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## Budget plan may delay middle-class tax relief

WASHINGTON (AP) - Middle-class tax relief, a centerpiece of the Clinton administration's budget plan, could be delayed this year as a momentum builds in Congress to concentrate first on balancing the budget.

House Majority Whip Tom DeLay, R-Texas, the third highest member in the House GOP leadership, is proposing a new strategy to push for a balanced budget first, and after that's achieved, pursue tax cuts that could be even larger than what's currently possible.

"We may find ourselves in a position where we are better served fighting over spending first and then going after tax cuts," DeLay said in an interview Wednesday. "Let's fight the fight over spending."

DeLay's remarks come as leading Democrats on the Ways and Means panel are expressing increasing skepticism about achieving tax cuts this year. An influential group of moderate Democrats, the so-called Blue Dogs, also favor a balanced

budget without tax cuts.

On its face, DeLay's comments appear to be at odds with the GOP's pledge for significant tax relief this year. DeLay emphasized he was not retreating from his commitment to cut taxes, and he would pursue tax cuts this year if the budget blueprint trims spending sufficiently.

But he conceded, "We might have to wait to do it next year."

DeLay claimed his idea is receiving a positive review from the House leadership and others, but House Majority Leader Dick Arney and Ways and Means Chairman Bill Archer were hardly embracing it.

"We will, in this year, have a significant and important component of tax relief for American families in the budget," said Arney, R-Texas. "There will be a balanced budget and a significant tax reduction."

Archer, R-Texas, also supports tax cuts this year. "Because tax cuts are going to get us where we should be at the end of the road, which is an even smaller federal government,"

he said in a brief interview.

House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., is studying various approaches in the quest for a balanced budget.

A senior White House budget adviser reacted positively to DeLay's remarks.

"What's encouraging about the ideas being floated is that we're starting to see more people thinking constructively about how we can really put together a coalition for a bipartisan balanced budget agreement," said Gene Sperling, director of the National Economic Council.

At issue is the controversial tax component of the Clinton budget plan, which calls for \$98 billion in middle-class tax relief over five years coupled with \$76 billion in tax increases for a net tax cut of \$22 billion. Senate Republicans have proposed a tax reduction package that would cost \$193 billion through the year 2002, but haven't rolled out any corresponding tax increases yet.



### Playing in the sand

The playground was the place to be, when the temperatures reached 76 degrees on Wednesday. Here, from left, Dylan Mullins, 5; Marshall Mullins, 8; and Chelsea Mullins, 3; play in the sand at the Hereford Aquatic Center Park.

## House moving toward showdown with Clinton on partial abortions

WASHINGTON (AP) - House Republicans are moving toward another showdown with President Clinton on a bill that would outlaw so-called partial birth abortions.

Republicans lost the fight last year when President Clinton vetoed similar legislation. The House voted to override, but the Senate did not.

On Wednesday, the House Judiciary Committee voted 20-11 to send the bill to the House floor, where it was expected to be taken up next week.

Sponsors think they have the momentum on their side this time because of the recent statement by abortion rights advocate Ron Fitzsimmons that he lied about the timing and reasons why women undergo the procedure.

Fitzsimmons, executive director of the National Coalition of Abortion Providers in Alexandria, Va., has said the procedure - which critics call partial-birth abortion - was more common than he originally stated and not always done to protect a woman's health or save her life.

During the procedure, the fetus is partly delivered feet-first through the

birth canal and killed when its brains are extracted.

"As more and more members of Congress learn the truth about this procedure ... there is growing consensus that we must outlaw this atrocity," said Rep. Charles Canady, R-Fla., sponsor of the bill.

"I don't think anybody should have the choice to kill a defenseless human being," Rep. Henry Hyde, R-Ill., the Judiciary Committee chairman, said Wednesday.

Democrats, who maintain that the bill is unconstitutional, failed at numerous attempts to amend it substantially and accused its proponents of waging a veiled attempt to undercut a woman's right to an abortion.

"The people who want to ban this procedure really want to ban abortions," charged Rep. Jerrold Nadler, D-N.Y.

Critics of the procedure say it is often used unnecessarily, mostly in the fifth and sixth months of pregnancy, and that a ban is needed to protect the healthy fetuses that are subjected to it.

But the bill's opponents say it's

unconstitutional because it would restrict a woman's right to an abortion by targeting a specific procedure and won't permit its use in cases where a woman's health is at risk.

The bill does include an exception to protect a woman's life.

Clinton has said any proposed ban must also include a health provision, while the bill's supporters maintain that one would be "totally meaningless" because courts have defined the term too broadly.

Of the 10 amendments rejected by the committee, three would have added a health exception. Another amendment would have eliminated the threat of imprisonment for doctors who violate the ban.

The bill says doctors would face fines and imprisonment for violating the ban, but the amounts and length of terms are not yet specified.

The panel did approve minor amendments offered by Nadler that would prevent fathers who either abused or abandoned the mothers of their children from suing if the women have abortions later on.

## Clinton doesn't want change in CPI as part of budget plan

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Clinton has decided now is not the time to establish an independent commission that would reduce cost-of-living adjustments for Social Security and other benefit programs as part of the drive for a balanced budget, White House officials say.

A senior administration official familiar with the issue said Clinton had been inclined to embrace the commission idea as espoused by Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott. But the president grew reluctant after senior aides met fierce resistance in meetings with organized labor, the American Association of Retired Persons and conservative Democrats who said making such a concession to Republicans now would weaken Clinton's hand in budget talks.

It also would embolden the GOP to seek larger tax cuts than the administration considers acceptable, said the official, who spoke only on condition of anonymity.

"The president was willing to dip his toe in the water but the water has been decidedly frigid," White House press secretary Mike McCurry said Wednesday night. "It's being put aside for the short term while other budget issues go forward."

Clinton's decision could be another stumbling block to adopting a balanced budget this year. Not only would revising the government's main inflation gauge, the Consumer Price Index, trim benefit programs, it would increase taxes to help balance the budget by the year 2002.

Lott, R-Miss., called for creation

of the panel last month to revise the CPI after the Congressional Budget Office predicted Clinton's budget would continue to show large deficits into the next century.

Another White House official said Wednesday night that Clinton aides had spent the last three weeks measuring sentiment in Congress toward such a commission and found support for it among both Democrats and Republicans lacking.

House Democratic leader Dick Gephardt refused to embrace the idea and labor stood with him, the first official said.

"If there's going to be a CPI fix, it's going to come later in the process, not at the front end," the official said, also speaking on condition of anonymity. "Our goal was to depoliticize this issue and make it about pure technical accuracy. But there was a strong reaction that taking the action could have an opposite effect and poison the well. This was not the right time."

The CPI rose 3.3 percent last year, automatically triggering increases of like amounts this year in monthly Social Security checks and other federal entitlement benefits.

## Federal commission approves SPS merger

DENVER (AP) - A federal commission on Wednesday gave its approval to plans to merge Public Service Co. of Colorado with Southwestern Public Service Co. to create New Century Energies, officials said.

The approval from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission in Washington, D.C., was announced in a joint news release from the two utilities.

"The commissioners were very complimentary of the fact we were able to present to them a settlement agreement with no opposition," said SPS Chairman Bill D. Helton. "We

now have all necessary state and FERC approvals."

He said the plan still needs approval from the Securities and Exchange Commission. "We are eager to move forward and complete the creation of our new, international energy company for this exciting time in our industry," he said.

The proposed new company would serve 2.4 million electric and gas customers in six states.

Wayne Brunetti, the president of Public Service Co. of Colorado, said the goal is to complete the merger by May 1.

"As we complete this process we can relieve the uncertainty that has existed among employees, and our customers can begin realizing the cost savings and other benefits of the merger," he said.

SPCo. is a Denver-based electric and natural-gas utility that serves an area with a population of about three million in Colorado and Wyoming.

Southwestern Public Service Co. provides electric service to a region where about one million people live in New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas. Headquarters are in Amarillo, Texas.

The new company has announced plans to cut as much as 8.5 percent of its combined workforce, up to 600 of 7,000 total positions, through layoffs and attrition.

The merger was announced last Aug. 23, with the promise of trimming electric bills and creating a company better suited for the rapidly changing utility industry.

## School opens District VI race; Carrillo files as city candidate

Hereford Independent School District Wednesday declared that anyone living in the school district can now file for the District VI position. Filing deadline for the local May 3 elections is March 19.

If no candidate in a specified district has filed 10 days before the filing deadline, state law provides that anyone in the school district can seek the seat. The District VI seat was vacated by Roy Dale Messer and has not been filled.

Incumbents Karen Sherrod, District I, and Randy Tooley, District III, have filed for reelection.

Three seats will also come up for election in the city and hospital board elections. A new candidate, Maria Pena Carrillo, 31, filed Monday for the Place 1 seat on the city commission. She is a native of Hereford and has lived in the Place 1 boundaries for 13 years.

Mayor Bob Josserand has filed for reelection in the city election. Two city commission seats will be up for election. Terms expiring are those held by Sylvana Juarez, Place 1, and Scott Hall, Place 3. Tom Coneway has filed for the Place 3 seat.

The three at-large positions for the hospital board up for election are seats held by Mal Manchec,

current board president, and Jo Beth Shackelford and Scott Keeling. Manchec has filed for reelection; Keeling is undecided, and Shackelford announced she

will not seek another term. March 19 is the deadline to file as a candidate in the May 3 elections. Early voting will start April 14.

### Who has filed?

Who has filed in the May 3 city, school and hospital board elections?

#### City:

Mayor--Bob Josserand(I)

Commission--Place 1, Maria Carrillo  
Place 3, Tom Coneway

#### HISD:

District I--Karen Sherrod(I)

District III--Randy Tooley(I)

District VI--None

#### Hospital Board:

At-large(3)--Mal Manchec

None  
None

## Chamber banquet to draw largest attendance in years

Olympian Josh Davis will be guest speaker when Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce holds its annual banquet here tonight in the HISD banquet room.

The event begins at 7 p.m. and will also feature special recognition of Hereford's Steve Purcella, world champion roper, and the traditional presentation of the Citizen of the Year by Hereford Lions Club.

"Working Together for Progress" will be the theme of the event as the chamber introduces new officers and directors. More than 500 tickets have been sold for the banquet, according to Don Cumpston, executive vice president.

Guests will be invited to a reception following the banquet. It will honor the speaker and award winners and will be held in a large area across the hall from the banquet room.

Davis, the guest speaker, won three gold medals in swimming at the 1996 Atlanta games. His wife is Shantel Cornelius Davis, former Hereford resident.

Tommie Weems, past president, will be emcee and make introductions. Wade Easley is the new president. The C of C Women's Division is in charge of decorations, and Nancy Denison will provide dinner music.

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## Local Roundup

### "Meet The Herd" set for Mar. 17

The Whiteface Booster Club will sponsor its "Meet the Herd Night" on Monday in the La Plata Junior High School gymnasium. Hereford athletes participating in the spring sports of track, golf, baseball and tennis will be introduced to the public at the event, which is scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

### Turning a little cooler

Hereford reached a high temperature of 76 degrees and an overnight low of 40 degrees on Wednesday. For Thursday night, look for cloudy skies with a low near 30. The winds will be from the north at 20 to 30 mph and gusty. Friday will be mostly cloudy with a high near 45, with morning flurries possible. The winds will be from the northeast at 15-25 mph and gusty. The five-day forecast calls for mostly clear skies and highs in the upper 50s.

## Emergency Services

Activities reported by law enforcement agencies Thursday:

### POLICE DEPARTMENT

- Criminal trespassing warnings issued to two men in the 600 block of Irving Street.
- Class C assault charges filed against a student for threatening to kill a teacher.
- Four male students taken into custody at Hereford Junior High School for fighting on school grounds.
- Theft of beer reported in 500 block of Avenue H.
- Prowler reported in the 200 block of Harrah Street.
- 12-year-old boy returned to guardian after he attempted to runaway.
- Officers reported a male woke up and found that his girlfriend had

taken his 3-year-old daughter; neither have been located at this time.

- 20-year-old male arrested for criminal trespassing charges.
- 13 citations issued.

### FIRE DEPARTMENT

- Responded to grass fires at airport and Great Plains Cattle Feeders.
- Responded to city dumpster on fire at 308 Avenue B.
- Responded to fire alarm at Hereford Regional Medical Center.

### SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

- 20-year-old male arrested for theft by check.
- 23-year-old female arrested for theft by check.
- 20-year-old male arrested for theft by service.

## Crime Stoppers

Deaf Smith County Crimestoppers will be holding a fundraiser Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon at Stevens Chevrolet. During that time, persons may get an oil change for a minimum donation of \$15 to Crimestoppers. For a donation of \$25 or more, a T-shirt will be given.

Stevens Chevrolet has donated their time and facility, as well as all materials. Call for an appointment or come by. The Crimestopper organization invites your support of this fundraiser.

At a Crimestoppers' meeting this week, the board approved \$300 in rewards to be paid to callers at the Clue Line. Certificates of appreciation were also presented to West Texas Rural Telephone and Heath Urbanczyk for their assistance with the Internet program.

## News Digest

### STATE

WASHINGTON - Escalating the Republican campaign against judicial activism, House Majority Whip Tom DeLay says Congress should use impeachment as a tool to weed out federal judges whose rulings are "particularly egregious."

AUSTIN - Students at low-performing campuses who haven't been able to transfer to another public school could use public money to attend private school under a bill filed by Senate Education Committee Chairman Teel Bivins.

