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## NEWS

### in brief

#### TAES AGRICULTURAL ECONOMIST TO SPEAK AT CONFERENCE FOR VEGETABLE PRODUCERS

Dr. Charles Hall, agricultural economist and horticultural marketing specialist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service at College Station, will be the featured speaker next week at the annual High Plains Vegetable Conference.

The conference will begin at 8:30 a.m. Jan. 20 at the Hereford Community Center, 100 Ave. C.

More and more Texas vegetable producers are going out of business because of financial stress. The financial problems also are causing declining acreage and reduced profits for both producers and shippers.

In his address, Hall is expected to discuss steps to combat the situation. The conference offers four continuing education units (CEUs) for pesticide applicators, certified crop consultants and the Master Gardener vegetable specialty. The \$25 registration fee includes lunch.

#### IRAQ BLOCKS WEAPONS INSPECTIONS AGAIN IN DEFIANCE OF SECURITY COUNCIL ORDER

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) - Iraq failed to provide an American-led team of U.N. weapons experts with the required escorts today, frustrating inspection plans for a second straight day.

Two U.N. weapons inspection teams went out as scheduled, but one led by Scott Ritter remained at inspectors' headquarters outside Baghdad.

"Once again, I had to postpone the inspection because the Iraqi officials did not show up," Ritter said, adding that he would report what happened to Richard Butler, chairman of the U.N. Special Commission overseeing inspections.

Butler had ordered Ritter to try to continue inspections today after an Iraqi failure to provide escorts stymied him Tuesday. Without escorts, teams are not allowed past security guards at the sites.

#### ASIAN FINANCIAL MARKETS MOVE HIGHER, SHOWING SOME SIGNS OF RECOVERY

HONG KONG (AP) - Asia's turbulent financial markets showed continued signs of recovery today, moving sharply higher in Singapore and Hong Kong. Tokyo and Seoul markets also chalked up solid gains.

Singapore's stock exchange jumped 7.1 percent while Hong Kong's key index, which plunged to a three-year low Monday before recovering Tuesday, closed up 5.8 percent. Tokyo's Nikkei index rose 2.48 percent while the Japanese yen also gained against the U.S. dollar.

"Hopefully this is the end of the crisis," said Ng Wan-Yu, a 37-year-old teacher in Hong Kong.

Dealers in Singapore said optimism returned to Asia following Tuesday's meeting between a senior U.S. Treasury official, Lawrence Summers, and Indonesian President Suharto. Indonesia is among the East Asian countries worst-affected by the regional crisis.

Summers, dispatched to Asia by President Clinton, said Suharto promised "strong steps" to overcome his nation's economic problems.

After meeting Suharto today, U.S. Defense Secretary William Cohen also expressed confidence that Indonesia will regain its financial health and avert a potentially dangerous political upheaval.

The Indonesian president "is determined to put his country on a sound footing," Cohen said.

#### RESEARCHERS LINK ALCOHOLISM TO AGE WHEN PERSON FIRST STARTED TO DRINK

WASHINGTON (AP) - The younger a person starts drinking, the more likely the individual will abuse alcohol or become an alcoholic later in life, the National Institutes of Health said today.

People who began drinking before they turned 15 were four times more likely to develop alcoholism than those who started drinking at the legal age of 21, said researchers in a study conducted by the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, a component of the NIH. They also were twice as likely to abuse alcohol than people who started drinking later.

"This study adds new evidence about the need to regard underage drinking as the serious problem it is," said Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala. "Parents, schools and communities need to say to our young people with one voice that underage drinking can jeopardize health and lifetime prospects."

The NIH is part of the Department of Health and Human Services. Dr. Enoch Gordis, the director of NIAAA, said the study is only "one piece of a complex puzzle."

"It remains to be seen whether it is the delay in alcohol use or, possibly, other associated factors that explain the inverse relationship between age at drinking onset and lifetime risk for alcohol abuse and alcoholism," Gordis said.

Of the people surveyed for the study, more than 40 percent who began drinking before they turned 15 eventually became addicted to alcohol. That compares with the 24.5 percent who began drinking at 17 and the roughly 10 percent who started at the ages of 21 and 22.

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## Mild winter not slowing down pests

COLLEGE STATION - Mild winter weather conditions across Texas are not biting insects too hard, the Texas Agricultural Extension Service reports.

"We've seen a fairly mild winter so far, so we don't expect bugs like fleas and fire ants to slow down yet," said Dr. Michael Merchant, Extension urban entomologist in Dallas.

Merchant said severe temperature changes are what cause high mortality rates in bugs. He said the Dallas area has yet to experience the hard freezes needed to suppress these insects.

Merchant said the weather has brought out the usual winter pests like springtails. He said complaints have already been made this winter about these nuisances that feed in dead grass and drop in pools as well as creep into houses.

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## CHILD CARE

### While mom's away, dad, other relatives mind the kids

WASHINGTON (AP) - Televised videos and news stories about child care workers abusing tots may be causing Americans to shy away from sending their preschoolers to day care in someone else's home.

Long a leading source of child care while mother worked, so-called family day care has dropped sharply in popularity, the Census Bureau reported today.

About 15 percent of preschoolers were cared for in someone's home in 1994, the most current figures available, the report said. That's down from 18 percent in 1991, 20 percent in 1990 and about 23 percent from 1977 to 1988.

This may reflect a growing uneasiness on the part of parents with the minimally regulated arrangement where a single person watches the children, according to Census analyst Lynn Casper. Organized child care and nursery schools, she noted, tend to have larger staffs watching the children and have more government supervision.

Casper suggested that media reports of child abuse at the hands of baby sitters and day care providers may be a factor in the decline.

Overall, 10.3 million preschoolers needed care while mom worked in 1994. That's up from 9.6 million in 1990.

The bureau reported that relatives were watching 43.8 percent of preschoolers in 1994, up from 39.6 percent in 1990.

Dad remained the most likely person to be tending the little ones, taking responsibility for 18.5 percent of the children. That was up from 16.5

percent in 1990, though below the 20 percent recorded in 1992.

Grandparents, either in their home or the child's, were the second most common individual caregivers at 16.4 percent of cases, up from 14.3 percent in 1990.

Organized day care and nursery schools accounted for 29.4 percent of preschoolers, up from 27.5 percent.

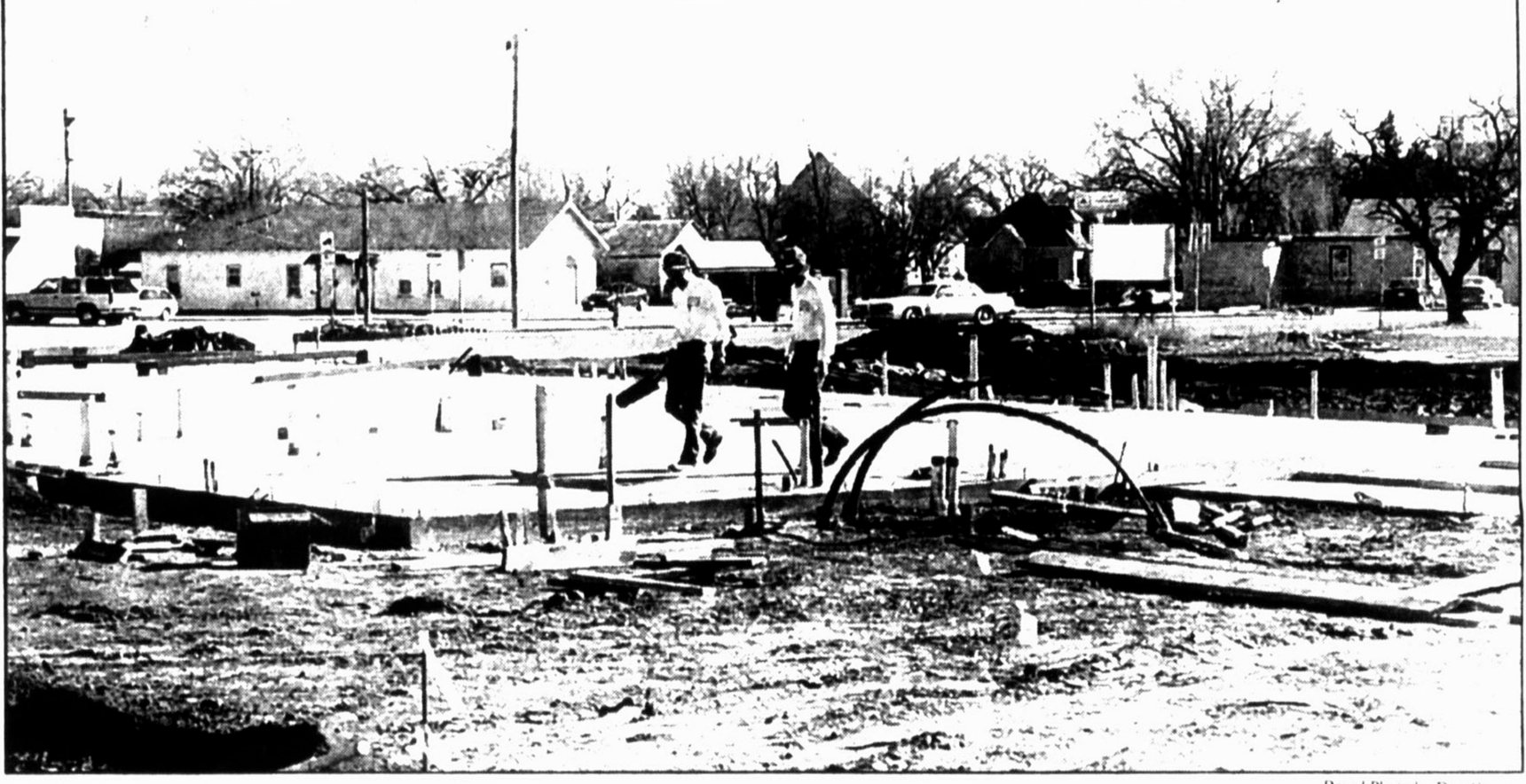
Casper's study: "Who's Minding Our Preschoolers, Fall 1994," noted that a major factor in the type of care used is the number of hours mom works, and when.

For example, 63 percent of mothers working non-day shifts were able to get relatives to care for their little ones, compared with 40 percent of moms on the day shift, when relatives were also more likely to be working.

Preschool children of mothers working full time were less likely to be cared for by a relative than those of a part-time worker, 42 percent to 62 percent.

Grandparents were more likely to care for children of a single, divorced or widowed parent, the report found, with 25 percent of those children in a grandparent's care compared with 14 percent of preschoolers from married couple homes.

Cost was also a major factor in determining child care. The 1994 study found that 62 percent of child care in poor families was provided by relatives compared with 48 percent in non-poor families.



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### Work progressing

The "burger wars" will be heating up in a few more weeks. The foundation has been poured for the new Burger King restaurant, located near the intersection of Park Avenue and 25 Mile

Avenue. The restaurant reportedly had been scheduled to open by the end of December, but bad weather apparently threw the project off schedule.

## ECONOMY: Auto sales help '97 close on strong note

WASHINGTON (AP) - A burst of auto sales in December helped American retailers finish 1997 on a strong note after an up-and-down performance through the year.

Retail sales rose 0.7 percent last month to a seasonally adjusted \$215.6 billion following a 0.3 percent rise in November, the Commerce Department said today.

"The turmoil overseas had little effect on confidence or spending," said economist Bill Cheney of John Hancock. "If Americans should be worried about Asia, someone forgot to tell them."

Wall Street seemed calm too, at least momentarily. After a half hour of trading this morning, the Dow Jones average was half a point higher at 7,733.

December's retail sales increase, the strongest in five months, brought sales for the full year to \$2.55 trillion. That represents a 4.2 percent increase, compared with 5.2 percent in 1996. And it's the smallest annual gain since sales rose 0.6 percent in the recession year of 1991.

Much of December's strength came from autos, up 2.3 percent after

a 1.2 percent advance the month before. Excluding the volatile auto category, sales rose only 0.2 percent after no change in November.

Though 1997 was a robust year for economic growth, it was just so-so for retail sales, which represent roughly one-third of the economy's output.

The year showed a stop-and-go pattern. Sales surged early in the year during unseasonably warm weather, slumped in the spring, recovered in the summer and slipped a bit in the early fall before perking up somewhat around the holidays.

Low interest rates and a booming job market supported consumers' purchasing power. However, consumer debt and individual bankruptcies pushed to new highs, curbing Americans' desire to spend.

Also, sales figures reflect retailers' inability to demand higher prices. Prices overall rose just 1.7 percent last year and for many goods, from autos to computers, they declined.

Analysts see retail spending rising at a moderate pace in 1998, neither collapsing nor soaring.

## '98 gets good start, tax rebates increase

By DONALD M. COOPER  
Brand Editor

The new year started off on a good note for Hereford and Deaf Smith County.

When Texas Comptroller John Sharp mailed out the January sales tax rebates, Hereford saw a gain of about 3.6 percent over January 1997. Deaf Smith County did even better, posting a 4.1 percent gain over the previous January.

Hereford, which collects a 6.25 percent sales tax, received a rebate check of \$74,804.09, up from \$72,208.43 in January 1997.

Deaf Smith County, which collects a half-cent sales tax, received a payment of \$26,055.58, up from \$25,036.25 last January.

The comptroller's office distributed \$155.7 million in rebates to Texas cities and counties that charge sales taxes.

"We're beginning another

promising year. Sales tax rebates to cities and counties are 12 percent higher in January than those for the first month of last year. Consumers continue to show increased confidence in the Texas economy," according to Sharp.

By law, the state collects sales taxes for the 1,086 cities and 117 counties that have local sales taxes. The comptroller's office then returns the local portion of the taxes on a monthly basis.

The state charges a 6.25 percent sales tax and local sales taxes can be up to 2 percent above that.

