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HISD approves plan to reapportion district

By GARRY WESNER
Managing Editor

The Hereford Independent School District will retain a system of five trustee districts and two at-large districts under a plan adopted Tuesday by the panel.

The district's board of trustees voted at their regular monthly meeting to approve a reapportionment plan formulated by consultant Bob Bass and a community committee that equalizes population among the districts and ensure that three districts are predominately Hispanic.

The trustees had voted earlier this year to retain the 5-2 configuration. The reapportionment committee presented a seven-district plan that would have eliminated the two at-large trustee spots and a 5-2 plan with the at-large seats retained.

The six-member committee split its recommendation to the board, with half favoring the 5-2 plan and half backing the 7-0 alignment.

However, Superintendent Charles W. Greenawalt and County Clerk David Ruland both pushed the 5-2 plan.

Ruland said people he has talked to oppose the 7-0 plan because of the convoluted way trustee boundaries are drawn to retain minority and population representation.

Greenawalt said if the district went to the 7-0 configuration, all seven trustees would be up for re-election in May 1994 and that three trustees would live in District 5, while there would be no incumbents in Nos. 1, 2 and 6.

Under the 5-2 plan, only District 1, represented by board president Ron Weishaar and No. 3, held by secretary

Charles Schlabs, will be up for re-election in May.

Board vice president Steve Wright reiterated the board's support for retaining the two at-large seats in making a motion to approve the 5-2 plan as presented. It passed unanimously.

The next step is for the plan to be presented to the U.S. Justice Department for its approval in time for the election.

In other school board action:

-- Trustees in a special meeting before the regular session approved a 21-day extension to the Reynosa Construction contract on the high school air conditioning project.

The extension was recommended by Greenawalt and assistant superintendent Don Cumpton, because of extenuating circumstances beyond the control of the company, such as an electrical storm that damaged equipment, late delivery of other items and the illness and death of the company president.

-- During the regular meeting, trustees approved the 1992-93 audit, which was presented by Chris Leonard of McGinty and Associates. The audit, Leonard said, was "clean," meaning the district follows generally accepted accounting procedures.

He recommended a couple of changes, however, in the way capital leases are handled, to fit federal guidelines.

Greenawalt specifically mentioned that the district ended fiscal year 1992-93 with a fund balance of \$4,682,222, which is better than anticipated.

Leonard said state funding was less than planned, but that the district spent about \$400,000 less than it had budgeted.

-- Trustees approved two waiver applications for Shirley Intermediate School.

One waiver is for extra in-service days Jan. 20 and 21 and a half day March 11.

Principal David Fanning said the extra time is needed for the school -- which is part of the Partnership Schools Initiative -- to give teachers training in the portfolio assessment program and in training on learning styles.

The second waiver approved allows the school to begin using portfolios for grading students rather than report cards.

These, Fanning said, offer more in-depth information about a student's progress than does a report card.

Davis Ford, who attended the session and spoke during the public comment portion of the meeting, expressed concern that by eliminating traditional grades in favor of the portfolios, "they're words that could mean lots of different things" and that "this is going right into outcome-based education."

Fanning said the portfolios are used with a parent-teacher conference and show what things the children are working on and tracks their classroom progress.

-- Trustees also approved a waiver to allow the district's two HOSTS classes to ask for state approval of a different teacher evaluation than the statewide assessment currently in use.

Scott Turner, who oversees the program, said the locally-produced evaluation better shows the work the HOSTS teachers do than does the standard form, which rates teachers based on a standard classroom format.

HOSTS teachers, he said, do different work than that done in a traditional classroom.

-- During his report to the board, Cumpton urged trustees into acting to replace the roof over the older portion of HHS, in order to protect the newly-installed heating and air conditioning system and the new ceilings installed during the project.

During recent rains, Cumpton said, roof leaks damaged several ceiling tiles.

He was told to look into the cost of installing a modified bitumen roof similar to that used on the third floor of the Stanton Educational Services Center.

-- Greenawalt announced that Business Office director Bobby Moudy will leave the district next month to assume the same post with the Breckenridge ISD near Abilene.

Moudy said the opportunity arose when the person hired for the job last August quit suddenly.

The district is smaller, but he said he will have to deal with a similar budget and fewer federal dollars.



We can do that here!

Gifts of living plants and floral arrangements may be just the thing for last-minute holiday gifts for someone around town. But instead of trying to find an out-of-town florist to fill those orders, try a local company like Terry's Floral and Design, 315 E. Park. Terry Sparks, right, and Eva Beltran work to create a centerpiece containing live flowers and evergreen boughs. The store can deliver local Christmas gifts as late as Friday and will be open until noon on Christmas Eve. The store is just one more reason to stay home for the shopping season.

Cardiac rehab unit approved for hospital

Hospital board revives physicians' building plan

By SPEEDY NIEMAN
Editor-Publisher

Directors of Deaf Smith County Hospital District, in a regular monthly meeting Tuesday night, revived plans for a new physicians' building, approved the addition of a cardiac rehabilitation unit at Hereford Regional Medical Center, and approved the hospital as a provider for FirstCare, a health maintenance organization owned by High Plains Baptist Hospital.

The board also approved monthly reports and Ron Rives, CEO, announced that Hereford Health Clinic had received certification as a rural health center. In the medical staff report, Dr. Jesse Perales announced the election of new officers. Dr. Nadir Khuri will be chief of staff for 1994; Dr. Jerry Payne will be vice chairman, and Dr. Howard Johnson is the secretary.

Dr. Kent Walker appeared at the board meeting and told directors that he and Dr. Howard Haysom have already run out of necessary space in the clinic building north of the hospital. Dr. Walker reported he and Dr. Haysom are already seeing 70 to 80 patients a day.

The board had planned construction of a physicians' building earlier this year, but held up final approval due to financing problems. Rives said it was "probably better that we did wait--now we have a better track record of the needs."

After discussing the situation, the board asked Rives to present a proposal at the next meeting on using general obligation bonds to build a physicians' building on the east side of the hospital. If these type bonds are used, a bond election would be required in the district.

Rives presented a recommendation to the board on installing a cardiac rehab unit at the hospital. He proposed renovation of offices in the upstairs portion on the old hospital building.

Rives said the goal of the cardiology service will be "to provide comprehensive preventive, diagnostic, treatment and rehabilitation services for individuals at risk of, or with diagnosis of cardiovascular diseases."

Rives estimated the cost of capital improvements and renovation at \$60,000. He proposed that budget funding for orthopedic and physical therapy equipment, not yet required,

Dr. Nadir Khuri elected chief of staff for 1994

be used for the project. He also reported, if the unit was approved, that he had a specialist to head up the project.

The board approved a motion to create the new unit and for Rives to employ the specialist, who will be Scott Modersitzki. He has a MS degree with a specialty in cardiac rehab and exercise physiology. Start-up of the new program is scheduled for February.

The proposal by FirstCare of Amarillo for the medical center to be a provider for the HMO had been discussed for a couple of years. Rives reported that local physicians had visited with FirstCare officials. He said most hospitals in the Panhandle were already a provider for

the service.

The board approved the action, but one concern was voiced by board members. That was the impact such a service might have on local pharmacies if the new HMO was successful in marketing its plan. Only one local pharmacy would be certified by the HMO.

The operations report showed the hospital's average daily census at 13.3 for November. Surgical procedures were down slightly from last year but most other professional services had increased.

Gross patient revenue was \$978,455 for November, an increase over last year, but net revenue was down because of high Medicare and Medicaid contractuals. The hospital showed a monthly loss of \$25,680 from operations. Tax revenue and state disproportionate share funds, along with other non-operating income, left a net of \$118,755.

Directors present for the meeting were John Perrin, president; Merle Clark, Boyd Foster, Mal Manchee, Jo Beth Shackelford and Paul Abalos. Scott Turner was absent.

CSF tops \$20 000 in gifts to aid needy families here

Donations to this year's Christmas Stocking Fund, a holiday charity to help the community's less fortunate, is approaching a record total.

The fund total went past the \$20,000-mark Tuesday is just \$643 away from hitting a peak mark for the 14-year-old program. The record was \$20,718 given in 1989.

Food baskets and vouchers for medical and utility bills were delivered last Friday to many needy families in Hereford. The Red Cross toy program also provided toys for all the families who had requested assistance.

After all expenses are tallied, the anonymous CSF committee will determine if more assistance can be given this year, if there are priority needs which deserve the attention of the program.

Balance forward: \$19,426.00

In memory of Dorothy Daniel, Ruth and Bob Lueb 50.00
Nolan & Vida Grady 50.00
In honor of Mary,

the Mother of Jesus 200.00
Anonymous 20.00
Bill & Norma Walden 30.00
Hereford Cablevision 100.00
Hagar & Associates 50.00
In memory of Ethel Womble 50.00
In memory of John Huchton and Isaac Stevens 100.00
Balance 12-21-93: \$20,076.00

Christmas Stocking Fund 1993

West Texas rain, snow to end today

By The Associated Press
Sleet or snow was expected across most of North Texas today, but the skies should be clearing by tonight.

An extensive area of rain covered North Texas this morning, but Wichita Falls was the only region that reported any frozen precipitation.

Lows in North Texas are expected in the 20s tonight, while highs Thursday should be in the mid-40s to the lower 50s under partly cloudy skies.

One to 2 inches of snow had fallen by this morning in the El Paso area and some of the West Texas mountain regions, with less than an inch at Midland.

The rain and snow across West Texas is expected to end

later today, leading to fair skies areawide tonight. Lows tonight will be in the teens in the north and the 20s to the south. A few flurries are possible Thursday in the Panhandle, where highs will be in the 30s. It will be in the lower 50s along the Big Bend area.

In South Texas, cloudy skies and rain stretched across the region this morning. The Hill Country may receive some sleet today. The rain should be ending tonight, when lows will range from the 20s across the Hill Country to the 40s across the deep south.

Early morning temperatures ranged from 22 degrees at Dalhart to 63 degrees at Brownsville.



Residential window winner

"Seasons Greetings" is the sentiment conveyed by this year's residential window/door winner in the Christmas Lighting Contest sponsored by the Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce Women's Division. The prize went to the Anselmo Serrano home, 402 W. Park Ave.

Local Roundup

Early deadlines noted

The Hereford Brand will publish a combined Friday-Sunday edition this week, to allow employees to celebrate Christmas with their families. As a result, early deadlines have been established for all copy. Church news must be submitted today for inclusion in Thursday's edition. Also, all advertising copy for the Friday-Sunday paper must be submitted by 10 a.m. Thursday for display advertising and 3 p.m. for classified advertising. The Brand offices will close at noon Friday, Dec. 24 and will be closed Saturday, Dec. 25, through Monday, Dec. 27. Regular deadlines and hours will resume on Tuesday, Dec. 28.