AUSTIN - Eliminating many exemptions to the state sales and business taxes could raise the money needed to pay for school finance but also would hurt the state's economy, according to a Texas A&M economist.

SAN ANTONIO - Tax experts say that the University of Texas Foundation apparently violated federal tax law by renting a van that ferried seven UT presidents to a fund-raiser for Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock.

SAN ANGELO - It's rained so much in the San Angelo area lately that farmers and ranchers are unable to get into their fields. And they're delighted about it.

AUSTIN - The Texas Senate approved a bill that would allow county officials to be suspended if they are indicted for certain offenses. Approval came despite concern about whether the measure is constitutional from lawmakers including Sen. Royce West, D-Dallas.

AUSTIN - Gov. George W. Bush was back at the Governor's Mansion, on crutches, after knee surgery Wednesday for a jogging injury.

HOUSTON - A section of Interstate 10 west of downtown Houston was shut for hours as up to 5 1/2 inches of rain in parts of the city flooded streets and slowed traffic.

### NATION/WORLD

WASHINGTON - Expecting defeat in the House, President Clinton is counting on the Senate to back his decision to reauthorize Mexico as a full partner in the war on drugs.

WASHINGTON - Joining a union never crossed Dr. Keith Shelman's mind. Then he got a dose of corporate medicine. Across the country, doctors like Shelman who feel they have lost control of patient care to corporate accountants are looking to labor unions as a way to collectively gain leverage against hospitals, clinics and managed care groups.

WASHINGTON - The Democratic Party now says it will take several months to return \$1.5 million in foreign or otherwise improper contributions identified by an audit that party leaders announced with great fanfare two weeks ago.

WASHINGTON - In Watergate, the question that wouldn't go away was what did the president know and when did he know it. As President Clinton defends White House fund-raising habits, his own answer is not much, and too late.

SMITHLAND, Ky. - Unlike many of her neighbors, Jo Roberts stayed in her 157-year-old home as the murky-brown Ohio River swelled and began lapping against sandbags. Her precautions - she hired men to lug expensive antiques upstairs and put furniture on blocks - apparently were unnecessary.

The National Weather Service says its prediction about the river climbing to 53 feet, 13 feet past flood stage, was wildly off the mark. A later forecast called for it to reach about 51.6 feet, just a few inches higher than it was Wednesday night.

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### Buried in the sand

Leslyn Anderson, 8, covered her arms in the sand pile at the Aquatic Center Park playground. The high temperature was 76 degrees in Hereford on Wednesday. However, the warm temperature won't last long. Friday's high is expected to be in the 40s. Anderson is the daughter of Becky Anderson and David Anderson.

## Bivins creates tax-payer funded private school tuition legislation

AUSTIN (AP) - Students would have another way out of low-performing public schools - taxpayer-funded private school tuition - under a bill proposed by Senate Education Committee Chairman Teel Bivins.

The bill would affect an estimated 6.5 percent of Texas' 3.7 million public school students.

Those students are enrolled at campuses where less than half the students performed satisfactorily on the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills' reading, writing or math section for three straight years, said Bivins, R-Amarillo.

Bivins' bill would allow them to use state and local education funds to pay private school tuition if they were turned down for a transfer to another public school.

Opponents of the tuition voucher program say it includes a loophole that also would allow thousands of students who already attend private schools to get public funds to pay their tuition.

Bivins said that's not his intention. He said the measure is intended as a pilot program applying to public school students who want to leave low-performing campuses.

"This is a way that we can test the theories of those who propose that this would substantially increase accountability and student learning and all the other wonderful claims that are made about vouchers," Bivins said.

There isn't yet a cost estimate for the bill, according to Bivins' staff.

The anti-voucher Coalition for Public Schools - which includes teacher, parent and school administrator organizations - said Bivins' measure would create a far-reaching and expensive program.

"Texas can't afford a \$1 billion private school voucher experiment that would drain money from underfunded public schools," said coalition spokeswoman Carolyn Boyle.

She noted that the bill applies to

children "assigned to attend" the targeted public schools, rather than referring to enrolled students.

"We believe any student currently enrolled in a private school, but who lives in the attendance zone of an eligible public school, could qualify for a voucher for private school tuition," Ms. Boyle said.

"This new cost to the state and local school districts would force taxpayers to subsidize private schools at the expense of public schools," she said.

Bivins' bill is based on the existing public education grant program, which allows students who are assigned to attend low-performing campuses to transfer to other school districts that agree to take them.

Eighteen percent of Texas' school children are eligible for the current program, but only 53 students have used the grants to transfer.

The current program applies to students at campuses at which 50 percent or more of the students didn't

"It's kind of a personal rights issue," said James Lampley, a spokesman for Place. "He just doesn't think it would work correctly. There are the questions of who would set them up and where."

"Are they going to be set up in the nicest parts of town too, or just the low-income areas?"

"We hear from police departments about how short-staffed they are and here we are talking about taking officers away from responding to crime to look for crime," Lampley said. "But every session is different, we'll just have to see how things shake out."

Lewis said, "The soundbite that I've heard is that the Legislature just has a certain reverence for alcohol. I don't know that that's the case, necessarily. This committee in the past has been more oriented toward defendants than it has been towards victims."

The zero-tolerance bill already has been approved by the Senate.

Under the bill by Sen. Royce West, D-Dallas, minor drivers found with any traceable alcohol would be subject to community service and having their license suspended.

Currently, state law allows minor drivers to have a blood-alcohol level of .07 even though it's against the law to consume alcohol under the age of 21.

The bill would put in place a "zero-tolerance" initiative that West said the state must adopt by Oct. 1, 1998, or face the loss of federal highway funds.

Texas is one of only 13 states that have not yet adopted zero-tolerance laws, making it illegal for drivers under age 21 to drive after any drinking.

## County official suspension bill receives approval from Senate

AUSTIN (AP) - County officials indicted for felonies or public intoxication could be suspended from office before trial under a bill OK'd by the Texas Senate despite some lawmakers' concerns about its constitutionality.

"For some strange reason, the founders of this country and the framers of our constitution pretty much said that a person's innocent until proven guilty," Sen. Royce West said of Sen. Eddie Lucio's bill, which was sent to the House on 24-7 vote by senators.

"What we're moving to is a standard here that says the mere accusation and indictment by a grand jury is sufficient cause to remove

removed or suspended temporarily,"

Sen. Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock, said the bill is well-intentioned but that he had questions about its constitutionality.

"I'm very concerned that we're doing something unprecedented here," he said. "I think there's a lot of room for abuse in that type of process."

Duncan also said indicted officials wouldn't be able to defend themselves in a meaningful way in suspension hearings. He said their lawyers likely would advise against them presenting their side before their trial.

Under Lucio's bill, anyone who has not been convicted of a felony could file a petition to suspend a county official who has been indicted. A visiting judge from outside the county would preside over the suspension hearing. If the county attorney receiving the petition believed it to be frivolous, the county attorney could ask a local judge to dismiss it.

Voting against Lucio's bill were Sens. Duncan, West; Gonzalo Barrientos, D-Austin; Rodney Ellis, D-Houston; Gregory Luna, D-San Antonio; Eliot Shapleigh, D-El Paso; and Carlos Truan, D-Corpus Christi.

The county official suspension bill is SB252.

## Retail sales expand

WASHINGTON (AP) - Retail sales rose 0.8 percent in February, just half of the January advance, suggesting moderating economic growth.

The Commerce Department said today sales totaled a seasonally adjusted \$213.2 billion, up from \$211.5 billion in January. Both auto dealers and department stores reported healthy gains.

The January increase was revised sharply to a 1.5 percent gain, from the

department's initial 0.6 percent estimate. The advance was the steepest since February 1996, when sales rose 1.9 percent.

Many analysts had expected a 0.7 percent increase last month. Retail sales represent about one-third of the nation's economic activity.

The latest report was in line with the results of a Federal Reserve survey, released Wednesday, that cited improved retail sales from a year ago in most of its 12 regions.

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TEXAS LOTTERY

AUSTIN (AP) - The winning Lotto Texas numbers drawn Wednesday by the Texas Lottery:

2-12-40-42-46-48  
(two, twelve, forty, forty-two, forty-six, forty-eight)

Estimated Lotto Texas jackpot:

\$4 million

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

9-8-7  
(nine, eight, seven)

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# Lifestyles



## Displays

Amanda Riley, above, daughter of Tim and Georgia Riley, is not bored on long trips. She takes along her collection of "Polly Pockets," now being displayed at the Deaf Smith County Library. Amanda says her favorite is the mansion, which is the largest of her 17 sets. Loyce Brown's oil painting began when she "just walked into a class taught by Jean Lyles," but looking at the beautiful result, you would never guess that her career had such a casual beginning. Landscape, floral and bird paintings by the longtime Bootleg Community resident are on display this month at the Deaf Smith County Library, 211 E. Fourth. Library hours are Monday and Thursday 9 to 9; Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 9 to 6; and Saturday 9 to 1.



## Ann Landers

# Open letter to 'Other Woman'

Dear Ann Landers: Please print this letter for all the women who are having affairs with married men. Most of them believe they aren't doing any harm. They say they are filling a need for some love-starved, neglected husband and no one is being hurt. I would like to set the record straight, and I hope you will help me by printing this:

Dear Other Woman: Your current sleeping companion has probably given you the impression that he is the greatest father in the world. Let me tell you the truth. He missed most of the Little League games this year because he was with you. He missed his daughter's dance recital last Tuesday and parents' day at school on Thursday because he was with you. He was with you when his son broke his arm, and I had to take the boy to the hospital myself. I can't tell you the number of family get-togethers I have attended without him because he had to "work late."

He is never around to help with the children's homework because he has to be with "an important client." (That's you.) In case you think he's loaded, the money he spends entertaining you comes out of our children's college fund.

Women like you are home wreckers. How wonderful it would be if you and your kind told those married men who make passes, "You should be ashamed of yourself. Go on home where you belong, and pay attention to your wife and family. You made a commitment. Now live up to it." -- His Wife in Maryland

Dear Maryland: I have a theory that every person who reads this column sees him- or herself at some

time or another. I'll bet a lot of those Other Women are going to have a hard time looking in the mirror. I hope your adolescent husband reads this and decides the time has come to clean up his act.

Dear Ann Landers: Recently, I misdialled a long-distance number and got someone's answering machine. It took a minute or two to realize my mistake. When I called the telephone company, hoping they would negate the charge, I found myself talking to another machine. No, I didn't want to add a phone or other services. Finally, between the music and endlessly repeated recordings, a live person solved my problem in one minute. But it took almost 30 minutes to get to her, and it was exhausting and frustrating.

This recorded message business has gone too far. It's impossible to get a real, live person on the phone anymore. I'd like the programmer who thought up the idea of voice mail to get stuck calling 911 with a real emergency and have to face something like this:

"Welcome to 911. If you would like to reach the mayor's office, please press 1. If you wish to comment on Broad Street's traffic problem, please press 2. If you would like the daily public school lunch menu, please press 3. If you wish the phone numbers of our county commissioners, please press 4. For their next meeting date, press 5. For information on our Fourth of July celebration, press 6. If you wish to report a fire, press 7. If you wish to report a crime, press 8. If you need medical help, press 9. Thank you. You have selected 9. All of our

personnel are busy at the moment, but please hold the line, and the next available representative will be with you. In the meantime, enjoy the music." -- Unlisted in Chicago

Dear Unlisted: Maddening, isn't it? Thanks for sharing your agony. All of us have been there.

Gem of the Day: One of the sad inequities of life is that a lie can travel halfway around the world before the truth can tie its shoelaces.

Ann Landers' booklet, "Nuggets and Doozies," has everything from the outrageously funny to the poignantly insightful. Send a self-addressed, long, business-size envelope and a check or money order for \$5.25 (this includes postage and handling) to: Nuggets, c/o Ann Landers, P.O. Box 11562, Chicago, Ill. 60611-0562. (In Canada, send \$6.25.)

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## Date announced for 1997 Little Miss Pageant

Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce Women's Division has announced the 1997 Little Miss Hereford Pageant will take place at 6 p.m. April 5 in the HISD Administration Building.

Age divisions are Cutest Miss, preschool and kindergarten; Miss Petite, first, second and third graders; Little Princess, fourth, fifth and sixth graders; and Junior Miss, seventh, eighth and ninth graders.

Applications for the Little Miss Hereford Pageant are available from the Chamber office at 701 N. Main.

## Valdez is hostess for Westway FCE

Rosie Valdez served as hostess at the regular meeting of the Westway Family Community Education Club in her home at 115 Catalpa on March 10.

President Carolyn Evers presided over the business meeting. Roll call was answered with "The most ridiculous law you know."

Grace Covington gave the opening exercise reading "What Is the Value of One Member?"

Valdez gave the treasurer's report. Covington gave the Council report. Covington and Bonnie Duke presented a program titled "Who Knows? Your Privacy in the Age of Information."

Refreshments were served by the hostess Valdez to Wanda Jesko, Evers, Covington and Duke.

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# Today in History

## By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, March 13, the 72nd day of 1997. There are 293 days left in the year.

## Today's Highlight in History:

On March 13, 1852, a familiar symbol of the United States, Uncle Sam, made his debut as a cartoon character in the New York Lantern.

## On this date:

In 1781, the planet Uranus was discovered by Sir William Herschel.

