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Hereford has 2 on water panel

By DONALD M. COOPER **Brand Editor**

Two Hereford residents have been named to Texas Water Development

Board's Region O planning group. Hereford Mayor Bob Josserand and Jim Steiert were named last week to spots on the Regional Water Planning Group for the area that includes 21 Panhandle and South Plains counties.

Josserand represents municipalities; Steiret of Quality Hunts represents environmental interests.

Joining Deaf Smith County in Region O are Parmer, Castro, Swisher, Briscoe, Bailey, Lamb, Hale, Floyd, Motley, Cochran, Hockley, Lubbock, Crosby, Dickens, Yoakum, Terry, Lynn, Garza, Gaines . ` and Dawson counties.

In addition to selecting the members of the regional coordinating bodies, the TWDB also adopted state and regional water planning rules, which provide guidelines on how the 16 RWPGs will develop a regional water plan for their area, how approved regional water plans will be incorporated into the state's water plan and how to apply for funding for regional water development.

Senate Bill 1, the comprehensive

Members of Region O body

Members of the Region O coordinating body are: PUBLIC: Lloyd Urban, Texas Tech WRI;

COUNTIES: Yoakum County Judge Dallas Brewer; MUNICIPALITIES: Ches Carthel, City of Plainview; Bruce Blalack, Lubbock Water Utilities; Hereford Mayor Bob Josserand;

INDUSTRIES: Steve Perry, Altura Energy, Lubbock County; AGRICULTURE: John Abernathy, Texas Tech Ag Sciences; S.M. True Jr. of Hale County and Johnny Anzuldua of Dawson County, farmers; Delaine Baucum, Valley Irrigation Pump & Service (Gaines County);

ENVIRONMENTAL: Jim Steiert of Hereford, Quality Hunts; SMALL BUSINESSES: Don McElroy, Irrigation Power & Pumps (Bailey

ELECTRICAL GENERATING UTILITIES: Bill Harbin, Golden Spread Electric Cooperative (Floyd County);

RIVER AUTHORITIES: John Garland, Brazos River Authority: WATER DISTRICTS: A. Wayne Wyatt, High Plains Water Unified Water District No. 1; Kent Satterwhite, Canadian River Municipal Water Agency (8 member cities in 5 counties);

WATER UTILITIES: Henry Rieff, Cotton Center Water Supply Corp. (Halc County).

water bill passed during the last Sept. 1, 1998, and initial coordinating legislative session, required the water bodies within 60 days of area board to designate regional water designations, the TWDB completed planning areas and initial coordinathat phase about eight months ahead ting bodies for each RWPG. Although of the deadline, which will give the SB1 required areas to be designed by regional groups more time to

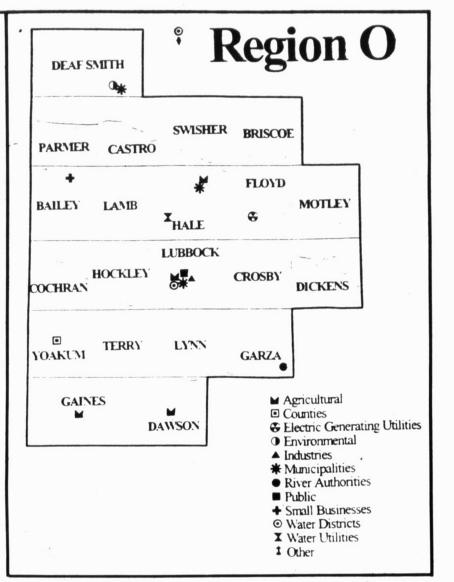
complete their regional water plans. The initial RWPG is to add additional representatives, ensuring adequate representation from interests comprising the area.

Before TWDB adoption, draft versions of the rules and maps were released for public review and comment last fall. Also, there were public meetings throughout the state and a public hearing in Austin to receive public comments. Revisions to each of the review drafts and the TWDB-adopted rules include the public comments received between Oct. 1, 1997 and Jan. 26, 1998.

Each RWPG is charged with development of a water plan for its area in preparation for and response to drought conditions. The regional water plans will ensure sufficient water is available at a reasonable cost to protect public health, safety and welfare. Also, the plans will be used to promote economic development and protect the agricultural and natural resources of the planning area.

Each RWPG must submit a regional water plan to the state board by Sept. 1, 2000. These plans will be included in the next comprehensive

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Saturday vote set

By DONALD M. COOPER **Brand Editor**

The Deaf Smith County Clerk's Office will be open this weekend for the convenience of voters who want to cast early ballots in the March 10 primary elections.

The county clerk's office will be open 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday for voters participating in the Democratic or Republican primaries. Regular early voting will continue through March 6.

In Texas, voters may choose between two kinds of early voting: personal appearance and mail. Voting early in person is conducted the same way as voting

on election day; any qualified

voter may walk in and vote. However, to vote early by mail. the voter must state one of several legal reasons, such as expected absence from the county on election day and during the period to vote early in person; disability; 65 years old or older on election

day; or confined in jail. **MUNICIPAL**

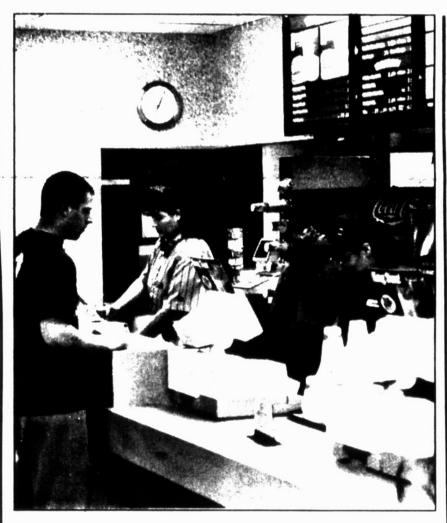
ELECTION Filing began Monday for the May 2 municipal election, but no candidates have tossed their hats into the ring yet, according to Hereford City Secretary Terri Johnson.

Hereford voters will be deciding who will be their representatives on the Hereford City Commission. Four positions -- two single-member, two at-large -- are on the ballot. The singlemember district seats now are held by Eugene Condarco, Place 2, and Wayne Winget, Place 4. The atlarge seats are held by Roger Eades and Carey Black.

Filing will continue through March 18 at Hereford City Hall, 224 N. Lee.

Early voting will be April 15 28 in the Deaf Smith County Clerk's Office at the county courthouse, 235 E. 3rd.

On election day, all ballots will be cast at the Hereford Community Center, 100 Ave. C.



Early customer

Brandon Brown was among the first customers when the new Burger King restaurant opened for business this morning. The new fast-food restaurant, located near the intersection of 25 Mile Avenue and Park Avenue, also held a grand opening ceremony this morning, an event attended by the Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce.

Supreme Court sides with banks against credit unions

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Supreme Court ruled for bankers today in a high-stakes turf battle with credit unions, saying the government wrongly let credit unions enroll members beyond what federal law allows.

In a 5-4 ruling, the justices threw out a 15-year-old overnment policy that has let credit unions accept millions of new members from outside traditional

That policy is contrary to Congress' intent as expressed in the federal law, Justice Clarence Thomas wrote for the court.

Legislation has been proposed in Congress to retroactively authorize such expansions in credit union Today's decision upholds a lower court ruling that

the Clinton administration had said "threatens

nationwide instability and losses in the credit union Bankers have asked a lower court to force credit unions to drop millions of members who signed up during the last 15 years under the broader membership

"Because we conclude that Congress has made it clear that the same common bond of occupation must unite each member of an occupationally defined federal credit union, we hold that the (government's) contrary interpretation is impermissible," Thomas wrote for

the court. His opinion was joined by Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist and Justices Anthony M. Kennedy, Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Antonin Scalia.

Dissenting were Justices Sandra Day O'Connor, John Paul Stevens, David H. Souter and Stephen G. Breyer. They contended the banks lacked legal standing

The ruling affects almost 3,600 federally chartered credit unions that hold \$132 billion in deposits from more than 32 million members.

Credit unions offer many of the same consumer services as banks but can make better deals on loans and savings rates because they don't pay federal taxes.

The 1934 Federal Credit Union Act says membership "shall be limited to groups having a common bond of occupation or association" or to groups in a geographical area.

In 1982, the National Credit Union Administration expanded its definition of "common bond." Small businesses that lacked enough workers to form their own credit unions were allowed to join existing credit unions, so long as each group of employees had its own "bond.

Government officials say that rule has let credit unions add to their membership rolls about 15 million people, mainly from businesses too small to form their own credit unions.

A group of North Carolina banks and the American Bankers' Association sued the government, saying the 1934 law required all members of a credit union to share a single common bond. The government's rule would allow an unlimited number of people to join a single credit union, the bankers contended.

A federal appeals court ruled in the bankers' favor last July. While the case was being appealed to the Supreme Court, credit unions were allowed to continue enrolling new members from previously approved employee groups. They could not add new employee

Today, the Supreme Court upheld the appeals court decision, saying the language of the federal law was

On Monday, House Speaker Newt Gingrich announced that he would co-sponsor a House proposal to revise

Greenspan: Economy's looking good, but

'exemplary," but that doesn't mean future may hold.

diametrically opposite directions. On one hand, he is concerned that until more data are available.

the currency crisis in Asia may have more of a depressing effect on the highly likely that the Fed will U.S. economy than currently forecast continue on hold at least through the and a sharply widening trade deficit first half of this year. By late spring, could pose recessionary risks.

WASHINGTON (AP) - Federal effect on the United States, says the economy's performance at economy will not slow enough this the moment is nothing short of year to keep inflation under control. Faced with what Greenspan called

he's not worried about what the these "finely balanced, though powerful forces," Fed policy-makers In fact, Greenspan's worries go in opted earlier this month to do nothing - to leave interest rates unchanged

Many private economists said it is the central bank will have enough But on the other hand, if the Asian evidence about the Asian crisis to crisis ends up having little or no decide what response is needed.

Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan Greenspan worries that the U.S. until May," said Sung Won Sohn, unemployment dropped to levels not chief economist at Norwest Corp. in seen in nearly three decades. Minneapolis. "This is about as uncertain an economic outlook as Chairman Greenspan has faced in some time."

> Greenspan was scheduled to further discuss the Fed's views about current economic conditions before the Senate Banking Committee.

While expressing high uncertainty about the exact fallout from Asia, Greenspan gave Congress an upbeat assessment of current conditions, noting that inflationary pressures consumer prices rising by 1.7 percent

As part of the Greenspan's semiannual report to Congress, the Fed updated its economic outlook. The new version tracks closely the expectations of the Clinton administration and many private economists.

