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Wintry blast blankets Hereford, area



Photo by Mauri Montgomery

Rollover

The Hereford Fire Department and Hereford EMS responded to an accident scene on East Highway 60 early Monday morning. Matthew Cox, 18, of Hereford was traveling east on Highway

60 when he lost control of his vehicle. It overturned 1-1/2 times, according to Department of Public Safety reports. This accident was one of six accidents worked by the DPS on Monday.

Police, DPS respond to 11 local accidents

Compiled by Brand Staff and AP

A winter weather advisory covered Hereford and a vast area of West Texas Tuesday morning, after "black ice" and a dusting of snow resulted in a rash of vehicle accidents Monday.

DPS troopers investigated six accidents Monday on US-60 and US-385, and Hereford police checked out four accidents with minor injuries and one with no injuries.

A number of the accidents were one-vehicle rollovers as motorists lost control on the icy highways and city streets. The Hereford Volunteer Fire Department responded to five of the accidents outside the city.

One accident at Milo Center on N. US-385 was apparently the only one resulting in serious injury to a driver. Two trucks collided in the mishap and one driver was taken to Hereford Regional Medical Center for treatment. He was later transferred to an Amarillo hospital. Extent of injuries was not known.

Snow was falling this morning and classes at Hereford public schools were delayed one hour. Forecasts called for snow over the Panhandle and South Plains and for a wintry mix of precipitation over the southern areas of the South Plains and much of the Permian Basin.

Slick roads were blamed for six deaths - one east of Muleshoe where Adan Rodriguez of Littlefield was killed. Three died in an accident near

Dalhart. The dead were identified as John M. Spencer, 50, of Pawlet, Vt.; Karen E. Hickman, 37, of Houston, and her father, Ronald S. Hickman, 60 of Pearland.

Wendi Homer, 25, of Fort Sumner, N.M., and her four-month-old daughter were killed in an accident near Melrose, N.M. Icy conditions led to more than 40 minor traffic accidents in Clovis, N.M.

The region's forecast called for a 60 percent chance of snow tonight, mixed with sleet or freezing drizzle. Snow accumulation of up to 1 or 2 inches is possible. An 80 percent chance of snow was in the forecast for Wednesday, with rain or freezing rain possible early. A high in the 30s was predicted.

Most of the state was expected to have some kind of precipitation tonight and Wednesday. There will be occasional rain and a few thunderstorms in western, northern and northeast sections of North Texas tonight.

South Texas is expected to get light rain over the Hill Country and scattered showers and a few thunderstorms were predicted in Southeast Texas and along the middle and upper Texas coast.

Lows tonight will be in the teens in the Panhandle and in the 20s and 30s elsewhere across West Texas. Highs Wednesday will be in the 20s in the Panhandle and in the 40s and 50s across the rest of West Texas.

ALCO to open discount store here

An ALCO discount Store will be opened in Hereford in early May, 1997, it was announced Monday by Duckwall-ALCO Stores, headquartered in Abilene, Kan.

The store will be located at 1115 W. Park Ave., in the location previously occupied by Gibson's Store. It will employ approximately 25 people.

In announcing the opening, Glen Shank, president of Duckwall-ALCO Stores, Inc., said, "We are very confident that the new ALCO store's selections, quality and prices will meet the needs of the shoppers in Hereford and the surround trade area."

ALCO will stress convenience, friendliness and service by offering a quality full-line general merchandise selection at discount prices.

The store will include clothing, shoes and accessories for all members of the family, jewelry, non-prescription medicines, beauty aids, candy, housewares, appliances, china/glassware, stereos and television sets, records/tapes, cameras, stationary, greeting cards, pet supplies, auto

supplies, bedding, curtain, shades, crafts, fabrics, and sewing supplies. Merchandise will be supplied to the store from ALCO's 350,000 square foot distribution center in Abilene, Kan.

The staff for the new store will be hired primarily from the Hereford trade area. Dennis Alesio, vice president of personnel for the chain, indicated that representatives of the company will schedule and announce application dates for employee openings. The store manager and opening assistant manager will be assigned to Hereford from ALCO's existing management pool.

ALCO Discount Stores represent a division of Duckwall-ALCO Stores, Inc., with headquarters in Abilene, Kan. There are presently 142 ALCO stores serving customers in 17 states in the Midwest and West. ALCO currently operates 19 stores in Texas.

In addition to the ALCO Discount Stores, the company operates 60 variety or specialty stores in six states. Duckwall-ALCO was founded in 1901 in Abilene, Kan., and has been in continuous operation since that time.

County personnel issues discussed

BY SPEEDY NIEMAN
Editor-Publisher

Two items concerning county personnel policy drew the most attention of Deaf Smith County Commissioners during a regular meeting Monday morning.

Commissioners discussed the need for a definite policy on the consequences for a county employee who fails a DOT drug test.

Commissioner Troy Don Moore, chairman of the personnel committee, pointed out that a policy provides for the random testing of employees with commercial driver's licenses, but does not spell out the consequences.

It was pointed out that mandatory termination is the consequence used by many governmental units. Commissioners discussed other actions, such as treatment provisions, but the county would have no control over the time involved.

Commissioners asked Moore to check with other governmental units, as well as private companies, to determine actions used on failed drug tests.

Moore also reported that the county needed to formally adopt a plan for sick leave pool, whereby employees can contribute their sick leave to another employee. Commissioners approved the plan and appointed Moore, David Castillo and Nan Rogers to a supervisory committee.

In other business, commissioners approved a request from Beverly

Harder to advertise for an administrative assistant to replace Mary Fisher, who is leaving the extension office. The court also approved advertising for a part-time employee in the office.

Wayne Allison, a representative of Employee Benefits Associates, appeared at the meeting to request permission to open enrollment for county employees in a life insurance program.

The firm is a current insurance carrier. Allison said department heads would be contacted to determine the best time to explain the plan to employees. He added that it would take 15 to 20 minutes. The court approved the request.

Another visitor at the meeting was Don Cumpton, executive vice president of Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce. Cumpton said he trying to make all local governmental meetings as part of his new job.

"I just want to express my appreciation for the job you're doing, and to emphasize we want everyone to continue working together for the betterment of this community," said Cumpton.

Commissioners also approved a request from Wayne Betzen, Precinct 1 commissioner, to sell a tractor and duals.

County Judge Tom Simons reported he had been unable to contact a person to fill an unexpired term on the Child Welfare Board. The matter will be brought up at the next meeting.

Drug firm hit with \$325 million fine

PHILADELPHIA (AP) - A drug company agreed Monday to pay \$325 million for making illegal kickbacks to doctors and filing false claims for lab tests.

The government will share the civil settlement with four whistleblowers who sued SmithKline Beecham Clinical Laboratories Inc.

The investigation is continuing and the company could face criminal charges for allegedly defrauding the government's Medicare and Medicaid

programs and federal employees and retirees, said U.S. Attorney Michael Stiles.

"This investigation was a monumental undertaking," Stiles said. "This is indicative of the priority that this office has placed on uncovering health care fraud."

Investigators said SmithKline billed the government for millions of lab tests that weren't medically necessary, weren't ordered by a

doctor or weren't performed. The tests included such things as blood and urine tests.

The drug company said the violations were unintentional and the result of ambiguities in regulations and guidelines.

The agreement stems from three lawsuits filed by two former employees and two workers for a competitor under the False Claims Act, which allows people to sue if

they believe the federal government is being defrauded.

Whistle-blowers can get up to 25 percent of a settlement, depending on their involvement in the investigation. The violations occurred in 42 states and Washington, D.C., from 1988 to 1994.

The company also was accused of luring Medicare business by giving doctors computers and fax machines, SmithKline workers or rent payments. Medicare law prohibits providing anything of value to a doctor to get Medicare referrals.

SmithKline executives said the violations were accidental.

"It is important to understand that SmithKline Beecham Clinical Laboratories never intentionally violated any laws," said Jan Leschly, chief executive of SmithKline Beecham, the London-based parent company. "Part of the problem, not just for SB but for the entire industry, lies in ambiguities over regulations and guidelines."

SmithKline's clinical labs also agreed to a federal monitoring program.

Chief justice calls for reforms in judicial selection system

AUSTIN (AP) - High-dollar, partisan races for Texas judgeships are lowering Texans' confidence in their courts and damaging the state's reputation, Texas Supreme Court Chief Justice Tom Phillips says.

Delivering his State of the Judiciary Address to lawmakers Monday, Phillips said the Legislature needs to consider comprehensive reforms in the judicial selection system.

"Although serious reforms have been mounted for more than 100 years, the need for change has become more urgent with the increased size of the judiciary and the advent of two-party politics," Phillips said.

Speaking to the three House and Senate committees that deal with judicial affairs, the chief justice said the nation's second-largest state has outgrown its old system of direct, partisan election of judges.

"Our current system may have been acceptable in 1876. At that time, there were six appellate and 26 trial judges in the entire state," he said.

But in 1994, he noted, Harris County voters alone had to make 45 judicial decisions in primary elections, eight in runoff and 59 in the general elections.

"It could have been worse, 16 more judicial races were unopposed," he said. "Sadly, the results of these races are determined far more by party strength than by individual merit."

Lawmakers and others have been debating for several years whether to change Texas' judicial election system. Some proposals have called for various forms of gubernatorial appointment; retention elections in which voters say "yes" or "no" to incumbent judges; and elections from single-member judicial districts. Elsewhere:

HOME IMPROVEMENT

The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs is introducing a home-improvement loan program that will combine private and public money to provide \$13.3 million for low-income families in

towns with less than 50,000 residents.

HE'S BACK

Sen. Drew Nixon, R-Carthage, returned to work for the first time since his arrest on sex and firearms charges. He said he was embarrassed but ready move on.

BLOCK THAT VIEW

The Senate gave a 31-0 boost to the University of Texas' hopes for expanding its football stadium - a project that would block a now-legally protected view of the Capitol.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"It was four years ago, at the State of the Judiciary Address, that I found out I needed bifocals."
- Chief Justice Tom Phillips.

AND...

Tobacco companies would have to tell the state exactly what's in their products and the state would make the information public under a bill sent to a House subcommittee for study.

C of C event set at HISD facility

Forget the Bull Barn when you think about the annual Chamber Banquet.

The event will be held in the banquet room of the HISD administration building again this year. It was inadvertently listed at the Bull Barn in a Sunday article.

Tickets are on sale at \$14 each for the March 13 banquet. Tickets are available at the chamber office or from C of C directors or Hustlers.

Skyscraper gunman leaves note with political motives

NEW YORK (AP) - An angry, rambling note found in the pocket of the Empire State Building gunman accuses the United States of using Israel as "an instrument" against Palestinians, a high-ranking police source said.

The letter, written in English and Arabic, suggests that Ali Hassan Abu Kamal had a political motive in opening fire Sunday night on the 86th-floor observation deck. But police said Abu Kamal apparently acted alone, and his relatives said he was upset after losing his life savings.

Abu Kamal's note also expresses animosity toward France and England and indicates that he planned to vent

his anger in an attack at the famous skyscraper, the police source said Monday night on condition of anonymity.

The 69-year-old Palestinian teacher, who had reportedly visited the building the day before the attack, killed a Danish tourist and wounded six other sightseers before committing suicide with a shot in his head. One tourist was in critical condition with a head wound; the rest were in serious but stable condition.

The shooting prompted tougher security at the art deco landmark, long a symbol of romance and tourism.

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Local Roundup

HISD posts agenda

The Hereford Independent School District board of trustees will meet at 6 p.m. Tuesday in the board room, 601 North 25 Mile Avenue. Trustees will take action on construction bids, computer bids, driver's education class, Update 53 policy, and request for use of school gyms. Craig Yenser and Brenda Reeh will present information on proposed wrestling and softball teams to trustees. Trustees will recognize the academic decathlon team, the state champion Lady Whiteface volleyball team and the junior historians. The meeting is open to the public.

