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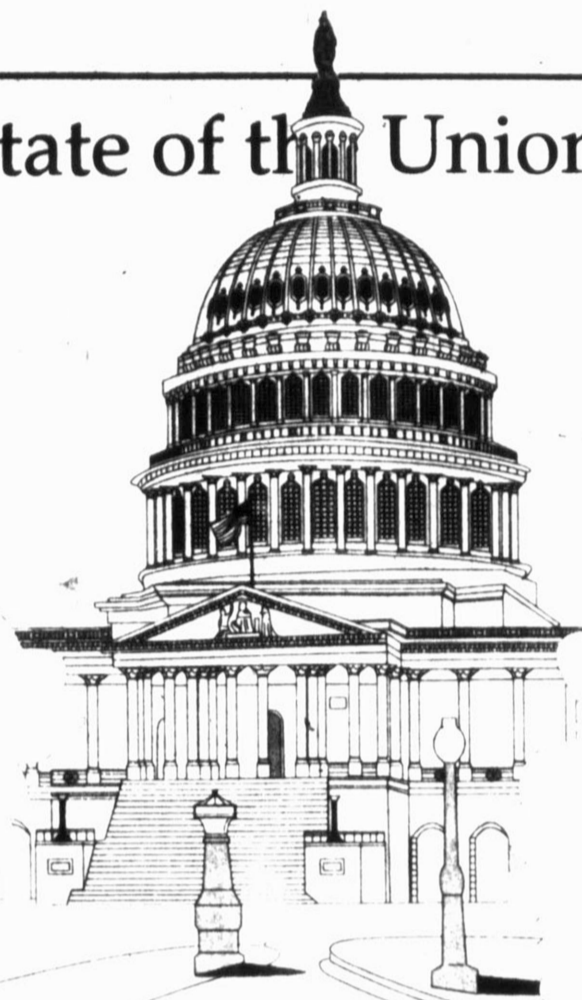
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State of the Union



Clinton's speech to be rosy picture of state of nation

WASHINGTON (AP) - Although his own situation is less than rosy, President Clinton will use tonight's State of the Union address to paint an optimistic picture of America under his leadership: economically strong, socially stable and at peace with the world.

One thing Clinton will not talk about is the controversy over whether he tried to get 24-year-old Monica Lewinsky to lie about an alleged romantic affair between them. The president denied the allegations of an affair Monday, and that he tried to cover it up, and aides hoped the denial would ease the doubts about Clinton's leadership.

"I don't think he pretends that this opportunity in front of Congress (tonight) ought to be about him personally," White House spokesman Mike McCurry said. "The state of the presidency is quite obvious to all of you. We are facing a lot of difficult questions, but the state of this union is strong."

Clinton, looking weary with reading glasses propped low on his nose, practiced his speech Monday. He and speech writer Michael Waldman reviewed the president's suggested revisions on a draft text, while Buddy, the president's dog, lounged on the floor beside an abandoned chew toy.

A central part of Clinton's address will be education. Clinton said Monday he intended to put forth a plan that would put 100,000 more teachers in schools, establish smaller classes in 1st, 2nd and 3rd grades and devote extra funds for after-school programs.

The proposals pick up where Clinton left off with last year's State of the Union speech, when he proposed a 10-point plan that included expanding opportunities for Americans to attend college and linking all classrooms and libraries to the Internet.

In tonight's speech, Clinton said, "I'll set out the next steps in our continuing road. All these steps will help our children get the future they deserve."

Clinton also was to tout the fact that he was proposing the first balanced budget in 30 years, that the economy was in a boom and unemployment was at a 24-year low. He would recommend using expected budget surpluses as a down payment on shortages in the Social Security system when the baby boom generation begins retiring, officials said.

A White House official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Clinton also would sprinkle in - without a lot of specifics - mentions of his push to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, put a special focus on juvenile crime and stabilize struggling Asian economies.

TV coverage to be wider this year

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Last year, President Clinton's State of the Union address had to compete with television coverage of the O.J. Simpson civil trial verdict. This year, the president is on his own.

Live coverage of his 8 p.m. CST speech to Congress is planned by ABC, CBS, Fox and NBC and by cable channels CNN, C-SPAN, CNBC, MSNBC and Fox News Channel. PBS stations will have the option of carrying the address.

The Republican response by Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., will air immediately afterward.

Blanket television coverage of the State of the Union address is not new, and network plans were in place before the allegations involving Clinton and a former White House intern.

In 1997, attention was focused on another high-profile story.

A jury's finding that Simpson was liable for damages in the deaths of Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald Goldman was announced during the president's Feb. 4 speech.

Although the networks stayed with Clinton, some superimposed a text bulletin about the trial on the screen and then quickly cut away to the California courthouse when the president's speech concluded.

CAMPAIGN FINANCING

Study suggests donor limits, better reporting in Texas

AUSTIN (AP) - A new study of campaign contributions to Texas House members urges limits on donations and tighter reporting requirements to curb the influence of special interests that now may give unlimited amounts of cash to candidates.

"Texas is one of the last remaining wide-open, cash-flow states," said Craig McDonald, director of Texans for Public Justice, one of three groups conducting the study.

House members raised \$14.6 million in the last election cycle, even though 61 of the 150 lawmakers faced no opponent in the primary or general election. Of that, 95 percent of contributions were for \$100 or more, with 37 percent for \$1,000 or more.

Just nine of the state's 2,618 postal ZIP codes were the mailing addresses for more than \$6 million of the total. And \$4.4 million came from only three Austin ZIP codes - home of lobbyists and industry groups.

"Special interests make single contributions to single candidates that exceed the average Texan's annual income," said the study, which also was sponsored by Public Citizen and the U.S. Public Interest Research Group.

Their report will be presented Friday to two House committees that have been ordered to look at the campaign finance system in Texas.

The study's key recommendations:
- Limit the size and source of contributions.
- Texas is one of only six states to put no limits on donations to political candidates or political action committees. Several states have limits of

between \$100 and \$250 for legislative races.

- Limit the source of contributions.

The study suggests that candidates be required to raise most of their money from within the geographic district they want to represent. It calls for restricting out-of-district contributions to 15 percent to 20 percent of the total. Currently, some 80 percent - more than \$10 million - of \$100-plus contributions came from outside lawmakers' home districts.

- Require candidates to report fund-raising activities electronically. Texas candidates now need file only paper documents, which the study found "are often sloppy, inaccurate and incomplete." Filing by computer would make reports more complete and available over the World Wide Web for Texans to examine.

A bill to limit contributions died in the 1997 Legislature. House Speaker Pete Laney, D-Hale Center, has ordered two committees to study the issue and make recommendations for lawmakers in 1999.

Janet Woodrome, a spokeswoman for Laney, said of the study, "It appears that average citizens are losing interest in the political process. ... We need to find ways to encourage political participation."

For the system to change, average Texans need to demand it, said Tom "Smitty" Smith of Public Citizen.

"It's going to take irate citizens saying we've got to have reform. The only thing that's ever beaten organized money is organized people," Smith said.

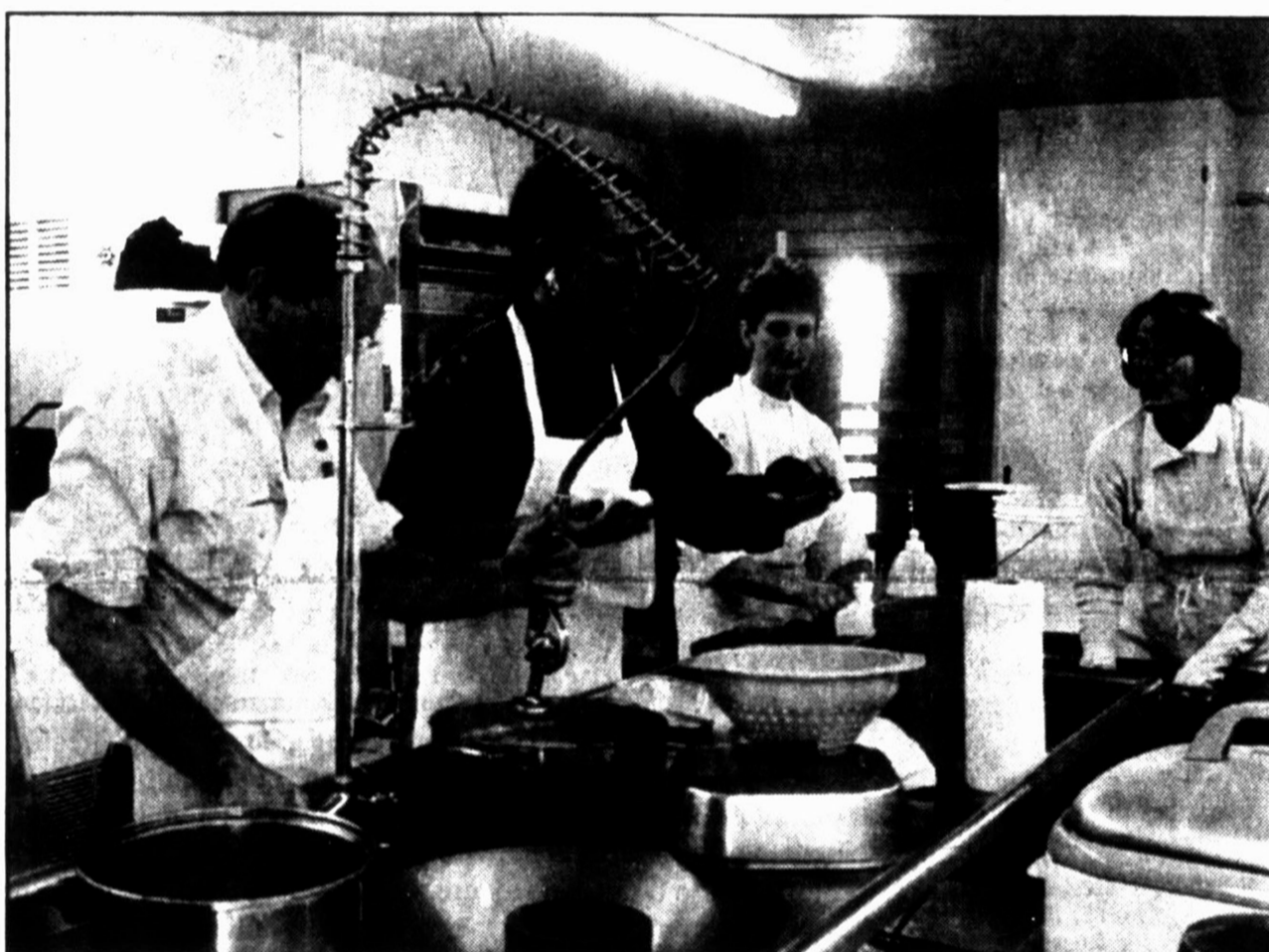


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It's light agenda for panel

By DONALD M. COOPER
Brand Editor

It wasn't because they had such a long agenda that the Deaf Smith County Commissioners used two rooms in the courthouse for Monday's meeting.

No, the commissioners make the trek to the top floor of the courthouse to hear a report from the county extension agents about the agency's performance in 1997 and hear its goals for 1998.

After that session, the commissioners returned to more familiar confines -- the commissioners courtroom on the second floor -- to whip through the remaining items on a short agenda.

The commissioners had been scheduled to adopt new street names for the San Jose Community; however, that action has been delayed because of legal requirements.

The new street names, which already have been designated by new street signs, were necessary because of conflicts with street names within the city limits of Hereford.

Before the new names can become official, however, the commissioners must adopt an order redesignating the streets, followed by a public hearing. After the public hearing, the commissioners then can approve an ordinance formally changing the names.

Because of time limits involved in advertising the public hearing, the commissioners are expected to adopt the order and set the public hearing at their next meeting, with the hearing -- and formal adoption of the new names -- at the next meeting.