The Fed projected that growth would slow from a 10-year high of 3.8 percent in 1996 to a more sustainable pace of around 2 percent to 2.75 percent this year. It also expected inflation to remain low, with

"I think the Fed is on hold at least have continued to decline even as to 2.25 percent, little changed from 1997's increase of 1.7 percent.

> The Labor Department reported Tuesday that falling energy prices helped erase inflation entirely in January with consumer prices not budging for the month, the first time that has happened in four years.

> "The key question going forward is whether the restraint building from the turmoil in Asia will be sufficient to check inflationary tendencies that might otherwise result from the strength of domestic spending and tightening labor markets," Greenspan said Tuesday before a House Banking

Both sides make final argument in Oprah Winfrey case

from high-paid experts, cattlemen and Oprah Winfrey herself. They've seen hundreds of documents and endured countless objections, conferences and

other delays. The eight women and four men the case after closing arguments have spent the last five weeks at today.

AMARILLO (AP) - They've heard ringside while a group of prominent Texas Panhandle cattle feeders duked it out with the nation's talk show queen over a show about mad cow

"Almost over, "Ms. Winfrey sang as she left the federal building Tuesday.

A group of cattlemen is suing Ms. Winfrey, her production company and Jurors were expected to finally get a vegetarian activist who was a guest on her show for business disparage-

Foods," unfairly implied U.S. cattle rejected both. were at risk for the brain-wasting lost sales.

morning, then made two motions for libel" law.

They claim a segment of her April U.S. District Judge Mary Lou 16, 1996, show, titled "Dangerous Robinson to throw out the case. She

A week ago, Robinson dealt a illness, costing them \$11 million in heavy blow to the cattlemen's case when she said the lawsuit could not Defense attorneys rested Tuesday go forward under Texas' "veggie

THE HEREFORD BRAND Local Roundup

Rodriquez medical fund

A medical fund to help defray the cost of cancer treatment for Linda Rodriquez, wife of Roy Rodriquez has been established at the Hereford State Bank.

PLN meeting

The Promised Land Network (PLN) and the El Hormiguero Project Organization will discuss community developing during a meeting set for 7:30 p.m. Feb. 27 at the San Jose Community Center.

The El Hormiguero Project is a group of citizens interested in combatting issues such as poor road conditions, inadequate water supplies, sewage problems and substandard housing conditions. Most residents live in colonias surrounding Hereford and Dimmitt and own 5-10 acres of land.

County Extension Agent Dennis Newton will provide a program on soil testing and its importance.

For more information, call Lydia Villanueva, 364-4445.

Filing deadline

Businesses in Deaf Smith, Castro, Hale, Lamb. Parmer, Randall and Swisher counties have until March 24 to file applications for low-interest disaster loans from the U.S. Small Business Aadministration (SBA).

The SBA's Economic Injury Disaster Loans are available for businesses dependent on farmers and ranchers who sustained crop losses from excessive rain and a freeze which occurred April 24-26, 1997. Farmers and ranchers are not eligible for these loans, which are intended to aid businesses in offsetting owrking capital losses suffered as a result of weather reducing the crop income of the area farmers and ranchers. Small business wanting to claim physical damage by the weather are not eligible.

For applications or more information, call the SBA at (800) 366-6303 or TDD (817) 267-4688.

TAAS tests

The Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS) Test weill be administered in Hereford ISD on March 3,4, and 5. The fourth, eighth and EXIT level writing test will be administered on March 3. On March 4 and 5 the Exit level reading and math tests will be given.

Partly cloudy

Tonight, partly cloudy with a low 25 to 30, west wind 15-25 mph diminishing to under 20 mph by midnight.

Thursday, partly cloudy and cool with a high near 50, northwest wind 15-25 mph with higher gusts.

3-DAY FORECAST

Friday, partly cloudy with a slight chance of rain or snow late, low around 30, high in the upper 40s.

Saturday and Sunday, mostly cloudy with chance of rain or snow, lows near 30, highs in the upper 30s to lower 40s.

TUESDAY RECAP

High, 76; low, 36; no precipitation.



Nazarene Christian Academy Spellers

The Nazarene Christian Academy will once again participate in the county wide spelling bee. Representing their school will be back row, senior division, Robby Stengel and Alyssa Hill; front row, junior division, Cade Hansard and Tiffany Teters.

Reception for Schroeter

A reception honoring Alex Schroeter, longtime Deaf Smith County auditor, will be held from 3 to 5 p.m. Thursday in the county courtroom. Schroeter recently announced his retirement. Courthouse officials are sponsoring the reception, and all interested persons are invited to attend.

Hispanic group sues to restore early voting sites

SAN ANTONIO (AP) - Not enough places in San Antonio for Hispanics to vote, a lawsuit alleges.

The Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund filed the suit Tuesday. They want more early voting places in minority neighborhoods

for the March 10 primary election. The lawsuit alleges that Bexar County officials failed to get permission from the U.S. Justice Department to cut the number of early voting places

in this year's primary election.

There were 27 early voting sites for the state Republican and Democratic primary election in 1994, but this year there are only 20 locations.

The lawsuit also claims that some early polling places were changed.

UP needs more time to clean-up lines First extension expires March 15

Railroad has asked the federal Surface Transportation Board for more time to clean up massive traffic

congestion along its routes.

In a letter received by the board last Friday, Union Pacific attorneys asked for a 60-day extention to an emergency order that expires March

The order was first imposed in October and extended once already in December. The act allows other Fe and the Texas Mexican Railway Co. to operate on Union Pacific

The transporation board has the power to give the carrier more time. An emergency order can last up to 270 days, and March 15 will mark half that amount of time. The extension had not been granted as of Tuesday, spokesman Union Pacific spokesman John Bromley said.

At the time, the railroad said the

first time in history at a financially viable railroad, was not justified."

Now the carrier says it's too soon to end the order.

The move to extend the order, critics say, is an admission by the carrier that it doesn't know how to relieve the traffic jam.

In the letter to the board, railroad attorney Aryid Roach wrote:

"Though we continue to adhere to those views, we feel that it would

not well serve the Board, the shipping public, or the parties to this proceed-ing to conduct at this particular time a plenary view of the state of Western rail service and of whether further remedial steps" are warranted.

In the letter, the railroad admitted that "service remains impaired in the Houston/Gulf region." Shippers at a recent National Industrial Transportation League meeting agreed, saying in some cases service had worsened.

The railroad's weekly service report to the board shows continuing

signs of slowing traffic.
Union Pacific has installed several programs that it says should alleviate the congestion - such as directional running, where all the trains on a track go in a single direction like a one-way street, and joint dispatching with Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway.

Since the crisis began last summer, the board has gotten nearly 700 comments; most of them complaints and suggested solutions from

Spokesman Warren Erdman of Kansas City Southern, which owns 41 percent of Texas Mexican Railway, said even with an extension, the congestion will remain.

"The longer they can put off dealing with a permanent solution, the more time they have to fix their own problems," Erdman said. "The problem is that to permanently fix their problems requires competition in the Houston market, and that's something they don't want.'

West Central Spellers

West Central Spellers representing their campus will be, back row, Beth Fuller, Ben Coneway, Ryan Bullard, front row, Crissy Gilliam, Erin Charest, and Sara Porras.

Is Texas justice for sale? Study suggests a real possibility

the bottom line," he said. "We think

any dollar linked to the docket is too

much. It raises the appearance of

elections. Texas Supreme Court

justices are elected to staggered,

\$9,166,450 in contributions of \$100

The seven raised a total of

Among other findings, the study

The study examined contributions

baseball game.

corruption.'

six-year terms.

\$3.7 million.

AUSTIN (AP) - Forty percent of Texans for Public Justice, likened the nine seats. the \$9.1 million in campaign cash raised by justices on the Texas Supreme Court came from parties and lawyers with cases before that bench, according to a study released Monday.

A decade after the CBS program '60 Minutes" asked whether Texas justice was for sale, that question remains valid, said officials of Texans for Public Justice, the nonpartisan group conducting the study.

It's the system that stinks," said to seven of the nine justices, all of Andrew Wheat, one of the study's whom ran in the 1994 or 1996 authors. "Every court member up there has somebody who's paying the

While plaintiff's trial lawyers were making the controversial donations 10 years ago, today's big donors are or more. Donors closely linked to corporations, corporate defense cases before the court contributed lawyers and business trade groups, the study said.

"I don't think it smells any better," Wheat said.

Supreme Court Chief Justice Tom Phillips, long an advocate for changing the way Texas picks its udges, described the report as brimming "with accusations and

He said he is convinced no current iustice "has ever been influenced by a campaign contribution.'

However, Phillips added, "In the end it (the study) says only what everyone should already know - that Texas has a lousy system of judicial selection.'

But statewide partisan campaigns are the law, Phillips said, and running takes money. "Almost any contribution can be criticized on some ground, as every citizen has an interest in the rulings of our courts," he said.

Craig McDonald, director of

Jr. High Spellers

bee will be Heather Brown and Josefina Zapata.

- Sixty percent of the 530 opinions issued by the court from 1994 through October 1997 "are tainted by the fact that at least one of these seven justices took money from a contributor with close links to a party or lawyer involved."

Lawyers and law firms contributed 42 percent, \$3.8 million, of the total. Of that money, 80 percent was described in the study as coming from "docket-linked" sources. Fifteen law firms with 113 cases before the court gave a combined \$1.5 million.

- Political action committees and executives of 50 corporations contributed 15 percent, or \$1.4

In the mid-1980s, when the "60 Minutes" report aired, the Supreme Court was controlled by Democrats. Today, Republicans hold seven of the

practice to the home team "paying 'Most of the current justices first ran as 'Clean Slate' reformers, who a visit" to an umpire before a promised to clean up the court. As "Members of the highest court incumbents, however, the justices appear to have become what they set should not be allowed to solicit or accept money from people who are out to replace," the study says. appearing before that court. That's

Texas is one of only nine states in which Supreme Court judges are chosen in partisan elections, the study noted.



Activities reported by emergency services personnel for Feb. 24, 1998 include the following:

Police Department

Arrests -- An 18-year-old man was arrested at Union and Avenue B for driving with a suspended license.

-- Possession of marijuana was reported in the 700 block of La Plata. -- A missing person was reported in the 600 block of East Park Avenue.

-- Failure to stop and render aid was reported on North 25 Mile Avenue.

Accidents

-- A minor accident was reported at Union and Avenue E. No injuries. Sheriff's Department Arrests

-- A 28-year-old woman was arrested for contempt of court and failure to comply with compulsory school attendance laws.