Snow flurries possible Thursday

Hereford had a high of 44 degrees Tuesday and a low of 20 this morning, reports KPAN Weather. Tonight, fair skies with a low in the upper teens. Northwest to west wind 5 to 10 mph. Thursday, mostly cloudy with snow flurries possible. High in the mid 30s. West wind 10 to 15 mph early, becoming north at 15-20 mph and gusty during the morning. Outlook for the Christmas weekend, fair with lows 10-20 Friday, warming to the 20s Sunday. Highs upper 30s to mid 40s Friday, warming to the 50s Sunday.

News Digest

World/Nation

WASHINGTON - Hillary Rodham Clinton says her husband solicits her advice on major issues and shares key decisions when he needs somebody "totally trustworthy." But, the first lady says, her powers are limited.

WASHINGTON - Americans finally started warming up to President Clinton in the past few weeks, only to be reminded almost immediately of the doubts he's tried all year to dispel.

CAPE TOWN, South Africa - South Africa takes another step toward democracy when the white Parliament votes on a constitution that hands the government over to the black majority. The constitution was expected to be passed today.

UNITED NATIONS - As the United Nations struggles to replace American peacekeepers in Somalia, it has been hit with another blow: Britain and France may pull their troops out of Bosnia.

DETROIT - Less than a week after a jury awarded \$78 million to a woman struck by one of its drivers, Domino's Pizza is dropping the 30-minutes-or-less guarantee that made it the world's No. 1 pizza delivery business.

WASHINGTON - Housing Secretary Henry Cisneros is warning President Clinton that he risks alienating urban supporters if he focuses solely on crime without offering solutions to other urban crises, an internal memo shows.

State

DALLAS - Still looking for the perfect iguana for that special someone this Christmas? If so, proceed with caution. In fact, holiday shoppers should use discretion before handing out puppies, kittens and parakeets, let alone iguanas, tarantulas and African hissing cockroaches.

PARIS, Texas - With a twist of irony, a gunman who opened fire on Christmas shoppers in an Oklahoma store parking lot and one of his victims were buried Tuesday within two hours and 20 miles of each other.

AUSTIN - U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison's attempt to dismiss indictments against her because of alleged political bias has been denied. During a pre-trial hearing Tuesday, visiting Judge John Onion rejected motions by Mrs. Hutchison, a Republican, that claimed the charges were produced by a predominantly Democratic grand jury and politically motivated district attorney.

HOUSTON - First-time juvenile offenders can forget about plea bargains and other deals in the court of one state district judge. In recent weeks, Judge Mary Bacon has been spurning the notion of plea bargains that would let 17- and 18-year-olds off with probation. Now, all are going to trial.

AMARILLO - Potter County and much of the Texas Panhandle again are in the market for a forensic pathologist. Dr. Elizabeth Peacock, who worked for Potter County since July 1992, submitted her resignation Tuesday. Her predecessor, Dr. Sparks Veasey, also quit less than two years into the job.



Police Beat

Wednesday's Hereford Police Department activity report contained the following incident reports:

- Reckless damage to a fuel pump hose was reported in the 100 block of East Park.
- Assault by threat was reported in the 400 block of Paloma Lane.
- Window damage in the amount of \$150 was reported in the 400 block of Irving.
- Domestic disturbance was reported in the 900 block of East First.
- Theft of items valued at \$90 was reported in the 600 block of Irving.
- Burglary was reported in the 700 block of Thunderbird.
- A dog bite was reported in the

800 block of South Main.

- Forgery was reported in the 200 block of Avenue B.
- Items valued at \$3,000 were reported stolen in the 100 block of South Douglas.
- Theft of \$130 was reported in the 1300 block of West U.S. 60.
- Officers issued four citations.
- There was one minor accident.

Sheriff's Report

Wednesday's Deaf Smith County Sheriff's Department activity report contained the following arrests and incident reports:

- A 34-year-old female was arrested for tampering with government records.
- Phone harassment was reported.
- Assault was reported.
- Vandalism was reported.



Window winner

A Christmas tree placed in the window greets travelers along U.S. 60 as they pass the Best Western Red Carpet Inn, 830 W. First St. The company captured the Business Division, best window/door award in this year's Christmas Lighting Contest sponsored by the Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce Women's Division.



Courthouse Records

COUNTY COURT DISPOSITIONS

State vs. Robert Gil, driving while license suspended; three days in jail, \$100 fine, \$175 court costs, Dec. 15.

State vs. Sue McCleskey, theft by check; \$195 court costs, Dec. 15.

State vs. James E. Smith, theft by check; \$175 court costs, Dec. 15.

State vs. Jesus Coronado, driving while intoxicated second offense; 60 days in jail, \$300 fine, \$250 court costs, Dec. 15.

State vs. Jesus Coronado, resisting arrest; 60 days in jail, \$195 court costs, Dec. 15.

State vs. Antonio Zepeda, criminal non-support; one year in jail probated two years, \$175 court costs, Dec. 15.

222nd DISTRICT COURT

In interest of Leticia Gutierrez, Cecilia Gutierrez and Manuel Gutierrez, order under revised Uniform Reciprocal Enforcement of Support Act; employer's order to withhold from earnings for child support, Nov. 22.

Tri-State Chemicals, plaintiff, vs. Terry Lundell, d/b/a/ Diamond Hill

Obituaries

DAISY MAE LIVESAY

Dec. 21, 1993
Daisy Mae Livesay, 94, of Hereford, died Tuesday.

Services will be held at 3 p.m. Thursday in Gililand-Watson Rose Chapel. Burial will be in Rest Lawn Memorial Park Cemetery, by Gililand-Watson Funeral Home.

Mrs. Livesay was born in Coryell County and came to Deaf Smith County in 1927 from Lockney. She married Norman W. Livesay in 1920 in Lockney. He died in 1988. Mrs. Livesay was a homemaker and had worked in retail sales. She was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors are a son, L.J. "Pat" Livesay of Hereford; a daughter, Norma Horst of Amarillo; a brother, Doyle Hooten of Tulsa; a sister, Rosa Cox of Canyon, seven grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

A son, Harold Livesay, died in 1980.

Hospital Notes

PATIENTS IN HOSPITAL
Velma Carroll, Ada Condarco, Edith Curtis, J.R. Euler, Mercedes Guzman, DeLiann Johnson, Clarice McCaslin, Claudia Moreno.

Alva Lee Peeler, Katherine Perrin, Elisa Rivera, Joanna Robles, Mary Spinhome, Inf. Girl Tatarevich, Nikki Tatarevich, Inf. boy Telles, Jackie Warren, Ethel Waters.



AUSTIN (AP) - Here are results of Lotto Texas Pick 3 winning numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery, in this order:

3-3-4 (three, three, four)

Judge refuses move to dismiss charges against Hutchison

AUSTIN (AP) - U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison's attempt to dismiss indictments against her because of alleged political bias has been denied.

During a pre-trial hearing Tuesday, visiting Judge John Onion rejected motions by Mrs. Hutchison, a Republican, that claimed the charges were produced by a predominantly Democratic grand jury and politically motivated district attorney.

Mrs. Hutchison's legal team said Republicans were under-represented on the grand jury. They also accused Travis County District Attorney Ronnie Earle, a Democrat, of vindictive and selective enforcement against Mrs. Hutchison.

Prosecutors said it was impossible to determine the political affiliation of certain grand jurors because they sometimes voted in the GOP primary and sometimes in the Democratic primary. They also denied Earle's political affiliation has had anything to do with Mrs. Hutchison's prosecution.

Mrs. Hutchison, who has denied any wrongdoing, was indicted on charges that while state treasurer she used state employees and state

equipment for her personal benefit and then destroyed records as a coverup. The charges carry a maximum sentence of 51 years in prison.

Mrs. Hutchison has said she wants a trial before the Senate reconvenes Jan. 25.

Earlier Tuesday, Onion ruled that Mrs. Hutchison may challenge some evidence taken from the state Treasury June 10 based on her constitutional right to privacy.

Prosecutors argue against the privacy protection, saying the records are public documents belonging to the Treasury, not Mrs. Hutchison.

In other testimony, Tex Martin, an investigator with the Travis County district attorney's office, said that the day before subpoenas were issued for documents in the case, he had heard records had been destroyed.

After the statement, Onion upheld objections by Mrs. Hutchison's attorney Dick DeGuerin, who complained that the testimony on the destruction of records was based on what someone had told the investigator and not his personal knowledge.

Farm, corrected final summary judgment, Nov. 23.

Armando DeLaCruz and Diana DeLaCruz, individually, and as next friends of Elizabeth Anna DeLaCruz, plaintiffs, vs. Amy a Tijerina and George Tijerina, defendants, judgment, Nov. 29.

In the marriage of Tametia Jean Holbert and Clayton Scott Holbert, and in interest of children, final decree of divorce, order for child custody and support, employer's order to withhold from earnings for child support, Nov. 29.

Jerry Smith, P.C., plaintiff, vs. Vi McDonald and the Estate of Donald B. McDonald, deceased, order of dismissal, Nov. 29.

State vs. Ricardo Conrado Chavez, order modifying probation, Nov. 29.

State vs. Jose "Pepin" Flores, order appointing attorney, Gerald Gamboa, Nov. 29.

State vs. Alvin Green, order appointing attorney, Candace Norris, Nov. 30.

Rebecca Viola Williams, plaintiff, vs. Tillie Miller, individually as independent executrix of estate of Viola Williams, deceased, order of dismissal, Dec. 3.

State vs. David Shiver, order appointing attorney, Terry Langehenig, Dec. 2.

In the marriage of Sharon Jolene Gonzales and Rodolfo P. Gonzales, order on motion to modify in suit affecting parent-child relationship; order to withhold from earnings for child support.

In the marriage of Keith Edward Pruitt and Jaelynn Kay Pruitt and in

interest of minor children; final decree of divorce, order for child custody and support, employer's order to withhold from earnings for child support, Dec. 6.

Denzil Pulliam vs. Florence Traweck and Sabra T. Whatley, order of dismissal, Dec. 8.

In interest of Crystal Mendez, Michael Derek Mendez and Dallas Bridgett Mendez, order for nonsuit, Dec. 13.

In interest of Zachary S. Blea and Justin W. Blea, order for nonsuit.

State vs. John Parascandola, order appointing attorney, Jerry Smith, Dec. 13.

In interest of David A. Zepeda Jr., and Mike Ismail Zepeda, order enforcing child support obligation, employer's order to withhold from earnings for child support, Dec. 13.

In 222nd Judicial District Court, order appointing jury commissioners, Dec. 14.

