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## NEWS in brief

### Congress delays vote of support for Iraqi strike

WASHINGTON (AP) - As more U.S. warplanes headed to the Persian Gulf, U.N. officials ordered some relief workers not to return to Baghdad while a hesitant Congress postponed a vote on a resolution supporting airstrikes on Iraq.

The Air Force dispatched six F-16 fighters, six B-52 bombers and a B-1 bomber to the Persian Gulf region Thursday to augment the fleet of American warplanes facing off with Iraq. Six more F-117 stealth fighter-bombers were heading for the region today.

Still preparing to go are 23 extra support aircraft, including an RC-135 electronic surveillance plane, two AWACS command and control planes, a Joint Stars ground-surveillance plane and several types of helicopters, tankers and other specialized support aircraft, according to the Pentagon.

White House spokesman Mike McCurry said the United States was close to the end of diplomatic efforts before turning to military options. "It could be weeks or days," he said.

In the face of a diplomatic impasse over Iraq's refusal to allow unfettered inspections in search of alleged chemical and biological weapons stocks, Congress put off for at least a week action on a resolution backing the potential use of force against Iraq.

Conceding he lacked the votes for quick approval, Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott said that if he had sought unanimous agreement to take up the measure Thursday, "We wouldn't get it."

The House also went home for a weeklong President's Day recess without considering a resolution on Iraq.

### Angry Lewinsky back in capital; lawyer assails prosecutors

WASHINGTON (AP) - Angered at Whitewater prosecutors for harsh questioning of her mother, Monica Lewinsky returned to Washington as her lawyer declared the family had been badly treated by investigators.

"I wonder if they have tortured" Marcia Lewis "and Ms. Lewinsky quite enough yet. We'll see what happens next here," Ms. Lewinsky's attorney, William Ginsburg, said Thursday night.

Whitewater prosecutor Kenneth Starr, who is investigating President Clinton's alleged affair with Ms. Lewinsky and a possible cover-up, turned his attention to the Secret Service, where there is resistance to testifying about the marriage they are sworn to protect.

The lawyer for one retired Secret Service uniformed officer said Thursday his client did not see Clinton alone with Ms. Lewinsky. Under subpoena, Lewis Fox appeared at the U.S. Courthouse the day after *The Washington Post* reported he said he saw Clinton alone with Ms. Lewinsky in October, November or December 1995.

## Happy Valentine's Day

### SOUR HEARTS

#### Some think day's overrated

BOSTON (AP) - Put this on one of those candy hearts: "Can't buy love." Or "Romance is cheesy." Or maybe "I'd rather study."

What's with the sour thoughts on Valentine's Day? According to a new survey, college students consider Valentine's Day overly commercialized and even less romantic than any other day.

"Idealistic young people reject the commercialism, the materialism, and they're staking a claim and saying, 'No, I don't want to buy into that,'" said Nancy McLaren, a professor at the Boston University education school, which conducted the research.

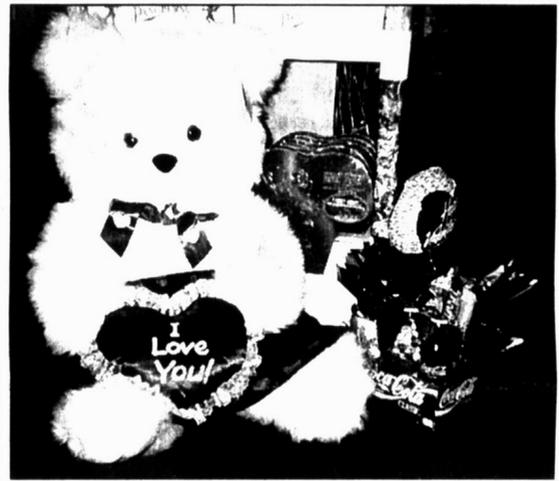
The survey of 250 Boston University students found that nearly half of men and 65 percent of women think students in general now are less romantic than in earlier generations, though most of the respondents described themselves as romantic. The margin of error was not computed.

"This reflects clearly the ambivalence of students at this transitional stage of their lives," McLaren said.

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Sulema Ruiz selects a special Valentine's Day card



Plush teddy bear can capture a heart or two

## VALENTINE'S DAY: Treats, presents can make the day special

By VIRGINIA ARTHO  
Special to The Brand  
Caught with heart in hand and no way to express your Valentine feelings?

Never fear. The Land of Holly Sugar is sweet on romance and local merchants are heart full of creative gift ideas for romantic evenings.

First, a sentimental gift to express your devotion. All ages love these popular items available at most local gift shops: plush teddy bears, Coke bouquets featuring soft drinks and candy, and oversized balloons filled with stuffed toys and treats. Balloon bouquets brighten your sweetheart's workspace, and fanciful boxed chocolates fit any size sweet tooth.

Yiota's offers distinctive his and her gifts with Brighton accessories, along with miniature clocks to remind your beloved who your heart beats for, and a leather heart frame to keep your image near, even when you aren't.

Before you swing your partner onto the dance floor, drop by The Range for red-hot felt hats and crimson-embroidered cowboy boots.

If you plan to pull heartstrings with a serenade, check out Hereford Music & Stereo for ruby red guitars, drum sets and tambourines.

Sweeten the evening with freshly made fudge and gourmet coffees from Wishes. Add a Dreamsicles collectible and a framed poem with gold heart pin.

Peddler's Cove features traditional favorites: jewelry at 25-50 percent off and long-stemmed roses.

Inkahoos promises "anything to get your out of the doghouse," including Precious Moments and Kim Anderson's Pretty as a Picture collectibles or balloon gifts, featuring Mickey and Minnie Mouse or Looney Tunes.

Let your sweetheart choose her

own heart's desire with a gift certificate from Merle Norman Cosmetics. She'll receive a bonus free makeover and "10 percent off" coupon. Set the mood with a CD selection of classic love songs. She'll also love a Seraphim Classics angel collectible or Roses for a Dear Friend stationery gift ideas.

Val's can satisfy your loved one's desires with 30 percent off selected jewelry, "sundae" candy bouquets and 46-inch "hot air" balloons sporting baskets of flowers. Book a nail appointment for her at a \$20 special rate.

Kid's Alley will delight your tiniest sweetheart with Barbie watches, purses, Joe Boxer shorts, red wind suits, Hang Ten tops and shorts, Fruity nail polish and lip gloss, or satin gowns in Valentine hues.

Beall's will fragrance your evening with Oneida crystal bowls filled with potpourri, cologne and

Victorian candle sets. Let her fill a Victorian journal and photo album with your special memories and record them on a matching desk set. Humor him with light-hearted designer boxers and briefs, or romance her with a red satin negligee.

Amplify your gift with spring bulbs in fragrant bloom from McLain's. The traditional red rose reigns supreme at Terry's Floral & Designs. You'll also find pewter-embellished wine decanters and a flirtatious "Do Not Disturb" heart pillow for your door. Flowers West customizes boxed candy with Beanie Babies and silk roses. Plush musical bears twinkle with rosy flashing cheeks.

Barrick Furniture will enhance your memorable evening with a new loveseat and sound system.

Remember Caryn's Hallmark for elegant crystal candle holders and

tapers, crystal stemware adorned with Victorian embellishments for champagne or wine, chocolate roses, and floral sculpted letter openers for that tenderly selected Valentine.

Make one last stop at Warren's Package Store or the 19th Hole for specials on wine or champagne.

Now, you can collect your date for a romantic swim at the Hereford Aquatic Center, followed by ribeye steaks or steak and crab legs at K-Bob's or steak for two at Sirloin Stockade.

Your enchanted evening deserves a grand finale with a movie made for lovers, such as "Titanic" or "The Wedding Singer," featured at Moovies 6.