-- A 35-year-old man was arrested for violation of probation on an assault charge.

THE BRAND Obituaries

ELIZABETH "GRANNY" HIX Feb. 24, 1998

Graveside services for Elizabeth 'Granny" Hix, 89, of Hereford will be 11 a.m. Saturday, in the Rest Lawn Cemetery with Bro. Roger Garrett of Genesis Baptist Fellowship of Lubbock officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Gililland-Watson Funeral Home.

Mrs. Hix was born Oct. 8, 1908, in Mississippi to Viola Harrison Eldridge. She married Thomas Maddison Hix on Jan. 4, 1926 in Sherman. They came to Deaf Smith County in 1929. She was a homemaker and affiliated with a baptist religion.

Survivors include three sons, David and Jerry Hix of Hereford, John Hix of Asher, Okla.; 11 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, 1 great-great grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 1983, one daughter, Betsy Larue Blackwell in 1998, and one son, Donald Hix in 1996.

Local **Business Briefs**



DELLA HUTTO

A reception in honor of Della Hutto on her retirement from Hereford Day Care will be held from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Friday at the day care, 248 E. 16th Street.

Submissions to "Local Business Briefs" are available to all businesses residing in Deaf Smith County to announce prome 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.

Any ideas or suggestions?

If it's news to you, then it's news to us. If you have any suggestions for news or feature stories, just give us a call at The Brand. 364-2030

AUSTIN (AP) - The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery:

8-12-19-22-31 AUSTIN (AP) - The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery, in order: 3-9-8

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Representing Hereford Jr. High at this year's county wide spelling

Lifestyles

Hyer speaks to Pilot Club

Pilot Club member Sue Hyer, an nvestment broker with A.G. Edwards and Sons, presented the program on leadership at the Tuesday morning meeting of Hereford Pilot Club.

Hyer stressed the patterns of behavior in individuals and had each member complete an evaluation of themselves comparing them to characters from the "Peanuts" comic strip. Comparisons were amiable-Charlie Brown; analytical-Linus; expressive-Peppermint Patty; and driver-Lucy.

Hyer concluded by stating that a good leader must be a good communicator and a good listener. They must be responsible for decisions they make or fail to make.

Pilot Club's annual fund-raiser, a Mexican Stack Supper, will be held from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. March 12 at Hereford Community Center. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children under 12 and are available from any Pilot Club member or at the door. Carry-out is available at no extra charge.

Linda Minchew, district chaplain, urged all members to consider attending the District Convention April 30 in Fort Worth.



Leadership program

Sue Hyer, right, Pilot Club member and investment broker, presented the program on leadership at the Tuesday morning meeting of Hereford Pilot Club. Listening intently are Brenda Thomas, left, vice president and Martha Jones, president.

Senior Citizens

MENUS

THURSDAY-Mexican stack, Spanish rice, pinto beans, salad fixings, tostados, pineapple, sugar cookie; or roast chicken.

FRIDAY-Fried pollock with lemon wedge, au gratin potatoes, turnip greens, stewed tomatoes, cornbread, fruit cocktail cake; or beef fingers,

buttered peas, fruit cocktail.

MONDAY-Beef brisket with stewed apricots, potato salad, pinto beans, onion slices/dill pickle slices, Texas toast, chocolate chip cookies; or baked chicken breast.

TUESDAY-Baked ham, mashed sweet potatoes, broccoli with cheese sauce, coleslaw, roll, brownies, pineapple tidbits; or smothered steak.

WEDNESDAY-Smothered chicken, egg noodles, seasoned Italian green beans, cucumber/onion/-

tomato wedge salad, French bread, plum cobbler; or beef stroganoff, purple plums.

ACTIVITIES

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

FRIDAY-Pool classes, line dance 10-11 a.m., Thrift Store open 9 a.m.-5 p.m., HHH wellness with weigh-in 10 a.m.-12 noon.

SATURDAY-Games 12 noon-4

MONDAY-Pool classes, line dance 10-11 a.m., doll class 1-4 p.m. TUESDAY-Pool classes, exercise class 10-10:45 a.m., Golden K Club 12 noon, decorative tole painting 1-3

p.m., choir practice 1 p.m. WEDNESDAY-Pool classes, ceramics 12 noon-4 p.m.





Ann Landers

Dear Ann Landers: My husband and I have read your column in the Boston Globe for many years. I am enclosing a clipping that made us laugh. It is a perfect example of Yankee conservatism. Thanks for years of good reading. -- Reba in Mass.

Dear Reba: I laughed, too. Here the charge to a misdemeanor." it is:

"An eye for bargains has paid off for a shoplifting suspect who wanted her felony charge reduced to a misdemeanor because some of the items were on sale.

"A clerk at the Vermont District County said the state has reduced the charges against the 32-year-old woman. The charge was reduced from felony retail theft, parents, sisters, aunts -- are buried cemetery management office about questions about drugs, you need Ann which can be punished by up to 10 years in prison, to misdemeanor retail theft, punishable by at most six months.

about \$100 worth of items from a artificial hips, and find it difficult to supermarket, including doughnuts, batteries, cigarettes and videotapes. If the items' retail prices are added called my two lovely, successful

But the public defender filed a court motion asking that the sales going on the day of the alleged theft be accounted for. Both the batteries and donuts were marked down -enough to lower the bill to \$97.37 and

This is Ann talking. That woman was very lucky to have had such a clever lawyer and a lenient judge, but doughnuts and cigarettes? Someone should tell her she would be a lot better off without both.

Dear Ann Landers: After raising four fine children, I thought I knew all the answers, but I was wrong.

All the members of my family -near one another at a cemetery not far the cost, and ask your lovely, from my home. Twice a year, I visit successful daughters (and out-of-state the cemetery to make sure the weeds are pulled and the stones are upright. "City police said the woman stole I am now a weary 76, with two keep doing this.

My sons live out of state, so I up, they come to \$101.49, just over daughters and asked for their accidents happen. The reason is the CREATORS SYNDICATE, INC.

the \$100 threshold for the felony assistance. They told me in no uncertain terms that they wanted nothing to do with taking care of our

'old folks' graves.' Where have I gone wrong? If no one takes care of the graves, they will deteriorate. What should I do? I was totally unprepared for such a response. Please advise. -- Roseville,

Dear Roseville: Please don't take your daughters' lack of interest personally. Some of those relatives were probably strangers to the younger generation, and they may not share your concern about the upkeep of the graves. Most cemeteries have perpetual care services that will sons) to contribute to the expense. They may find this more palatable than the physical effort.

back that the most dangerous room Box 11562, Chicago, Ill. 60611-0562. in the house is the bathroom. That's (In Canada, send \$4.55.) where the majority of serious ANN LANDERS (R) COPYRIGHT 1998

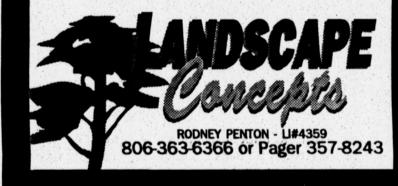
porcelain and tiled floors, when coupled with soap, make for a very slippery combination. The solution? Use liquid detergent instead of soap. I tried it and discovered that my feet actually adhere to the wet porcelain in my tub instead of slipping. As an added bonus, it's great for the skin. I'm 88 and don't look a day over 75. Forever Young in Almond, N.Y.

Dear N.Y.: Thanks for trying to prevent some injuries in Landers Land. I'm not sure how it works, but know many readers will pay attention to your warning and the interesting beauty tip.

Drugs are everywhere. They're easy to get, easy to use and even maintain grave sites. Check with the easier to get hooked on. If you have Landers' booklet, "The Lowdown on Dope." Send a self-addressed, long. business-size envelope and a check or money order for \$3.75 (this includes postage and handling) to: Dear Ann Landers: I read a while Lowdown, c/o Ann Landers, P.O.

NOW is the TIME! To thatch and aerate your yard, and

follow-up with a pre-emergent. **CALL US FOR A FREE ESTIMATE!**





Stagner reads story for Golden Gleaners "A Gift from the Heart", a story in their name to the poorest child in the city.

from a Norman Vincent Peale inspirational book, was read to the Sunday School Class by Della Stagner at its regular February meeting.

The group from First Baptist Church met in the ceramic room of Hereford Senior Citizens Center.

In the story, when a Swiss girl comes to work for wealthy New York City family her duties include recording and acknowledging the fine gifts received by the family. As she searches for a gift of her own to give

In class business, the group heard members of the Golden Gleaners reports from the six care group leaders and signed greeting cards to be sent to members who were ill or otherwise unable to attend. The class voted to make a memorial gift to First Baptist Church in memory of Merle

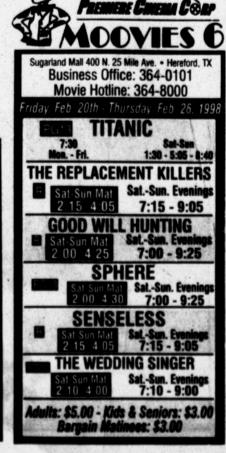
Members present were Margaret Baxter, Roxie Cosper, Lois Gililland, Ruby Carmichael, Nancy Hays, Ruth Allison, Rosalie Northcutt, Virginia Beasley, Emily Suggs, Irene Merritt, Vernis Parsons, Audine Dettman, them, she is inspired to give a gift that Jerrye Wheeler, and Stagner. They greatly pleases them - a dress given were joined by guest Debra Buck.



Golden Gleaners

Della Stagner, left, gave the program for the February meeting of Golden Gleaners Sunday School Class. Margaret Baxter was February program chairman for the luncheon meeting held at Hereford Senior Citizens Center.







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Vaudeville show

A unique, live entertainment show, with lots of area talent is coming to the Hereford High School auditorium at 7:30 p.m. March 28, sponsofed by the Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce. A Floydada-based troupe, The New Musical Grays' Stock Company, will present "Salute to 80 Years of Vaudeville." Featuring comedy skits and routines from the "Golden Age of Vaudeville," the show is for the entire family and will include singing, dancing, music and magic. Tickets are \$7.50 for adults and \$5 for children and will go on sale March 1 at the Chamber office, or may be purchased from a chamber board member or one of the Hereford Hustlers.

To Your Good Health

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: In regard to the woman who feared that her son was taking too high a dose of antibiotics to prevent valve infection after dental work, your explanation was good. However, you could have put her mind more at rest. Revised recommendations call only for one dose of antibiotics before dental work. -BJ

ANSWER: That's right. One, large dose of antibiotics taken one hour before dental procedures is now recommended

I focused on the woman's worry about the use of large antibiotic doses and omitted to tell her that antibiotics after dental work are no longer

People with abnormal heart valves are sitting ducks for bacterial inva-

elects delegates

Community Education Council met Monday at the Hereford Community Center following the annual FCE

Appreciation Luncheon.

given by Lana Skarke.

attendance.

as hostesses.