In interest of Stephanie Adame, child, order appointing managing conservator, Dec. 14.

State of Texas, Order Granting Name Change, Dec. 15.

In interest of Crystal Tamez, motion to dismiss, Dec. 15.

State vs. Ricardo Conrado Chavez, judgment on plea of guilty to felony driving while intoxicated, five years, Texas Department of Criminal Justice institutional division, probated five years, \$500 fine, Dec. 15.

Mendy Jean Byrd, individually, as community survivor of the estate of Ronald Wesley Byrd, deceased, and as next friend of Amanda Lou Byrd, a minor, vs. Tony Wells, individually,

and d/b/a/ Wells Brothers, judgment, Dec. 16.

State vs. Laura Torres, judgment on plea of guilty to forgery; five years, Texas Department of Criminal Justice institutional division, probated five years, \$1,000 fine, Dec. 15.

State vs. Richard Vera Rodriguez, order deferring judgment and granting probation, Dec. 15.

State vs. Luis Moreno Jr., judgment on plea of guilty to theft, \$750 to \$20,000, eight years, Texas Department of Criminal Justice institutional division, probated eight years, Dec. 15.

State vs. Leticia O. Nieto, judgment on plea of guilty to tampering with a government record, eight years, Texas Department of Criminal Justice institutional division, probated eight years, Dec. 15.

State vs. Bernie Lucero, order revoking probation, sentenced to eight years Texas Department of Criminal Justice institutional division, Dec. 16.

In interest of Deaf Smith Baby Jane, decree of adoption, Dec. 16.

JUSTICE OF PEACE COURT

Deaf Smith County vs. Candelaria Medeles Jr., and Candelaria Medeles Sr., delinquent taxes and court costs, \$220.58, Nov. 24.

Deaf Smith County vs. Jimmy Burns, d/b/a Burns Feed and Supply, delinquent taxes and court costs, \$924.06, Nov. 29.

Glenn B. Allred vs. Sam J. Smith, past due account, \$698.25, Nov. 29.

David J. Purdy, DDS, vs. Gary McCleskey, past due account and court costs, \$125, Dec. 3.



We can do that here!

With Christmas just three days away, don't go dashing off to the Big City for holiday gifts. There is still lots available in Hereford. And, if you can't find anything specific, many local stores -- including The Pants Cage, located in the Atrium at 426 Main -- offer gift certificates, so your loved one can go shopping instead. Here, Pants Cage owner Lajeane Henry, right, and Louise Ferguson write out a gift certificate for Madeline Smith, left, of Clovis, N.M. Gift certificates are just one more reason to stay home and shop.

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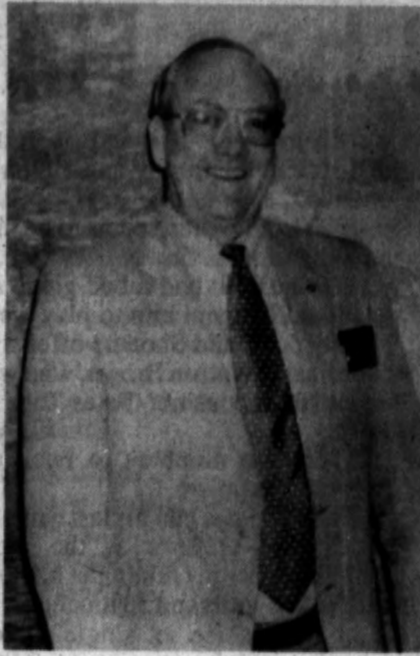
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Lifestyles

Rowland receives highest Toastmasters Club award



JIGGER ROWLAND

Jigger Rowland is the recipient of the Distinguished Toastmasters Award, the highest honor that a member can earn. The announcement was made during the recent Hereford Toastmasters Club meeting held at the Ranch House.

Also, during the business meeting conducted by Rick Jackson, it was announced that the club's officer installation banquet is scheduled Jan. 6, 1994, at the Hereford Community Center.

Sharon Ruland and Dan Hall tied for best speakers at the meeting and best table topic speaker was Clark Andrews. Wayne Winget was announced as best evaluator.

Ruland and Hall were evaluated

by Wayne Winget and Art Gonzales. Ed Gilbert led the pledge to the flag and the invocation was given by Charles Minchew.

Margaret Del Toro served as Toastmaster; Dennis Detten, wordmaster; Joe Weaver, timer; Dr. M.C. Adams, "ah" counter; Joe Don Cummings, grammarian; Linda Minchew, general evaluator; and "optimal" was the chosen word.

Ed Gilbert was topicmaster and topic speakers included Wayne Winget, Art Gonzales, Dennis Detten, Clark Andrews, Joe Weaver and Sharon Ruland.

Bob Lohr gave the reading and the joke was told by Charles Minchew.

Senior Citizens

LUNCH MENUS

THURSDAY—Beef stew with vegetables, coleslaw, cake and peaches, cornbread.

FRIDAY—Closed for Christmas holidays.

MONDAY—Mexican stack, refried beans, Spanish rice, salad fixings, potatoes and cookies, tostados.

TUESDAY—Pork roast, bake sweet potato and apples, buttered spinach, cottage cheese with chopped

vegetables, lemon ice box dessert.
WEDNESDAY—Oven-fried chicken, creamed new potatoes and peas, buttered corn, fruit salad, applesauce cake.

ACTIVITIES

THURSDAY—Stretch and flexibility 10-10:45 a.m., oil painting 9-11 a.m. and 1 p.m., choir 1 p.m., birthday social 6:30 a.m.

FRIDAY-SATURDAY—Closed for

Christmas holidays.
MONDAY—Line dance 9-11 a.m., devotional 12:45 p.m., water exercises, ceramics 7 p.m.
TUESDAY—Stretch and flexibility 10-10:45 a.m., water exercises, Beltone hearing 1-4 p.m.
WEDNESDAY—Stretch and flexibility 10-10:45 a.m., ceramics 1:30 p.m., water exercises.

Julius Caesar was born in 102 B.C.

Ann Landers

DEAR ANN LANDERS: I read with interest the letter from the woman with the sick child who was upset because of the insensitive questions asked by strangers. The public needs to be educated in this area. Your column could help.

Instead of ignoring a sick or disabled child and turning away, why not smile, look directly into the child's eyes and say, "Hi! How are you today?" You will be surprised at the number of youngsters who will return the smile and wave. If the greeting is not acknowledged, so what?

Please, Ann, continue to help educate a public that needs to relate in a more compassionate way to the ill or physically challenged. The ignorance I see every day is astounding.—A Close Observer in Muskogee, Okla.

DEAR MUSKOGEE: As a member of the board of the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago, I appreciate your input. Read on for another letter on this subject:

DEAR ANN LANDERS: May I respond to the mother who was asked numerous questions about her sick child by strangers?

We have a 2-year-old son who has cancer and is undergoing chemotherapy. People often come up and ask questions about his thinning hair or the tubes that are hanging out of his little shirt.

Not all parents with sick children discourage questions. Yes, there are times when it is upsetting to have to answer, but I would prefer that they ask questions rather than just stare. Those questions also give me an opportunity to teach people something about cancer treatment.

I understand the pain of that mother who wrote to you. There is nothing more heartbreaking than to have your child diagnosed with a life-threatening illness and watch him go through the treatments and all their side effects. I am fortunate that my son has a good chance of surviving. I feel that answering questions from the curious is in some small way helping to educate the public, and this is my special contribution.—A Mom in Austin, Texas

DEAR MOM: What a generous spirit! I admire you—and all the other parents who are doing their part in the face of adversity, bless you for your ability to turn a difficult challenge into an opportunity.

DEAR ANN LANDERS: I'd like to respond to the letter from the woman who had an affair with her husband's brother and later gave birth to a boy who resembles the baby's uncle.

I work for a county-based child support agency. Several months ago, a woman requested our services in order to pursue her husband for support of her daughter. She, too, had slept with her husband's brother. Her husband requested a DNA paternity test. The test showed that he was NOT the father of the child. His brother was also tested, and he, it turns out, could have indeed been the father. The daughter is now 11, and her life has been turned upside down.

If a mother has doubts about paternity, she owes it to her child to search for the truth before the child becomes attached to the wrong man. The cost of the DNA paternity test

should not be an issue. People can contact government-based child support agencies.—Raleigh, N.C.

DEAR RALEIGH: In the case of the woman who had an affair with her husband's brother, I felt such a test might break up the family permanently. Sometimes it's best to leave well enough alone.

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Science skills aid workers

There could be good news for a change about employment in this country.

People from defense-related industries who lose their jobs due to military downsizing are not likely to swell the unemployment lines for long if they have a science background. Most science professionals will probably find new jobs within a year.

Researchers at the American Chemical Society say chemists and chemical engineers are particularly re-hireable because a basic chemistry background prepares people to do more than 600 different jobs. They can work in areas of food, nutrition, technology, health, environment and crime-solving, just to name a few.

"We are trying to get this message out to women and minorities—two groups who are underrepresented in the science workplace," says Dr. Helen M. Free, president of the

Society, whose 145,000 members make it the largest scientific society in the world.

"Somewhere early in their education—usually around the third or fourth grade—girls turn off to science and so do most Afro-American and Hispanic students. Yet science could be an 'economic lifeline' for women and minorities, who tend to suffer most when jobs are scarce."

Dr. Free wants young people to realize "how much fun it is to be a scientist. You get your hands dirty, you play with things, you change them, you discover things for yourself, and you may discover, or even create, something no one has ever seen before."

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Sports

Sandoval named to all-state team

Hereford's Kara Sandoval was named to the second team of the Texas Sports Writers Association's Class 4A all-state volleyball team, which was released Tuesday.

Sandoval, a four-year letter-winner and two-time all-district performer for the Herd, helped Hereford to a 26-7 record in 1993. The senior setter recorded 667 assists, 203 digs, 96 kills and had a 95 percent successful serve rate.

Leading the first team was Kim Coffey, who helped Justin Northwest beat Hereford in the Region I-4A finals. Rounding out the first team were Cheyanne Orsay of Magnolia; Crystal Schweits of Buda Hays; Tracy Thompson and Shanna Ross of Friendswood; and Amber Soletti of state champion Austin Westlake. All are seniors except Ross, a junior.

Joining Sandoval on the second team was Kechia Mason of Lamesa, which Hereford beat in a bi-district match. Others on the second team were Robin Pittman of Justin Northwest; Misty Wellman of Brenham; Mandy



SANDOVAL

Russell of Magnolia; and Kirsten Oelkers of New Braunfels Canyon. All are seniors.

Senior hitter Amy Mitchell of Amarillo Tascosa was named to the second team in Class 5A.

OU's QB has Hancock experience

EL PASO, Texas (AP) - For Cale Gundy, it's almost like a John Hancock Bowl victory is in the blood.