Bluebonnet grant presentation

Bluebonnet Intermediate School will be presented a Southwestern Bell "Partners in Education" grant at 3:45 p.m. Wednesday in the school building. Afterwards, a reception will be held at the school. Parents and the public are encouraged to attend.

Migrant meeting canceled

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

Old Man Winter returns

Hereford never reached temperatures above freezing on Monday. The high temperature was 23 degrees with an overnight low temperature of 19 degrees. KPAN Radio measured 0.10 of an inch of precipitation and 1/2 inch of snow. For Tuesday night, look for cloudy with a 60 percent chance of snow. The snow may be mixed with sleet or freezing drizzle. Snow accumulations up to one to two inches are possible. Wednesday will be cold with an 80 percent chance of snow. The snow may be mixed with rain or freezing rain early. The high will be in the upper 30s. Winds will be from the northeast to north at 15 to 20 mph. The five-day forecast calls for partly cloudy skies with highs in the mid 40s.

News Digest

STATE

HALTOM CITY, Texas - A report that two men were spotted driving a U-Haul truck loaded with bomb components prompted an intense search, but early today it appeared the episode resulted from a misunderstanding.

HOUSTON - A Fort Worth billionaire who is a former business partner and major campaign contributor to Gov. George W. Bush stands to benefit from a Bush proposal to privatize state mental hospitals, the Houston Chronicle reported today.

AUSTIN - The company that runs the Texas lottery says its contract shouldn't be reopened for new bids. In a strongly worded, five-page letter sent to Chairwoman Harriet Miers on Monday, GTECH Vice President Mike Chambrello warned that reopening the contract would be bad business and could hurt the lottery in the future.

TYLER - A man who once faced five capital murder charges in the Kilgore Kentucky Fried Chicken slayings has been sentenced to 10 years in prison after he pleaded guilty to a federal drug charge.

DALLAS - With the help of her husband and 10-year-old son, a woman shot and killed a man who robbed them and had begun raping her, police were told.

HOUSTON - Prosecutors say the leader of a polygamous cult directed the 1988 slayings of three defectors and an 8-year-old witness as part of the sect's belief in blood atonement.

DALLAS - A fare sale is apparently all it took to soothe the American Airlines passengers frustrated by the airline's labor troubles. Many disgruntled passengers vowed never to fly American again after the airline said it would ground its planes during a threatened pilots strike. But travel agents say the way to travelers' hearts is through their wallets.

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NATION/WORLD

BEIJING - Packing the Great Hall of the People to the highest tiers, China's Communist elite bade an emotional farewell to the country's last revolutionary leader.

WASHINGTON - In its effort to speed up the naturalization process, the Clinton administration may have failed to adequately check as many as 180,000 of last year's new citizens for criminal records, a preliminary study found.

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WASHINGTON - Toys aren't us. Chemicals and airplanes are. Also, cars, computer accessories, telecommunications, pharmaceuticals, weapons and corn. That, we do. America makes plenty and remains the No. 1 exporter. But with some lucrative exceptions, the United States is a faded presence in its own retail marketplace as a united nations of commerce presses in.

KISANGANI, Zaire - Once an exotic outpost where foreigners made fortunes in diamonds, Kisangani today looks more like the deserted set of a wild west movie than the provincial capital that it is. With rebel fighters just 150 miles away, many of the city's remaining residents spend their days in vigil at the city's airport, hoping for a space on one of the last planes out.

ATLANTA - The FBI received a letter claiming responsibility for the abortion clinic bombings in Atlanta last month and Friday's bombing at a gay nightclub.

Woman fends off rapist, kills man with his own handgun

DALLAS (AP) - A woman, aided by her husband and 10-year-old son, fought off a rapist and killed him with his own handgun, police said.

The 27-year-old woman told police that her family was getting ready for work and school around 6 a.m. Monday when the man broke through their front door and fired two shots. With the couple's three children hiding in a bedroom, the man robbed them of some cash and raped the

mother, police said. The father then jumped the attacker as his 10-year-old son picked up the assailant's gun and fired one shot into the ceiling, apparently trying to scare him away, police said.

The woman grabbed the gun and shot the attacker in the chest, police were told.

The assailant, identified as Kedrian Myers, 18, died shortly after arrival at Baylor University Medical Center, police said.



New business

The Deaf Smith Chamber of Commerce Hustlers hosted a ribbon cutting ceremony recently for Noah's Computers, located at 609 East Park Avenue, Suite 4. The new computer business will feature sales, installation, support and classes for a variety of computers and computer software. Employees of the firm, who participated in the ribbon cutting were (third from left) Rhonda Banner, Curt Sherrod, owners Bryan Melugin and Wade Holcombe, Monica Holcombe and Brandon Holcombe.

Obituaries

WILLIAM URLIN STREU

Feb. 22, 1997
William Urlin "Bill" Streu, 87, of Hereford, died Saturday.

Memorial services were at 2 p.m. Tuesday in the Lamar Room at Kings Manor-Westgate with the Rev. Jeremy Grant of First Presbyterian Church, officiating.

Mr. Streu was born in Kansas City, Mo. He had been a longtime resident of Hereford. He graduated from Hereford High School in 1926. He attended West Texas State University. He married Yetta Mae "Jean" Hackworth in 1930 in Memphis.

He was a retired hardware retailer and a resort owner. He was a Scoutmaster. He was a district commissioner for the Boys Scouts and was awarded the Boy Scouts of America Silver Beaver award for outstanding service.

He was a Methodist and a member of the Hereford Lion's Club and Toastmaster's Club.

Survivors include his wife; a son, Raymond Oliver Streu of Amarillo; a sister, Helen Francis Streu of Aurora, Colo.; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Crown of Texas Hospice or a favorite charity.

EUGENE PAVLICEK

Feb. 22, 1997

Eugene Pavlicek, 72, of Lubbock, died Saturday. His brother, Jim Pavlicek resides in Hereford.

Services were at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Monterey Church of Christ with Rische Beeson, minister, officiating.

Dr. E.C. Leslie will assist. Burial was in Resthaven Memorial Park by Franklin-Bartley Funeral Home.

Mr. Pavlicek was born in Moulton and had lived in Lubbock since 1946. He graduated from Texas Tech in 1952. He was a U.S. Army Veteran of World War II. He married DeLois Pennington on March 25, 1981, in Kauai, Hawaii. He was a member of Monterey Church of Christ.

He was a mechanical engineer. Survivors include his wife; two sons, Mike Liddell of Dallas and David Liddell of Albuquerque, N.M.; two daughters, Monica Pavlicek and Paula Pavlicek, both of Lubbock; a brother, Jim Pavlicek of Hereford; two sisters, Emily Boehm of Shiner and Georgianna Barta of Flatonia; six grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

The family requests memorials be to Children's Home of Lubbock.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday in the Hammons Funeral Home Chapel in Littlefield with the Rev. Bill Newall and Rev. Jimmy McGuire, officiating. Burial will be in Littlefield Memorial Park.

Mrs. Gage was born Aug. 25, 1910. She married William Gage in Sept. 10, 1929, in Fort Smith, Ark. He preceded her in death on Dec. 18, 1971. She also was preceded in death by two sons, Hugh Gage and Jackie Gage.

She was a homemaker and a member of First Baptist Church in Littlefield.

Survivors include two sons, Billy Gage of Hereford and Weldon Gage of West Monroe, La.; two daughters, Barbara Garnett of Lufkin and Marilyn Glover of Marilyn; 10 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

She also was preceded in death by

a son, Weldon Ray Blakemore; and a daughter, Mary Frances Earley.

During World War II, she moved to Washington, D.C. to work for the war department at the Pentagon. She stayed there until after the war, retiring in 1965. She then made her home in Hereford and lived there until moving to Long Island, N.Y.

Survivors include three daughters, Laura Rassiga of Floral Park, N.Y., Betty Pfeifer of East Lansing, Mich. and Wynnona Tapscoot; 14 grandchildren; and 21 great-grandchildren.

IVA TYSON GAGE

Feb. 24, 1997

Iva Tyson Gage, 86, of Mesquite, died Monday. Her son, Billy Gage resides in Hereford.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday in the Hammons Funeral Home Chapel in Littlefield with the Rev. Bill Newall and Rev. Jimmy McGuire, officiating. Burial will be in Littlefield Memorial Park.

Mrs. Gage was born Aug. 25, 1910. She married William Gage in Sept. 10, 1929, in Fort Smith, Ark. He preceded her in death on Dec. 18, 1971. She also was preceded in death by two sons, Hugh Gage and Jackie Gage.

She was a homemaker and a member of First Baptist Church in Littlefield.

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INS sloppiness may have allowed murderers, drug dealers into U.S.

WASHINGTON (AP) - Trying to speed up the naturalization process, the Clinton administration may have failed to adequately check as many as 180,000 of last year's 1 million new citizens for criminal records, a preliminary study found.

Congressional Republicans complained Monday that government sloppiness could have allowed murderers or drug dealers to slip through.

Among the majority whose backgrounds were checked, 10,800 new citizens had a felony arrest record, a Justice Department spokeswoman said. But it's not yet known how many, if any, were convicted of the specific felonies that automatically rule out citizenship.

Officials at the Immigration and Naturalization Service said the agency has yet to determine how many, if any, immigrants who escaped full FBI checks should have been denied citizenship because of criminal records. It may take several more months for a Justice Department-INS investigation to answer that question.

Responding to congressional inquiries and media reports, INS officials have acknowledged serious shortcomings in their Citizenship USA program. But agency officials say many improvements already have been made. An internal audit, overseen by an independent accounting firm and the Justice Department, is reviewing the programs.

Congressional Republicans pointed to the audit's preliminary findings as evidence of their contention that Citizenship USA, launched in August 1995, was designed to rush out new citizens in time to vote Democratic in the 1996 elections.

"In its unprecedented push to rush

through a million new citizens, potential voters all, the INS may have allowed dangerous criminals onto our streets, all the while denying it was doing exactly that," said Rep. Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., chairman of the House subcommittee on national security.

INS spokesman Eric Andrus said Citizenship USA was an effort to deal with a burgeoning caseload that created a backlog of two years for immigration processing in some cities. The backlog was reduced to six months, he said, although it's creeping up again as new security measures are put in place.

"Elections and politics had nothing to do with it," Andrus said.

So far, by matching FBI records and an INS computer database, the internal audit has found the names of more than 66,000 new citizens who apparently were never subjected to an FBI criminal background check, as required by law.

In an additional 113,000 or so cases, the applicants' names were checked but their fingerprint cards were rejected by the FBI - typically because the prints were smudged.

Andrus said INS officials believe more detailed examinations of the records may yet show that many of the cases in question did receive the full background checks.

State approves plans for low income improvement loans

AUSTIN (AP) - With an interest in not only putting a roof over Texans' heads but improving the quality of those roofs, a state agency on Monday introduced a home-improvement loan program for low-income families.

"What we're talking about here is basic quality of life issues," said Larry Paul Manley, executive director of the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs.

"Just getting people into homes isn't enough," added Linda Nessie, president of the Federal Housing Administration Homeowners Center in Denver.

The federal government is participating in the state program, as is with HOME, Inc., a private home improvement lender that would originate and service the loans.

Manley introduced the Texas Home Improvement Loan Program combining private and public money to provide \$13.3 million for low-income families in small towns, defined as areas with less than 50,000 residents.

"We need to be in the business of recycling money," Manley said in reference to using money from interest rates to offer more loans in the future.

The loan amount can be for no more than \$25,000. All loans are for a term of 20 years. Qualified participants, usually families with incomes less than \$28,700, receive the loans at 6.99 percent interest.

The loans are for any repair that improves the basic livability or security of a single family home.

The program targets families not traditionally served by commercial lenders. Half of the money is specifically put aside for colonias.

GTECH warns new bids may harm lottery

AUSTIN (AP) - The company that runs the Texas lottery says its contract shouldn't be reopened for new bids.

In a strongly worded, five-page letter sent to Chairwoman Harriet Miers on Monday, GTECH Vice President Mike Chambrello warned that reopening the contract would be bad business and could hurt the lottery in the future.