No heart to call your own? Diller-a-Dollar Bookstop can keep your evening sweet with an endless selection of romance novels to savor while curled up on your new loveseat, munching heart-shaped pizza from Pizza Mill.

## Paul seeks to bar Iraq strike

WASHINGTON (AP) - Contending that U.S. military action against Iraq would be unconstitutional, a Texas congressman has introduced legislation that would prohibit President Clinton from using force in the Persian Gulf without a congressional declaration of war.

"It's an outrage. It's a real insult to the American people for a president or a Congress to be willing to consider sending boys off to be killed without even (following) proper procedures," Rep. Ron Paul, R-Surfside, said Thursday.

Paul, a strict constitutionalist, contends that only Congress has the power to declare war - something it hasn't done since World War II. He scoffed at the Clinton administration position that congressional approval for a renewed Persian Gulf campaign is unnecessary because lawmakers authorized military action against Iraq

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Rep. Ron Paul, R-Texas

in 1991

"They are arguing we have a perpetual declaration of war," he said in an interview. "How long does that last?"

Echoing arguments in the perennial tug-of-war between past administrations and Capitol Hill over war powers, the White House also contends that Clinton, as commander-in-chief, is authorized under the Constitution to initiate

military action.

Senate support for a nonbinding resolution backing a possible attack on Iraq, which seemed assured of passage two weeks ago, is waning.

Increasingly, lawmakers question whether U.S. air strikes would succeed in forcing Iraq to comply with international arms inspections. Others fret that a proposed resolution is drawn too broadly and would give the administration too much leeway

to wage war against Iraq.

Paul's bill is the first that would bar any military action by Clinton. The bill was written quickly and introduced before the Texan had canvassed colleagues for co-sponsors. So far, none has stepped forward.

Paul, regarded as a maverick by House colleagues, acknowledges that chances for the measure's success "are not very good."

"But that doesn't mean it shouldn't be talked about," he said. "We should do things because they are right, not because of the odds of success."

In a House floor speech Thursday afternoon, Paul said the United States lacks the moral standing to go to war with Iraq. Military action is justified only when it is a "war of defense when our national security is threatened," the former Air Force flight surgeon said.

## Hereford FFA, 4-Hers shine in distant shows

Members of the Hereford FFA and 4-H clubs, who are showing animals at distant stock shows, continue to do well by showing and winning with animals raised by local youths.

Chad Christie, a Hereford FFA member, claimed the Grand Champion prize at the Ft. Worth Stock Show, with his European crossbred steer, Mighty Whitey, a different animal than the one shown in Hereford.

How much did Christie collect for 1,266 pound steer? The Ft. Worth sale brought in \$75,000 dollars for his young owner.

Christie told the Ft. Worth Star Telegram that he plans to put the winnings back into more animals, for more years.

Christie wasn't the only local triumphant at Ft. Worth.

Zack Wall, a Hereford High School senior, brought in the Reserve Grand Champion trophy with his black European crossbred steer, Mucho.

This is nothing to sneer about, since Wall's steer brought in a grand amount of \$40,000.

Stock show president W.R. "Bob" Watt Jr. told the Ft. Worth Star Telegram that one FFA has never claimed both grand and reserve champion in the same year, at least not in the last 25-30 years.

With nearly 1,700 steers showing at Ft. Worth, seven other Hereford students placed well enough for their animals to sell: Justin Johnson, Amanda Wall, Ivory Isaacson, Cory Marsh, Colby Marsh, Craig Campbell, Jared Johnson, and Catherine Beville.

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## Local Roundup

### City commission

Members of the Hereford City Commission will consider bids for the sale of land during their meeting, scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m. Monday in the commission chamber at City Hall, 224 N. Lee.

The commissioners also will discuss a resolution authorizing intervention in Southwestern Bell's request for a rate increase, appoint election judges for the May 2 municipal election, and hear a report from the Hereford Economic Development Corp.

### Mostly cloudy

Tonight, mostly cloudy with a low 30 to 35, south wind 10-15 mph.

Saturday, mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers, high 55 to 60, south wind 10-20 mph.

#### 3-DAY FORECAST

Sunday, a slight chance of showers early, otherwise partly cloudy, low 35 to 40, high in the upper 50s.

Monday and Tuesday, mostly cloudy with a chance of rain or snow, lows around 30, highs near 50.

#### THURSDAY RECAP

High, 49; low, 28; 1 inch of snow; 0.26 inches of precipitation.

## NEWS

### in brief

#### Home called 'Grand Central Station' for alien smugglers

WACO (AP) - Alien smugglers who moved hundreds of illegal Mexican aliens used a Waco home as "Grand Central Station" for their operation, U.S. Border Patrol officials say.

Agents arrested two alleged smugglers, including the homeowner, and 18 illegal aliens in a raid at the house early Wednesday.

"It was Grand Central Station. People were in and out of that place all the time," said Paty Mancha, public affairs specialist for the Border Patrol's office in Del Rio, Texas. "Their operation has been under surveillance for six months. They were working out of that house."

Officers do not know how long the house had been used by alien smugglers.

Gerardo Martinez-Lopez, 41, allegedly used his home as a safe house for illegal aliens who paid \$700 each to be smuggled into the United States from Mexico, officials said. His alleged transporter, Alfonso Moreno-Martinez, 32, reportedly traveled to the interior of Mexico every eight days to recruit a group of 18 to 20 people seeking a route across the border through Del Rio.

#### Defendant to be extradited to Florida in slaying case

SAN ANTONIO (AP) - A defendant in the slaying of a mother of quadruplets has told police in Florida that he hired his cousin to commit the deed for \$14,000, according to a Florida warrant.

Sammy Gonzales, 27, appeared in a state district court in San Antonio Thursday and formally agreed to go to Sarasota, Fla., to face a murder conspiracy charge in the slaying of Sheila Bellush.

Ms. Bellush was found dead in her Sarasota, Fla., home Nov. 7. The former San Antonio woman's throat was cut and she had been shot in the head. Mrs. Bellush's 2-year-old quadruplets were found crawling in her blood.

Gonzales' cousin, Jose Luis Del Toro, 21, who fled to Mexico, has been charged with murder in Florida in Mrs. Bellush's death.

Gonzales and another man, Daniel Alex Rocha, 28, were accused in Texas of hiring Del Toro to kill the woman. They were charged in Florida with murder conspiracy.

#### Governor greets new parents with reminder to immunize

HOUSTON (AP) - New parents in Texas are getting a special gift from Gov. George W. Bush and his wife: A reminder to get their babies immunized against diseases.

Texas joined 32 other, smaller states Thursday in a program sponsored by Kansas City, Mo.-based Hallmark Cards Inc. to encourage immunizations.

A Hallmark greeting card signed by the governor and given to parents includes a check list for vaccinations children need by age 2. It also reminds parents to read to their kids.

"This simple card sends a powerful message that in Texas our children's health and education go hand-in-hand and are important," Bush said.

About 74 percent of Texas children are fully immunized against diseases like hepatitis, diphtheria, polio and measles. That's up from 40 percent in 1993.

#### Hazardous waste is burning issue at state hearings

DUNCANVILLE (AP) - The cement industry is watching carefully as state regulators launch hearings on whether Texas Industries Inc. can burn hazardous waste safely to fire the kilns of its Midlothian plant, southwest of Dallas.

Harold Green, a spokesman for Dallas-based TXI, disputes that notion, saying that burning hazardous waste at cement plants is a better idea for the environment than alternatives.

"Those materials we're burning are classified as flammable. Because of their flammability, they have to be destroyed. We think it makes more sense to use it as a fuel, rather than destroy natural resources," he said.

While the TXI plant, located 23 miles southwest of Dallas, is the only one in Texas that burns hazardous waste, 20 cement plants nationwide do so under interim Environmental Protection Agency permits granted to several years ago.