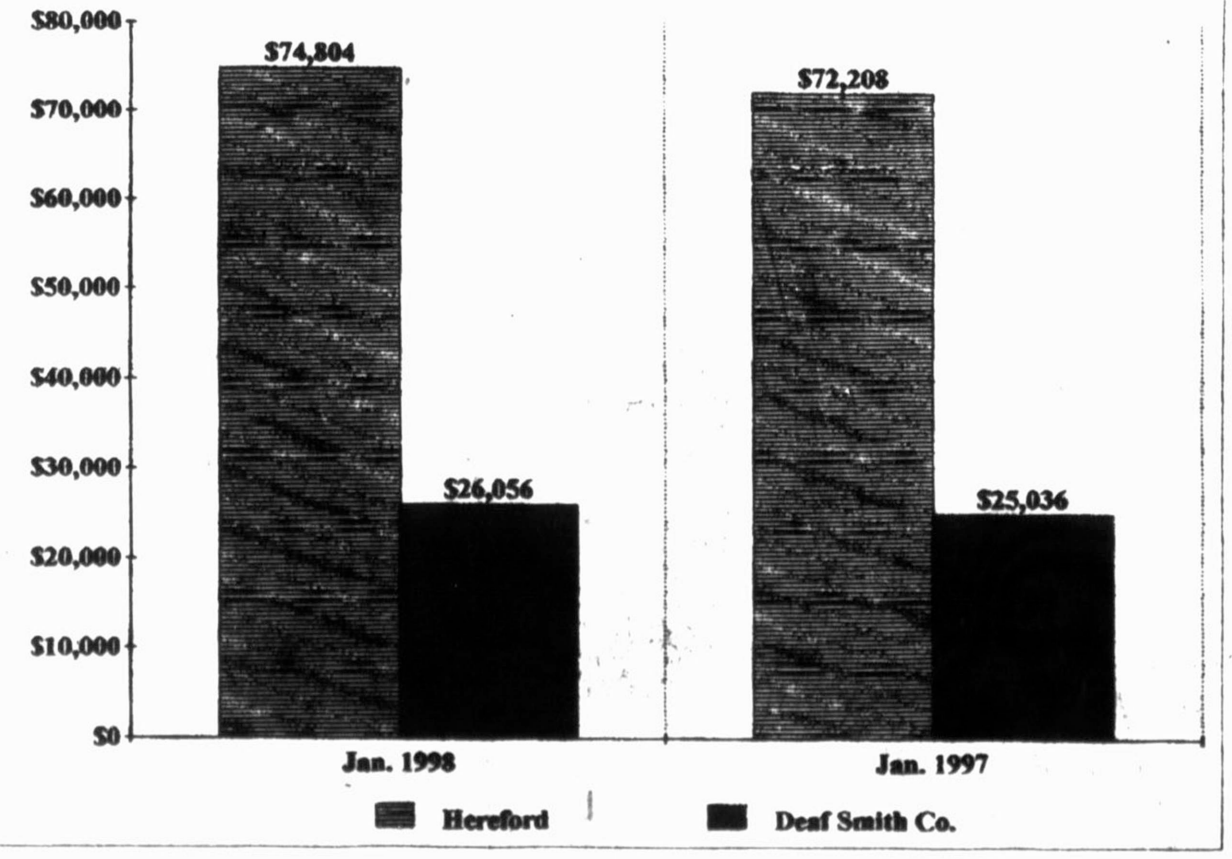
Taxes returned to the cities this month totaled \$142.4 million, 12.5 percent more than last January, according to the comptroller.

Counties collected \$13.3 million, a 7.4 percent increase over collections last year at this time.

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### SALES TAX REBATES

Source: Texas Comptroller's Office



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## Local Roundup

### Voyager Assembly

Hereford High School Students will have the opportunity to hear the Christian rock band "Voyager" Thursday in the High School auditorium. Two performances are scheduled for 1 p.m. and 1:50.

Voyager is a 4-piece pop rock band which delivers a positive role-modeling and a drug and alcohol free message to its audiences.

### Transportation for cancer patients

The Deaf Smith Chapter of the American Cancer Society provides free transportation for area cancer patients for doctors' visits, treatments, etc. in Amarillo or Hereford. For more information or to set up a ride, call Dempsey Alexander at 364-6720 or Jan Reeve at 364-7200.

### Mostly clear

Tonight, mostly clear with a low in the mid-20s.  
Thursday, mostly sunny, high 55 to 60, southwest wind increasing to 15-20 mph with higher gusts.

#### 5-DAY FORECAST

Friday, partly cloudy, low in the upper 20s and high near 60.

Saturday, partly cloudy, low near 30 and high in lower 50s.  
Sunday, mostly cloudy, low in the mid-20s and high around 45.

#### TUESDAY RECAP

High, 46; low, 30; no precipitation.



### Crime Stoppers thank-you

Robin Ruland of the Hereford Police Department presented Bob Murray, on behalf of the Elks Lodge, a certificate of appreciation for a recent donation to Crime Stoppers.

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## Emergency services

Activities reported by emergency services personnel for Dec. 13, 1998, include the following:

- Police Department Arrests**
  - A 23-year-old man was arrested in the 200 block of Lee for theft by check.
  - A 27-year-old man was arrested at Grand and Avenue K on city warrants.
  - A 26-year-old man was arrested in the 800 block of South 25 Mile Avenue for public intoxication.
  - A traffic offense was reported in the 100 block of Aspen.
  - A lost purse was reported.
  - A suspicious person was reported in the 800 block of Brevard.
- Sheriff's Department Arrests**
  - An 18-year-old man was arrested for evading detention on and earlier commitment.
  - An 18-year-old woman was arrested for theft by check, over \$20 under \$500.
- Fire Department**
  - The fire department met for their annual business meeting and election of new officers.
  - Jay Spain was re-elected fire chief.
  - Robert Murray was re-elected assistant chief.
  - Dean Turney was re-elected treasurer.
  - Ricky Prisk was re-elected secretary.
- Accidents**
  - A minor accident was reported in the 1400 block of East First St.

# NEWS

## in brief

### FOES OF CONCEALED-CARRY LAW CITE ARRESTS

AUSTIN (AP) - More than 900 Texans licensed to carry concealed handguns have been arrested for alleged crimes, a fact concealed-gun opponents are using to attack the state's concealed-carry law.

But a supporter of the law said the fact that only 946 concealed-carry licensees have been arrested proves the law works - denying permits to most people who shouldn't be carrying concealed handguns.

As of Friday, 163,096 Texans were licensed to carry concealed handguns. A total of 1,903 Texans who sought permits had been denied.

John Gorman, of state Sen. Jerry Patterson's office, said anti-concealed gun activists are misusing statistics.

"We don't know the outcomes of these arrests," Gorman said Tuesday. "They could have been let go immediately after the arrest and never gone to court - never been charged with a crime."

### UT OFFICIALS SEE MORE MINORITIES IN MEDICAL SCHOOLS

AUSTIN (AP) - Lower requirements will allow for a more diverse first-year medical school class at the University of Texas this fall, university officials predict.

Minority enrollment dropped sharply last fall because the school could no longer use affirmative action.

The school will have more minorities this fall because of an expanded interview process, officials said. Fall admission already has been offered to 50 blacks and 142 Mexican-Americans, officials said.

That compares with 29 blacks and 108 Mexican-Americans who got offers last January, according to Dr. Charles Mullins, executive vice chancellor for health affairs.

# Congress handed back-to-school list

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Clinton is preparing to hand Congress an education shopping list for this election year that will include billions of dollars to recruit new teachers and build or repair schools and hundreds of millions to help Hispanic schoolchildren.

The teacher recruitment initiative, expected to cost around \$7 billion, would represent an unprecedented move by the federal government to involve itself in the hiring of teachers. But the Education Department expects classrooms to become seriously overcrowded if new teachers aren't hired in the coming decade.

Clinton will make a 1999 budget proposal for teachers a key part of his State of the Union speech in two

weeks, and aides were trying to guard as many details as possible.

Congressional Republicans also have recognized the need for teachers and have offered proposals, setting the stage for fights over issues such as tenure and qualifications. Although Clinton wants to create new funding, some Republican plans would use existing money and force cuts in prized administration programs.

The school construction proposal, which was offered last year but was abandoned during balanced-budget negotiations, would cost at least \$5 billion. That decision angered urban Democrats.

Clinton also will request at least \$200 million to boost spending for bilingual education, education aid for

migrant children and colleges with high enrollments of Hispanic students. The numbers for programs over the next five years come from congressional and administration sources.

Congressional Republicans are expressing concerns about the cost. An Education Department budget document obtained by The Associated Press shows nearly 30 programs that would get increases as part of the administration plan to raise academic achievement, especially among the rural and urban poor.

Other details came from administration and congressional sources.

"How are they going to pay for it? And how are they going to fight for it?" said Jay Diskey, spokesman for

the House Education and Workforce Committee. "You will see us join with him on some but also have a message of, 'Where's this money going to come from?'"

There are questions about the size of future budget surpluses and how much money, if any, might be available from a proposed settlement with the tobacco industry over smoking-related health-care costs.

How many teachers the bill could supply remains to be seen.

The administration also has been debating whether to use tax breaks for builders and developers to make the school construction initiative more attractive.

The Hispanic aid proposal is politically significant because Democrats and Republicans are courting Latinos in the 1998 congressional elections.

The budget document, though not giving dollar amounts, said increases would be sought for college student aid grants, direct aid to poor school districts, aid to help states reach standards, college work-study and school drug and crime prevention.

Among other proposals:

The administration wants support beyond the \$40 million provided this year for after-school learning centers in rural and inner-city public schools. The so-called 21st Century Community Learning Centers provide tutoring, other help and a haven for children after school.

On another front, the administration plans to support the creation of even more charter schools, experimental public schools that operate independent of usual regulations. Bipartisan legislation provided \$80 million this year for the schools, an increase from \$51 million the previous year.

Clinton already has said he wants to spend \$350 million for scholarships and other aid to colleges for 35,000 new teachers willing to serve in poor urban and rural classrooms.

The president also has announced plans for "education opportunity zones." Financial incentives would go to 15 to 25 poor school districts that adopt reforms such as closing bad schools and firing bad teachers.



### Project fair depicts ag-roles

Local fourth grade students recently visited the project fairday where exhibitors demonstrated the different roles a number of agriculture related industries play in our life. Exhibitors included representatives from Deaf Smith County Rural Electric, Agriculture Extension Service, Parks and Wildlife Cotton Textiles, farm implement companies and a mobile dairy.

# High-tech solves border entry problems

WASHINGTON (AP) - Seeking to speed crossings at two of the nation's busiest ports of entry, the immigration service will offer a high-tech solution this summer at border crossing points in Texas and California.

In August, the Immigration and Naturalization Service will designate special commuter lanes at ports of entry in El Paso, Texas, and San Ysidro, Calif., for frequent border crossers willing to pay for expedited crossings.

The Dedicated Commuter Lane program will be available for travelers coming from Mexico. The southbound wait for people exiting the United States typically is far shorter than for northbound traffic.

One such lane will be reserved at El Paso's Stanton Street port of entry, which performs 250,000 inspections monthly. San Ysidro, the world's busiest port of entry with 1 million

inspections monthly, will set aside two of its 24 lanes for the program.

The San Ysidro and El Paso lanes mark the first Southwest border rollout of the program, which has been piloted at Otay Mesa, Calif., for two years. Currently, Otay Mesa participants pay \$129 annually.

Similar fees are expected at El Paso and San Ysidro, said INS assistant chief inspector Robert Mocny. He added that an analysis is underway to determine if the charges will cover the \$300,000 cost per lane.

Vehicles in the program will have a radio-frequency transponder that

flashes onto U.S. inspectors' computer screens information about the vehicle's make, occupants and citizenship status. By beaming the information before the vehicle reaches the booth, inspection time should be substantially reduced.

Applicants will have to go through background and fingerprint checks, and have their vehicle inspected by a drug-sniffing dog and INS agents before being enrolled, Mocny said.

"We're looking for a low-risk individual to be in this program," Mocny said.

INS hopes to expand the program

to three other ports of entry within the next three years. Hidalgo, Texas, is likely next in line, Mocny said, followed by Nogales, Ariz. The fifth location has yet to be determined, but candidates include Laredo, Texas; Calexico, Calif.; and San Luis, Ariz.

San Ysidro will be able to accommodate some 12,000 participants, Mocny said, while El Paso will be able to handle up to 7,000.

The concept is not new. It first surfaced in Buffalo, N.Y. in the early 1980s, Mocny said, but with a decal sticker on the vehicle rather than the transponders.

## Local Business Briefs



DOROTHY BELL

Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative clerical supervisor Dorothy Bell will retire in January after 27 years of service to the utility company.

Bell came to DSEC in July 1971 from San Angelo. She has worked as a data-processing clerk and work-order clerk. She was named clerical supervisor in 1977 and remained in that position until her retirement.

Submissions to "Local Business Briefs" are available to all businesses residing in Deaf Smith County to announce promotions or other staff changes within a company. Updates in writing on company letterhead and photo, if desired, should be submitted to the attention of Becky Camp. Submissions will be included on a space available basis.

# Church fires investigated

AMARILLO, Texas (AP) - Authorities in the southeast Panhandle town of Wellington have stepped up their patrols in the wake of three church-related fires over the last three weeks.

Collingsworth County Sheriff Dale Tarver wouldn't speculate whether the fire that gutted the First Christian Church on Sunday was linked to two recent fires that damaged the Church of Christ parsonage.

"All leads are being followed up," Tarver said. Fire Chief Danny Gray shook his head as he surveyed the church Monday.

"It's hard to figure what the hell is going on," Gray said. "My feeling is that it's kids starting these fires. I think it was somebody that

lives in this town." State and federal investigators helped local deputies comb through the church's charred shell in search of clues.

"I can't give a definite answer at this time as to what caused the fire, but I do feel it was arson," Tarver said.

He said he's received several leads into the church fire as well as the smaller incidents on Dec. 27 and Jan. 5 at the home of Church of Christ Rev. Kevin Rhodes. There is a \$1,000 reward related to the investigation.

Meanwhile, authorities are meeting with churches in this community of 2,600 to discuss preventative measures in case the trend isn't coincidental. The DPS will assist deputies in making extra

patrols. "People are worried, and I can't say that I blame them," Gray said.

First Christian Church elder John W. Carson said the congregation's board hasn't decided where to worship while a decision is made what to do with the burned out remains of the 70-year-old building.

Fire Marshal Steve Hartman, a member of the church, said the fire was quite a blow.

"It's a real small congregation, but we've stuck together real well," he said. "We'll be back."

Wellington is 80 miles southeast of Amarillo.

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## Obituaries

### ROBERT GLASCO HIGGINS

Jan. 10, 1998  
Memorial services for Robert Glasco "Bob" Higgins, 87, of Hereford were 10 a.m. Wednesday, at the Hereford Health Care Center. Arrangements are under the direction of Parkside Chapel.

He was born Oct. 14, 1910, in Pearl, Okla., to Andrew and Angie Pearl Fickling Higgins. Mr. Higgins had lived in the Hereford area for many years and had worked in the farming and agriculture business. He was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church.

Survivors include two brothers, Herbert Higgins of Hereford, and Denton Higgins of Louis, Colo.; one daughter, Nelda Burdett, and two grandchildren, all of Fresno, Calif.

He was preceded in death by four brothers, and three sisters.

### CARLOTTA MARTINEZ TARANGO

Jan. 10, 1998  
Graveside services for Carlotta Martinez Tarango, 79, formerly of Hereford will be 3 p.m. Thursday at St. Anthony's Cemetery in Hereford.

Ms. Tarango was born June 1, 1918, and died Saturday in Grand Prairie.

Survivors include one daughter Lorena Pruitt of Hobbs, N.M.; one son, Rosario Gomez, of Mass.; five grandchildren, five great-grandchildren; three sisters, Juanita Chavez of Hearne, Angelita Garcia of Bryan, and Louisa Perales of Irving.

She was preceded in death by her daughter Rose Lee Salinas in 1973.

**LOTTO**  
TEXAS LOTTERY

AUSTIN (AP) - The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery: 2-10-13-19-31

AUSTIN (AP) - The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery, in order: 0-5-1

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# Lifestyles

## Ann Landers

Dear Ann Landers: I've been reading your column for years, but I never dreamed that one day I would write to you. I am hoping you will print my letter so my husband will see it. I know he reads your column every day, and I am not getting my point across.

