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## Devastated

Hereford fireman, Paul Hamilton, uses his perch atop a ladder to survey the pending onslaught of a fire in the 1000 block of East 13th, which was reported shortly after noon on Tuesday. The fire had completely engulfed the structure as crews arrived at the scene, and at 2:55 p.m. and their units were instructed to go "defensive" -- meaning any hope of saving the structure was gone, contain the fire and protect surrounding properties.

## New round of freezing rain ices North Texas highways

DALLAS (AP) - A new round of freezing drizzle that iced North Texas highways led to about 200 vehicle accidents in Dallas between midnight and 8 this morning.

Most of the wrecks were minor and there were no fatalities. "We're going to attribute quite a few of these to inclement weather," police spokesman Chris Gilliam said.

Fort Worth police reported 143 accidents, the majority with no

injuries. Most of the ice had melted by 9 a.m.

Weather has been a continuing headache across Texas this week. In Houston on Tuesday, huge chunks of ice were falling hundreds of feet from the tops and sides of skyscrapers as the weather loosened its grip on South Texas.

"Heads up!" yelled security guard Claude Moore, standing on a street

corner warning workers en route to lunch.

They looked up and scooted out of the way as hail-like pieces plunged from the roof and sides of 36-floor Pennzoil Place.

"I haven't seen anyone seriously hurt," Moore said, "but a large sheet of ice did fall earlier and shattered a street light on a corner pole."

Wooden barricades, yellow "caution" tape and orange plastic cones were set up to warn pedestrians entering buildings downtown, in the Galleria area and other parts of Houston.

Weather cut off power to nearly 300,000 customers on Monday and 80,000 Tuesday in Houston, its suburbs and the Beaumont-Port Arthur area.

By 6 a.m. today, Houston Lighting & Power had restored power to all but 100 of its 1.5 million customers.

"When you compare that to a typical day at HL&P, we typically have 100 customers out because of transformers or other service-related problems," said Leticia Lowe, a spokeswoman for the utility.

But the worst is still on the way and customers should be prepared for future outages this weekend. "It's not the cold, it's the ice and the breakages of tree limbs onto power lines," Ms. Lowe said. "We can't control the ice buildup on tree limbs."

Roxanne Becker, a Chambers County sheriff's employee in the Winnie-Stowell area, said she has been without power since Sunday morning.

"The motels around here are full and have waiting lists," she said. "Luckily, I could go to my parents' home. They have a small gas heater, and we all huddle around it."

The National Weather Service said (See WEATHER, Page 2)

percent, but San Antonio was up by 2.7 percent.

Reports of payments to cities and counties nearby include (1997 total listed first):

--Dimmitt/Castro County: net payment this period is \$31,367.26, comparable payment to the prior year is \$37,198.91 with a decrease of 15.67 percent.

1997 payments are \$31,367.26 compared to \$37,198.91 in 1996 payments to date.

--Tulia/Swisher County: net payment this period is \$17,105.44, compared to the prior 1996 year of \$21,262.75 with a decrease of 19.55 percent.

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--Frona (No Parmer County Tax): net payment this period is \$16,522.19 compared to the prior 1996 payments of \$20,322.61 with a decrease of 18.70 percent.

(See SALES TAX, Page 2)

## Pantex plant picked as top plutonium facility

By MARK BABINECK  
Associated Press Writer  
LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) - The Pantex plant near Amarillo is closer to becoming a plutonium processing facility after Energy Secretary Hazel O'Leary finalized plans to move much of the nation's nuclear stockpile there.

O'Leary finalized a \$2.3 billion strategy Tuesday to concentrate plutonium stores at Pantex and two other sites, a plan her department revealed last month.

She also confirmed that the United States will dispose of the radioactive metal in two ways: immobilization in glass or ceramic and burning it as a mixed oxide fuel.

"The Clinton administration believes that the dual-track approach for eliminating excess U.S. weapons plutonium stockpiles best serves our arms reduction and nonproliferation goals," O'Leary said.

"Maintaining both the reactor and immobilization options will provide important insurance against possible difficulties with the implementation of either one and help ensure an early start to this important task."

The consolidation of the nation's weapons-grade plutonium will require upgrades and expansion of the facilities at the Pantex Plant, near Amarillo in the Texas Panhandle, and the Savannah River Site in South Carolina.

Highly enriched uranium will continue to be stored at the government's Y-12 Plant in Tennessee, also up for expansion.

"It's still really vague," said Beverly Gaddis of Serious Texans Against Nuclear Dumping, a group opposed to expanded operations at Pantex. "Pantex is still on same list of sites that might receive certain things. STAND still has a lot of concerns about whether they want to turn it into plutonium processing site."

The DOE revealed Tuesday that at least eight metric tons of plutonium are destined for immobilization, but the fate of the estimated 30 metric tons in surplus is still in limbo.