Deaf Smith County Family

During the luncheon, Sue Thweatt

was announced as the FCE Club

Woman of the Year. The program,

titled "Grit, Guts and Heart", was

Council meeting to order and welcomed guests Mary Carter, Argen Draper, Audrey Rusher, Dorma

Kirby, Coreen Odom, Camilia Jones, Vada Batterman and Pet Ott.

Seven clubs were represented with six clubs having 100 percent

There will a leader training at 1:30 p.m. March 16. Also Cultural Arts

Delegates selected to attend the District I meeting March 26 in

crafts-must be in by 11 a.m. in the game room of the community center.

Dalhart are Jo Lee, Mariellen

Homfled and Maudette Smith with

March 23 with Westway FCE Club

The next Council meeting will be

Perry Keyes as alternate.

Chairman Jo Lee called the

FCE Council

sion of those valves when dental work causes bleeding. Mouth germs gain access to the bloodstream and home in on abnormal heart valves. The result can be endocarditis, a serious infection. That's why such people take antibiotics when they go to the dentist or dental hygienist.

Your note should lessen that reader's worries even more. Thank

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: Can you please give me information on acute disseminated encephalomyelitis -ADEM? I was diagnosed as having it when I developed seizures, weakness and headache. I am back to work now. Do I need to worry about recurrence? Could there be long-term effects? - T.A.

ANSWER: Acute disseminated column whenever possible.

encephalomyelitis often is preceded by a viral infection or a vaccination. Measles, chickenpox, rubella or even a common cold can set in motion a chain of events that lead to brain swelling and the symptoms you reported - seizures, headache and paralysis.

In some patients it is a fatal disease, but most recover. A few are left with permanent impairments.

Thankfully such reactions are un-

You havé made a remarkable recovery. No new impairments are likely to appear. Recurrences are not expected.

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



Continuing education

Margaret Del Toro, right, Deaf Smith County Tax Assessor-Collector, is congratulated by County Extension Agent Beverly Harder for participation in a recent seminar at Texas A&M University. Mrs. Del Toro completed the seminar course as part of a continuing education program sponsored jointly by The Tax Assessor-Collectors Association of Texas and A&M University.

Hints from Heloise

Dear Heloise: At a recent party, I brought deviled eggs. To carry them, I placed a piece of plastic wrap over the egg carton, then placed the finished eggs back in the egg spaces. They didn't slide around and, when finished, I threw away the carton. Many people thought it was a very good idea. Hope you can use it. Rose Braun, Rochester, N.Y.

SPRAY CLEANERS Dear Heloise: When the fluid gets low on the spray bottles of cleaner, the siphon tube sometimes doesn't reach far enough. I use a plastic straw and slip it over the siphon tube to reach the bottom of the bottle. Works every time. - Hardy Irby, Bucyrus, Ohio

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Student from Laos maintains education is key to his success

SHERMAN, Texas - At age 17, Khamsavanh "Kham" Sansavath came to the United States from Laos carrying not much more than a change of clothes and a few pieces of

Always saying education was the key to success, in December he graduated from Southeastern Oklahoma State University with a bachelor's degree. "The only way I can support myself is through education," Kham said.

He couldn't have done it without the help of people like Frances Nelson, a tutor in the Grayson Literacy Program, he said. But it also required perseverance and plain old hard work

In the 1970s a communist regime took over Laos, and forced one member from each family into the military. Not wanting to face lifelong service there, Kham and some friends decided to escape across the Mekong River into Thailand.

He and his friends built a raft of banana trees and logs, hiding under the foliage to escape attention of constant military patrols.

When they reached Thailand, the Thai military arrested them as suspected communist spies.

In Kham's breast pocket are two black and white photographs, bearing holes from the staples that once attached the pictures to prison files.

In each picture is a young boy, wearing simple clothing and holding in front of him a sign with a prisoner number.

Because Kham had an uncle in the United States, he was able eventually to get a plane ticket there. "(The trip) was terrible because I knew very little English," he said. But refugees had bags around their necks which had travel information inside. So they

were directed to the right place. Kham almost didn't find his relatives in New Jersey. He had never seen them. They were at the airport holding a sign with his name, but the sign was written in English. Kham decided to get back on the plane, and his uncle decided to go on the plane looking for him. They met in the plane entrance.

'It took me two to three weeks to get used to the weather and the food and everything," Kham said.

From then on Kham learned English as he went through high school, junior college and finally SOSU. It was his uncle who first told him: you need an education to make

Hospital **Notes**

Report from Hereford Regional Medical Center for Feb. 25: Admitted: Johnnie Graston. Elizabeth Hayes.

Dismissed: Juanita Bennett, Erminio Arroyos.

Because Kham had to work, and because he was still learning English, it took him 5 1/2 years to get a four-year degree. He spent an entire year in high school just listening to teachers so he could get the feel for

the language.

He ended up at Paris Junior
College because of the big international population there. It was during one summer vacation that his uncle in New Jersey invited Kham back home to meet a woman from Thailand, who eventually became Kham's wife.

Supporting a wife made his financial situation even tighter QJhis wife couldn't work yet because she had just moved here and didn't have the necessary documents.

Even when others told him to drop out of school and work full time. Kham continued to take 21 hours of classes each semester while working. But Kham seems pretty modest about that. "I made pretty good grades," he said.

After junior college, he got a job as a traffic signal technician. And for the first time he had his own house and his first color television. He was able to finance a house for 15 years. He paid it off in five.

And in the meantime he worked another part-time job and attended night classes at SOSU, receiving tutoring from the Grayson Literacy Team. He spoke English well enough, but still had trouble reading and

writing.
"Without help, I wouldn't have

made it," he said. Kham's native language is Lao, and he also speaks Thai, his wife's native language. The form of these languages is backward from English syntax. For example, "Where are you going?" might translate as "Going where are you?"

He had used tutors' before, and when he moved to Sherman he went to the library for help. He said, even if there's nobody there, you can just pick up a book and read for awhile.



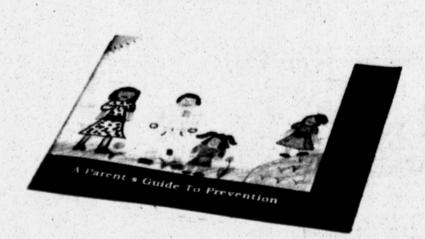


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Sports

On the **Sidelines**

NHL

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Wednesday's Games
Toronto at Buffalo, 6 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Washington, 6 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Montreal, 6:30 p.m.
Dallas at N.Y. Islanders, 6:30 p.m.
New Jersey at Florida, 6:30 p.m.
Los Angeles at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
Colorado at Phoenix, 8 p.m.
Ottawa at Edmonton, 8 p.m.
Anaheim at Vancouver, 9 p.m.

Tuesday's Games
Washington 124, Houston 112
Golden State 87, New York 82
New Jersey 110, Vancouver 101
Miami 104, Utah 102

Miami 104, Utah 102
L.A. Lakers 98, Milwaukee 81
San Antonio 105, Minnesota 99
Philadelphia 85, Phoenix 84
Wednesday's Games
Sacramento at Boston, 5 p.m.
Dallas at Orlando, 6:30 p.m.
Vancouver at Cleveland, 6:30 p.m.
Charlotte at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Portland at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.
Atlanta at Deriver, 8 p.m.
Philadelphia at L.A. Clippers, 9:30 p.m.

NCAA Basketball

EAST
Buffalo 110, Chicago St. 100
Pittsburgh 65, Villanova 61
Rhode Island 69, Xavier 68
St. John's 67, Syracuse 65
SOUTH
Macaland 74 Virginia 66 Maryland 74, Virginia 66 North Carolina 72, Wake Forest 53 Seton Hall 76, Miami 71 Seton Hall 76, Miami 71
South Carolina 78, Georgia 76
MIDWEST
Illinois 82, Indiana 72
SOUTHWEST
Oklahoma St. 80, Texas 58
Philander Smith 95, Ark.-Pine Bluff 88
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Tennessee St. 84, E. Illinois 79

IN BRIEF

Record broken PHILADELPHIA (AP) Nykesha Sales limped into Connecticut's record book.

The senior forward for the second-ranked Huskies saw her career end Saturday when she ruptured her Achilles' tendon against Notre Dame. But on Tuesday night, she was allowed to score against Villanova and those two points moved her past Kerry Bascom into first place on the school's career scoring list.

In a deal pre-arranged by the coaches, Sales, who was wearing a large brace from her foot to just under her knee, was allowed to score off the game's opening tap when Villanova lined all five of its players in its offensive end of the floor.

After Sales scored the 2,177th and 2,178th points of her career, she was met by her teammates at midcourt, while receiving a standing ovation from the crowd.

Connecticut called a timeout to get her out of the game and when the timeout ended, the Huskies stayed in their huddle to let Villanova score and tie the

Bascom played for Connecticut from 1988-1991.

Sales needed 29 points entering Saturday's game to get the record and she had 27 when she went down with 9:48 left in the victory over Notre Dame. She was honored in a senior ceremony before the game and the win clinched the Big East regular-season title for the Huskies.

Leaving Memphis
NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) --

The Tennessee Oilers are free to negotiate a deal to play next season in Nashville under an agreement approved Tuesday by Memphis officials.

The Memphis and Shelby County Sports Authority and the Memphis Parks Commission signed a deal calling for the Oilers to pay them \$1.2 million to get out of a two-year contract to play in the Liberty Bowl. The city also won't refund the \$118,904 the team spent improving the stadium

Under the agreement negotiated by the authority and the Oilers, the team has until April 30 to find another temporary stadium for this

H.S. Football

The 1998 varsity schedule for the Hereford Whitefaces released Tuesday by Hereford High School head football coach and boys athletic director Craig

coach and boys athletic director Craig Yenzer. Home games are in bold. Aug. 21 Plainview (scrimmage), TBA; Aug. 28 Lubbock High (scrimmage), TBA; Sept. 3 Amarillo Tascosa, 7:30 p.m.; Sept. 11 Andrews, 7:30 p.m.; Sept. 18 Wolfforth Frenship, 7:30 p.m.; Sept. 25 Canyon Randall, 7:30 p.m.; Oct. 9

*--District 3-4A games

Rockets, 124-112

Webber is back, and all is right with the Washington Wizards.