"Pat" seems to be drinking more beer than ever, and I am trying not to nag him about it, but it's getting harder and harder to keep my mouth shut. He can't seem to do anything unless he has a beer in his hand. After work, when he reads the mail, he will have four beers before I can get dinner on the table. Even if dinner is ready when he walks through the door, he'll open a beer. After dinner, he drinks a beer and watches TV or reads a magazine. He sometimes takes one with him to the bathroom and drinks it before or after his shower.

I've told him he is becoming an alcoholic, but he keeps saying, "I'm not drinking booze. It's only beer." I love him very much and hate to see him do this to himself. Pat is 55 years old and a health nut -- always watching his weight and his cholesterol, but he is totally blind to what he is doing to himself by drinking so much beer.

We have a hard time communicating, so I have been going for counseling ever since his midlife crisis began. My counselor told me my husband is definitely an alcoholic. What now? -- A Loving Wife in Palatine, Ill.

Dear Loving Wife: No woman has ever nagged, cajoled or threatened a man into sobriety. The notion that "it's only beer" and therefore he is not an alcoholic is nonsense. Some alcoholics drink nothing but beer.

I assume the health nut gets an annual physical. You might phone his doctor and clue him in. Won't hurt, might help. Meanwhile, make a promise to yourself that you will never mention his drinking again. P.S. Has your counselor suggested that you attend Al-Anon meetings? If not, he or she should have. Look in your telephone book.

Dear Ann Landers: After reading

the letter from "John," the 32-year-old male virgin in San Diego, I have to say that I am even more of a virgin than he is. John is 32 and has had a couple dozen dates. I'm 39 with a similar total. (I am not gay.)

Some of John's dates led to relationships that lasted a few months, while my longest relationship was four dates in a three-week period. John said he wanted to have sex with a woman he was dating and suggested it, while I have never felt that way about anyone and have never gotten so far as suggesting even a goodnight kiss.

John said he wants a serious, long-term relationship and is not interested in meaningless one-night stands. I don't want either of those. What I am interested in is a nice, platonic friendship -- someone for occasional companionship, interesting discussions, dinner, movies, museums and so on, with no romantic or sexual involvement.

Am I an oddball or what? Please be frank. -- Howard Beach, N.Y.

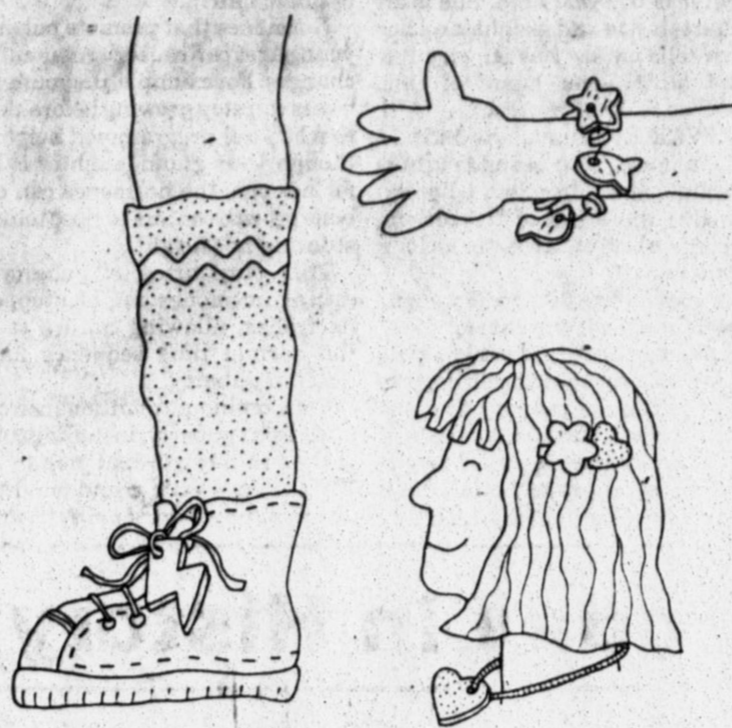
Dear Howard Beach: I see no need to get into labels, but surely you must recognize the fact that you are "different." A 39-year-old male who has never been interested in a woman and has no desire to be anything but a dinner companion is definitely not your average all-American guy.

With a little bit of luck, you may run into a nice woman who does not care about sex and wants only to have dinner, visit museums and go to movies. She's out there somewhere. I hope you find her.

Gem of the Day: Have you noticed that it is impossible to stay mad very long at a person who makes you laugh?

Do you have questions about sex, but no one to talk to? Ann Landers' booklet, "Sex and the Teenager," is frank and to the point. Send a self-addressed, long, business-size envelope and a check or money order for \$3.75 (this includes postage and handling) to: Teens, c/o Ann Landers, P.O. Box 11562, Chicago, Ill. 60611-0562. (In Canada, send \$4.55.) ANN LANDERS (R) COPYRIGHT 1998 CREATORS SYNDICATE, INC.

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## Wacky fun for kids with plastic gelatin

Turn a mixture of unflavored gelatin and water into wacky shapes as hard as plastic? Yep! It's a fun activity the whole family can enjoy together to make unique household decorations or embellishments for clothing and shoes.

To make the concoction, an adult should stir together 9 tablespoons water and 5 to 7 drops food coloring in a saucepan over low heat. Add 3 envelopes unflavored gelatin such as Knox (not the sweetened dessert variety), stirring continuously for about 30 seconds or until dissolved and thickened.

Pour the mixture into a plastic lid from a 24-ounce coffee can or other lid similar in size with a rim. Spread air bubbles to the edge with a spoon. Let set on the kitchen counter for NO LONGER than 45 minutes. Remove the flexible gelatin disk from the lid. The disk will be pliable for making cutouts with cookie cutters. Be sure to keep any odd gelatin scraps left from the cutouts because you'll eventually use them too.

Poke a straw into each shape and

scrap piece to make holes. (The tiny disks that pop out of your straw can be thread onto a string for mini beads.) Dry shapes on a cooling rack.

String together the various hard shapes and beads with cording or fishing line for a necklace or a fanciful mobile. Glue pieces on the front of a barrette clasp. Tie them on your tennis shoes. Or just let your imagination run wild! Store leftover pieces in a shoe box to use for future projects.

Tip: As the pieces dry they tend to curl, which makes them unique. However, if you want them to remain fairly flat for a special use, create a drying rack: Lay a new kitchen wipe or loosely woven piece of cotton cloth on an embroidery hoop. Arrange the shapes and scraps carefully on the cloth. Cover the shapes with another cloth, then snap on the top hoop, making sure the cloth layers remain taut.

Note: This recipe is not edible. And due to small parts, the activity is inappropriate for preschoolers.

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## Senior Citizens

### MENUS

THURSDAY-Polish sausage, cheese grits, pinto beans, stewed tomatoes, green onion/pickles, cornbread, apricot cobbler; or chicken and dumplings, purple plums.

FRIDAY-Catfish fillet with lemon wedges, cheesy hashed potatoes, Scandinavian vegetables, peach/cottage cheese salad, French bread, bread pudding with lemon sauce; or McRibb, sherbet.

MONDAY-Beef stroganoff, seasoned noodles, stewed tomatoes, pea salad, whole wheat bread, vanilla pudding; or sliced turkey in gravy, D'zerta pudding.

TUESDAY-Chicken fillet with gravy, Oriental rice, French green beans, cranberry/orange relish, roll, pineapple upside down cake; or roast pork smothered, cottage cheese, pineapple tidbits.

WEDNESDAY-Beef brisket, baked potato, pinto beans, green onion/pickles/cherry peppers, Texas toast, pound cake with topping; or roast chicken, plain cake.

### ACTIVITIES

THURSDAY-Pool classes, exercise class 10-10:45 a.m., oil painting 9-11 a.m., Thrift Store open 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

FRIDAY-Pool classes, line dance 10-11 a.m., Thrift Store open 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

SATURDAY-Games 12 noon-4 p.m.

MONDAY-Pool classes, line dance 10-11 a.m., doll class 1-4 p.m.

TUESDAY-Pool classes, exercise class 10-10:45 a.m., decorative tile painting 1-3 p.m., choir practice 1-2 p.m., Miracle Ear 10 a.m.-12 noon.

WEDNESDAY-Pool classes, exercise class 10-10:45 a.m., ceramics 1-3 p.m., birthday social 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

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## Cultural FCE selects Keyes as 'Club Woman of Year' nominee

Perry Keyes was selected as Cultural Family Community Education Club's nominee for FCE "Club Woman of the Year" during a meeting Monday in Hereford Community Center.

Keyes, 1998 club president, was also selected as delegate to the District I meeting.

Other club officers for the coming year are Jewel Hargrave, vice president; Wilma Goettsch, secretary/reporter; Edna Marnell, treasurer; and Tonie Vaughn, Council delegate.

Nell Pope led members in the Pledge of Allegiance and FCE prayer. Virginia Summers read "Tomorrow

as the opening exercise.

Pope read New Year's resolutions made by members last year.

Since the club did not have a Christmas party in December, members will exchange gifts for Valentine's Day at the next meeting set for 2 p.m. Feb. 13.

There were seven members in attendance.

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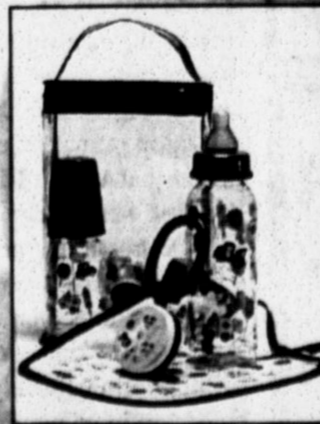
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## Program for HRSEA features mental health

Jean Beene gave a program titled "Use It or Lose It" which stressed good mental health at the January meeting of Hereford Retired School Employees Association held Monday at the Senior Citizens Center.

Beene said, "Brains, like biceps, need exercise." Mental exercises must be increasingly challenging and continual.

Some suggestions for mental exercises included doing puzzles or mazes, learning to play a musical instrument, learning a new language, fixing or repairing something, being involved in a regular physical activity provided it requires thinking, and meeting and interacting with intelligent, interesting people.

Betty Mencer, president, presided at the business meeting. Marie Stringer gave the invocation and Eleanor Hudspeth led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A thank you note from Margie Daniels on behalf of the Senior

Citizens was read thanking HRSEA for a generous donation and help with the Festival of Trees.

Margaret Lomenick collected volunteer hours reported by the local association members. Next month she will make a report of total hours donated in Hereford. This report will be forwarded to the state organization. Lomenick reported that last year the Retired Teachers of Texas submitted a \$3,000,000 check to Governor George W. Bush which symbolized the amount volunteered by retired teachers of Texas.

Following a report by Marie Stringer on the Texas Retired Teacher Association Building Trust Fund, Beene was presented a certificate of appreciation for contributing one month's raise in pay to the fund.

After the meeting, several members traveled to Friona to support the newly formed retired teachers' group there as it held its first meeting.

## Hereford Study Club has meeting at museum

"Hats, Hats and More Hats" was the topic of the program presented to Hereford Study Club at its meeting Monday in the Deaf Smith County Museum.

Donna Brockman and Leslie Gavina showed hats from the early 1900s to the 1960s. Information was given on the shape, material used and history of the hats.

A short business meeting was conducted by the president, Elizabeth Hellman.

It was announced that the next meeting will be Feb. 9 in the home of Barbara Allen with Gladys Setliff as co-hostess.

Following adjournment, refreshments were served to members Jean Ballard, Willie Braddy, Doris Bryant, Morgan Cain, Elizabeth Cesar, Addie Cunningham, Hazel Ford, Mildred Garrison, Betty Gilbert, Betty Martin, Carole McGilvary, Mary Stoy, Evelyn Wilson, Joan Yarbrow, Allen, Hellman and Setliff.

## Hereford Support Group plans Thursday meeting

In affiliation with the Alzheimer's Association, Panhandle Chapter, the Hereford Support Group for family caregivers of persons with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias, will meet from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Thursday in Fellowship of Believers Church, 245 North Kingwood (at Moreman).

A support group is a gathering of people with common problems, needs

and interests to share their feelings, thoughts, questions and experiences in a combined effort to better cope with and survive the challenge presented by persons with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias.

Group facilitator is Nathan L. Stone, Ph.D., former senior chaplain with Family Hospice of Temple and a certified member of the American Association of Pastoral Counselors.

## New donkey found for Denton children's home

DENTON, Texas - Abigail the donkey has lived in Denton since the Beatles first landed in America.

For more than 30 years she has been a source of entertainment for many Cumberland Presbyterian Children's Home residents.

Her caretakers and those who are familiar with the reserved animal fear she may pass away soon, which could leave Cumberland without an animal for the children to know and enjoy. That possibility inspired one of Abigail's neighbors and several other people to search for a replacement.

The search ended last week when Ozella, a 1-year-old female donkey, or jenny, joined Abigail in the spacious grassy area behind the home.

"I put the word out to several people," said Jim Griffin, who lives across the street from Cumberland and has watched Abigail grow old over the past 20 years. "She's a little long in the tooth."

Griffin's inquiries eventually led him to Dorothy Evans, who raises about 35 donkeys in Sanger. Ms. Evans, after ensuring the donkey would be well cared for, donated the jenny to the home.

"I just love animals, and I love children," Ms. Evans said Monday. "It's just what I enjoy."

The Rev. Stan Rush, executive director of the home, said Griffin was the catalyst behind finding a new donkey.

"I had mentioned the idea to Jim, and he just picked up on it," he said. "Abigail's got to be getting close to the end of her life."

Rush said a woman donated Abigail to the home sometime between 1961 and 1967, though no one is certain exactly when she arrived. She shares a fenced-in area,

which borders Interstate 35 on one side and several large pecan trees on the other, with two brown horses. The horses belong to Abigail's caretaker.

Although Abigail occasionally approached Ozella in their pen Monday and looked mildly curious about the new addition, Rush said she is not entirely happy to share her space.

"She's not too accepting of the new one yet," he said. "But she is beginning to get a little more accepting and a little more tolerant."

Cumberland Presbyterian Children's Home provides a Christian home and daily care to children between 3 and 17 years old who need, for a variety of reasons, to live somewhere other than their home. Currently, 28 children live at the home's Bernard Street location and attend Denton's schools.

Rush said he anticipates watching Ozella graze on Cumberland's grass for many years.

"She'll probably be here for a long time," he said.



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## To Your Good Health

**DEAR DR. DONOHUE:** My granddaughter is 6½ years old. She is off the chart in size and weight, and her mother tells me she has grown pubic hair. I have never heard of this. Should we look for a cause? — C.B.

**ANSWER:** By all means, you should look for a cause. Your granddaughter needs an examination immediately.

She has the signs of "precocious puberty," puberty that comes on long before it should.

That's undoubtedly why her height and weight are off the charts.

The average age of puberty for girls is 11, with a normal range from 9 to 13. At the time of puberty, the girl develops breast buds, small discs of tissue beneath the nipples. The girl also experiences growth spurts both in height and weight. Genital changes

occur, one of which is the appearance of pubic hair.

Hormones that promote puberty at young ages can cause permanent body changes. For example, the youngster's bones can stop growing before she has reached her programmed height. Although your granddaughter is large for her age, the hormones can cause bone growth centers to close too early, stunting her height.