"The full extent to which either or both options are implemented will be determined by the results of technology demonstrations, additional environmental reviews and detailed cost proposals," a DOE statement said.

The timing and extent to which each technology is deployed also depends on the results of nonproliferation negotiations with Russia and other countries.

Immobilization is the preferred disposal method among nuclear watchdogs, who don't like the MOX fuel alternative because of fears of increased nuclear waste.

MOX fuel is derived from

plutonium for use in existing reactors. The technology currently is in place in Europe but never has been tried here.

Pantex always has dealt with plutonium in its finished product for installation and recovery from nuclear weapons, and the plant's pollution problems haven't been as acute as those at other nuclear facilities.

Gaddis and other opponents of Pantex expansion fear that the plant, one of four installations under consideration for a \$1 billion MOX fabrication facility, will become a far worse environmental hazard.

"It's just beginning to unfold kind of the way we thought it would," Ms. Gaddis said. "We're going to follow

down that road that we've managed to avoid and now do the kind of work that really causes us problems. It seems a real shame to walk into it right now."

Plutonium from the Rocky Flats Environmental Technology Site in Colorado would be moved to Pantex and Savannah River under the plan as early as this year.

Meanwhile, the surplus at the Hanford Site in Washington, the Idaho National Engineering Laboratory and the Los Alamos National Laboratory in New Mexico will stay in place awaiting disposition later.

## Humorist to speak at sugar beet event

BY SPEEDY NIEMAN  
Editor-Publisher

The annual business meeting of the Texas-New Mexico Sugar Beet Growers Association will be held Friday at Hereford Community Center with Roger Hill, president of Holly Sugar Corporation as guest speaker.

The business session starts at 9:30 a.m. Friday and will include various speakers, door prizes and a barbecue lunch.

The association's annual banquet will follow Saturday night at the Bull Barn with humorist Lewis Baumgartner, "World's Worst Farmer," as guest speaker.

Growers who produced 10,000 pounds of refined sugar per acre will be recognized at the banquet. The "Ag Man of the Year" award will also be presented by The Hereford Brand.

Hill is expected to discuss Holly's plans for 1997 and report on the status of the nation's sweetener industry at the business meeting.

Also appearing at the business meeting will be George Grant, a beet producer in Burley, Idaho. He will discuss the Snake River Sugar Co., a farmer-owned cooperative formed in the Idaho region after growers purchased Amalgamated Sugar.

Kenneth Frye, association president, said the business session will include a review of various beet research projects conducted by individual growers, Holly personnel, and soil scientists for the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station (TAES) in Bushland.

Colby Gilbreath, Dimmitt, and Stan McCabe, Holly agriculturalist, will head an irrigation discussion. Hereford grower Charles Schlabs will review an ongoing on-farm research into various beet cultural practices.

Research reports from TAES should help growers maintain better disease, weed and insect control.

A report on chemicals available for beets will be given by Dave Dahlsad, Holly, and Jack Lyons, Dow Chemical representative. Holly's Alan Telck, Colorado Springs, will discuss seed varieties available to growers this year.

Election of two directors is also set for the business session. The terms of Frye, for the Easter area, and Randy Wieck, for the Dawn area, expire this year.

Dennis Printz, Holly ag manager, will recognize the region's leading growers for 1996.

Door prizes for the meeting will be provided by regional agribusiness firms, some of which will have booths and displays at the meeting.



LEWIS BAUMGARTNER

## Bipartisanship appears to be word in '97 Legislature

AUSTIN (AP) - The Texas Legislature's 1997 session opened with an outbreak of bipartisan goodwill.

Republicans and Democrats said the GOP's historic control of the Senate should make little difference in how laws are made.

"Frankly, some of my best friends are Republicans," said Sen. Judith Zaffirini, D-Laredo, who was elected Senate president pro-tem on a unanimous vote of both Democratic and Republican senators.

When the gavel fell at noon Tuesday, Republicans held 16 of the Senate's 31 seats. It's the first time the GOP has controlled a Texas legislative chamber in 125 years. Democrats still hold a majority in the 150-member House.

Lawmakers and state leaders insisted that little has changed.

Gov. George W. Bush, a Republican, called Democratic Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock "a great Texan" and "a great friend."

House Speaker Pete Laney, D-Hale Center, was re-elected without opposition from any of the chamber's 68 Republicans. "We have proven we can have legitimate

differences without becoming gridlocked," Laney said.

Senators voted 30-0 for new rules - none of which stripped Bullock of his powers to make committee appointments and control the flow of legislation.

Bullock, who has presided over the Senate since 1991, said he expected the bipartisanship to continue.

"These senators will rise above it. There's only a small group of people, party activists of both parties, that in my opinion would like to see confrontation," he said. "I do not believe Texans give a darn whether a person's a Democrat or a Republican or an independent. They want to see something done."