### Military facilities soon to accept Medicare payments

WASHINGTON (AP) - Military retirees seeking services at military health care facilities can use Medicare at selected sites, the government said.

Texas military hospitals included in the plan are Brooke Army Medical Center and Wilford Hall Medical Center in San Antonio, and the Sheppard Air Force Base hospital at Wichita Falls.

Military hospitals do not always have enough funding to serve everyone who is eligible for care. Under a demonstration program, retirees who are also eligible for Medicare will be allowed to direct their Medicare payments to the military.

Normal rules bar Medicare from paying other government agencies for services.

Under this program, military hospitals may contract with Medicare managed care plans to provide care.

The military will receive a lump sum payment for each retiree who signs up.

The program was approved by Congress last year as part of the balanced budget act.

A similar plan for veterans who are served by Veterans Administration hospitals but also qualify for Medicare is being discussed now in the House.

Other demonstration sites for the military hospital plan announced Thursday are:

- Kessler Air Force Base, Biloxi, Miss.

- Fort Sill, Lawton, Okla.

- Fort Carson and the Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo.

- Madigan Army Medical Center, Fort Lewis, Wash.

- Naval Medical Center, San Diego, Calif.

- Dover Air Force Base, Dover, Del.

# Pilots party prior to merger protest

HOUSTON (AP) - First it was cake, balloons and streamers at Bush Intercontinental Airport's Gate 46 as Continental Airlines executives handed out \$105 million in profit-sharing checks.

Two hours later Thursday, 100 Continental pilots lined up at the same gate to protest the carrier's planned alliance with Northwest Airlines, which gives the Minneapolis-based carrier a 15 percent stake in Continental, the nation's fifth-largest

carrier. The profit-sharing checks to employees averages from \$3,000 to \$4,000.

One pilot among the exuberant employees being handed a check, which represents 7 percent of employees' pay last year, was pilot Dennis Turnbough, 51, of Houston. He said he's confident the company will meet the pilots demands.

"A year ago, they couldn't have imagined anything as good as what already's been offered," Turnbough

said.

The Independent Association of Continental Pilots is not so sure. The union says the Northwest-Continental alliance is nothing more than a precursor to a merger, making the union even more leery of why job security provisions haven't been

ironed out in seven months of talks toward a new contract. The pilots' contract with Houston-based Continental expired July 1.

"Today, we are still without that

contract and because of the so-called alliance agreement our management signed with Northwest Airlines our future is more cloudy than ever," said Len Nikolai, the pilots union president.

Nikolai's group is worried that without a job security provision, any takeover of Continental would mean the pilots either would lose their seniority against the successor's pilots or be the first to be laid off.

Continental has insisted no merger is in the works.

"Continental and Northwest will remain independent companies and the agreements that are signed between the two make that very clear," said Karla Taylor Villalon, a Continental spokeswoman. "... Part of the rationale for an alliance versus a merger includes labor considerations."

Nikolai says strike ballots are in the mail to its 5,000 members although several hurdles need to be crossed before any strike could occur. The National Mediation Board, now overseeing the Continental negotiations, would have to release the pilots union from talks.

"In order to protect ourselves, we are now intensifying preparation for a strike against Continental and Continental Express as soon as the National Mediation Board decides an impasse has been reached and releases us," Nikolai said.

That's unlikely considering the two sides have been without a contract for seven months, not unheard of in the airline industry.

Continental President Greg Brenneman, one of several executives handing out the profit-sharing checks, said he remains confident over the future of the talks but was tight-lipped about progress.

"Our pilots, the IACP and our negotiators are with the National Mediation Board today in Washington trying to work on getting a contract. We'd like to have a contract as well," he said. "We're not going to negotiate a pilot contract in the press."



### Jr. High Cheerleaders

The Jr. High cheerleaders for the 1997-1998 school year were Amy Crox, top, Shari High and Monica Brown, second row, Abigail Caperton, Dana Brooks, Monica Grajeda, third row, and Lisa Dominguez and Rebecca Artho front row.

# Men's brains get smaller with age

DETROIT (AP) - The hearing goes, the eyesight goes, memory goes. So does the brain itself - and a new study shows that it leaves faster for men than it does for women.

How that affects how men or women think has yet to be determined, as tests show men and women perform similarly despite the difference in brain sizes.

Human brains reach their full size in adolescence and begin shrinking after age 20, but age-related shrinking is far more pronounced for men than women, according to a new study published in this month's Archives of Neurology.

As the brain shrinks, the amount of cerebrospinal fluid - a cushioning fluid between the brain and skull - increases. Between the ages of 65 and 95, men had a 30 percent increase in

fluid; women, only one percent, the study found.

Much has yet to be learned, said Dr. C. Edward Coffey, a neuropsychiatrist at Henry Ford Behavioral Services who has been leading the study on brain aging for five years.

There is no evidence that brain size alone determines a person's ability to function, he said. Doctors aren't even sure exactly why the brain shrinks. Shrink it does as cells die, at about 10 percent per decade, he found.

In the study, Coffey used magnetic resonance imaging technology to measure the brain size of 330 healthy men and women. Excluded were people who had suffered strokes or any other form of damage to the brain.

Researchers noticed many different rates of shrinkage once people reached their 60s, he said.

"Someone who's 65 might show a little, some might show a lot," Coffey said Wednesday. "It's a lot like you see older folks behaving. You'll see someone who's sharp as a tack, another who can't find their car keys."

Other studies have shown men experience greater changes in the brain as they age than women do.

The equivalent testing results between men and women, despite the difference in brain size, suggest that men may have some means of compensating for the age-related brain shrinkage, Coffey said.

The brain shrinkage and fluid increase were mostly seen in the frontal and temporal lobes, which control thinking, planning and memory.

Coffey says his next step is to relate the skills and abilities of the aged with what's going on inside their brains.

He has found that women are better at holding on to verbal memories, while men are better at non-verbal skills, like map-reading or putting a puzzle together.

"We're trying to uncover what it is about the different sexes that relate to these different brain changes, and having discovered that, is there anything we can do to change that process?" Coffey said.

Coffey said that wear and tear is one likely cause, as is the build-up of toxins in the brain. Also, cells could be programmed to die at a certain point.

"The brain shrinks because of the

loss of gray matter cells, which begin to die, but what causes that death isn't known," Coffey said.

Coffey said people who have one or more alcoholic drinks per day will accelerate shrinkage. Smoking and high cholesterol also hurry it along.

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**Emergency services**

Activities reported by emergency services personnel for Feb. 12, 1998 include the following:

#### Police Department Arrests

--Several juveniles were caught shoplifting at a store on West Park Avenue.

--An 18-year-old man was caught trying to steal a pit bull puppy from a residence in the 200 block of Avenue B.

--A 14-year-old boy was taken into custody at the Hereford High School for being in possession of marijuana.

--Incendy with a child was reported.

--A 16-year-old boy was reported as a runaway.

--A harassment was reported.

#### Accidents

--A two car accident was reported at the intersection of Avenue C and East park Avenue.

--A two car accident was reported at the intersection of South Main and Austin Road.

#### Sheriff's Department Arrests

--An 18-year-old man was arrested for violation of probation.

#### Fire Department

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--4:11 p.m. Rescue team responded to Avenue C and Park for a wreck. No injuries.

--5:59 a.m. Rescue team responded to Austin and South Main for a wreck. No injuries.

--9:41 p.m. Fire fighters responded to a malicious false alarm.

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--7:38 a.m. Rescue team responded to Star and 15 for a wreck. No injuries.

## THE HEREFORD BRAND Obituaries

### BETSY LARUE BLACKWELL

Feb. 11, 1998

Memorial services for Betsy Larue Blackwell, 71, of Amarillo will be 11 a.m. Saturday at Avenue Baptist Church in Hereford with Rev. Bill Austin, interim pastor, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home.

