie:
Good Morning America			Live -- Regis & Kathie Lee	Caryl & Marilyn: Friends	Medicine Woman	News				
BugsDuffy	Animanaca	Woody	Bewitched	Griffith	Empty Nest	Charlie's Angels	Geraldo Rivera	News		
This Morning				Ricki Lake	Empty Nest	Price is Right	Young and the Restless	News		
Bobby	Quack Pack	Mask	Peter Pan	Fox After Breakfast	Maureen O'Boyle	K. Copeland	Paid Prog.	Matlock		
Sportscenar		Sportscenar		Sportscenar		Sportscenar		Latin Futbol		
Movie: An American Christmas Carol (1979) ***				700 Club		FIT TV		Kenny & Dolly: Christmas	Home	
Movie: In Custody (1993) Shashi Kapoor, Shabana Azmi.				(-15) Movie: Heck's Way Home Michael Riley. ***½ G		Movie: Christmas Almost Wasn't				
Family Video Diaries	Movie: There Goes the Neighborhood	Movie: Clueless Alicia Silverstone. PG-13		(-15) Movie: The Karate Kid, Part Two		Movie:				
Movie: Portrait of Jennie	(-15) Movie: Dark Horse Ed Begley Jr. *** PG	Movie: Love Affair Warren Beatty. *** PG-13		Movie:						
Movie: Intruder in the Dust	Movie: The Sea Wolf (1941) ***	Movie: Of Human Bondage (1934) ****		Movie: Cass Timberlane (1947) ***						
(ON Air)	VideoMorning			Dallas		Alene's Crafts		Wildhorse		
Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Assignment Discovery	Home Matters	Housemart!		Start		Interior Mot.		
McCloud		Lovejoy Mysteries	New Mike Hammer	Quincy		Equalizer				
Baby Knows	KidsDays	Sisters	Debt	Our Home	Main Ingrid.	Handmade		Living		Our Home
FOX Sports News	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.		Paid Prog.		Our Home
Scobby Dooby Doo	Flintstones	Flintstones	Gilligan	Gilligan	Knots Landing	CHiPs		Thunder		
Looney Tunes	Rugrats	Busy World	Muppets	Allegra	Gullah	Wubbutous		Blue's Clus		Busy World
Mighty Max	Segic	Murder, She Wrote	Movie: Lily in Winter (1994) Natalie Cole. ***½		Major Dad	Major Dad		USA Live		
Plaza Sesa	El Chavo	Chespirito	Papa Solt	Dr Perez	Das Mujeres Un Camino	Divina Obsesion		Moralea		
Automobiles	History Showcase	Real West	Reilly: Ace of Spies			History				
Flex Appeal	Bodyshape	Crunch	Training	Flex Appeal	Crunch	Gotta Sweat		Fitness		Flex Appeal
										Sports Babe