Elsewhere:  
NEW DAY, NEW RULES

The Senate adopted new rules, which lawmakers said should keep the House and Senate bill-passing calendars in synch to avoid the end-of-session crush when dozens of bills pass in hours. The changes are "designed to give the members of the Senate more access to the bill, earlier access, so that the product that comes out of the Senate will be a better

product," said Sen. J.E. "Buster" Brown, R-Lake Jackson.

TAX TALK

Gov. George W. Bush says he will spell out a property tax relief plan soon, possibly around the time of his State of the State address in about two weeks. "I think there is enough money in the budget to have a tax cut. I think (it) ought to be a substantive and real, something that stays low once property tax rates are rolled back," he said.

COWBOYS CASE

Sen. Royce West, D-Dallas, also is the lawyer for Dallas Cowboys star Michael Irvin. He's suggested a change in state law - to give men accused but not charged with rape as much protection from public identification as their accusers. West says he hasn't decided whether to sponsor such legislation.

AND...

Sen. Judith Zaffirini, D-Laredo, who was elected Senate president pro-tem, is the only senator with a 100 percent career voting record. She cast 14,828 consecutive votes during five regular and 12 special legislative sessions.

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# Lifestyles



## Terrific Tuesday time

Local school children in first through third grade are invited to participate in Terrific Tuesday at the Deaf Smith County Library. From 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. every Tuesday, a different program is offered for the children. Library employee Sue Cherry is showing these youngsters how to transfer a picture which they will paint with water colors. Receiving instructions are, from left, Kevin San Miguel, Oletta Jackson, Amanda Riley, Katherine Hendershot and Twyla Jackson.

## Ann Landers

**Dear Ann Landers:** Recently, I did something very stupid. I switched a couple of price tags in a shop and got caught. I was given a ticket for "misdemeanor theft by deception." I went to court, paid the ticket and wrote a letter of apology to the store. It was my first offense, and I assure you, it will be my last.

Yesterday, I received a call from the store manager telling me he had received my letter, and while he is sorry I suffer from depression, I am forbidden to enter the store again -- for life.

Ann, what can I do to convince the store people that I am ashamed of myself and will never do that again? The manager's final comment was "If you do the crime, you have to do the time." Well, I am doing the time -- a thousand years of hell, which is the sentence handed down by my own conscience.

That man made me feel degraded and worthless. My therapist and my priest said I did all the right things to clear my name. Don't you think the phrase "for life" is pretty extreme?

I don't want to be a whiner, but I feel that the store manager is being

very hard on me considering this was my first offense. I am eager to hear your opinion. -- Sorry and Ashamed

**Dear Sorry and Ashamed:** Almost all stores have a standard policy regarding shoplifters and price-tag switchers. No second chances. Once you are apprehended, you are permanently barred from the store.

I believe you are totally sincere, and if it were up to me, I would trust you. Maybe when the store manager sees this in the paper, he will give you a break. I hope so. Let me know.

**Dear Ann Landers:** I am surprised and disappointed that you didn't pick up on the comment from the Carlsbad woman about "superior genes." The woman was upset because her son and his wife said they didn't want to have children. The mother felt her son had an obligation to contribute to the "family gene pool" because the family had produced several doctors and lawyers, architects and professors.

Adolf Hitler had an interesting theory about "superior genes," too. That theory has been the motive for numerous "ethnic cleansing" efforts,

including the recent mess in Bosnia.

That snobbish, self-righteous woman wants to control her son's life. She is free to spout drivel about her family's genes because the First Amendment guarantees free speech. I do hope, however, that you will print my letter and set her straight. -- J.T., Westlake Village, Calif.

**Dear J.T.:** I'm pleased to report that several readers picked up on the "superior genes" reference, and like you, they didn't care for it. Happily, Americans are less impressed with genes. They are much more interested in achievement. May it be ever thus.

**Dear Ann Landers:** You've printed many stories about seat mates who met and married. Here's one with a slight variation, and I hope you print it.

Driving in slow-moving urban traffic, I was distracted by the sight of a very attractive girl on the sidewalk. While gawking, my car banged into the car in front of me.

Unfortunately, it happened to be a police car. Fortunately, the driver was a very understanding policewoman. I married her. -- Quebec

**Dear Quebec:** How sweet. I don't want to detract from your romantic story, but some smart-aleck reader is sure to write and say, "You'd have been better off getting a ticket."

Is life passing you by? Want to improve your social skills? Write for Ann Landers' new booklet, "How to Make Friends and Stop Being Lonely." Send a self-addressed, long, business-size envelope and a check or money order for \$4.25 (this includes postage and handling) to: Friends, c/o Ann Landers, P.O. Box 11562, Chicago, Ill. 60611-0562. (In Canada, send \$5.15.) ANN LANDERS (R) COPYRIGHT 1997 CREATORS SYNDICATE, INC.

## Senior Citizens

### MENUS

**THURSDAY**-Smothered chicken, scalloped potatoes, buttered broccoli, garden salad, French bread, peach crisp; or stuffed cabbage, peaches.