In 1868, the impeachment trial of President Andrew Johnson began in the U.S. Senate.

In 1884, Standard Time was adopted throughout the United States.

In 1901, the 23rd president of the United States, Benjamin Harrison died in Indianapolis.

In 1925, a law went into effect in Tennessee prohibiting the teaching of evolution.

In 1933, banks began to re-open after a holiday declared by President Roosevelt.

In 1947, 50 years ago, "The Best Years of Our Lives" won the Academy Award for best picture; Oscars also went to its director, William Wyler, lead actor Fredric March and supporting actor Harold Russell; Olivia De Havilland won

best actress for "To Each His Own"; Anne Baxter won best supporting actress for "The Razor's Edge."

In 1947, the Lerner and Loewe musical "Brigadoon" opened on Broadway.

In 1964, in a notorious case, 38 residents of a neighborhood in the York York City borough of Queens failed to respond to the cries of Kitty Genovese, 28, as she was being stabbed to death.

In 1969, the Apollo 9 astronauts splashed down, ending a mission that included the successful testing of the lunar module.

Ten years ago: The president of Ecuador announced his country had suspended payments on its foreign debt after earthquakes killed hundreds of people and ruptured the country's main oil pipeline.

Five years ago: The U.N. Security Council stood firm in its demand that Iraq comply totally with Gulf War cease-fire resolutions, rebuffing an appeal for leniency from Saddam Hussein's special envoy, deputy prime minister Tariq Aziz.

One year ago: A gunman burst into an elementary school in Dunblane, Scotland, and opened fire on a class of kindergartners, killing 16 children

and one teacher before killing himself. World leaders, including President Clinton, held a summit in Sharm El-Sheik, Egypt, where they vowed unequivocal support for the Mideast peace process.

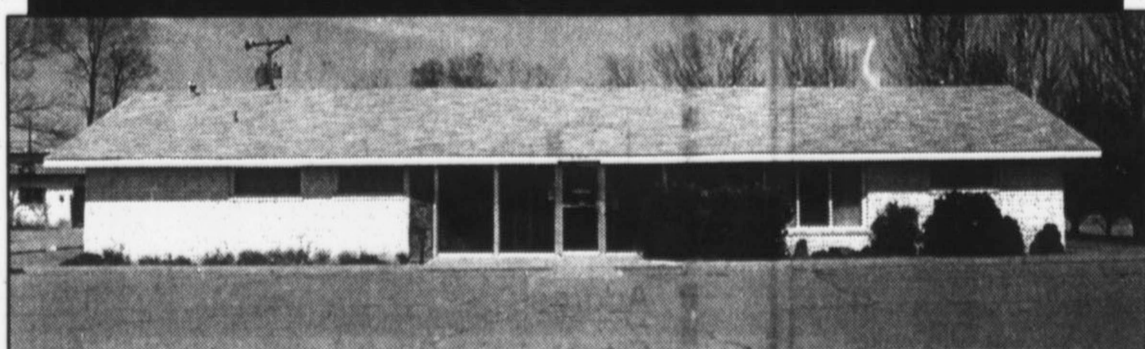
Today's Birthdays: Country singer Liz Anderson is 67. Country singer Jan Howard is 67. Opera singer Rosalind Elias is 66. Songwriter Mike Stoller is 64. Singer-songwriter Neil Sedaka is 58. Actor William H. Macy is 47. Actress Deborah Raffin is 44. Comedian Robin Duke is 43. Actress Dana Delany is 41. Rock musician Adam Clayton (U2) is 37. Jazz musician Terence Blanchard is 35. Actress Annabeth Gish is 26. Actress Tracy Wells is 26. Rapper Khujo (Goodie Mob) is 25.

Thought for Today: "Freiheit ist von Gott, Freiheiten vom Teufel." (Liberty is from God, liberties from the devil.) - Old German proverb.

## Hospital Notes

Report from Hereford Regional Medical Center on March 13: Admissions: Wilhemine Fetsch. Discharges: None.

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## Regular meeting held by Ladybugs

The Ladybug 4-H Club met Monday in the Hereford Community Center.

Karla Vasek and Micah Noland gave the program on Easter cross-stitching.

The next meeting will be April 14 and the program feature spring hair bows.

Members present were Lindy Vasek, Kelley Schlabs, Amanda McElmurry, Sabrina Culpepper, Jaclyn Paschel, Rhiana Noland, Kara Landers, Amanda Wall, Kari Davidson, Penny Nino, Kristen Estrada and Sarah Yosten.

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# Area Events



## Demonstration in Amarillo

Jean Wood, owner of Floral Expressions in Amarillo, will demonstrate "Patio Pizzazz" at the landscape and gardening seminar to be held March 21 at the Texas A&M Center in Amarillo.

## Hints from Heloise

Dear Heloise: Some time ago you published an article on how to remove the wires from an old electric blanket. I cut it out but have lost it. Would you please put it in your column again?

I tried to remove mine to no avail. Do you rip the seam from the top or bottom? Do you have to rip all the way across? I need to know badly, as I have two old electric blankets. Thanks. — S.M., Beaumont, Texas

Usually the best way to remove wires from an unplugged electric blanket is to cut small openings near the wires at the top and bottom of the blanket. Then carefully pull out the wires and the thermostat. You may have to snip the blanket at each thermostat and cut the wire there also.

Also, you might have to remove some of the binding on the blanket. If so, after the wires are removed, you can restitch it back in place.

Depending on your particular blanket, this process may take a little while to remove all the wires and thermostats, but you'll have a usable blanket. — Heloise

**PLASTIC GROCERY BAGS**  
Dear Heloise: Here is a hint. I use my plastic grocery bags in my bedroom and bathroom wastebaskets. It's a good way to reuse them. — A Loyal Reader, Silver Star, Mont.

### VINEGAR TO THE RESCUE

Dear Heloise: You sing praise of uses of vinegar. Try some diluted vinegar as a rinse when shampooing your hair. It makes your hair squeaky-clean and manageable. — Mrs. Paul Ehrsam, Fulton, Mo.

You are so right. My mother used a little vinegar and water to rinse my hair, and I still do so occasionally today.

Vinegar is wonderful and has a multitude of great uses. To give you an idea of some of the money-saving uses, I have a pamphlet filled with great ways to use vinegar around your home.

To receive a copy, please send \$2 and a long, self-addressed, stamped (55 cents) envelope to: Heloise/Vinegar, PO Box 795001, San Antonio TX 78279-5001. — Heloise

### PUZZLE STORAGE

Dear Heloise: My husband and I work jigsaw puzzles. To keep from losing pieces and to keep them nice, we started putting each of them into one of the plastic bags the newspaper comes in, when we've worked them.

I really enjoy your piece in the Express-News every day. Thanks for all the good ideas. — Pat Dobbins, San Antonio

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## NAZARETH

Knights of Columbus of the Amarillo Diocese will host a benefit dance Saturday in the Nazareth Community Hall from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Music will be by Southern Sky of Friona. Admission charge is \$10 per person.

Proceeds from the dance will benefit Catholic Family Services.

Tickets will be available at the door.

## AMARILLO

The Texas Panhandle Mental Health Authority Child and Adolescent Services will teach a Parenting Class for parents of children ages 2-12.

The class, "SOS! Help for Parents" is a six week course, taught on Tuesday evenings, March 18 through April 22 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Creative Care Early Childhood Center at 10th and Lipscomb, Amarillo.

Child care for children ages 0-12 will be offered by reservation only to parents who attend the class.

The program is designed to help parents learn ways to become more self-confident and effective in their parenting style.

The cost of the class is \$5 and the book is \$10. Pre-registration is required. To register, call 806-354-2191.

A popular trend in home entertaining is to have friends or family over for patio or backyard events. Thus there is an increased interest in patio decorating and backyard landscaping.

In response to that trend, members of the Panhandle district Extension Family and Consumer Science agents, have planned a spring landscape and gardening seminar to be held on Friday, March 21, at the Texas A&M Center, 6500 Amarillo Blvd. West, beginning with registration at 12:30 that afternoon.

"Elements of a Well Planned Landscape" will be the kick-off presentation.

"Dealing with Pesty and Thirsty Gardens" will be detailed by Dr. Carl Patrick, Extension entomologist; and Robert Devin, Randall County Extension Agent-Agriculture.

Jean Wood, owner of Floral Expressions in Amarillo, will demonstrate "Patio Pizzazz" followed by Lou Anne Causey of Irwin Greenhouses, who will recommend modern patio and backyard decorating with "European Gardens and Mixed Baskets."

Judy Spurlock, an experienced Extension certified Master Gardener, will do the final presentation of the afternoon on the popular concept of xeriscaping featuring quality landscaping that conserves water and protects the environment.

A \$5 registration payable at the

## Names in the News

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Sixties sex kitten Joey Heatherton is recapturing her pinup status thanks to Playboy magazine.

Miss Heatherton, a regular on "The Dean Martin Show" in 1968 and a former Las Vegas headliner, will appear nude in the April issue of Playboy.

"Why not? I thought it was a great idea," said Heatherton, 53. "They asked me when I was a kid ... I was intimidated by the idea. And now, I just felt I like the person inside. I was flattered."

door will be charged. Tickets and seminar information are available by calling the Deaf Smith County Extension Office at 364-3573 for Beverly Harder.

Tri-State Fairs' 1996 Cowboy of the Year Glenn McMennamy will be roasted at a "Cowboy Fryin'/Steak Batin'/Boot Scootin'" on Friday, March 28 at the Rex Baxter Building on the Tri-State Fairgrounds.

Tickets are limited and must be purchased by March 21. Tickets for the dinner and dance are \$20. Doors opens at 5:30 p.m. and dinner begins at 6 p.m.

Tickets for the dance, with music by "Dallas", are \$5 and may be purchased in advance or at the door. The dance begins at 8:30 p.m.

For tickets contact the Tri-State Fair Office, 3301 E. 10th, P.O. Box 31087, Amarillo, Texas 79120.

Proceeds will benefit the Tri-State Fairgrounds capital improvement fund.

The Women's Center at the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center will present "Women in Touch," a monthly support group for women living with breast cancer.

The "Women in Touch" support group will meet on March 17 from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center Amphitheater, 1500 Wallace Boulevard.

The program in March will feature Janice Nichols and Jeff Cox, certified fitness specialists from One on One Fitness. The topic of the March 17 meeting is "Strength and Conditioning Awareness." The program will help breast cancer survivors learn how to safely incorporate exercise and activity into their daily routine.

For information please call Kathryn Hughes at the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center, 806-359-4673, ext. 283 or 1-800-274-4673.

The Best of Texas Festival will be held in Amarillo on March 21. This one day event at the Amarillo Civic Center includes the "Texas Tulip" luncheon, style show and silent auction.

Fashions for the style show are furnished by Children's Hour, J. Winston and The Secret Place. Models are Junior League of Amarillo sustainers, as well as children and grandchildren of sustainers. That evening the "Lone Star Nights" gala

will feature a cocktail buffet, a live band for dancing and a silent auction.

The admission charge will be \$15. For more information and to purchase tickets, call the Junior League of Amarillo, 1700 S. Polk, Amarillo, Texas 79102. 806-374-0802.

The Randel Chamber Orchestra will present the third and final performance of the 1996-97 season on Friday, March 21 at 8 p.m. The concert will be held at First Baptist Church, Eleventh and Tyler in Amarillo.

Tickets are not available at the door for this performance. They must be purchased in advance from the Symphony office. General admission tickets are \$10 and senior citizen/student tickets are available for \$5.

Soprano Diane Syrcle will be the featured soloist on the first half of the concert. She studied at West Texas A&M University and performed the role of Violetta in "La Traviata" with the Amarillo Opera.

The Randel Chamber Orchestra will also be join by the Grand Prize Winner of the Amarillo Symphony Guild's Young Performers' Competition, Sophia Santillan. Miss Santillan, an Amarillo High School senior, is the daughter of Dr. Carlos and Teresa Santillan.

## CANYON

The Panhandle-Plains Historical Society's Friends of Southwestern Art are planning a trip to Santa Fe, N.M., from Thursday, April 3 through Sunday, April 6. The purpose of the trip is to learn more about the Santa

Fe Art Colony and to soak up the Santa Fe atmosphere.

Hotel accommodations are at the Inn of the Governors. Sites to be visited include the Museum of Fine Arts, major galleries, and the home and studio of Santa Fe artist Albert H. Schmidt. Noted guide Marge Knightly will give a walking tour of historic Santa Fe.

To prepare for the trip the Friends of Southwestern Art are sponsoring a lecture on the Santa Fe Art Colony by the Panhandle Plains Historical Museum's curator of art, Michael R. Grauer for Sunday, March 16 at 2 p.m. in the museum's Hazelwood Lecture Hall. Admission is free.

Limited space is still available for the Santa Fe trip. Please call 806-656-2244 for more information.

## CANNON AFB

The Cannon Air Force Base "Cannon Fest '97" is scheduled for May 3, and prospective vendors in the flea market portion of this annual event are encouraged to reserve booth spaces as soon as possible.

Cannon Fest (formerly the "Big 5 Show") attracts several thousand bargain hunters and spectators from the surrounding communities each year. The cost for a booth space is \$15. Call 505-784-6381.

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## Casserole preparations

Brenda Johnson, left, and Jan Page, members of Hereford CattleWomen, prepare casseroles that will be for sale Saturday during the annual "Beef" Casserole Sale at Homeland beginning at 10 a.m.