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 18

12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30
C. Brown	Donald	Pooh	Goof Troop Christmas	Disney's 25th	Tale Spin	Ducktales	Chip 'n' Dale	Goof Troop		
Days-Lives	Another World	Jenny Jones		Maury Povlich	Oprah Winfrey	News		NBC News		
Body Elec.	Your Home	Wait for God	Painting	Embroidery	Pres. Paletta	Wishbone	C. Sandiego	Science Guy	Creatures	Magic Bus
(12:05) Movie: *** Sam Whiskey (1969)	Flintstones	Scooby-Doo		Taz-Mania	JonQuest	Saved-Bell	Saved-Bell	Fam. Mat.	Fam. Mat.	
Jeopardy!	One Life to Live	General Hospital		Montel Williams	Roske O'Donnell	News		ABC News		
News	Magnum, P.I.	Beauty and the Beast		Beverly Hills, 90210	Fam. Mat.	Dreams	Saved-Bell	Saved-Bell		
Bold & B.	As the World Turns	Guiding Light		Dating	Newlywed	Day & Date	News	CBS News		
Matlock	Little House on the Prairie	Mr. Cooper	Step-Step	Batman	Spider-Man	Beetleborgs	Rangers	Fresh Fr.	Stimpsons	
Latin Futbol	Itasca	Timber	Racehorse	Ski World	SuperBowl	SuperBowl	Up Close	Sportstr.		
(12:00) Home & Family	ShopDrop	Shopping	Santas	First Snow	Nestor	Drummrl	C. Burnett	C. Burnett		
(-45) Movie: Five Weeks in a Balloon Red Buttons. PG	Movie: Wild in the Country Elvis Presley. **	(-45) Movie: In Custody Shashi Kapoor.								
Movie:	(-15) Movie: Three Wishes Patrick Swayze. ** PG	(-15) Movie: A Walk in the Clouds Keanu Reeves. ***½		(-15) Movie: Red Hot Donat Sutherland. PG	(-15) Movie: Nine Months					
Movie: The One and Only	Movie: Last of the Dogmen Tom Berenger. ** PG	Movie: Interrupted Melody (1955) Eleanor Parker. ***		Movie: Red Hot Donat Sutherland. PG	(-15) Movie: Little Giant (1933)					
Movie: Cass	Movie: The Hucksters (1947) Clark Gable. ***	Movie: Interrupted Melody (1955) Eleanor Parker. ***		Movie: Interrupted Melody (1955) Eleanor Parker. ***						
Wildhorse	VideoPM	America's Country Hits		Dallas	Wildhorse Saloon	Club Dance				
Home	Houseesant!	Interior Mot.	Great Chels	Culaine	Great Chels	Travelers				
Equalizer	McCloud	Lovejoy Mysteries	New Mike Hammer	Quincy						
Nurses	Movie: Yes, Virginia, There is a Santa Claus (1991)	L.A. Law	Commlah	Supernit	Debt					
Sports	FOX Sports News	Women's College Volleyball: NCAA Div. I Reg. Final	Remington	Speed	Skiing	NBA Action				
Thunder	How the West Was Won	Wild, Wild West	Movie: Geronimo (1962) Chuck Connors. ***			In the Heat of the Night				
Beaver	Tiny Toon	Chipmunks	Nick in the Afternoon	Gadget	You Afraid?	Rocko's Life	Clarissa	Tiny Toon		
USALive	USA Live-Love	USA Live	USA Live	Wanted	Top Cops	Wings	Wings	Renegade		
Moralea	Pecado de Amor		Cristina	Primer Impacto		Dr Perez	Noticiero	La Tocada		
History	Air Combat	Real West	Reilly: Ace of Spies			High Points in History				
Sports Babe	NBA 2Night	NBA	NFL's Greatest Moments	Auto Racing IndyCar -- Budweiser-G.I. Joe's 200		Spanish Fly	NFL Great			

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 18

6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM
Movie: Rudolph & Frosty's Christmas	(-40) Movie: A Mom for Christmas **	Inside Out	Avonies	Movie: Buddy Holly						
News	Ent. Tonight	Wings	Caroline	Newsradio	Man-Badly	Christmas in Washington	News	(-35) Tonight Show		
NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	New Explorers	Danny Kays: A Legacy	Woof! Woof! Uncle Matty	Tony Brown	Charlie Rose					
Video	Video	NBA Basketball New York Knicks at Detroit Pistons		(-45) Movie: Toy Soldiers (1991) Sean Astin. ***½						
News	Wh. Fortune	Grace Under	Towlines	Draw Carey	Ellen	Primetime Live		News	Seinfeld	Nightline
Fam. Mat.	Bzzz!	Sister, Sis.	Nick Freno	Wayans	Jamie Foxx	News		Wayguay		Heat
News	Home Imp.	Nanny	Paarl	Movie: My Cousin Vinny (1992) Joe Pesci. ***		News		(-35) Late Show		
Roseanne	Mad-You	Beverly Hills, 90210	Party of Five	Hercules-Jyns.	Mad-You	Martin		Real TV		
College Basketball Nevada-Las Vegas at Syracuse	College Basketball Louisiana State at North Carolina	Sportscenar		NFL Great						
Santa is Coming to Town	Movie: The Angel of Pennsylvania Avenue (1996)	700 Club	Three Stooges	Carson						
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To avoid holiday weight gain, maintain exercise, experts say

By MEREDITH RAINE
Corpus Christi Caller-Times

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas - Ah, the joys of the holiday season - the stress, the shopping, the food, the fat.

This is the time of year when people are encouraged to eat, drink and be merry. Unfortunately, for many Americans, they put a little too much emphasis on the eating part.