**FRIDAY**-Catfish fillet, lemon wedge, rice pilaf, Italian green beans, tossed green salad, cornbread, lemon pudding; or roast pork with gravy, seasoned zucchini, pears.

**MONDAY**-Beef stew with potatoes, carrots, onions, celery and tomatoes, cheese sticks, coleslaw, cornbread, angel food cake with topping; or chicken stew, Texas toast.

**TUESDAY**-Chicken fried steak, gravy, mashed potatoes, corn O'Brian, carrot raisin salad, rolls, applesauce cake; or baked chicken breast, yellow/green squash, applesauce.

**WEDNESDAY**-Mexican stack, Spanish rice, pinto beans, salad fixing, tostados, vanilla pudding; or chicken stack, D'zerta pudding.

### ACTIVITIES

**THURSDAY**-Pool classes, exercise class 10-10:45 a.m., oil painting 9-11 a.m., choir practice 1-2 p.m., Thrift Store open.

**FRIDAY**-Pool classes, line dance 10-11 a.m., Thrift Store open.

**SATURDAY**-Games 12 noon-4 p.m.

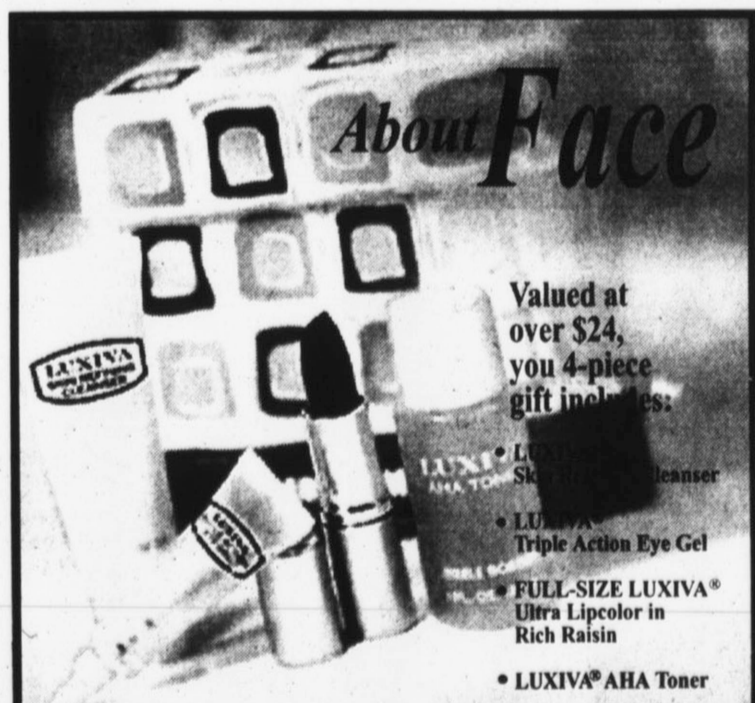
**LOS ANGELES (AP)** - Debbie Reynolds is a star again, and Hollywood gave her another one to prove it.

Thirty-seven years after she got a Hollywood Walk of Fame star for films, the actress was enshrined in the famous sidewalk for such stage credits as "Irene" (1973) and "Woman of the Year" (1983).

More than 300 fans, including daughter Carrie Fisher and "Mother" co-star Albert Brooks, watched Monday's unveiling of the walk's 2,081st star outside the Hollywood Entertainment Museum.

"I want to thank Albert Brooks for being courageous enough to put me in a film after 27 years," said the 64-year-old Reynolds, who is nominated for a Golden Globe for her role as the mother of Brooks' character in the film.

**MONDAY**-Pool classes, line dance 10-11 a.m., doll class 1-4 p.m.  
**TUESDAY**-Pool classes, exercise class 10-10:45 a.m., doll class 6-9 p.m., Miracle Ear 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Diabetic Support Group 1 p.m.  
**WEDNESDAY**-Pool classes, exercise class, ceramics 1-3 p.m., birthday social 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.



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## Los Ciboleros Chapter elects officers during regular meeting

Los Ciboleros Chapter of NSDAR elected officers during the regular meeting Jan. 9 in the home of Margaret Bell. Co-hostesses were Pat Pugliese and Argen Draper.

The slate of officers elected were Ruth Newsom, regent; Patricia Robinson, vice regent; Ruth Knox, chaplain; Jean Beene, recording secretary; Donna Smith, corresponding secretary; Margaret Bell, treasurer; Charlotte Clark, registrar; Mar Williamson, historian; Nell Norvell, librarian and Lois Gilliland, curator.

Juanita Brown presided over the meeting and led the Opening Ritual assisted by Bell as chaplain pro tem. Robinson, Williamson, Norvell and Helen Rose led the group in other opening exercises.

Newsom gave a Constitution

## Shackelford addresses garden club

President Marguerite Cole opened the regular meeting of Garden Beautiful Club with a poem when it met recently in the home of Doris Bryant.