In other business, the commissioners:

- Appointed Janice Robinson and Keri Gladwell to the county Child Welfare Board;

- Approved a two-year extension of a lease agreement with the Texas Department of Protective & Regulatory Services. The state agency sought an extension of the lease because it will pay to made renovations, including installation of new carpet, in the county-owned building. The lease will expire Aug. 31, 2000; and

- Approved payment of routine monthly bills.

Almost show time

The annual Young Farmers Junior Livestock Show will be kicking off Wednesday and volunteer cooks (from left) Jim Steiert, Jeannette Fowler, Cindi Isaacson and Cheryl Betzen help prepare the food that will be available at the show. Animals will begin arriving this afternoon, with the showing to begin Wednesday morning. The annual livestock sale will begin at 12:30 p.m. Saturday at the Deaf Smith County Bull Barn.

U.S. wages, benefits show fastest gains in four years

WASHINGTON (AP) - Americans' wages and benefits rose 3.3 percent in 1997, the fastest pace in four years, indicating that the tight labor market may finally be pushing up workers' pay.

The Labor Department report today showed that the increase for the entire year was a significant acceleration from a 2.9 percent rise for 1996 and a 2.7 percent increase in 1995.

Wage and benefit pressures were increasing at the end of the year, the government reported, with the gain in the final three months of the year at 1 percent, the most rapid quarterly increase since the final three months of 1992.

The annual gain of 3.3 percent marked the fastest increase since a 3.5 percent rise in 1993. The report unnerfed financial markets, sending prices sharply lower in the inflation-sensitive bond market.

"These numbers say that wage pressures are starting to appear and our good luck on benefit costs may be running out," said Cynthia Latta, senior economist

at DRI-McGraw Hill Inc.

While rising wages and benefits are good news for workers, economists worry that if those gains are not accompanied by productivity increases, then inflation pressures can mount quickly, often spelling an end to an economic expansion.

The 1 percent October-to-December gain in compensation costs was slightly higher than the 0.9 percent analysts had been expecting.

Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan has frequently mentioned the danger of wage inflation as one of the primary factors that would prompt the Federal Reserve to begin raising interest rates.

Economists believe the central bank will choose to remain on hold in coming months while assessing the dampening effects the Asian currency crisis has on the U.S. economy.

Wages and salaries last year rose 3.8 percent, compared to a gain of 3.3 percent in 1996. It was the fastest wage increase since a 4.3 percent gain in 1990.

Tax reform debate picking up momentum with money

WASHINGTON (AP) - The tax overhaul debate in Congress this year promises to be much more intriguing than the standard fare dished up by the flat tax and national sales tax crowd.

Spicing up the mix this year is the willingness of business groups to spend millions in national lobbying campaigns to rally the public behind the cause.

The National Federation of Independent Business, an influential small business lobby, plans to spend at least \$3 million this year in its effort to scrap the income tax code by 2001. Another business-backed group, Americans for Fair Taxation, already has spent \$4 million to research its version of a national sales tax, and plans to shell out \$10 million more on television ads to appear on local television stations in 30 markets nationwide, a spokesman said.

And there's magazine publisher Steve Forbes, who spent about \$35

million of his own fortune in 1996 in a failed presidential bid that revolved around a flat tax, who plans to make another high profile televised pitch tonight on taxes to coincide with the President Clinton's State of the Union speech.

"With the president beleaguered, Congress has a special obligation to step into the political vacuum and provide direction and leadership for the nation and the world," Forbes said in a statement Monday, referring to the White House intern controversy. Congress should declare the president's proposed spending plans "dead-on-arrival," Forbes said, and lawmakers should "move decisively on real tax cuts that provide wide, deep and permanent relief to middle class Americans."

Forbes' conservative issues group, Americans for Hope, Growth and Opportunity, has produced one-minute television ads to air tonight on CNN, Fox News Channel and MSNBC.

This lobbying push is unusual since business interests in the past haven't opened their wallets to this extent to push tax overhaul efforts.

"I feel like for all the bluster about tax reform, the money hasn't been there to finance a campaign so far," said Stephen Moore of the Cato Institute, a libertarian research group.

Businesses' willingness to push fundamental tax changes stems from the issue's prominence in the GOP-controlled Congress and in the upcoming 1998 midterm elections. Also propelling the effort were last fall's Senate Finance investigative hearings of the IRS. Cleta Mitchell of the National Federation of Independent Business, said the IRS hearings helped raise the public visibility of the tax system's problems to a level she had not expected by this point.

Senate Finance Chairman William V. Roth Jr., R-Del., said the groups' work may help form a consensus on rewriting the tax code.

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Local Roundup

4-H lunches

The parents of local 4-H participants invite everyone to come to the bull barn this week for lunch. On Monday the parents cooked and prepared more than 600 pounds of meat for barbecue sandwiches and fixin's. Lunch, sandwich, chips and a drink can be purchased for under \$5 and all proceeds go to the local 4-H club.

Seminar scheduled

A seminar on "Understanding Marketing Alternatives Using Futures and Options" will be presented at 7 p.m. Thursday at Hereford State Bank, 212 East Third St., by Schlabs and Hysinger Commodity Services. Focus will be on grains and cotton.

Partly cloudy

Tonight, partly cloudy, low in lower 30s, southwest wind 5-15 mph, becoming northwest late.

Wednesday, partly sunny, high near 60, north to northeast wind 5-15 mph.

5-DAY FORECAST

Thursday, partly cloudy, low in the upper 20s, high around 60.

Friday, a chance of showers, low in the lower 30s, high in the lower 60s.

Saturday, a chance of showers, low near 30, high near 50.

MONDAY RECAP

High, 56; low, 28; no precipitation.

NEWS

in brief

Turtle ranch has become hospice for tortoises

SAN MARCOS (AP) - When Francis Rose built the "turtle ranch" to study Texas tortoises five years ago on a stretch of rugged, cactus-filled acreage, he smiled patiently at all the jokes.

Rose, 62, chairman of the biology department at Southwest Texas State University, became known as the Turtle Guy and the Turtle Wrangler.

Friends would playfully ask him if the Texas tortoises at the ranch owned by Southwest Texas State had stamped the fence lately, or if there were any upcoming tortoise roundups or drives planned.

But Rose's study of the Texas tortoise has taken on a more serious nature over the past three years because of a mysterious terminal illness known as "mycoplasma" that is ravaging the reptile.

The Texas tortoise, like the Texas horned lizard, is listed by the state as a threatened species. It is against the law to take them into captivity or harm them.

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Obituaries

CLINT FELIX HONNOL

Jan. 24, 1998
Services for Clint Felix Honnol, 92, of Hereford were 10 a.m. Monday at Kings Manor Lamar Room with Rev. Marty Hamrick, associate pastor of Polk United Methodist Church officiating. Graveside services will be 10 a.m. Tuesday at Greenleaf Cemetery in Brownwood. Services are under the direction of Rix Funeral Directors of Hereford.

Mr. Honnol was born July 19, 1905 in Claude. He moved to Brownwood in 1920, where he attended High School. He trained as a Linotype Operator in New Orleans and worked for various newspapers for more than 50 years.

He was a charter member of the Central United Methodist Church in Brownwood and served on the board of Stewards. Mr. Honnol was secretary of the United Methodist Men's Fellowship and active in the Friendly Fellows Sunday School Class as well as a member of the Lions Club of Early and the Brownwood Historical Society.

He married Ethel Davis in 1928. They moved to Hereford in 1992.

Survivors include his wife Ethel Davis Honnol; one son, Clint B. Honnol of Amarillo; two grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one great-grandson.

EARL WASHINGTON

Jan. 23, 1998
Funeral services for Earl Washington, 55, of Hereford were 2 p.m. Monday at West Park Cemetery. A memorial service was at 3 p.m. at the First Church of the Nazarene with Rev. Ted Taylor and Rev. Jesse Hodge officiating. Services were under the direction of Parkside Chapel.

Mr. Washington died Friday in his home after a long illness. He was born March 1, 1942 in Muleshoe to Clarence and Effie Washington. He married Ann Rutherford on Sept. 21, 1963 and moved to Hereford in 1967. He worked for Frito Lay for 21 years before retiring in 1997. He was a member of the Church of the Nazarene in Hereford.

Survivors include his wife, Ann Rutherford Washington of Hereford; one son Lee Washington, of Waco; two brothers, Arnold Washington of Spring Lake and George Washington of Hedley; one sister, Peggy Dannecker of West Palm Beach, FL; three grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Memorials should be sent to

Crown of Texas Hospice, 1000 S. Jefferson, Amarillo, Tx. 79109 or The church of the Nazarene 1410 La Plata Dr., Hereford.

RUSSELL BREATHOUR

Jan. 25, 1998
Services for Russel Breathour, 72, of Hereford, are pending with Parkside Funeral Chapel.

Activities reported by emergency services personnel for Jan. 24-26, 1998 include the following:

Police Department

Arrests

--A 21-year-old man was arrested in the 600 block of South 25 Mile Avenue for traffic offenses.

--A 32-year-old woman was arrested in the 400 block of Gracy for theft by check.

--A 27-year-old man was arrested for furnishing alcohol to a minor.

--A 39-year-old woman was arrested for stealing meat from a store in the 500 block of North 25 Mile Avenue.

--A 16-year-old boy was arrested for assault.

--A 49-year-old man was arrested for outstanding DPS warrants.

--Burglary of a vehicle was reported in the 100 block of Avenue G.

--A domestic assault was reported in the 500 block of Grand.

--A criminal mischief was reported in the 400 block of 15th.

--Failure to give notice upon striking an object was reported in the 500 block of Avenue G.

--Burglary of a vehicle was reported in the 400 block of Irving.

--Theft of a beer was reported at 515 S. 25 Mile Avenue.

--Criminal mischief was reported at 239 Ave. H.

--Criminal mischief was reported at 517 Irving.

--Criminal mischief was reported 112 Ave. H.

--Burglary was reported in the 100 block of Avenue B.

--A runaway was reported on Stanton St.

--Child neglect was reported.

--An intoxicated person was reported in the 800 block of East Third.

--A fight was reported in the 400 block of Blevins.

--Missing person was reported on Avenue E.

Poor outlook for the Year of the Tiger

HONG KONG (AP) - The Year of the Tiger starts Wednesday. But this year, a sick tiger seems more apt.

Because of its economic woes, much of southeast Asia is preparing to mark its biggest holiday, the Lunar New Year, with more of a whimper than a roar.

Like Christmas, Thanksgiving and New Year rolled into one, the Lunar New Year is a time for joy, family reunions and button-popping overindulgence.

But this year, belts are being tightened. Families are trimming spending, cutting back on presents and feasts, or giving up vacations abroad.

Many Asians are pinching pennies because their economies and dreams of prosperity have been wrecked by the disastrous plunge in regional currencies and securities markets since last summer.

The crisis has had knock-on effects worldwide and forced three of the

worst-hit countries - Thailand, South Korea and Indonesia - to take multibillion-dollar bailouts from the International Monetary Fund.

"I usually spend over 10,000 baht giving my children special New Year's money, but not this year," said Pornthip Nantanajaru, a 41-year-old mother of 10 in Bangkok.

A year ago, 10,000 baht was worth \$400. Now it's worth half that. Little wonder Pornthip was searching Bangkok's Chinatown for a good luck scroll, traditionally hung in homes over the New Year to bring good fortune.

"I never bought a blessing sign before, but this year I felt I wanted to," she said.

Hong Kong's New Year preparations are proceeding as usual. Its famed skyline is a blaze of color at night, with skyscrapers adorned with lights. Office lobbies and shops are filled with dwarf tangerine trees, favored because their Chinese name

sounds like "good luck."

But beneath the glitter lies a deepening malaise. Tourism is down, investment firms have folded and workers fired. To make matters worse, a ban on chicken imports imposed after an outbreak of "bird flu" that killed six people won't be lifted until after the New Year, meaning families will go without their traditional fresh chicken dinner.