That outpouring of puberty-producing hormones can be stopped in its tracks, allowing nature to take the normal time sequence for the onset of puberty.

Rare, ominous conditions can cause precocious puberty, including tumors of the brain or adrenal gland.

Make sure your granddaughter is examined by a doctor right away.

**DEAR DR. DONOHUE:** I am a 74-year-old woman. Four years ago, my doctor diagnosed me as having diverticulosis. I want to know if it can be corrected without surgery. I am too old for that.

**ANSWER:** Will it cause anything to happen to other organs? Will it cause cancer? — J.B.E.

**ANSWER:** Diverticulosis is a series of grape-sized pouches of the colon's lining bulging through the wall of the colon. So common is diverticulosis at age 74, that you would be a rare bird if you did not have some diverticula.

Only when the neck of the diverticula become obstructed do troubles arise. Obstruction causes diverticular inflammation, which is the painful condition diverticulitis.

A high-fiber diet keeps diverticula from forming. The fiber holds onto water as the mass of undigested food passes through the colon.

If undigested food becomes rock-hard, the colon has to exert great force to keep it moving along. That force, in turn, causes the colon lining to bulge through the colon wall. Another diverticulum is born.

Diverticulosis does not lead to cancer, nor does it affect any other internal organ.

Surgery comes into the picture only if the diverticula are inflamed, bleeding and cannot be controlled with medicines.

Dr. Donohue regrets that he is unable to answer individual letters, but he will incorporate them in his column whenever possible.

## Today in History

**By The Associated Press**  
Today is Wednesday, Jan. 14, the 14th day of 1998. There are 351 days left in the year.

**Today's Highlight in History:**  
One hundred years ago, on Jan. 14, 1898, author Charles Lutwidge Dodgson - better known as "Alice in Wonderland" creator Lewis Carroll - died in Guildford, England.

**On this date:**  
In 1639, "Fundamental Orders, the first constitution of Connecticut, was adopted.

In 1742, English astronomer Edmond Halley, who observed the comet that now bears his name, died at age 85.

In 1784, the United States ratified a peace treaty with England ending the Revolutionary War.

In 1858, French emperor Napoleon III escaped an attempt on his life.

In 1900, the Puccini opera "Tosca" received a mixed reception at its Rome world premiere.

In 1943, President Roosevelt and British Prime Minister Winston Churchill opened a wartime conference in Casablanca.

In 1952, NBC's "Today" show premiered.

In 1953, Josip Broz Tito was elected president of Yugoslavia by the country's Parliament.

In 1963, George C. Wallace was sworn in as governor of Alabama with a pledge of "segregation forever."

In 1969, 25 crew members of the U.S. aircraft carrier Enterprise were killed in an explosion that ripped through the ship off Hawaii.

Ten years ago: With the United States abstaining, the U.N. Security

Council voted 14-0 to call on Israel to stop deporting Palestinians and to allow those already expelled to return.

Five years ago: Retreating from a campaign promise, President-elect Clinton said he would continue President Bush's policy of forcibly returning Haitian boat people to Haiti. Talk show host David Letterman announced he was moving from NBC to CBS.

One year ago: The House Ethics Committee's ranking Democrat, Jim McDermott of Washington, removed himself from the investigation of Speaker Newt Gingrich, bowing to pressure concerning his role in the handling of an illegally taped phone call involving the House leader.

**Today's Birthdays:** CBS commentator Andy Rooney is 79. Former CBS newsman George Herman is 78. Sen. Lauch Faircloth, R-N.C., is 70. Country singer Billy Walker is 69. Blues singer Clarence Carter is 62. Country singer Billie Jo Spears is 61. Singer Jack Jones is 60. Singer-songwriter Allen Toussaint is 60. Civil rights activist Julian Bond is 58. Actress Faye Dunaway is 57. Actress Holland Taylor is 55. Actor Carl Weathers is 50. Singer-producer T-Bone Burnett is 50. Movie writer-director Lawrence Kasdan is 49. Rock singer Geoff Tate (Queensryche) is 39. Movie writer-director Steven Soderbergh is 35. Rapper Slick Rick is 33. Actor Dan Schneider ("Head of the Class") is 32.

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## New Arrivals

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Kalka of Hereford announce the arrival of their eighth grandchild, Zachary Lee Heinrich, born Jan. 12 in Baptist/St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo.

He is the son of Brian and Susie Heinrich of Amarillo. He weighed 7 pounds, 13 ounces and was 20 inches long.

Welcoming him home is a 4-year-old brother Matthew.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Heinrich of Slaton.

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## Pain may be eliminated for millions

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# Sports

## On the Sidelines

### NHL

**Tuesday's Games**  
 Washington 4, Ottawa 0  
**Wednesday's Games**  
 Pittsburgh at Boston, 6:30 p.m.  
 Chicago at Carolina, 6:30 p.m.  
 N.Y. Rangers at New Jersey, 6:30 p.m.  
 Montreal at Philadelphia, 6:30 p.m.  
 N.Y. Islanders at Tampa Bay, 6:30 p.m.  
 Buffalo at Toronto, 6:30 p.m.  
 Vancouver at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.  
 Dallas at St. Louis, 7:00 p.m.  
 Florida at Phoenix, 8 p.m.  
 Calgary at Edmonton, 8 p.m.  
 Los Angeles at San Jose, 9:30 p.m.  
 Colorado at Anaheim, 9:30 p.m.

### NBA

**Tuesday's Games**  
 San Antonio 97, Boston 88  
 Atlanta 81, New York 89  
 Philadelphia 107, Vancouver 89  
 New Jersey 51, Charlotte 68  
 Chicago 101, Seattle 81  
 Houston 100, Dallas 87  
 Orlando 98, Denver 84  
 Cleveland 102, Phoenix 84  
 Miami 78, Portland 85  
**Wednesday's Games**  
 L.A. Clippers at Toronto, 6 p.m.  
 Detroit at Indiana, 6 p.m.  
 Dallas at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.  
 San Antonio at Washington, 7 p.m.  
 Golden State at Milwaukee, 7:30 p.m.  
 Denver at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.  
 Orlando at Sacramento, 9:30 p.m.

### NCAA Basketball

**EAST**  
 Connecticut 60, Seton Hall 59  
 Cornell 76, Army 65  
 Delaware 73, Drexel 68  
 Duquesne 89, Fordham 79  
 Hartford 82, Maine 68  
 Hofstra 64, Towson 60  
 Iowa 75, Manhattan 72  
 Marist 73, Fairfield 71  
 Providence 78, Syracuse 64  
 Rhode Island 84, La Salle 73  
 St. John's 73, Miami 64  
 Vermont 81, New Hampshire 67  
 Yale 79, St. Francis, NY 63  
**SOUTH**  
 Clemson 88, Florida St. 65  
 Elon 69, Coastal Carolina 61  
 Kentucky 91, South Carolina 70  
 Middle Tenn. 80, Tennessee Tech 60  
 Murray St. 73, E. Kentucky 63  
 N.C. Charlotte 62, Marquette 53  
 SE Missouri 60, Tennessee St. 59  
 Tenn.-Martin 68, Morehead St. 66, OT  
**MIDWEST**  
 DePaul 68, Niagara 58  
 Purdue 88, Illinois 59  
**SOUTHWEST**  
 Baylor 90, Texas Tech 78

## IN BRIEF

**NFL TV talks end**  
 NEW YORK (AP) -- When the NFL TV talks ended, ABC was crowing, Phil Simms was polishing up his resume and the guards at Black Rock were sporting "NFL on CBS" hats.

The league put the final touches Tuesday on a new \$17.6 billion, eight-year deal that sent NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue to the bank, NBC and Turner Broadcasting to the bench and CBS back into the game.

The blockbuster package was completed when Disney struck a stunning \$9.2 billion, eight-year contract with the NFL, keeping "Monday Night Football" for ABC and winning the entire Sunday night cable package for ESPN.

ABC made the dramatic announcement on "World News Tonight," when a correspondent said: "ABC gets Monday night, NBC gets nothing."

### Herd JV loses

**From staff reports**  
**AMARILLO** -- The Hereford Whitefaces junior varsity lost for only the third time this season, dropping a 73-63 decision to Canyon Randall Tuesday night at Randall High School.

Chris Hendershot led Hereford with 14 points. Four other Whitefaces also scored in double figures.

Tim Dudley had 13 points; Cory Marsh added 12, and L.J. Vallejo and Brent Huseman each had 10 points for Hereford.

The JV now has a 16-3 record on the season. The Whitefaces will travel to Canyon Friday. Tipoff is set for 6 p.m.

### Sub-varsity glance

**7th Grade boys 'A'**  
**Monday**  
**At Pampa**  
 Hereford 2 19 18 16-55  
 Pampa 6 9 8 13-38  
 Hereford -- Derek Mendoza 14, Jose Rieco 12, Russell Carr 7.  
 Record: 6-3, 4-2  
 Next game -- Canyon at Hereford, 5:30 p.m. Thursday.

**7th Grade boys 'B'**  
**Monday**  
**At Pampa**  
 Hereford 4 10 11 11-38  
 Pampa 16 7 6 12-41  
 Hereford -- Jeremy Blakely 9, Robert Gil 8, Raul Delgado 5.  
 Record: 5-4, 3-3  
 Next game -- Canyon at Hereford, 6:45 p.m. Thursday.

**8th Grade boys 'A'**  
**Monday**  
**At Pampa**  
 Hereford 12 13 11 7-41  
 Pampa 13 11 9 17-50  
 Hereford -- Cody Marsh 23.  
**8th Grade boys 'B'**  
**Monday**  
**At Pampa**  
 Hereford 11 15 15 8-48  
 Pampa 11 8 4 11-32  
 Hereford -- Michael Ryne 11, Juan Ayala.

## Survey: Most private schools say no to UIL

AUSTIN (AP) -- A survey of private and parochial schools found that most responding would rather not join the University Interscholastic League, at least not under conditions set out by the organization.

The survey was sent to more than 180 private and parochial schools last year by the UIL, which oversees public school athletic, music and academic competitions. State Board of Education members, who review UIL rules, will receive a report on the

survey this week.

Of 66 schools that answered, 33 said they wouldn't want to join under the parameters outlined by the UIL; 29 said they would; and four had no opinion. Fifteen said they would support separate UIL championship playoffs for private schools.

UIL rules now allow member schools to play private schools in non-conference competition, but do

Please see SURVEY, page 6A



Eddie Trotter

## Trotter named to sub-junior trapshooting team by ATA

**From staff reports**  
**VANDALIA, Ohio** -- Eddie Trotter of Hereford has been selected to the 1998 sub-junior (younger than age 15) All-American trapshooting team, according to Joseph Loving, president of the American Trapshooting Association.

This is the first time that Trotter, 14, has been named to the All-American team.

Trotter placed fifth in his age group in the all-around and finished sixth in the high-over-all at the Grand

American in Dayton, Ohio. Trotter won the sub-junior prize in the Clay Target singles championship.

Trotter led sub-juniors in the doubles championship, all-around and preliminary handicap.

Established in 1923, the ATA promotes and governs the sport of trapshooting, primarily in the United States and Canada. In 1997, 53,787 members participated in the sport, competing at more than 6,089 sanctioned tournaments.

# A STUNNING SWEEP

## Hereford upsets Raiders, 64-44

By BOB VARMETTE

**Sports Writer**  
**AMARILLO** -- Bryant McNutt admitted it. The Hereford Whitefaces were intimidated by Canyon Randall's height advantage. They beat them anyway.

Badly. Hereford pulled off the upset of the District 1-4A season, stunning Randall 64-44 in front of 450 Tuesday night at the Randall High School Gymnasium.

"Sure we were," McNutt said. "(But) we finally learned not to go into a game and let it bother us because everyone's taller than us anyway."

Bryant McNutt led Hereford (9-11, 3-1 District 1-4A) with 18 points and 10 rebounds. His brother Eric added 16 points for the Whitefaces. Greg Ewing and Mitch Wagner also reached double figures for Hereford with 13 and 10 points respectively.

Brandon Sims had 15 points and 11 boards to lead Randall (13-7, 4-1), now only one-half game ahead of Hereford in the district race. Sims was the only Raider in double figures.

Randall's size advantage meant little Tuesday night. They out-rebounded the Whitefaces by the slimmest of margins -- 26-25.

And not being able to dominate inside against a much smaller and quicker team meant trouble for the Raiders.

"We just didn't come to play tonight and they did. This is the result when that happens."

-- Leslie Broadhurst

"I knew Hereford would compete and I knew they would play hard," Randall head coach Leslie Broadhurst said. "We just didn't come to play tonight and they did. This is the result when that happens."

Hereford head coach Randy Dean said the two biggest keys were staying close early and executing against Randall's zone defense.

The Whitefaces not only stayed close in the first half, they took a 23-22 lead into the locker room.

"In years gone by, we've come in here and it's been a spread early," he said. "We were always having to

(HEREFORD 8-11, 3-1): Wagner 4-7, 1-2, 10, Ewing 3-8, 1-3, E. McNutt 5-10, 6-18, C. Hodges 2-8, 3-4, 7, Power 0-2, 0-0, S. Hodges 0-2, 0-0, B. McNutt 7-10, 4-5, 18, Rives 0-0, 0-0. Totals 21-47 21-25 64.

(CANYON RANDALL 13-7, 4-1): Ja. Harnicutt 0-2, 3-4, 3, Mountain 2-5, 0-4, Warner 2-10, 0-9, Turner 1-2, 0-1, 2, Sims 7-7, 1-4, 15, Ja. Harnicutt 1-6, 2-4, Truman 2-3, 3-4, 7, Paetzold 2-4, 0-4. Totals 17-39 9-15 44.

Halftime--Hereford 23, Randall 22. 3-Point goals--Hereford 1-13 (Wagner 1-3, Ewing 0-3, E. McNutt 0-2, Power 0-2, S. Hodges 0-2, B. McNutt 0-1), Randall 1-7 (Maurian 1-2, Warner 0-5, Fouled out--None. Rebounds--Hereford 25 (B. McNutt 10), Randall 26 (Sims 11). Total fouls--Hereford 14, Randall 20. Turnovers--Hereford 9, Randall 23. A--450 est.

play from behind." Not having to play catch-up allowed the Whitefaces to exploit their strength -- quickness.

"We thought there were some places that we had to try to attack," Dean said. "We did some good things against it."

That prompted changes by the Raider defense. And that just played more into Hereford's hands.

"They changed defenses to a man-to-man after awhile," Dean said. "We got them to play man-to-man. We got them to do it in the first half. And then we adjusted to their adjustments and got them to go back to it in the second half."

"It turned to our favor because that's not their primary defense," Dean continued. "We were able to get some nice cuts to the basket and do some things using... our quickness because we do play that type of offense all the time."

The Raiders alternated between a zone and man defense, in the second half particularly. Neither got the results Broadhurst was looking for.

"They were just real disciplined," he explained, "and real focused on what they wanted to do. They were executing great."

Broadhurst got no disagreement from Dean on that point.

"We executed really well offensively," Dean added.

But more telling was the lack of execution on offense by Randall.