Gardening tips were given by members and discussed as the top applied to individual members. One tip was to use a solution of dish soap, mouth wash and ammonia to spray on shrubs and trees before and after leafing out.

Louise Axe introduced the guest speaker, Jo Beth Shackelford, a member of the board at Hereford Regional Medical Center. She spoke about health care at the hospital and of the changes that pertain to Medicare which have been incorporated at the hospital.

Co-hostesses Helen Spinks and Louise Streun served brunch to Leona Andrews, Audine Dettman, Jean Dowell, Bessie Story, Jerry Wheeler, Axe, Bryant, Cole, Spinks, Shackelford and Streun.

The next meeting will be held in the home of Marguerite Cole.

## Hospital Notes

Report from Hereford Regional Medical Center on Jan. 15:  
 Admissions: Beatrice Reed, Manuela Berumen, Manuel Medeles.  
 Discharges: None.

minute on Benjamin Franklin, 81-year-old patriot who signed the Constitution.

Clark reviewed an article by Elizabeth Oglesby Haugh titled "January 20, 1997 - Inauguration Day."

Kathryn Ruga reported that the American history essays collected in December have been read with winners to be publicly announced in February during the celebration of American History Month. The four top placing essays have been

submitted for judging in the state contest.

Delegates elected to state conference to be held March 13-15 in San Antonio were Brown and Beene with Smith and Clark chosen as alternates. These same members were elected as delegates to the Continental Congress which will be held in April in Washington, D.C.

Present for the meeting were Bell, Beene, Brown, Clark, Newsom, Norvell, Robinson, Rose, Ruga and Williamson.

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## HEREFORD AQUATIC CENTER

### LESSON SCHEDULE

Open Registration for Session I will start on January 6th during regular Pool hours at the Aquatic Center and will continue until lessons fill. If you have any questions about lessons please call the Pool at 363 - 7144.

### Monday & Thursday

### January 20th - February 20th

5:00 pm - 5:30 pm Beg. I 3 - 6 yrs. Beg. II 3 - 6 yrs.	5:30 pm - 6:00 pm Beg. I 3 - 6 yrs. Beg. I 7 & up	6:00 pm - 6:30 pm Beg. II 3 - 6 yrs. Beg. II 7 & up
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6:30 pm - 7:00 pm  
 Adv. Beg.  
 Intermediate / Swimmer

Cost for session I is \$32.00 for 10/30 minute lessons for 2nd sibling \$22.00 & 3rd sibling \$12.00

### Upcoming Evening Session

Session 2 Feb. 24th - March 20th  
 Session 3 March 31st - May 1st

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# Rebellious Nevada county enters new era of cooperation with feds

By MICHELLE DeARMOND  
Associated Press Writer

CARVERS, Nev. (AP) - Snaking through a canyon in the rugged mountains of this remote region of central Nevada is a narrow dirt road watched closely from the nation's capital.

It was on this road in 1994 that rancher and county commissioner Dick Carver drove an old bulldozer through the canyon, defying a federal agent's orders to leave the road closed.

Carver, with a copy of the U.S. constitution in his pocket, was on the offensive in what came to be called the Sagebrush Rebellion II, a feud between Nye County and the U.S. government, the people who rely on this land for survival and the agencies that manage it.

Standing in his yard one recent evening, Carver talked of the controversy that landed the rural county in court and put him on the cover of Time magazine.

The road, he says proudly, "is still open."

A federal judge months ago ruled that local government officials don't have any authority over the public lands that make up 93 percent of Nye County, dealing what many saw as a major blow to Carver's movement.

But the controversial Carver says he couldn't be happier. He says federal agents and local residents now work side by side, and a formal agreement between Nye County and the Justice Department solidifying that new relationship is being worked out in U.S. District Court in Las Vegas.

"I never thought that it would ever be like it is today," Carver says. "We can't complain now with federal agencies working with us. Five years ago the feds wouldn't even talk to us."

Carver, sipping iced tea and watching his young grandchildren romp on his plush lawn, speaks of hopes for the future and of a nearby road that epitomizes this new age of cooperation.

He points north to a poorly maintained federal road where the Forest Service and Nye County workers have joined forces to ensure safe access for a mining company with rights to the canyon.

"The county and the Forest Service and the mining company have all been working together," says Monica Schwalbach, assistant forest supervisor for central Nevada. "The county road department and the engineer were working side by side in discussing what needed to happen at various places, particularly stream crossings."

Carver is proud of the cooperation between the two sides and says the entire community will benefit. Carver, too, has benefitted. The mining company has hired him to do the road repairs.

Now in his eighth year as county commissioner, Carver firmly believes he did the right thing on July 4, 1994, when he drove through Jefferson Canyon to the cheers of local residents.

"Something had to be done to bring this to a head," he says. "We've not violated a law. We got everybody's attention."