"I am writing to express GTECH's strongest objection (to rebidding)," Mike Chambrello wrote. "It is regrettable that you have apparently prejudged this matter."

Ms. Miers, who earlier this month called for the contract to be rebid, said reopening it would be "an opportunity for GTECH to demonstrate that the value is there."

"I don't understand why they wouldn't welcome that opportunity," she said in response to Chambrello's letter.

The Rhode Island firm won the contract to run the state's numbers games in 1992. Last year, the commission granted the company a five-year extension without rebidding.

Since then, numerous questions about the company's business practices have been raised. Ms. Miers has said she believes rebidding is the right thing to ensure Texans aren't paying too much for GTECH's services. The company has made more than \$500 million since getting the contract.

The lottery commission wasn't expected to discuss the possibility of reopening its main contract for new bids until after GTECH president Guy Snowden appeared before the agency next month. But in a Feb. 18 letter to Lottery Acting Director Kim Kiplin, Ms. Miers said she wanted a meeting as soon as possible to consider rebidding and other measures that could be taken related to the contract.

That meeting has been set for March 4.

"We are unsure what happened (after the last commission meeting) or who you may have spoken to ... but we are deeply troubled by your apparent sudden reversal," Chambrello wrote.

Ms. Miers said while she believes rebidding to be appropriate, other alternatives will be discussed at the next meeting.

Chambrello's letter included several reasons the contract shouldn't be reopened, including the fact that Texas is one of the nation's most successful lotteries. He said it shouldn't be forgotten that GTECH has contributed to that success.

"This demonstrated success has returned \$4 billion to the taxpayers of Texas. It has operated flawlessly," Chambrello wrote. "No one has questioned the integrity of the operations. There is absolutely no cause for your recommendation."

AUSTIN (AP) - The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday by the Texas Lottery, in order: 9-9-2

AUSTIN (AP) - The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Monday by the Texas Lottery: 3-5-9-12-32 (three, five, nine, twelve, thirty-two)

AUSTIN (AP) - The winning Lotto Texas numbers drawn Saturday by the Texas Lottery: 1-8-34-39-46-47

AUSTIN (AP) - The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday by the Texas Lottery, in order: 8-7-2

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Lifestyles



Honored with shower

Sarah Graff, second from right, bride-elect of Jason Bodner, right, was honored with a bridal shower Saturday in the home of Jean Ballard. Pictured with the couple are Sharon Bodner, left, mother of the prospective bridegroom, and Barbara Graff, second from left, mother of the bride-elect.

Ballard home site of shower

Sarah Graff, bride-elect of Jason Bodner, was honored with a bridal shower Saturday in the home of Jean Ballard.

The couple plans to be married March 15.

Greeting guests with the honoree were her mother, Barbara Graff and the mother of the prospective bridegroom, Sharon Bodner.

Refreshments consisted of cheese and sausage balls, fruit platter, miniature blueberry muffins, quiche lorraine, cheese wafers, coffee and punch with a floating fruit ring.

The table was covered with a sheer ecru tablecloth and featured a silver coffee service and punch bowl. The centerpiece was a floral arrangement in shades of burgundy, peach and

navy. A photograph of the couple was also featured.

A card table and chairs were gifts from hostesses Ballard, Betty Wolle, Connie Matthews, Melinda Henson, Sharon Crawford, Mildred Furhmann, Morgan Cain, Vicky Higgins, Joan Bookout, Jayne Euler, Michelle Brisendine, Kay Williams, Norma Walden and Holly Bixler.

Reports from our college students

Chastity Rickman of Hereford was named to the Merit List for the fall 1996 semester at Western Texas College in Snyder.

Merit List scholars are students enrolled for more than eight semester hours but fewer than 15, and who earn a grade point average of at least 3.5.

Christine Mayer of Hereford has received a Ross Harwood Beville Memorial Endowed scholarship at Clarendon College, according to CC President Dr. Scott Elliott. Mayer is a biology major at Clarendon College.

Each semester, Clarendon College awards scholarships on the basis of academic achievement, extracurricular involvement and need.

Allison Dyess, granddaughter of Daisy Steele of Hereford, recently received a Master of Arts degree in Chinese Studies from St. John's University in New York. During commencement ceremonies she was honored with a Certificate of Academic Excellence for maintaining a 4.0 GPA throughout her graduate studies.

Miss Dyess is a 1988 graduate of

Brownfield High School and holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in English from Midwestern State University. From 1993 to 1995 she studied Mandarin at the National Taiwan Normal University in Taipei, Taiwan.

She is employed as an overseas account consultant with TECRO Investment and Trade Office in Manhattan, N.Y.

She is the daughter of former Brownfield residents Bill and Glenda Dyess, who now reside in Springfield, Va. and the granddaughter of Mrs. Roscoe Dyess of Stratford.

Behrends gives Wyche program

President Shirley Brown presided at the regular meeting last Thursday of the Wyche Family Community Education Club held in the Hereford Community Center.

Program topic was AIDS and was presented by Kay Behrends who showed a video by Dr. Clara Hicks.

Members answered roll call with "What I Know about AIDS."

Audrey Rusher, hostess for the meeting, led the FCE prayer and the pledges to the United States and Texas flags.

She then led the opening exercise by reading a poem titled, "Kindness."

Members reported a total of 186 volunteer hours of service to others.

Refreshments were served to Thelma Auten, Virgie Duncan, Marie Maxwell, Carol Sartain, Jo Lee, Carol Worthan, Camille Jones, Dorma Kirby, Vada Batterman, Rusher, Brown and Behrends.

Hints from Heloise

Dear Heloise: After foot surgery, I needed a small ice bag, which I didn't have. So, I took two snack-size food bags (plastic zipper-type), taped the bottoms together and filled each bag with ice.

They wrapped comfortably around my foot and were held by two large rubber bands. You could do the same with larger-sized bags, too. — Laurence Ehrle, Springfield, Ohio

SHOULDER-PAD PLEA
Dear Heloise: Re: shoulder pads. Please recycle! The church bazaars, for instance, are a good place. I need shoulder pads and they are too expensive! Thanks. — Gertrude Magee, Vero Beach, Fla.

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.

Fund-raiser set to aid member

The Ladies Auxiliary to Roy Wederbrook Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4818 met recently with Betty Boggs, senior vice president, presiding.

The main item of business was concerning a fund-raiser to benefit member Pixie Forbus who suffered a broken ankle in a fall. The Auxiliary decided to sell chances on a CD player.

Members present for the meeting and fried chicken supper were Boggs, Marie Goheen, Erma Murphey, Peggy Oakes, Terrye Rhyne, Imogene Sweeney, Winnie Tyler, Anita Vardell, and a visitor Colleen Schaeffer of Canyon.

The next meeting at 6:30 p.m. March 3 will be the Voice of Democracy banquet honoring Amber Brumley, local winner, who placed second in District. The regular meeting will follow the banquet.

Ann Landers

It's a blessing to see grandchild wed, would be shame to miss it

Dear Ann Landers: For the last 30 years, my family has lived 1,500 miles from my mother. She lives alone and seems to like it that way. I visit her whenever I can afford it, which is every two or three years, and I call often. She has visited my husband and family twice -- the last time was 28 years ago.

Mom is in good health, and we get along fine. Every time I talk to her, I invite her to come see us, but she always says she has no interest in visiting us here.

Our daughter is getting married soon. I wrote Mother, telling her how much it would mean to us if she would attend the wedding. Our daughter has also called her grandmother about this. I have offered to pay for the trip, even though she can afford it. Mom has no problem leaving her house for a few days or going places involving long drives. She never actually responded to the invitation, but she did tell a relative that she isn't planning to come to the wedding because she "doesn't want to."

Why would a mother be like this? How should I handle it? -- Hurt Feelings in San Diego

Dear Hurt: Your mother may have a fear of flying. Is there perhaps someone who could travel with her? Explore all the options -- bus, train, car -- with other family members. I hope it can be worked out. To live long enough to see a grandchild marry is a special blessing. It would be a shame to miss it.

Dear Ann Landers: You have educated millions of people on various topics over the years. Please continue to do so by printing my letter.

As you undoubtedly know, there has been an explosion of multiple births in the last decade. Thanks to new fertility drugs, the births of triplets and quads are more common than ever.

I am the mother of 2-year-old triplets and a 6-month-old baby. To see me approaching with a stroller built for four must be quite a jolt. But it is still amazing to me how many stupid, rude and unbelievably

impertinent comments are made by perfect strangers.

Here is my advice to those who find my family so interesting: We are not an exhibit at the zoo, so please don't videotape us. And please don't tell me how sorry you feel for me. Actually, I feel very fortunate to have had four healthy children in less than two years. And why in the world would you think my sex life is any of your business? Does the fact that my triplets resulted from in vitro fertilization make you feel safer?

My husband and I feel as if we have hit the baby lottery. We love our children more than I can express in words. But I will admit it has not been easy. I had an extremely difficult pregnancy and three premature babies, not to mention that two hours of sleep a night can be exhausting. Four children in 18 months has drained us financially and physically, but I would not change a thing about my life.

While I was out with my children

the other day, a woman stopped me and said in a pitying tone, "God bless you!" My reply was "He already has." -- Lafayette, Ind.

Dear Lafayette: Your letter is sure to bring in a variety of comments. Meanwhile, I want to thank you for enclosing a photograph of your four children. They are simply gorgeous. You have been truly blessed.

Gem of the Day:
"To do is to be." -- Descartes
"To be is to do." -- Sartre
"Do be do be do." -- Frank Sinatra

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Sports

Whitefaces sweep weekend twinbill

TOMMY WELLS
Managing Editor

LITTLEFIELD — The Hereford Whitefaces found the perfect medicine for their baseball program Saturday afternoon - wins. The Whitefaces, who had opened their 1997 season last weekend with a pair of losses to Lubbock, washed away any lingering memories by

riding the arms of Eric Amboldt and Joseph Artho to back-to-back wins over Littlefield and Friona. "We played well defensively," said Hereford head coach Pete Rodriguez, who said his team still needs to work on their hitting. The Whitefaces managed just five hits in each game. The Whitefaces may not have

worn out any lumber against Littlefield, but they certainly made the most of their opportunities. Hereford, thanks in part to two LHS errors, gave Amboldt more than enough offense to post the team's first win of the year. Then again, Amboldt didn't need much offense. The Hereford ace scattered seven hits over seven

innings and helped himself out by fanning six Littlefield batters. "Eric threw a pretty good game," said Rodriguez. He put the ball where it had to be in order for his defense to help him." Littlefield drew first blood in the affair, scoring once in the second inning. The Whitefaces answered back

with a run of their own in the third. After Tate Head had managed to reach base, HHS catcher Nathan Govina cranked out an RBI single that tied the game at 1-1. Hereford floored Littlefield for good in the fifth. The Whitefaces posted three runs in the frame and bolted to a 4-1 advantage.

The HHS defense came away with a jewel minutes later that plucked the Whitefaces from trouble. After Littlefield had put a man on third with no outs, Amboldt fielded a grounder in front of the mound, faked a throw to first, then spun and caught the Wildcat baserunner in a run-down between home and third. The Whitefaces turned god fortune into a blessing seconds later. After tagging out the lead runner, Hereford managed to throw out the runner at first, who had tried to advance to second on the run-down.

The Whitefaces didn't need any such defensive heroics against Friona. Hereford evened its season mark at 2-2 with a 9-0 rout of the Chieftains.

Artho was almost untouchable. The Whitefaces standout allowed just three hits and fanned 10 of the

20 batters he faced in the six-inning affair, which was stopped early due to a two-hour time limit.

Hereford wasted little time in taking the advantage. The Herd scored twice in their first at-bat and never looked back.

If Friona had thought they had weathered the storm, they learned otherwise in the third. Hereford, thanks in part to a two-run double by Arturo Nava and a single by Govina, cranked out seven runs in the frame and carried a 9-0 ledger into the fourth.