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## Income Tax

# Tax breaks for child care are well worth effort required to complete paperwork

WASHINGTON (AP) - The tax code gives working parents who pay for child care two breaks.

Both are for children younger than 13. The breaks also cover disabled spouses and other dependents, such as elderly parents, if they are unable to take care of themselves.

Both breaks are well worth the effort of filling out some extra paperwork. The most lucrative - under most but by no means all families' circumstances - is an exclusion offered through many larger employers. It can shelter up to \$5,000 from income, Social Security and Medicare taxes.

The other break is a credit taken on your tax return.

If you received dependent-care benefits from your employer or want to claim the credit, use Schedule 2

with Form 1040A or Form 2441 with Form 1040. IRS Publication 503 explains the rules.

Both you and your spouse must work. Or, if only one spouse works, the non-working spouse must have been a full-time student during at least five months of the year or could not take care of himself or herself.

Qualifying child-care expenses include payments to sitters working in your home, nursery schools and day-care centers, after-school care programs, and sitters who care for your child in their home. Educational expenses, such as private school tuition for first grade and above, don't count.

If you're divorced or separated, the custodial parent gets to claim the credit. If there's joint custody, the

credit goes to the parent with whom the child spends the most time.

You must report the name, address and Social Security number of your dependent-care provider, or, in the case of a school or center, the TIN, or taxpayer-identification number.

**EMPLOYER-PROVIDED CARE:** This break's value depends on your tax bracket. If you're in the 15 percent bracket, it can save you as much as \$1,132.50 in income and payroll taxes; in the 28 percent bracket, as much as \$1,782.50.

Your employer can offer up to \$5,000 in tax-free care, such as an on-site day-care center. The aid can also take the form of a "flexible spending arrangement" or a "salary reduction plan."

Generally, an amount you choose at the beginning of the year, up to \$5,000, will be deducted from your salary, before taxes, and "paid" to you as you submit child care receipts.

But be careful how much you choose to have put into a dependent-care account. You forfeit anything left over at the end of the year. If you have \$5,000 deducted from your salary but have only \$4,000 in expenses, you lose \$1,000.

**CHILD-CARE CREDIT:** For families with two or more children, it's worth up to \$1,440, depending on the family's income and other variables. For families with one child,

it's worth a maximum of \$720.

In figuring the credit, you may consider up to \$2,400 of dependent-care expenses with one dependent, and up to \$4,800 with two or more. Those figures must be reduced by any employer-provided service you received.

The maximum credit is 30 percent of expenses. As adjusted gross income rises above \$10,000, that declines gradually. For families above \$28,000, the maximum is 20 percent.

**NANNY TAX:** If you directly employ your care provider and his or her annual wages were \$1,000 or more, you must withhold Social Security and Medicare taxes (7.65 percent) from the provider's wages. And, as an employer, you must match that amount and send both amounts to the IRS.

You report this "nanny" tax directly on line 50 of your Form 1040. Attach a Schedule H.

As an employer, you'll need an employer identification number, or EIN. File Form SS-4 to get one.

You also may have to pay the federal unemployment tax (FUTA) and withhold income taxes from your provider's wages. See Publication 926. And you should contact a state tax office to see if you are subject to state withholding tax and state unemployment tax.



## Make surprise Easter eggs

Ready, set, think Easter! It comes early this year, March 30 to be exact. So whisk away the winter doldrums for good and make these whimsical Easter egg favors with your family. You'll need some eggshells, bright tissue paper, glue and your children's creativity. Best of all, come Easter morning, friends and family will anticipate cracking open these dazzling eggs because there's a special surprise inside each one!

To get started, save your eggshells. When a recipe calls for eggs, carefully crack the eggs in half, empty the contents for the recipe and rinse out the matching eggshells with soap and water. Set them aside to dry thoroughly, making sure you keep the pairs together.

Place a small charm, candy or a strip of paper with a saying, poem or kind thought inside one of the halves

of each eggshell pair. Now it's time to put Humpty Dumpty together again. Find the matching eggshell half and tape or glue the two pieces together. Don't worry if there are gaps where small pieces of the shell may have broken.

Brush white household glue one section at a time on the eggshell and place small squares of cut tissue paper on the glue. Overlap the tissue squares as you cover the entire egg, including the open gaps, if there are any. Paint a final coat of glue over the tissue-covered egg. Let dry. The glue will become invisible, revealing a colorful mosaic of tissue squares. If an egg is designated for a particular person, tie a thin ribbon around the egg and attach a small nametag.

Arrange your festive eggs in an Easter basket and enjoy them as a table centerpiece this month.

## More taxpayers eligible to file using telephone

WASHINGTON (AP) - Filing a return to the Internal Revenue Service will be as easy as picking up the telephone for more taxpayers this year.

For the first time, some married couples as well as recipients of unemployment compensation will be able to use TeleFile, the IRS' telephone filing system. Last year, only single taxpayers whose income was limited to wages and interest could use the system.

To be eligible this year, taxpayers must receive a TeleFile booklet containing a personal identification number. They must be single or married filing a joint return. They must have no dependents, taxable income of less than \$50,000, interest income of less than \$400 and live at the same address as last year.

Two other methods of electronic filing are available, even for taxpayers with relatively complex returns: one through professional tax preparation services and the other through commercially available software programs for personal computers.

But the telephone option is by far the most hassle-free. Calls last about 10 minutes. Taxpayers should follow the steps outlined on a worksheet in their tax booklet and the recorded-voice instructions.

Using touch-tone telephones, they answer yes-or-no questions and enter their Social Security numbers, their employer's identification number from their W-2 forms, their wages, federal tax withheld, taxable interest and unemployment compensation.

After a pause, a recorded voice tells the taxpayer's federal adjusted

gross income, taxable income, and refund due or additional tax owed. A confirmation number is provided at the end.

Telephone filers this year can have their refund checks deposited directly into their bank accounts. They didn't have that option in 1996.

## Tax assistance from IRS more readily available

WASHINGTON (AP) - When it comes to tax-filing assistance, the Internal Revenue Service is trying to persuade Americans to let their fingers do the walking.

To save money, the agency last year closed 93 offices offering walk-in help and trimmed the hours of assistance at some of the remaining 442. It plans no further reductions this year. But the IRS still hopes taxpayers, instead of dropping by in person, will use a computer or telephone.

Your chance of talking to a live person who can answer tax questions improved last year, but still isn't great. The IRS answered 20 percent of calls, up from 8 percent.

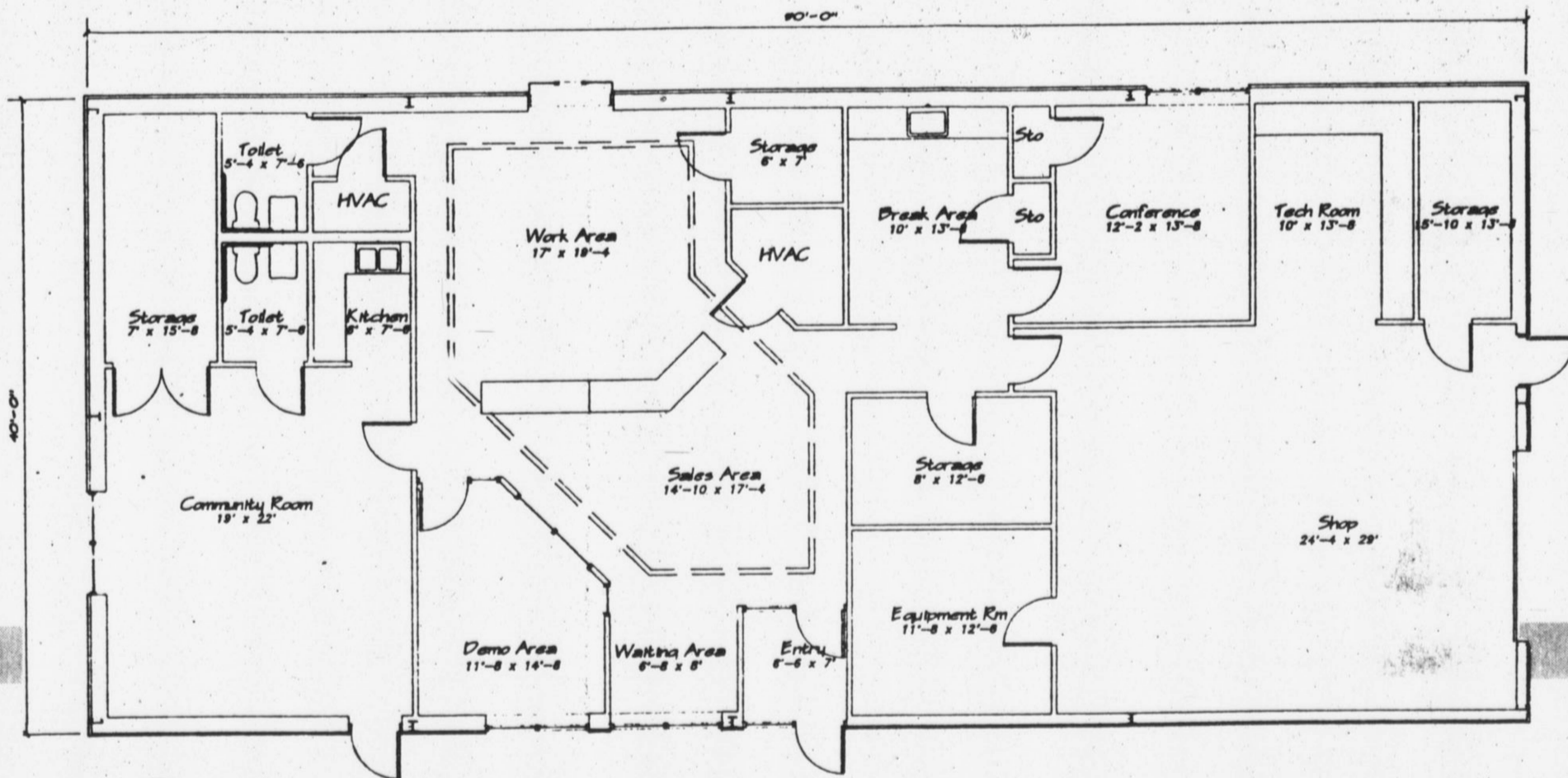
This year, according to IRS spokesman Frank Keith, the agency will have more telephone lines to its toll-free help number, 1 (800) 829-1040, and more service personnel answering calls.

You may be able avoid a call with a careful reading of your tax instruction booklet or by looking for answers in the IRS's 328-page Publication 17, "Your Federal Income Tax: The 1996 Tax Guide for Individuals." It's the basis for most of the commercial tax guides available at newsstands and bookstores.

For most taxpayers, it's as good as a commercial guide. It has plenty of examples, decision flowcharts and filled-out forms. But, keep in mind, it reflects official IRS policy. In gray areas, where case law is still in flux, it gives the benefit of a doubt to the agency rather than the taxpayer.

If Publication 17 doesn't have the answer, the best time for calling is first thing in the morning or late in the day and on Thursdays and Fridays. And the agency is stressing that it has separate toll-free numbers for checking the status of refunds and obtaining tax forms.

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# Sports

## 'Faces play two today in Crown of Texas Classic

By Tommy Wells  
Managing Editor

AMARILLO - There's an old cowboy adage that says if you get thrown off a horse the best medicine around is to climb right back in the saddle. Sort of the 'No Pain, No Gain' approach.

It's the approach the Hereford Whitefaces seem to have adopted for their recent woes. After getting thrown for a setback in their last two games of the Dumas Tournament, the Herd takes aim at another double-dip, of sorts - a twinbill in the opening round of the Crown of

Texas Baseball Classic.

The Whitefaces opened the three-day event with a 9 a.m. bout with Amarillo High. The Whitefaces were slated to return to the field again at 3 p.m. with a game against Borger.

"We want to go to this tournament and play good baseball," said HHS head coach Pete Rodriguez. "We don't want to play like we did in Dumas. We just want to come out of this knowing we can play good defense and have some consistency."

Those looking for a bright side to Hereford's back-to-back losses in

### Crown of Texas Baseball Classic

Today's Schedule

**Pool A**  
Amarillo High vs. Hereford, 9 a.m.  
Amarillo High vs. Borger, 12 noon.  
Borger vs. Hereford, 3 p.m.  
All games played at Sandie Field.

**Pool B**  
Tascosa vs. Palo Duro, 9 a.m.  
Tascosa vs. Dumas, 12 noon.  
Dumas vs. Palo Duro, 3 p.m.  
All games played at Tascosa High.

**Pool C**  
Canyon vs. Caprock, 9 a.m.  
Canyon vs. Levelland, 12 noon.  
Caprock vs. Levelland, 3 p.m.  
All games played at Conner Park.

**Pool D**  
Plainview vs. Randall, 9 a.m.  
Randall vs. Lubbock, 12 noon.  
Plainview vs. Lubbock, 3 p.m.  
All games played at Randall High.

the Dumas Tournament won't have to look far. The last time the Herd

suffered consecutive losses, they responded by winning their next six games.

The Crown of Texas Classic features 12 teams — three in each pool. The top two teams in each pool will advance to the championship round

which begins tomorrow. The Crown of Texas Classic championship game will be played on Saturday.

The tournament, which draws 12 teams from throughout the area, is being sponsored by the Southwest Baseball Umpires Association.