Well, not exactly. Webber returned Tuesday night from eight games away with a strained right shoulder to score a season-high 36 points in a 124-112 victory over the Houston

"I don't want to say I expected it, but I think that's what I push myself for -- to come back ready to play," said Webber, who reach the Eastern Conference played a surprising 44 minutes of playoffs. toe-to-toe action with Charles Barkley and the rest of the

WASHINGTON (AP) -- Chris Rockets frontcourt. "And when I come back I like to come back better than I started, better than that last game.'

Webber's powerful and passionate performance snapped a four-game losing streak for the Wizards, part of a 3-5 skid while he was out of the lineup. Washington also returned to the .500 mark, but the team is still missing Juwan Howard and a host of other injured players in its uphill attempt to

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Washington beats Spurs down Minnesota

of David Robinson hasn't hurt the San Antonio Spurs as much as many expected.

In Tuesday night's 105-99 victory over the Minnesota Timberwolves, San Antonio played its fifth straight game without the All-Star center, who is sidelined by a swollen right knee. Tim Duncan had 28 points and 19 rebounds, while Vinny Del Negro added a season-high 23 points.

"It's tough and it's different playing without David;" Duncan said. "I can really feel it now. He demands a lot of attention and respect on the floor, but we're adjusting and guys are stepping up and playing

San Antonio, 3-2 without Robinson in the lineup, also received

SAN ANTONIO (AP) -- The loss 12 points and 19 rebounds from David Robinson hasn't hurt the center Will Perdue, while Malik Rose tied his season high with 12 points, and forward Carl Herrera added 10.

"A big key was our inability to rebound," Minnesota coach Flip Saunders said. "We're a fragile team, we can't afford to have lapses. We turned the ball over too much in the second half once we went to our bench.'

The Timberwolves were led by Kevin Garnett's 25 points, including 17 in the first quarter as they took a 28-25 lead. Stephon Marbury added 24 points and 10 assists, and Sam Mitchell scored 15.

"Minnesota is not an expansion team, they are a playoff team," San Antonio coach Gregg Popovich said. 'This was a good win because of the

effort. We played very well. I'm happy with what we are doing.'

Leading 75-67 entering the fourth quarter, San Antonio's lead never went below four points during the final period.

Minnesota closed to 101-97 with 25 seconds to play on Marbury's 3-pointer. After Del Negro's two free throws, Marbury again brought the Timberwolves within four with 17 seconds left.

Del Negro, who hit eight consecutive free throws in the fourth quarter, closed the scoring with two more with 5.6 seconds to play.

"We made the plays," Del Negro said. "Different guys stepped up at different times. We were lucky in

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Photo by Julius Bodner

Hereford senior Bryant McNutt tries to move inside as Sweetwater's Brett Bishop defends Tuesday night at Lubbock Coronado High School during a Class 4A area game.

'Stangs end Herd season

By BOB VARMETTE **Sports Writer**

LUBBOCK -- Derrick Franklin. Remember the name. You'll be hearing more from him in the future.

Playing with three fouls the entire second half, Franklin dominated the boards, grabbing 10 second-half rebounds, to lead the Sweetwater Mustangs to a 68-58 area round win over Hereford in front of 850 at the Lubbock Coronado High School gymnasium Tuesday night.

'Early on, I got into foul trouble," Franklin said. "They took me out of my game. I just decided I was going to play as hard as I can."

Franklin, a 6-3 senior forward, scored 23 points to lead Sweetwater (20-10) and also grabbed a game-high 14 rebounds.

"He's a good player," Hereford head coach Randy Dean said. "He's a great athlete, probably the best athlete we've played this year." Brett Bishop added 21 for the

Cody Hodges led Hereford (16-14) with 23 points, 14 in the second half.

Bryant McNutt added 14 for the

SWEETWATER (20-10): Franklin 10-151-3 23. Barnes 1-77-10 9, Price 1-12-24, Boatright 0-02-22, Oliver 0-1 0-0 0, Rhodes 2-43-57, Bishop 8-15 2-5 21, Brim 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 23-44 17-27

68.
HEREFORD (16-14): Wagner 2-5 0-0 4, Ewing 3-11 0-2 8, E. McNutt 2-5 1-1 5, C. Hodges 9-16 1-2 23. Cosby 0-0 0-0 0, Power 1-1 0-0 2, S. Hodges 1-2 0-0 2, B. McNutt 6-12 2-4 14, Rives 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 24-53 4-9 58.

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Haltime--Sweetwater 28, Hereford 22. 3-Point goals--Sweetwater 5-8 (Bishop 3-5, Franklin 2-2, Barnes 0-1), Hereford 6-19 (C. Hodges 4-7, Ewing 2-5, Wagner 0-3, E. McNutt 0-2, S. Hodges 0-1, B. McNutt 0-1). Fouled out--E. McNutt. Rebounds-Sweetwater 32 (Franklin 14), Hereford 21 (B. McNutt 8). Total fouls--Sweetwater 13, Hereford 20. Turnovers--Sweetwater 9, Hereford 8. A--850 est.

Whitefaces and topped Hereford with eight rebounds.

Sweetwater advances to the regional quarterfinals where they will play the winner of the El Paso Parkland-Lamesa game played Tuesday night also.

"I thought they were going to put up a fight," Sweetwater head coach Kenny Chandler said. "Maybe that was the problem, everybody else thought there wasn't going to be a fight. I knew there would be a fight.

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Study slams minority hiring in college sports

By BILL PORTER

Associated Press Writer BOSTON -- The grades are in for minority hiring in college sports, and they're lousy.

A new study released Tuesday by Northeastern University's Center for the Study of Sport in Society found that while the record for minority hiring in pro basketball, football and baseball is poor, it's even worse at the college level.

The "Racial Report Card" covering the 1995-96 academic year showed that college sports have the worst record for hiring women and minorities; the percentage of black players decreased in college and pro

There has been very little 5.3 percent were black and 2.6

Up for two

Cody Hodges of Hereford sails to the basket Tuesday night

in Lubbock during the Whitefaces' area round game with

Sweetwater. Hodges scored 23 points, but Sweetwater won,

progress in the patterns of hiring people of color and women in pro and college sport," said Richard Lapchick, author of the report and director of the center.

The center conducts an annual study of the racial composition of players, coaches and front office employees in pro basketball, football and baseball. This year, it widened its focus to include colleges.

'Despite well intentioned efforts, white males still control most of our teams, front offices and athletic departments," Lapchick said.

The center found that in 1996, 71.4 percent of the NCAA's top executives were white and about 21 percent were sports; and that majority ownership black. About 92.1 percent of the in sports for minorities does not exist. organization's chief aides were white;

Photo by Julius Bodner

More than 80 percent of the

NCAA's office managers were white; 9.4 percent were black; and 1.9 percent were Latino.

In pro sports, the NBA was given the highest grade in opportunities for minorities for the ninth straight year. The NFL was next, and major league baseball was given a conditional grade because it did not provide data for the second straight year.

In the NBA, 77 percent of league office employees were white, and 17 percent black. Eighty percent of NFL league office staff were white, and 15 percent black. The latest numbers available for baseball, 1995-96, showed that 79 percent were white and 19 percent black.

jobs -- 44 percent. The NFL had 26 the NCAA, 14.3 percent of top administrators were women. Coaching jobs for blacks in NCAA

Division I football, basketball and baseball rank behind their pro counterparts in the NFL, NBA and major league baseball. Only three of 30 NFL coaches were minorities, followed by three of 28 in baseball and seven of 29 in the NBA.

At the college ranks, 81.5 percent white, along with 92.8 percent of I-A football coaches and 97.6 percent of baseball coaches.

When you're talking tennis, golf, swimming and other sports where pro baseball, the NBA or NFL who The NBA had the highest there are poor percentages of are black or Latino.

percentage of women in league office minority participation, that's a reflection of the fact that in our percent, and baseball 21 percent. In society we don't provide a lot of good programs at the secondary level, so we don't see high participation rates for those sports," said NCAA executive director Cedric Dempsey.

"But it's inexcusable in sports like baseball, basketball and track where we have high participation numbers of minorities not to have more minority coaches."

Among other findings:

-- While the NBA still leads pro of Division I basketball coaches were sports in opportunities for black athletes, the percentage of blacks declined slightly to 79 percent -- the second straight decrease.

-- There are no majority owners in

Hereford routs Tulia, 19-0

From staff reports You would have thought having your only two scrimmages washed

out would be a bad thing. It was -- for the Tulia Hornets. With a 13-run second inning rampage, the Hereford Whitefaces trounced Tulia 19-0 in five innings in non-district baseball action

Tuesday at Whiteface Field. Ray David Rangel (1-0) got the win for the Whitefaces, tossing a onehitter. Ches Tucker (0-1) took the loss for the Hornets.

Hereford pushed across a pair of runs in the bottom of the first inning when Drew Ramirez and Anthony

Lopez both reached and scored. L.J. with a trio of hits. Vallejo walked and made it as far as third befor Jeremy Urbanczyk grounded to short to end the inning. But the fun was only beginning for

Hereford sent 18 batters to the plate in the home half of the second and 13 scored on nine hits. Six of the first seven Whiteface batters scored.

the Whitefaces.

The Whitefaces added three runs in the third and a run in the fourth to complete the scoring. Efrain Cortez

Hereford 2 13 3 1 X-19 12 0
T-Ches Tucker, Ray Gonzales (3), Efrain got the only Tulia hit -- a single -- in

went 3-for-4 with 2 RBI, and Drew Ramirez went 3-for-5, also with 2 RBI. Urbanczyk went 2-for-3 with 1 RBI. Brandon Brown also went 2-for-3 with 1 RBI for Hereford.

Hereford also capitalized upon five Tulia errors and eight walks issued by Hornet pitching.

Hereford 19, Tulia 0 0 0 0 0 0-0 1 5 2 13 3 1 X-19 12 0 got the only Tulia hit -- a single -- in the fourth inning.

Ramiro Zambrano went 3-for-3 with 2 RBI to lead three Whitefaces

Reference Tucker, Hay Gordae's (3), Erallo Cortez; H--Ray David Wrangel, George Castillo (3), Corey Ortiz (5) and Brandon Brown. W--Rangel (1-0). L--Tucker (0-1). 2B--Hereford: Brown, Scott, Zambrano. Records--Tulia 0-1, Hereford 1-0.

Hull wants vandals to step forward

ST. LOUIS (AP) -- Brett Hull is was a stupid thing to do.' There's Salt Lake City. ready for an Olympic version of "To Tell the Truth," in which the real room trashers would please step forward.