"We jumped on them right off the bat," said Rodriguez. "We managed to get a couple of hits together, and they helped us out by booting a couple of balls."

Govina enjoyed a strong day at the plate for the Whitefaces. The hard-hitting slugger collected three hits in the two games and drove home three runs.

Hereford will return to the diamond Thursday afternoon when they face Levelland in the first round of the Levelland Baseball Tournament. The first pitch is slated to be delivered beginning at approximately 4 p.m.

Lady Whitefaces capture second at Randall Relays

TOMMY WELLS
Managing Editor

CANYON - The Hereford Lady Whitefaces opened their 1997 track campaign with an impressive showing Saturday. The Lady Whitefaces, keyed by impressive performances by both the 400- and 1,600-meter relay teams, finished second in the Randall Relays. Sanford-Fritch claimed the overall team crown with 127 points - just eight more than Hereford. Borger finished a distant third with 105. The Lady Whiteface 400-meter quartet put together an impressive effort in their first outing of the season. The Hereford thinclads racked up 16 points with a run of 52.33. Borger edged out the HHS runners at the wire, however. The Lady

Bulldogs garnered the gold medal in the event with a time of 52.31.

The Herd's 1,600-meter foursome also finished second, turning in an elapsed time of 4:29.94 in their race.

The relays weren't the only place Hereford made strong statements. The Lady Whitefaces had five individuals take home medals, including Kristin Fangman and Audra Witkowski, who netted the team's lone gold medals. Fangman dominated the 100-meter hurdles, winning in a mark of 16.90 seconds. Her time was three-tenths of a second faster than her closest competitor.

Witkowski gained the honor of being the fastest female at the meet by winning the 100-meter dash. The HHS sprinter, who also captured third in the 200-meter dash, covered the 100-meter distance in just 13

seconds.

Jamie Harrison and Bethany Townsend combined to give Hereford 14 points in the grueling 3,200-meter run by finishing second and third, respectively. Harrison finished the two-mile course in a dazzling time of 12:23. Townsend checked in at 12:28, and also came back later to claim third in the 1,600-meter run.

The Hereford Whitefaces placed seventh in the boys' division standings. Hereford, sparked by silver medal efforts from Henry Hernandez and Lupe Huerta, scored 43 points in their first meet.

Canyon won the boys' team title with 131 points - 16 more than eventual runner-up Borger.

Henry Hernandez opened his year with a solid effort in the pole vault.

He cleared 12-foot in the meet and garnered second.

Huerta was second in the 3,200-meter run. He finished with a time of 10:59.

Miguel Hernandez also aided the HHS cause, medaling in the 40-meter dash. Hernandez placed third in the event with a time of 52.63 seconds.

RANDALL RELAYS

BOYS

Team totals - 1. Canyon 131; 2. Borger 113; 3. Sanford-Fritch 59; 4. West Texas High 58; 5. Randall 52; 6. Boys Ranch 51; 7. Hereford 43; 8. Dumas 33; 9. River Road 32; 10. Panhandle 19; 11. Muleshoe 0.

Shot Put - 1. Hopkins, WT High, 47.7; 2. Drake, Sanford-Fritch 44.2 3/4; 3. Russell, Randall, 44-1 1/2.

Discus - 1. Geary, Borger, 145-3 1/2; 2. Mathews, Hereford, 137-5; Summers, WT High, 136-10.

Long Jump - 1. Thomas, Boys Ranch, 21-5; 2. James, Canton, 19-6v 1/2; 3. Stumbo, Randall, 19-6.

Triple Jump - 1. Aaron, WT High, 42-2 1/2; 2. Powell, Borger, 40-8 1/2; 3. Elzzel, Sanford-Fritch, 40-4.

High Jump - 1. Graves, WT High, 6-4; 2. Price, Sanford-Fritch, 6-4; 3. Dwyer, Canyon, 6-2.

Pole Vault - 1. Alexander, Borger, 12-0; 2. Hernandez, Hereford, 12-0; 3. Bentley, Randall, 11-6.

3,200 - 1. Winters, Canyon, 10:31; 2. Huerta, Hereford, 10:59; 3. Meadows, Canyon, 11:03.

400 Relay - 1. Borger, 44.86; 2. Canyon, 45.40; 3. Boys Ranch, 45.98.

800 - 1. Winters, Canyon, 2:09.34; 2. Dryden, Canyon, 2:09.37; 3. Smith, Panhandle, 2:11.36.

110 Hurdles - 1. Christensen, River Road, 15.34; 2. Lyon, Canyon, 15.79; 3. Horton, WT High, 16.09.

100 - Yeary, Borger, 11.14; 2.

Longbind, Canyon, 11.22; 3. Thomas, Boys Ranch, 11.33.

400 - 1. Williamson, Sanford-Fritch, 51.95; 2. Greene, Borger, 52.41; 3. Hernandez, Hereford, 52.63.

300 Hurdles - 1. Chistensen, River Road, 41.67; 2. Lyons, Canyon, 43.34; 3. Black, Randall, 44.51.

200 - 1. Thomas, Boys Ranch, 22.99; 2. Mendoza, Dumas, 23.15; 3. Stumbo, Randall, 23.60.

1,600 - 1. Dryden, Canyon, 4:56.74; 2. Anchondo, Dumas, 5:05.48; 3. Meadow, Canyon, 5:06.01.

1,600 Relay - 1. Borger, 3:35.55; 2. Sanford-Fritch, 3:37.9; 3. Canyon, 3:42.58.

GIRLS

Team totals - 1. Sanford-Fritch 127; 2. Hereford 119; 3. Borger 105; 4. Dumas 76; 5. Randall 69; 6. Canyon 61; 7. Muleshoe 31.

Shot Put - 1. Mendoza, Dumas, 39-1 1/4; 2. Hooker, Randall, 38-1 3/4; 3. Powell, Borger, 35-10 1/2.

Discus - 1. Williams, Dumas, 130-7; 2. Mason, Sanford-Fritch, 109-9; 3. King, Dumas, 105-9.

High Jump - 1. Jogard, Canyon, 5-2; 2. Wilconsin, Sanford-Fritch, 5-2; 3. Cornelius, Randall, 5-2.

Long Jump - 1. Wilson, Borger, 15-7; 2. Mills, Sanford-Fritch, 15-6 1/2; 3. Bryant, Randall, 15-1 1/2.

Triple Jump - 1. Mincher, Sanford-

Fritch, 32-8 1/2; 2. McWilliam, Sanford-Fritch, 32-4; 3. Bryant, Randall, 32-1 1/2.

3,200 - 1. Marable, Canyon, 11:52; 2. Harrison, Hereford, 12:23; 3. Townsend, Hereford, 12:28.

400 Relay - 1. Borger, 52.31; 2. Hereford, 52.33; 3. Randall, 53.94.

800 - 1. Dudley, Sanford-Fritch, 2:33; 2. Stone, Canyon, 2:35; 3. Cook, Dumas, 2:42.

100 Hurdles - 1. Fangman, Hereford, 16.90; 2. Kennedy, Sanford-Fritch, 17.22; 3. Webb, Borger, 17.47.

100 - 1. Witkowski, Hereford, 13.00; 2. Jackson, Borger, 13.05; 3. Hatter, Dumas, 13.23.

800 Relay - 1. Borger, 1:52.8; 2. Sanford-Fritch, 1:53.24; 3. Randall, 1:55.83.

400 - 1. Wornble, Dumas, 1:06.55; 2. Cornelius, Randall, 1:07.04; 3. Sweatt, Borger, 1:07.51.

300 Hurdles - 1. Hatter, Dumas, 48.96; 2. Walker, Hereford, 52.12; 3. Kennedy, Sanford-Fritch, 52.1.

200 - 1. Mincher, Sanford-Fritch, 27.53; 2. Whittington, Borger, 27.89; 3. Witkowski, Hereford, 28.00.

1,600 - 1. Marable, Canyon, 5:36.74; 2. Townsend, Hereford, 5:56.66; 3. Fauver, Muleshoe, 6:00.60.

1,600 Relay - 1. Sanford-Fritch, 4:20.83; 2. Hereford, 4:29.94; 3. Dumas, 4:32.94.

Trinity Fellowship halts NCA's title bid

TOMMY WELLS
Managing Editor

AMARILLO - For three quarters the Nazarene Christian Academy Eagles showed why they were regarded by many as the best team in the High Plains Christian Athletic Association.

In one quarter, however, Amarillo Trinity Fellowship showed why games aren't settled on paper - and how they're won at the free throw line.

Trinity Fellowship, which had trailed by as many as eight points in the first half, knocked down 11 attempts from the charity stripe in the final minutes and rallied to claim a 39-31 victory in front of a small crowd in the St. Andrew's Episcopal Gym. Overall, Trinity Fellowship claimed its second straight HPCAA state crown by posting a 16-6 run in the fourth quarter.

They were doing anything but celebrating early in the contest as the Eagles' dominated on both ends of the court. Nazarene Christian Academy limited Trinity to just two shots from the field in the opening

period and rode the talents of Chayse Rives and Jacob Power to a 7-4 edge.

Rives, a 6-foot-2 post, got the Eagles' offense rolling, throwing in the first three points of the night. He, along with Power, added baskets later in the stanza and sent the NCA cagers into the second quarter with a slim three-point lead.

The Eagles' offense picked up the tempo in the second. Nazarene Christian Academy collected baskets from five different players in the period and stretched their advantage to 18-11 at the half.

Rives, Power, Jeremy Gonzales, Tyler Keeling and Justin Ward all

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Falcons acquire Chandler for two draft picks

SUWANEE, Ga. (AP) - Chris Chandler got the commitment he wanted, and the Atlanta Falcons believe they got the quarterback they need to rebound from a 3-13 season.

The Falcons acquired Chandler on Monday from the Houston Oilers for fourth- and sixth-round choices in this year's NFL draft.

"We believe he gives us a chance

where we can win immediately," Falcons coach Dan Reeves said. "We feel like he gives us the ability to compete. He's a guy who can get the job done. He understands the game and makes wise decisions."

"There's just something fundamentally exhilarating about having a team make a commitment to you," Chandler said.

"With the Oilers, the whole thing

was cyclical," he said. "I was their guy. I wasn't their guy. I was and then I wasn't again. It's hard enough playing the position without that kind of stuff going on. That's why I feel so good about the Atlanta situation."

Chandler was a starter in four of his previous nine NFL seasons, but he became expendable when Houston announced it was turning

the job over to Steve McNair, their first-round pick in 1995.

"Chris certainly isn't the typical quarterback you want to trade," Houston coach Jeff Fisher said Monday night. "The circumstances here dictated this, but that guy can still play."

Asked if Chandler would be the starter, Reeves said, "Right now he's the only one we've got."

In two seasons at Houston, Chandler completed 409 of 676 passes for 5,559 yards, 33 touchdowns and 21 interceptions. He threw only 41 touchdown passes in his first seven years with the Colts, Buccaneers, Cardinals and Rams.

Chandler, 31, has two years remaining on his contract at about \$2 million a year.

The arrival of Chandler probably signals the retirement of Bobby Hebert, who moved into Atlanta's starting lineup last year when Jeff George was suspended and subsequently released after a sideline

shouting match with coach June Jones during a nationally televised game Sept. 22. George recently signed a five-year, \$27.5 million contract with the Oakland Raiders.

"I think the last three years I've played as well as anybody in the league," Chandler said. "I have a lot of experience, I have a lot of confidence, I go out there and feel I can play with anybody."

Chandler has been bothered by injuries in the past. "We hope he can play the full 16 games," Reeves said. "He has performed at a high level when he was healthy."

Hardaway gets revenge against Detroit

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) - Penny Hardaway wouldn't name the offending Pistons. He just got even with Detroit in his own way.

The All-Star guard scored 29 points and the Orlando Magic remained unbeaten under interim coach Richie Adubato by stopping the Pistons' six-game winning streak, 93-84 Monday night.