### Tennis anyone?

The Hereford Whiteface tennis team, which is coming of a first place finish in the Fort Stockton Tennis Tournament, will play host to the first of two straight tournament beginning today at the high school tennis courts. Members of the HHS tennis squad are (front row, left to right) Amit Patel, Andrew Carr, Nelson Beville, Riley Hall, Brent Berend and Carey Lyles, (back row) Annie Keenan, Annie Hoffman, Tamara Diller, Brynne Bryant, Amanda Kriehauscr, Kim Scott and Diana Detten. The Whitefaces will host the Beef Capital Tournament next weekend.

## Recent academic misfortunes prompt changes at Texas Tech

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) - Even as Texas Tech reshuffles personnel and policies relating to the academic certification of athletes, officials will watch carefully an audit that could yield further adversity.

Four days after forfeiting 10 Big 12 victories and removing itself from consideration for the NCAA men's basketball tournament, the school on Wednesday stripped its compliance officer of his duties. At least three Tech employees also have lost their positions in the wake of the scandal.

"I don't think it would be appropriate under university policy, nor beneficial, to name names," Chancellor John Montford said. "Suffice it to say we have made significant changes over there."

The school had certified players Gracen Averil and Deuce Jones as

eligible, only to find out during the Big 12 tournament last week that the players lacked necessary credits.

Former NCAA official and Overland Park, Kan., consultant Kathy Jones will assist internal auditors in a deeper inquiry into student certifications, starting with athletes currently competing.

"In the weeks ahead, as we overhaul our current system of academic certification, it is possible that we will find additional instances of previous certification problems," Tech president Donald Haragan said.

Women's basketball coach Marsha Sharp has said her team checked out cleanly as it heads into a first-round NCAA Tournament game Saturday at Palo Alto, Calif.

Deuce Jones' father said he and his son are upset that the two D's that rendered the point guard ineli-

gible were made public. Release of college grades is a violation of federal law.

"I also hope that when he does get his degree in December that people don't associate the negative connotation and may cause him not to make X amount of dollars," said Fred Jones, who discussed his concerns privately with Montford on Wednesday.

Haragan announced the appointment of Tech attorney Victor Mellinger as the acting compliance officer, assuming the duties formerly held by Assistant Athletic Director Taylor McNeel.

Montford declined to discuss the employment status of McNeel and academic counselor Michele Matticks. Both have been responsible for the certification program that resulted in the basketball dis-

qualifications.

There had been no firings related to the matter as of Wednesday, though Montford said he expects some terminations once the dust settles. He also said there could be further reassignments or firings.

Montford and Haragan said the NCAA policies that dictate academic eligibility issues are complicated and, in Haragan's words, "difficult to keep up with."

"Nevertheless, Texas Tech had people who were responsible for and salaried to pay attention to every detail and directive that came down from the NCAA," Haragan said. "And this is where our system broke down."

Six Tech athletes either have lost playing time or eligibility related to university administrative mistakes in the past year.

### Kids Inc. to have final sign-up day

Kids Inc. will be holding its final registration drive of the year on March 18. The registration session is scheduled to run from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Hereford Community Center.

Kids Inc. is expecting to field over 60 boys' and girls' teams this year in baseball and softball. Boys, ages 5-15, are eligible to participate,

while girls, ages 5-16, can participate.

There is a \$35 registration fee for youth leagues, and a \$45 sign-up fee for Babe Ruth age teams. A \$10 late fee will be charged to anyone who registers after 9 p.m.

For more information contact Steve Bigham after 5 p.m. at 364-3545.

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# NFL owners shoot down instant replay idea

PALM DESERT, Calif. (AP) - Just how precious is a timeout?

Well, instant replay ultimately failed to get enough support for a return to the NFL because too many coaches didn't want to take a timeout to use it.

When the league's competition committee came up with this year's proposal, it tied coaches' challenges of officiating calls to use of a timeout. If the call was upheld, the timeout was gone. If the call was reversed, the timeout still was gone.

Too much of a price to pay, 10 teams said, voting against the proposal Wednesday. That was enough to kill it for this year.

"We have three timeouts in the first half, we have three timeouts in the second half, and we've had it for eternity," Raiders owner Al Davis said after voting against the return of replay, which disappeared after the 1981 season because it was too cumbersome. "I don't want to have instant replay compromising it."

"I don't think this kills it for good. We need a manipulation of the process. The most important thing is to keep the three timeouts in a half."

Joining Oakland in voting against the measure were both New York teams, Arizona, Buffalo, Chicago,

Cincinnati, Dallas, Kansas City and Tampa Bay. The proposal needed 23 votes to pass.

This plan was similar to the system in effect from 1986-1991: it would apply to possession, out of bounds and scoring plays, but not penalties.

But a replay official off the field would not be used. Instead, the referee would make the decision after viewing a monitor on the field. Coaches could make two challenges a game, using a timeout to do so.

Sorry. Even some coaches who support replay felt they couldn't sacrifice a timeout.

"The challenge system was dif-

ferent from the old system," said Packers coach Mike Holmgren, co-chairman of the competition committee. "The idea of a challenge was a little uncomfortable to some coaches. Then having it tied to timeouts made them more uncomfortable."

But the committee was adamant about the use of a timeout, which would help avoid extending the length of games.

Redskins general manager Charley Casserly said a straw vote of the coaches showed only three were opposed: Bill Parcells of the Jets, Marv Levy of Buffalo and Tony Dungy of Tampa Bay.

"We'll be back next year," said Casserly, whose own proposal and one from the league office were combined in the compromise on which the owners voted. "I'm disappointed, but replay will not go away when there's 27 of 30 coaches who want it, when fans want it, when the players want it. The issue won't go away."

Holmgren wasn't so sure.

"I just don't know when it might come up again," he said. "I think when it does, it will be because of something that happened to a particular team and they get upset, and then it gets its own momentum."

In another decision, players no

longer will be allowed to take off their helmets while still on the playing field during games.

In an effort to reduce taunting and overexuberant celebrations and in the name of safety, the league made a rules change Wednesday. Removal by a player of his helmet after a play while he is on the field - except during timeouts or between periods - will result in an unsportsmanlike conduct penalty of 15 yards.

Players can take off the helmets once they reached the bench area.

"The colleges have done it for two years and it has worked well," Holmgren said.

## Padres, Angels talking about Henderson deal

By TOM WITHERS  
AP Sports Writer

Apparently, the San Diego Padres weren't busy enough with the Hideki Irabu situation. Now, they're trying to trade Rickey Henderson, too.

Or are they?

Depending on whom you believe, the Padres are close to swinging the biggest deals of the spring. The club is said to be considering offers from 10 different teams for Irabu, the highly touted Japanese pitcher. In addition, San Diego has also worked out a deal to send Rickey Henderson to the Anaheim Angels.

The Yankees, Mets, Indians, White Sox and Mariners were all thought to be among the teams vying for Irabu's services, and on Wednesday the Cincinnati Reds also entered the bidding, reportedly offering pitcher Pete Schourek.

Hey, who doesn't want this guy? Then again, who's seen him pitch?

Mets manager Bobby Valentine has. While in Japan, Valentine managed Irabu with the Chiba Lotte Marines in 1995. Valentine, who has said Irabu is one of the 10 best pitchers in the world, disputes the claim that the hard-throwing 28-year-old only wants to pitch for the Yankees.

"Not only don't I believe that now, I didn't believe it the first time I heard it," Valentine said. "He never mentioned the Yankees. I'm not even sure he knew they existed. As a matter of fact, our uniforms looked like the Yankees', and he never even mentioned how good he looked."

If it was always Irabu's wish to pitch for the Yankees, as his agent, Don Nomura, insists, Valentine says the right-hander is in for a big surprise.

"If that does go through, I'll say one thing," Valentine said. "He's in for a rude awakening. If it's his childhood dream, and he realizes that dream, he's in for a rude awakening."

Valentine, like almost everyone else in baseball, wishes he had a better handle on the Irabu saga.

"There's only been innuendo and mystery to this whole intrigue," Valentine said. "No one really knows what's going on."

Meanwhile, the Padres have been trying to trade Henderson this spring, rather than keeping him as a backup.

Henderson has a base salary of \$2 million for 1997, plus he is set to get \$5,000 for each plate appearance over 301 and up to 600 - a chance at \$3.5 million overall. Last season, he had 602 plate appearances for the Padres.

A source close to the possible deal said the Padres would receive middle reliever Chuck McElroy for baseball's career leader in steals.

While the Padres exchanged phone calls with other clubs, the Reds and St. Louis Cardinals swapped threats.

The teams completed their two-game spring training series in Plant City, Fla., with an ugly affair featuring three hit batters and Deion Sanders' ejection.

"We'll remember it," said Bret

Boone, hit by St. Louis pitcher T.J. Mathews in the eighth inning of the Reds' 3-2 win. "That's all I have to say."

Tensions have been high between the clubs for months since Cardinals manager Tony La Russa guaranteed to a group of fans that his team would win the NL Central again.

The prediction upset Reds manager Ray Knight, and La Russa's prediction was displayed in the Reds' clubhouse when spring training began.

"I've got great respect for the Cardinals' organization, and Tony and we've talked about all that other stuff," Knight said. "But it lends itself to fiercely contested games, and that's what you're going to see."

"I'll just say this: We're not going to back up from anybody or anything. Whatever they bring at us, we're going to bring it right back to them."

Knight wasn't kidding.

Cincinnati pitcher Scott Sullivan got it started by grazing the Cardinals' Brian Jordan with a pitch in the sixth. St. Louis catcher Tom Pagnozzi was then hit on the right wrist by a pitch from Mike Remlinger in the seventh and was forced to leave for X-rays.

Then in the eighth, Sanders hit a game-tying triple off T.J. Mathews and scored to complete the Reds' three-run rally. The next batter, Boone, got behind in the count when Mathews threw behind him.

Mathews didn't miss Boone with

his next pitch, nailing the second baseman on the hip.

"I felt like hitting somebody, so I hit somebody," Mathews said. "They're a pretty arrogant team. I don't like that at all."

Boone had words for Mathews, and Sanders came out of the dugout yelling at the pitcher, making it to the first base line before stopping.

Home plate umpire Wally Bell ejected Sanders for coming onto the field.

"You've got to put a stop to it right here and now," Sanders said. "That way it won't happen during the season. You don't hit anybody in spring training. You can seriously hurt a guy. That's amazing."

In other spring games:

Royals (ss) 2, Mets (ss) 0

At Haines City, Fla., Jose Rosado and three relievers combined on a five-hitter as Kansas City stopped a seven-game losing streak.

Blue Jays 2, Pirates 2

At Bradenton, Fla., Dale Sveum hit a two-run homer in the eighth

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### Still running

Holly Coneway and the Hereford Junior High School track and field teams will continue their 1997 season this coming weekend when they travel to Springlake for the Springlake-Earth Meet. Coneway and the HHS girls took fourth in last weekend's Hereford Junior High Meet. The Whiteface boys also finished fourth.

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# Oscar oddsmaker predicts this year's winners

Oscar oddsmaker Lenny Del Genio hedges his bets this season by offering two favorites in four of the six major categories, including the best picture and best actor and actress awards.

Del Genio's predictions, and a bit of his reasoning behind them, include:

Best Picture - "The English Patient" and "Shine," even money; "Jerry Maguire," 3-1; "Fargo," 5-1; "Secrets & Lies," 8-1.

On "The English Patient": "If you look at the historical trend of films that have double-digit nominations, all but one or two have done exceedingly well." Meanwhile,

"Shine" looks good because "there's a revolt going on within the Academy against the (big) studios."

Best Actor - Geoffrey Rush "Shine" and Billy Bob Thornton "Sling Blade," even money; Tim Cruise "Jerry Maguire," 3-1; Ralph Fiennes "The English Patient," 5-1; Woody Harrelson "The People vs.

Larry Flynt," 8-1.

"The trend is Geoffrey Rush had won everything that had been out there."

As for Billy Bob Thornton: "Now when he goes into a coffee shop or a restaurant in Hollywood, other actors that he doesn't know and don't know him come up to him and give him a hug."

wonderful but she hasn't really been out there going to all the award dinners and banquets because she's been in staying in Paris with her child. ... There seems to be a feeling that she hasn't gone out and hustled enough." His personal favorite? Frances McDormand.

Best Supporting Actress - Lauren Bacall "The Mirror Has Two Faces," even money; Joan Allen "The Crucible," 2-1; Juliette Binoche "The English Patient," 3-1; Barbara Hershey "The Portrait of a Lady," 5-1; Marianne Jean-Baptiste "Secrets & Lies," 10-1.



## Banquet decorations

Library director Rebecca Walls, left, and assistant director Martha Russell are making table decorations for the Deaf Smith County Library table at the annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet to be held tonight at 7 p.m. in the HISD Administration Building.

Best Actress - Kristin Scott Thomas "The English Patient" and Brenda Blethyn "Secrets & Lies," even money; Frances McDormand "Fargo," 3-1; Diane Keaton "Marvin's Room," 5-1; Emily Watson "Breaking the Waves," 8-1.

"Kristin Scott Thomas' role was

Best Supporting Actor - Cuba Gooding Jr. "Jerry Maguire," even money; Armin Mueller-Stahl "Shine," 2-1; William H. Macy "Fargo," 3-1; James Woods "Ghosts of Mississippi," 5-1; Edward Norton "Primal Fear," 10-1.