"The average person gains five to seven pounds during the holidays," said Arlene Spark, nutrition education specialist for the American Health Foundation. "Most people consume about 3,000 additional calories a week between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day. Those extra calories really start to add up-and show up quickly."

As a result - after consuming mounds of food at social gatherings, office parties and family feasts - many begin the new year resolving to lose the weight they gained during the holidays.

So how does one break the holiday tradition of piling the plate high and putting on the pounds?

Dietitians and fitness trainers agree: Don't even think about losing weight between the Thanksgiving feast and Christmas dinner. Instead, keep from gaining it. Hop on the scale today, see what it says, then try to make sure the weight marker stops on the same number after New Year's celebrations. Jane Wyatt, who teaches weight management at Spohn Hospital South, said many people tend to think and act differently during the holidays than they do any other time of the year. As a consequence, many end up putting on a few pounds.

"They get into this clean-your-plate mode because there are

starving children somewhere in the world," Wyatt said. "Or the family tradition is to eat three times more than they usually do, then sit around and watch football all day because they're too stuffed to do anything else."

It doesn't have to be that way, Wyatt said. Smaller portions and a little restraint can go a long way toward fighting the holiday bulge.

"Be mentally prepared," she said. "Pre-plan your calorie limit. If you don't, you are likely to eat a bunch of food you didn't plan to."

Spark has a plan for people who are worried about overindulging with high-calorie, high-fat treats at holiday parties. Her E-A-T program consists of an egg, an apple and a big glass of water. The idea is to eat a hard-boiled egg and an apple and wash it down with water before heading to a party.

"People can eat it in their car on the way to an event," Spark said. "When they get there, they aren't famished and wanting to eat everything in sight."

A hard-boiled egg has about 80 calories, an apple has about 60 calories and the water has none at all.

"You've only eaten about 140 calories by the time you get to the party, and you feel full," she said. "This could save a person 500 to 700 calories from food they would eat at a party."

Karen D'Arnold, a diet consultant with Daily Med Care in Corpus Christi, has another theory: Don't gorge.

"So people don't feel deprived, they should eat what they want, but portion control is the key," D'Arnold said. "You don't have to eat the whole thing. Just taste whatever it is that you want."

Also, D'Arnold said, it's a good idea to eat every four to six hours instead of skipping meals, then eating a huge meal. Molly Whitely, a clinical dietitian at Spohn Hospital South, said another solution is to bring low-fat foods such as fruit or vegetable trays to parties.

Drinking lots of fluids and tightening the belt before a meal or snack can also make a person feel full so they don't eat as much, Whitely said.

"People might want to keep a log of what they eat," she said. "They can also measure out their food so they know exactly what they are getting. That's a good way to prevent that New Year's resolution to lose weight."

Wade Spence, fitness director at the Corpus Christi Athletic Club, suggests exercise.

"This is the time of year when most people are making a pre-holiday commitment to start exercising after the holidays," Spence said. "That's their biggest mistake. They shouldn't wait."

If they do, they likely will increase their calorie intake and decrease their exercise levels during the holidays, and are really suffering by the time they make it to the gym in January, Spence said.

People can't just exercise a few months out of the year and expect to be fit and healthy, he said. They have to do it all the time.

People should not let hectic holiday schedules get in the way of an exercise program, Spence said. Walking, jumping rope and jogging in place are all exercises people can do either at their home or at a hotel.

"Those little bursts of energy will help burn those extra calories," he said.



Top sellers

During St. Anthony's School annual fund-raising spice sale, the three students with the highest sales were, from left, Garrett Meyer, Tyson Yosten and Jonathan Formby.

Recipes using yams, sweet potatoes can help add flavor to holiday meals

By The Associated Press

Because true yams are rarely seen outside of Latin markets, the yams or Louisiana yams seen in local supermarkets are probably sweet potatoes. Although a yam is definitely not a sweet potato, the two resemble one another, taste alike and can be used interchangeably. Yams come in all colors, from pale orange to purple. The darker the skin, the deeper and sweeter the flesh.

Nicole Routhier, author of "Nicole Routhier's Fruit Cookbook" (Workman Publishing, \$15.95), has combined yams with apples, prunes and a lemon-scented syrup for Scalped Yams with Apples, Prunes and Lemons.