Mrs. Blackwell was born in Lubbock and lived in Hereford for 25 years prior to moving to Amarillo. She had worked in home care for the elderly.

She is survived by two daughters, Linda Gilliam of Dawn and Beverly Bone of Hereford; one son, Michael Walker of Lubbock; her mother, Elizabeth Nix of Hereford; three brothers John Hix of Asher, Okla., David Hix and Jerry Hix of Hereford; four grandchildren and one great grandchild.

She was preceded in death by one brother Donald Hix.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials to Baptist St. Anthony's Hospice, P.O. Box 950, Amarillo, TX 79176-0001 or a favorite charity.

### HESTER THOMPSON

Feb. 12, 1998

Funeral services for Hester

Thompson, 84, of Hereford will be 2 p.m. Saturday in the Parkside Chapel with Rev. Harlan Resch and Rev. G.A. Van Hoose officiating. Interment will be in the West Park Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Parkside Funeral Chapel.

Mrs. Thompson died Thursday at the Hereford Care Center. She was born May 18, 1913, in Conowa, Okla., to Frank and Zelle Shirley. She married Jasper "Les" Thompson on Nov. 11, 1931, in Portales and was married for 66 years. They moved to Hereford in 1935. She was a homemaker and a member of the First Assembly of God Church.

Survivors include her husband "Les" Thompson of Hereford; one son, Leslie Thompson, Jr. of Denison; one daughter, Shirley Neighbors of Whitesboro; one sister, Rhoda Stevens of San Jose, Calif.; one brother Ralph Shirley of Friona, 10 grandchildren, 32 great grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by two sons Jackie Thompson and Bob Davis.

The family requests memorials to First Assembly of God Church or Cal Farley's Boys Ranch.

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**LOTTO**  
AUSTIN (AP) - The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Thursday by the Texas Lottery: 13-19-20-23-30  
AUSTIN (AP) - The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday by the Texas Lottery, in order: 5-5-5

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### Nobel laureate loses job that brought her prize

WASHINGTON (AP) - In the four months since she won the Nobel Peace Prize for campaigning to ban land mines, Jody Williams has had anything but peace in her professional life.

She says she is still the coordinator of the International Campaign to Ban Landmines - the job that won her the honor and a \$500,000 check. Her former employer says that as of Dec. 31 she stopped being on the payroll of the foundation that staffs, finances and houses the campaign.

What both sides agreed on Thursday is that Williams' role will be determined at a meeting of the campaign's steering committee in Germany next week.

Another detail that will be sorted out: Who gets the other half of the \$1 million prize?

The Nobel Peace Prize committee awarded \$500,000 to the 1,000-member International Campaign to Ban Landmines.

# Lifestyles

## Grandparents in role of parents is subject of Bippus program

Mariellen Homfeld presented the program titled "Surprise-A Change in Life" during the recent meeting of the Bippus Family Community Education Club.

Homfeld's program centered on the increasing demand for grandparents to fill the role as parents. She stressed that it is important for grandparents to take care of themselves as well as the children.

Alta Mae Higgins, president, presided at the meeting in the home of Sue Thweatt. Kate Bradley led the opening FCE prayer. Homfeld read "The Politician" as the opening exercise.

Visitors recognized were Evalene Priddy and Mary Dorris of Clovis, N.M., Sammie Nations and Mattie Lewis.

Members answered roll call with "The biggest problem I see with children today."

Volunteer hours were reported. Members were reminded of the Appreciation Luncheon at noon Feb. 21 in the community center. They were also reminded to participate in the Cultural Arts and Crafts Show on March 16 at 1 p.m. in the community center.

A memorial from the Bippus Club will be made to the Deaf Smith County Historical Society in memory of Christine Larson, Robert Hagan, Sybilla Koetting and Marietta Britten.

A memorial in memory of Cathy Brock was sent to the Opportunity Plan, Gene Brock Scholarship Fund at West Texas A&M University.

For recreation, members enjoyed E-mail letters from Beverly McCoy of Nigeria, Africa, telling of the living conditions and new experiences she has had.

Members present were Thweatt, Homfeld, Higgins and Bradley.

## Ann Landers

Dear Ann Landers: I thought your readers might like to learn about the origins of Valentine's Day. According to material from my church, the real Valentine was a young Christian priest who lived in Rome in the third century A.D. He was martyred because of his faith, and a feast day was kept on the anniversary of his death. The date was Feb. 14.

The legend of St. Valentine says that while imprisoned in Rome, the young priest often thought of his loved ones and wanted to assure them of his well-being. Just beyond his cell window grew a cluster of violets. He picked some of the heart-shaped leaves, and on them, he scratched the words, "Remember your Valentine," and sent them off by a friendly dove. The next day, he sent more messages saying simply, "I love you."

Of course, that's the legend. The custom of sending valentines to our loved ones actually arose much later. The feast of St. Valentine, which ushers in the early spring, eventually became identified with the expression of love. -- A Romantic in Providence, R.I.

send valentines, especially the schoolchildren. Bless you.

Dear Ann Landers: Please print this on Valentine's Day. It's not one of those "how we met" stories that some of your readers can't stand. It's a love story.

"Jerry" was barely 19. I was 18. Times were tough. Jerry decided to enlist in the Navy. The night before he was to leave, he took me to a hot dog stand for "dinner" and said he had a special dessert. He had bought a cupcake at the bakery and had it wrapped in tin foil. "Be careful when you bite into it," he warned, "there's something important inside."

I bit carefully, and my tooth hit something that felt like metal. It was a ring that he had bought in the dime store. The stone was ridiculously large -- glass, of course. I joked, "It looks like the Hope Diamond." "It is," he answered, "and I hope you will marry me." I said, "I consider us engaged."

Jerry was in the service for four years. We wrote to each other almost every day. Some weeks, I didn't hear a thing, and then one day, I would receive eight letters all at once. When he returned home, he went to work for his uncle and later inherited the profitable business.

We have been married for 55 years and have six living children (lost one), 15 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. On our 25th wedding anniversary, Jerry replaced the "Hope Diamond" with a 10-carat real one. -- Mary in Manhattan

Dear Mary: Beautiful -- and perfect for Valentine's Day. Thank you.

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## Reunion set in May

The Mid Plains Reunion Association held a meeting recently to discuss plans for the reunion to be held May 23.

The association voted to change its name from Mid Plains Pioneer Association in hopes this would get more people involved -- young, middle-aged and senior citizens.

Benny Womble and Grace Covington were appointed to serve on the nominating committee for 1999. Alta Mae Higgins was

appointed as reporter for 1998. The high school class of 1942-43 will be special guest at this year's reunion.

The next planning meeting of the Mid Plains Reunion Association will be at 1:30 p.m. May 4 in the Heritage Room of the Deaf Smith County Library. Anyone interested in helping with the reunion is welcome to attend.

Those present were Bill Bradley, Benny Womble, Joan Womble, Kate Bradley, Grace Covington and Alta Mae Higgins.

## Toujour Amis tasting tea lets members try recipes

The Toujour Amis Study Club met recently in the parlor of the First Baptist Church for a "Tasting Tea."

Hostesses Sandy Josseland, Sally Nolen, Kim Bigham and Tammy Yenzen presented each member with a recipe book containing recipes submitted by the membership. Those attending the tasting tea brought the dish coinciding with their recipe so it could be "tasted" as well as read about in the book.

Some of the recipes were Chicken Asparagus Ole, Coconut-Caramel Pie, Shrimp Dip and Millionaires.

The collection will be submitted

to the Deaf Smith County Historical Society's cookbook in celebration of Hereford's centennial.

Members in attendance were Chrystal Anuszkiewicz, Cindy Black, Melinda Bridge, Trish Brown, Tami Charest, Lisa Formby, Diana Griffin, Jill Harrison, Julie Hatley, Heather Hicks, Tonja Horrell, Elaine McNutt, Kim Porter, Jan Reeve, Becky Reinart, Jill Savoini, Donna West, Marsha Winget and Heather Wilson.