"Defensively, I think we maybe changed things up enough to keep them off balance," Dean said.

The turnover margin reflected the disparity in execution. Randall committed 23 turnovers to just nine for Hereford.

But back to the boards.

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Photo by Julius Bodner

Hereford's Greg Ewing shoots as Canyon Randall's Josh Turner defends Tuesday night during a District 1-4A game in Amarillo.

## Girls throw race into 3-way knot

By BOB VARMETTE

**Sports Writer**  
**AMARILLO** -- The Hereford Lady Whitefaces were looking to make a mess of the District 1-4A race.

They did Tuesday night. Hereford threw the district race into a three-way tie between Canyon, Canyon Randall and Hereford with a 49-38 win over the previously unbeaten Lady Raiders in front of 225 at Randall High School Gymnasium.

"I think this really messes it up," Hereford head coach Eddie Fortenberry said. "We talked about that in practice yesterday..."

Senior Julie Rampley led Hereford (21-2, 5-1 District 1-4A) with 21 points. Misti Davis added 10 points for the Lady Whitefaces.

Randall (17-5, 5-1) was led by senior Andrea Burrows with 13 points. She was the only Lady Raider to reach double figures.

Perhaps more telling than the scoring figures were the rebounding numbers. Hereford dominated the taller Lady Raiders off the glass -- 27-19.

(HEREFORD 21-2, 5-1): Baker 0-0, 4-4, 4, Guzman 1-1, 0-0, 2, Eicke 0-0, 0-0, 0, Betzen 2-5, 2-3, Rampley 5-10, 9-12, 21, Davis 2-7, 4-10, Rives 1-4, 0-2, 3, Walker 0-2, 2-2, Fangman 0-0, 0-0. Totals 11-29 21-27 49.

(CANYON RANDALL 17-5, 5-1): Cornelius 1-2, 0-2, 2, Daniels 0-4, 0-0, 0, Norman 1-7, 2-4, Burrows 4-5, 2-2, 13, Trevino 1-2, 0-2, 3, McPherson 0-1, 0-0, 0, Hohensee 0-0, 1-2, 1, Evans 2-4, 0-4, Benson 3-8, 2-8, Gilmore 1-7, 1-2, 3. Totals 13-40 8-14 38.

Halftime--Hereford 19, Randall 16. 3-Point goals--Hereford 6-17 (Rampley 2-5, Davis 2-4, Betzen 1-3, Rives 1-4, Walker 0-1), Randall 4-13 (Burrows 3-4, Trevino 1-2, Daniels 0-3, Norman 0-3, McPherson 0-1). Fouled out--Walker, Rebounds--Hereford 27 (Rampley 9), Randall 19 (Gilmore 8). Total fouls--Hereford 13, Randall 20. Turnovers--Hereford 20, Randall 17. A--225 est.

Rampley snagged nine rebounds to lead Hereford. Junior Makesha Rives had six and sophomore Tori Walker had four on the night.

Randall was led by 6-1 senior Courtney Gilmore with six rebounds. Melissa Trevino and Breanna Evans each had four boards for the Lady Raiders.

More importantly, 6-0 junior Keisha Cornelius and 5-9 senior post Cynthia Benson recorded one rebound between the two of them.

"Hats off to Misti Davis,"

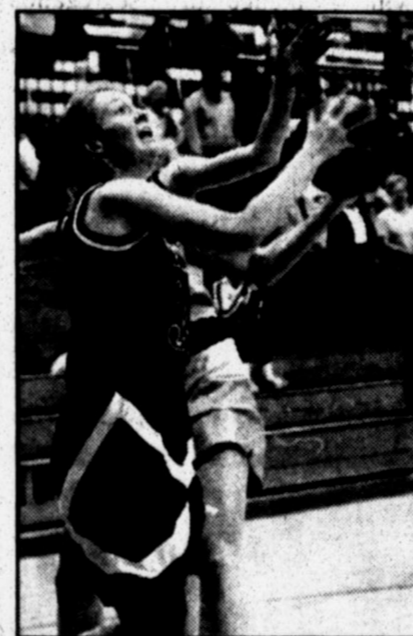


Photo by Julius Bodner

Hereford's Misti Davis drives by Canyon Randall's Keisha Cornelius Tuesday night during a District 1-4A game in Amarillo.

Fortenberry said. "You take a kid her height and try to guard somebody like that. It's tough, and she does a great job."

The tempo of the game was slow,

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## Spurs beat Celts, 97-88

BOSTON (AP) -- Tim Duncan finally made it to Boston -- in an enemy uniform -- and showed only brief glimpses of why the Celtics coveted him in the draft.

It took San Antonio's veteran A-2 punch of David Robinson and Avery Johnson to finish off a resilient Boston team that, in the end, had too little size and shooting ability.

"Besides me, our team played hard," Duncan said after the Spurs' 97-88 win Tuesday night. "I knew my offensive game wasn't working, so I worked hard to pick up my defense and rebounding."

He started the game as the NBA's second-best shooter and was averaging 17.3 points. But the 7-footer made just four of 12 shots and scored only 10 points, although he did have 10 rebounds.

He committed five turnovers and Robinson had six as Boston concentrated on stopping the two

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## Rockets snap skid, down Mavs, 100-87

HOUSTON (AP) -- The Dallas Mavericks targeted the wrong Houston Rockets player.

They thought if they smothered Charles Barkley they might be able to get a rare victory. Barkley scored just 13 points, but Kevin Willis scored 14 of his 30 points in the third quarter as the Rockets snapped a three-game losing streak with a 100-87 victory Tuesday night.

"We wanted to make Charles work and get him moving, but Kevin Willis played an outstanding game and overshadowed everything," Dallas forward Samaki Walker said.

The Mavericks really did not have much luck with Barkley either.

Barkley had 17 rebounds before he was ejected with 4:24 to play after slamming the ball near official Derrick Stafford.

The Mavericks have lost 18 of 19 games and were just what the Rockets, who had lost four straight home games, needed for a jump-start.

"We needed this one bad, and it

DALLAS (87): Green 0-1, 1-2, 1, Walker 10-20 6-9, 26, Bradley 2-6, 0-0, 4, Finley 7-16, 2-3, 16, Scott 5-13, 2-3, 14, H. Davis 3-7, 2-2, 8, Riley 1-1, 2-2, 4, Strickland 1-9, 0-0, 3, Reeves 2-6, 2-2, 8, Maurice 0-0, 0-0, 0, Wells 1-1, 1-2, 3. Totals 32-80 18-25 87.

HOUSTON (100): Bullard 5-9, 0-0, 15, Barkley 4-10, 8-13, Willis 13-20, 4-4, 30, Eise 3-9, 8-14, Rhodes 4-12, 4-10, Harrington 1-3, 1-1, 3, Price 2-6, 2-7, E. Davis 2-7, 0-0, 5, Johnson 1-5, 0-0, 3. Totals 35-81 22-27 100.

Dallas 20 21 23 23-87  
 Houston 22 15 32 31-100  
 3-Point goals--Dallas 5-20 (Reeves 2-5, Scott 2-8, Strickland 1-4, Finley 0-1, H. Davis 0-2), Houston 8-21 (Bullard 5-7, E. Johnson 1-1, Price 1-4, E. Davis 1-4, Rhodes 0-1, Eise 0-4). Fouled out--Bradley, Rebounds--Dallas 50 (Walker 13), Houston 56 (Barkley 17). Assists--Dallas 17 (Finley, Scott 5), Houston 25 (Price 9). Total fouls--Dallas 23, Houston 21. Technicals--Bullard, Willis, Barkley. Ejections--Barkley, A--16, 285 (16, 285).

didn't matter who it was against," Willis said. "We've just got to go back to work now and build on this. We need to get several of those (victories)."

The Mavericks had the Rockets worried when they took a 38-28 lead late in the second quarter and held a

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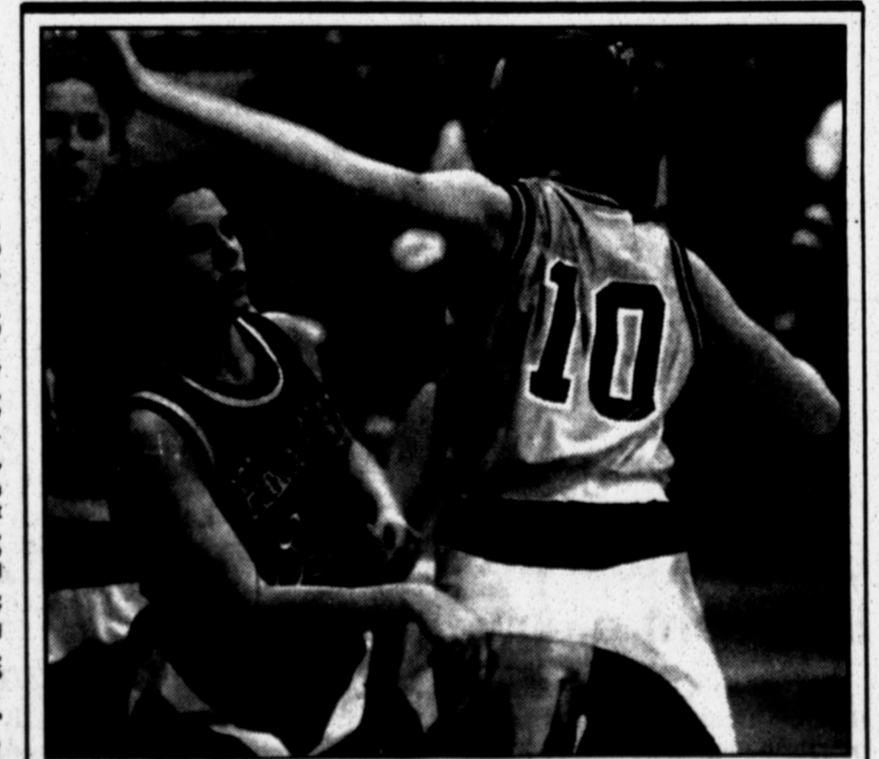


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## Battling for position

Hereford's Makesha Rives and Canyon Randall's Keisha Cornelius battle for a spot on the floor during a District 1-4A game Tuesday night in Amarillo.

**Survey**

not allow the private schools to compete in contests leading up to state championships.

Among probable conditions for membership outlined by the UIL when it sent the survey to private secondary schools were:

-- Only private schools accredited by the Texas Private School Accreditation Commission would be eligible.

-- Private schools would be assigned to districts on a non-honors basis and wouldn't participate in playoffs with public schools.

-- Students in private schools would be ineligible for varsity athletics the first year they attended the private school.

-- Enrollment for single-gender schools would be doubled for classification purposes.

-- Private schools would agree to follow all UIL rules, state law, and rules and regulations of the State Board of Education regarding extracurricular activities.

Bonnie Northcutt, UIL policy director, said some large private schools that belong to the Texas Christian Interscholastic League have expressed interest in joining the UIL. Such schools may have to travel long distances to play against another private school, she said.

One school in the Christian league that expressed support for joining UIL was San Antonio Providence High.

"We would prefer having full status in the UIL. It is a long-needed merger. It would be beneficial for all students to have academic as well as athletic exposure to each other," the school commented, according to the survey results.

Added El Paso Cathedral High School, "It would cut cost on travel and scheduling would become easier."

Public school superintendents have opposed allowing private schools to join, citing differences between their institutions and private schools. Public schools must serve all types of students, who must meet academic standards to participate in UIL competition.

There have been concerns expressed about how non-public school students could be held to the same academic standards and about the potential for recruitment of top athletes by private schools, which don't have attendance zones.

Besides traditional private and parochial schools, home schools are considered to be private schools under a court ruling, Northcutt said.

Edd Burleson, director of the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools, said many of the schools that belong to his group wouldn't want to participate in UIL because they have too few students to compete effectively. Of about 200 schools, about 100 have 40 or fewer students, he said.

As for academic requirements, Burleson said the TCIL uses the same rules for competition as the UIL.

**Baylor tops Red Raiders, 90-78**

LUBBOCK (AP) -- Baylor center Brian Skinner is dominating enough, especially against a team like Texas Tech that can offer little resistance. But when the Bears are clicking from the outside, too, look out.

Skinner scored 25 points from the inside while his teammates hit 11 3-pointers Tuesday night as Baylor remained perfect in Big 12 play by beating Texas Tech 90-78.

"It's a big momentum push to be 4-0," said Skinner, whose Bears improved to 9-5 overall with their fifth straight win. "The important

thing is not to forget what it took for us to get here. It's a lot of hard work and a lot of intensity."

Tech (7-6, 1-2) allowed Baylor its first victory in Lubbock since 1993 and saw a five-game home winning streak end.

Rodrick Miller scored 24 points and led the charge from outside, hitting four long-range bombs.

Four Baylor 3-pointers and a Skinner layup keyed a 14-4 outburst early in the second half that sent the Bears ahead 51-46. Baylor never trailed again.

**BAYLOR (9-5):** Kendrick 2-7 3-5 9, Morris 3-5 1-2 8, Skinner 9-21 7-8 25, Hunter 5-13 2-2 15, Miller 7-11 6-9 24, Jones 1-2 0-0 3, McCasland 0-0-0-0, Perkins 1-5-0-12, Gipson 0-0-0-0, Ramirez 0-0-0-0, Lewis 2-3 0-2 4. Totals 90-78 19-29 90.

**TEXAS TECH (7-6):** Barnes 0-0-0-0, Carr 12-20 6-8 35, Phillips 2-4 2-2 8, Young 1-10 9-10 11, Bonewitz 3-11 2-2 11, Owens 4-4 3-4 11, Roberts 1-2 2-2 4, Myers 0-3-0-0, Carmichael 0-1-0-0. Totals 78-90 23-61 26-28 78.

Halftime--Tech 39, Baylor 37. 3-Point goals--Baylor 11-23 (Miller 4-7, Hunter 3-7, Kendrick 2-3, Jones 1-2, Morris 1-3, Perkins 0-1). Tech 6-23 (Bonewitz 3-8, Carr 3-10, Young 0-5). Fouled out--None. Rebounds--Baylor 41 (Kendrick 10), Tech 40 (Owens 16). Assists--Baylor 18 (Hunter 6), Tech 12 (Young 6). Total fouls--Baylor 23, Tech 21. Technicals--Tech bench, A-7, 30-1.

**Spurs**

big men who combined for 57 points, 28 rebounds and 11 blocks the last time the teams met.

"This was one of the few, if only, off nights for Duncan," Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said. The Celtics "got him off line. They were very aggressive."

But that didn't work against the 7-foot-1 Robinson, who had 36 points, 11 rebounds and three blocks, or against the 5-11 Johnson, who had a season-high 22 points and 11 assists and had eight of his team's 22 points in the fourth quarter.

"We were so concerned with the inside, we forgot about the outside, and Avery Johnson burned us," said Boston's Antoine Walker, who had 17 points and 14 rebounds.

The Celtics had two picks in last year's draft lottery and had the best chance to get the top choice. But San Antonio got that -- and took Duncan -- and the Celtics chose point guard Chauncey Billups with the third pick.

Billups had a career-high 26 points and repeatedly drew fouls by driving to the basket. He made 13 of 15 free throws, but learned he has a lot more to learn.