The recipe for Parmesan Yam Puffs was created by cookbook author Sarah Leah Chase, while the recipe for Twice-Baked Sweet Potatoes is from Vegetarian Times magazine.

Scalped Yams with Apples, Prunes and Lemon
8 medium yams (about 5 pounds total), rinsed well
1 tablespoon minced garlic
3 apples (preferably Granny Smith)
1 cup pitted prunes, coarsely chopped
1/2 cup dry sherry
1/2 cup firmly packed light brown sugar
2 teaspoons finely grated lemon zest
3/4 teaspoon freshly grated nutmeg
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
6 tablespoons (1/2 stick) unsalted butter, melted
3 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
3/4 cup dry bread crumbs
Place the yams in a large pot, cover with cold water, and bring to a boil. Reduce the heat to medium, and cook until the yams are fork-tender, 25 to 30 minutes. Drain, rinse under cold running water, and let

cool.
Preheat oven to 375 degrees F. Butter an 11-1/2- by 9- by 2-inch-deep casserole dish and sprinkle 1 teaspoon of the minced garlic over the bottom.
Peel the yams and slice them 1/2 inch thick.

Core and thinly slice the apples. Layer one-third of the yams in the prepared dish. Cover the yams with half the apple slices. Scatter half the prunes over the apples. Repeat the layers, starting with the garlic, and ending with the yams.

In a small saucepan, combine the sherry, brown sugar, lemon zest, nutmeg, salt and pepper, and 4 tablespoons of the melted butter. Heat, stirring until the mixture is hot and the sugar is dissolved. Stir in the lemon juice and pour the syrup evenly over the yams.

In a small bowl, mix the bread crumbs thoroughly with the remaining 2 teaspoons melted butter and sprinkle over the yams. Bake for 1 hour, or until bubbling. Serve hot. Makes 8 to 10 side dish servings.

From: "Nicole Routhier's Fruit Cookbook" by Nicole Routhier (Workman Publishing, \$15.95).
Convenient and trendy garlic-infused olive oil adds quick and delicious flavor to Parmesan Yam Puff, an elegant, make-ahead side dish. Look for garlic-infused oil in the gourmet food section of your market.

Parmesan Yam Puff
3 pounds fresh yams or sweet potatoes
Olive oil for brushing on casserole dish
3 tablespoons garlic-infused olive oil
1/4 cup whole milk
2 large eggs
1 cup freshly grated Parmesan cheese
1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg
Salt and freshly ground pepper, to

taste
Peel the yams and cut them into 2-inch pieces. Place in a large pot, cover with water and cook over medium-high heat until tender, 20 to 25 minutes.

Meanwhile, brush olive oil over the bottom and sides of a 1-1/2- to 2-quart shallow casserole dish.

Drain the yams thoroughly; place them in a mixing bowl. Beat with an electric mixer until fluffy. Beat in 2 tablespoons of the olive oil, the milk, eggs and 1/2 cup of the Parmesan cheese. Season with nutmeg, salt and pepper.

Spoon the mixture into the prepared dish. Sprinkle the top with the remaining 1/2 cup cheese and drizzle with the remaining 1 tablespoon olive oil. (At this point, the casserole can be covered and refrigerated for up to 2 days.)

When ready to bake, preheat the oven to 325 degrees F. Bake until light golden brown on top, about 55 to 60 minutes. Serve hot. Makes 7 servings.

Note: If side dish was made ahead of time and chilled, baking time will be about 10 to 15 minutes longer.

Nutrition facts per serving: 340 cal., 10 g pro., 12 g fat, 48 g carbo., 297 mg sodium, 73 mg chol.

Twice-Baked Sweet Potatoes
6 baked sweet potatoes
12 halves scooped-out sweet potato skins
Juice of 1 medium orange or to taste
1/2 teaspoon grated orange rind
1 teaspoon grated lemon rind
1 teaspoon grated fresh gingerroot
Pinch of ground nutmeg
2 to 3 tablespoons maple syrup or to taste

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Cut sweet potatoes in half lengthwise, scoop out flesh. Set scooped-out skins aside.