Hardaway felt he was the target of excessive trash-talking from lesser players during a loss in Detroit earlier this month. He was 3-for-15 in that game, but came back with an 11-for-16 performance this time.

"I really went out of my way (to be aggressive) because I got angry with one player in the first quarter in Detroit and I couldn't really make up for it. But I said, 'Today, I'm going to make up for it.'"

"I'm not a player who trash talks. I'm out there trying to play my game

and win basketball games for my team. And when you see guys who don't normally say things get a little cocky and start trash talking, it kind of makes you mad."

In other NBA games, Atlanta beat Golden State 106-100, Chicago defeated Portland 116-89 and Charlotte downed San Antonio 96-84.

Orlando improved to 4-0 since Adubato replaced Brian Hill, who was fired last week.

One of the keys was containing Grant Hill, who had 31 points, 10 rebounds and 10 assists when Detroit beat the Magic on Feb. 12. The Pistons star only took 11 shots this time and finished with 14 points, eight rebounds and six assists.

"They played with a lot of energy and emotion. We were kind of dead. The first half really killed us," Hill

said. Hardaway had 18 points and the Magic shot 57 percent in building a 56-39 halftime lead. The Pistons closed to 62-56 before Orlando pulled away again with a 10-0 spurt late in the third quarter.

"We played some good games early in the year. But defensively, this is the best game we've put together for the entire 48 minutes," said Hardaway, noting that one of the key adjustments Orlando made on Hill was assigning Nick Anderson to guard him instead of Dennis Scott.

"It's no knock on Dennis. But we thought Nick would play him a little better, and he did."

The Magic have limited opponents to 86 points per game under Adubato after yielding 112 per outing in their last three games under Hill - all losses.

"The last time we lost to them, one of their TV guys had said they had manhandled us up there in Detroit," Adubato said. "I think we were determined to prevent them from doing that again."

Pistons coach tried to put a positive spin on the loss, saying it was the kind of challenge his team needed.

Joe Dumars agreed. "Absolutely. You can get lulled into a false sense of security if you're bopping along winning games," the Detroit guard said. "You need to be challenged sometimes. This team challenged us, and in the first half we didn't respond."

Theo Ratliff led Detroit with 17 points. Aaron McKie had 13 and Dumars 12.

Bulls 116, Trail Blazers 89
Michael Jordan scored 30 of his 37 points in the first half as Chicago extended its winning streak to seven games.

Scottie Pippen added 22 points, 11 assists and nine rebounds for the Bulls, who are 49-6 overall and 26-1 at the United Center. They have won 19 consecutive home games.

The Trail Blazers were without second-leading scorer J.R. Rider, who missed the game due to the death of his cousin. In addition, Rasheed Wallace didn't start because he was late for Portland's morning shootaround. Gary Trent led the Blazers with 14 points.

Hawks 106, Warriors 100
Christian Lactner scored 25 points and Mookie Blaylock just missed a triple-double for Atlanta against Golden State.

Blaylock finished with 18 points, nine rebounds and eight assists as the Hawks won for the 23rd time in 25 home games.

Laetner hit a jumper to give the Hawks a 98-96 lead with 2:30 left. Then Blaylock took over, scoring four points and making two steals for the Hawks down the stretch.

Joe Smith scored 25 points and Chris Mullin added 24 for the Warriors, who have lost eight of 11 games.

Hornets 96, Spurs 84
At San Antonio, Glen Rice scored 33 points as Charlotte extended its winning streak to a season-best five games.

Anthony Mason had 24 points and 16 rebounds for Charlotte, and Vlade Divac had 13 rebounds and nine blocks.

Vinny Del Negro led the Spurs with 24 points, and Dominique Wilkins scored 20.

Wall, Holt top ticket to be Astros' final starter in 1997

By CARLTON THOMPSON
The Houston Chronicle
KISSIMMEE, Fla. - Donne Wall spent seven seasons trying to make it to the major leagues.

During that epic journey, which included more than three years at the Class AAA level, Wall became all too familiar with the long bus rides, the relatively small paychecks and the often sub-par playing conditions that are a way of life in the minor leagues.

If anyone appreciates what it takes to make it to The Show, it's Wall.

But making it is one thing; staying there is another, and Wall will have his hands full trying to hold off rookie Chris Holt for the No. 5 slot in the Astros' starting rotation.

Rule V draftee Ramon Garcia and lefthanders C.J. Nitkowski and Trevor Miller, both acquired in the nine-player deal with Detroit, also could figure into the mix.

But for the most part, it's a two-player battle between Holt and the incumbent, Wall. And new manager Larry Dierker has said the job is Wall's to lose.

"It's nice to know the manager believes in you, but you don't want to get too overconfident," Wall said. "I feel like I have to go out there and prove myself again. You can't go out there with a lackadaisical attitude and

act like your job already has been given to you."

That's a typical response from Wall, who guided his career from the sandlots of Festos, Mo., to the glory of the major leagues.

The only thing out of character about Wall's remark is that it consisted of more than four or five words. The soft-spoken righthander isn't one to waste words unless he's joking around with Billy Wagner, his best friend on the team.

"You guys (the media) just don't know how much Donne really talks," Wagner said. "You should let me have that tape recorder so I can show you how he never shuts up."

Holt, a baby-faced righthander from Dallas, has the gift of gab and isn't shy about sharing his opinions on the possibility of a sixth year in the minors.

"I really do feel like I've done everything I can do in the minors," said Holt, 25. "I'm ready for the major leagues. It's just a matter of getting an opportunity and being in the right spot at the right time. If I throw my game, I'll be there. It would be tough to go back to Triple-A whenever you feel like you're ready. I'm tired of the minor leagues, and I don't want to be there."

Trotter wins all-around honors in Spring Grand American event

Hereford's Eddie Trotter added to his reputation as one of the country's top trap shooters over the weekend, winning high all-around honors in the sub-junior division of the Spring Grand American Trap Tournament in Phoenix, Az.

Eddie, 13, hit 99 of 100 in doubles, setting a record for sub-juniors, and he had the second highest score for

all 2,500 shooters in the tourney.

Eddie, son of Johnny and Dee Anne Trotter, scored 96 out of 100 in the handicap trap and hit 196 of 200 in the singles. One other sub-junior hit 198 of 200. In a shoot-off Sunday, Eddie won the high all-around sub-junior trophy.

Trotter recently competed in the Western Grand Tourney in Utah and won his division. He will be competing in four other big tournaments before the end of school this year, as he attempts to gain All-American status.

NCA

pushed home shots in the second. Power keyed the Eagles' 11-7 spree by sinking Nazarene Christian Academy's lone 3-pointer late in the frame.

Trinity Fellowship, which had managed to earn its way into the finals by edging Plainview in the state semifinals, managed to get their offense untracked in the third. Behind the slick-shooting efforts of Billy Brinkman and Evan Curry, Trinity Fellowship pounded out a 12-7 edge in the stanza and pulled to within 25-23 at the start of the final

The bad news was just beginning for the Eagles.

The free throw line played into Trinity Fellowship's favor in the fourth as they sank 11-of-17 attempts. Curry led the free throw shooting parade for Trinity, hitting on 7-of-11 tries.

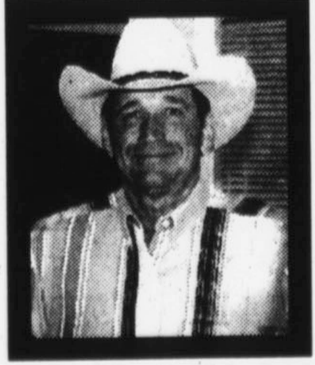
Curry, one of two Trinity players to reach double figures in scoring, finished the game with 16 points. Brinkman had 10 - including two fourth quarter free throws.

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Nazarene Christian - Chayse
Rives 8 1-2 17; Jeremy Gonzales 2 0-0 4; Jacob Power 2 1-2 6; Tyler Keeling 1 0-0 2; Jeremy Williams 0 0-0 0; Justin Ward 1 0-2 2; Kris Bridwell 0 0-0 0; Teel Merrick 0 0-0 0.

Trinity Fellowship - Evan Curry
3 7-11 16; Billy Brinkman 4 2-4 10; Heath Johnston 2 0-2 4; Chance Beasley 0 2-2 2; Trey Roach 2 1-2 5; Dustin Peters 1 0-0 0; Nathan Brown 0 0-0 0; Josh Fite 0 0-0 0; Ross Beasley 1 0-0 2; Chance Patrick 0 0-0 0.

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TUESDAY FEBRUARY 25

6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM
Movie: Heavyweights Tom McGowan, 4 1/2	(48) Movie: Rudyard Kipling's The Jungle Book PG	Letters	Movie: Separate but Equal Sidney Poitier							
News	Ent. Tonight	Mad-You	Something	Frontline	Caroline	Detective	News	(35) Tonight Show		
NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News
(35) Senior PGA Golf Senior Slam	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News
News	Wh. Fortune	Roseanne	Draw Carey	Home Imp.	Spln City	NYPD Blue	News	News	News	News
Fam. Mat.	Bzzz!	Movie: Dick Tracy (1990) Warren Beatty, ***	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News
News	Home Imp.	Touched by an Angel	Movie: Night Sins (1997) Valerie Bertinelli, Harry Hamlin	News	(35) Late Show					
Roseanne	Mad-You	Scarriet Police Chase	When Disaster Strikes II	Kena: Warrior Princess	Mad-You	Cops	Real TV			
Sportsctr.	College Basketball Illinois at Penn State	College Basketball Kentucky at Tennessee								
Waltons	Highway to Heaven	Rescue 911	700 Club	Carson	Carson	3 Stooges				
Movie: On the Set	Movie: Species Ben Kingsley, ** R	Movie: Sorceress Linda Blair, 1/2 R	Women	Love Street						
Movie: Murder-Mis.	Movie: Miss Evers' Boys Alfre Woodard	Movie: Deadly Voyage Omar Epps, R	(35) Comedy Hour							
(5-15) Movie: *** Singles	Movie: The Vanishing Jeff Bridges, ** R	Movie: The Expert Jeff Speakman, ** R	(35) Movie: Bad Boys R							
Movie: Yanik-Burma	Movie: The Private Life of Sherlock Holmes (1970), Colin Blakely ***	Movie: Avanti! (1972) Jack Lemmon, Juliet Mills, *** 1/2								
Dukes of Hazzard	W. Jennings	Prime Time Country	Ralph Emery	Dallas	Dukes					
Strange Planes	Wild Discovery	Mysterious	World-Wond	Secrets of the Internet	Wild Discovery	Mysterious				
Equalizer	Biography	Silent Witness	Law & Order	Biography	Biography					
Designing	Designing	Unsolved Mysteries	Movie: Circle of Violence: A Family Drama (1986) ***	Living	Mysteries	Mysteries				
FOX Sports News	Luge	Skating	Ski Prime	Snow	FOX Sports News	FOX Sports News				
In the Heat of the Night	NBA Basketball Los Angeles Lakers at Houston Rockets	Inside-NBA	Movie: National Lampoon's Vacation							
Doug	Rugrats	Alex Mack	Happy Days	I Love Lucy	Munsters	M.T. Moore	Rhoda	Taxi	Odd Couple	Bewitched
Highlander: The Series	Murder, She Wrote	Boxing Phil Jackson vs. Jeremy Williams	Wings	Wings	Stalkings					
Bengita Mentira	María la del Barrio	Sentimientos Ajenos	Primer Impacto Noc.	P. Impacto	Noticiero	La Tocada				
Vietnam War	Roots	Drake's Last Voyage	Year by Year	Roots						
RPM 2Night	College Basketball Pittsburgh at Connecticut	College Basketball Massachusetts at St. Joseph's	NBA's Great	NBA 2Night						