Carver seemed to revel in the attention as he became an icon of growing public outrage against government control. He has traveled throughout the West giving speeches, met with government officials in Washington, D.C., and talked to journalists from around the world.

Other elements of his public prominence left him feeling maligned

and misunderstood. The Sagebrush Rebels were accused of having ties to militia groups, and even were suspected in two unsolved bombings against the Forest Service in Carson City.

Carver insists he never advocated violence and even worried about the safety of federal agents in Nye County, most of whom has known for years.

It's hard to envision the rosy-cheeked rancher as a wild-eyed rabble-rouser. He looks more like Santa Claus in a grease-stained T-shirt and jeans.

Carver is getting tired of the limelight, saying he wants to spend less time traveling and more time with his family. He's even thinking about leaving the county commission.

But he's torn because he considers his work unfinished.

Carver still believes the federal government has no right to most of the public lands in the West. He is convinced a judge will one day rule the state owns the land and counties have the right to manage it as an agent of the state.

He knows he won't get any support from Nevada Attorney General Frankie Sue Del Papa, who sided with the Justice Department in court. The attorney general even described 1979 Nevada statutes claiming ownership of federal lands as invalid and unenforceable.

With the help of a sympathetic attorney general, Carver hopes someday he will be able to get this issue taken to the U.S. Supreme Court.

"I don't think the Supreme Court would rule against us," he says, gazing off at the road he so brazenly opened. Since Carver's 'dozer ride, bureaucratic delays, long a complaint of frustrated county officials, have been reduced. Ron Huntsinger, the Tonopah field station manager for the federal Bureau of Land Management, says Washington has mandated a new service-oriented approach.

"The controversy has forced a realization that we needed to dedicate more efforts to dealing with the local public," says Huntsinger, who took office in March 1996.

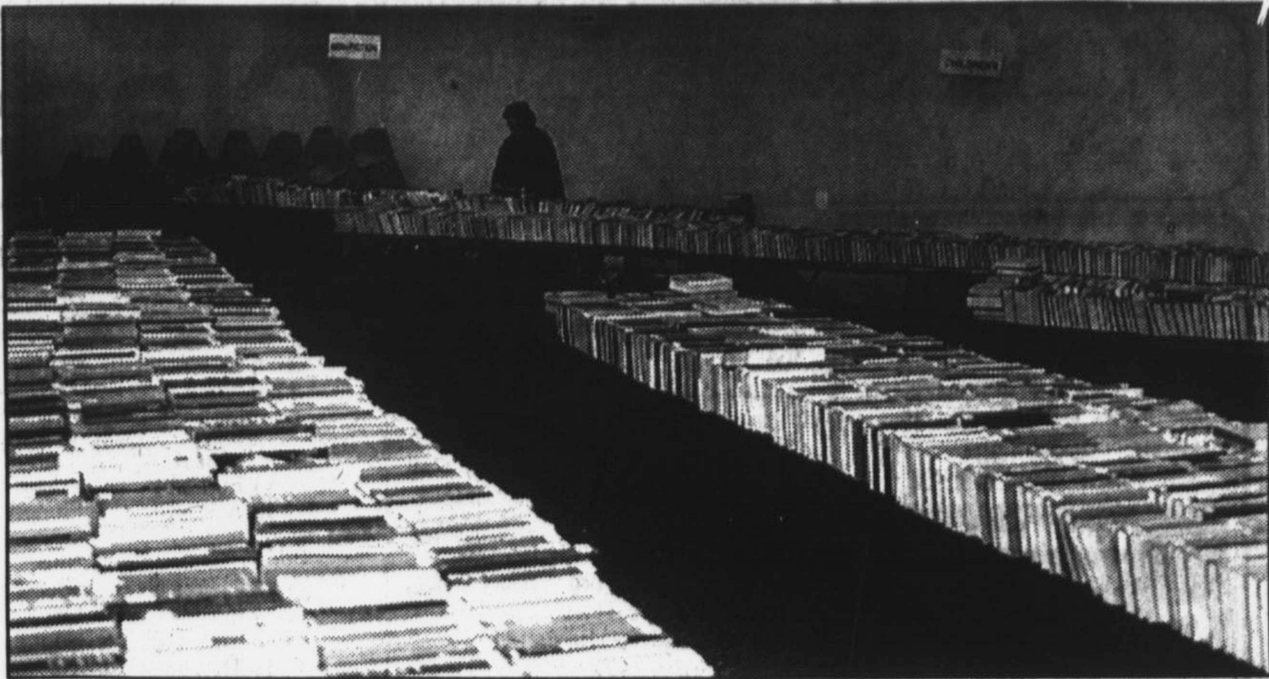
Regional BLM and Forest Service offices have been reorganized for efficiency, and Huntsinger's staff has been soliciting input from Nye County residents about how to use the public lands here during the next 10 to 20 years.