Puree sweet potato in food processor with remaining ingredients except skins. Spoon puree into skins. Place on lightly oiled baking sheet; bake until heated through, about 15 minutes. Serve hot.

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- Domestic assault reported in the 500 block of West Fifth Street.
- Assault reported in the 400 block of Ranger.
- Criminal mischief reported in the 200 block of Avenue H.
- Criminal mischief reported in the 900 block of East Park.
- Theft reported in the 500 block

- of North 25 Mile Avenue.
- Runaway reported in the 200 block of Northwest Drive.
- 15 traffic citations issued.

MONDAY

- Domestic disturbance reported in the 900 block of Cherokee.
- Domestic disturbance reported in the 300 block of Avenue C.
- Assault reported in 100 block of Avenue C.
- Criminal mischief reported in 200 block of Star Street.
- 13 traffic citations issued.

TUESDAY

- Deadly conduct reported in 200 block of Avenue F.
- Theft reported in 700 block of La Plata.
- Harassment reported in the 200 block of Main Street.
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-- Criminal mischief reported on South Main and U.S. 60.

FIRE DEPARTMENT SUNDAY

- One call reported.
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TUESDAY

- No calls.

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- 27-year-old male arrested for violation of probation.
- 18-year-old female arrested for sale of alcohol to minor.

Clinton calls for AIDS cure

By **SONYA ROSS**
Associated Press Writer
WASHINGTON (AP) - President Clinton has set six "simple, but vital" goals that call for a cure, a vaccine and a guarantee of quality care for those stricken with AIDS. But it leaves in place a ban on federally funded needle exchange programs.

The plan, released today, does not attempt to overturn Congress' ban on use of federal funds for programs that distribute clean needles to drug users, despite Clinton's 1992 promise to allow needle distribution.

Clinton's own AIDS council approved a resolution Monday saying more must be done to stem the rapid spread of the disease among intravenous drug users.

"Needle exchange seems to be part of that equation," said Dr. R. Scott Hitt, chairman of the Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS.

Wayne Turner, a Washington spokesman for the AIDS activist group ACT UP, said Congress' ban has thwarted the potential success of needle exchange programs. Many of the nation's larger AIDS clinics

where an abundance of intravenous drug users are likely to turn up - can't participate because that could jeopardize their funding, he said.

"The president can talk about how he wants prevention, but he could end the ban on needle exchange with the stroke of a pen," Turner said. "That's the kind of thing that's really missing from this strategy."

The White House strategy offers federal agencies a guide in coordinating an official response to AIDS, now the leading cause of death for Americans ages 25 to 44. It does not lay out a specific legislative agenda or estimate how much money the federal government should spend on fighting AIDS.

The strategy calls for developing a cure and a vaccine; to reduce and eventually eliminate new infections; to guarantee care and services for those with the AIDS virus; to fight AIDS-related discrimination; to translate scientific advances quickly into improved care and prevention; and to provide "strong, continuing support" for international efforts to deal with AIDS.

"We have set six simple, but vital,

goals," Clinton wrote in a letter accompanying the strategy. "HIV is a disease that we can defeat - just as we have eradicated smallpox from our planet and polio from the Western hemisphere."

Hitt said Monday that Clinton's policy "could go further" on an array of AIDS issues. "We're going to hold the administration's feet to the fire to make sure the steps they take accomplish the goals they set," he said.

In her foreword, White House AIDS Policy Director Patricia Fleming said the strategy is not meant to address every aspect of AIDS immediately, but to act as a framework "that requires regular updating and adjustment as goals are reached and new challenges emerge."

The strategy notes that federal spending on AIDS research, prevention and care increased by 50 percent during Clinton's tenure, with \$1.8 billion in Medicaid benefits going to HIV/AIDS patients in fiscal 1996. It estimates that the average lifetime cost of medical care after diagnosis of HIV infection is \$119,000.

McLain convicted of looting millions from pension fund

By **BURT HERMAN**
Associated Press Writer
DETROIT (AP) - Denny McLain, baseball's last 30-game winner, was convicted Friday of looting \$3 million from his meatpacking company's pension fund.

His partner in the Peet Packing Co., Roger Smigiel, also was convicted of money laundering, conspiracy, theft and mail fraud. They were accused of using the money to pay company debts and make personal investments.