"This year has been a disaster," said Tony Yeung, a Hong Kong property broker. "The economy is in shatters and all the tourists are gone. We can't even eat chicken during New Year."

Pre-New Year shopping has been anemic, with sales down as much as 50 percent, said Philip Ma of the Retail Management Association.

"People are not in the mood to spend money," he said.

Sales are also down in Vietnam, where New Year is known as Tet. Many companies were only able to

pay workers nominal year-end bonuses, usually used for Tet shopping sprees.

Families in China are holding onto their cash as layoffs and economic uncertainties mount. Retail sales grew 11.7 percent last year, down from 13 percent in 1996.

In Malaysia, New Year coincides with Hari Raya, a two-day Muslim celebration that ends the fasting month of Ramadan. Hundreds of thousands of well-heeled Malaysians usually head for foreign climates, but this year they are being urged to stay home and economize.

"If it is absolutely necessary to go for a vacation, then choose a local destination," said Kong Choy, head of the youth wing of the Malaysian Chinese Association.

Newspapers published tips on how to entertain cheaply: don't rent tents and chairs for outdoor parties, cut chicken into small pieces for meat curries and bulk up on potatoes.

Bangkok's Chinatown still bustles with gold traders and roaring motorscooters piled high with goods. But the talk on the street is of cutbacks.

A banker said he would use pineapples instead of apples for New Year offerings to the gods because they're cheaper. A businesswoman said she would use a smaller piece of pork. Strings of firecrackers, lit to ward off evil spirits, likely will be shorter.

In South Korea, where Lunar New Year is called Sollal, companies have canceled or cut back on the gifts they usually give to workers.



Big on Business

Members of the Deaf Smith Chamber of Commerce Business Retention Committee, on Monday, recognized **The Hereford Brand**, and its publisher and president O.G. "Speedy" Nieman, for the paper's positive involvement in the community. Various civic leaders comprise the committee, which regularly visits businesses within the county in an effort to learn more about the business, their needs and to recognize their importance to local commerce. Pictured left to right in the meeting were Mitch Reeve, Larry Wartes, Speedy Nieman, Jimmy Bell, Sue Hyer - committee chairperson, David McDonald, Bernadette Wright, Don Cumpton - chamber executive vice president and Tom Edwards.

Emergency Services

--A domestic disturbance was reported on Avenue E.

--A barking dog was reported.

--Unwanted kids in a yard in the 200 block of Avenue J.

--Police officers assisted the sheriff's office with locating a missing child in the 1500 block of south Avenue K.

--A purse was found in the 100 block of Avenue G.

--A 17-year-old girl was assaulted by a 15-year-old girl in the 600 block of Irving Street.

--Burglary of a residence, located in the 100 block of 25 Mile Avenue.

--A dog was reported as possibly being poisoned in the 700 block of Avenue G.

--A report of an attempted suicide. The woman was treated at the Hereford Regional Medical Center and released.

--Loud music was reported in the 200 block of Avenue H.

--Theft of gasoline was reported at a store located in the 100 block of 25 Mile Avenue.

--A suspicious person was reported in the 500 block of North 25 Mile Avenue.

Sheriff's Department

Arrests

--A 25-year-old man began serving time on a DWI commitment.

--A 25-year-old man was arrested for two charges of violation of probation, DWI, and unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

--42-year-old woman was arrested on credit card abuse warrants out of Parmer County.

--A 27-year-old man was arrested for assault.

--58-year-old man was arrested on a felony warrant for tampering with government records.

--Deputies were involved in a foot pursuit Monday with an individual who was being re-arrested at the probation office. Officer report the man was being escorted from the

probation office to the jail. When he got outside, the prisoner bolted. An off-duty deputy tried to assist in the apprehension. She was thrown to the ground and later taken to Hereford Regional Medical Center where she was treated for a separated shoulder. The prisoner was located at Keys Electric where he was arrested. Charges are pending.

--Deputies made a follow-up report on a burglary of a motor vehicle.

--Deputies searched for a 6-year-old boy. The child had wandered off and apparently entered the home of a neighbor who was not at home. When the neighbors returned the boy was found asleep on the neighbors bed.

--A stolen wire roller, valued at \$800 was reported.

--Deputies made a follow-up report on an assault investigation.

--A vehicle which had been reported stolen was located, wrecked.

--Six minors, age 14-16, were charged with minor in possession of alcohol

Fire Department

--Jan. 25, Fire fighters responded to a CRP fire six miles west on the Harrison Highway and two miles south on Summerfield Road. Approximately 50 acres were burned.

--Fire fighters helped search for a missing child.

--Jan. 26, Fire fighters respond to a grass fire in the labor camp. The fire burned deserted pig sheds and trash.

Crime Stoppers

The Hereford Police are investigating a burglary which occurred Dec. 15, 1997, in the 200 block of Bennett. An RCA Laser Disc player and a Broken Arrow Laser Disc, valued at \$445 were taken.

Anyone having any information about the CRIME OF THE WEEK or any other criminal activity is urged to call the clue line at 364-CLUE (2583) All callers may remain anonymous by using a code name or number.

Arrest called "absurd"

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas (AP) - The arrest of a 17-year-old parolee for smoking was absurd, the state's top youth correction official says.

"I'm just sorry the Corpus Christi police were pulled off the streets for something like this," Steve Robinson, executive director of the Texas Youth Commission, said Monday.

Police arrested the boy on Saturday after staff members at a local TYC halfway house insisted that he be arrested. They also sought to revoke his parole.

Robinson has directed officials from the York House to retrieve the boy from the Nueces County Jail and allow him to return to the halfway house.

The boy's parole will not be revoked, but he will have a hearing to determine his punishment, which at most could be a 30-day extension of his stay at York House, plus loss of privileges there.

"This agency is not supportive of jailing people or revoking their parole on one incident of smoking a cigarette," Robinson said.

TYC executives in Austin said they want a full accounting of the reasoning behind the decision.

Bart Caldwell, superintendent at York House, said he never meant the boy's arrest to be a test case for the new law. He said he ordered it only because he feared the boy was creating a fire hazard.

"Back in 1996, we had a fire here that was caused by a youth smoking in the bathroom - that's why we take this kind of thing very seriously," Caldwell said.

"Hindsight being 20-20, I realize now that I should have dealt with this in-house," Caldwell said. "I probably over-reacted."

York House staff on Saturday found the boy barricaded inside a smoke-filled bathroom at the TYC facility.

Local Business Briefs



MARTHA JONES

Deaf Smith-Oldham County Farm Bureau agent Martha Jones is retiring Jan. 31 after 21 years of service.

A reception honoring Jones for her service to Farm Bureau members will be held from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday in the Farm Bureau office, 1306 W. Park.

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.



AUSTIN (AP) - The winning Lotto Texas numbers drawn Saturday by the Texas Lottery: 1-11-13-31-34-43

AUSTIN (AP) - The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday by the Texas Lottery, in order: 6-6-1

AUSTIN (AP) - The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday by the Texas Lottery, in order: 5-1-4

AUSTIN (AP) - The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Monday by the Texas Lottery: 16-23-27-31-38

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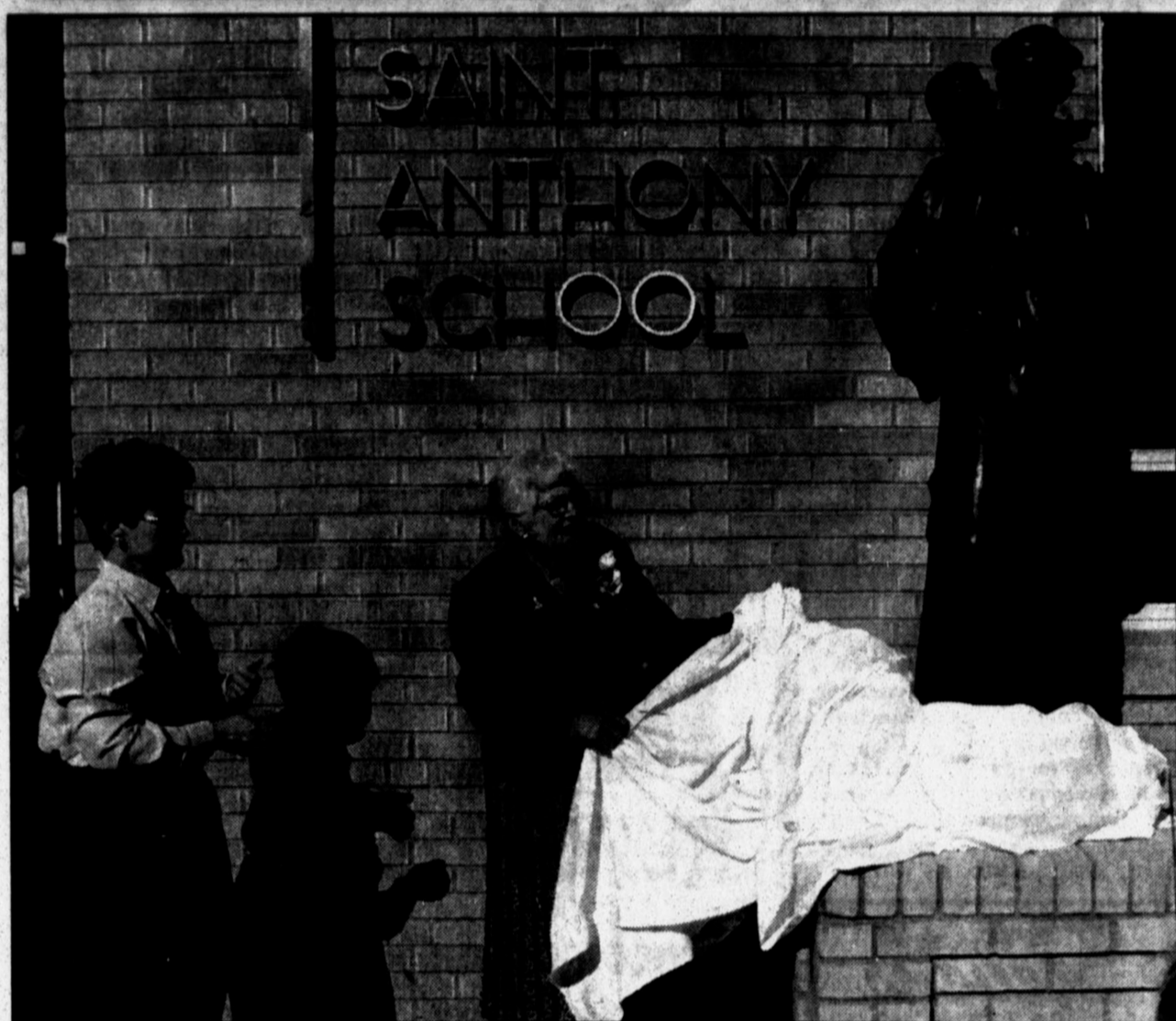
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Lifestyles



Distinguished graduate unveils statue

Marie Schumacher Loerwald, named 1998 Catholic Elementary School Distinguished Graduate by St. Anthony's School, unveils a bronze sculpture of Saint Anthony which was dedicated Sunday afternoon. Loerwald was named the Distinguished Graduate during a special liturgy Sunday marking the beginning of Catholic Schools Week, Jan. 25-31, in Hereford. Also pictured in Ann Lueb, principal of St. Anthony's School.

Distinguished grad is recognized by school

St. Anthony's School has named Marie Schumacher Loerwald as the 1998 National Catholic Education Association (NCEA) Catholic Elementary School Distinguished Graduate.

Mrs. Loerwald graduated with the first graduating class from the school in 1928, 70 years ago. She is the oldest living graduate still attending St. Anthony's Church.

Sponsored by NCEA's Department of Elementary Schools in cooperation with St. Anthony's School, the award was presented to Mrs. Loerwald for many active years of volunteer organizations on the local and diocesan level.

She was named Diocesan Council of Catholic Women, Woman of the Year in 1986. All of Mrs. Loerwald's five children graduated from St. Anthony's School.