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 26

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	Pool	Movie: The Muppets Take Manhattan G	C. Brown	Tale Spin	Ducktales	Chp 'n' Dale	Goof Troop		
Days-Lives	Another World	Jenny Jones	Maury	Oprah Winfrey	News	NBC News				
Body Elec.	Fly Tying	Wait for God	Painting	Embroidery	Maury	Washbone	C. Sandiego	Science Guy	Creatures	Magic Bus
Movie: Good Guys & Bad Guys	JonQuest	Flintstones	Flintstones	Brady	Dreams	Saved-Bell	Fam. Mat.	Fam. Mat.		
Jeopardy!	One Life to Live	General Hospital	Montel Williams	Rosie O'Donnell	News	ABC News				
News	Streets of San Francisco	Beauty and the Beast	Beverly Hills, 90210	Fam. Mat.	Dreams	Saved-Bell	Saved-Bell	Saved-Bell		
Bold & B.	As the World Turns	Guiding Light	Dating	Newlywed	Am.Journal	Hard Copy	News	CBS News		
Gunsmoke	Little House on the Prairie	Matlock	Batman	Spider-Man	Beetleborgs	Rangers	Fresh Pr.	Simpsons		
Latin Futbol	Rodeo	Horse	Racehorse	Ski World	Sliding	NBA Finals	Up Close	Sportsctr.		
(12:00) Home & Family	ShopDrop	Shopping	Animal	Bloopers	Bloopers	C. Burnett	C. Burnett			
Movie: Last-Red Hot	(45) Movie: The Owl and the Pussycat *** PG	Movie: High Spirits Peter O'Toole, ** 1/2	Movie: In the Line of Duty: Street War	Movie: Tina Turner: Dreams						
Movie: The Magic Bubble Diane Sawyer	Movie: Soul of the Game Detro Lindo	(45) Movie: In the Line of Duty: Street War	Movie: Demolition Day Martin Sheen, 1/2	Movie: Batman Forever						
Movie: Hell in the Pacific	Movie: The Stars Fall on Henrietta Robert Duval, PG	Movie: The Last Voyage (1960) Robert Stack, ** 1/2	Movie: The Glass Bottom Boat (1966) Doris Day, ***	Movie: Last-Cheyney						
Wildhorse	VideoPM	America's Country Hits	Dallas	Wildhorse Saloon	Club Dance					
Home	Housesmart!	Interior Mot.	Start	Great Chefs	Great Chefs	Travelers	Bay, 2000	Next Step		
Equalizer	McCloud	Lovejoy Mysteries	L.A. Law	Commlsh	Supermtkt	Debt				
Nurses	Movie: Babies (1990) Lindsay Wagner, Dinah Manoff, **	Surfing	Gary Blair	Barmore	M. Sharp	J. Dickey				
Basketball	Boxing Fight Time	Movie: Red Sun (1972) Charles Bronson, ** 1/2	In the Heat of the Night							
Thunder	How the West Was Won	Wild, Wild West	Chipmunks	Gadget	You Afraid?	Rocko's Life	Clarissa	Tiny Toon		
Papa Beaver	Looney	Beetlejuice	Tiny Toon	Muppets	Wanted	Top Cops	Wings	Wings	Renegade	
USALive	USA Live	USA Live	USA Live	USA Live	Cristina	Primer Impacto	Dr Perez	Noticiero		
Bajo-Rostro	Pecado de Amor	Real West	Movie: Hostages (1993) Kathy Bates, Colin Firth, ***	High Points in History						
Vietnam War	Air Combat	Real West	Movie: Hostages (1993) Kathy Bates, Colin Firth, ***	High Points in History						
RPM 2Night	College Basketball Michigan State at Ohio State	Drag Racing NHRA ATSCO Nationals	NHL 2Night	NBA 2Night						

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 26

7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30	12 PM
Phoo	Mermald	Wonderland	Umbrella	Grounding	PooH Cmr.	Ducktales	Care Bears	Dumbo	Wonderland	GummiBr
Today	Ent. Tonight	National Geographic	Dateline	Law & Order	News	(35) Tonight Show				
Earth	Earth	Sesame Street	Puzzle Place	Mr Rogers	Storytime	Reading	Arthur	Barney	Lamb Chop	
B. Hillbillies	Bewitched	Little House on the Prairie	3's Co.	Mama	Griffith	Griffith	(05) Matlock	News		
Good Morning America	Wild Discovery	Live - Regis & Kathie Lee	Caryl & Marilyn: Friends	Medicine Woman	News					
BugsDaily	Animanics	Woody	Bewitched	Griffith	Empty Nest	In the Heat of the Night	Geraldo Rivera	News		
This Morning	Quack Pack	Bobby	Mask	Peter Pan	Fox After Breakfast	Step-Step	Mr. Cooper	K. Copeland	Paid Prog.	Gunsmoke
Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter
Highway to Heaven	Waltons	700 Club	Home	Home	Home	Home	Home	Home	Home	Home
Movie: High Spirits Peter O'Toole, ** 1/2	(45) Movie: A Million to Juan Paul Rodriguez, ** 1/2 PG	Movie: Steal Big, Steal Little (1995) Andy Garcia, Alan Arkin, PG-13	Movie: Clueless Alicia Silverstone, PG-13	Movie: Hell in the Pacific						
(6:30) Movie: * Ladybugs Peter	Movie: Going Under Bill Pullman, ** PG	Movie: Steal Big, Steal Little (1995) Andy Garcia, Alan Arkin, PG-13	Movie: Clueless Alicia Silverstone, PG-13	Movie: Hell in the Pacific						
Movie: (45) Movie: First Knight (1995) Sean Connery, Richard Gere, PG-13	Movie: Clueless Alicia Silverstone, PG-13	Movie: Hell in the Pacific								
Movie: 2 Guys-Texas	Movie: Colorado Territory (1949) ***	(35) Movie: Flaxy Martin (1949) ** 1/2	Movie: Tip on a Dead Jockey (1957)							
(Off Air)	VideoMorning	Dallas	Alene's Crafts	Wildhorse						
Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Assignment Discovery	Home Matters	Housesmart!	Start	Interior Mot.	Home			
McCloud	Debt	Our Home	Main Ingrid.	Handmade	Living	Our Home	Designing			
Baby Knows	KidsDays	Sisters	FOX Sports News	FOX Sports News	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	ABL Basketball Playoffs: Semifinal Game	
Looney Tunes	Flintstones	Flintstones	Gilligan	Gilligan	Knots Landing	CHiPs	Thunder			
Mighty Max	Sonic	Murder, She Wrote	Movie: Caught in the Act (1993) Gregory Harrison, **	Major Dad	USALive					
Gros T.V.	El Chavo	Chepirlito	Papa Solt.	Dr Perez	Dos Mujeres Un Camino	Bajo un Mismo Rostro				
Classroom	History Showcase	Real West	Movie: Hostages (1993) Kathy Bates, Colin Firth, ***	High Points						
Flex Appeal	Bodyshape	Crunch	Training	Flex Appeal	Crunch	Gotta Sweat	Fitness	Flex Appeal	Bodyshape	Sports Babe

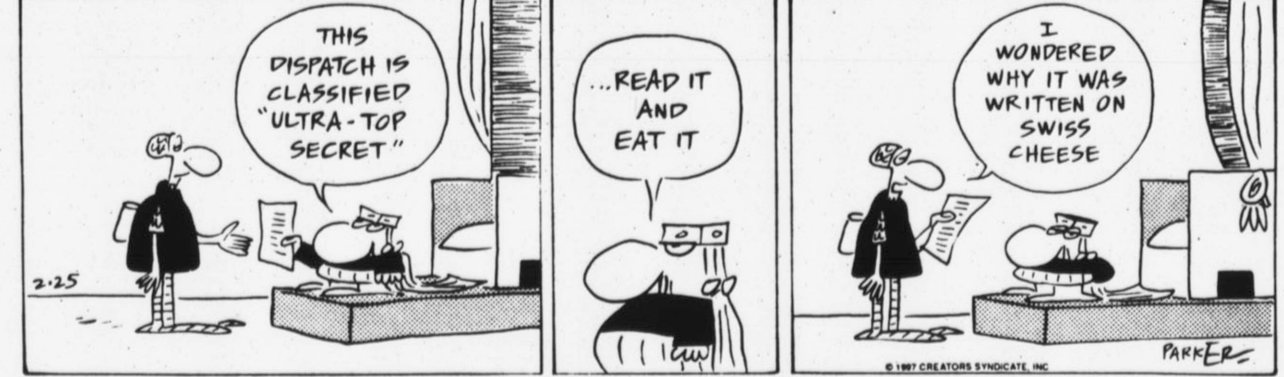
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Fluppy Dogs	(6:50) Movie: Gay Purr-ee	(15) Boy King	Aretha Franklin	Movie: Separate but Equal Sidney Poitier						
News	Ent. Tonight	National Geographic	Dateline	Law & Order	News	(35) Tonight Show				
NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	In the Wild	Championship Ballroom Dancing	Chenille	Tony Brown	Charlie Rose					
News	Videos	NBA Basketball Seattle SuperSonics at Indiana Pacers	Inside-NBA	Movie: Kinjite: Forbidden Subjects ** 1/2						
News	Wh. Fortune	NBA Basketball Seattle SuperSonics at Indiana Pacers	Drew Carey	Ellen	Primetime Live	News	Seinfeld	Nightline		
Fam. Mat.	Bzzz!	Sister, Sis.	Nick Freno	Wayans	Jamie Foxx	News	Wiseguy	Heat		
News	Home Imp.	Grammy Awards								
Roseanne	Mad-You	Beverly Hills, 90210	Party of Five	Hercules-Jrmys.	Mad-You	Cops	Real TV			
College Basketball St. John's at Seton Hall	College Basketball North Carolina at Clemson	Sportscenter	Horse							
Waltons	Highway to Heaven	Rescue 911	700 Club	Carson	Carson	3 Stooges				
Tina Turner: Dreams	Movie: Undertow Lou Diamond Phillips	(35) Movie: Jury Duty Pauly Shore, 1/2	Best of Feet	Movie: End of Summer R						
(5:30) Movie: * Ladybugs	Movie: Copycat (1995) Sigourney Weaver, Holly Hunter, Sanders	Tracey	Comedy Hour	Tales-Crypt						
Movie: Batman Forever	Movie: The Fog Adrienne Barbeau, R	Movie: Girl 6 (1996) Theresa Randle, Isaiah Washington	Movie: Martha & Ethel G							
Movie: Last-Cheyney	Movie: Murder in Harlem (1935) Clarence Brooks, **	Movie: Blood of Jesus (1941) **	Movie: Souls of Sin (1949)							
Dukes of Hazzard	Life of J. Dean	Prime Time Country	Road	Dallas	Dallas	Dukes				
Wings of the Red Star	Wild Discovery	Discover Magazine	Secrets of the Internet	Wild Discovery	Discover					
Equalizer	Biography	American Justice	20th Century	Living	Order	Biography				
Designing	Designing	Unsolved Mysteries	Movie: Their Second Chance (1997) Lindsay Wagner	Living	Mysteries	Mysteries				
FOX Sports News	Big 12 Showcase	Boxing Fight Night at the Great Western Forum	FOX Sports News	Sports						
In the Heat of the Night	Movie: National Lampoon's Vacation (1983) ** 1/2	Movie: Seems Like Old Times (1980) Goldie Hawn, ***	Movie:							
Doug	Rugrats	Hey Arnold!	Happy Days	I Love Lucy	Munsters	M.T. Moore	Rhoda	Taxi	Odd Couple	Bewitched
Highlander: The Series	Murder, She Wrote	(7:59) Movie: Sharon's Secret (1995), Mel Harris ** 1/2	Wings	Wings	Stalkings					
Bengita Mentira	María la del Barrio	Sentimientos Ajenos	Fuera	Lente Loco	P. Impacto	Noticiero	La Tocada			
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Birth control pills recognized as emergency contraceptives

WASHINGTON (AP) - The government today declared high doses of ordinary birth control pills taken soon after unprotected sex a good way to prevent pregnancy, marking the nation's first formal acknowledgement of emergency contraception.