McLain, who won 31 games and American League Cy Young and MVP awards for the 1968 World Series champion Detroit Tigers, hung his head as the verdicts were read. But he shook hands with Assistant U.S. Attorney Steve Robinson before leaving the U.S. District Court.

About 185 people lost their jobs when Peet Packing closed in June 1995, some 18 months after McLain and Smigiel bought the financially troubled company in Chesaning, about 80 miles northwest of Detroit.

"The pension issue has never had anything to do with the collapse of Peet Packing," McLain said outside the courtroom. "No one's ever missed a pension check. No one's ever going to miss a pension check."

Mark Steckloff, attorney for the pension plan, said he hopes money from the fund will be recovered. "But there could be a potential shortfall," he said after the verdict was announced.

McLain, 52, and Smigiel, 45, face up to 20 years in prison and a \$500,000 fine on the money laundering charge alone. The other charges carry up to five years in prison each.

Their attorneys said they would appeal.

Smigiel declined comment. McLain's sentence could be increased because of a prior conviction on drug and racketeering charges in Florida.

The star witness was their former financial adviser, Jeffrey Egan, who was indicted, but testified against them. Egan pleaded guilty in August to one count of theft from a pension fund as part of a plea bargain.

Neither McLain nor Smigiel testified.

Egan testified that all three men conspired to skim assets from the \$13 million pension fund, then discreetly refinance it.

McLain's attorney, David DuMouchel, accused Egan of lying. He said his client's mistake was to trust his business colleagues, saying McLain often signed documents without reading them "as if he's

signing an autograph."

In 1985, McLain was found guilty of racketeering, drug-dealing and extortion. He served 29 months of a 23-year sentence before an appeals court overturned the conviction because of errors by the judge and prosecution.

In 1988, McLain pleaded guilty to federal racketeering and drug charges

in a plea agreement that avoided a retrial.

McLain, who shared the 1969 Cy Young Award with Baltimore's Mike Cuellar, pitched for Detroit from 1963-70. He was with three other teams in two additional seasons, retiring after 1972 with a 131-91 career record.

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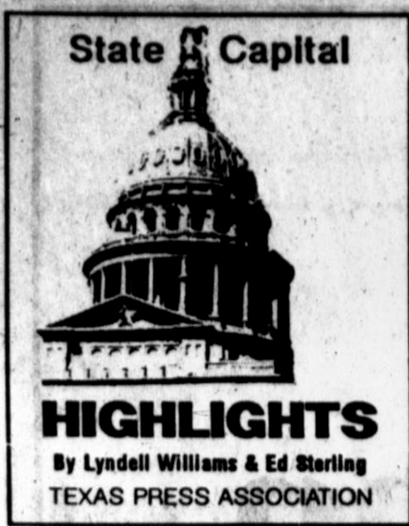
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AUSTIN — Republicans won a majority in the state Senate last week when state Rep. Robert Duncan of Lubbock was elected to a vacant seat representing 21 counties in West Texas.

"West Texas made history tonight," Duncan told supporters at a post-election rally.

The Dec. 10 runoff victory gave the GOP its first majority in a Texas legislative chamber since 1872, and a 16-14 seat edge.

Sen.-elect Duncan will fill the seat vacated by John Montford, a Democrat who left the Senate to take a position as chancellor of Texas Tech University.

One seat remains to be filled — that of Sen. Jim Turner, D-Crockett. Turner won a U.S. House seat in November, so a special election will be held next year to fill his state Senate seat.

While the new majority gives the GOP power in numbers, the Senate is still ruled by Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock, whose authority it is to appoint committee chairmen and make committee assignments.

In welcoming Duncan to the Senate, Bullock said, "The most important thing now is to focus on the state's business in the upcoming session without regard to political party labels or party agendas."

Brown Files No-Reversal Bill

Texas appellate courts would not be able to use technical errors as the basis for throwing out valid criminal convictions under a bill filed by state Sen. J.E. "Buster" Brown, R-Lake Jackson.

Brown's bill would prohibit convictions from being reversed for so-called harmless errors. He filed similar legislation in 1995 that died in the House.

John Boston of the Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Association called the bill unnecessary, saying less than 1 percent of criminal convictions are overturned on appeal.