The next meeting will be Feb. 24 at the Hereford Country Club. Members will have their "Bunko" scholarship fund-raiser.

Dear Romantic: Thank you for that lovely story. Your timing couldn't have been better. Several years ago, a reader asked me how sending messages of love became associated with Valentine's Day. I checked with Sally Hopkins, then director of Hallmark's Historical Collection in Kansas City, Mo., who told me that Valentine's Day first appeared in England about the time of Queen Victoria. The first Valentine's Day cards were called "Penny Dreadfuls" and "Rude and Crudes" because they were insulting and obscene. As time passed, the mood changed completely, and the holiday became one of giving gifts, flowers, candy and cards to loved ones and sweethearts.

Happy Valentine's Day to our veterans in VA hospitals around the country to whom we owe so much. And a special thanks to all my readers who took the time to visit the vets and

## Menus

### HEREFORD I.S.D.

#### Breakfast

MONDAY-No School.  
TUESDAY-Breakfast burrito; or cereal, buttered toast, orange smiles, milk choice.

WEDNESDAY-Scrambled eggs, cherry muffin square; or cereal, buttered toast, diced pears, milk choice.

THURSDAY-Sausage pattie, biscuit and jelly; or cereal, buttered toast, orange pineapple juice, milk choice.

FRIDAY-Blueberry elfin bread loaf, ham slice; or cereal, buttered toast, banana, milk choice.

#### Lunch

MONDAY-No School.  
TUESDAY-Toasted ham and cheese sandwich, vegetable soup, alphabet fries with catsup, cherry crisp, milk choice.  
WEDNESDAY-Turkey and dressing supreme with gravy, candied

yams, green peas, cranberry sauce, whole wheat rolls, cherry frozen fruit cup, milk choice.

THURSDAY-Soft tacos with picante sauce, lettuce with tomatoes, Spanish rice, seasoned pinto beans, pineapple T.B., cinnamon roll, milk choice.

FRIDAY-Chili dog with mustard, oven fries with catsup, baked beans, fruit cup, milk choice.

### ST. ANTHONY'S SCHOOL

MONDAY-No School.  
TUESDAY-Barbecue franks, pork and beans, corn, homemade bread, apricots, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Tacos, pinto beans, tossed salad, peanut butter bar, milk.

THURSDAY-Canadian bacon pizza, French fries, coleslaw, fruity Jello, milk.

FRIDAY-Sloppy joes, tator tots, vegetarian beans, apple crisp, milk.

## Breast cancer support group plans meeting

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

The "Women in Touch" support group will meet from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 16 in the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center Amphitheatre, 1500 Wallace Boulevard, to celebrate its second anniversary.

The program in February will feature Ed Miller, RHD, an assistant professor of pharmaceutical scientist. Dr. Miller will present "Breast Cancer Research in the 21st Century."

For information call Kathryn Hughes at 806-359-4673, ext. 283 or 1-800-274-4673.

## Hospital Notes

Report from Hereford Regional Medical Center for Feb. 13:  
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# Church News

**ST. THOMAS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
"Blessings and Curses" is the title of the sermon by The Rev. Charles A. Wilson on The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany. It is based on Jeremiah 17:5-10 and Luke 6:1-17-26 from the scripture readings for the day. The Holy Eucharist, Rite II, is celebrated at 11 a.m. There is a coffee hour after the service and supervised nursery care is provided during the worship and education hours.

Christian Education for all ages is at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday. Children and youth meet in the Education Wing for "Living the Good News," our curriculum based on the readings in the Sunday Eucharist. Adults meet in the Ruth Warner Room for the fifth session in a five-part series called "Faith Development and Evangelism."

The regular Wednesday Public Service of Healing is at 7 p.m. and includes the Litany of Healing, the Laying-on-of-Hands with Anointing, and Holy Communion. The proper collect and readings are those for Martin Luther, Reformer, 1546.

The Women of St. Thomas' will gather for a brunch at the home of Jerre Clark on Saturday, Feb. 21 at 11 a.m. For more information, please call 364-0943.

Intercessory prayer requests from the community are most welcome. To have them included in the Prayers of the People at all services, please call 364-0146 and leave a message.

Heavenly Treasures Day Care meets at St. Thomas' on Thursdays and Fridays. For information on enrollment, please call Sylvia Martinez at 363-6468.

In case of emergency, or to make appointments for personal conferences, please call Father Wilson in Amarillo at 353-1734.

## FELLOWSHIP OF BELIEVERS

The pastor's sermon is in a theological crockpot at the time of this writing and will be ready for consumption at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday. The lectionary gospel for this Sixth Sunday after Epiphany is Luke 6:17-26. This is Luke's version of the Sermon on the Mount.

Pastor Nathan L. Stone, Ph.D., works alongside over an hundred ministers who are the members of the fellowship. Toni Jones serves as secretary to the church and Carolyn Baxter serves as administrator. FOB is adamant about being the people's church. The idea of any hierarchy or a pastor seeking to be authoritarian is anathema to the congregation.

This interdenominational, independent, ecumenical and inclusive group meets for morning food and coffee at 9:15 on Sundays. Following this kaffeeklatsch the church gathers for a dialogical Sunday School event called "Forum." "Forgiveness" may be the topic for discussion and dialogue this Sunday. At 10:30 some enjoy gathering around Cindy Cassel's piano playing to sing under the direction of Bettye Owen. The pastor's sermon will be served-up during morning worship which concludes no later than 11:30. FOBers enjoy being among the first in line to enjoy Sunday lunch.

A supervised nursery is available for all services.

FOB is located at 245 North Kingwood (at Moreman). For transportation to the services phone 364-0359.

The Fellowship of Believers is not so much interested in garnering new members as it is in finding kindred spirits.

## FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH

You are cordially invited to join us for our Sunday morning service to experience worship that heals, preaching that inspires, and ministry that uplifts and delivers. Our Sunday morning service begins at 10:45 and has a simultaneous Children's Church service for kids in grades kindergarten through fifth grade. Our Sunday School classes, for all ages, begin at 9:45 a.m. We also have Sunday evening services that begin at 6. A nursery is provided for all services.

Ladies, come join us for our Tuesday morning "Burning Bush" Women's Bible Study at 9. You will be blessed. Your kids will love our Missionettes and Royal Rangers programs (scouting programs for girls and boys). They meet each Tuesday evening from 7-8:15. They have camp-outs, sleep-overs, earn badges, do crafts, and much more, yet are distinctly Christ-centered.

On Wednesday night is our dynamic Prayer and Bible service characterized by praise and worship, followed by in-depth teaching from the Word of God. Since all Christians are to represent Christ daily, a mid-week service is beneficial to "recharge" for the remainder of the week. The service starts at 7 p.m.

While the adults enjoy the Wednesday night service in the sanctuary, the youth gather in the Fellowship Hall for their own Youth Service at 7 p.m. There they will study the Word, praise, have sports and refreshments.

## GOOD NEWS CHURCH

400 N. 25 Mile Ave. Sugarland Mall  
Pastor David Alvarado and the Good News congregation invite you to come and worship the Lord Jesus Christ with us in the spirit of love.

Come and experience the goodness of God and His power.

Sunday services are at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday services are at 7 p.m. There is also a Tuesday worship service at 10 a.m.

If you have any questions or you need prayer, please call Pastor David Alvarado at 364-5239. God bless you.

## NEW HOPE CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

13th and Avenue H  
Pastor Eida Olivarez and congregation invite you to worship with them.

Sunday School is at 9:30 a.m. and morning worship is at 10:30. Evening worship is at 6 on Sunday and 7 on Wednesday.

The youth meet Friday at 7 p.m. There are monthly meetings for men and women.