The Oklahoma quarterback is preparing to lead the 19th-ranked Sooners (8-3) into a Christmas Eve showdown with Texas Tech (6-5). And somewhere in his mind there persists the memory of the last time he was at the bowl.

That was 1987, when Gundy watched his brother Mike go 12 of 18 for 161 yards to help lead Oklahoma State to a 35-33 victory over West Virginia in what was then the John Hancock Sun Bowl.

"I think it's just kind of funny how things turned out," said Gundy. "How he played here and now I'm here."

"He had a good game. Hopefully, it'll stay in the family and I'll have one too."

Every indication seems to be that he will.

"He has not had a bad game all year, and I expect him to play well. I really do," said Sooners offensive coordinator Watson Brown, who was an assistant coach at Texas Tech in 1978.

There are numbers to back up Brown's optimism.

Gundy comes into his last game in a Sooners' uniform as the most prolific passer in Oklahoma history, with 6,142 yards and 35 touchdowns to his credit. He set single-season school records by throwing for 2,096 yards and 14 TDs this year.

He's also fourth on the Big Eight career passing list. Brother Mike holds first place with a commanding 7,997 yards.

If that wasn't enough to engender confidence in the Sooners, there's Gundy's his history against Texas Tech.

The Sooners and Red Raiders have only met one other time, the 1992 season-opener in which Oklahoma unveiled its passing offense.

Gundy set school records for consecutive completions (12) and passing yards (341) as the Sooners won that game 34-9.

"Cale Gundy is a great quarterback," said Tech coach Spike Dykes, "and when you have a guy like Cale

Gundy, you have the capability to throw any time he wants to."

Yet Gundy dismisses his previous performance by noting he'll be facing a much-improved team this year. Never mind that he averaged 145.8 yards per game during the regular season, while Tech was giving up 231.1 yards in the air.

"They're very quick and they like to fly around and they're going to come in at you," said Gundy.

"I think that we match up pretty well," he said. But he added: "If we just execute, we can have some good success."

True enough. Gundy has executed all season. And you can see his success in the numbers.

Akers, Hatfield interview for Rice job

HOUSTON (AP) - A pair of former Southwest Conference head coaches - Ken Hatfield and Fred Akers - are among the applicants for the vacant head football coaching job at Rice University.

Hatfield, the former coach of Arkansas, Clemson and the Air Force Academy, said Tuesday he's definitely interested in the job that opened when Fred Goldsmith accepted the head coaching job at Duke last week.

Rice athletic director Bobby May greeted Hatfield and his wife, Sandy, when they arrived Tuesday morning at Houston's Hobby Airport for an interview.

Akers, former head coach at Texas, met with Rice officials Sunday night and Monday morning.

Rice offensive coordinator Mike Heimerdinger, whom Goldsmith recommended for the job, also has interviewed for the job.

Texas assistant head coach Gary

Darnell and Ohio State defensive coordinator Bill Young have said they are interested in the Rice job.

Hatfield said he likes Rice's reputation for academic excellence.

"Rice epitomizes what intercollegiate athletics stand for. They have great academics and they keep everything in perspective," Hatfield told Houston television station KRIV-TV.

"We're here to visit about the coaching job. Anytime you get involved in anything, you need to get eyeball to eyeball," Hatfield said. "People have to decide which direction everybody wants to go and

try to find out if people are compatible and find out where both people can help each other the best and go from there."

In a telephone interview from his ranch home in Manor, near Austin, Akers confirmed to the Austin American-Statesman Tuesday that he interviewed for the job.

"There's not much to say," Akers said. "I did visit with them Sunday night and Monday morning, and it was a good, informative visit."

Akers, 55, who coached Texas to an 86-31-2 record between 1977 and 1986, described the meetings as "very extensive."

Cowboys won't look past 'Skins

IRVING, Texas (AP) - Nobody gets overconfident at Valley Ranch when the Redskins are coming.

In fact, Dallas coach Jimmy Johnson is glad his Cowboys are playing archrival Washington this week.

It keeps his team from thinking about the Jan. 2 NFC title showdown with the New York Giants.

"There might be some talk whether we would look ahead to the New York Giants game in two weeks, but I don't think there is any danger

of that happening because of the way we played against Washington the first time and because of the rivalry between the two clubs," the Dallas coach said on Tuesday.

"Washington's big win against Atlanta last week should get the attention of our players," Johnson said. "This is a very important game in our Super Bowl stretch run. We can't afford to look ahead."

Dallas, which defeated the Giants 31-9 earlier in the season, is 10-4 overall, a game behind New York.

The more Johnson looks at the Cowboys' record the more pleased he has become about their defense of the Super Bowl title.

"We are just one play away from having the same record as we had last year at this time," said Johnson.

He was referring to Leon Lett's Thanksgiving Day blunder against Miami, a 16-14 loss. On the last play of the game, Lett touched the ball deep in Dallas territory after a field goal was blocked. The Dolphins recovered with six seconds left and kicked the game-winning field goal.

"We're still a pretty good team," Johnson said. "We've overcome more injuries than we had last year. We're about where we were a year ago. We still have the ability to win any Sunday."

Johnson said the Cowboys are solid in all three phases.

"We're on a good roll with the kicking game, our offense has picked it up, and I like the intensity I've seen on defense," Johnson said.

Johnson said he has been impressed how the Giants keep winning under Dan Reeves.

"They are playing very well and are much better than when we beat

them earlier," Johnson said. "It put me in a bad mood watching what they did to New Orleans (24-14) last night."

Washington whipped Dallas 35-16 in the opening game of the season. The Cowboys were playing without running back Emmitt Smith.

"It was their best game of the year and our worst game," Johnson said. "Washington isn't a 4-10 team. They've had some major injuries which have held them down."

Oilers' Alm called 911

HOUSTON (AP) - Houston Oilers defensive lineman Jeff Alm spent one of the last minutes of his life trying to tell a 911 operator the location of the car crash that killed his best friend, according to a published report.

Alm called from his cellular phone shortly after the Dec. 14 single-vehicle crash that sent Sean P. Lynch flying out of Alm's car and down a 45-foot embankment to his death. The Houston Post reported in a copyright story in today's editions.

Police say Alm was distraught over Lynch's death and shot himself with a shotgun moments later. An officer who heard a tape recording of Alm's call to 911 described him as "panicky and emotional" during the minute-long conversation.

Throughout the call, the operator repeatedly asked Alm where the crash occurred. He tried, but could not quickly pinpoint the exact location. Part of the confusion may have been that the West Loop and the Southwest Freeway intersect in two places, police said.

Alm was speaking frantically, often turning his head away from the mouthpiece, yelling to Lynch and asking if he was all right.

Police said the first official at the accident scene found the phone atop Alm's wrecked car with 911 dialed into it. It was unclear until Tuesday whether it was Alm who had made the call.

Homicide investigators have reviewed the tape as part of their investigation into the deaths. They declined Tuesday to release a transcript because the investigation is ongoing.

Last week, however, police reiterated their conclusion that Alm's death was a suicide and indicated that their inquiry was all but finished.

Toxicology results on Lynch released Tuesday showed that his blood alcohol content was .30. In Texas, an individual is legally intoxicated with a blood alcohol content of .10. Lynch's tests revealed no evidence of illegal drugs.

The Harris County Medical Examiner's Office said Alm's toxicology results wouldn't be available until next month. Officials say the delay is necessary for more comprehensive tests, although they would not say what those tests were.

Apparently no one witnessed the deaths of Alm and Lynch, who grew up together in Orland Park, Ill., a suburb of Chicago.

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Rockets, Sonics show ability to hit big shots

By The Associated Press

The Houston Rockets and the Seattle SuperSonics, who have combined for three losses in 45 games, are showing an uncanny ability to hit big shots at the end of the few close ones they've played.

The two teams with the NBA's best records both did it Tuesday night, with Houston winning 90-88 at San Antonio to improve to 22-1, and Seattle defeating Indiana 91-88, leaving the Sonics 20-2 overall and 12-0 at home.

The Rockets had the toughest time, trailing 88-83 with 2:46 remaining in front of 32,631 fans at the Alamodome. Hakeem Olajuwon scored for Houston before Vernon Maxwell, who finished with 35 points, tied it with a 3-pointer with 27 seconds left and then won it at the buzzer.

Despite the presence of Olajuwon, who scored 21 points, Rockets coach Rudy Tomjanovich wanted Maxwell to take the last shot. Tomjanovich didn't even call a play when the Rockets were in a huddle during a timeout.

"I just told him that we were going to get the ball in his hands," Tomjanovich said. "I told him, 'No play whatsoever, just go out and do it. Go get it.' And he did."

Maxwell's shot came after Houston, now sporting the NBA's longest winning streak at seven games, called timeout with 3.1 seconds remaining after Negele Knight missed a shot for San Antonio. The teams battled through 15 ties - 11 in the second half - and 16 lead changes.

David Robinson led San Antonio with 20 points, 13 rebounds and six steals, but the Rockets held him to 5-for-20 shooting.

SuperSonics 91, Pacers 88

Seattle got two baskets from Kendall Gill in the final 1:10 and beat Indiana despite playing without Ricky Pierce in the fourth quarter and Shawn Kemp for the game because of a knee injury.

Pierce was ejected for fighting with Byron Scott of the Pacers at the end of the third quarter. Scott was not thrown out of the game because he did not throw a punch.

Sam Perkins scored 23 points and Gary Payton 19 for Seattle. Dale Davis led Indiana with 17 points and 12 rebounds.

Trail Blazers 100, Warriors 98

Portland rallied from a 21-point deficit to win at Golden State when Rod Strickland scooped in a layup with 0.2 seconds remaining.

The Blazers, playing without Clyde Drexler because of an ankle injury, took advantage of 2-for-15 shooting by the Warriors' Chris Mullin, who finished with seven points in his third game since coming back from thumb surgery. Mullin scored 23 points in his first outing, but was 2-for-11 in his second.

Clifford Robinson scored 22 points and Strickland had 16 points and 11 assists for Portland. Latrell Sprewell led Golden State with 21 points.

Nuggets 121, Suns 95

Denver handed Phoenix its second loss in 11 games as Mahmoud Abdul-Rauf scored 27 points and

Reggie Williams 21.

The Nuggets, who improved their home record to 8-2 after starting 2-11 on the road, hit 53 percent from the field compared to 40 percent by the Suns, who were led by A.C. Green with 20 points.

Lakers 109, Magic 102

Los Angeles fought back from a 15-2 deficit to win at Orlando.

Doug Christie scored 31 points for the Lakers, who outrebounded the Magic 49-38 and made 10 of 11 from the foul line in the last 2:14.