"It is with great pleasure that we recognize distinguished graduates from our Catholic elementary school," said Dr. Robert Kealy, executive director of NCEA's Department of Elementary Schools. "The education they received in the elementary years has provided a firm basis for growth and achievement in their adult lives."

NCEA established the Distinguished Graduate Award out of a recognition that the significant accomplishments of Catholic elementary school alumni are a

hallmark of Catholic education. The awards highlight "people who as adults put into practice the values and ideals they learned in their Catholic elementary school," added Dr. Kealy.

The award was presented to Mrs. Loerwald at a special liturgy at St. Anthony's Church on Sunday. The liturgy, which also marked the beginning of Catholic Schools Week in Hereford, was followed by a covered dish luncheon, open house and the dedication of a bronze statue of St. Anthony.

The statue had been a part of the history of the church and school when it was located downtown at the site of present Deaf Smith County Museum. Mickey Wells, noted bronze sculptor from Amarillo, used the original concrete statue as the model to create the new statue which has been placed on the south side of the school building. The honor of unveiling the statue was given to the newly named Distinguished Graduate.

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Ann Landers

Dear Ann Landers: This is for "Second Place in Buffalo," who was a virgin when she married. She worried that her husband compared her to his previous lovers and her lack of experience put her way down on the list. Please tell her that the gift of virginity is very special and she has a right to be proud of it.

Having many lovers does not make a person talented in bed. A good sexual relationship comes from the love, respect and familiarity of someone who is important to you. It only gets better with time.

I'm sorry to say I was not a virgin when I married my husband 15 years ago. The memories of my past lovers have faded. They seemed important at the time, but after all these years, I no longer remember what attracted me to them.

Please tell "Second Place" to forget about the other women her husband slept with. They don't matter now. I guarantee that he takes pride in the fact that she waited for him. Not many women do these days. The major regret in my life is that I failed

to hang onto my virginity until I met my husband. He is a wonderful man and the one who truly deserved that special gift. -- Kay in Upstate N.Y.

Dear Kay: Your frank and honest letter will be much appreciated by those who have saved themselves for marriage. Keep reading for another one:

Dear Ann: I am writing in response to "Second Place in Buffalo." Her husband had had several bed partners before they met. She was totally inexperienced and worried about being compared to the women who had preceded her.

My husband was a virgin when we married. I was a widow and very experienced. I loved "Eddie" so much that the other men in my life never entered my mind. But Eddie was obsessed with the thought of the men I had been with. He became downright weird. Every time we made love, he would ask for details of my previous partners. Who was the biggest? Who was the best? Did they talk during sex? What did they say? Even though I kept telling Eddie that

I had forgotten all about the others and he was the only one who mattered, he persisted in questioning me. It felt as if there were another person in bed with us.

Here's my suggestion to "Second Place." Remember that your husband loved you enough to marry you. Forget about the rest. Experience comes with knowing what makes your partner happy. Time is your best ally. -- Been There in Kansas

Dear Ann Landers: Well, here goes another 32-cent postage investment to get your attention. I've written six letters, and you never printed any of them. My position is that it's better to stay single than to live with someone without benefit of marriage.

Females who are foolish enough to live with a so-called "lover" are fair game for big trouble, like, for instance, battering. If the lady is not good enough to be honored as a respectable wife, the consequences of a common-law arrangement are to be expected.

If sex is the main attraction, that

too shall pass. Man is objective; woman is subjective. Man is realistic; woman is idealistic. Man is nomadic; woman needs roots. Man needs respect more than he needs love. -- Savvy in Savannah

Dear Savannah: Although you don't come right out and say it, your letter strongly suggests that common-law wives deserve to get battered. And where did you get the notion that man needs respect more than he needs love? He needs both. Your signature doesn't match your letter. You don't sound very "savvy" to me.

What can you give the person who has everything? Ann Landers' booklet, "Gems," is ideal for a nightstand or coffee table. "Gems" is a collection of Ann Landers' most requested poems and essays. Send a self-addressed, long, business-size envelope and a check or money order for \$5.25 (this includes postage and handling) to: Gems, c/o Ann Landers, P.O. Box 11562, Chicago, Ill. 60611-0562. (In Canada, send \$6.25.) ANN LANDERS (R) COPYRIGHT 1998 CREATORS SYNDICATE, INC.

College Report

Four Hereford students attending Angelo State University in San Angelo, are listed on the Dean's List of the fall semester at the university.

Those listed include Heidi Lynn Ruland, an accounting major; David D. Sims, a business major; Eric Scott Sims, a medical technology major; and Andrew Mark Tijerina, a kinesiology major.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must be enrolled as a full time student and have at least a 3.25 grade point average.

Kari Barnett and Benton Buckley, both from Hereford, have been named to the Dean's List at Lubbock Christian University for the fall semester.

Buckley earned a perfect record of 4.0.

In order to be considered a part of the Dean's List, a student must be taking a minimum of 12 semester hours and achieve a 3.5 grade point average of better for the entire semester.

The Alpha Eta Chapter of Wayland Baptist University recently inducted 12 new members, including Karen Manchec from Hereford, into Alpha Chi.

Manchec is a junior mathematics major. Eligibility for membership includes, among other qualifications, ranking within the top 10 percent of the student's class.

Spring Fling set in April

The annual Spring Fling sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service for adults aged 50 and above will be held April 20-24 at the Texas 4-H Center on Lake Brownwood, according to Beverly Harder, Deaf Smith County Extension Agent-Family and Consumer Sciences.

The theme for this year's Spring Fling will be "Under the Sea," to be

featured in games, meal time activities, decorations and a costume party.

Activities offered will include "hands-on" craft projects, educational programs, sporting activities and educational tours.

To obtain a registration form, or for further information, call the local Extension office at 364-3573.

Camp entry deadline nears

Barn Church is sponsoring a Team Roping Bible Camp with Dale Woodard on Jan. 31 and Feb. 1 at B Bar S Arena.

Woodard, the 1996 Old-Timers Team Roping Champion Heeler, will give instruction on team roping fundamentals and Randy Bird, pastor

of Barn Church, will give instruction on the fundamentals of life.

Entry deadline in Jan. 28, limited to the first paid 20 headers and 20 heelers. Scholarships are available.

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Gun winner

Joe Tarango was the winner of this A390ST Beretta shotgun awarded in a drawing held by the American Business Club of Hereford (AMBUCS).

AMBUCS fund-raiser is success

The American Business Club (AMBUCS) of Hereford held its most successful fund-raiser just prior to the start of pheasant season.

AMBUCS netted \$2,500 on a drawing for an A390ST Beretta shotgun which was won by Joe Tarango, an employee at Circle Three Feedyard.

"We had a lot of super people to help us with this drawing," Nancy Buchanan, president of AMBUCS, said.

Various individuals, businesses and organizations displayed the gun prior to the drawing, which helped with the sale of tickets, according to Buchanan.

The gun was displayed by Francis Backus of Hereford Grain, Pat Woodard of Ford New Holland, Dean Newberry and staff of Texas Equipment, Allen Parsons of K-Bob's Steak House, the Ranch House Restaurant, Suits Auto Supply, G and G Tractor Repair and Automotive, and Billy Joe Wall of Easter Lions Club.

AMBUCS purchased the gun through Frank Hudson, who also sold the winning ticket to Tarango.

Today in History

By The Associated Press
Today is Tuesday, Jan. 27, the 27th day of 1998. There are 338 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
Twenty-five years ago, on Jan. 27, 1973, the Vietnam peace accords were signed in Paris.

On this date:
In 1756, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart was born in Salzburg, Austria.
In 1832, Charles Lutwidge Dodgson, who wrote "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland" under the pen name Lewis Carroll, was born in Cheshire, England.

In 1880, Thomas Edison received a patent for his electric incandescent lamp.

In 1943, some 50 bombers struck Wilhelmshaven in the first all-American air raid against Germany during World War II.

In 1944, the Soviet Union announced the end of the deadly German siege of Leningrad, which had lasted for more than two years.

In 1945, Soviet troops liberated the Nazi concentration camps Auschwitz and Birkenau in Poland.

In 1951, an era of atomic testing in the Nevada desert began as an Air Force plane dropped a one-kiloton bomb on Frenchman Flats.

In 1967, astronauts Virgil I.

"Gus" Grissom, Edward H. White and Roger B. Chaffee died in a flash fire during a test aboard their Apollo I spacecraft at Cape Kennedy, Fla.

In 1967, more than 60 nations signed a treaty banning the orbiting of nuclear weapons.

In 1977, the Vatican reaffirmed the Roman Catholic Church's ban on female priests.

In 1981, President Reagan greeted the 52 former American hostages released by Iran, telling them during a visit to the White House: "Welcome home."

Ten years ago: The Senate Judiciary Committee unanimously approved the nomination of Judge Anthony M. Kennedy to the Supreme Court.

Five years ago: The Commerce Department imposed temporary tariffs on steel imports from 19 countries, drawing sharp criticism

from some of the affected nations.

One year ago: Switzerland's ambassador to the United States, Carlo Jäggi, resigned after outraging Jewish groups and their supporters by likening his country's Nazi gold crisis to a war that had to be won.

Today's Birthdays: Musical conductor Skitch Henderson is 80. Actor Troy Donahue is 62. Singer Bobby "Blue" Bland is 68. Actor James Cromwell is 58. Rock musician Nick Mason (Pink Floyd) is 53. Rhythm-and-blues singer Nedra Talley (The Ronettes) is 52. Ballet star Mikhail Baryshnikov is 50. Country singer Cheryl White is 43. Country singer-musician Richard Young (The Kentucky Headhunters) is 43. Actress Mimi Rogers is 42. Rock singer Margo Timmons (Cowboy Junkies) is 37.

Hints from Heloise

Dear Readers: If food, exercise or watching your weight has taken control of your life, this February you can make a positive effort in the direction toward good mental and physical health.

There is an anonymous and free screening and educational program that will be offered Feb. 23-28 all across the country that can help you.

More than 5 million Americans, most of them women, are affected by eating disorders such as binge eating, anorexia or bulimia nervosa. More than 27,000 people took advantage of this beneficial program during its first year.

Call the National Mental Health Association's Information Line at 1-800-969-NMHA (6642) for a location near you. The screenings will be held

at colleges, hospitals and treatment centers nationwide.

You can take a written test, meet privately with a health-care professional and even get a referral, if needed.

Take a good look inward and see if you might want to check with a professional about the possibility that you may have an eating disorder.

The long-term effects on your body can be as serious as reproductive problems, heart problems and even osteoporosis. Think about your health 10 years from now. — Heloise

P.S. The National Eating Disorder Screening Program even has a web site to help you get quick access to a screening site. <http://www.nmisp.org>. Check it out!

IMPROVING MUSCLE AND MIND

Dear Heloise: Keep a couple of small barbells near your computer. While you're waiting for the machine to do its work, you can work on the underarm flab or improve your tennis serve!

Enjoy your column very much! — E.P.B. in Texas

Also a constructive way to relieve frustration when your modem has to redial umpteen times until you connect with your Internet provider. — Heloise

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

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Scouts go bowling

Junior Girl Scout Troop #239 recently held a sleep-over. The girls started the night by ordering in pizza then spent time working on their jewelry badges by making paper clip jewelry. They reviewed the rules and courtesies of bowling before visiting the local bowling alley to put them into practice. Participants in the sleep-over were, front row from left, Lacey Bridges, Ashley Cerda, Laura Gonzales, Ceyanne Wells, Shallen Stickney; back row from left, Kristen McGaw, Kathryn Spain, Candace Caraway, Crissy Gilliam and Stephanie Shaw.

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Sports

Herd focused on Borger

By BOB VARMETTE
Sports Writer

As they say, all good things must come to an end. So it was for the Hereford Whitefaces Friday night at Caprock Activity Center.