"When you play against a guy like Avery Johnson or John Stockton, that is when you find out how the game is played," Billups said.

Johnson has just two turnovers and made 11 of 15 shots in 43 minutes.

The Spurs are 14-2 in their last 16 games. The Celtics matched their season-worst five-game losing streak and, for the fourth consecutive game, never led.

**SAN ANTONIO (97):** Duncan 4-12 2-2 10, Elliott 2-5 0-0 6, Robinson 13-19 10-16 36, Jackson 1-7 0-3, Johnson 11-15 0-0 22, Person 3-6 2-4 11, Williams 3-3 3-4 9, Herrera 0-0-0-0, Geary 0-1-0-0. Totals 97-78 17-26 97.

**BOSTON (88):** McCarty 0-4 0-0 0, Walker 5-19 6-6 17, DeClercq 2-4 4-4 8, Billups 5-14 13-15 26, Mercer 3-15 4-5 10, Knight 4-11 0-0 8, Bowen 2-5 0-5, Thomas 2-2 2-2 6, Barros 3-6 1-1 7, Minor 0-3 1-2 1. Totals 88-97 31-35 88.

San Antonio 28 21 25 22-87  
Boston 15 23 28 22-88  
3-Point goals--San Antonio 6-17 (Person 3-8, Elliott 2-4, Jackson 1-3, Duncan 0-1, Johnson 0-1), Boston 5-20 (Billups 3-8, Bowen 1-3, Walker 1-6, McCarty 0-1, Mercer 0-1, Knight 0-1). Fouled out--None. Rebounds--San Antonio 54 (Robinson 11), Boston 49 (Walker 14). Assists--San Antonio 24 (Johnson 11), Boston 9 (Billups, Barros 4). Total fouls--San Antonio 21, Boston 24. A--18, 624 (18, 624).

**Rockets**

41-37 halftime lead. But the Rockets fought back.

The Rockets took the lead 52-51 on a slam dunk by Willis on a slashing pass from Rodrick Rhodes with 5:38 to go in the third quarter.

Dallas regained the lead at 55-52 on two baskets by Michael Finley, but a basket by Willis and free throw by Rhodes tied it. Mario Elie's two free throws with 3:07 to play put the Rockets on top for good.

Hosuton's Matt Bullard started his third game of the season and added 15 points, including the Rockets' final nine points on three straight 3-point baskets. Bullard was 5-of-7 from 3-point range.

"Unfortunately, they are 48 minute games," Dallas coach Don Nelson said. "We played well for three quarters and then either they did something better or we lost some of our execution. Still, we played very well the whole game."

Houston took a 22-20 lead into the second quarter, but missed its first eight shots of the second period. The Rockets went 4:39 without a point in the period and 5:53 without a basket.

Walker led the Mavericks with a career-high 26 points and 13 rebounds. He had 17 points at the half, including nine straight Dallas points that ended with the Mavericks leading 38-28.

"I was feeling it early and they were going to me," Walker said. "You have to have an inside presence. Some nights, maybe it's me and other nights it's Shawn Bradley. Hopefully, it will be both of us."

The Rockets, 6-10 in their last 16, believe this win could be the beginning of better times.

"After all of what's been said about us lately, it was good to go out and do this," guard Brent Price said.

**Girls**

even more so in the first half than the second. Neither team scored in the first four minutes of the game and Hereford led 9-5 after one.

"That's West Texas basketball," Fortenberry said. "You're not going to go out and beat people 70-68 all the time. I think Randall really wanted to set that tempo and hope to frustrate our kids."

Not quite, especially Rampley. The 5-10 senior tallied 14 of her 21 points in the second half as the Lady Whitefaces slowly started to edge away from the Lady Raiders.

"Julie's going to come up big," Fortenberry said. "It's a given, and the other kids are going to rally around her. . . I'm glad she's on my side and I'm not having to coach against her."

But there was one downside to the victory, and it didn't escape the notice of Fortenberry.

"Our goal is to win a state championship. We can't have 20 turnovers in another big game, say Friday (at Canyon) and get away with it. We've got to cut down on that."

Now that Hereford has one big game down, there is Canyon looking Friday, on the road.

"We're a better basketball team than we how looked last time against Canyon," Fortenberry said. "Randall did it at Canyon . . . the only two losses we have were at home. So why not win it on the road?"

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**Hereford**

With a starting lineup that averaged 6-2 1/2, Randall was expected to dominate the rebounding and score plenty of buckets inside. As it turned out, the rebounding was a wash and it was Hereford using their quickness to get the edge inside.

"That's one of the things we talked about in preparation," Dean said. "We just couldn't concede that battle because of their size. . . We had to go after them and take a chance at it."

And while the Whitefaces may have admitted to taking notice of Randall's size, they didn't play like it. That poise proved critical in the second half.

"I think our execution on offense (was the key)," Bryant McNutt said. "We haven't been putting a lot of points on the board in the last few games, and to come out and execute was great."

The Whitefaces started the third quarter outscoring the Raiders 9-6 to take a 32-28 lead with 4:19 left in the third. By the end of the third quarter, Hereford's margin was seven -- 44-37.

Hereford continued to deny Randall the inside and picked up some points of their own in close as they got out to a 12-4 run start the fourth quarter.

"I was surprised. It all boils down to mental with stuff like that," Broadhurst said. "I think they just wanted it worse than we did. . . Maybe we need something like this to wake us up, hopefully."

**Barkley to enter innocent plea**

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) -- Charles Barkley, accused of throwing a bar patron through a window, plans to plead innocent Wednesday and ask for a jury trial.

Barkley, 34, was formally charged last month with battery, disorderly conduct, criminal mischief and resisting an officer without violence for the Oct. 26 fight.

**Jones says Seifert on list**

IRVING (AP) -- No matter what Barry Switzer says, Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones says he's considering former San Francisco 49ers coach George Seifert to be the next head coach.

In a copyright story today, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram quoted Jones as saying: "I certainly have not, from perspective, ruled out George Seifert. I have not eliminated him as a candidate."

Jones is in New York, where he is participating in NFL television contract talks. His

remarks on the coaching situation came only two days after Switzer said that Jones had two candidates in mind, but that Seifert wasn't one of them.

"George Seifert will not be the coach of the Dallas Cowboys," Switzer said Sunday.

Jones said Tuesday: "I think that was Barry's opinion."

On Monday, one source at Valley Ranch said: "Barry may not be as clued in as he thinks he is."

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# 'SHOCKUMENTARY': Violence in TV finding new outlet

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Violence that is declining in network television series has found a new outlet in gory "shockumentaries" containing footage of accidents, death and crime, a study released today says.

Fox's "World's Scariest Police Shootouts" and CBS' "The World's Most Dangerous Animals" were among the programs cited for their intense and graphic content in the third annual UCLA Television Violence Report.

"While the majority of programming deals responsibly with violence issues, reality-based specials do not," said Jeffrey Cole, the report's author and director of the UCLA Center for Communication Policy.

The "shockumentary" genre was virtually unseen on TV in 1994-95, the first season examined by UCLA. But it was represented by five programs the next year and then by 16 in the 1996-97 season, the industry-funded study found.

A call for comment to Fox, home to many of the reality shows, was not returned Monday. A CBS spokesman said the report had yet to be reviewed.

Criticism already has been leveled at such shows. "They're reprehensible," said George Gerbner, a Temple University professor who studies violence on television. "They exploit the worst fears and nightmares of people."

Fox aired animal attack footage in 1996 that a rival network executive called "one step short of a snuff film."

The UCLA study also found that problems remain in four of the most popular children's shows. "Sinister combat violence" was cited in "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles" and "Project G.e.e.K.e.R." on CBS, and in "Power Rangers Turbo" and "X-Men" on Fox.

As in past years, theatrical movies contain some of the most intense violence on television, with "Under

Siege" and "Tombstone" among the examples offered by the study.

Overall, however, network TV has improved in the amount of violence it depicts and in the context in which it's shown, according to the study, which was initiated by former Sen. Paul Simon of Illinois and financed by ABC, CBS, Fox and NBC.

Of the 107 series that aired on the four networks in 1996-97, only two programs ("Walker, Texas Ranger" on CBS and the canceled "Dark Skies" on NBC) raised "frequent concerns" about violence, the study found.

That's compared to five series in 1995-96 and nine in 1994-95.

Occasional concerns were recorded about six series in the latest season studied, including the Fox programs "Millennium," "X-Files," "Sliders" and "America's Most Wanted: America Fights Back," as well as ABC's

"High Incident" and CBS' "Nash Bridges."

Researchers did more than count episodes of violence; they viewed each incident in context, according to the report. Programs found to use violence appropriately and to show its consequences were not cited as problems.

The biggest improvement has come in the category of on-air promotions and teasers for upcoming TV series and movies. Few emphasized scenes of violence; those with violent scenes weren't shown during periods that attract more young viewers.

Does that mean parents can feel easier about letting children watch TV?

"I don't think they would necessarily let their children have free reign through television," Cole said. "It's not a situation where they cannot pay attention."

Although the center's three-year mandate is over, Cole said he hopes the research into TV violence and other issues will continue with network participation.

## NBC regains No. 1 in ratings, but loses Seinfeld, pro football

NEW YORK (AP) - No "Seinfeld" and no pro football? Whatever the future holds for NBC, the network can at least enjoy the present.

The network ended two weeks as the runner-up to reclaim the top spot in prime time for the week of Jan. 5-11, according to Nielsen Media Research figures released Tuesday.

NBC had five of the top six shows in logging a 10.6 rating and 17 share. ABC, up a notch from the week before, logged a 9.5 rating and 15 share. And CBS, landing only three shows in the top 25, dropped to third with a 9.0 rating and 15 share.

Also Tuesday, the National Football League announced a \$17.6 billion deal over eight years that gives American Football Conference games to CBS instead of NBC and keeps "Monday Night Football" on ABC. Fox kept another package of games from the National Football Conference.

After 33 years, NBC's final broadcast of a pro football game at least for some time will be the Super Bowl on Jan. 25.

Last week, CBS, blessed with its No. 4-ranked "Touched by an Angel," won Sunday night. NBC took Monday, Tuesday and "Must-see" Thursday, with the rest of Nielsen's top five: "ER," "Seinfeld," "Veronica's Closet" and "Friends." ABC claimed Wednesday, Friday and Saturday.

Fox, programming 15 hours, had an 8.3 rating and 13 share. Its top-ranked show was "X-Files," tying with NBC's "Union Square" for eighth place.

Among the emerging networks, the WB had a 2.9 rating and 5 share, while UPN had a 2.7 rating and 4 share.

A rating point represents 980,000 households, or 1 percent of the nation's estimated 98 million TV homes. Share is the percentage of in-use televisions tuned to a given show.

In the 16-week-old 1997-98 season, NBC remains in first place with a 10.3 rating to date. CBS is second with a 9.4, while ABC is 8.8 and Fox 7.2.

In the red-hot evening news war, "NBC Nightly News" retained the top spot last week with a 9.7 rating and 18 share. ABC's "World News Tonight" was second with a 9.1 rating and 17 share. "The CBS Evening News" fell to third with an 8.7 rating and 16 share.

For the week of Jan. 5-11, the top 10 shows, their networks and household ratings were:

"ER," NBC, 21.5; "Seinfeld," NBC, 20.8; "Veronica's Closet," NBC, 16.8; "Touched by an Angel," CBS, 15.8; "Friends," NBC, 15.7; "Dateline NBC" (Monday), NBC, 15.0; "60 Minutes," CBS, 13.8; "Union Square," NBC, and "X-Files," Fox, both 12.9; "Frasier," NBC, 12.7.

## Television

### WEDNESDAY JANUARY 14

	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM
2	Movie: Honey, I Blew Up the Kid PG		Movie: D.A.R.Y.L. Mary Beth Hurt PG	Growing	Growing	Walt Disney Presents	Zorro				
3	News Ent. Tonight	Story of Hope	3rd Rock Working	Dateline		News	(:35) Tonight Show				
4	News Hour With Jim Lehrer	Science Odyssey		Scientific Frontiers		Charlie Rose	News Hour				
5	Griffith	Griffith	NBA Basketball San Antonio Spurs at Washington Wizards			Inside-NBA	Movie: White Men Can't Jump (1992)				
6	News	Fortune	Spin City	Dharma	Drew Carey	Ellen	Primitve Live	News	Seinfeld	Nightline	
7	Fam. Mat.	Coach	Sister, Sis.	Smart Guy	Wayans	Steve H.	News	Beverly Hills, 90210	Heat		
8	News	Home Imp.	Nanny	Murphy	Public Eye		Chicago Hope	News	(:35) Late Show		
9	Grace Under	Mad-You	Beverly Hills, 90210	Party of Five			Hercules-Jrns.	Frasier	Roseanne	Real TV	
10	College Basketball Duke at Wake Forest			College Basketball North Carolina at Maryland			Sportscenter			U.S. Ski	
11	Waltons	Rescue 911		Diagnosis Murder			Hawaii Five-0	700 Club		Bonanza	
12	Movie: Denise Calls Up	Movie: Honeymoon in Vegas PG-13	Hard Rain	Dead Man's	(:45) Fast Track		Movie: Hidden in America				
13	Movie: House of Cards	Movie: Twister (1996) Helen Hunt, Bill Paxton PG-13		Dead Blue: Surviving	Firestorm	Tracey	Movie: The First Wives Club *** PG	Movie: Champ. Safari			
14	Movie: A Patch of Blue	Movie: The Substitute Tom Berenger *** R		Movie: Marriage is a Private Affair (1944) ***			Movie: Conversations With Burt II	Dallas	Dukes		
15	Dukes of Hazzard	John Michael Montgomery	Prime Time Country	Conversations With Burt II							
16	Gimme Shelter	Wild Discovery	Discover Magazine	Treasure of King Charles I			Justice Files	Wild Disc.			
17	Law & Order	Biography	American Justice	Foot Soldier			Law & Order	Biography			
18	Intimate Portrait	Unsolved Mysteries	Movie: Betrayed by Love (1994) Mare Winningham	Almost	Golden Girls	Golden Girls					
19	FOX Sports	Sports	NHL Hockey Utah Grizzlies at Houston Aeros				FOX Sports News	Sports			
20	Babylon 5	Movie: Sidekicks (1993) Chuck Norris ***		Movie: Babylon 5: In the Beginning (1998)							
21	Doug	Rugrats	Hey Arnold! Happy Days	Wonder Yrs.	Wonder Yrs.	I Love Lucy M.T. Moore	Taxi	Newhart	Van Dyke		
22	Highlander: The Series	Walker, Texas Ranger	(7:59) Movie: Atomic Dog (1998) Isabella Hofmann				Silk Stalkings	Highlander			
23	Esmeralda	Maria Isabel	Alguna Vez	Fuera	Lente Loco	Impacto	Noticiero	Al Ritmo			
24	War Years	In Search of History	Desert Storm	True Action Adventures			Weapons at War	In Search			
25	College Basketball Penn State at Wisconsin		Strongman	Winter X-Games Trials	NHL Hockey: Avalanche at Mighty Ducks						