The St. Louis Blues star says the U.S. players who trashed a suite at the Olympic village should apologize for what he called a "deplorable" act. Otherwise, he said, all the players are tainted.

"There comes a point in time where you have to stand up and be a Hull said. "It's up to the people who did it ... to come forward and have respect for the other players and say, 'It was me. I apologize. It

nothing that can be harder, but bigger, to do.

Hull was blamed in initial reports, Gary Suter and Joel Otto. Upon returning from Nagano, Japan, Hull suitemates and threatened to sue those 'slandering" him.

On Tuesday, he blamed media in decision to play for the United States and not Canada in international competition. Hull, who has dual citizenship, said there will be no problem for the 2002 Olympics in

'We don't have to worry about that anymore because I'm finished," said Hull, 33. "There won't be any along with suitemates Chris Chelios, more Olympics for me. I don't even know if I'll be playing then."

Hull said he has a "pretty good" angrily denied it, vouched for his idea which players caused \$3,000 in damage to rooms and furniture. The suite in question was on his floor.

U.S. coach Ron Wilson, who Canada, contending they resent his coaches the Washington Capitals, also called for the guilty players to come forward. He also said those players should never again be

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Randy Dean does a great job. Their kids played well."

The Mustangs held a 17-14 lead going into the second period after shooting 7-for-12 in the first quarter.

"They came out and shot the ball unbelievably well at the first," Dean said. "Franklin was making 3-pointers and they were doing some clear out stuff, and you look up and we're still right there.

"I think that's just a credit to our guys and the way that they keep their head in the game, and they keep playing, keep finding ways to get the

The Mustangs went in up at the half, 28-22, but they never could shake the Whitefaces. You could almost sense that the team that made it's living by pulling out close games was on track to do it yet again.

"It's the same thing that's carried us through our district schedule," Dean said. "It's just a lot of heart, a lot of hard work. These guys just scratch and claw and find a way to come up with enough plays to stay in the game."

Hereford got its first lead since the opening minutes of the contest when sophomore Greg Ewing capped off an 8-2 Hereford run with a steal and a layup to put the Whitefaces up by one -- 40-39 -- at the 1:31 mark of the third quarter.

Ewing had gotten the Whitefaces to within a point just seconds earlier with a 3-pointer from the left wing.

'We were real tentative on defense," Chandler said. "We were sluggish. . . . Hereford played great. Give them guys credit, as young a team as they arc. Their best basketball is ahead of them.'

By CHIP BROWN

AP Sports Writer

from Corpus Christi, says not being allowed to play on a public high

school softball team is hurting her

Independent School District and the University Interscholastic League to

be a member of the Corpus Christi

UIL officials say if her lawsuit --

the first of its kind in Texas -- is

successful, extracurricular activities

in the state's public schools will be

officials say it was inevitable that such a lawsuit would be filed.

With a nation-leading 150,000 home-school students in Texas, UIL

The case also comes after member

schools of the UIL, which governs sports, music and academic competitions, overwhelmingly rejected

allowing home-school students to

participate by a margin of 38-to-1.

that students in public schools have

to meet strict academic and residence

requirements and are limited in the

number of hours they can practice or

Home-schooled students are not.

home-schooling their children. That's

their right," UIL Director Bill Farney

said Tuesday. "But in order to

represent a school, you must be

attending that school, following the

rules and passing courses as

declined to speak about the lawsuit. Her parents say only that they have

chosen to teach their daughter at

home to provide a quality education

Test of Academic Skills scores

showing she scored well above

They have also provided Stanford

Ensminger and her family have

prescribed by state law.

in a religious environment.

'We are not ridiculing parents for

play a sport during a season.

The problem, UIL officials say, is

Miller High School team.

forever changed.

chances for a college scholarship. She is suing the Corpus Christi

AUSTIN -- Amy Ensminger, a 16-year-old home-school student

Home schooler

sues CCISD, UIL

Franklin had been quiet, missing his first two shots of the second half. But on his third, he announced his presence with a two-handed jam off pass from senior Brad Barnes.

The teams went into the final quarter tied, 42-42. That's when Franklin decided to

really announce his presence on the

"For us to be successful," Chandler said, "Derrick's got to score, Derrick's got to rebound ..."

Derrick did score. Derrick did

rebound. Franklin went 4-for-5 from the field in the fourth quarter and grabbed four offensive rebounds.

We got smart kids," Chandler, "We did what we were supposed to do and that was put the ball in Derrick Franklin's hands in the fourth quarter. . . . For us to be successful, he's got to touch the

And for Franklin, there was a sense of finality that spurred him the final eight minutes.

"If this was going to be my last game," he said. "I was going to go out playing good. We came up pretty tough, but they're a real, real good team. I'm proud of those guys. They played us tough."

Sweetwater regained the lead 54-53 with 2:58 left in the game when Bishop drove the baseline from the left side and hit the shot as he was fouled, then canned the free throw.

The final 1:31 of the game saw the Whitefaces go cold from the field and the Mustangs get hot from the free throw line as Hereford was forced to

a Corpus Christi club softball team

that won regional honors and traveled to the national fastpitch champion-

'Plaintiff's skills are such that if

Tim Lambert, president of the

Ensminger should be allowed to

participate in UIL softball because

"extracurricular activities fall outside

the academic mission of the school. and these home school families pay

taxes just like every other taxpayer.' A Corpus Christi judge last week

removed the case from his court and

said the proper jurisdiction was Travis County, where all lawsuits against the UIL are required to be

to play for Miller High School, where

Farney said Ensminger is seeking

a number of her teammates from a

summer league team are playing,

even though she lives in the

attendance zone of Corpus Christi

King High School.

she were allowed to participate in extracurricular activities, she would

have a reasonable chance of obtaining

Texas Home School Coalition, said

an athletic scholarship to college,' Ensminger's attorneys, Kim Cox and Scott M. Ellison, wrote in their

ships last year.

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Rockets

"Every game's critical," coach Bernie Bickerstaff said. "But prior to Chris coming back, those games were critical. We're in deep. It's going to take a heck of a run to get there." Rod Strickland had 31 points

and 15 assists as Washington scored a season-high 124 points. Tracy Murray added 27 points,

including four 3-pointers.

Webber and Barkley played a sprited game, but Webber won the battle when Barkley got his sixth foul with 2:56 to play. Barkley, who had been bumping, tussling

and jawing with Webber, said a few more choice words to an official as he left the court and drew his second technical foul.

"I can't put into words what I feel," Barkley said. "It's tough losing to a team that won't make the playoffs. We need to stop making excuses. It's an offensive game, not a war.'

Webber never held back with his shoulder, making 13 of 24 shots from the field and nine of 13 from the free-throw line. He had three blocks and three steals.

Spurs

ome aspects, but we made our free throws down the stretch and that was

After leading 54-46 at halftime, San Antonio maintained its advantage in the third quarter as Duncan had

"This was good win because a lot of different guys stepped up," Spurs point guard Avery Johnson said. "We gave them a different look because we knew we had to go big. Malik Rose and Carl Herrera stepped up for

San Antonio trailed through much of the first half until a 10-0 run,

including five points from Dune made it 50-39 with 1:17 remaini

"They played hard," Marbury said. "They came out and outrebounded us. Duncan stepped up his game with Robinson out, and Avery Johnson almost a series of the Johnson always does a great job.' Even with the loss, Minnesota has

von six of nine meetings between the

"Duncan's definitely ahead of his time," Garnett said. "He's a hell of a ballplayer and he's going to get better. He's No. 21. All No. 21's are great, Deion Sanders, Duncan, Dominique Wilkins."

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Vandals

involved in international play.

"It is an unfortunate incident and I'm embarrassed by it," Wilson told the Washington Post. "It is inexcusable what they did. It shows no class at all. Unfortunately, everybody is guilty by association.'

Hull said an NHL official gave him the names. But league spokesman Arthur Pincus said Tuesday the league has not finished its investigation and does not know which players are involved.

Hull isn't sure how the guilty parties should be punished.

"That's not up to me," he said. But I think the humiliation or whatever comes with that is probably

Hull was critical of some media coverage of the team in Japan, go where we're told."

particularly reports that some players including Hull, were out late two days before their game against Canada. CBS taped Hull and Chelios singing at a karaoke bar.

'We went out and had a few beers. What's the big deal?" Hull told the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. "It wasn't the night before a game. Why was it blown so out of proportion? Whether we were at a strip club or a bar, whether we were singing or we weren't, it had nothing to do with anything.

U.S. players also were criticized for not attending the women's gold-medal game against Canada. Hull said players wanted to attend but were ushered to a team dinner.

"We're just cattle," he said. "We

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Farney said allowing Ensminger to ignore the UIL's residency rules, which strictly prohibit students from transferring from one school to another for athletic purposes, would gut all UIL guidelines. 'If this goes through, what would

keep a student who fails in public school from going to home schooling and then coming back and competing for the same public school?" Farney He said enforcing academic

standards in home schools would be almost impossible. 'A lot of the UIL member schools just can't fathom a mother or father of a home-school student saying their child has failed chemistry and is not

eligible to play Friday night," Farney

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language skills last year.

average in reading, math and Ensminger has been a pitcher for

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Reno describes improving anti-drug efforts by Mexico
WASHINGTON (AP) - Attorney General Janet Reno says relations
are improving between the United States and Mexico in the war on drugs,
and praises her Mexican counterparts for sending more fugitives back to
the United States for prosecution.

"I never dreamed three years ago I would be seeing extradition at the rate that we're seeing it," Reno said Tuesday. She was testifying at a Senate Appropriations subcommittee hearing on the Justice Department's \$20.9 billion budget request for the 1999 fiscal year. "There is now a good working relationship between the two nations."

Reno's remarks were significant, because the Clinton administration faces a March 1 deadline to certify whether Mexico has cooperated in anti-drug efforts. Decertifying Mexico as an ally in the war on drugs could lead to U.S. efforts to punish Mexico by restricting international access to credit.

Mexico's ambassador to the United States, Jesus Reyes Heroles, addressed the certification issue at a separate event earlier in the day. "There is no question about the commitment of Mexico in the war against drugs," Heroles said. "Let us not be misled about that, despite what we are going to hear in March during the process of certification."

Reno said she had made a certification recommendation to the State Department, but she didn't reveal what it was. However, she described an improving relationship with Mexico.

Man arrested after flying to rendezvous with girl

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) - A chemical engineer from Oklahoma has been arrested after he arrived in Corpus Christi for an apparent sexual rendezvous with a 13-year-old girl he met on the Internet.