Shaquille O'Neal scored 33 points for Orlando.

Nets 85, Knicks 81

Kenny Anderson missed 12 of his first 15 shots, then scored eight of his 14 points in the final 1:33, helping New Jersey beat New York.

Derrick Coleman had 29 points and 16 rebounds.

Patrick Ewing, who had 23 points and 12 rebounds, hit a 3-pointer to make it 82-80 with 14 seconds to play. But the Knicks missed several opportunities in the closing seconds.

Cavaliers 112, Jazz 97

Brad Daugherty overcame the effects of an inner-ear disorder and scored 26 points for Cleveland against Utah, whose four-game winning streak ended.

Jeff Malone scored 21 points for the Jazz.

Hornets 108, Pistons 97

Dell Curry and Hersey Hawkins each scored 20 points against Detroit, leading Charlotte to its first road victory in nine tries.

The Hornets led by as many as 26 points in the second half.

Guards spark BC, Arizona

By JIM O'CONNELL

AP Basketball Writer

LAHAINA, Hawaii (AP) - Both teams will be on guard when No. 13 Arizona and No. 18 Boston College square off tonight in the semifinals of the Maui Invitational.

The backcourts will be the main attraction coming off impressive performances in Tuesday's opening-round victories that put both teams at 7-0.

Khalid Reeves had a career-high 32 points and his partner Damon Stoudamire added 16 in Arizona's 98-79 victory over pesky Notre Dame.

Howard Easley had 20 points and eight assists and Malcolm Huckaby added 10 points and six assists as both saw limited time in the Eagles' 108-61 victory over host Chaminade.

"This is going to be known as the tournament of stellar backcourts," said Notre Dame coach John MacLeod, whose team has lost to both schools this season.

In the other semifinal matchup, fifth-ranked Kentucky, which beat Texas 86-61, will play Ohio State, a 98-77 winner over Tennessee Tech.

Elsewhere, it was No. 10 Purdue 74, Tennessee-Chattanooga 66, and No. 24 Marquette 84, Louisiana Tech 48.

Arizona couldn't put Notre Dame (2-4) away until the final four minutes. The Wildcats finally took control by forcing turnovers and scoring easy baskets.

"The stretch in the second half when we forced the turnovers and converted for quick ones was the key for us," Arizona coach Lute Olson said.

Arizona appeared to take control midway through the second half, taking a 72-59 lead with 10:43 to play. Notre Dame got the lead down

to 78-74 with 5:46 left and it was 82-76 1:17 later.

But Reeves scored the next five points, the last three on his fifth 3-pointer of the game that gave him his career high, one point better than his effort against Oregon State last season. He was 5-for-7 from 3-point range.

Stoudamire hit a 3-pointer with 3:41 left to make it 90-77 and Notre Dame was out of comebacks.

Monty Williams led Notre Dame with 24 points, just off his 28-point average, and Ryan Hoover added 17, all but three in the first half.

No. 18 Boston College 108, Chaminade 61

The Eagles (7-0) set a tournament record for margin of victory as they held the host Silverswords (0-4) scoreless for the game's opening 6:55 while taking an 18-0 lead. Boston College had a 42-24 rebounding advantage and went 11-for-17 from 3-point range with Easley leading the way at 6-for-7. He was one of six Eagles in double figures.

Chaminade, a Division II school which has a 3-23 record in 10 years of playing host to the tournament, was led by Charles McLemore's 16 points.

No. 5 Kentucky 86, Texas 61

The Wildcats (5-1) did an outstanding defensive job on the Texas backcourt of Terrence Rencher and B.J. Tyler, and Jered Prickett came up big with 14 points and a career-high 14 rebounds.

Kentucky led 37-27 at halftime, broke it open with a 27-17 run to take a 66-44 lead with 10:38 to play and extended the lead to as much as 81-52 with 5:03 left.

Tony Delk led Kentucky with 15 points and Travis Ford had seven

points and eight assists. Reggie Freeman led the Longhorns (2-4) with 18 points.

Ohio St. 98, Tennessee Tech 77

The Buckeyes (5-2) had seven players score between 13 and nine points as they cruised past the Eagles (2-4), who went 10-for-29 from the free throw line and 3-for-19 from 3-point range.

Ohio State started the second half with a 12-2 run for a 59-38 lead and it got as high as 28. Jamie Skelton led Ohio State with 13 points, while Lawrence Funderburke had 12 points and 11 rebounds. Maurice Houston led Tennessee Tech with 23 points and eight assists.

No. 10 Purdue 74, Tenn.-Chattanooga 66

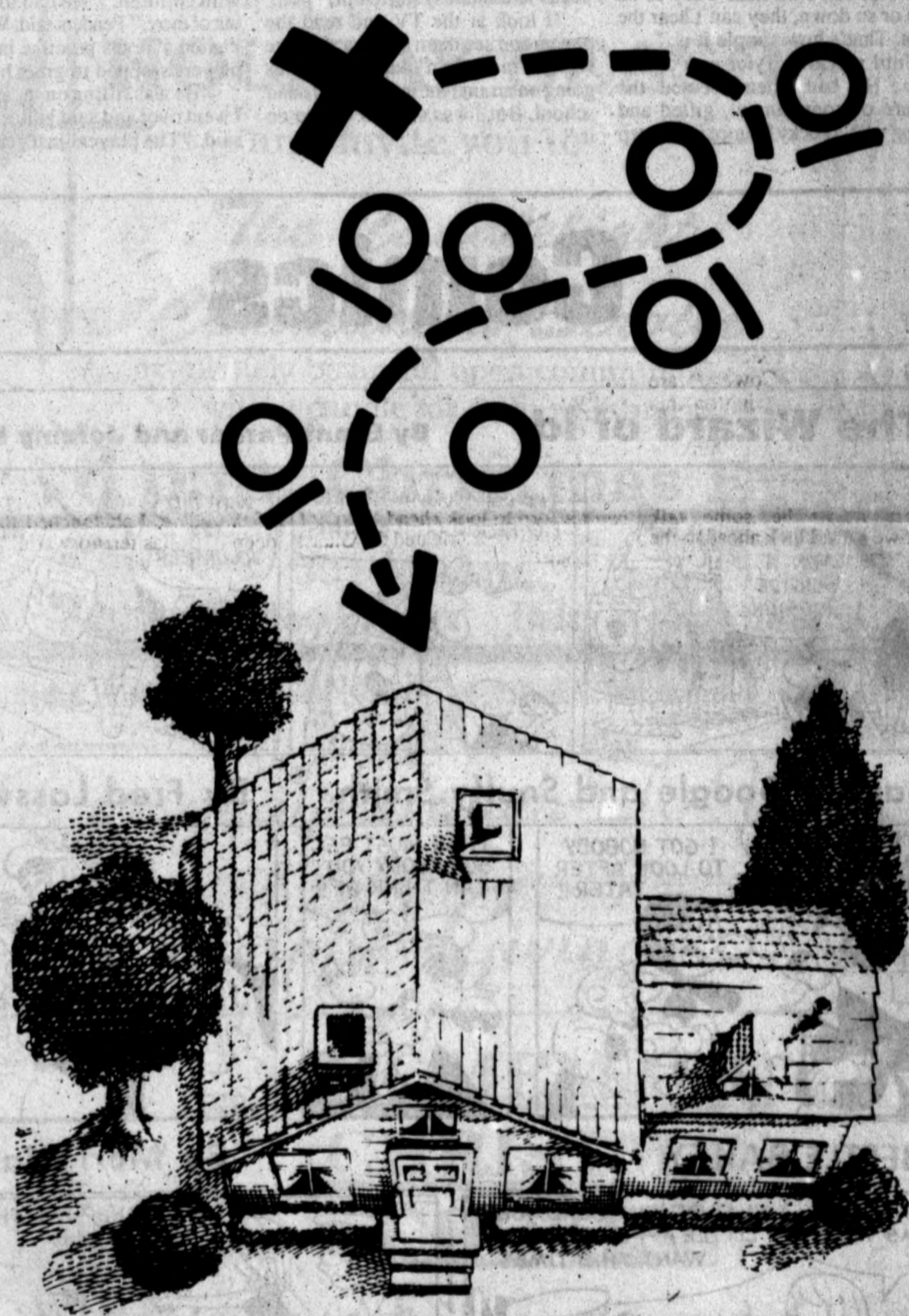
At West Lafayette, Ind., Glenn Robinson, who missed eight of his first 10 shots, but came back to score 36 points and pace Purdue (9-0) to a hard-fought victory over the Moccasins (3-2).

No. 24 Marquette 84, La. Tech 48

At Milwaukee, the Warriors went on a 27-0 tear to turn a close game into a laugher. Anthony Pieper scored nine of his 14 points as the Warriors (6-2) transformed a 16-14 lead into a 43-14 bulge at intermission. Tech (1-4) failed to score for over 10 minutes at the end of the half and finished the opening period missing 30 of 36 shots.

Roney Eford scored 15 points for Marquette. Leonard Williams had 23 for Tech.

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DEAR DR. LAMB: I am 41 years old and have recently undergone two surgeries on my face for basal cell carcinoma. I have never considered myself a sun worshiper. My dermatologist told me that it is very rare to see someone my age with skin cancer. He says it usually occurs in people in their 60s. I do have fair skin, but I have brown hair and brown eyes. My father had throat cancer at age 62 and two aunts have had breast cancer.

Could heredity be a factor? How much sun exposure would cause me to have skin cancer this early? What are the chances that it will return if I use protection when out in the sun?

DEAR READER: Skin cancer is increasingly common as people get older, but it is by no means rare in people of your age. The primary cause is sun exposure. However, a third of such cancers are not caused by solar radiation, with hereditary influences playing a role. People don't think of it that way, but the sun's rays are radiation, and what happens in the skin is damaged by solar radiation. It often takes years for the damage to manifest itself as skin cancer.

Most skin cancers are basal cell carcinomas. They usually appear as

a pearly colored nodule. They do not usually spread to other areas of the body but they can invade local tissues, including cartilage and bone. That is why it is important to excise the entire area—the sooner, the less tissue damage a person will have. Squamous cell skin cancers can spread. There are 600,000 new cases of basal and squamous cell cancers each year in the United States.

Of course, you should use maximum protection from solar radiation. I have discussed protective measures in Special Report 129, About Your Skin, which I'm sending you. Others who want this report can send \$3 with a stamped (52 cents), self-addressed, No. 10 envelope for it to THE HEALTH LETTER/129, P.O. Box 5637, Riverton, NJ 08077-5537. Because susceptibility to solar radiation is so varied, it is not possible to say what your risk will be.