"I think the performance is more than worthy of winning the award for Cuba."

On Lauren Bacall: "The role itself was a good role and I think that there are enough older members within the Academy that are going to reward her."

Best Director - Anthony Minghella "The English Patient" and Joel Hicks "Shine," even money; Scott Coen "Fargo," 6-5; Milos Forman "The People vs. Larry Flynt," 8-1; Mike Leigh "Secrets & Lies," 10-1.

## Television

### THURSDAY

### MARCH 13

6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	
Movie: DuckTales	Movie: Jungle2	(45) Movie: The Hobbit **1/2	(05) Movie: The Librarians **1/2	Artha Franklin							
News	Ent. Tonight	Friends	Suddenly	Seinfeld	Naked Truth	Law & Order	News	(35) Tonight Show			
NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	(05) Antiques Roadshow	Keeping Up Appearances	Computer	Charlie Rose							
Videos	Videos	(05) Movie: Uncommon Valor (1983) Gene Hackman. **1/2	(20) Movie: Flight of the Intruder (1991) **								
News	Wh. Fortune	High Incident	Vital Signs	Peter Jennings Reporting	News	Seinfeld	Nightline				
Fam. Mat.	Bzzz!	Sister, Sis.	Sister, Sis.	Jamie Foxx	Wayans	News	WiseGuy	Heat			
News	College Basketball: NCAA Tourn. First Rd. Game -- Teams TBA	College Basketball: NCAA Tourn. First Rd. Game -- Teams TBA	College Basketball: NCAA Tourn. First Rd. Game -- Teams TBA	College Basketball: NCAA Tourn. First Rd. Game -- Teams TBA	College Basketball: NCAA Tourn. First Rd. Game -- Teams TBA	College Basketball: NCAA Tourn. First Rd. Game -- Teams TBA	College Basketball: NCAA Tourn. First Rd. Game -- Teams TBA	College Basketball: NCAA Tourn. First Rd. Game -- Teams TBA	College Basketball: NCAA Tourn. First Rd. Game -- Teams TBA	College Basketball: NCAA Tourn. First Rd. Game -- Teams TBA	
Rosanne	Mad-You	Martin	Single	New York Undercover	Star Trek: Deep Space 9	Mad-You	Cops	Real TV			
Sportsctr.	Legends of Hockey	World Cup Skiing	Cheerleading	Baseball	Baseball	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Strongman			
Waltons	Highway to Heaven	Rescue 911	700 Club	Holocaust							
Movie: Does This Mean	Movie: Fatal Combat Jeff Wincott. 'R'	Tyson/Holy	Movie: Men of War Dolph Lundgren. 'R'	Movie: Necessary R.	Movie: Nick of Time Johnny Depp. ** 'R'	Movie: DNA Mark Dacascos. 'NR'	Movie: Paradise Lost: Child Murders	Movie: (5:30) Movie: ** Only You	Movie: For the Moment Russell Crowe. 'PG-13'	Movie: To the Limit Anna Nicole Smith. 'R'	(45) Movie: To Die For 'R'
Movie: Somebody Up	Movie: The Greatest Show on Earth (1952) Charlton Heston. ****	Movie: From Here to Eternity (1953) ****1/2									
Dukes of Hazzard	Championship Rodeo	Prime Time Country	Today's Country	Dallas	Dukes						
Wings	Wild Discovery	Movie Magic	Next Step	Chopper Power	Wild Discovery	Movie Magic					
Equalizer	Biography	Ancient Mysteries	Unexplained	Law & Order	Biography						
Designing	Designing	Unsolved Mysteries	Movie: With Murder in Mind (1992) Robert Foxworth	Living	Mysteries	Mysteries					
FOX Sports News	Figure Skating: Skate International Final	FOX Sports News	FOX Sports News	FOX Sports News	Sports						
In the Heat of the Night	In the Heat of the Night				Movie:						
Doug	Rugrats	Alex Mack	Happy Days	I Love Lucy	Munsters	M.T. Moore	Rhoda	Taxi	Odd Couple	Bewitched	
Highlander: The Series	Murder, She Wrote	Movie: The Disappearance of Christine (1993) **	Wings	Wings	Wings	Stalkings					
Bendita Mentira	María la del Barrio	Sentimientos Ajenos	Bienvenidos P. Impacto	P. Impacto	Noticiero	La Toca da					
Combat at Sea	Newsreel-News	Civil War Journal	Automobiles	Year by Year	Newsreels						
RPM 2Night	Motorcycle Racing	Motoworld	Tennis ATP Evert Cup -- Women's Semifinal	NHL 2Night	NBA 2Night						

### FRIDAY

### MARCH 14

7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30	12 PM
Chip 'n' Dale	Mermald	Pooh	Mickey	Wonderland	Pooh Cmr.	GummiB	Care Bears	My Little	Mermald	Ducktales
Today				Lezza	Gerardo Rivera	Sunset Beach	Days-Lives			
Nutrition	Nutrition	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	Movie:		
Good Morning America			Live -- Regis & Kathie Lee	Caryl & Marilyn: Friends	Medicine Woman	News				
BugsDaffy	Animalans	Woody	Bewitched	Griffith	Empty Nest	News				
This Morning				Ricki Lake	Price Is Right	College Basketball				
Ducks	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
Father Dowling Mysteries	Waltons	700 Club	700 Club	700 Club	700 Club	700 Club	700 Club	700 Club	700 Club	700 Club
Movie: Hook (1991) Robin Williams, Dustin Hoffman. *** 'PG'	Movie: Bye Bye Birdie Janet Leigh. *** 'G'	Movie: Inherit the Wind (1960) ***1/2	Movie: Madison Avenue							
Movie: High Spirits Peter O'Toole. **1/2	(40) Movie: The Gods Must Be Crazy Manius Weyers.	Movie: In the Line of Duty: Siege	Movie:							
Movie: When Ladies Meet (1941) Joan Crawford. **1/2	Movie: That Forsyte Woman (1950) Errol Flynn. ***	Movie: In the Line of Duty: Siege	Movie:							
(Off Air)	VideoMorning	Dallas	Aleene's Crafts	Wildhorse						
Paid Prog.	Forbidden City	Home Matters	Housesmart!	Start	Interior Mot.	Home				
McMillan and Wife	Lovejoy Mysteries	New Mike Hammer	Quincy	Equalizer						
Baby Knows KidsDays	Sisters	Debt	Our Home	Main Ingrid. Handmade	Living	Our Home	Designing			
FOX Sports News	FOX Sports News	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	To Be Announced	Fishing					
Scooby Dooby Doo	Flintstones	Flintstones	Gilligan	Gilligan	Spenser: For Hire	CHiPs	Thunder			
Looney Tunes	Rugrats	Busy World	Rupert	Muppets	Allegra	Gullah	Little Bear	Blue's Clues	Busy World	
Mighty Max	Sonic	Murder, She Wrote	Movie: Linda (1993) Virginia Madsen. **1/2	Movie: In the Line of Duty: Siege	Major Dad	Weird Sci.	USALive			
Gros T.V.	El Chavo	Chespirito	Papa Solt.	Dr Perez	Dos Mujeres Un Camino	Bajo un Mismo Rostro	Pecado			
Classroom	History Showcase	Real West	Movie: Daniel (1983) Timothy Hutton, Mandy Patinkin. **1/2							
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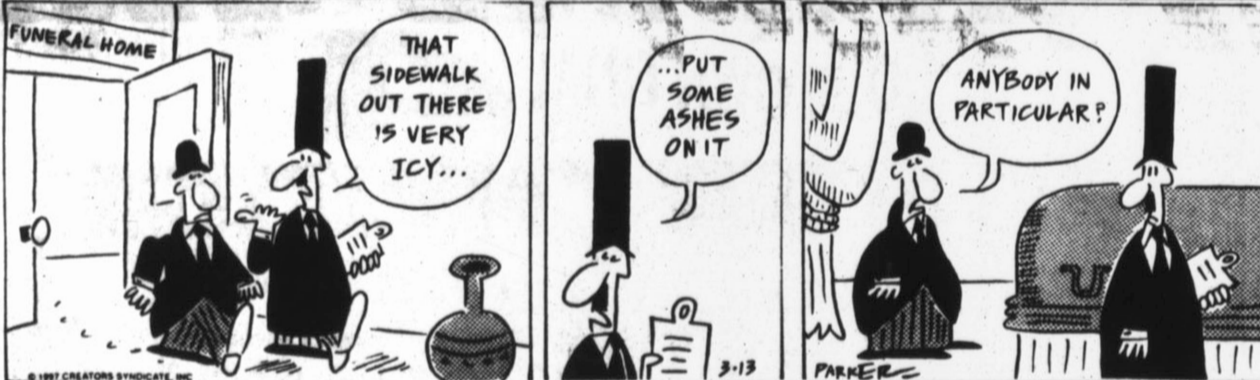
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C. Brown	Pooh	Donald	Movie: Adventures in Dinosaur City 'PG'	C. Brown	Tale Spin	Ducktales	Chip 'n' Dale	Goof Troop		
Days-Lives	Another World	Jenny Jones	Maury	Oprah Winfrey	News	NBC News				
Body Elec.	Antiques Roadshow	Painting	New Garden	Kitchen	Wishbone	C. Sandiego	Science Guy	Creatures	Magic Bus	
(12:05) Movie: Seems Like Old Times	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	St. Jude's Story of Hope	Beauty and the Beast	Beverly Hills, 90210	Fam. Mat.	Dreams	Saved-Bell	Saved-Bell	Saved-Bell		
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Gunsmoke	Little House on the Prairie	Matlock	Batman	Spider-Man	BattleBorgs	Rangers	Fresh Pr.	Simpsons		
Tennis: Champions Cup	Senior PGA Golf Toshiba Senior Classic -- First Round	Sportscenter	Up Close	Sportsctr.						
(12:00) Home & Family	ShopDrop	Shopping	It Takes Two	Bloopers	When Stars Were Kids	C. Burnett	C. Burnett			
Movie: (15) Movie: It's a Pat Julia Sweeney. *	(45) Movie: Bill Cosby -- Himself (1982) Bill Cosby. 'PG'	Movie: Hook Robin Williams. *** 'PG'	Movie: In the Line of Duty	Movie: Warrior Spirit Lukas Haas. 'PG-13'	(45) Movie: Big Bully Rick Moranis. 'PG'	(15) Movie: I.Q. (1994)				
(12:10) Movie: Roxanne Steve Martin.	Movie: Teen Wolf Too Jason Bateman. *	(45) Movie: Road Games Stacy Keach. ** 'PG'	Movie:							
(15) Movie: The Crowd (1928) James Murray ****	Movie: The Story of Three Loves (1953) ***	Movie: The Merry Widow								
Wildhorse	VideoPM	America's Country Hits	Dallas	Wildhorse Saloon	Club Dance					
Home	Housesmart!	Interior Mot.	Start	Travelers	Bay, 2000	Next Step				
Equalizer	McMillan and Wife	Lovejoy Mysteries	New Mike Hammer	Quincy						
Nurses	Movie: Hidden in Silence (1996) Kellie Martin.	L.A. Law	Comish	Supermkt	Debt					
Outdoors	Winter Sports	Bowling ABC World Team Challenge	Beach	Kidsports	E. Sutton	Big 12 Show	Fishing			
Thunder	How the West Was Won	Wild, Wild West	Movie: Run for Cover (1955) James Cagney. **	In the Heat of the Night						
Papa Beaver	Looney	Beetlejuice	Tiny Toon	Muppets	Chlpmunks	Gadget	You Alread?	Rocko's Life	Clarissa	Tiny Toon
USALive	USA Live	USA Live	USA Live	USA Live	PGA Golf Honda Classic -- Second Round	Renegade				
(12:00) Pecado de Amor	Luz Clarita	Cristina	Primer Impacto	Dr Perez	Noticiero					
Movie: Hist-Airborne Infantry	Real West	Movie: Daniel (1983) Timothy Hutton, Mandy Patinkin. **1/2								
Sports Babe	NBA 2Night	NBA	Auto Racing: 1996 IMSA 12 Hrs	Auto Racing	Country	Wm. Basketball				

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Movie: A Gooty Movie ** 'G'	(20) Movie: Splash Tom Hanks. 'PG'	(10) Movie: Can't Buy Me Love 'PG-13'	Celine Dion: The Colour	(35) Tonight Show						
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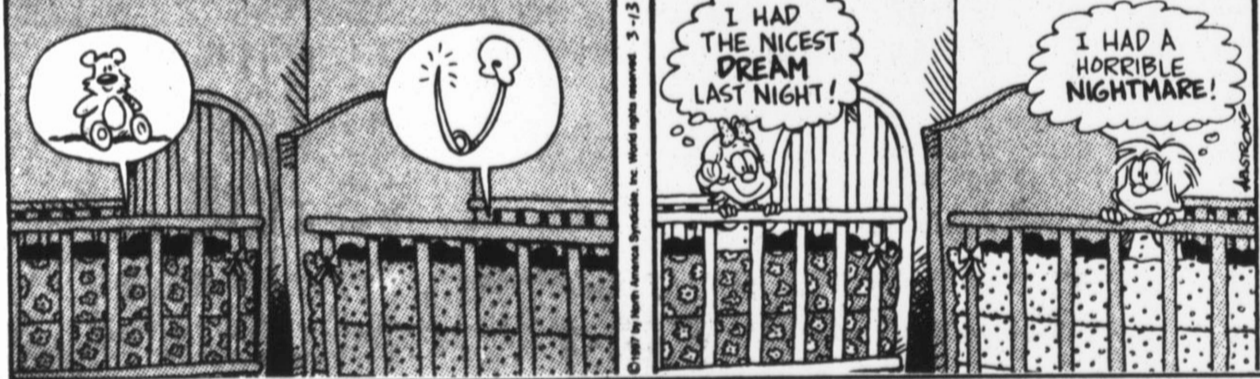
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# Magic end long road trip with win over Rockets

By CHRIS SHERIDAN  
AP Basketball Writer

Every team dreads them, yet every team has to go through those long road trips to the other conference.