James C. Lacey, 51, of Broken Arrow, Okla., was charged in federal court Monday with violations of federal child pornography laws.

Lacey was arrested Friday at a Corpus Christi mall where authorities

Lacey was arrested Friday at a Corpus Christi mall where authorities said he was to rendezvous with the girl. Instead he met an undercover federal agent who posed as the 13-year-old girl.

He remained in the Nueces County Jail Tuesday. A bond hearing is set for Thursday.

Lacey was charged with transmitting child pornography across state lines with a computer and traveling across state lines with the intent of engaging in sex with a minor.

Man convicted in kidnap-slaying of key witness

McALLEN, Texas (AP) - A Lower Rio Grande Valley man has been convicted in the kidnap slaying of a key government witness before he could testify in a federal drug trial.

Freddie Camacho, 25, of Mission, was convicted Tuesday in the kidnapping of Hector Salinas, whose body was later found across the Mexican border in Reynosa.

Francisco Castaneda, 42, of Granjeno, was convicted earlier in the Salinas kidnapping.

Both men, who are being held without bond, face up to life in prison.

Castaneda will be sentenced on April 8 and Camacho on April 18.

Two eyewitnesses testified that they twice picked Camacho out of photo line ups, identifying him as one of the kidnappers. On the witness stand, both said they were positive that Camacho was one of the culprits, pointing at him for jurors.

Ad campaign aimed at separating teen-agers, tobacco

AUSTIN (AP) - The message to teen-agers: Using tobacco can be costly. Here and now, it can mean surrendering that hard-earned driver's license, spending time in tobacco education classes and paying a fine of up to \$250. Down the road, it can mean appearance-altering, life-claiming diseases. Radio spots, television public service announcements and a poster carry the message in a campaign unveiled Tuesday by the Texas Department



Pancake promoters

Larry Alley, left, and Mark Andrews are among Hereford Lions Club members pushing tickets for the club's annual Pancake Supper and silent auction Thursday. The event will be held at the high school cafeteria from 5 to 8:15 p.m. Thursday. Auction items, donated by local merchants, were listed in Tuesday's paper.

of Health and state Rep. Hugo Berlanga, D-Corpus Christi, a sponsor of the 1997 law creating new penalties for those under 18 who use tobacco

the 1997 law creating new penalties for those under 18 who use tobacco.

"It's going to scare them. ... I have my driver's license, and I would cry" if it were taken away, said Crystal Jordan, an 18-year-old Travis High School student.

Teen kills himself following kidnaping-murder attempt CLEVELAND, Texas (AP) - A 19-year-old man who was promised a new stereo system for kidnapping and killing a friend's grandmother.

a new stereo system for kidnapping and killing a friend's grandmother shot himself to death when apprehended with the bound and gagged woman in the trunk of his car, police said.

Chris McDonald was promised the \$900 stereo for kidnapping and killing

Chris McDonald was promised the \$900 stereo for kidnapping and killing Linda Byrd, 51, authorities said.

The Huffman man died at 3 p.m. Tuesday at Hermann Hospital in Houston where he had been treated for a self-inflicted gunshot wound since his arrest late Monday night.

Officers said Mrs. Byrd was taken from her home in the Houston suburb of Huffman about 8:30 a.m. Monday. She was bound and gagged and kept in the trunk while McDonald drove around the area for hours.

The woman was treated and released at an area hospital.

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State Water Plan, which is due the following September.

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that meet needs in a manner that is consistent with the approved regional water plans or the State Water Plan. Also, the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) may not issue a water right for municipal purposes unless it is consistent with an approved regional plan or the state plan after 2001.

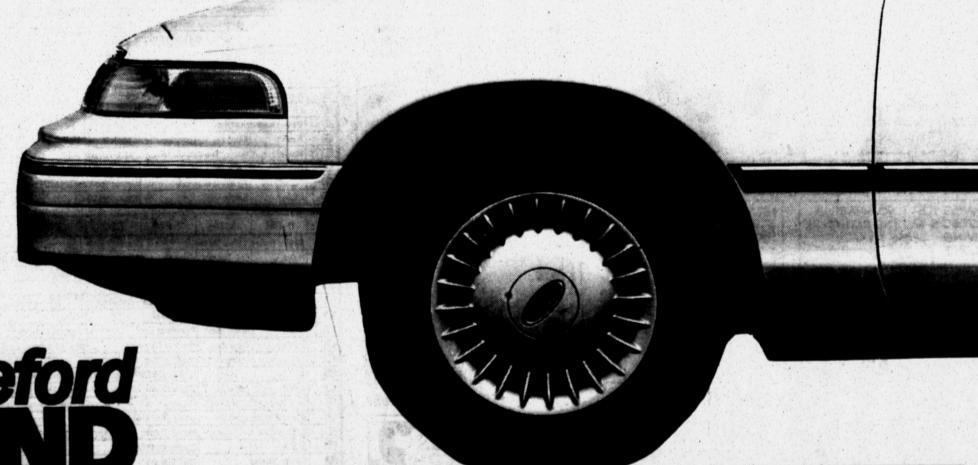
Copies of the rules, a map of regional water planning areas and initial coordinating body membership lists may be obtained through the TWDB's webpage at http://www/twdb.state.us/www/twdb/sbl_hp.html; by writing the TWDB at P.O. Box 13231, Austin 78711-3231; or by contacting Diane Burr at (512) 475-2057 (phone) or dburr@twdb.state.tx.us (e-mail).











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'Titanic' steams to top of all-time worldwide earnings

LOS ANGELES (AP) - "Titanic" is now at the top of the worldwide box office list, producers announced

"Titanic" passed "Jurassic Park" Monday night as the highest-grossing film in Hollywood history, with estimated worldwide receipts of \$914 million, 20th Century Fox said. "Jurassic Park" took in \$913.1 million after its release in 1993.

Analysts predict worldwide theatrical sales for "Titanic" could exceed \$1.2 billion. The film's worldwide theatrical totals include domestic returns of \$402.6 million and international sales of \$511.4

Domestically, "Titanic" has risen to No. 2 on the box office list. Counting its original 1977 release and subsequent re-releases, "Star Wars" grossed \$461 million in North American theaters.

"Titanic" has benefited from higher ticket prices. But because of its three-hour, 14-minute running time, the movie can be shown only once an evening. A large percentage of the film's patrons are teen-age girls, some of whom have seen the movie as many as 10 times.

The other top films on the all-time worldwide charts are "Independence

Day" (\$807.7 million), "Star Wars" (\$780.1 million) and "The Lion King" (\$772.3 million).

Directed by James Cameron and

starring Leonardo DiCaprio and Kate
Winslet, the retelling of the infamous
1912 sinking of the Titanic was
nominated for 14 Academy Awards,
tying the record for the most ations ever.

Analysts say "Titanic" could pass
"Star Wars" on the domestic list
around the time the Academy Awards are given out March 23.

The epic also was last week's No.

1 film in the United Kingdom, Japan,
Spain, Italy, Holland and Mexico.

Weekly domestic box office totals were released Monday. Of new releases, "Senseless" fared the best, opening in fifth. "Palmetto" was a weak eighth, and "Dangerous Beauty" and "Mrs. Dalloway" did average business in limited release. "The Wedding Singer" was a strong second, and "Good Will

Hunting" and "As Good As It Gets" ued to make the weekend's top

The top 10 movies at North American theaters over the weekend, followed by studio, gross, number of theater locations, receipts per location, total gross and number of

1. "Titanic," Paramount, \$21 million, 3,006 locations, \$6,998 average, \$402.6 million, 10 weeks.
2. "The Wedding Singer," New
Line, \$12.2 million, 2,837 locations,

\$4,311 average, \$37.7 million, two

3. "Sphere," Warner Bros., \$7.7 million, 2,814 locations, \$2,731 average, \$26.9 million, two weeks.
4. "Good Will Hunting,"
Miramax, \$6.5 million, 2,185
locations, \$2,962 average, \$88

million, 12 weeks.
5. "Senseless," Miramax, \$5.3 million, 1,843 locations, \$2,896

average, \$5.3 million, one week.
6. "As Good As It Gets," Sony,
\$4.6 million, 1,837 locations, \$2,509 average, \$107.5 million, nine weeks. 7. "The Borrowers," Polygram, \$4 million, 1,593 locations, \$2,518 average, \$11.2 million, two weeks.

8. "Palmetto," Sony, \$2.9 million, 1,505 locations, \$1,911 average, \$2.9 million, one week.

9. "The Apostle," October, \$2.403 million, 676 locations, \$3,556

average, \$7.9 million, 10 weeks.
10. "L.A. Confidential," Warner Bros., \$2.376 million, 814 locations, \$2,919 average, \$48.5 million, 23

Badu hometown unsurprised

DALLAS (AP) - When Erykah Badu's grandmother dropped her off for her first flight to New York, the young, soulful singer promised she'd make it big.

"I was telling her, 'Gosh, I hate to see you go so far," Viola Wilson, Ms. Badu's paternal grandmother, recalled saying when the singer got a record contract. "You know how mother hens are.

"And she said, 'Well, Momma I'm really going to make you proud. I'm going to make this bigger than

big. And she has:

In a year, Ms. Badu has released two albums, appeared in a soap opera and the new movie, "Blues Brothers 2000." She also has four Grammy Award nominations.

So Ms. Badu has returned to the Big Apple, where tonight she'll find out if she'll be bringing any Grammy Awards back to Texas.

The singer, billed as the next Billie Holliday, is up for awards for best New Artist, Female Rhythm & Blues Vocal Performance, Rhythm & Blues Song and Rhythm & Blues Album.

Her African headdress, hazel eyes and tall, slender frame are eye-catchers, but teachers at Dallas' Booker T. Washington High School for the Performing and Visual Arts said it was rap that made Ms. Badu

the center of attention there. We knew that she had wonderful talent when she was here," said Rosann Cox, Ms. Badu's high school dance instructor. "She had started on rap verses before rap verses were

Ms. Badu's smooth, soulful voice and talent have taken her far from the school that sits among downtown 'Dallas' skyscrapers.

The school where graffiti is encouraged and metal detectors are nonexistent has become well-regarded for the talent it produces.

Singer Edie Brickell, jazz trumpeter Roy Hargrove and Spin Doctors drummer Aaron Comess are all alums. Hargrove is also up for a Grammy tonight.

Ms. Badu didn't respond to an interview request. Her former teacher said the singer had "a spirit about fill."

"Erykah would have succeeded whether she had us or not," Ms. Cox said. "When you looked at Erykah there was a light behind her eyes and a real special aura about her. You knew destiny was going to do something wonderful for her."