Since the factors that caused a basal cell carcinoma affect other basal cells in the skin, it is not unusual to have recurrent crops of skin cancers thereafter. These are new cancers and do not mean "the doctor didn't get it all." Regular removal of skin lesions called actinic keratosis that frequently lead to skin cancer is an important pre-

DEAR DR. LAMB: I have heard rumors that having a vasectomy will increase a man's risk of cancer. Is there any truth to this? Also, what other serious effects can occur from having a vasectomy?

DEAR READER: There was a spate of anxiety about the possibility that a vasectomy would increase a man's risk of prostate cancer. However, a critical analysis of the data and other studies have failed to show any such relationship. And there is no increased risk of other forms of cancer. There is no logical reason why it would increase the risk of any cancers.

Earlier, it was suggested that a vasectomy would increase the risk of heart attacks, which has also been disproved. There may be some relationship to an increase in autoimmune diseases, where the body forms antibodies against various tissues, but this relationship, too, is questionable. In short, there is no evidence that a vasectomy causes health problems, unless there is a complication from the surgery itself.

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Decreasing computer prices lure many new purchasers

Dropping computer price tags have put many consumers into reverse sticker shock - and into the mood to buy powerful new home computers. 1993 may be the best year ever for software, accessory, and peripheral manufacturers, as consumers take advantage of low-cost multi-media machines.

"With millions of multimedia PCs and Macs in homes, sales of CD-ROM titles and games are taking off. And accessories and peripherals are hot this season because, like computers, they have dropped in price while performance has soared," says David Coursey, editor of P.C. Letter, an influential industry newsletter.

Coursey has some advice for consumers buying their first home computer this holiday season. "Buy more computer than you think you need. Get a color monitor, a big hard drive (100 megabytes or more) and 6 megabytes or more of RAM. Whether you choose a Macintosh or a PC, get a multi-media machine with CD-ROM, so that the machine you buy has the power to run the software you'll want next year, too."

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-A unique stocking-stuffer, also from American Business Concepts, called Moustamer costs less than \$5 but gives mouse users greater control, eliminating cable drag and snag, and makes any mouse users greater control, eliminating cable drag and snag, and makes any mouse feel like an expensive wireless mouse. To find out where to purchase a Moustamer or Laptop Desk call 1-800-877-4797.

-A career guidance program used by major school districts is now available for home use. The software is called Insight: Your Career & Personal Exploration Tool. Adults or teens can create a unique "take charge" action plan that sets a course for personal and career growth. The software retails for \$89.95, and is available for Macintosh or Windows/DOS computers. Call 1-800-777-3642 or 1-800-624-2926 for more information.

-An anthology on CD-ROM that gives users what is reported to be the first true interactive SF experience. Titled Electric Science Fiction: 1993 Hugo and Nebula Anthology, the new CD-ROM contains fiction and art, from complete novels to short stories. The anthology sells for \$29.95, and can be ordered by calling 1-800-673-3726.

-Exciting video for Windows technology is showcased in a new CD-ROM game from Dynamic Dimensions Development is the first in a series of Morphman adventures. Morphman is available at local Radio Shack and computer retail business.

-A new Macintosh CD-ROM may change the way Americans look at art, by putting the works in historical and artistic context. From Eden Interactive, the award winning producers of Greg LeMond's Bicycle Adventure, the new CD series is called Journeys Through Art. The first volume sells for under \$100 and features 250 selected works

from the famed Roy R. Neuberger collection of 20th Century Art. Each masterpiece is displayed with a series of "links," represented on-screen by thumbnail-size icons. Any link calls up information on the school of art, artists whose work influenced the artist, photographs of the artist, and historical/social perspectives on the era in which the work was created. For information, call 1-800-743-3360.

With prices at their lowest ever for powerful machines plus the wide range of high-tech gifts available this season, P.C. Letter predicts that this may be the holiday season for many of the 70 million households that do not own a personal computer to join the 68 million that do.

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LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR WASTE DISPOSAL PERMIT
SUNNYSIDE PORK PRODUCERS DBA THUNDER VALLEY FARMS, Route 2, Box 3, Springlake, Texas 79082 has applied to the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (Commission) for a permit (Proposed Permit NO. 03634) to authorize disposal of waste and wastewater from swine farm. The farm will consist of a maximum of 5,000 head (2,700 head in confinement and 2,300 head in open lots). Flushwater and stormwater will be retained in three storage ponds. Wastewater from the ponds is to be disposed of by evaporation. Manure/solids will be disposed of as fertilizer on agricultural land. No discharge of pollutants into the waters of the State is authorized by this permit. The swine farm is on a private road just off County Road 512, approximately 2.5 miles west of the Community of Sunnyside, Castro County, Texas. This location is in the drainage area of the White River Lake in Segment No. 1240 of the Brazos River Basin. The Executive Director of the Commission has prepared a draft

permit based on the application submitted by the applicant and other information presently available.

Legal Authority: Section 26.028 of the Texas Water Code and 30 TAC Chapter 305 of the Rules of the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission.

This application is subject to a Commission resolution adopted August 18, 1993, which directs the Commission's Executive Director to act on Behalf of the Commission and issue final approval of certain permit matters. The Executive Director will issue this permit unless one or more persons file written protests and/or request for a hearing within 30 days after publication of this notice.

If you wish to request a public hearing, you must submit your request in writing. You must state (1) your name, mailing address and daytime phone number; (2) the permit number or other recognizable reference to this

application; (3) the statement "I/we request a public hearing;"

(4) a brief description of how you or the persons you represent, would be adversely affected by the granting of the application;

(5) a description of the location of your property relative to the applicant's operations; and (6) your proposed adjustment to the application/permit which would satisfy your concerns and cause you to withdraw your request for hearing. If one or more protests and/or requests for hearing are filed, the Executive Director will not issue the permit and will forward the application to the Office of Hearings Examiners where a hearing may be held. Commission public hearings are evidentiary legal proceedings similar to civil court non-jury trials. Although general comments from the public may be submitted either in writing prior to the hearing, or orally at the start of the hearing, the law requires that the Commission's decision about whether to approve or deny the application be based on evidence and testimony submitted during the public hearing, presented under oath and subject to cross-examination by the other parties. Public comments are not evidence and cannot be the basis for the Commission's ultimate decision. In the event a hearing is held, the Office of Hearings Examiners will submit a recommendation to the Commission for final decision. If no protests or requests for hearing are filed, the Executive Director will sign the permit 30 days after publication of this notice or thereafter. If you wish to appeal a permit issued by the Executive Director, you may do so by filing a written Motion for Reconsideration with the Chief Clerk of the Commission no later than 20 days after the date the Executive Director signs the permit.

Requests for a public hearing on this application should be submitted in writing to Kerry Sullivan, Assistant Chief Hearings Examiner, Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711, Telephone (512) 463-7908. Information concerning any technical aspect of this application can be obtained by writing Firoj Vahora, Wastewater Permits Section, at the same address or by telephone at (512) 463-8201.

Issued this 17th day of December, 1993.

Gloria A. Vasquez,
Chief Clerk
Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF PEARL YOUNG

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary upon the Estate of PEARL YOUNG, DECEASED, was issued to the Independent Executor on the 12th day of November, 1993, in the proceeding indicated below his signature hereto, which is still pending, and that the said Independent Executor now holds such Letters. All persons having claims against said Estate, which is being administered in the County of Deaf Smith, are hereby required to present the same to him, JAMES NEAL YOUNG, the Independent Executor of the said Estate, at the address below given, before suit upon same is barred by the general statutes of limitation, before such Estate is closed, and within the time prescribed by law. The mailing address is c/o John D. Aikin, P.O. Box 1818, Hereford, Texas 79045, being in the County of Deaf Smith and State of Texas.

DATED this 12th day of November, 1993.
James Neal Young
Independent Executor
Estate of Pearl Young
Deceased, No. 4066 in
the County Court
of Deaf Smith County, Texas

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Convicted spy Jonathan Pollard's heart was in the right place, so cut him some slack, Jon Voight says.

The actor on Monday asked President Clinton to free Pollard, an American Jew serving a life sentence for spying for Israel.

Voight reasoned the sentence was unfair because Pollard committed espionage to "defend the Jewish homeland."

"There seem to be so many government officials who can't find it in their hearts and souls to admit that the crime itself was not consummated for greed as they implied, or to try to bring any harm to America, as they also implied," Voight said at a news conference.

Pollard told authorities that he spied to help Israel protect itself from hostile Arab neighbors. He pleaded guilty in 1986.

Voight, the star of "Coming Home" and "Midnight Cowboy," was accompanied by Pollard's father, Morris. The actor said he was speaking out as a concerned citizen.

LOS ANGELES (AP) - The NAACP accused the media of unfairly condemning Michael Jackson through excessive coverage of child molestation allegations.

"Our primary concern is that Mr. Jackson is being tried and convicted in the press," Shannon F. Reeves, regional head of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, said Monday.

The molestation allegations against Jackson by a 13-year-old boy have been presented as fact by the news media, Reeves said.

Reeves said he believes other prominent blacks, including former Chicago Bulls star Michael Jordan, also are victims of overzealous media.

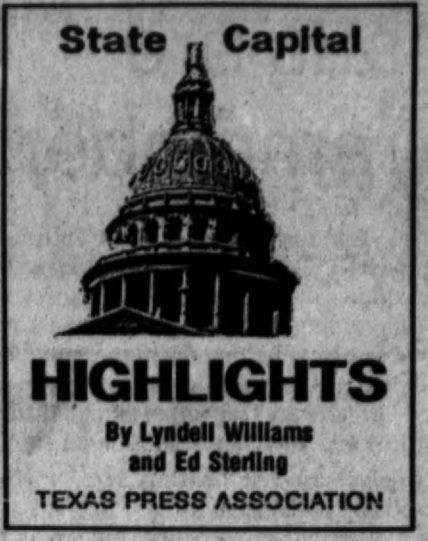
The 13-year-old filed a lawsuit against Jackson. Police are investigating; Jackson has not been charged.

NEW ORLEANS (AP) - Jean-Claude Van Damme was accused of bringing his strong-arm tactics to the bed of an unwilling woman.

The martial arts actor was sued Monday for allegedly molesting the woman at a hotel last year.

The woman who filed the lawsuit said the actor climbed into bed with her, fondled her and forced her to perform oral sex.

A spokesman at Van Damme's public relations company, PMK, in Los Angeles, said they were aware of the allegations but had no comment.



AUSTIN — Another judge has been chosen to preside in the criminal trial of U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, and the senator's lawyers have petitioned the court to move the trial away from Travis County.

Hutchison's chief attorney, Dick DeGuerin, filed motions for a change of venue in state District Court last week saying she could not get a fair trial in Travis County because of unfavorable publicity and a negative political climate.