The Orlando Magic finished their last one of the season Wednesday night, capping a six-game, nine-day odyssey with a 96-95 victory at Houston to finish 4-2 on a trip that started with a victory in Seattle on March 4.

The Utah Jazz, meanwhile, made the third stop of a seven-game, 11-day trip and beat the New Jersey Nets 117-102.

In other NBA games, Chicago edged Philadelphia 108-104, Indiana beat Atlanta 92-82, Washington downed Vancouver 104-82 and the Los Angeles Lakers defeated Golden State 109-101.

The Orlando-Houston game went down to the final seconds, and Penny Hardaway won it with a 10-foot jumper over Mario Elie with 1.1 seconds left.

Eddie Johnson had a chance to win it for Houston, but his long jumper missed at the buzzer.

Gerald Wilkins added 19 for Orlando, which swept the two-game season series. Nick Anderson sat out with a bruised right quadriceps tendon and Rony Seikaly was out with a lower back strain.

Of Orlando's 20 remaining games, 12 will be at home. The Magic currently hold the eighth and final Eastern Conference playoff spot with a four-game lead over Indiana. Orlando is just a half-game behind Cleveland for the seventh spot.

Hakeem Olajuwon led the Rockets with 32 points and 12 rebounds, and Kevin Willis had 21 points and 14 rebounds. Clyde Drexler, out the last five weeks with a pulled left hamstring, expects to return Sunday at Miami. Charles Barkley, who hurt his left hip on March 1 against Dallas, hopes to play on Tuesday at New Jersey.

Jazz 117, Nets 102

John Stockton had a season-high 31 points and 11 assists, and Karl Malone scored 20 of his 27 points in the second half as Utah wore down New Jersey.

"John Stockton really carried us," said Malone, who made only two of his first 10 shots. "I didn't play a great game. It was ugly. Guys kept looking at me, but you have games like that. But I wasn't going to stop. I'm not a quitter. I just kept playing hard."

Greg Ostertag had 10 points and 19 rebounds as the Jazz won for the 15th time in 18 games.

Rookie Kerry Kittles had 23 points and Kendall Gill 22 as the Nets lost for the sixth time in seven games.

Bulls 108, 76ers 104

At Philadelphia, Scottie Pippen scored 31 points, including six in the final two minutes to help keep Chicago ahead in a game that was closer than expected, mostly because of Allen Iverson.

Pippen finished 12-for-18 from

the field and 4-of-5 from 3-point range. Michael Jordan added 23 points - the first time in four games that he finished with less than 30 - and Bill Wennington had 14 for the Bulls, who improved the NBA's best record to 55-8.

Iverson was 15-for-23 from the field in one of his most impressive performances of the season.

"I like him as a player," Pippen said of Iverson, who was involved in a trash-talking battle with several Bulls the first time he played them and almost got into a scuffle with Dennis Rodman the second time.

"Early on (in the season) he got caught up in a lot of trash talk and stuff of that nature, but he's a good player and today he had much better focus on the game instead of all that other stuff."

Pacers 92, Hawks 82

At Indianapolis, Reggie Miller scored 25 points and Indiana snapped a three-game losing streak while ending Atlanta's five-game winning streak.

Hawks center Dikembe Mutombo was ejected for his second technical foul in the fourth quarter. Atlanta

coach Lenny Wilkens also picked up a technical, one of four called against the Hawks.

"The sooner I forget about this game the better," Wilkens said. "I thought Dikembe got pushed a lot, and they didn't make the calls. You can get pushed around, but not that much."

Miller fouled out in the final minute - the first time he has been disqualified since the 1993-94 season. He has scored 20 or more points in eight straight games.

Bullets 104, Grizzlies 82

At Landover, Chris Webber returned from a three-game layoff and scored 32 points, including 21 in the decisive first half, as Washington dealt Vancouver its 11th straight loss.

Webber shot 10-of-14 before halftime, and the Bullets shot 59 percent in taking a 59-39 lead. Webber, sidelined since March 4 with a strained lower back, finished 14-for-21 from the floor and had 10 rebounds despite sitting out the fourth quarter.

"I figured this being my first game back, I would take my time

and pass up the open shots and get the ball around," Webber said. "It didn't happen that way. The guys got me the ball and I rebounded a little bit. Really, though, without those guys getting me the ball, it wouldn't have happened."

Shareef Abdur-Rahim scored 18 points and Bryant Reeves 16 for the Grizzlies, whose 11-game skid is their longest of the season.

Lakers 109, Warriors 101

At Inglewood, five Lakers had strong games as Elden Campbell scored 26 points, Eddie Jones had 24 points, seven rebounds and seven assists and Kobe Bryant added 18 points in 18 minutes. Corie Blount, making just his third start of the season, equaled his career highs with 17 points and 15 rebounds, and Nick Van Exel had 14 assists.

The win was the second straight for the Lakers, giving them back-to-back victories for the first time since Feb. 12-13. It was in the game Feb. 12 at Minnesota that center Shaquille O'Neal injured his left knee. The Lakers are 6-7 since then.

## BASEBALL

inning of a game stopped after 11 innings, when the teams ran out of pitchers.

Royals (ss) 14, White Sox 4

At Sarasota, Fla., Jeff King hit a grand slam in an eight-run fourth inning.

Astros 6, Mets (ss) 3

At Port St. Lucie, Fla., Thomas Howard went 3-for-4 and rookie Bob Abreu had three RBIs for Houston.

Phillies 3, Braves 1

At West Palm Beach, Fla., Chris Tremie drove in the go-ahead run with a squeeze bunt in the ninth and David Doster hit a run-scoring single.

Expos 4, Orioles 3

At Fort Lauderdale, Fla., Vladimir Guerrero led off the 10th inning with a homer as Montreal stopped Baltimore's six-game win-

ning streak.

Cubs 6, Brewers 5

At Mesa, Ariz., Brooks Kieschnick hit a two-run homer off Mark Deway in the eighth as Chicago rallied.

Angels 10, Mariners 7

At Peoria, Ariz., Anaheim's Darin Erstad hit two home runs and Eddie Murray added another, sending the Mariners to their seventh straight loss.

Rockies 11, Giants 10

At Tucson, Ariz., Colorado's Jason Bates singled home the winning run in the bottom of the 10th inning.

Rangers 3, Yankees 1

At Tampa, Fla., Ken Hill extended his scoreless innings streak to 12 this spring in a five-inning stint.

Twins 4, Red Sox 0

At Fort Myers, Fla., Boston com-

mitted errors on three consecutive plays in the second inning, leading to all of Minnesota's runs.

Among the bumblers was rookie Nomar Garciaparra, whose defense earned him the shortstop's job over John Valentin, prompting Valentin to demand a trade.

Tigers 7, Indians 4

At Winter Haven, Fla., Cleveland starter Charles Nagy pitched four no-hit innings, but allowed Brian Johnson's two-run homer in the fifth.

Detroit had lost 14 straight to the Indians, including two spring training losses by a combined score of 38-9.

Marlins 9, Dodgers 1

At Viera, Fla., Devon White and Charles Johnson hit two-run homers as Florida improved to 14-1 this spring.

## Texas mayors favor stadium financing bill

AUSTIN (AP) - Mayors from the state's cities with professional sports teams offered their support Wednesday for a bill to set up financing mechanisms for sports venues.

"I don't think it's an accident that all those cities in the East - that we thought were dying, that we thought weren't going to come back - are now going through what we call a renaissance," Dallas mayor Ron

Kirk said, referring to such cities as Cleveland, Detroit and Baltimore that have new sports arenas.

"The essential element has been their ability to bring their sports franchises not only back to the city but back to their downtown. So I think there is more there than ambition or America's emotional attachment to sports," he said.

Kirk, Bob Lanier of Houston and Richard Greene of Arlington were

among those testifying at the House Business and Industry Committee on a sports venue funding bill.

The legislation would use no state tax dollars, would require a local vote to approve the venue and the funding mechanism and would be available to all local governments, said bill author Rep. Kim Brimer, R-Kennedale.

The committee took no action on the proposal.

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# Entertainment

## Tobacco plays bad guy on dramas

NEW YORK (AP) - The tobacco industry is playing bad guy on not one, but two TV dramas - "The Practice" and "Feds." Besides telling powerful stories with tobacco as the heavy, both shows deliver an uncompromising message: Cigarettes kill.

Not only do cigarettes kill, but so does a cigarette maker if provoked, according to a story "arc" that begins Wednesday on CBS' "Feds" (airing at 9 p.m. EST; rated TV-14).

On this, "Feds'" second episode, federal prosecutors launch an investigation into fictional Southeast Tobacco Co., suspected of hiding from the public the dangers of a chemical added to its cigarettes.

Before the case is wrapped up several episodes from now, assistant U.S. attorney Resor (Adrian Pasdar) will find that, like the label warns, tobacco can be hazardous to your health.

A key witness plunges from an upper-story window. Resor himself is framed for a crime and thrown into jail. A Gestapo-like arm of the tobacco industry emerges, its mission to protect tobacco's secrets at whatever cost. As Resor and his cohorts try to pierce what comes across as a Tobacco Evil Empire, the tone is as sinister as a Cold War spy novel's.

A more subdued storyline, but with the same archvillain, helped launch ABC's "The Practice" last week. The show's struggling law firm takes on a client who sues a huge tobacco company for contributing to his wife's death after a lifetime of smoking (the series airs Tuesday at 10 p.m. EDT; rated TV-PG).

This tale concludes several weeks from now, with the trial against fictional T.L. Michaels Tobacco.

"They put out a product that, when used as directed, causes cancer," attorney Lindsay Dole (Kelli Williams) tells the jury in a riveting monologue that lasts nearly eight minutes. "In the short time I've been delivering my opening statement, they took in another million dollars or so - and 50 more people died."

On "The Practice" and "Feds" alike, tobacco proves as hissable a baddie as any dramatist could wish for. And it comes by this role honestly, declared "Feds" executive producer Dick Wolf (who also produces "Law & Order" and "New York Undercover").

"As villains, they're almost too good to be true," Wolf said of cigarette makers. "They make millions of dollars for killing people."

"The tobacco industry served all

our story-telling purposes," agreed David E. Kelley, "The Practice's" executive producer. "It's a nice, antagonistic Goliath for our show's lawyers to go after."

Like Wolf, Kelley said bashing tobacco wasn't the point.

"If that's a byproduct of our storyline," he added, "we're thrilled to do it."

The awesome power ascribed to tobacco on these dramas is the same real-life power it can mobilize against networks that air stories daring to depict the industry in unflattering ways.

ABC feels that power all too keenly, to judge from Kelley's experience.

While Dick Wolf said he got no flak from CBS for "Feds'" tobacco storyline, ABC, said Kelley, "was really skittish. Their legal counsel was calling us daily. They literally told us, 'You cannot say that cigarettes are addictive, because it hasn't been proven yet.'"

ABC spokeswoman Janice Grettemeyer responded, "We would never broadcast any program that falsely defames any particular industry, or misleads the public with false statistics for the sake of drama."

For whatever reason, nothing about "The Practice" but tobacco

worried the network.

"On the other storylines, ABC was great on content, they didn't interfere," said Kelley, never loath to press hot buttons on his new show, or others including "Picket Fences" and "Chicago Hope."

"We got to tell our tobacco storyline," he allowed, "but the impression we got was, they (ABC lawyers) were feeling the lumps from the (tobacco) lawsuit."

Kelley was referring to a \$10 billion lawsuit against ABC from two tobacco giants objecting to what a network newsmagazine had reported about nicotine additives in cigarettes.

Instead of fighting the lawsuit many observers thought ABC could have won, the network (then under different ownership) settled, and publicly apologized to the cigarette makers. That was in August 1995.

A few months later, ABC lawyers were fighting Kelley, even quibbling over how the fictional Laramie brand's mascot could be drawn for a poster displayed in the courtroom. He couldn't be a mammal, play a musical instrument, wear sunglasses or flash a thumbs-up, Kelley was told.

What viewers see instead is a cool-looking, cigarette-smoking alligator twirling a basketball on the tip of his finger. As if it makes a difference.

## This Week in Entertainment

Entertainment highlights during the week of March 16-22:

50 years ago: A gala premiere was held at Hollywood's Carthay Circle Theater for "The Egg and I," starring Claudette Colbert and Fred MacMurray. The film featured Marjorie Main and Percy Kilbride as Ma and Pa Kettle, characters they would go on to play in a series of films.

45 years ago: Disc jockey Alan Freed's "Rock 'n' Roll Stage Show" at Cleveland's Arena stadium was canceled after 30,000 adolescent music-lovers attempted to cram into the venue. Fire regulations set the maximum number of persons allowed into the stadium at 10,000.

40 years ago: Elvis Presley bought

Graceland, a 23-room, two-story mansion in Memphis, Tenn.