European women who are raped, whose birth control fails or who just forget in the heat of the moment have for years been prescribed a handful of regular contraception pills as "morning-after" pills. The pills are even sold specially packaged to have on hand in case of an emergency.

Those same contraceptive manufacturers refuse to sell birth control pills for "morning-after" use here, citing litigation and political fears. So while it is legal for doctors to prescribe the pill for emergency use, few physicians know what doses to prescribe and few women even know to seek the treatment.

The Food and Drug Administration, acting on the request of advocacy groups, independently investigated the pill - and today published what it has determined are the proper "morning-after" doses for six brands now on the market.

"The best-kept contraceptive secret is no longer a secret," said FDA Commissioner David Kessler.

"Women should have the information that this regimen is available. That's what we care about."

The pills prevent pregnancy by blocking a fertilized egg from implanting into the uterus so it can grow into an embryo. If a woman already is pregnant, they will have no effect.

The FDA said that to work, two to four birth control pills are taken anytime up to 72 hours after sex and then the same dose is taken again exactly 12 hours later.

The regimen is effective at preventing pregnancy 75 percent of the time, the FDA said. If doctors and women adopt it, emergency contraception could prevent up to 2.3 million unintended pregnancies every year, 1 million of which now end in abortion, the agency said.

The six brands that work are: two tablets of Wyeth-Ayerst Laboratories' Ovral taken after sex and again in 12 hours, or four tablets of Wyeth's Nordette, Lo/Ovral, Triphasil or Berlex Laboratories' Leven or Tri-Leven.

For Ovral and Lo/Ovral, take only the white tablets that are inside the pill container; use only the light orange versions of Nordette and Leven and only the yellow versions of Triphasil and Tri-Leven. The

colors are important because different colored birth control pills contain different doses of hormones.

Nausea and vomiting, sometimes severe enough to prevent the emergency contraceptive from working, are the main side effects.

The FDA action legally is a request for contraceptive manufacturers to seek permission to advertise morning-after contraception - essentially a pre-approval pending the filing of the proper paperwork.

The FDA decided not to force contraceptive makers to relabel their pills, something women's groups ad requested, so the decision, to be published Tuesday in the Federal Register, primarily will act as a prescription guide for physicians.

The agency also hopes that women's groups will use it to spread the word about emergency contraception.

Already, a small group of doctors and family-planning workers had started a campaign to publicize morning-after pills. The Reproductive Health Technologies Project has a hot line to inform women about the method and refer them to doctors in their area to prescribe the pills, and similar information is posted on the Internet.



Bridal shower held

Brandi Brookhart, bride-elect of Michael Marquez, was honored with a bridal shower Saturday in the home of Jenny McWhorter, right. Guests were greeted by, from left, Jamie Marquez, sister of the prospective groom; Brenda Brookhart, sister of the bride-elect; Maria Gonzalez, grandmother of the prospective groom; Rosa Bidwell, mother of the bride-elect; the honoree; Sandy Brookhart, mother of the bride-elect; Dodi Brookhart, grandmother of the bride-elect.

Bride-elect of Marquez honored with shower in McWhorter home

A bridal shower honoring Brandi Brookhart, bride-elect of Michael Marquez, was held Saturday in the home of Jenny McWhorter.

The couple has set a March 8 wedding date.

Guests were greeted by the bride-elect; Sandy Brookhart, her mother; Brenda Brookhart, her sister; Dodi Brookhart, her grandmother; Rosa

Bidwell, mother of the prospective bridegroom; Jamie Marquez, his sister; and Maria Gonzales, his grandmother.

Refreshments of assorted cookies and breads, fruit platters with dip, miniature candy cups, sparkling sherbet punch and coffee were served from a table covered with a European lace cloth. The centerpiece was of

spider mums and asparagus fern in ivory and plum colors and silver appointments were used.

A vacuum cleaner was the gift from hostesses Michelle Brisendine, Joan Culp, Claudia McBrayer, Jenny McWhorter, Helen Kirkeby, Charlotte Wilburn, Linda Gonzalez, Jan Wilks, Gayle Carter, Linda Carter, Melinda Leal and Marlene Hendershot.

Today in History

By The Associated Press
Today is Tuesday, Feb. 25th, the 56th day of 1997. There are 309 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On Feb. 25th, 1793, the department heads of the U.S. government met with President Washington at his home for the first Cabinet meeting on record.

On this date:
In 1570, Pope Pius V excommunicated England's Queen Elizabeth I.
In 1836, inventor Samuel Colt patented his revolver.
In 1870, Hiram R. Revels, R-Miss., became the first black member of the U.S. Senate as he was

sworn in to serve out the unexpired term of Jefferson Davis.

In 1901, U.S. Steel Corp. incorporated by J.P. Morgan.

In 1919, Oregon became the first state to tax gasoline.

In 1948, Communists seized power in Czechoslovakia.

In 1983, playwright Tennessee Williams was found dead in his New York hotel suite; he was 71.

In 1986, President Ferdinand E. Marcos fled the Philippines after 20 years of rule in the wake of a tainted election; Corazon Aquino assumed the presidency.

In 1990, Nicaraguans went to the polls in an election that resulted in an

upset victory for opponents of the ruling Sandinistas.

In 1991, during the Persian Gulf War, 28 Americans were killed when an Iraqi Scud missile hit a U.S. barracks in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia.

In 1994, Jewish settler Baruch Goldstein opened fire with an automatic rifle inside the Tomb of the Patriarchs in the West Bank, killing 29 Muslims before he was beaten to death by worshippers.

Ten years ago: The U.S. Supreme Court upheld an affirmative action program in Alabama that provided for promoting equal numbers of black and white state troopers.

Five years ago: President Bush won the South Dakota Republican primary, Bob Kerrey the Democratic primary. Natalie Cole won seven awards at the 34th annual Grammys, including best album for "Unforgettable."

One year ago: Blasts set off by suicide bombers in Jerusalem and Ashkelon killed 27 people. A 12-mile tether connecting a half-ton satellite to the space shuttle Columbia broke loose as it almost completely unreeled. Cambodian activist Dr. Haing S. Ngor, who won an Academy Award for his performance in the 1984 movie "The Killing Fields," was shot to death outside his Los Angeles apartment.

Today's Birthdays: Country singer Ralph Stanley is 70. Musician Tommy Newsom is 68. Actor Tom Courtenay is 60. CBS newsman Bob Schieffer is 60. Actress Diane Baker is 59. Rock singer-musician George Harrison is 54. Talk show host Sally Jessy Raphael is 54. Actress Karen Grassle ("Little House on the Prairie") is 53. Rock singer-musician Mike Peters (The Alarm) is 38. Actor Sean Astin is 26.

Thought for Today: "If people behaved in the way nations do they would all be put in straitjackets." - Tennessee Williams (1911-1983).

Consumer decision sessions continue for county 4-H'ers

Deaf Smith County 4-H'ers will continue their second session of the Consumer Decision Project with Junior and Intermediate workshops on Thursday, Feb. 27 at the Hereford Community Center.

The Junior and Intermediate youth will hold additional sessions on March 4 and March 11. Each of these workshop sessions will be held at the Community Center from 4 p.m. to

5:15 p.m. The Senior youth will have one extended workshop that will be held Thursday, March 13 from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Heritage Room of the Deaf Smith County Library.

Any youth who desire to participate in this event should call the county extension office at 364-3573 to sign up.

The contest is designed to help youth develop critical thinking skills in comparing products in the market place. The division for this year's workshop and contest include bicycles, healthy snacks, jeans, athletic shoes and sunglasses.

Senior level includes all of the above categories plus checking accounts, pre-paid telephone cards, deodorants, and a "mystery" class.

The youth develop education on selections, safety, cost, and are trained to make a decision on best item for purchase when given a situation.



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Plans and specifications, including minimum wage rates as provided by Law, are available for inspection at the office of Joe Chappell, Area Engineer, Amarillo, Texas, and at the Texas Department of Transportation, Austin, Texas. Bidding proposals are to be requested from the Construction and Maintenance Division, 200 East Riverside Drive, Austin, Texas 78704-1205. Plans are available through commercial printers in Austin, Texas, at the expense of the bidder.

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Seinfeld accepts Screen Actors Guild award for best ensemble in TV comedy

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Jerry Seinfeld offered a confession when he accepted a Screen Actors Guild award for best ensemble in a TV comedy: "My name is Jerry Seinfeld and I am a bad actor."

With "Seinfeld" cast mates behind him laughing, he added, "But I think I have proven convincingly that you can do very well in our business if you are smart enough to surround yourself with these spectacular talents that I have here beside me."

"Seinfeld" led the television field at the actors' union awards show Saturday, with Julia Louis-Dreyfus also being named best actress in a comedy. But in the best-actor category for a TV comedy, co-stars Michael Richards and Jason Alexander lost to John Lithgow of "3rd Rock from the Sun."

The SAG named Geoffrey Rush as best motion picture actor. Last month, Rush won a Golden Globe for his role in "Shine," the true story of troubled Australian pianist David Helfgott.

Both awards presentations are considered harbingers of the Academy Awards a month from today.

Rush told the SAG audience that he felt as if someone was about to wake him from a dream.

"To all of you guys, to be in your company, I can't quite express what that means," he said.

Frances McDormand won best actress for her performance in "Fargo."

"Two of my goals as an actor are to confound expectations and to gain the respect of my peers," McDormand said. "And if that's what you're telling me tonight, thank you very much, I'm very grateful."

Dennis Franz of "NYPD Blue" took home the best actor award in the TV drama category. Gillian Anderson of "The X-Files" was named best actress in a drama.

Anthony Edwards accepted the award for outstanding cast in a drama series on behalf of the "ER" actors. Cuba Gooding Jr. received a supporting actor award for his role in

"Jerry Maguire," Lauren Bacall won film cast.

best supporting actress for her performance in "The Mirror Has Two Faces" and the actors from "The Birdcage" were named best

The third annual SAG awards were determined by a vote of the Screen Actors Guild's 86,000 members.

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Strike	Call/Put
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Rachel Bezner, Holly Weishaar, Lisa Chavez, Rebecca Gutierrez, Sheena Jesko, Michele Denning, Candace Campbell, Meredith Denton, Katie Bone, Jacque Bezner and Rachelle Denton. Not pictured are Erin Auckerman and Kristen Carnahan. Announcer for the presentation was Justin Betzen.

House moves closer to passage of bill which would prohibit 'private briefings'

AUSTIN (AP) - A House committee has moved closer to passage of a bill that a newspaper publisher said "closes a great big loophole" in the Texas Open Meetings Act.

Rep. Glen Maxey, D-Austin, is author of the legislation, which would prohibit governing boards from holding "staff briefings" to discuss controversial issues in private. "It doesn't take a rocket scientist to know that there are public bodies deliberating in staff meetings," Maxey said Monday during a meeting of the House State Affairs Committee.

"It closes a great big loophole that does exist. It's a good bill," said Bob Barton, publisher of the Free Press, a Buda weekly newspaper.

Barton, who represented the Texas Daily Newspaper Association, said governing boards often use the briefings to deliberate on controversial public business.

Private briefings have been one of the most controversial exceptions to the Open Meetings Act, which requires governing bodies to hold public meetings in all but a few circumstances.

Maxey's bill would expand the Open Meetings Act to include all meetings in which a quorum of members of a governmental body are present to receive or deliberate on information from a third party about public business.

Discussions of litigation, personnel, property acquisition, security devices and gifts and

donations still could occur in private. The committee delayed voting on the bill to give Maxey time to tighten language that opponents said could trigger open meetings provisions any time a quorum gathered, regardless of the circumstance.

Rep. Steve Wolens, D-Dallas, who chairs the committee, said a vote probably would be scheduled in about two weeks.

Supporters told the committee the bill is needed to make sure governing boards do not circumvent the Open Meetings Act.

After disagreements have been hashed out behind closed doors, board members emerge to vote in public meetings with little discussion or controversy.