Ms. Badu's jazz-R&B mix and spiritual lyrics have invigorated the music industry, said Dallas Morning News music critic Thor Christensen.

She certainly shook up the music world and she deserved to be nominated," said Christensen, who began following the singer before her first album was released. "Her success is just a matter of radio stations finally having the guts to play something that's a little bit differ-

Dallas disc jockey Lenny Love said Ms. Badu has created her own

"If you notice, she brings a different vibe to the industry," Love said. "She brings a breath of fresh air. She loves to collaborate and she has a certain field that only she can

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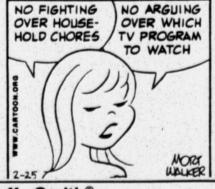




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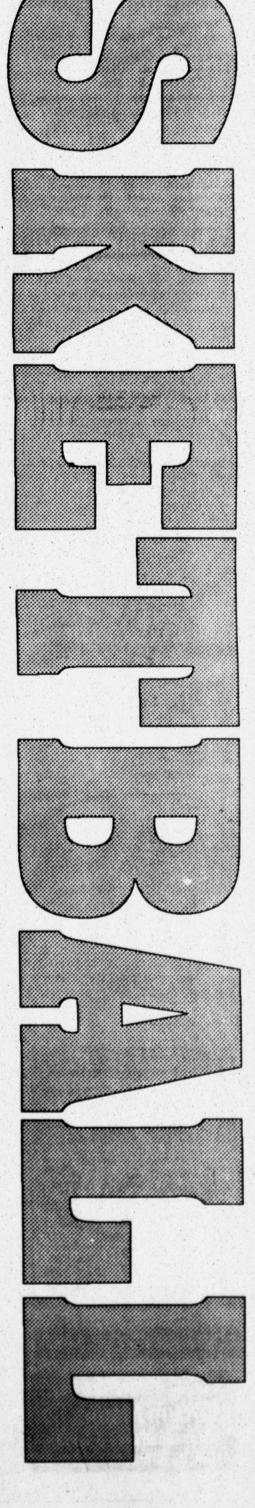
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-- Use key words to describe what you're selling. The key words for a car are make, model, year, body style, color, mileage and price. If it's a house, key words are location, type of construction, number of bedrooms and baths, and condi-

-- Don't use abbreviations. It's tempting to abbreviate and save money if ads are billed by the line. Brand ads are billed by the words, so spell them out so readers won't be confused trying to figure out abbreviations.

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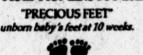
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Thank You, Calie Garrett My number Is: 806-578-4376

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LEGAL NOTICES

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Notice is hereby given that Original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Ronald Lee Warner, Deceased, were issued on February 23, 1998, in Cause No. PR-4364, pending in the County Court of Deaf Smith County, Texas to: Claudia Ann Warner and Andrea Lea Warner.

The residence of the independent Executrices is 4202 Mae Anne Ave. #164, Reno County, Nevada, 89523; the post office address is:

REX W. EASTERWOOD, P. C. ATTORNEY AT LAW P. O. Box 273 Hereford, Texas 79045 806/364-6801 806/364-2526 Fax

By: Rex W. Easterwwood Attorney for the Estate State Bar No.: 06368000

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION PURSUANT TO TITLE 30 TEXAS ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, CHAPTER 321

Triangle Trailer Wash, whose mailing address is Box 577, Spearman, Tx. 79081 has applied to the Texas Natural Conservation Commission for authorization to handle wastes (removal/containment/treatment and disposal) from a commercial livestock trailer clearing facility in accordance with the requirements of Title 30 Texas Administrative Code Chapter 321, Subchapter N.

The plant site is located 4 1/2 miles East of Hereford, Tx. on Hwy. 60 on South side of Hwy.

Additional information concerning this application may be obtained from the applicant by contacting Ross Donahue at (806) 659-2174.

A public hearing will not be conducted on this application, however, any pertinent comments received by the executive director within 30 days of this publication will be considered as part of any decision to approve, deny, or modify a request for registration from the applicant.

Written public comments must be submitted to the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission, Attn: Charles Eanes, Agriculture & Watershed Management Division (MC-148), P. O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. For information concerning technical requirements of the TNRCC applicable to this discharge, please refer to the Texas Register dated July 16, 1996, or Title 30 Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 321, Subchapter N, effective July 26, 1996

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Administration for the Estate of Tommy Joe Campbell, Deceased, were issued on February 23, 1998, in Cause No. 4370, pending in the County Court of Deaf Smith County, Texas, to: LYNDA SUE HILL.

The residence of the Administratrix, LYNDA SUE HILL, is in Deaf Smith County, Texas; the post office address is Route 1, Box 535, Hereford, TX 79045.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

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Saddam gets another chance

WASHINGTON (AP) - Next time, no more Mr. Diplomat.

Should Saddam Hussein renege on this deal, President Clinton said, the world would understand the U.S. right to retaliate with raids against Iraqi chemical and biological weapons sites.

So, after two weapons inspection confrontations in four months, Clinton agreed - somewhat skeptically - to a U.N. settlement committing Iraq to open suspect weapons sites to international inspection teams.

He said it is not a matter of trusting Saddam, the Iraqi president, who made the same deal in 1991 to get out of the Persian Gulf War and has not honored it, but of defining the commitment and verifying that it will be kept.

"And if it is, fine," Clinton said Monday. "And if it's not, then the alternative will be a clear course of action."

Military action, unilaterally if need

'And until the United States is satisfied that Iraq is keeping its commitment, Clinton said, there will be no military stand down in the Persian Gulf zone, where 33,000 Americans are deployed now, and more are being sent.

In the five weeks since Saddam's regime began blocking U.N. inspectors, after restricting them late in 1997 and then backing down, Clinton and his foreign policy team had prefaced each warning of impending U.S. air strikes by saying that they would prefer a diplomatic settlement to the crisis.

They got one, brokered by U.N.

Secretary-General Kofi Annan, back from Baghdad to present it to the Security Council today.

Washington Today

To Clinton, it is satisfactory as long as it sticks.

He said he wants all the details defined, but as a practical matter, any deal to reopen inspections could hardly have been refused, with world and U.S. opinion divided on striking Iraq.

While Clinton had emphasized diplomacy first, he did not mean bargaining or concessions. It was to be diplomacy with the result set in advance - Iraqi compliance with the terms Baghdad accepted seven years

That seems to be what Annan arranged, in an accord that also is said to renew the offer of easing or lifting U.N. economic sanctions if there is full compliance with eliminating weapons of mass destruction, with a provision to have U.N.-chosen diplomats accompany the inspectors to some suspect sites, a gesture to Iraqi sensitivities.

Clinton said the settlement, if Iraq abides by it, will enforce a proven system against weapons of mass destruction chemical, biological and nuclear.

He said inspectors "are the most effective tool we have" against those weapons, the missiles to deliver them, and the capacity to rebuild them once found and destroyed.

More have been eliminated in seven years of inspections than by the

air raids of the 1991 Gulf War. Air strikes in this crisis would have risked an outright end to those inspections. And the administration already has toned down its claims of what air strikes would accomplish.

Clinton had told Congress the United States was determined to deny Saddam the capacity to use weapons of mass destruction, but later lowered the aim a bit, saying air strikes couldn't destroy that capacity, but would leave Saddam worse off than before.

The president said the tough U.S. stance was essential in producing the deal Saddam accepted. Now it is a question of compliance, and of convincing a restive Congress that administration policy has succeeded so far.

Republicans can't argue with reopened, unrestricted inspections. Instead, they'll wait and see whether their chorused warnings that no deal with Saddam is reliable prove valid, and Iraq stirs another crisis.

Clinton, no less suspicious, had his own answer. "If Iraq fails to comply this time ... there will be serious consequences," he said. But there aren't any now. Saddam

went to the brink, and backed away, to the position he'd accepted in the first place, before he began balking and then blocking weapons inspections. Clinton didn't say Saddam had capitulated, only that he had "admitted he has to honor commitments he made back in '91."

The White House wasn't declaring winners or losers. Press secretary Mike McCurry said there was more work to be done, and added, "I think it'll be some time before we would attempt to make any final analysis of that kind of nature."

Starr pressing ahead with investigation of White House contacts with the press

WASHINGTON (AP) - Prosecutor Kenneth Starr is pressing ahead with his investigation into what role the White House has had in disseminating derogatory personal information amid reports that President Clinton will try to shield his closest aides from grand jury questioning about Monica Lewinsky.

On Tuesday, Starr's office subpoenaed White House

lawyer Lanny Breuer, who has been one of the president's legal advisers in the Whitewater investigation. Breuer was expected to appear as early as today before the grand jury Starr is using to look into Ms. Lewinsky's allegations of an alleged presidential affair and cover-up.

That presaged a showdown over what Clinton's aides should be forced to reveal to Starr.

Two California officers die when cruiser sinks into mud

SANTA MARIA, Calif. (AP) - They never saw the end of the road.

Two California Highway Patrol officers, their car rushing through swirling fog to help a motorist in trouble, dropped off the jagged asphalt and into a churning river of watery mud.

AXYDLBAAXR is LONGFELLOW

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

2.25 CRYPTOQUOTE

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In the middle of the flooded Cuyama River, James Rowan, clinging to the cab of his tractor-trailer, watched the cruiser's flashing rooftop lights grow dim as the cruiser sank and floated away.

About 150 feet downstream, Steven Miller shivered

violently, his wool pants and mud-caked shirt melding him with the murky riverbank. He had escaped from his submerged Toyota Camry, floated downstream and latched onto a sand berm before crawling onto the bank. He saw lights in the distance.

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Both of the men desperately needed help, but by then their rescuers were beyond rescue.

Lawmakers wonder how long U.S. forces to stay in Persian Gulf, what it'll cost

WASHINGTON (AP) - With the risk of war over Iraq eased for now, lawmakers are asking when the massive U.S. military commitment to the Persian Gulf region will end and wondering where the money for the deployed troops will come from.

Clinton administration officials offered no clear answers Tuesday, saying that for now, the beefed-up force must remain in the Gulf until Iraq lives up to its promise to allow unfettered weapons inspections. Lawmakers, while proposing no softening toward Iraq, raised concerns about the impact of the growing U.S. presence in the region.

The committee heard from several senior officers
Tuesday that the static guard duty they are maintaining
over Iraq is eroding battle readiness and causing some
enlistees and officers to opt out of the military.

"They didn't sign up, very frankly, to just be part of an unending commitment to floating around in the Persian Gulf forever," said Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee.