### THURSDAY JANUARY 15

	7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30	12 PM
2	Goof Troop	Mermaid	Pooh	Katie-Orbie	Bear	Wonderland	Chip 'n' Dale	Madeline	Mermaid	Pooh	Jungle Cubs
3	Today				Lezza		Geraldo Rivera	Sunset Beach	Days-Lives		
4	Barney	Arthur	Sesame Street		Puzzle Place	Reading	Charlie	Mr Rogers	Barney	Days-Lives	
5	Gilligan	3's Co.	Little House on the Prairie		Mama	Mama	Hillbillies	Hillbillies	(:05) Matlock		Movie: Tank
6	Good Morning America				Live -- Regis & Kathie Lee		Martha	Gayle King	People's Court		News
7	Tiny Toon	Captain	BugsDaffy	Animaniacs	PinkyBrain	Batman	Griffith	Griffith	Geraldo Rivera		News
8	This Morning				Ricki Lake		Price is Right		Young and the Restless		News
9	Bobby	Casper	101Dalmats	X-Men	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Kenneth C.	Paid Prog.	TBA
10	Sportscenter		Sportscenter		Sportscenter		Sportscenter		Sportscenter		SuperBowl
11	Rescue 911		Waltons		700 Club		FR TV		Diagnosis Murder		Home
12	Movie: (25) Movie: Dirty Mary, Crazy Larry PG		Movie: Joe's Apartment Jerry O'Connell		(25) Movie: C.C. and Company *** PG		Movie: Night of the Comet Catherine Mary Stewart				
13	Movie: Doc Hollywood Michael J. Fox		(45) Movie: House Arrest Jamie Lee Curtis *** PG		(45) Movie: Her Life as a Man **		Movie: The Swan Princess				
14	Movie: Two-Bits & Pepper		Movie: The Wrong Box John Mills ***		(9:50) Movie: Her Life as a Man **		Movie: The Swan Princess				
15	Movie: All Through the Night (1942), Conrad Veidt ***		Movie: Sahara (1943) Humphrey Bogart. ***				Movie: Around the World Under the Sea				
16	(Off Air)		VideoMorning		Crook & Chase		Dallas		Interior Mot.	Interior Mot.	Home
17	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Assignment Discovery		Home Matters		HouseSmart!		Interior Mot.	Interior Mot.	Home
18	Columbo				Cosby Mysteries		Quincy		Northern Exposure		Law & Order
19	Baby Knows	Kids These	Sisters		Almost	HopeGlori	Night Court	Night Court	Our Home		Commiss
20	FOX Sports News		FOX Sports News		Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Miller
21	Gilligan		CHiPs		Lonesome Dove: Series		Spenser: For Hire		Movie: Crazy in Love (1992) ***		
22	Looney	Rugrats	Little Bear	Blue's Clues	Busy World	Muppets	Wubulous	Gullah	Little Bear	Blue's Clues	Allegra
23	Webster	Facts of Life	Gimme B.	Strangers	Wings	Wings	Major Dad	Major Dad	Movie: One Million Years B.C. (1966)		
24	(6:00) Despierta America				Mate		Volver a Empezar		Marimar		
25	Classroom		History Showcase		Movie: Torpedo Alley (1952) Mark Stevens **		Real West		High Points		High Points
26	Flex Appeal	Bodyshape	Crunch	Training	Perfect	Bodyshape	Fitness	Flex Appeal	Tractor Pull		NBA 2Night

	12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30	4 PM	5 PM	5:30	
2	Tale Spin	Donald	Chip 'n' Dale	Tale Spin	Goof Troop	Timon	Aladdin	Dinosaurs	Growing	Growing	Brotherly
3	Days-Lives	Another World		Jenny Jones		Maury		Oprah Winfrey	News		NBC News
4	Body Elec.	Painting	Keeping Up	Greetings From Norway		Genesis: A Conversation		Sandiego	Science Guy	Wishbone	Magic Bus
5	(12:05) Movie: ** Tank (1983)		Flintstones	Flintstones	Looney	Dreams	Saved-Bell	Saved-Bell	Fam. Mat.	Fam. Mat.	Fam. Mat.
6	Jeopardy!	One Life to Live	General Hospital	Beauty and the Beast	Port Charles	Pictionary	Rosie O'Donnell		News	ABC News	ABC News
7	News	Empty Nest	Empty Nest	Beauty and the Beast	Beverly Hills, 90210	Fam. Mat.	Dreams	Saved-Bell	Saved-Bell	Saved-Bell	Saved-Bell
8	Bold & B.	As the World Turns	Guiding Light		Sally		Am. Journal	Edition	News	CBS News	CBS News
9	TBA	Medicine Woman	Little House on the Prairie		Spider-Man	Metallix	Rangers	Life-Louie	BoyWorld	Roseanne	Roseanne
10	SuperBowl	PGA Golf	Arete Awards for Courage	NFL Great	NFL's Greatest Moments	NBA Finals	NBA's Great	Up Close	Sportscrt.		Sportscrt.
11	(12:00) Home & Family		ShopDrop	Shopping	Big Valley		Bonanza-Lost	Carol Bnt.	Carol Bnt.		Carol Bnt.
12	Movie: Summer Camp PG	(45) Movie: Foreign Body Victor Banerjee *** PG-13	(45) Movie: Honeymoon in Vegas James Caan PG-13		(45) Movie: Honeymoon in Vegas James Caan PG-13		Movie: House Arrest PG				
13	Real Sports		Movie: Mars Attack! Jack Nicholson		(15) Movie: Tattle Tale C. Thomas Howell *** PG		Movie: House Arrest PG				
14	Movie: Empire Records *** PG-13		Movie: Downhill Willie Keith Coogan **		Movie: Witness to the Execution PG-13		Movie: Witness to the Execution PG-13				
15	Movie: Attack on the Iron Coast (1968), Andrew Keir **		Movie: The Glass Bottom Boat (1966) Dorey Day ***		Movie: The Scalphunters						
16	(12:00) America's Country Hits		Crook & Chase		Dallas		Club Dance		Dukes of Hazzard		
17	Home	HouseSmart!	Interior Motives		Great Chefs	Great Chefs	Travelers		Wings		
18	Law & Order	Columbo			Cosby Mysteries		Quincy		Northern Exposure		
19	Commiss	Movie: Fear Stalk (1989) Jill Clayburgh **			Designing	Designing	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Supermtk	Debt	
20	Last Word	Polo	Coaches	Coaches	Coaches	Cycle World			Miller	NBA Action	
21	Movie: Yellowstone Kelly (1959) Clint Walker **		Movie: In the Heat of the Night		Kung Fu: Legend		Lois & Clark-Superman				
22	Rupert	Muppets	Looney	Beetlejuice	Gadget	Tiny Toon	Garfield	Yung Fu: Legend	Monsters	Figures It Out	Tiny Toon
23	Movie: One-M	Movie: Mosquito (1995) Gunnar Hansen, Ron Asheton. *		Baywatch		Saved-Bell	USA High	Baywatch			
24	Marimar	Amor Mio	Gente Bien	Cristina		Primer Impacto		Club	Noticiero		
25	High Points	Air Combat	Movie: Torpedo Alley (1952) Mark Stevens **		Real West		High Points in History				
26	NBA's Great	SuperBowl	SuperBowl	Motorcycle Racing AMA Supercross Series		ESPNNews	ESPNNews	On the Pole	Motorworld		

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2	Movie: Under Wraps Adam Wylie		Movie: Flight of the Navigator *** PG		Growing	Growing	Walt Disney Presents	Zorro			
3	News	Ent. Tonight	Friends	Union	Seinfeld	Veronics	ER		News	(:35) Tonight Show	
4	News Hour With Jim Lehrer		Science Odyssey		Sci. Frontiers		Charlie Rose		News Hour		
5	Griffith	Griffith	(:05) Movie: Stone Cold (1991) Brian Bosworth. ***		(:05) Movie: White Men Can't Jump (1992) Woody Harelson. ***						
6	News	Fortune	Prey	Movie: On the Line (1998) Linda Hamilton, Jeff Fahey			News	Seinfeld	Nightline		
7	Fam. Mat.	Coach	Movie: The Hunt for Red October (1990) Sean Connery. ***		News		Beverly Hills, 90210	Heat			
8	News	Home Imp.	Promised Land	Diagnosis Murder			News	(:35) Late Show			
9	Grace Under	Mad-You	King of Hill	Ask Harriet	New York Undercover		Soldier of Fortune, Inc.	Frasier	Roseanne	Real TV	
10	Sportactr.	College Basketball: Massachusetts vs. N.C. Charlotte		College Basketball: Rhode Island vs. Tulane			Sportactr.			Basketball	
11	Waltons	Rescue 911		Movie: Panic in the Sides! (1996) Kate Jackson			700 Club			Bonanza	
12	Movie: Joe's Apartment	Movie: Phat Beach (1996) Brian Hooks	Movie: Showgirl Murders Maria Ford 'R'		Stargate	Hard Rain	Movie: The Godfather Part II (1974) Al Pacino				
13	(5:00) Movie: House Arrest	Real Sports	Movie: TNT Olivier Gruner. 'NR'		Comedy	Inside the NFL					
14	Movie: Changing Habits	Movie: To Be or Not to Be Mel Brooks. ** PG		Movie: Secrets & Lies (1996) Timothy Spall, Brenda Blethyn. *** R							
15	Movie: The Scalphunters	Movie: Journey for Margaret (1942)		Movie: Lost Angel (1944) ***		(15) Movie: The Canterville Ghost (1944)					
16	Dukes of Hazzard	Championship Rodeo	Prime Time Country		Today's Country		Dallas		Dukes		
17	Gimme Shelter	Wild Discovery		Strange	Movie Magic	Wings	Justice Files		Wild Disc.		
18	Law & Order	Biography		New Explorers		Unexplained	Law & Order		Biography		
19	Intimate Portrait	Unsolved Mysteries		Movie: Captive (1991) Barry Bostwick, Joanna Kerns		Almost	Golden Girls	Golden Girls			
20	Last Word	Sports	College Basketball Houston at St. Louis		Sports	College Basketball UCLA at California					
21	Babylon 5		Movie: The Beguiled (1971) Clint Eastwood, Geraldine Page. ***		Rough Cut		Movie: The Beguiled (1971) ***				
22	Doug	Rugrats	Alex Mack	Happy Days							

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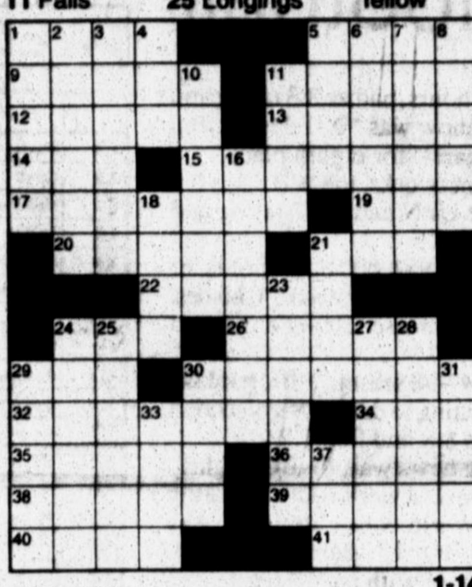
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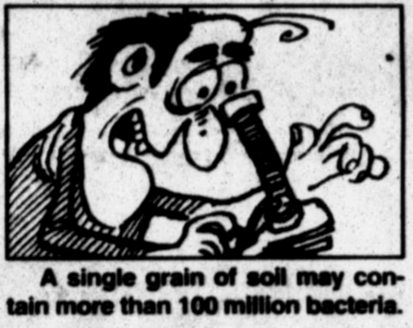
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May	51.25	0.00	51.25	May	1.50	0.00	1.50
Jun	51.50	0.00	51.50	Jun	1.50	0.00	1.50
Jul	51.75	0.00	51.75	Jul	1.50	0.00	1.50
Aug	52.00	0.00	52.00	Aug	1.50	0.00	1.50
Sep	52.25	0.00	52.25	Sep	1.50	0.00	1.50
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Nov	52.75	0.00	52.75	Nov	1.50	0.00	1.50
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Month	Price	Change	High
Jan	35.50	0.00	35.50
Feb	35.75	0.00	35.75
Mar	36.00	0.00	36.00
Apr	36.25	0.00	36.25
May	36.50	0.00	36.50
Jun	36.75	0.00	36.75
Jul	37.00	0.00	37.00
Aug	37.25	0.00	37.25
Sep	37.50	0.00	37.50
Oct	37.75	0.00	37.75
Nov	38.00	0.00	38.00
Dec	38.25	0.00	38.25

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Month	Price	Change	High
Jan	1.50	0.00	1.50
Feb	1.50	0.00	1.50
Mar	1.50	0.00	1.50
Apr	1.50	0.00	1.50
May	1.50	0.00	1.50
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# QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

## Deficits going away, but huge debt remains

By ALAN FRAM  
Associated Press Writer

Politicians are celebrating the brawny American economy's latest feat, apparent elimination of annual federal deficits for now. But, ahem, there remains the matter of a \$5.4 trillion national debt the government has accumulated.

Here are some questions and answers about that towering IOU:  
**Q: What's the difference between the deficit and the debt?**  
**A:** The deficit is the annual gap between what the government spends and what it earns, mostly from tax collections. Annual deficits have occurred ever since the \$2 billion surplus of 1969. They peaked at \$290 billion in 1992 but now are edging toward zero. In fact, the government just ran a \$2.4 billion surplus for the 12-month period ending November 1997, the first such surplus since the 12 months that ended in May 1970.  
**Q: But the debt should start coming down as soon as we record a surplus, right?**  
**A:** No. That's because about 30 percent of the \$5.4 trillion debt is money the government owes itself. And that portion of the debt is rising rapidly as the government uses trust-fund money that is supposed to be set aside for Social Security beneficiaries, military and civilian retirees and others. So the overall debt will keep growing for many years to hit \$7.2 trillion in a decade even if annual surpluses begin in 2001 as projected.

Many economists, however, say the government's debt to itself is not so important because it is money that one hand has lent the other. More significant, they say, is the \$3.8 trillion part of the debt that the government owes to its lenders: American and foreign individuals, pension funds, financial institutions, corporations and state and local governments. As surpluses begin to appear, that portion of the debt will start to shrink.  
**Q: Well, whether it's \$5.4 trillion or \$3.8 trillion, that's still a lot**

of money.  
**A:** Without doubt. And many economists say that when budget surpluses begin, lawmakers should use the money to begin paying down the debt. Reducing the debt means less money parked in government securities and more money available to private business. That means lower borrowing costs, more private investment in things like factories and education and a stronger economy - all of which would help the government and society cope with the retirements of the huge baby boom generation beginning in a decade.