The Austin City Council used

private briefings last year to discuss the new airport, the South Texas nuclear plant, electric rates and cable franchise agreements. In August, the council severely limited the briefings by requiring a "supermajority" of five members to approve closed-door briefings.

Opponents of the bill, including the Texas Association of School Boards, told the committee it would hinder discussion of issues not ready for public discussion or vote, such as an ongoing investigation of sexual abuse involving a school employee or a problem involving a student.

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Emergency Services

Activities reported by law enforcement agencies:

POLICE DEPARTMENT

- Purse reported stolen in the 400 block of West 4th Street.
- Welfare concern reported in the 200 block of Beach Street.
- Theft of two pin markers reported on South Main Street.
- Four accidents with minor injuries reported.
- One accident with no injuries reported.
- Five citations issued.
- 45-year-old male arrested for domestic violence and resisting arrest in the 1800 block of East First Street.
- 20-year-old male arrested for domestic violence and resisting arrest in the 1800 block of East First Street.
- 21-year-old male arrested for public intoxication in the 100 block of South 25 Mile Avenue.
- 23-year-old male arrested for failure to identify and traffic violations in the 100 block of South 25 Mile Avenue.
- Person driving while license suspended reported in the 600 block of Stanton.
- Assault reported in the 500 block of Jackson.
- Domestic disturbance reported in the 400 block of Mable.
- Theft reported in the 400 block of Avenue D.
- Domestic disturbance reported in the 200 block of Wulf Street.
- Three curfew citations issued.
- Twelve other citations issued.
- 51-year-old male arrested for domestic assault in the 200 block of Jowell.
- 34-year-old arrested for domestic assault in the 100 block of Ranger.
- 36-year-old arrested for domestic assault in the 100 block of Ranger.
- 32-year-old male arrested for domestic assault in the 500 block of Avenue G.
- 81-year-old female transported to Amarillo for mental evaluation.
- Injury to a child reported in the 400 block of Avenue B.
- Criminal attempt reported in the 500 block of Blevins.
- Indecency with a child reported in the 300 block of Centre.
- Domestic disturbance reported in the 100 block of Ranger.
- Burglary reported in the 400 block of West 2nd Street.
- Nineteen citations issued.
- One citation issued for speeding.

-- One citation issued for a child unrestrained in vehicle.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

- Responded to five accidents in the county.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

- 28-year-old male arrested for surrender of surety.
- 22-year-old male arrested for delivery of a controlled substance.
- 21-year-old male arrested violation of probation.
- 36-year-old female arrested violation of probation.
- 29-year-old male arrested violation of probation.
- 22-year-old male arrested violation of probation.
- 20-year-old male arrested for evading arrest and sexual assault.
- 20-year-old male arrested for driving while intoxicated.
- Burglary reported.

DPS

- 28-year-old male arrested for driving without a license.
- 35-year-old male arrested for driving while intoxicated.

SEX OFFENDER REPORT

The following information is being released to the Hereford Brand by state law on a newly registered child sex offender.

1. The offender lives at 900 South Sampson.
2. The offender lives inside the city limits of Hereford.
3. The offender's zip code is 79045.
4. The offender is a 32-year-old male.
5. The offender's offense is "sexual performance of a child."
1. The offender lives in the 400 block of Barrett Street.
2. The offender lives inside the city limits of Hereford.
3. The offender's zip code is 79045.
4. The offender is a 61-year-old male.
5. The offender's offense is "sexual assault of a child."
1. The offender lives at Route 3.
2. The offender lives outside the city limits of Hereford.
3. The offender's zip code is 79045.
4. The offender is a 20-year-old male.
5. The offender's offense is "sexual assault of a child."

Thursday, February 27, 1997
5:15 pm to 8:30 pm
REGISTER TO WIN \$100
DOOR PRIZE!



SILENT AUCTION

(Must be 18 years of age or older to register.)

1 Western Auto 1-Floor Mat Value \$9.95 Fits nearly all domestic & foreign cars (Windsor)	2 Western Auto 1-Set Seat Covers Value \$29.95 Fits 1986 Ford Cougar	3 Western Auto 1-Set Seat Covers Value \$29.95 Fits 1980 Buick Skylark	4 Scotts Seed Co. 5-Bags Red Top Cane Value \$100.00	5 Sonic Drive-In 5-\$5.00 Gift Certificates To be picked up	6 Gaston's 1-Very Beautiful Sweater Value \$65.00 - Size large.	7 Hereford Janitor Supply \$30.00 Gift Certificate	8 Hereford Janitor Supply \$30.00 Gift Certificate	9 McLain Garden Center \$20.00 Gift Certificate	10 Buy Wise Beauty Supply \$20.00 Gift Certificate
11 Kids Alley \$25.00 Gift Certificate	12 W.H.T.V. Appliance Collectors Basketball Value \$30.00	13 W.H.T.V. Appliance 5-Blank Video Tapes Value \$20.00	14 Radio Shack 3-coloring books with cassette Value \$12.00	15 Kids Alley \$25.00 Gift Certificate	16 State Farm Insurance 20" Bear Value ???	17 State Farm Insurance 20" Bear Value ???	18 Bear's Seed \$25.00 Gift Certificate	19 Bear's Seed \$25.00 Gift Certificate	20 Pickup Corner \$25.00 Gift Certificate
21 First Printing & Supply Goose Neck Clip Lite Value \$34.95	22 Granado Electric Bankers Desk Lamp Value \$39.00	23 McCaslin Lumber Co. Tool Box (red) Value \$12.95	24 McCaslin Lumber Co. Organizer (for nuts, bolts, & screws) Value \$15.95	25 Pickup Corner 1-Tailgate Protector for pickup Value \$16.95	26 Merrick Pet Food, Inc. 3-50# bags Beef 'N' More dog food Value \$42.00	27 LaPlata Beauty School 1-Permanent Wave Value \$20.00	28 Texas Bearing Case of RTV Silicone Sealant Value \$36.00	29 Plains Ford New Holland Toy New Holland Round Baler Value \$22.00	30 Plains Ford New Holland New Holland Cap Value \$8.00
31 Pants Cage Ladies Brighton Beaded Belt (size 30) Value \$39.00	32 Merrick Pet Food, Inc. 2-50# bags Beef 'N' More dog food Value \$28.00	33 Cowman Jewelers Wooden Sailed Bowl & Tongs Value \$28.45	34 Consumer's Fuel Co-op 1-Pair Goat Skin Driving Gloves (size 11) Value \$15.00	35 Consumer's Fuel Co-op 1-Pair Goat Skin Driving Gloves (size 11) Value \$15.00	36 Billie's Beauty Salon 1-Shampoo & Set & 1-Manicure Value \$20.00	37 McCracken Loaders 1-truck load of manure Delivered within 5 miles Value \$50.00	38 Lucero Electric Ceiling Fan Value \$45.00	39 Francisco's Salon DeStyle 1-Hair Cut (men or women) Value \$12.00 (Stylist - David)	40 Francisco's Salon DeStyle 1-Woman & Boy's hair cut Value \$18.00 (Stylist - Louis Limas)
41 Francisco's Salon DeStyle 1-415.00 Hair Cut for women or \$12.00 for men (Stylist - Francisco)	42 Francisco's Salon DeStyle 1-415.00 Hair Cut for women or \$12.00 for men (Stylist - Francisco)	43 Wall & Sons Drilling 1-Pulling Pump Value \$400.00	44 Nutrition Service Associates \$25.00 Beef Gift Certificate	45 Nutrition Service Associates \$25.00 Beef Gift Certificate	46 Hereford State Bank 1996 American Eagle Silver Dollar Value \$21.50	47 Mike's Auto Repair 1-filter & transmission oil change Value \$40.00	48 Colville & Wilson Potato Shed 4-Smoke Alarms Value \$45.00	49 Kentucky Fried Chicken (2)-3 pc. meals Value \$9.94	50 Foster's Electronics 2-T-Shirts Value \$20.00
51 Gebo's \$20.00 Gift Certificate	52 Maxor Pharmacy \$25.00 Gift Certificate	53 Sirloin Stockade 2-Gift Certificates (Dinner for one ea.) Value \$12.00 ea.	54 Sirloin Stockade 2-Gift Certificates (Dinner for one ea.) Value \$12.00	55 Troy's Sweet Shop 5-Certificates for 1 dozen doughnuts ea. Value \$20.00	56 NAPA Auto Parts Roadside Service Kit Value \$15.99	57 G & G Tractor 2-Tractor Oil Changes (5 qt. max) Value \$25.00 ea.	58 Hereford Muffler 1-Muffler installed for light duty truck or car Value \$45.00	59 A to Z Tire 1-4 the rotation & balance for car or light truck Value \$28.00	60 Hair Gallery 1-Permanent Value \$35.00 (Stylist - Gloria Rodriguez)
61 Agri Pro Seeds, Inc. 2-bags of soybean seed Value \$80.00	62 FirstBank Southwest Money Jar 77 Quasi Jar 77	63 Scott Oil Change 1-Car Wash Value \$25.00	64 K-Bob's Steak House \$20.00 Gift Certificate	65 Hereford Meat Market 2-Boxes Hamburger Patties Value \$11.50 ea.	66 West Park Drug Farm's Girl Cookies Jar Value \$30.00	67 Terry's Floral & Design Ceramic Umbrella Stand Value \$75.00	68 Stagner-Carr Motor Co. FREE oil & filter for gas engines only & FREE car wash Value \$40.00	69 GoodIn Fuel Case of 24 qt. Mobil Super 10-30 Oil Value \$25.00	70 Park Avenue Barber Shop 3-Hair Cuts Value \$24.00
71 Baldo's Restaurant 2-Dinner from menu Value \$18.00	72 Lions Member Donation pickup seat cover Value \$28.00	73 Suits Auto Supply 1-Wix Toy Pickup Truck Value \$28.95	74 Suits Auto Supply 1-Wix Toy Pickup Truck Value \$24.95	75 Beavers Motor Co. 8 Piece Screwdriver Set Value \$13.95	76 Beavers Motor Co. 1/2" Drive Impact Wrench Value \$75.00	77 The Hereford Brand The Roads of Texas Atlas Value \$14.95	78 Garrison & Townsend 4-sacks of corn seed Value \$160.00 (Gift Certificate)	79 Garrison & Townsend 4-sacks of milt seed Value \$200.00 (Gift Certificate)	80 Thriftyway 2# can of coffee Value \$8.00
81 Thriftyway 2# can of coffee Value \$8.00	82 Texas Gallery \$25.00 Gift Certificate	83 Farr Better Feeds 2-bags home feed-mess mix Value \$13.46 (Gift Certificate)	84 BJM 12" Poly Feed Bank Value \$125.00 (Gift Certificate)	85 Crofford Auto 1-oil filter, lube & car wash Value \$37.88	86 Hereford Texas Federal Credit Union Subway Party Platter Value \$20.00	87 Silver Screen Video Hackers & Independence Day Value \$18.00	88 Silver Screen Video Mafidi & Mission: Impossible Value \$18.00	89 Hi-Tech Video 3 Ninjas Value \$15.00	90 Charlie's Tire Balance 2 tires for car or 1/2-ton pickup Value \$14.00
91 Long John Silvers 5-(2) 9 pc. chicken dinners 1 small drink Value \$21.00	92 Wilbur Ellis 50# bag fertilizer 16-8-8 Value \$10.00	93 Wilbur Ellis 50# bag fertilizer 16-8-8 Value \$10.00	94 Wilbur Ellis 2-50# bags 12-4-8 + Iron Value \$20.00	95 Wilbur Ellis 3-50# bags 12-4-8 + Iron Value \$30.00	96 Stevens Chevrolet 1-quick lube on a GM vehicle Value \$19.95	97 Higginbotham Bartlett Lumber Co. Carlin's Hand Yaw Value \$19.95	98 Boots & Saddle Western Wear Western Coat Value \$179.95	99 West Texas Rural Telephone Desk Telephone Value \$41.00	Proceeds To Benefit Local Projects.