New Hope Church of the Nazarene was founded by Pastor Olivarez in June 1992, right in the center of the barrio. We are reaching out to single mothers, teenagers, the elderly and lots of children.

We would like to thank all who were involved in our Vision of "expanding out to reach out." Our new addition will include four Sunday school rooms, a cry room, fellowship hall and restrooms.

We are still praying and raising funds to complete our Vision.

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

This Sunday in our 10:30 a.m. worship time, the Rev. Mary Rogers-Ellsworth will preach on Luke 10:25-37. The title of her sermon is "Do Love."

Rev. Ellsworth is the Associate Pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Amarillo.

You are more than welcome to join us for Bible study in one of our Sunday morning classes at 9:15. We have a nondenominational class for people with special needs. We also have classes for young married and singles, other adults, youth, elementary age, preschool and a nursery.

At 10:10 a.m., we gather each Sunday for a cup of coffee, a goodie and great fellowship. Come and meet a friend this Sunday.

The First Presbyterian Prayer Group gathers for the lifting of joys and concerns to God at 6 p.m. on Mondays.

Adult Bible Study topic Chosen by God will meet at 7 p.m. Monday.

Little Blessings Day Care is open from 7:45 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday. Space is limited. Call 364-2472 for reservations.

Adult Choir will practice on Wednesday at 7 p.m.

LOGOS meet at 5 p.m. Wednesday. For more information, call the church office between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. at 364-2471.

## ST. ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Catholics and welcome guests celebrate the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time this weekend at liturgies at 6 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday. Hear from God's Word Jeremiah 17:5-8, 1 Corinthians 15:12-20 and Luke 6:17, 20-26.

Junior high students plan to go bowling Sunday from 2-4 p.m. at the mall. Bring money and guests and even parents, if you want. If 30 or more show up, we'll get FREE shoe rental.

A Pampered Chef kitchen show to benefit St. Anthony's School statue fund will be held at 7 p.m. Feb. 23 in the Antonian Room. If you are interested, RSVP to Elvira Enriquez at 364-8674.

St. Anthony's School PTO Annual Auction will be Sunday, March 6 at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Any donations will be greatly appreciated. Contact Dennis Schilling at 364-5432.

The altar servers appreciate all who have contributed cans to help turn trash into profit. Please continue to place only aluminum cans in the designated barrels.

## CENTRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Come worship with us each and every Sunday at 10:25 a.m. and 6 p.m. Bible Classes are held Sunday at 9:30 a.m. and Wednesday at 7 p.m. for all ages.

We are located at the corner of Sunset and Plains.

We would love to have you come and study God's word with us. Our minister is Tom Bailey.

## CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY

Christian Assembly is a non-denominational church located on South Main. Sunday morning services begin at 10:30 and Sunday evening services begin at 6. Wednesday evening Prayer Meetings begin at 7 and focus on a "From Home to Home" format. For further information, please call 364-0974 or 364-2284.

## TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH

The congregation and the pastor, H. Wyatt Bartlett, of Temple Baptist Church, 700 Avenue K, invite everyone to come worship with them Sunday and the coming week.

Our Sunday School begins at 9:45 a.m. for all ages. The morning worship hour is at 11 with the pastor bringing the message.

Due to the Brotherhood Valentine banquet Friday evening at 6:30 at K-Bob's there will be no Brotherhood Breakfast Sunday morning.

Sunday evening at 5:45 John Curtis will continue the study of "Serving God." Also at 5:45 p.m. Beverly Curtis will meet with TeamKIDS, for children first through sixth grades. The pastor will again bring the message for the evening worship hour at 7.

The Panhandle Pastor's and Laymen's Conference meet in Plainview at Wayland University on Monday and Tuesday.

Wednesday, in addition to our weekly prayer meeting, Marlene Streun will bring the Home Mission Study for the Annie Armstrong Easter Week of Prayer. This will be at 7 p.m. Choir practice is at 7:45 p.m. Wednesday.

Feb. 22 at 11 a.m. Jimmie and Judy Auten, Mission Service Corp volunteers working as co-directors of church services for the Erath Baptist Association, will bring a message about missions that we feel sure you will enjoy.

## WESTWAY BAPTIST CHURCH

The congregation and Pastor Leon Armstrong Jr. invite you to come and worship with us. There is something for all ages, nursery through adult.

Sunday School begins at 9:45 a.m. Worship follows at 11 a.m. Sunday evening service is at 6 and mid-week service is at 7 p.m. Wednesday.

Saturday, Feb. 21 at 9 a.m. the Westway Baptist Women will join together at the Westway Country Kitchen for breakfast fellowship and a short devotional. We will adjourn at 10 a.m. to the church to do kitchen clean up and planning. This will be a morning spent in fun, fellowship and service. You can leave when you need to but come and enjoy good food, good fellowship and service to our God.

We encourage you to worship with us each and every Sunday.

## FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Morning worship, set to begin at 10:45 on Sunday, will include the sermon by Dr. Tom Fuller. Also, the Sanctuary Choir will present the anthem, "Cross of Jesus, Cross of Sorrow." The offertory will be a duet, "Moment by Moment," played by Evelyn Hacker, organist, and Nancy Denison, pianist.

Church school classes begin each Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

Surveys to determine interest in Lenten studies were distributed on Sunday by the Education committee. These surveys should be returned not later than Feb. 15. Additional copies may be picked up in the church office.

Circles of United Methodist Women will meet on Wednesday as follows: Nettie Slaton Circle at 9:30 a.m. in the home of Zula Arney with Bettie Dickson as co-hostess and Lou Davis as the program leader; Carrie Black/Naomi Hare Circle in the library at 10 a.m. with the program topic, "Circles of Listening" to be led by Eleanor Hudspeth.

The Worship Committee will meet in the library on Thursday at 6:30 p.m.

An organizational meeting for a new United Methodist Women circle will be held at 3 p.m. Feb. 22 in Fellowship hall with present members of the local unit as hostesses. The new members will determine regular times of meeting and the program format for their work. Refreshments will be served and a nursery will be provided, if requested. Any woman who is not yet a member is cordially invited to attend this orientation session.

The officers of the local United Methodist Women will leave the west parking lot at 7:45 a.m. on Feb. 21 to attend a Local Officers Training event to be held at St. Paul United Methodist Church in Amarillo. Lunch will be served at the church for \$4.

## DAWN BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastor Charles Ellingburg and congregation invite you to worship with them.

Sunday School is at 10 a.m. and morning worship is at 11. Nursery is provided for all services.

Team Kids meet each Sunday evening at 5:30 p.m. at the Dawn Community Center. Evening worship services are at 6. Pastor Ellingburg is speaking on the Ten Commandments.

For more information or prayer needs, contact Pastor Ellingburg at 258-7330.

Please join us this Sunday and every Sunday and worship with the Dawn Baptist Church.

## HEREFORD CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

The First Nazarene Church congregation cordially welcomes you to our Sunday School classes beginning at 9:30 a.m. and our Sunday Morning Worship Service beginning at 10:30 a.m. This is Family Service Sunday and as a special treat, our Heavenbound Choir will sing and we will welcome new members to our congregation.

Pastor Ted Taylor will speak on "The Holy Zone of Revival." You are invited to join us in our revival with guest speaker Elaine Pettit beginning at 7 p.m. Wednesday and continuing until Sunday night, Feb. 22. All services will begin at 7 p.m. except for Friday, Feb. 20 at 8 p.m. We would be honored to have you come hear this powerful woman of God who clearly preaches the Bible and applies it to our lives.

Children, Kid Venture will meet in the sanctuary Wednesday night with our families to be blessed by the preaching of the revival guest speaker.

Sunday night Care Groups for teens will meet Sunday and all teens are urged to come with their families for wonderful revival time Wednesday through Sunday nights.

Please join Susie Merrick for a Ladies Bible Study each Tuesday morning from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in the Nazarene sanctuary.