Hereford's four-game district winning streak lurched to a halt as Cody Hodges' game-tying 3-point attempt hit the back of the rim and bounced out and Amarillo Caprock survived, 43-40.

Hereford head coach Randy Dean said the loss to the Longhorns doesn't change anything.

"We've still got every opportunity," he said. "We've got the same opportunities we started the night with. The road may be a little tougher now, but the same scenarios are out there."

Just past the halfway point in the District 1-4A race, the Hereford loss,

Borger at Hereford in District 1-4A boys basketball, 7:30 p.m. tonight Whiteface Gymnasium.

coupled with Canyon Randall's win over Dumas, leaves the Raiders in first place at 6-1. The Whitefaces fall a game back at 5-2; Caprock moves to 4-3.

"We're going to get ready to play every game," Dean said. "We're going to go out and give a big effort and let the chips fall where they fall. . . . You can't get so hyped up over one win or one loss you lose focus for the next one."

Hereford will now face the only other district team to hand them a loss this season — the Borger Bulldogs. The teams will tip off at 7:30 p.m. tonight at Whiteface Gymnasium.

"We've got to get right back up there against Borger," Dean said. "We've got to make sure we're ready to go play Tuesday night. We'll give it a big effort and see if that's enough."

Borger is one game back of the Whitefaces at 4-3 in district after routing Pampa 57-34 Friday night. Dean said with the Bulldogs in a position to move into a tie with Hereford, they'll provide the Whitefaces with a comeback test after the Caprock defeat.

"Each team handles that a little bit differently," he said. "Hopefully our guys will step up and put this one behind us because there isn't anything we can do about it now . . . and get back on the right track again."

In other District 1-4A boys games, Dumas will be at Canyon and

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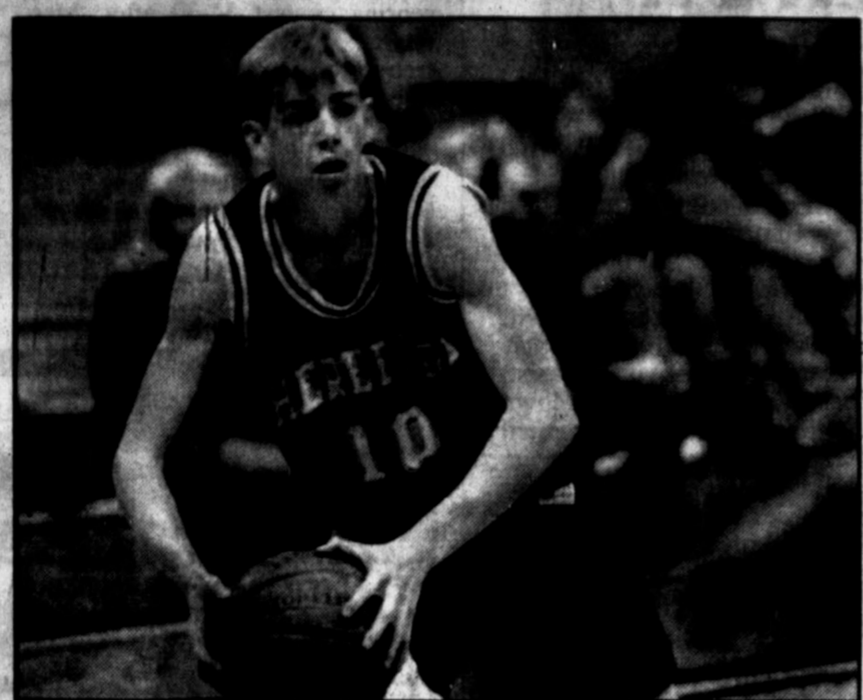


Photo by Julius Bodner

Hereford's Mac Neilson looks to pass inside during a junior varsity game Friday night at Caprock Activity Center.

On the Sidelines

NHL

Monday's Games
Pittsburgh 4, St. Louis 2
Ottawa 2, Tampa Bay 1
Washington 2, N.Y. Rangers 2, tie
Philadelphia 3, N.Y. Islanders 1
Dallas 5, Toronto 1
Colorado 2, Edmonton 1, OT
Phoenix 4, Vancouver 2
Tuesday's Games
St. Louis at Buffalo, 6 p.m.
Ottawa at Boston, 6:30 p.m.
Carolina at Florida, 6:30 p.m.
Anaheim at San Jose, 9:30 p.m.

NBA

Monday's Games
Boston 94, New York 85
Toronto 91, Philadelphia 87
Cleveland 94, Miami 93
Phoenix 96, Atlanta 91
San Antonio 115, Houston 90
Sacramento 111, Seattle 92
Tuesday's Games
Washington at Indiana, 6 p.m.
Phoenix at Charlotte, 6:30 p.m.
Detroit at Milwaukee, 7 p.m.
Atlanta at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
Cleveland at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Houston, 7:30 p.m.
New Jersey at Denver, 8 p.m.
Golden State at Portland, 9 p.m.
Chicago at Vancouver, 9 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Players honored

DENVER (AP) -- Fresno State's Rafer Alston and Utah's Andre Miller were named Western Athletic Conference players of the week Monday for the Pacific and Mountain Divisions.

Alston, a junior guard, scored a career-high 23 points on 8-of-10 shooting, including 4-4 from 3-point range in Fresno State's 90-82 win over Texas.

In the Mountain Division, Miller, a guard, averaged 11 points, seven rebounds, four assists and four steals in Utah's road wins over Air Force and UNLV.

Cart case continues

EUGENE, Ore. (AP) -- Casey Martin's fight to ride a cart on the pro golf tour headed for a trial Monday after a federal magistrate rejected the PGA Tour's argument that it is private and exempt from disability laws.

Martin, a 25-year-old golfer with a degenerative circulation problem in his leg, ignited a national debate with his lawsuit pitting the rights of the disabled against the "walking-only" tradition of pro golf.

Bowling standings

Results through week of Jan. 20
Tuesday Night Mixed
1. Beauty and the Beast 34-14, 20,903 total pins; 2. Pin Shakers 31.5-16.5, 18,693; 3. Team No. 4 28-20, 18,648; 4. Team No. 2 28-22, 19,631; 5. Hip Hazards, 25-23 20,891; 6. NCO's 23, 16,700; 7. Unique Creations 19-25, 12,860
High team series: Beauty and the Beast 1,887; **High team game:** Beauty and the Beast 664; **High ind. series:** Ray Blevins 571, Sandi Blevins 521; **High ind. game:** Anthony Kirby 181, Sandi Blevins 184.
Monday Night Mite
1. WTRT 34-13; 2. The Tweety's 30-18; 3. Hereford Care Center 30-18; 4. Gearm Ind. Inc. 29-19; 5. W.T. Services Inc. 29-19; 6. Team No. 8 27-21; 7. AzTi X Bookies 25-23; 8. Brandon & Clark 25-23; 9. Brat Pack II 21.8-26.5; 10. Team No. 5 21-27; 11. Town & Country Insurance 21-27; 12. Do Gooders 20-28; 13. Left Overs 18.5-29.5; 14. Team No. 15 18-30; 15. Lucky Ladies 13-35; 16. Christian Crusaders 13-35
High team series: Brandon & Clark 1,494; **High team game:** Brandon & Clark 535; **High ind. series:** Charlene Sanders 561; **High ind. game:** Not provided.
Wednesday Night Ladies
1. Algo Different 25.5-9.5; 2. Pin Busters 22.5-13.5; 3. Let's Play Bats 15-14.5; 4. Rolling Pins 19-17; 5. Lucky Ladies 19-17; 6. Three Grandmas and A Baby 15.5-20.5; 7. Bowl "U" Overs 12-24; 8. HRMC 11-25.
High team series: Bowl "U" Overs 1,691; **High team game:** Bowl "U" Overs 565; **High ind. series:** Sandi Bridges 516; **High team game:** Sandi Bridges 211.
Wednesday Men's Trio
1. Three Stooges 11-1; 2. Good, Bad & Ugly 9-3; 3. Blind Mice 5-7; 4. O'Duels 4-8; 5. Dumb & Dumber 4-8; 6. Bare Boys 3-9
High team series: Good, Bad & Ugly 1,629; **High team game:** Good, Bad & Ugly 564; **High ind. series:** Fred Morris 605; **High ind. game:** Fred Morris 213.

High school results
Butcher
1. Frogs 23-9-15,174; 2. J&S Hydraulics 21-11-18,164; 3. Oglesby 20.5-11.5,21,124; 4. New Holland 20-12 17,515; 5. Poarch Brothers 19-13 16,979; 6. Fuzznuts 18-14 14,178; 7. Dimmit Ready Mix 17.5-14.5 18,911; 8. Hereford State Bank 17.5-14.5 18,231; 9. Frog Stompers 17-15,15,731; 10. Diana's Gifts & More 15.5-16.5 17,547; 11. Dawn Cattle Feeders 15.5-16.5 16,047; 12. Beef N More 10-22 17,109; 13. Waterboys 5.5-22.5 13,440; 14. Blind 0-29 0.
High team series: Oglesby 2916; **High team game:** Oglesby 1040; **High ind. series:** Gary Ruckman 691; **High ind. game:** Gary Ruckman 268.

High School Track

The varsity boys and girls track schedules for Hereford High School as released Jan. 21 by Athletic Director Craig Yenzler:

Feb. 28, Randall Relays, boys and girls at Canyon Randall.
March 7, Tulla Relays, boys and girls at Tulla; March 13-14, Plainview Relays, boys and girls at Plainview; March 20-21, Odessa Relays, boys and girls at Odessa.

April 4, Abilene Relays, boys and girls at Abilene; April 9, Dumas Relays, boys, at Dumas; April 9-10, Amarillo track meet, girls, at Amarillo; April 17-18, District 1-4A meet, boys and girls at Borger; April 24, Regional Qualifying Meet, boys and girls, TBA.
May 1-2, Region 1 meet, boys and girls, San Angelo; May 8, State Qualifying meet, boys and girls, TBA; May 15-16, State track meet, boys and girls, Austin.



Photo by Julius Bodner

Ready to shoot

Hereford's Misti Davis gets ready to put a shot against Amarillo Caprock defender Yanira Marrufo Friday night at Caprock Activity Center as the Caprock's Sabre Parks and Hereford's Briar Baker view the action. Hereford won, 73-42. The Lady Whitefaces will play Borger 6 p.m. tonight at Whiteface Gymnasium.

SUPER BOWL XXXII

Shanahan believes Elway will return in '98

By DAVE GOLDBERG
AP Football Writer

SAN DIEGO -- Wishful thinking by Mike Shanahan and Terrell Davis, or an accurate reflection of John Elway's mindset?

The Denver coach and Super Bowl MVP believe their 37-year-old quarterback will return next season.

"I would really be surprised if he retired," Shanahan said Monday after a night of celebration.

Denver's 31-24 victory over Green Bay was the first for the franchise in five shots at the title game and ended the AFC's Super Bowl losing streak

at 13. It also served as the centerpiece in Elway's brilliant career.

And he remained the focal point after what was probably the best Super Bowl ever -- just as he was before the game in his bid to finally win the ring that had eluded him three previous times. The Broncos lost those Super Bowls (1987, 1988, 1990) by a total of 96 points and were 11 1/2-point underdogs Sunday.

Davis had his heroics -- 157 yards on 30 carries and three 1-yard touchdown runs, including the winner

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Packers' Lewis gets interview with Jones

SAN DIEGO (AP) -- Green Bay Packers offensive coordinator Sherm Lewis finally got what he wanted -- an interview with an NFL owner.

Lewis, who failed to receive even a courtesy phone call for any of the slew of head coaching positions that opened last winter, met with Dallas owner Jerry Jones for two hours Monday to discuss the Cowboys' coaching vacancy.

"It was just basically to get to know each other," Lewis said as he prepared to leave for the airport and the Packers' long flight home

when or if he'll meet again with Jones, who has been looking for a head coach since Barry Switzer resigned Jan. 9.

"That's up to Jerry," Lewis said. "It's in his court."