Even so, many economists are not alarmed at current conditions, noting that the \$5.4 trillion debt compares to an economy that is \$8 trillion and growing. In terms of the debt's effect on the economy, that's like a family that earns \$80,000 annually and has a \$54,000 mortgage, usually quite an affordable scenario.  
**Q: How much of the debt should we pay off?**  
**A:** That's a judgment call that is as much a question of politics as anything. Every dollar used to retire the debt is a dollar unavailable for cutting taxes or increasing spending on federal programs. The tug-of-war over those resources should dominate Washington's budget fights for years.  
**Q: Should we try to retire the entire debt?**  
**A:** Rep. Mark Neumann, R-Wis., has introduced legislation to erase the whole debt by 2026. It has drawn support from House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., and from two-time independent presidential candidate Ross Perot, but it will probably do little more than stir debate. It would require the government to run an unbroken string of huge surpluses eventually surpassing \$1 trillion a year, which few people think is politically realistic. Besides, economists warn that reducing the debt too fast would place a dangerous drag on the economy by sucking money away from the private sector.

## PANHANDLE SALES TAX REBATES

Source: Texas Comptroller's Office

CITY	Tax Rate	Jan. 1998	Jan. 1997	Pct. Change
Dimmitt	1.5%	\$16,606.77	\$18,573.69	-10.6%
Dalhart	2.0%	\$67,954.95	\$68,172.09	-0.3%
Pampa	2.0%	\$204,884.24	\$205,722.76	-0.4%
Plainview	1.5%	\$191,930.99	\$164,333.42	16.8%
Borger	\$2.0%	\$174,669.76	\$150,880.61	15.8%
Dumas	2.0%	\$57,242.48	\$55,299.17	3.8%
Vega	1.0%	\$1,794.83	\$1,902.48	-5.7%
Friena	2.0%	\$13,230.07	\$13,076.61	1.2%
Amarillo	2.0%	\$2,809,249.40	\$2,484,178.40	13.1%

## SALES TAX

**From Page 1**  
Another \$4.2 million went to 29 special purpose districts around the state.  
In looking at the Panhandle, there were four municipalities that saw a decline in sales tax rebates.  
Dimmitt received \$16,606.77, down 10.6 percent from \$18,573.69 for January 1997; Dalhart received \$67,954.95, down 0.3 percent from \$68,172.09; Pampa's rebate was \$204,884.24, down 0.4 percent from \$205,722.76; and Vega received \$1,794.83, down 5.7 percent from \$1,902.48.  
January's payments include local sales taxes collected by monthly filers in November, at the start of the traditional holiday shopping season, and reported to the comptroller in December.  
The comptroller's next sales tax allocation will be Feb. 13.

## CROPS

**From Page 1**  
Extension entomologist Emory P. Boring of Vernon said the recent rains, sleet and some hail has delayed the growth of greenbugs, an aphid that attacks mostly wheat, until warmer weather arrives.  
Boring said average weather across the Rolling Plains has not affected the boll weevil population yet.  
"Freezing or below-freezing temperatures for several days are necessary to kill those pests," Boring said.  
"We need cold, cold weather to suppress cotton boll weevil and pink bollworm," said Charles Payne, Extension IPM agent in El Paso.  
He said both the cotton boll weevil and the pink bollworm are major pests on cotton and it is uncertain whether west Texas will get the cold weather necessary to slow down the insects.  
Most counties in Texas report at least adequate soil moisture.  
In the Panhandle, Extension director Bob Robinson of Amarillo said soil moisture with recent snow and rain has been excellent.  
In the southwest region of the state, Extension specialist Jose Pena of Uvalde said the rain came just in time.  
"We received two to three inches of much needed rainfall last week," Pena said.  
Galen Chandler, Extension director of Veron, said for the first time in a long time, counties across the Rolling Plains are reporting adequate to surplus rainfall amounts.  
Extension director Jett Major of Lubbock said the recent moisture in the South Plains will be especially beneficial to wheat.  
The following specific livestock, crop and weather conditions were reported by district Extension directors:  
**PANHANDLE:** soil moisture adequate to surplus. Ranges, pastures fair to good condition. Cattle in good condition. Haying has been very heavy the past three weeks; some hay shortages reported. Wheat fair to good.  
**SOUTH PLAINS:** soil moisture adequate. Some supplemental feeding of livestock. Crop harvest basically complete; some cotton remains to be ginned. Wheat is almost completely emerged; recent moisture will be beneficial to wheat.  
**ROLLING PLAINS:** soil moisture adequate to surplus. Ranges, pastures in poor to fair condition. Livestock in good condition; moving from range pasture to wheat pastures. Cotton crop almost complete with slightly above average quality.

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### Names in the News

**BLACKWELL'S LIST**  
LOS ANGELES (AP) - The Spice Girls are "the only spices on the planet that have no taste," says the acid-tongued Mr. Blackwell.  
The band topped his 38th Annual Worst Dressed Women List, released Tuesday.  
No. 2 for fashion dishonors was Ellen DeGeneres ("Throw those baggy fashion bombs back in the closet"), followed by Madonna ("Let's be blunt, yesterday's 'Evita' is today's Velvetea").  
"Despite the encouraging fact that old-fashioned glamour made a mini-comeback in 1997, the final results of this year's list amply reflect the fact that boring bombs, dowdy duds and frumpy flops continue to litter our landscape with wretched regularity," Blackwell said.  
In fourth place was Pamela Anderson Lee, followed by Jennifer Tilly, Sigourney Weaver, Emma Thompson, Alicia Silverstone, Frances Fisher and Marilyn Manson ("He looks like Alice Cooper doing Rosemary's Baby").  
The former dress designer and self-appointed arbiter commended a few "fabulous fashion independents," including Anne Heche, Jada Pinkett and Courtney Love.

**WALTER H. ANNENBERG**  
PHILADELPHIA (AP) - Walter H. Annenberg has given \$10 million for the renovation of Independence Park, matching pledges by the city, the state and Pew Charitable Trusts.  
The gift from the publishing magnate and his wife, Leonore, will ensure construction of the Gateway Visitor Center, the centerpiece of the effort to make the Liberty Bell and Independence Hall more attractive to tourists.  
The money will also go for an educational site for the Liberty Bell's new city-funded pavilion.

**EMMA KELLY**  
SAVANNAH, Ga. (AP) - Emma Kelly, the 79-year-old pianist in the "Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil," was recently treated for exhaustion.  
"I'm weak, of course, but they say I'm a strong gal," she said Monday.  
Ms. Kelly, known as the lady of 6,000 songs, was admitted to St. Joseph's Hospital on Jan. 5 and released Friday. She was on Tuesday night's bill at Hannah's East, the club where she usually performs several nights a week.  
Preparations are under way to give Ms. Kelly a permanent parking place and install a lift so she won't have to climb the steep staircase to the second-floor piano bar.  
John Berendt, who wrote the book on which the movie was based, called to check on her four times during her illness.

**MATT DAMON**  
LOS ANGELES (AP) - Matt Damon got some good will from theater owners.  
The star of "Good Will Hunting" and "The Rainmaker" will be named their male star of tomorrow at the ShoWest Awards in Las Vegas on March 12.  
"It's been an amazing year for me and I'm truly grateful to ShoWest and the exhibitors for this vote of confidence in my work," Damon said.  
Past recipients include Johnny Depp, Greg Kinnear, Martin Lawrence, Chris O'Donnell and Brad Pitt.  
Damon's next project is Steven Spielberg's "Saving Private Ryan," co-starring Tom Hanks.

The busiest international telephone route is between the U.S. and Canada; over three billion minutes of two-way traffic a year.

**GENE MAY STOP NORMAL AGING PROCESS, BOOSTING HEALTH SPAN BUT NOT LIFE SPAN**  
WASHINGTON (AP) - It won't make people younger or allow them to live forever, but researchers say a laboratory experiment shows that human cells can be made to avoid the normal aging process and cell death.  
Researchers at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas said an enzyme that stops cells from aging may be a "cellular fountain of youth" that may lead to correcting or slowing some of the physical ravages of time.  
"This process may increase the normal health span, but not the normal life span," said Dr. Jerry Shay, a UT Southwestern researcher and co-author of a study to be published Friday in the journal *Science*.  
"We're not saying that this will give people something to make them live longer," said Shay, but he said the work confirms that cells can be kept youthful far beyond their normal life span by blocking a natural aging and dying process.  
By keeping the cells alive and dividing, he said, it may be possible to control age-related disorders including skin wrinkling, some types of blindness and cardiovascular disease.  
Though it is still in the future, Shay said the work could lead to drugs that stop cells from dying and thus preserve the functioning of body parts that normally decline with age.  
In a country dazzled by visions of youth, the report, released by a research organization, sent investors flocking to Geron Corp., a California biotech research company that collaborated with Texas researchers.

# NEWS

## in brief

### QUEBEC ELECTRIC WORKERS STRUGGLE TO GET POWER RESTORED TO 1 MILLION CUSTOMERS

MONTREAL (AP) - With 1 million customers facing a second frigid week without power and overnight lows near zero, Quebec's electric workers are battling around the clock to replace 30,000 utility poles and 300 transmission towers destroyed by last week's ice storm.

Thousands of soldiers were deployed in the worst-hit regions, part of Canada's largest-ever peacetime army operation. The soldiers were given special arrest powers in an effort to convince holdout families not to fear break-ins if they evacuate homes that lost heat in the ice storm.

"They have become peace agents," Prime Minister Jean Chretien said Tuesday during a tour of so-called Blackout Triangle area south of Montreal, where power to 1 million people is not expected to be restored for one to two more weeks.

About 600,000 homes across southern Quebec and 65,000 in eastern Ontario remained without power today, nine days after the most destructive ice storm ever in Canada began pounding the region.

The provincial power company, Hydro-Quebec, warned customers throughout the stricken region that it planned rotating blackouts of up to six hours in areas with power in order to ease pressure on its system.

"We are in a crisis situation," said Elias Ghannoum, a Hydro Quebec transmission-line specialist. "If everybody were to take all the power they needed, we would overload the lines and cut off everybody."

Though power has been restored to most households in Montreal and its immediate suburbs, more than 400,000 homes in about 100 towns to the south and east are expected to remain without electricity for one to two weeks while the transmission lines are repaired.

### BALLOT-STUFFING EYED IN SOAP OPERA AWARDS

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Soap operas are usually loaded with sex, intrigue and revenge. Now an alleged attempt at awards-fixing is part of the picture, too.

New ballots were issued for the 1997 *Soap Opera Digest* Awards after someone associated with one of ABC's daytime dramas was suspected of trying to stuff the ballot box.

Numerous copies of *Soap Opera Digest's* Nov. 11 newsstand issue - that's the one with the annual readers' poll ballot - were improperly bought from a wholesale distributor, ABC said in a statement Monday.

Neither the ABC soap opera nor the person involved were identified.

### GROUPS WANT CUBAN EMBARGO EASED

WASHINGTON (AP) - A broad coalition of groups is banding together in hopes of reversing the steady increase in U.S. efforts over the years to tighten American sanctions against Cuba.

The formation of Americans for Humanitarian Trade With Cuba was announced Tuesday with the goal of supporting legislation to end restrictions on the sale of food and medical supplies to the island.

The group consists of Americans from the business, political, exile, religious and humanitarian communities.

"It is wrong for the United States to use 11 million Cubans as ammunition in an economic war against one man," said Dr. Joan Brown Campbell, executive secretary of the National Council of Churches.

Gen. John Sheehan, who retired in September as commander of U.S. forces in the Atlantic, said the United States should not be imposing such curbs against a country that does not pose a military threat to U.S. interests.

### AARP, CITIES WANT SURPLUSES FOR RETIREMENT NEEDS

WASHINGTON (AP) - Projected budget surpluses should be saved to cover the Medicare and Social Security needs of baby boomers rather than used for tax cuts or other government programs, according to two groups representing older Americans and cities.

"Instead of committing a budget surplus for short-term consumption, we must think longer term," said John Rother of the American Association of Retired Persons.

While there is talk of using the surpluses to retire the national debt, many Republicans also want broad tax cuts, while Democrats favor small tax reductions plus higher spending on child care and other programs. Road building is another priority of lawmakers in both parties.

"If you're on the bridge of the Titanic do you want to add video poker games or do you pay attention to what's ahead?" said Frank Shafroth, director of policy and federal relations for the League of Cities.

### CLINTON SEES JONES TRIAL AS INEVITABLE

WASHINGTON (AP) - Loath to see Paula Jones tread on White House grounds, President Clinton's legal team has moved his weekend deposition even as the president says it is "probably" inevitable that he will stand trial on a sexual harassment accusation.

Clinton is expected to give a sworn deposition in the civil suit on Saturday at the downtown Washington offices of his attorney, Robert Bennett, a source close to the case said Tuesday. The president's testimony was originally expected to be taken at the White House.

After the date was disclosed last week - and a spokeswoman announced that Mrs. Jones would exercise her right to attend - the Clinton camp moved to change the venue to deny news cameras the chance to photograph Mrs. Jones at the White House, two sources confirmed Tuesday.

Given a court-ordered ban on any discussion of depositions given in the case, sources spoke only on condition of anonymity.

### "JANE DOE" TO TESTIFY BEFORE SENATE

WASHINGTON (AP) - Norma McCorvey, the "Jane Roe" of the landmark Roe vs. Wade case who is now opposed to abortion, is scheduled to testify next week at a Senate hearing on abortion issues.

The legislative hearing is to be held Jan. 21, one day before the 25th anniversary of Roe vs. Wade, which legalized abortion in the United States. McCorvey will be a witness before the Senate Judiciary subcommittee on the constitution, said a spokesman for the panel's chairman, Sen. John Ashcroft, R-Mo.

Ashcroft plans to focus on several issues in the abortion debate, including whether science supports the position that life begins at conception, spokesman Steve Hilton said.

### AIDS AGENCY SHIFTS STAND ON HIV TRACKING

NEW YORK (AP) - Tracking people as soon as they become infected with HIV is crucial to "saving thousands of lives," the director of the nation's leading AIDS service agency said in a policy reversal.

The Gay Men's Health Crisis called on New York state to begin monitoring patients who test positive for HIV but who are not yet experiencing symptoms, a major turnaround in agency policy.

Tracking HIV is critical to fighting the spread of AIDS, said Ronald Johnson, the agency's managing director. He said that ignoring HIV-positive cases "gives only the end-stage of the epidemic."

"It doesn't tell us where it's growing and emerging," Johnson said Tuesday. "You can't fight an epidemic if you don't know where it is." He said the move would be crucial to "saving thousands of lives."

In its position paper, the nonprofit agency does not address the issue of using patients' names to monitor cases because "too much attention has been given to names and not to a unique identifier system," Johnson said.

### IMF CHIEF WANTS NEW INDOONESIAN COMMITMENT

SINGAPORE (AP) - The head of the International Monetary Fund said today that he wants a new commitment in writing from Indonesia to kick-start the country's financial reforms.

Michel Camdessus said he expects to sign a second letter of intent for such change in Jakarta on Thursday, when he meets with Indonesian President Suharto. The agreement would include incentives for Indonesia to move more quickly on restructuring the financial system, he said, without elaboration.

Upon arriving in the Indonesian capital later today, Camdessus said much is at stake in the negotiations on rescuing Southeast Asia's struggling economies.

"All your economies are so interrelated. We need to have all of them succeeding in tackling their difficulties so that the whole of Asia can enjoy again the incomparable growth it enjoyed for so long," he said. rescue effort for troubled Asian economies but expressed concern about the depth of backing in Congress.

Earlier in Bangkok, he praised Thailand's prime minister for his country's progress in executing harsh economic reforms.

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