Schwalbach says forest service employees are encouraged to be personable and accessible and handle problems on a local level. In addition, the Forest Service, the BLM and Nye County are developing a "tri-party framework for interaction" to enable conflict resolution.

Meanwhile, attorneys for Nye County and the Justice Department are writing an outline of how to get along and address concerns about issues such as road maintenance, water rights and rangeland fires. That settlement agreement is being created in federal court in Las Vegas.

"It's kind of an insurance card for us," Carver says, explaining that now there won't be any question about the proper procedures for getting local residents' concerns addressed. That, he says, didn't happen in the past.

"There's a turnaround coming now," Carver says. "Nobody is claiming to be in charge. This should have been going on for years."



## Volumes to choose from

Amy Gililand has table after table of books to pick from as she browses through the volumes offered for sale during the Friends of the Library Book Sale. The sale, which began last weekend, continues in the Heritage Room downstairs at the library. Numerous books which had not been checked out for 10 years were pulled from the library shelves and are being offered for 25 cents for hardbacks and 10 cents for paperbacks.

## Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Jan. 15, the 15th day of 1997. There are 350 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Jan. 15, 1929, civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. was born in Atlanta.

On this date: In 1844, the University of Notre Dame received its charter from the state of Indiana.

In 1870, the Democratic party was represented as a donkey for the first time in a cartoon by Thomas Nast in Harper's Weekly.

In 1919, pianist and statesman Ignace Jan Paderewski became the first premier of the newly created republic of Poland.

In 1943, work was completed on the Pentagon, headquarters of the U.S. Department of Defense.

In 1947, 50 years ago, the grisly, still-unsolved "Black Dahlia" murder case came to light in Los Angeles as the mutilated remains of 22-year-old aspiring actress Elizabeth Short were found dumped in a vacant lot.

In 1967, the first Super Bowl was played as the Green Bay Packers of the National Football League defeated the Kansas City Chiefs of the American Football League, 35-10.

In 1973, President Nixon announced the suspension of all U.S. offensive action in North Vietnam, citing progress in peace negotiations.

In 1976, Sara Jane Moore was sentenced to life in prison for her attempt on the life of President Ford in San Francisco.

Ten years ago: Entertainer Ray Bolger, perhaps best-known for playing the Scarecrow in the 1939 musical "The Wizard of Oz," died in Los Angeles at age 83.

Five years ago: The Yugoslav

federation, founded in 1918, effectively collapsed as the European Community recognized the republics of Croatia and Slovenia.

One year ago: Risking the lives of more than 100 hostages in an effort to wipe out their Chechen rebel captors, the Russian military hurled rockets and shells at the tiny village of Pervomayskaya. Ailing Greek Premier Andreas Papandreu resigned.

Today's Birthdays: Nuclear physicist Edward Teller is 89. Actor Lloyd Bridges is 84. The Archbishop of New York, Cardinal John J. O'Connor, is 77. Actress Margaret O'Brien is 60. Singer Don Van Vliet (a.k.a. "Captain Beefheart") is 56. Actress-singer Charo is 46. Rock

singer Martha Davis is 46. Actor-director Mario Van Peebles is 40. Singer Lisa Lisa (Lisa Lisa and Cult Jam) is 30. Actor Chad Lowe ("Life Goes On") is 29.

Thought for Today: "One day we must come to see that peace is not merely a distant goal we seek, but that it is a means by which we arrive at that goal. We must pursue peaceful ends through peaceful means." - Martin Luther King Jr. (1929-1968).

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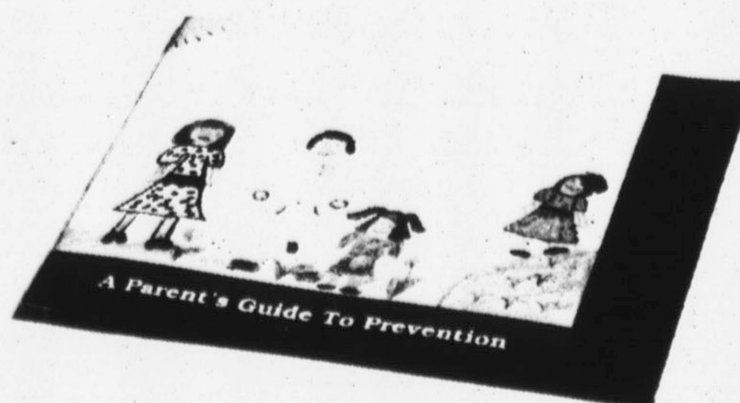
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Dear Heloise: I save small square tissue boxes to use as storage containers for the plastic bags that come home with me from the supermarket. Each box will hold quite a few.

I use a different-color box for different-size bags. One of them stores the smaller plastic sizes from various stores; another, produce bags.

It's a really neat way to have the bags at hand on a cupboard shelf. — Dorothy P. Beeners, Princeton, N.J.