Lewis said he was impressed with Jones and he thinks he could work with him. Jones is also the general manager and figures in practically every team decision.

"There's no question that he likes to be involved because he knows the

Monday following their 31-24 loss to Denver in the Super Bowl.
Lewis, 55, said he doesn't know

NFL Playoff Glance

Wild Cards
Saturday, Dec. 27
Minnesota 23, New York Giants 22
Denver 42, Jacksonville 17
Sunday, Dec. 28
New England 17, Miami 3
Tampa Bay 20, Detroit 10
Divisional Playoffs
Saturday, Jan. 3
Pittsburgh 7, New England 6
San Francisco 38, Minnesota 22
Sunday, Jan. 4
Green Bay 21, Tampa Bay 7
Denver 14, Kansas City 10
Conference Championships
Sunday, Jan. 11
Denver 24, Pittsburgh 21
Green Bay 23, San Francisco 10
Super Bowl
Sunday, Jan. 25
At San Diego
Denver 31, Green Bay 24
Pro Bowl
Sunday, Feb. 1
At Honolulu
AFC vs. NFC, 5 p.m. (ABC)



Courtesy Photo

YMCA volleyball champions

Moovies 6 defeated the Aces 13-10, 11-9, 10-7 to win the Co-Ed Division A championship recently. The Moovies 6 team members are (left to right): back row, Cesar Vazquez, Tavo Vazquez and Tony Benavides; front row, Alma Vazquez, Linda Coronado and Sharon Rector. Not pictured is Luis Gonzalez.

Uniforms may have been catalyst for title

It was those awful-looking new uniforms.

God must have taken pity upon the Denver Broncos, perhaps rewarding them for a season of enduring wearing those horrific jerseys and pants.

Maybe the Green Bay Packers spent so much time snickering about the uniforms they forgot the had to go out and actually win the game, not just show up like the NFC representative has done for the last 13 years.

As the fan of an NFC team, I was, of course, rooting for my conference Sunday. And I was dismayed the streak came to an end after all these years when Denver outlasted Green Bay 31-24 in San Diego.

Breaking down the Broncos

The Toy Department

By Bob Varmette



victory, you could see they weren't dominant. But they won the Super Bowl the way many of their NFC counterparts had in the past 13 games.

They did it on the ground. There were no John Elway heroics. But while Elway did not win the game, he didn't lose it either.

That's not a bad accomplishment for a player who was probably known best for choking in three previous trips to the big game.

The Broncos turned the ball over only twice Sunday. Perhaps that, even more than rushing for 179 yards on 39 attempts, was what allowed Denver to win its first NFL title in five tries.

When the Packers marched effortlessly to their first touchdown on the game's opening drive, I was thinking, "Easy money."

By immediately answering with a tying touchdown drive of their own, the Broncos set the stage for their upset win. Had they gone three and out on that drive, the game might well have been over

then and there.

When the Broncos' Tyrone Braxton picked off a Brett Favre pass, and Denver turned the turnover into seven points, I wasn't particularly concerned. Even when the Packers were down 17-7, there was no cause for consternation.

After all, Denver led at half when they lost to the Giants and held a 10-0 lead on the Redskins only to lose big in both those games. The Packers would do it in the second half.

But they never really got untracked. Green Bay rolled up 350 yards on the Denver defense, and Favre threw for three touchdowns, but the yards were mostly meaningless. They never were able to

unbottle their offense. Denver never shut down the Packers' offense, but they didn't let them run wild either.

And on the other side, the Broncos' offense never unleashed an onslaught of yards or points, but they methodically controlled the game with MVP Terrell Davis running 30 times for 157 yards and some innocuous short passing by Elway. It took its toll in the Green Bay defense.

In the second half, it was readily apparent the Packers' defense -- particularly Reggie White and Gilbert Brown -- was tired. Denver's smaller, quicker offensive line was obviously in better game shape in the 70-degree

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Robinson leads Spurs past slumping Houston

SAN ANTONIO (AP) -- David Robinson scored 34 points and Avery Johnson added a season-high 27 as the San Antonio Spurs routed the Houston Rockets 115-90 Monday night.

Vinny Del Negro added 17 points for the Spurs, who have won 14 straight games at home. San Antonio made 21 of 23 free throws and shot 59 percent from the field.

Charles Barkley had 19 points and 14 rebounds for Houston before he was ejected for arguing a call in the fourth quarter. Eddie Johnson added 14 points for the Rockets.

Johnson scored 11 points and Del Negro had 11 in the third period for the Spurs, who ended the quarter with an 18-7 run for a 85-69 lead.

HOUSTON (90): Bullard 9-7 0-0 8, Barkley 8-18 3-7 18, Willis 4-9 5-6 13, Drazier 4-13 3-5 11, Maloney 2-8 2-26, Harrington 1-8 2-3 4, Price 1-5 0-2, Rhodes 2-7 6-10, E. Johnson 4-8 5-14, Jones 0-0 0-0, Elle 1-2 0-3, Davis 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 30-55 25-36 92.

SAN ANTONIO (115): Duncan 6-13 2-2 14, Robinson 13-15 8-8 34, Perdue 3-4 0-0 8, Jackson 1-2 0-3, A. Johnson 12-19 3-27, Del Negro 5-13 7-8 17, Person 1-3 0-3, Geary 4-5 0-8, Williams 1-1 0-2, Herrera 0-3 1-2 1, Rose 0-0 0-0 0, Alexander 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 48-78 21-23 115.

Houston 21 27 21 21 -- 89
San Antonio 27 25 33 30 -- 115

3-Point goals--Houston 4-19 (Bullard 2-6, Elle 1-2, E. Johnson 1-4, Davis 0-1, Price 0-1, Maloney 0-2, Barkley 0-3), San Antonio 2-3 (Jackson 1-1, Person 1-2). Fouled out--None. Rebounds--Houston 46 (Barkley 14), San Antonio 54 (Perdue 14). Assists--Houston 16 (Drazier 6), San Antonio 32 (A. Johnson 11). Total fouls--Houston 21, San Antonio 24. Technicals--Maloney, Drazier, Barkley. Ejection--Barkley, A.--21, 804 (20, 557).

The Rockets closed to 87-76 with 8:32 left.

San Jacinto wins 2 from NCA

From staff reports

AMARILLO -- Nazarene Christian Academy lost a pair of games Monday in boys and girls basketball to San Jacinto Academy.

San Jacinto dropped the Lady Eagles, 37-25. Carrie Henson led NCA with 11 points; Lauren Torbert added six for the Lady Eagles.

In the boys game, San Jacinto won, 64-29. Esrael Silva led the Eagles with 11 points. Teel Merrick added seven and Josh Casey and Tyler Teters each had four points for NCA.

NCA will travel to Amarillo Catholic Thursday. The girls will play at 4 p.m.; the boys game will follow the conclusion of the girls contest.

NCA also hosted a sixth-grade tournament Saturday. In boys action, NCA won, followed by St. Anthony's in second. Walcott School took third place.

On the girls side, St. Anthony's placed first; NCA was second, and Walcott took third.

Shanahan

with 1:45 left. But Elway -- his quest fulfilled, his NFL future uncertain -- provided the lasting imprint.

That was even true for his 8-year-old son, Jack, whom Elway carried on his shoulders into the locker room after celebrating on the field for a half-hour.

"John's little boy got into the locker room and he started asking where the rings were," Shanahan said. "We had to tell him that it will take a few months to get them."

Elway, who has had a variety of injuries to his shoulder and arm, plans to take a few weeks off to think about his future, then talk to Shanahan and owner Pat Bowlen about a possible 16th season.

He is financially set, having netted approximately \$80 million by selling his seven Denver-area car dealerships to Wayne Huizenga, owner of the NFL's Miami Dolphins, baseball's Florida Marlins and the NHL's Florida Panthers.

But Shanahan noted that Elway has considered retirement after the past

three or four seasons. And his teammates believe -- hope? -- he will be back to help them seek a second straight title.

"I told him that he'd better not retire," Davis said.

Shanahan ended up making what sounded like a plea.

"Do you retire just because you won a championship?" he asked. "If he's playing at a competitive level, why not come back?"

As for the game, the main question concerned Green Bay's decision to let Davis score on second-and-goal from the 1 -- instead of attempting a time-consuming goal-line stand. After the touchdown, the Packers had 1:45 and two timeouts to come back.

On Monday, Packers coach Mike Holmgren said he mistakenly thought it was first-and-goal when Davis scored, instead of second-and-goal.

Had Green Bay stopped Denver on the next two plays and used its two timeouts, the Packers could have gotten the ball back with almost 1:30 left.

Lewis

game, studies it," Lewis said. "He wants to be involved, but that's not a bad thing for an owner."

Lewis said he felt good about his meeting.

"We had a good dialogue, a good exchange and I think the purpose of it was for him to get a feel for me and for me to get a feel for him, and I think we accomplished that," he said.

"I think I've served a hell of an apprenticeship," said Lewis, who was the focus of a New York Times story last week that said a small group of black assistant coaches has privately talked about the possibility of filing a class-action discrimination lawsuit against the NFL.

He was not interviewed for any of the 11 coaching vacancies after the 1996 season. None of the jobs went to blacks. Three jobs have been filled since the end of the 1997 season -- Buffalo (Wade Phillips), Indianapolis (Jim Mora) and Oakland (Jon Gruden).

Dallas

The Stars' two previous wins had come against their Western Conference rivals, the Colorado Avalanche, and Hitchcock was concerned that his team might look past the Maple Leafs, who are fighting for a playoff spot.

"It was important that we not take a step back," said Sydor. "Toronto had been playing well. We didn't play our style in the first period, but we stepped it up from there."

Stars goaltender Ed Belfour stopped 26 shots to improve his record to 26-7-8. Belfour made a run at his eighth shutout of the season until Fredrik Modin's sixth goal with 5:11 left.

Maple Leafs coach Mike Murphy was displeased with everyone on his team except Potvin.

"Dallas is the best team in the league, but our effort was sub-par," Murphy said.

Hearing today for Sprewell

By CHRIS SHERIDAN
AP Basketball Writer

Did the NBA excessively punish Latrell Sprewell for attacking coach P.J. Carlesimo? Did the league conduct a fair investigation? Did Sprewell really punch his coach after returning for a second confrontation 20 minutes after he tried to choke him?

Those are some of the questions that will be at the heart of Sprewell's argument as his arbitration hearing opens Tuesday in Portland, Ore.

Sprewell, who drew the longest suspension in NBA history and had the remaining three years and \$25 million of his contract terminated by the Golden State Warriors, is about to have his controversy revisited and his fate determined by an impartial third party.

On Dec. 1 at a Warriors practice, Sprewell choked his coach, threatened to kill him, left the gym and came back later to go at him again.

The Sprewell case, which jumped from the sports pages and became a matter of national debate last month, will be heard by arbitrator John Feerick, a law professor at Fordham.

The hearing will be in Portland this week before moving to New York Feb. 3-4. Each side will then have 10 days to file briefs, and Feerick can rule any time within the following 30 days.

If that schedule holds, it will mean that Sprewell will know his fate by March 16 at the latest. Feerick already has turned down a union request for an expedited decision.

Sprewell has filed two grievances, one against the league for its unprecedented one-year suspension, the other against the Warriors for terminating his contract.

The NBA will defend its procedures and argue that the penalty was not too severe. The Warriors are expected to bring up Sprewell's history of transgressions.

A limited gag order has been ordered by Feerick, preventing any of the principles in the hearing from commenting on its details once it begins.

Herd

Caprock will match up with Randall Pampa has an open district date.

Borger won the teams' previous encounter 46-42 at Tex Hanna Gymnasium Dec. 19, 1997.

The Whitefaces led the low-scoring contest 34-30 after three quarters, but Borger cashed in at the free throw line in the final quarter. The Bulldogs outscored Hereford 16-8 in the fourth.