20 years ago: Dolby Labs announced that optical tracks in Dolby Stereo were now feasible without increasing the cost of prints. The process was to undergo its first major test in the upcoming "Star Wars" film.

15 years ago: Blake Edwards' "Victor/Victoria" premiered at the Los Angeles International Film Exposition. The film, set in Paris in the 1930s, starred Julie Andrews, James Garner and Robert Preston.

10 years ago: "Love Story" was the first movie from a major Hollywood studio to be released in China since the 1940s. The film, starring Ali McGraw and Ryan

O'Neal, opened in theaters in Beijing and other Chinese cities. Several independent studio productions - such as "Rambo" and "Superman" - had appeared on Chinese movie screens, but "Love Story" inaugurated the first agreement between China and major U.S. film studios.

Five years ago: The in-your-face sex thriller, "Basic Instinct," opened in U.S. theaters nationwide. Sharon Stone's brazenly sexy role was a boost for her career.

And EMI Music said it was boosting royalty rates to 10 percent of sales for hundreds of artists from the 1940s, '50s and '60s. Royalty rates for some artists were said to be as low as 1 percent. Beneficiaries were expected to include Fats

Domino, Peggy Lee, the Andrews Sisters, The Kingston Trio and Ella Fitzgerald.

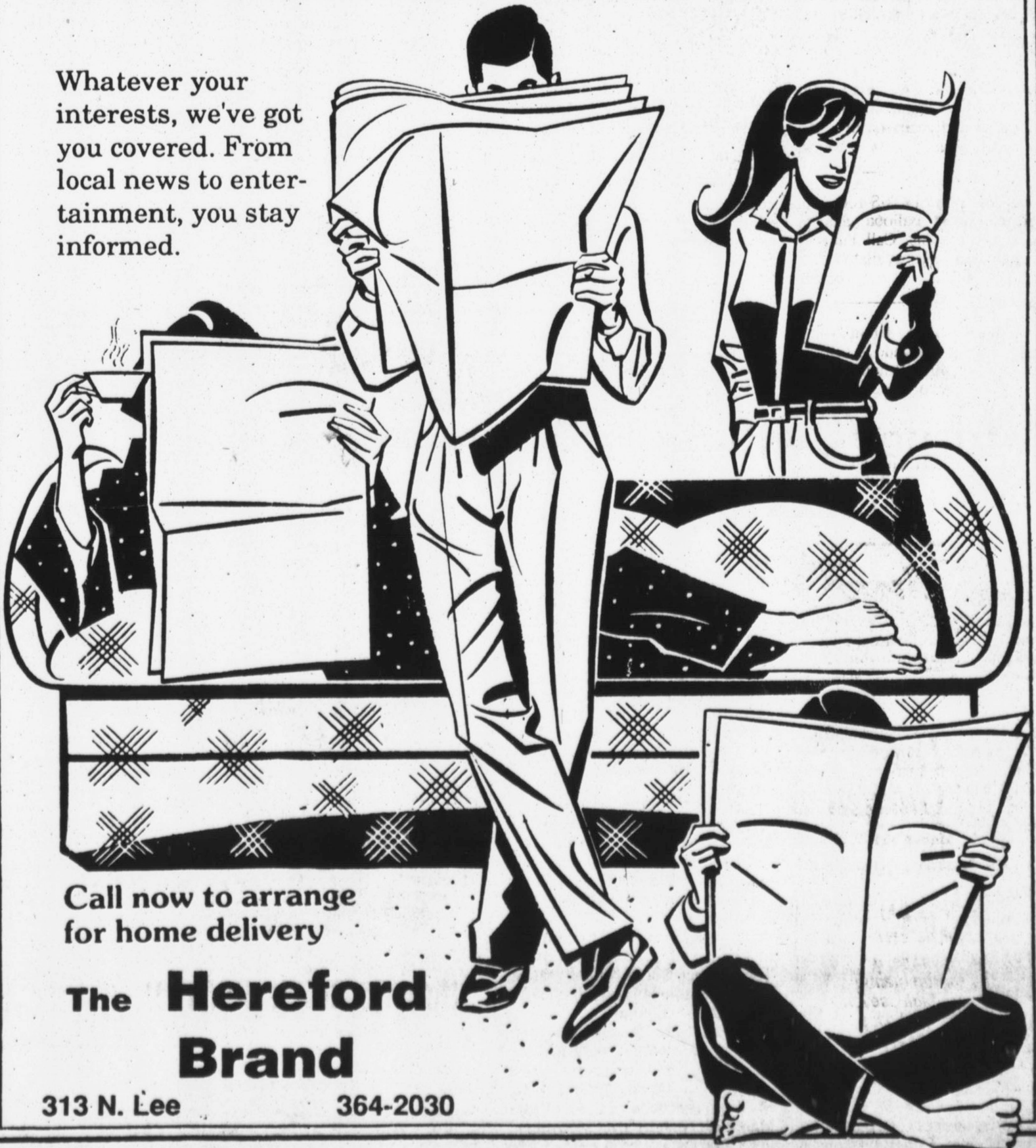
One year ago, the Sex Pistols announced a comeback tour.

Spoken five years ago: "There was no love greater in my life than my love for Judy Garland. She was 'my girl' and in my heart, we belonged together." - Mickey Rooney, referring to his frequent co-star in 1940s musicals.

Spoken one year ago: "I need this like a hole in the head." - Quincy Jones; referring to his job as producer of the 1996 Academy Awards. Jones coaxed Whoopi Goldberg into returning as host, after she skipped 1995's Oscar show.

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Oct	43.50	+0.25	43.75	43.25	43.50
Nov	43.00	+0.25	43.25	42.75	43.00
Dec	42.50	+0.25	42.75	42.25	42.50
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Feb	5.50	+0.25	5.75	5.25	5.50
Mar	5.00	+0.25	5.25	4.75	5.00
Apr	4.50	+0.25	4.75	4.25	4.50
May	4.00	+0.25	4.25	3.75	4.00
Jun	3.50	+0.25	3.75	3.25	3.50
Jul	3.00	+0.25	3.25	2.75	3.00
Aug	2.50	+0.25	2.75	2.25	2.50
Sep	2.00	+0.25	2.25	1.75	2.00
Oct	1.50	+0.25	1.75	1.25	1.50
Nov	1.00	+0.25	1.25	0.75	1.00
Dec	0.50	+0.25	0.75	0.25	0.50
Jan	0.00	+0.25	0.25	-0.25	0.00
Feb	-0.50	+0.25	-0.25	-0.75	-0.50
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### Science fair winners

Nazarene Christian Academy announced the winners of its school's science fair. Pictured, from left, are Dena Brinkman, eighth-grade physical science; Amanda Inmon, sixth-grade collection; Lyndie Torbert, eighth-grade life science; Teel Merrick, sixth-grade demonstration; Amanda Smith, sixth-grade model; and Whitnee Goforth, sixth-grade experiment.

## Many doctors decide to unionize

WASHINGTON (AP) - Joining a union never crossed Dr. Keith Shelman's mind.

Then he got a dose of corporate medicine.

Across the country, doctors like Shelman who feel they have lost control of patient care to corporate accountants are looking to labor unions as a way to collectively gain leverage against hospitals, clinics and managed care groups.

"This is not like you're talking to steel workers or auto workers who grew up with this," Shelman said. "You're talking to people who are biased toward conservatism. We look at this like it's our last chance."

Shelman was among 92 doctors at the Thomas-Davis Medical Centers in Tucson, Ariz., who voted to join an affiliate of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees this winter.

"The major barrier to health care and our success as physicians is no longer the patients' illnesses, but the system," said Shelman, who has practiced internal medicine for more than a decade.

In recent months, podiatrists nationwide and physicians in New York also have voted to unionize, either directly or by affiliating through professional associations. More medical men and women from Philadelphia to Oregon are expected to join the ranks of organized labor soon.

The doctors say the conflict at the heart of the debate is obvious: A physician's primary responsibility is to the patient; a corporate executive is responsible for the bottom line.

"The insurers have taken control of patient care, and we're trying to keep control," said Dr. Raymond Lodise, president of the 4,000-member Philadelphia County Medical Society. "We know that unions have tremendous influence with legislators and we know that unions deal with people who are affected by managed care."

Affiliation with the labor movement will allow some doctors to bring patient care issues - such as restrictions on referrals to specialists and the amount of time they may spend with each patient - to the bargaining table when they negotiate

contracts with health care organizations.

Will unionizing help a doctor's bottom line?

"Money is not the issue," said Dr. Richard Osborne. "The main thrust of your bargaining ... is going to be altering working conditions, and that is going to directly affect patient care."

But there may be financial advantages: Doctors allied with labor will have a leg up in marketing their services to thousands of union members.

And union leaders, keen to increase their ranks, see fresh recruits and the promise of a powerful alliance.

Doctors and union officials complain that health care corporations are operating with impunity under the current system. Many are exempt from antitrust laws, and some can claim immunity from malpractice suits under laws governing employee benefits.

"There are tremendous issues that need to be addressed in this whole health care arena, and the public is not aware of most of them," Osborne said.

Osborne, an independent anesthesiologist who organized the Tucson doctors into the Federation of Physicians and Dentists, said individual doctors who agitate on behalf of their patients might find themselves out of a managed care contract.

By joining forces, doctors hope to speak up more effectively.

"If you're going to provide a service, the patient who pays his premiums every month should not have to stand in line for care," Osborne said. "They make money by making people stand in line for care."

The National Labor Relations Board recognized the Thomas-Davis physicians' 92-23 vote to unionize, but the parent company is fighting them in court.

In October, podiatrists from across the country formed a national guild and affiliated with the Office and Professional Employees International Union. Last month, 2,100 members of an independent practitioners

association on Long Island also affiliated with OPEIU.

Inspired by the podiatrists and an enthusiastic gathering of 200 of his members, Lodise plans a regional meeting today to discuss unionizing, as many as 16,000 medical society members in Pennsylvania and Delaware.

Doctors not employed by public hospitals or under a managed care group must form physician associations before unionizing in order to avoid antitrust laws.

## San Angelo fields get soaked

SAN ANGELO, Texas (AP) - It's rained so much in the San Angelo area lately that farmers and ranchers are unable to get into their fields.

And they're delighted about it. "They'd rather be behind on their field work than be like they were last year when they had everything done way ahead of time but they didn't have any moisture in the ground because of the drought," Jerry Multer, manager of the Wall Co-Op, said Wednesday.

About 35 farmers were milling around the co-op on Wednesday morning, laughing and drinking coffee. There was work in the fields

that couldn't be done because of the rain, but no one was complaining.

"We've still got a lot of preparation to do and some people are a little nervous about getting it all done, but not enough to turn down a good rain," Multer told the San Angelo Standard-Times.

Multer called it the best winter for farmers since 1991. He said the area's winter wheat crop is in excellent shape, thanks to the rain, and that the timing of the rainfall is perfect for getting the soil ready for planting milo and cotton in April and May.

"We've basically had four years of drought and one year when the best

armyworm got us," Multer said. "So this is excellent. Just excellent. We have good, deep ground moisture. We're going to be able to find this moisture come April and May."

Rainfall is way ahead of schedule in the San Angelo area this year. More than six inches of rain has fallen during the winter, following a wet fall. Normally, the area receives about 2.5 inches of rain during the winter months.

Zane Willard of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Association called the rainfall nothing less than salvation for the sheep and goat industry.



### Winners in the science fair

The winners in the Nazarene Christian Academy were announced at the school's awards program and open house. Pictured, from left, are Josh Casey, model; Chelsea Walker, collections; Carrisa Hicks, experiment; and Amy Northcutt, demonstration. These winners are from the fifth-grade division.



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## Attorneys will not seek delay in McVeigh's trial

DENVER (AP) - Timothy McVeigh's attorneys indicated Wednesday they would not seek a delay in the Oklahoma City bombing suspect's trial following Playboy magazine's report on McVeigh's purported confession.

"We are in the midst of the biggest capital case in the history of this country, 20 days from trial," McVeigh's defense team wrote in a two-paragraph statement. "Though some might wish it otherwise, we cannot put aside our work to respond every time the phone rings with tales of yet another story even more sensationalist than the last."

"A jury of 12 will determine Mr. McVeigh's innocence or guilt. That is how it should be and that is how it will be, no matter what is claimed or written elsewhere," the statement concluded.

A telephone message seeking additional comment was not returned immediately.

On Tuesday, Playboy magazine posted a story on its Internet site stating that Timothy McVeigh told his lawyers the force of a bomb he set off in Oklahoma City in 1995 pushed

him against the wall of a nearby building as he made his escape.

The magazine said its report was based on documents prepared by McVeigh's attorneys that it obtained legally.

Nearly two weeks before that, The Dallas Morning News placed a story on its Internet site that said McVeigh admitted driving the explosives-laden truck that demolished the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building, killing 168 people.

Jones initially claimed the newspaper's story was a hoax, but said later the defense team had faked the purported confession to persuade someone else suspected of being involved in the bombing to talk with investigators.

Jones also accused the newspaper of stealing files from his computer. The newspaper denied the allegation, and said it used lawful techniques to obtain the documents.

McVeigh and co-defendant Terry Nichols are charged with murder, conspiracy and weapons-related counts in the April 1995 bombing. McVeigh is scheduled to stand trial March 31; Nichols' trial will follow, but a date has not been set.

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