The Republican senator was indicted Dec. 8 by a Travis County grand jury on four felony charges of using state employees for personal and political chores while she was state treasurer and of destroying evidence and government records in an attempted cover-up.

Fair Trial Questioned
Also filing sworn statements that Hutchison could not get a fair trial in Travis County were former Democratic Attorney General Waggoner Carr, Austin lawyer Allan Shivers Jr., and former McLennan County District Attorney Vic Feazell.

John D. Onion, a former chief judge of the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, was asked by state District Judge Bob Perkins, who had been handling the Hutchison case, to preside.

Perkins, a Democrat, recused himself from the case because of previous campaign contributions to Hutchison's political foe, Bob Krueger, to preclude any charges of partisanship.

Though Onion is also a Democrat, prosecutors and defense attorneys said they favored his appointment to the case.

Richards Goes 'Home'
Gov. Ann Richards last week stood on the front porch of the house where she was born 60 years ago to formally announce her candidacy for a second term.

She told a crowd of about 500 supporters filling the yard and street that 456,300 more Texans are at work today than when she took office.

Richards said she has "kept the schools open, instituted waivers from state regulation, pushed local control down to the parents, teachers and principals and demanded higher standards for teachers and students."

After discussing crime, the size of state government and taxes, she said her "biggest disappointment" was in not securing a pay raise for teachers.

"We will be fighting for that pay raise in January of 1995, come hell or high water," Richards said. "We cannot expect our teachers to be professionals unless we pay them a professional salary."

Mattox, Andrews Start Race
Former Texas Attorney General Jim Mattox of Austin and U.S. Rep. Mike Andrews of Houston officially entered the race for the U.S. Senate last week.

Mattox, Andrews and Dallas businessman Richard Fisher will face each other in the March 8 Democratic primary.

The winner probably will face Hutchison, who won the office by a landslide in June.

Andrews, 49, a 13-year veteran of the House and a member of the tax-writing Ways and Means Committee, said he represents the middle class and moderate Texans.

Mattox blasted Hutchison in his announcement, blaming her for the loss of the superconducting super collider project in Texas and saying Texas needs a Democratic senator to work with the Democratic-controlled Congress and White House.

Rylander vs. Nabers
Republican Carole Keeton Rylander announced her candidacy for the Texas Railroad Commission with a pledge to end state regulation of trucking.

Rylander, 54, accused the Democratic majority on the commission of blocking deregulation and said she would end the "good ole boy and good ole girl school of politics" at the agency.

Rylander, a former member of the State Board of Insurance, is making her second race for railroad

commissioner. Two years ago, she lost the Republican nomination to Barry Williamson, who beat Democrat Lena Guerrero in the general election.

The former Austin mayor is seeking to challenge Commissioner Mary Scott Nabers, a Democrat. Nabers was appointed to the commission by Gov. Richards after Commissioner Bob Krueger was appointed to the U.S. Senate.

Other Highlights
Texas lawyers are voting on whether to adopt a rule that would ban lawyer advertising that appeals primarily to emotions or contains unsubstantiated claims. "I think lawyer advertising has been devastating to the image of our profession," said Lonny Morrison, president of the State Bar of Texas.

Republican Pete Sessions, son of former FBI director William Sessions, says he needs \$750,000 to defeat U.S. Rep. John Bryant, D-Dallas. Sessions has hired Ken Luce, a well-known GOP fundraiser.

A State Insurance Commissioner Robert Hunter has ordered the 40 largest insurance companies to report data on all their policies in Texas — by ZIP code — so he can determine if there is discrimination against certain areas of the state.

During a business trip to Houston, Housing and Urban Development Secretary Henry Cisneros ruled out a U.S. Senate race in 1994, despite encouragement from many high ranking Democrats — including Gov. Richards.

Hints from Heloise

Dear Heloise: Our office cat was constantly at the veterinarian with problems, then our veterinarian asked if her litter box was covered. In an office, it is.

I was using inexpensive clay litter, and it had lots of dust. I changed her litter to the low- or no-dust type and it's now been two years with no more problems, thank God. — Peg Plate, Belviders, N.J.

Our wonderful veterinarian, Dr. Tom Vice, said that some cats can be allergic to the dusty litter and he agrees that it's best to use a low- or no-dust litter.

I'm sure your cat thinks it's worth it to pay a little more for cat litter than paying for visits to the veterinarian.

Glad your office "mate" is OK. — Heloise

BATHROOM FAUCETS
Dear Heloise: My husband has arthritis in his hands and has much difficulty in turning the bathroom faucets on and off when his hands are wet.

After checking prices to replace the round handles with straight ones, we decided to see if there was anything that would improve the grip on the round ones.

I put a wide (1/2-inch) rubber band over the handle. Eureka! He now has no problem turning the faucets on and off even with soapy hands. — Juanita Grinstead, Bellingham, Wash.

SHAMPOO CARPET
Dear Heloise: My living room carpeting was dirty. I was thinking of renting a steam cleaner and doing it myself but decided to have it done by a professional carpet cleaner.

They did a wonderful job, but I think they used too much water since it was staying wet too long. It was rainy that day and I was afraid it would take days to dry, so I decided to help it along.

Even though it was pretty warm outside, I put the heat on. It didn't take long before the rug was nice and dry and we were able to walk on it again. — Betty Taylor, Los Angeles, Calif.

SHOWER CURTAIN
Dear Heloise: Keep two plastic shower curtains on hand. When it is time to take down the grimy one, you can replace it right away with a clean one rather than having to hurry to wash the grimy one before someone comes along to take a shower.

Another good time-saver is to cut off the glued hem and side seams. They aren't necessary and only provide hiding places for mold. — Selma McGorman, Ontario, Canada

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

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Apr	51.00	+0.25
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Jun	50.00	+0.25
Jul	49.50	+0.25
Aug	49.00	+0.25
Sep	48.50	+0.25
Oct	48.00	+0.25
Nov	47.50	+0.25
Dec	47.00	+0.25

GRAIN FUTURES

Month	Price	Change
Jan	2.50	+0.05
Feb	2.45	+0.05
Mar	2.40	+0.05
Apr	2.35	+0.05
May	2.30	+0.05
Jun	2.25	+0.05
Jul	2.20	+0.05
Aug	2.15	+0.05
Sep	2.10	+0.05
Oct	2.05	+0.05
Nov	2.00	+0.05
Dec	1.95	+0.05

METAL FUTURES

Month	Price	Change
Jan	1.50	+0.02
Feb	1.48	+0.02
Mar	1.46	+0.02
Apr	1.44	+0.02
May	1.42	+0.02
Jun	1.40	+0.02
Jul	1.38	+0.02
Aug	1.36	+0.02
Sep	1.34	+0.02
Oct	1.32	+0.02
Nov	1.30	+0.02
Dec	1.28	+0.02

FUTURES OPTIONS

Month	Price	Change
Jan	1.20	+0.01
Feb	1.18	+0.01
Mar	1.16	+0.01
Apr	1.14	+0.01
May	1.12	+0.01
Jun	1.10	+0.01
Jul	1.08	+0.01
Aug	1.06	+0.01
Sep	1.04	+0.01
Oct	1.02	+0.01
Nov	1.00	+0.01
Dec	0.98	+0.01

AXYDLBAAXR is LONGFELLOW

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

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Festive gatherings with family and friends, special cooking and baking, and especially choosing the "perfect" gift for each of our loved ones, are all part of Americans' tradition-filled Christmas celebrations.

In the midst of the holiday hubbub, finding the time to select the just-right present for each person on your gift list can be a particular challenge. But, with the variety of cultured pearl jewelry styles that are available, it's easy to enjoy the convenience of one-stop shopping.

Imparting a look of classic elegance that is both timely and timeless, cultured pearl jewelry is sure to be treasured by everyone on your gift list.

For women, these exquisite gems of nature are fashioned into uniquely-shaped brooches and pins, necklaces in a variety of lengths, chokers, bracelets and earrings. The versatility of cultured pearl jewelry provides the perfect complement to a wide range of clothes and styles. Whether an occasion calls for a casual look, or for one that's elegantly formal, cultured pearl accessories are sure to add the perfect touch.

For men, cultured pearl tie bars, cuff links and lapel pins add subtle, yet striking, ornamentation to a stylish wardrobe.

A teenage-or younger-daughter or granddaughter will cherish a simple cultured pearl pendant or a string of five-millimeter cultured pearls. Or, you might want to choose this Christmas as the time to give your favorite little girl an add-a-pearl necklace. Add a cultured pearl on subsequent special occasions, and soon she'll have a full necklace and lots of happy memories.

While the versatility of cultured pearl jewelry enhances its inherent value, you can ensure that the gift you have chosen will have long-lasting value by selecting the highest quality pearls you can afford.

There are five important qualities to look for when selection cultured pearl jewelry: luster, size, color, shape and surface.

Luster is a deep inner glow which only real pearls have, whether cultured or natural. Look for luster in the shadowed areas of the pearl, so that you don't mistake surface shininess for true luster.

Generally, the larger the pearl, the higher its price, but a dull, lusterless large pearl is usually less valuable than a smaller pearl with greater luster.

Cultured pearls come in a variety of colors, from rose, white and cream, to silver, blue and black. Good quality cultured pearls should have a rich undertone, and the color should be even and not blotchy.

There is a great variety of shapes available as there are colors. Few pearls, natural or cultured, are perfectly symmetrical. Nevertheless, the closer a pearl comes to this ideal, the more value it holds.

An absence of flaws in the surface of a cultured pearl is another significant sign of superior quality. Avoid pearls with disfiguring spots, cracks and blemishes.

A beautiful investment that will be enjoyed for years to come, there is cultured pearl jewelry to suit the budget of every gift giver and the tastes of every recipient making cultured pearl jewelry the perfect choice for Christmas giving.



The elegance of pearls

Don't let stains ruin holiday finery

According to a national survey of 1,035 adults conducted by National Family Opinion Research, Inc., more than one out of four survey respondents say that stain mishaps occur during a particular holiday. Of that group, 79 percent say that stains occur most often at Christmas and Hanukkah holiday gatherings.

Top holiday stains are beverages (30 percent), gravy (23 percent), grease (22 percent) and general food stains (21 percent).

Whatever your laundry problem, the experts will help you spend less of your holiday time at the washing machine and more of it celebrating with family and friends. Here are some of the toughest holiday stains and tips to help get them out:

-Turkey, Grease and Meat Juice: Dampen stain. Rub with dual-enzyme detergent and wash in hottest temperature safe for fabric. Make sure stain is completely removed before drying in the dryer or ironing.

-Gravy: If there's any solid material

on the surface, gently scrape up as much as possible. Presoak the fabric in an enzyme detergent for 30 minutes before washing in hottest water safe for fabric. Remember, always test for colorfastness.