Junior Troy Powell led Borger with 14 points, including going 6-for-6 at the free throw line in the second half. Kevin Massey added 11 points and Reggie Briggs chipped in 10 for the Bulldogs.

Hodges was the only Whiteface player to reach double figures with 14 points, nine on 3-for-6 3-point shooting.

"I think we sure ought to remember the fact that they're the ones that handed us a loss," Dean said. "That ought to be a little more motivation and inspiration for us to get ready to play the game."

The focus of the Whitefaces is solely upon Borger. What other teams have done or might do is only speculation, according to Dean.

"We can control ourselves," he said. "As long as we take care of ourselves, we're going to be in good position. It doesn't make any difference what anybody else does."

Uniforms

weather in San Diego.

Now that Super Bowl XXXII is just another Roman numeral memory, the big question is whether Elway will return for another year.

My guess is he will. Winning the Super Bowl may be the biggest listing on his pro football resume, but the resume still has some statistics he would like to pad.

By returning next year, Elway is almost guaranteed of surpassing 50,000 yards passing. While Elway maintains this air of not caring about individual stats, I think he does a lot more than he's willing to admit, even to himself.

After playing so long with only those stats to use as a measure of his greatness, it would be hard to suddenly disregard them.

Will the Broncos repeat? Even with Elway back, the chances are not very good. I think even the Broncos know they beat a better team Sunday. And they beat better teams in Kansas City and Pittsburgh just to get to San Diego.

When July rolls around, most will see Green Bay as the favorite to win Super Bowl XXXIII. Another year of experience for Pittsburgh quarterback Kordell Stewart should do nothing but enhance the Steelers' chances of meeting the Packers in next year's big game.

Other contenders will include an aging 49ers' squad, Kansas City, if they can find a quarterback, an up-and-coming group of Buccaneers if their defense can overcome their offensive inadequacies, and, of course, the Broncos.

The NFC has lost some of its edge over the AFC, and it was just a matter of time before they lost the Super Bowl. But AFC fans take note, it may be awhile before an AFC team again wins the Super Bowl.

Perhaps by then, the Broncos will have new uniforms. Or at least we can all hope.

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WEDNESDAY JANUARY 28

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Tale Spin	Donald	Chip 'n' Dale	Tale Spin	Goof Troop	Timon	Aladdin	Dinosaurs	Growing	Growing	Brotherly
Days-Lives	Another World	Jenny Jones	Maury	Body Elec.	Paintable	Chef Harry	Nutrition	Business	Business	Sarabog
Movie: Perry Mason: Polished Pan	Flintstones	Flintstones	Looney Dreams	Saved-Bell	Saved-Bell	Fan. Mat.	Fan. Mat.	News	ABC News	ABC News
Jeopardy!	One Life to Live	General Hospital	Port Charles	Pictionary	Rose O'Donnell	News	ABC News	ABC News	ABC News	ABC News
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Tennis: Australian Open - Quarterfinal	Horse	Flacohorse	Old World	Firestone	NBA's Great	NBA	Up Close	Sports	Sports	Sports
(12:00) Home & Family	ShopDrop	Shopping	Big Valley	Bonanza	News	ABC News	ABC News	ABC News	ABC News	ABC News
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Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Rescue 911	Waltons	700 Club	Carol Brn.	Diagnosis Murder	Home
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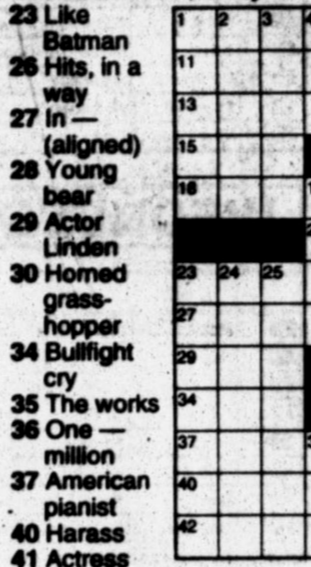
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First lady: Scandal fueled by right-wing

NEW YORK (AP) - Hillary Clinton today blamed the sex scandal surrounding her husband on a "vast right-wing conspiracy" that has dogged them for years, saying, "we've been accused of everything, including murder."

"The best thing to do in these cases is to be patient, take a deep breath and the truth will come out," she said on NBC's "Today" show. She described the allegations as "an effort to undo the results of two elections" and said when all the facts are known "some folks are going to have a lot to answer for."

The allusion to a murder accusation stems from the suicide of White House aide Vince Foster in July 1993. Extensive government investigations concluded he shot himself in a park outside Washington.

Mrs. Clinton spoke calmly but firmly in giving her most detailed response yet since allegations emerged explosively last week that the president had an affair with former White House intern Monica Lewinsky and there was an attempt to cover it up.

She declined to offer details of the relationship between the president and Ms. Lewinsky.

Clinton has flatly denied having sexual relations with Ms. Lewinsky or urging her to lie.

A lawyer for Paula Jones, who has accused Clinton of sexual harassment in a case that dates back to Clinton's days as governor of Arkansas, dismissed the talk of a right-wing conspiracy when asked about it today.

"Show us the facts, who conspired and where?" said John Whitehead, president of the conservative Rutherford Institute. "Who are these people who are conspiring?"

Whitehead commented outside the U.S. Courthouse in Washington where he had come to deliver copies of sworn testimony that Clinton and Ms. Lewinsky had given in the Jones case.

Mrs. Clinton said it was possible her husband gave gifts to Ms. Lewinsky but said if that is true it is because he is gregarious and giving to everyone he meets.

"I think it's possible, of course," she said. "I've seen him take his tie off and hand it to someone."

"His behavior, his treatment of people, will certainly explain all of this."

When "Today" show anchor Matt Lauer began, "Where's there's smoke ...," she quickly finished, "There's no fire."

Mrs. Clinton spoke as her husband prepared for the evening's State of the Union speech to Congress and the nation in the tense atmosphere of a presidency in crisis. On Monday, Ms. Lewinsky's lawyer submitted a formal proposal to Whitewater investigators detailing the testimony she would offer in return for immunity from prosecution.

Clinton, in his public statements, and Ms. Lewinsky, in a deposition, said they did not have sexual relations. But Ms. Lewinsky described such a relationship with him in taped conversations with a friend and has also said privately that she was urged to lie about it. If so, Clinton's presidency could end up in ruins.

Mrs. Clinton said she has been asked why she does not appear more upset. "I've just been through this so many times," she said.

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Saturday's Cryptoquote: TELEVISION: A DEVICE THAT PERMITS PEOPLE WHO HAVEN'T ANYTHING TO DO TO WATCH PEOPLE WHO CAN'T DO ANYTHING.—FRED ALLEN



Feeding some red line

Hereford volunteer firefighter Michael Kitten pulls some more hose from the truck for fellow fireman Zane Watts as fire units reponded Monday to a grass fire in the San Jose community. The fire, pushed by a light wind, threatened a residential area after beginning in an adjacent field.

Photo by Mauri Montgomery

Pentagon building up U.S. firepower for sustained air attack on Iraq

WASHINGTON (AP) - Military planners are working to ensure there's enough firepower in the Persian Gulf to mount a sustained air attack, if needed, against Iraq.

Meanwhile, administration officials warn that Iraq may be illegally manufacturing biological weapons - an argument that could pave the way for an attack on Saddam Hussein's military arsenal.

Should President Clinton decide on such a move, "it won't be a pinprick," but rather a campaign that could last several days or even longer, one senior Pentagon official predicted.

A second senior official emphasized Monday that no such decision has been made, "but we're running out of diplomatic options."

At the State Department, spokesman James P. Rubin struck an ominous note, saying, "It cannot be ruled out that Iraq has an operational biological weapons facility."

Secretary of State Madeline Albright has conferred by telephone with Robin Cook, the British foreign secretary. Britain has supported the United States without qualification and has sent a potent carrier force to the Persian Gulf for use in an attack on Iraq.

There are some 24,000 U.S. military men and women in the Gulf region. Most are at sea on board two aircraft carrier battle groups, led by the USS Nimitz and the USS George Washington.

Whitewater prosecutors prepare to open grand jury probe into Clinton sex scandal

WASHINGTON - With a summary in hand of what Monica Lewinsky would say, Whitewater prosecutors prepare to open a grand jury probe into allegations that President Clinton had sexual relations with the former White House intern and then tried to cover it up.

Ms. Lewinsky's offer to cooperate - which sent shock waves through the White House - prompted an indefinite delay in any grand jury appearance by her. She earlier had faced a grand jury appearance today - if any.

Ms. Lewinsky, 24, appears to be in serious legal jeopardy and her lawyers Monday gave investigators

NEWS in brief

an outline of what she would testify to if granted immunity from prosecution.

She signed an affidavit this month in Paula Jones' sexual harassment lawsuit denying she had a sexual relationship with Clinton. But Ms. Lewinsky contradicted that in secretly tape-recorded phone calls with a friend, according to sources who've listened to the tapes.

As Whitewater prosecutor Kenneth Starr ramped up his investigation into the sex and cover-up accusations, Clinton gave his most forceful denial yet.

"I want to say one thing to the American people," Clinton said Monday at the end of a White House ceremony on child care. "I want you to listen to me. I'm going to say this again. I did not have sexual relations with that woman, Miss Lewinsky." Clinton also said "I never told anybody to lie."

AT&T planning to eliminate 18,000 jobs, boost capacity to carry police, data traffic
NEW YORK (AP) - Another year, another round of cuts at the nation's largest telecommunications company. This time, observers say AT&T Corp. may benefit from the bitter medicine.

AT&T said Monday that it plans to slash up to 18,000 jobs, or 14 percent of its 128,000-person staff. The company also plans to boost its capacity to carry voice and data traffic, offer telephone service across the Internet and sell a new type of mobile-phone service. It is also freezing executive salaries and shaking up management.

But AT&T is attempting to sweeten the cost-cutting pain by offering managers incentive packages to leave.

Even though the company said it was targeting management, union members who have survived previous cuts viewed the latest ones warily.

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SCOTT BAILO
NEW YORK (AP) - On the day comedian Chris Farley died, Scott Baio had to assure his family that he was alive.

A rumor of unknown origins, swept through newsrooms and the Internet that Baio had died in a car crash. Baio, alive and well, heard the rumor at home - from his family.

"My parents called me, crying," he said in *The New York Times Magazine*. "They heard it from my brother, who heard it on the radio. And they're crying and I'm thinking, 'Someone died in my family!' Little did I know it was me."

Then the calls started pouring in. "After a while I started answering my phone, 'I'm not dead,'" the "Happy Days" actor said.

And how will fans know he's still alive?
"There's no body," Baio said.

JEWEL
SAN DIEGO (AP) - Coming off a year in which she sold 4 million copies of her debut album, Jewel sang in front of her biggest audience yet - Super Bowl viewers.

Jewel sang the national anthem before the game, which was watched on television by more than 100 million people.

Jewel Klicher, 23, may have been selected to sing Sunday's anthem in part because of her San Diego connections.

She got her break performing at Pacific Beach's Inner Change coffeehouse. The Alaskan native bought a home five years ago in nearby Rancho Santa Fe and her mother, Nedra Carroll, lives in San Diego.

Jewel and her mom also recently announced plans to create a nonprofit foundation in San Diego called Common Ground, devoted to "worthy social causes."

REBECCA ROMIJJN
NEW YORK (AP) - MTV's "House of Style" has been remodelled.

Model Rebecca Romijn, 25, fills the hostess role once held by Cindy Crawford on MTV's show about fashion. Since Crawford left two years ago, the network has been looking for someone to fill her shoes.

Dual hostesses Shalom Harlow and Amber Valletta lasted only a year. Daisy Fuentes was next, but she is now co-hosting ABC's "America's Funniest Home Videos."

Enter Romijn, who told Entertainment Weekly in its Jan. 30 issue that she was ready for a change from modeling.

JAMES CAMERON
LOS ANGELES (AP) - "Titanic" director James Cameron was among five filmmakers nominated for top honors Monday by the Directors Guild of America.