Bomer Blasts Settlement

"Consumer rip-off" is what Insurance Commissioner Elton Bomer called a proposed class-action settlement for millions of Allstate and Farmers insurance policyholders who were over-charged for automobile insurance.

Bomer asked Attorney General Dan Morales to intervene in a lawsuit against the two companies because a settlement resolving the suit gives nothing to millions of policyholders who are entitled to compensation, *The Dallas Morning News* reported.

And, while the settlement in October totaled \$35.7 million, Bomer said the two companies will have to pay out only \$20 million because so many policyholders will never be contacted.

Mauro Hints at Run

At a Democratic fund-raiser in Austin last week, Land Commissioner Garry Mauro said, "As Texas races toward the future, I promise you I will be in the race."

His comment has been interpreted to mean that he plans on running for governor in 1998.

Mauro also said he had "no plans to go to Washington," downplaying speculation that he might seek a

post in the Clinton administration or as chairman of the Democratic National Committee.

Other Capital Highlights

■ Seventeen Texans licensed to carry concealed handguns have had their licenses revoked, the Texas Department of Public Safety announced. According to the DPS, 112,483 Texans had been granted licenses as of Dec. 3. Sixteen men and one woman had their licenses revoked. Seven licenses were taken away because of criminal activities.

■ The Texas Transportation Institute released a report ranking Austin as the third-most traffic-congested city in Texas, behind Houston and Dallas. Austin's congestion index was 33rd-worst in the nation, based on 1993 figures.

■ Associates of Texas Republican Party chairman Tom Pauken, a Dallas lawyer, say he will decide this week his candidacy for the national GOP chairmanship. The new chairman will be elected by the 165-member Republican National Committee at a Jan. 17 meeting.

■ Austin's annual cedar fever endemic was featured in a Dec. 10 *Wall Street Journal* article. Mountain cedars "explode" with allergen-laden pollen from December through February.

■ Conquest Airlines, the Austin-based regional airline, emerged from bankruptcy last week, and can now carry out plans to expand within Texas and into other states.

■ Texas Instruments has announced that it will stop making notebook computers at its factory in Temple, cutting 200 jobs immediately and another 300 by May. TI is shifting the manufacture of its laptop computers to Asia. After the cuts, TI will have 500 employees in Temple.

■ An inmate's attempt to get cigarettes back in Texas prisons has failed. The 3rd Court of Appeals in Austin rejected Samuel Jackson's contention that prisoners' rights were violated when the Texas Board of Criminal Justice instituted a smoking ban for prison inmates and employees in 1995.

Automated safety system may have caused freighter to crash

By ROXANA HEGEMAN
 Associated Press Writer
 NEW ORLEANS (AP) - An automated safety system made a freighter hard to steer at a critical turn in the Mississippi River and may have contributed to a crash at a crowded riverside shopping mall that injured 116 people.

"Any time you have automation that is supposed to contribute to safety and it has a reverse consequence, we are interested in that," National Transportation Safety Board member John Hammerschmidt said Monday at a news conference. Preliminary findings show that a lube pump on the 763-foot Bright Field failed and a backup pump switched on just minutes before the crash Saturday. An automated safety system also came on, which reduced engine rpms and the vessel's speed,

eroding the freighter's steering control, Hammerschmidt said.

The ship's pilot and crew apparently didn't use the system's manual override controls, he said. The automated safety systems worked as they were designed.

Loaded with 56,380 long tons of corn, the ship lost engine power and crashed into the Riverwalk shopping mall and the Riverside Hilton. No deaths have been reported, but searchers brought in sensitive listening devices to determine whether anyone was buried under the rubble from the heavily damaged buildings.

Only three of the 116 people injured remained hospitalized today, two with pelvic fractures and one with abdominal injuries.

"It is nothing short of a Christmas miracle," Mayor Marc Morial said.

A Coast Guard hearing was set for today. Investigators are focusing on whether the crew understood how to use the equipment in an emergency and whether communication problems between the English-speaking pilot and the freighter's 12-member Chinese crew were factors.

The ship's global positioning system, which recorded its drift into the mall, is also being investigated. A "course recorder," similar to an airplane's "black box," was on board but not operating.

The pilot and crew have passed alcohol tests. Drug test results were not yet available.

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