### COLORFUL SERVER

Dear Heloise: At a recent party I went to the hostess made all the dip

holders out of different-colored bell peppers. They were so pretty and colorful and added a nice festive touch. I plan on using her idea at the next get-together I have. — A Reader

Eat dip holders are so easy to make by just scooping out the inside and being sure that the bottom is flat so it doesn't fall over. They really do add an attractive touch. — Heloise

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### AXYDLBAAXR is LONGFELLOW

One letter stands for another. In this sample A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

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**Sleepy West Texas river supplies colored pearls**

By MARK BABINECK  
Associated Press Writer  
SAN ANGELO, Texas (AP) - Spanish explorer Francisco Vasquez de Coronado was convinced that somewhere in the American Southwest the Seven Cities of Gold existed.

Years of searching cost the lives of hundreds of Indian guides and soldiers, who found little gold and lots of hardship along the way.

Fast forward about 430 years to 1969, and you'll find Bart Mann and Jack Morgan slogging through Fisher Lake in West Texas, spending their days prying stunningly-colored pearls from thousands of native shells.

"We didn't know what we had when we found them," Morgan said. "We just kept them up in a bunch of fruit jars."

The lavender and pink pearls were no secret to folks around the Concho River, which runs from the west through San Angelo before flowing into the Colorado. Area ranchers and others had noted the pearls for years, although no one really capitalized on them until Morgan and Mann.

Soon after their find, they began crafting their collection into jewelry, a unique array based on the funny-shaped stones they had stuffed into their jars.

The artistic Mann created the pieces while Morgan handled the business end. The men sold their wares at shows from Seattle to the Bahamas.

Eventually, Morgan said the coast-to-coast jetting became tiresome. "We decided that we'd either quit or open up a store," Morgan said. "I opened the store (Bart Mann Originals), and it was his job to keep making the jewelry."

Their creations quickly developed a national cult following. Before his death in 1974, Mann created a number of designs around the pearls, from bunches of grapes and corn cobs using dozens of the tiniest ones to golden mussel shell earrings.

Unlike traditional pearls, Concho pearls are rarely perfectly round. Their draw is their color. Most are pink, though the hues range into lavenders and deep purples.

"It's the chemical makeup of the creeks and rivers," Morgan said. "There's lots of cateche and mineral content."

The "baroque," randomly shaped pieces that don't begin to resemble traditional pearls, are the most bizarre. The most popular are naturally shaped like wings that become ornaments for hummingbird pendants.

Others are even more distinctive. "There's a pearl here that for all the world looks like a child's top. It absolutely looks like it's been turned on a lathe," said Mark Priest, who joined Morgan in 1976. "That pearl's loose, and it's not for sale. Someone would have to want it really bad."

Priest left Morgan to open rival Legend Jewellers on San Angelo's oldest block in 1994. Recently, the men have reunited at a larger store space on the first floor of Miss Hattie's Bordello Museum, a 100-year old former house of ill repute.

While reports of similar pearls have come from the Pecos River in the west to the Brazos in the east, the lion's share come from the Concho basin and the south fork of the Colorado River.

Three of Texas' 52 freshwater

mussel varieties reside in the region, but only the *Cyrtornaias tampicoensis* yields the treasure, and dedicated hunters can make up to \$20,000 annually by prying forth their precious cargo.

Increased hunting and water pollution, partially from crop pesticides, have caused decreased yields in recent years. Bob Howell of the Texas Parks and Wildlife research center in Kerrville says that all of the state's inland mussel species are threatened.

"A lot of it has had to do with people hunting shells and not knowing what they're looking for," Morgan said.

The state requires a \$35 permit for pearl hunters. Priest said the ones who do it regularly have to be dedicated to the sometimes slimy job.

"They have good days and bad days," Priest said. "In a full day they might find three to four pearls, or sometimes they'll come in with three to four big ones and a half dozen small ones."

"It's not easy to get out there and trudge through 2( miles of sometimes yuck and muck to hunt for pearls."

Despite the experienced hunters who have spent countless hours trudging through rivers and lakes, it

was a 13-year-old girl who found Morgan's ultimate prize: a round pearl measuring 13 millimeters in diameter, a gargantuan treasure considering most pearls are 1/10 that size.

Fortunately, the mussels aren't popular food items, though Indians living here once routinely included them in their diets.

"How they did that, I don't know," Morgan said. "I've tried them, and they're tough as a boot."

Priest estimates about 3,000 pearls are plucked from the water annually. Last year's total was just below that despite the drought conditions, which actually allowed hunters to track down long-unmolested mussels in waters usually too deep to handle.

Coronado himself never made it down this way, though his countrymen discovered the mussels on their sojourns through the valley. Legend has it that pearls from this area adorn Spain's crown jewels.

The irony that the little Concho River yields such beauty from its muddy depths amid the semi-arid landscape of West Texas doesn't escape Priest.

"You've got to admit, this is one of the least likely places to think of having these colorful pink and purple pearls," he said.

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