The DGA also nominated Steven Spielberg for "Amistad," James L. Brooks for "As Good as It Gets," Curtis Hanson for "L.A. Confidential" and Gus Van Sant for "Good Will Hunting."

"Each may have a different style and work with different subjects, but all of them share the exceptional ability to create magical films," said Jack Shea, DGA president.

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GOP gearing up for debate over child care measure

WASHINGTON (AP) - Senate Republicans have yet to forge a consensus child care plan in response to President Clinton's election-year initiative, but they are united that any approach should also help mothers who want to stay home with their children.

A group of mostly moderate Republicans is set to introduce a plan that would aid both stay-at-home parents and working parents who need to buy child care. Other Republicans say that with billions of federal dollars already devoted to child care, the focus should be more squarely with those who stay home.

"We pump a lot of money into child care," Sen. Dan Coats, R-Ind., said Monday. "What mothers really want is more time with their children, not less."

Coats has yet to sign onto a specific plan, but his views reflect those of Sen. Larry Craig, R-Idaho, who is coordinating the GOP's child care strategy. Craig says any plan must not discriminate against stay-at-home parents.

"The president has a lot to say about mothers who work outside the home," Craig said in a recent radio address. "Let's get it straight, Mr. President. All moms work. No one should be left out."

Clinton is set to highlight child care in his State of the Union speech tonight. His \$21.7 billion, five-year plan would increase the subsidies to low-income parents to buy child care, increase the tax credits used by middle- and upper-income parents and give businesses tax credits for offering child care to their workers.

Mexican wolves returned to Arizona wild

HANNAGAN MEADOW, Ariz. (AP) - The female and her 9-month-old pup bounded into the enclosure, scouting the relative freedom of their new home - a snow-covered patch of rugged wilderness in the Southwest.

The male wolf was more cautious, remaining in his kennel and trying to avoid the eyes of spectators watching the Mexican gray wolf's return to the wild Monday, decades after it disappeared from the forests of Arizona and New Mexico.

The release brought out similar emotions to those engendered by the high-profile 1995 introduction of its cousin, the northern gray wolf, to Yellowstone National Park and central Idaho. Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt and environmentalists cheered the release. Dozens of ranchers protested the return.

Budget to promote Medicaid outreach

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Clinton is set to propose a \$900 million, five-year program aimed at enrolling 3 million uninsured children who are eligible but not in the Medicaid program.

Clinton is concerned that he fought for a new children's health insurance program last year, yet the nation's long-standing health program for poor Americans has not been fully used.

He planned to talk about the issue in his State of the Union speech tonight, though a spokesman cautioned that speech-writers are now trying to cut material and this item could be left out.

Arms inspector says Iraq hiding evidence

NEW YORK (AP) - The head of the United Nations weapons inspection commission said Iraq has enough biological weapons to "blow away Tel Aviv." *The New York Times* reported today.

Richard Butler also accused Iraqi officials of repeatedly delaying U.N. inspections so they could remove evidence of biological weapons like anthrax and botulin toxin and chemical weapons.

The inspectors are monitoring more than 100 sites. But Iraq has sparred with the inspectors since October, barring them from so-called "sensitive sites," and accusing others being American spies.

The Iraqis, Butler said, "have never cooperated fully in the disarmament process."

"They've never given us an honest declaration," he said. "The declarations have always been incomplete."

Butler also confirmed that inspectors have evidence that Iraq has loaded biological weapons onto missile warheads that could be driven around to avoid being hit by bombs.

White House, Pentagon differ on Lewinsky

WASHINGTON (AP) - While anonymous White House officials are portraying Monica Lewinsky as a flirtatious Valley girl with a crush on President Clinton, Pentagon colleagues describe her as a hard-working professional unimpressed by power.

A part of the White House strategy is to raise questions about the veracity of the woman who is heard telling a friend on a secretly recorded tape that she had sexual relations with the president. The issue of whether these encounters were real or fantasy, and whether Clinton or his close friend Vernon Jordan pressured Lewinsky to deny the affair in a sworn affidavit, lies at the center of controversy.

At the Pentagon, a step removed from the center of the political storm, the descriptions of Lewinsky are more circumspect, ranging from that of a fast talker and slow typist to a woman willing to put in long hours for low pay as secretary to Kenneth Bacon, the Pentagon spokesman.

"I'm heartsick," one close former Pentagon colleague said. "I think she's a good kid, obviously young but who came to Ken and did a very good job for him personally and for the organization in general."

Even at the Pentagon, though, colleagues recall that whenever President Clinton appeared on television, Lewinsky stopped what she was doing and watched.

Clinton's lawyers want earlier trial date

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) - Lawyers for President Clinton who have repeatedly tried to delay the sexual harassment trial sought by Paula Jones have asked a judge to set an earlier trial date.

Moving up the trial, which is scheduled for May 27, would give lawyers an earlier chance to question Monica Lewinsky and Linda Tripp, two women at the center of the sex allegations against Clinton.

In court papers filed Monday, the president's lawyers said that it is in "the nation's best interest" to achieve a "speedy resolution" of Mrs. Jones' case. They did not suggest a new date.

Jones attorney James Fisher called the request "a little puzzling," considering the president's lawyers fought for two years to delay the case.

U.S. District Judge Susan Webber Wright left the courthouse Monday without ruling on the request. She was under armed guard by four U.S. marshals because the judge did not want to be bothered by reporters.

Judge says Navy violated sailor's privacy

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Navy went too far in pursuing allegations of homosexuality against a senior sailor and surreptitiously obtaining key evidence against him from a computer online service, a federal judge ruled.

In a victory for gay rights and computer privacy advocates, U.S. District Judge Stanley Sporkin extended the career of a senior Navy enlistee facing expulsion for homosexuality based on evidence the Navy obtained by anonymously calling America Online Inc.

"In these days of 'big brother,' where through technology and otherwise the privacy interests of individuals from all walks of life are being ignored or marginalized, it is imperative that statutes explicitly protecting these rights be strictly observed," Sporkin wrote.

"This court finds that the Navy has gone too far."

Though not the final word in the case, Monday's decision represents a sharp rebuke of the Navy, both for its enforcement of the military policy on homosexuality and for the intrusiveness of its investigation. It promises to reverberate beyond the military to all government agencies that might want to bolster investigations by demanding information from online computer services.

Report: Faulty rivets did in Titanic

NEW YORK (AP) - Some of the tiniest and least glamorous things about the Titanic may have helped sink the luxury liner: its rivets.

Some of the small metal bolts or pins salvaged from the ship were found to contain high concentrations of slag, which experts say made them dangerously brittle. *The New York Times* reported today.

The experts examined two wrought-iron rivets retrieved from the hull of the ship, which sank nearly 86 years ago off the coast of Newfoundland.

Asian downturn could hurt U.S. farm exports

WASHINGTON (AP) - American farmers could lose up to \$3 billion in exports because of Asia's economic woes, but Agriculture Department officials say the situation could improve with continued international help.

"There is some impact, but it is hardly catastrophic at this point," said Keith Collins, the Agriculture Department's chief economist.

Overall U.S. farm exports for this year had been projected at \$58.5 billion, but that total could drop between \$2 billion and \$3 billion depending on how long it takes the Asian economies to recover, Collins added.

Several top U.S. agriculture officials, recently returned from a 10-day trip to seven Asian countries, said Monday that the deep devaluation in Indonesia's currency is the biggest problem. It threatens \$767 million in U.S. farm exports to that country.

Assistance from the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank is critical in stabilizing the currency so that lenders will issue credit to importers who want to buy U.S. goods, said August Schumacher Jr., undersecretary for farm and foreign agricultural services.

Black-owned newspaper firebombed

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) - A firebombing at a black-owned newspaper known for its battles with local officials has left the newsroom a charred shell and the publisher wondering if authorities will help.

Jackson *Advocate* publisher Charles Tisdale said Monday's attack came three days after an anonymous caller threatened to kill him.

"I'm not going to be intimidated," said Tisdale, adding that the weekly newspaper had been vandalized or bombed more than 20 times since he took over in the late 1970s. "I'm not afraid."

Tisdale said authorities have ignored past reports of vandalism and drive-by shootings, and he doesn't expect them to pursue this case.

Stories in the *Advocate* have criticized a number of public officials, including Jackson's new mayor, Harvey Johnson, and City Councilman Louis Armstrong.

"We always handle controversial subjects," Tisdale said. "It's hard to tell where attacks come from."

Authorities said the door of the building was kicked in and gasoline may have been used to douse furniture and papers before two homemade bombs were thrown inside.

Paper explains why story withdrawn

DALLAS (AP) - The *Dallas Morning News* gives the following explanation of why it withdrew a story published in today's early edition:

The *Dallas Morning News* reported in early editions ... that independent counsel Kenneth Starr's staff had spoken with a Secret Service agent who was prepared to testify that he saw President Clinton and Monica Lewinsky in a compromising situation.

But the source for the story, a longtime Washington lawyer familiar with the case, later said the information provided for that report was inaccurate.

The source is not affiliated with Mr. Starr's office.

The *News* reported Monday that a federal employee claimed to have seen the president and Ms. Lewinsky in a compromising situation in the White House. White House officials told *The News* that they knew of no such incident involving Mr. Clinton and the former intern.

Consumer confidence slid in January

NEW YORK (AP) - Consumer confidence slid sharply this month from December's record high as Asia's financial crisis raised concerns about the future of the U.S. economy.

The Conference Board reported today that its index of consumer confidence fell to 127.3 from a revised 136.2 in December. The drop exceeded economists' expectations.

"It's not necessarily a trouble sign," said Dan Seto, senior economist at Nikko Securities International in New York. "This essentially reverses a large jump that we saw last month."

Consumer sentiment is important because consumer spending accounts for two-thirds of the nation's overall economic activity.

Clinton to seek tax credits for energy saving

WASHINGTON (AP) - Tax breaks for the next generation of fuel-efficient cars and for high-tech energy systems in buildings are being considered as part of a nearly \$6 billion package of incentives to address global warming, administration sources say.

The global warming initiative, arising from last month's climate agreement in Kyoto, Japan, is expected to be included in President Clinton's State of the Union address tonight, although details won't be announced until the administration releases its fiscal 1999 budget next week.

According to several sources familiar with the package, the president is expected to call for \$3.5 billion in tax incentives over five years to promote energy-saving technologies - from more efficient automobiles to residential solar power panels and high efficiency heating and cooling systems in commercial and government buildings.

Most of the tax incentives would go to consumers in an effort to get such technology into the market place over the next five years, said one official.

Arizona paper's editor resigns in flap over remarks

PHOENIX (AP) - The managing editor of *The Arizona Republic* has resigned after he was quoted making disparaging comments about employees laid off when the *Phoenix Gazette* closed last year.

The *Columbia Journalism Review* quoted Steven Knickmeyer as saying most of the laid-off staffers were "fat, lazy, incompetent and slow."

He was responding to claims by his former reporters that the the most aggressive news staffers had been laid off by the papers' parent company, Phoenix Newspapers Inc.

In a staff memo announcing Knickmeyer's departure Monday, Executive Editor Pam Johnson said his statement did not accurately reflect the selection process used when the company closed the *Gazette* and let 60 staffers go.

Ford's earnings higher than the estimates

DEARBORN, Mich. (AP) - Ford Motor Co.'s profit climbed 50 percent in the fourth quarter, exceeding Wall Street's estimates, the automaker said today.

The performance pushed Ford's profits for the year to a record \$6.9 billion, up 57 percent.

Ford exceeded all of its financial goals, Chairman Alex Trotman said.

"A continued strong focus on total cost reductions, quality improvements and efficiencies ... contributed to the excellent results," Trotman said.

Ford, the nation's second biggest automaker, earned \$1.8 billion, or \$1.45 per share, in the final three months of 1997, up from \$1.2 billion, or 99 cents a share a year earlier.

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