-Wine: Sponge or soak stain promptly in cool water. Then, while still wet, rub detergent directly into any remaining stain. Launder in hottest temperature safe for fabric using bleach safe for fabric. For older stains, presoak in an enzyme detergent. (Apples to coffee, tea, soft drinks, alcoholic beverages.)

-Chocolate: Soak in a detergent containing enzymes and water for 30 minutes. If stain remains, presoak overnight in an enzyme detergent. Then wash in the hottest temperature safe for fabric. If stain persists, rewash using a bleach safe for fabric.

Whenever you have a stain mishap, always tackle the problem immediately, read garment care labels and follow instructions on the detergent package.

Tips on giving holiday cheer

In a decade of moderation, many consumers are asking the question, "Is it appropriate to give wines and spirits as a holiday gift?"

The answer is yes but take your recipient's lifestyle and taste into account and tailor your gift accordingly.

For example, a bottle of bourbon is a good idea for someone whom you know drinks it, but only if you know their favorite brand. To make the gift a bit more special, spend a few extra dollars to buy a brand's top-line item.

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) - Gospel music is a "presence of hope," singer Amy Grant said. She should know.

"It's a bridge between people that is so necessary right now," Grant said Thursday.

Grant, gospel's top female vocalist for 11 straight years, will be host of the Gospel Music Association's Dove Awards presentation, to be broadcast live April 28 on cable's Family channel.

"Gospel music unifies people and with every song reintroduces hope," she said.

Grant's hit records include "Baby Baby" and "Every Heartbeat."

HONG KONG (AP) - Bryan Adams will perform in Ho Chi Minh City in what promoters said will be Communist Vietnam's first large rock concert.

Adams, who is touring Asia, will play the Pham Dinh Phung stadium on Jan. 16. A crowd of 5,000 to 6,000 is expected.

Adams, 33, has sold over 30 million albums and co-wrote the hit single "(Everything I Do) I Do It For You."

Remember, don't give spirits to an avid wine drinker. If someone prefers white over red, keep that in mind when making your selection.

Aperitifs and after-dinner drinks such as cognac, sherris and liqueurs are good gifts for those who entertain at home. Quality is important, so it is probably best to stick to familiar liqueurs for gifts, as some of the more innovative may not be to everyone's taste.

Here are a few guidelines to keep in mind when giving alcohol as a gift:

-Do not send alcohol to someone who doesn't drink.

-Do not give a gift of alcohol to someone who is not of legal drinking age.

-Champagne is a traditional gift for celebrating, but don't give it unless it is of good quality; give a nice bottle of wine instead.

-When you bring wine to your host or hostess, indicate that it is to be used at a later time. Hosts who have carefully selected their wine may feel obliged to use yours. You can always send it as a thank you the day after the event.

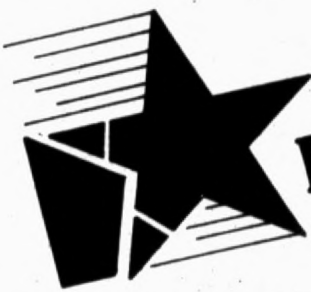
-Send gifts of alcohol to someone's home, not his office, even if it is a business gift.

-One or two bottles of wine, a bottle of liquor, a bottle of liqueur, sherry or aperitif is a sufficient gift for a meal, unexpected event, or gesture of friendship.

-A bottle of well-chosen rare wine or a case of good champagne, wine or liquor is a good selection for significant occasions.

In addition to a bottle of wine or a spirit, you may want to put together a package that includes accessories such as personalized labels, an ice crusher, bar towels, martini pitcher and stirrer, coasters, cocktail napkins or specialty glasses.

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December 21, 1993

Dear Firemen:

The Mayor and City Commission and Community honored you on December 20, 1993, for your contributions to this community. It is not often that we have this opportunity to thank you. We want you to know without doubt how much you are appreciated.

We are reminded of a poster from our childhood which showed a Fireman holding a small child and a woman saying "Fireman save my child." You have saved numerous lives (young and old) in this community, and many thousands of dollars in property. And while we can never say enough about your role as protectors of this community, we can however make a commitment to never forget your service.

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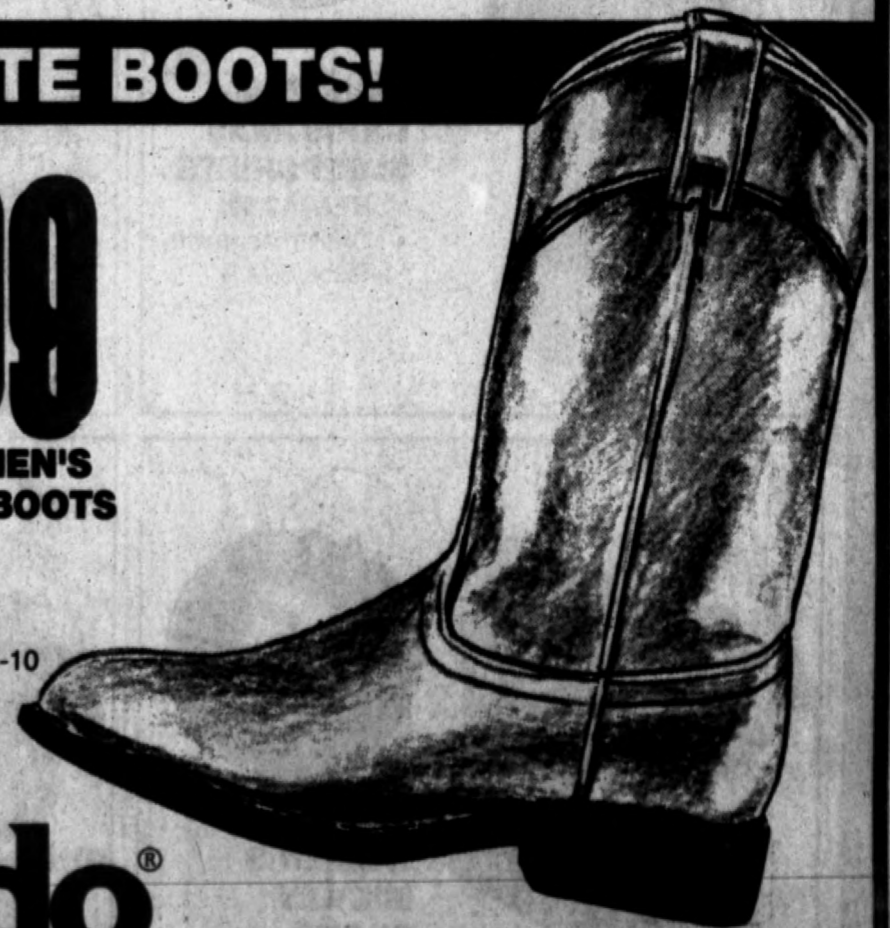
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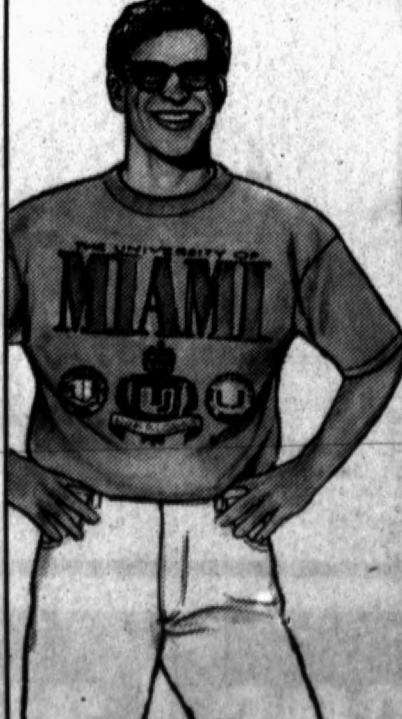
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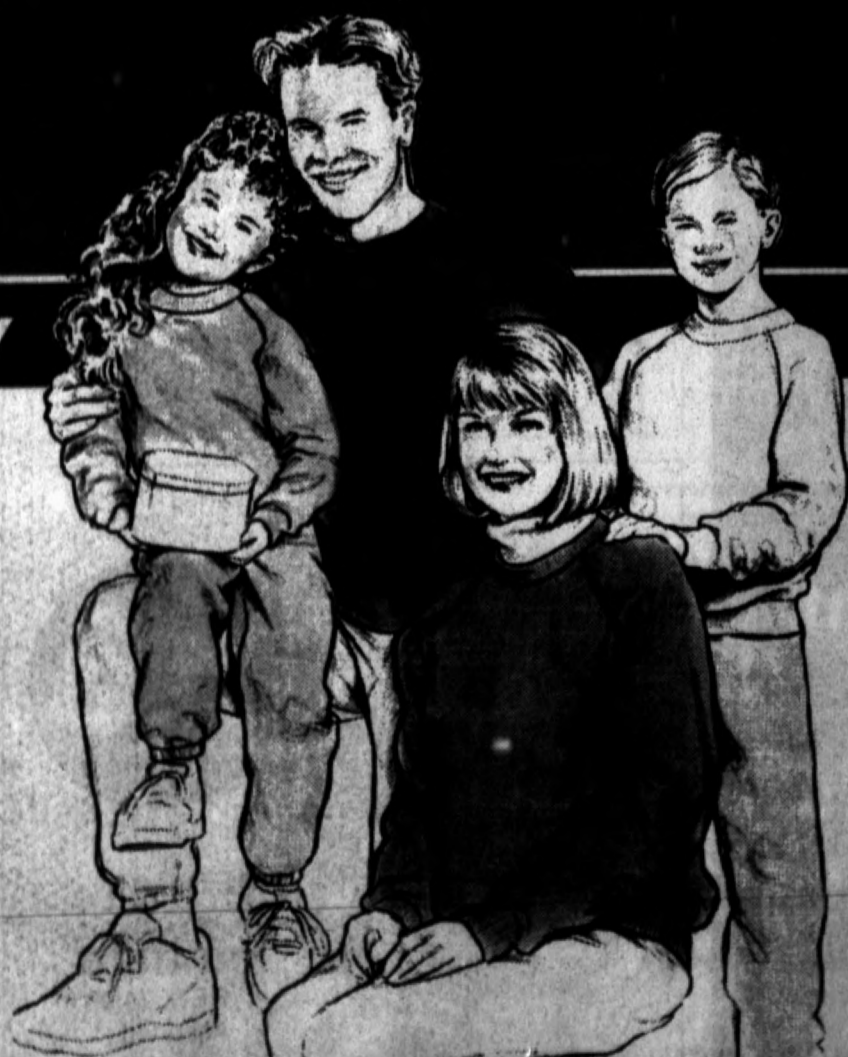
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