Join us at the Nazarene Kid's Korner Day Care on Wednesdays and Fridays for kid's day out. All children are welcome to come join in the fun, games and outings we enjoy. Call Leslie Easley at 364-8161 for more information.

## SUMMERFIELD BAPTIST CHURCH

6 miles west on Hwy. 60  
Everyone is welcome to Summerfield Baptist Church. Pastor Ellis Parson and congregation invite all to join them.

Come and have coffee with us at 9:45 a.m. Sunday. Sunday School is at 10 a.m. and morning worship is at 11.

Bible study is held at 6 p.m. on Sunday and 7 p.m. on Wednesday. If you need a ride to any of the services, call 357-2565 or 364-5657.

## IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Immanuel Lutheran congregation comprised of all age levels located at 100 Avenue B across from Dameron Park welcomes you to our congregational ministries and activities.

Sunday School activities this Sunday begin at 9:15 a.m. with children's classes to distribute Valentine which children made for the people at Westgate Nursing Home. The youth are assisting with this ministry.

Two adult Bible classes are held at 9:15 a.m.; one class on "The Meaning of the Old Testament Passover", the other class titled, "God For Us," is a membership class which reviews teachings of the Bible as taught by the Lutheran Church.

Worship celebration begins at 10:30 a.m. based on the beatitudes of the gospel lesson, Luke 6:17-26, "The Difference Between 'Blessings' and 'Woes.'" The other appointed Bible readings for the sixth Sunday after the Epiphany are Jeremiah 17:5-8 and 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20. Special hymns also relate to God's Love and our love to one another on this Valentine's weekend.

Family fellowship is included before and after the service.

On Wednesdays youth confirmation, office appointments and visitations are on the schedule after 2 p.m. A congregational voters assembly will be held at 7:30 p.m. Agenda items include the call document for a full-time pastor through the Texas District of the Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod.

Plans are under way for the Wednesday Lenten services beginning Ash Wednesday, Feb. 25 with Soup/Sandwich Supper at 6:30 p.m. and Lenten worship at 7:30 p.m. The theme this year is "When God's Love Breaks Through." Services will include special music and children's message.

Information can be obtained as to the attendance for an Amarillo Rattlers hockey game and an area wide Lutheran Bowling Tournament in Amarillo on the last Sunday in February.

Please call 364-1668 for further information. Rev. Robert Kuhlmann of Amarillo serves as interim pastor.

## FRIO BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastor Larry Perkins and the congregation of the Frio Baptist Church invite you to join them for Sunday and Wednesday services.

Sunday School begins at 9:45 a.m. and is followed by worship at 10:45 a.m. Evening services begin with Discipleship Training at 5 which is followed by evening worship at 6.

We would also like to invite any youth to join us and our interim youth minister Brett Baldwin.

Wednesday prayer services begin at 7 p.m.

## NEW BEGINNINGS ASSEMBLY OF GOD BILINGUAL CHURCH

The congregation of New Beginnings along with Pastors Rafael and Linda Rosado would cordially like to invite you to join us this Sunday morning at 9:45 for an incredible study in prophecy. There are classes for all ages, so bring your kids.

Sunday evening praise and worship is at 6.

Wednesday night Bible study is on the book of Genesis at 7.

Youth night service is at 7 p.m. Friday.

The ladies meet for prayer and Bible study on Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. If you need prayer call 363-9007 or 364-0210.

God bless you. See you in church. We are located at the corner of Bradley and Ironwood, across from West Park Cemetery.

## FIRST UNITED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

Pastor Warren McKibben is pleased to announce the opening of an Acts 2:38 Bible believing church. We welcome all for a truly down to earth praise and worship experience with our Lord.

If you are seeking answers, come and let's worship together in the name of Jesus. If you are looking for a blessing and still believe in miracles, then this is the place to come. We are one big happy family of God.

We invite all to attend our services at 2 p.m. Sunday. For further information, call 1-800-454-6051.

## CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

We at Calvary Baptist Church extend a hearty welcome for you to attend our Sunday school and church services.

When you come, we believe you will especially enjoy the wholesome Christian fellowship and spiritual service. There will be a Sunday school class for every member of your family.

Sunday school is at 9:45 a.m. and worship is at 11 a.m.

Ray Sanders is the pastor.

## COMMUNITY CHURCH

Pastor Dorman Duggan and congregation invite you to come and worship and praise with them Sunday morning.

Sunday school for all ages begins at 9:30 a.m. and the morning worship service starts at 10:30. A nursery is provided.

The Sunday evening service is at 6 and a nursery is again provided.

The Intercessory Prayer Group meets Monday night at 7 p.m.

Tuesday morning at 9:30 the Ladies Prayer Group meets.

On Wednesday we have our Children's Church and Youth Group meet at 7 p.m. Also, we have our Home Groups for anyone over 18-years-of-age. Call 364-8866 for information on places and times for Home Groups.

For more information or if you need prayer, call 364-8866 or 364-2423.

## TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday school begins at 10 a.m. and the Sunday worship services are held at 11 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Pastor Ed Warren and the church congregation invite the public to all services at the church located on S. Hwy. 385 and Columbia St.

For additional information, call 364-3487.

## COUNTRY ROAD CHURCH OF GOD

401 Country Club Drive  
Pastor Woody Wiggins and the church congregation invite the public to attend all services and activities at the church.

The following is the regular schedule of services.

Sunday school begins at 10 a.m. and the Sunday worship services are held at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Services are conducted at 6 p.m. each Wednesday.

Thursday evening prayer service is at 6 p.m.

Gospel singing will be held the last Sunday of each month starting at 5 p.m.

A nursery is provided during all services.

Pastor Wiggins says, "Come and experience what God is doing here - a church where the Spirit is alive and God is moving by His power, a church full of love where you are somebody and Jesus is Lord."

Our 24 hour prayer line is 364-5390.

## FAITH MISSION CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

Come and worship with us at Faith Mission Church of God in Christ, 307-309 Brevard.

Sunday School is at 10 a.m. We teach it like it is.

Morning worship is at 11 a.m. We preach it like it is.

Richard Collins, pastor, said, "We neither take from, nor add to, what's written in The Book."

## BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastor Travis Curry and the congregation of Bible Baptist Church would welcome you to worship with us around the Word of God each Sunday at 10 a.m. (for Sunday School) and 11 a.m. (for the preaching service). We also meet at 6 p.m. on Sunday and on Wednesday at 7 p.m. for Prayer and Bible Study.

Come help us exalt Christ and His Holy Word. A warm and friendly welcome awaits you at 1204 Moreman. For more information, please call 364-3729, 364-3102 or 364-5157.

## FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastor Terry Cosby and the congregation of First Baptist Church invite you to come worship with them each Sunday. Services are:

Sunday school -- 9:45 a.m.

Morning Worship -- 10:50 a.m.

Evening Worship -- 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday activities include:

Fellowship dinner -- 5:30 p.m.

Children's choir -- 6:50 p.m.

Prayer meeting -- 6:15-7 p.m.

Hang Time for youth -- 7 p.m.

Choir practice -- 7:10 p.m.-8 p.m.

Some other activities include adult Disciples University classes which began recently. Classes are "Experiencing God" with Polly Hays, "The Mind of Christ" with Terry Cosby, "Wise Counsel" with Cindy Simons and "First Place" with Jana Williams. Cost is \$10 per class. If you are interested in taking any of these courses please call the church office, 364-0696, or go by the church and sign up. Classes are open to the community.

If you are seeking a strong Bible based education program for your child ages 3 through sixth grade, we invite you to consider AWANA's which meets at 6:50 p.m. Wednesdays. Please call the church office for further information.

If you are seeking a warm Christ-centered atmosphere for worship and fellowship, we urge you to come join us in praise and honor of Jesus Christ.

## AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Bill Austin and the congregation of Avenue Baptist Church, 130 North 25 Mile Avenue, invite everyone to a special worship service this Sunday.

Sunday School begins at 9:45 a.m. and morning worship follows at 11. Former pastor, Rev. Don Larkin, will preach at the morning worship service.

The note has been paid on the church building and a note burning service will follow the Sunday morning worship. Members, former members and friends are invited to attend these services then stay for a covered dish dinner in the fellowship hall. Evening services have been canceled.

The Ladies Prayer Service and Book Study, led by Thelma Cherry, meets Monday evenings at 6:30.

Brian O'Donnell, music director, reminds all choir members that choir practice is Monday nights from 8-9. He invites anyone who likes to sing to become a member of the choir.

Youth director, Carol Keyes, invites the youth to meet at 7:15 p.m. Wednesday.

Some positive and exciting events are happening at Avenue Baptist Church. We invite you to join us as we praise God and continue to seek His will.

## BARN CHURCH

Changes are happening at Barn Church. God has provided a full-time pastor, Randy Bird. This caring, spirit-filled servant of God will minister to the cowboy, western culture in our area and across the U.S. We feel privileged to have Randy and Linda Bird come be part of our lives.

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# Sports

## On the Sidelines

### NBA

**Thursday's Games**  
 Cleveland 103, Toronto 94  
 Utah 118, Boston 100  
 Portland 115, Phoenix 110  
 Houston 112, Vancouver 103  
 Sacramento 87, Denver 84

**Friday's Games**  
 Dallas at Indiana, 8 p.m.  
 Toronto at New Jersey, 6:30 p.m.  
 New York at Orlando, 8:30 p.m.  
 Philadelphia at Charlotte, 6:30 p.m.  
 Detroit at Miami, 7 p.m.  
 Atlanta at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.  
 Minnesota at Denver, 8 p.m.  
 Houston at Portland, 9 p.m.  
 Boston at L.A. Clippers, 9:30 p.m.  
 Seattle at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.  
 Sacramento at Golden State, 9:30 p.m.

### NCAA Basketball

**EAST**  
 Boston U. 70, Maine 69  
 New Hampshire 84, Northeastern 74  
 Rider 66, Fairfield 62  
 Temple 59, Fordham 54

**SOUTH**  
 Ark.-Little Rock 58, New Orleans 55  
 Austin Peay 73, Middle Tenn. 69, OT  
 Belmont 64, Georgia Southern 55  
 Col. of Charleston 72, Florida Atlantic

**MIDWEST**  
 Fla. International 96, Campbell 43  
 Georgia St. 88, Centenary 70  
 Jacksonville 67, W. Kentucky 64  
 McNeese St. 96, NW Louisiana 84  
 Southern Miss. 73, Ala.-Birmingham 56  
 Tennessee Tech 76, Tennessee St. 74  
 Troy St. 75, Mercer 74  
 Winthrop 68, Charleston Southern 79

**SOUTHWEST**  
 Fresno St. 82, Rice 80  
 Idaho 100, North Texas 86  
 Louisiana Tech 85, Lamar 75  
 Louisville 72, Houston 69  
 Oral Roberts 92, W. Illinois 71  
 Prairie View 78, Ark.-Pine Bluff 66  
 SW Texas St. 73, Texas-Arlington 63  
 Sam Houston St. 81, NE Louisiana 80  
 Southern Miss. 88, San Diego St. 81, OT  
 Stephen F. Austin 78, Texas-San Antonio

**FAR WEST**  
 Air Force 72, Texas-Si Paso 65  
 Cal Poly SLO 81, Long Beach St. 79, OT  
 California 73, Southern Cal 43  
 Colorado St. 83, Brigham Young 74  
 E. Washington 87, CS Northridge 80  
 Montana 61, Sacramento St. 51  
 N. Arizona 87, Portland St. 54  
 Nevada 82, Cal St. Fullerton 87  
 New Mexico St. 73, Boise St. 52  
 Oregon 84, Washington St. 63  
 S. Utah 71, Mo.-Kansas City 62  
 Stanford 84, UCLA 81  
 Utah St. 60, UC Irvine 51  
 Washington 84, Oregon St. 74  
 Weber St. 77, Idaho St. 50  
 Wyoming 62, Utah 56

**IN BRIEF**  
**Team USA loses**  
 NAGANO, Japan (AP) -- Even with NHL stars, the result was strikingly similar as the new-era Olympic hockey tournament premiered: Peter Forsberg had Sweden flying, and the United States fell short again.

Forsberg set up two goals by Daniel Alfredsson as Sweden began defense of its championship Friday with a 4-2 victory over the United States in the first Olympic game featuring mostly NHL players.

As a 20-year-old at the 1994 Lillehammer Games, Forsberg scored the shootout goal that gave Sweden its first gold medal. The Colorado Avalanche center went on to win NHL top rookie honors in '95, one season before Alfredsson did the same with the Ottawa Senators.

The United States, meanwhile, hopes to make its fans forget a worst-ever eighth-place finish four years ago -- a showing that might have led to the switch to the new "dream team" format.

While the outcome helped Sweden make a statement to those who felt the NHL-superstar-filled American and Canadian teams were locks to meet in the gold-medal game, it might end up being no factor in the championship chase.

All eight teams in this round-robin phase will advance to the quarterfinals after three games.

**Make-A-Wish Night**  
 AMARILLO -- The Amarillo Rattlers and the Make-A-Wish Foundation will team up to raise funds to grant wishes for special children.

The Rattlers will host San Angelo on Make-A-Wish Night Feb. 22 at Cal Farley Coliseum. There will be an auction, plus drawings for up to \$500.

There will also be limited-edition Make-A-Wish/Amarillo Rattlers T-shirts on sale.

Tickets are on sale for \$10 at the Make-A-Wish office at 2324 Lakeview. For more information, please call 358-9943.

**Correction**  
 Algo is the name of the bowling team leading the Wednesday Night Ladies league.

The Hereford Brand regrets the error and apologizes for any inconvenience.

## Jones tabs Gailey as Cowboys coach

IRVING (AP) -- Chan Gailey became the fourth and least-heralded head coach in Dallas Cowboys history on Thursday, impressing owner Jerry Jones with enthusiasm and expertise in a whirlwind, four-day courtship.

"I sat on the front of my seat when I saw his energy level," said Jones, who had never met Gailey before they got together Sunday at the NFL scouting combines in Indianapolis.

"He'll put fire into the players when they see his skill level," Gailey, the Pittsburgh Steelers offensive coordinator the last two years, beat out such big names as former San Francisco coach George Seifert and Green Bay offensive coordinator Sherman Lewis.

Former UCLA coach Terry Donahue almost had the job, but lost it in a battle with Jones over money and control.

"Jerry's long search might have been the best thing that happened," said quarterback Troy Aikman. "I think Chan can put his stamp on the team and give it a sense of direction. I like what I've heard him say."

Jones gave a laundry list of things he liked about Gailey. Some of the highlights were previous head coaching experience, albeit at small colleges and in the World League, and the fact he's a former quarter-

back.

Jones also liked the fact that Gailey has spent 10 years as an NFL assistant. Four of those teams reached the Super Bowl and seven were division winners, while enduring only one losing season.

This past season, his play-calling helped the Steelers reach the AFC championship game, although some of his decisions were criticized for the 24-21 loss to Denver.

"With each stop along the coaching road, he's made a very vivid and lasting impression," Jones said.

Gailey, 46, was given a five-year contract. His salary was expected to be about \$500,000 per year -- the same amount Donahue was offered.

"This is the beginning of the dream," Gailey said. "Another part of that dream ... is that we get to stand

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## HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

### Hereford looks for momentum

By BOB VARMETTE  
 Sports Writer

Well, the Hereford Whitefaces can relax a little now.

With a 74-65 win over Canyon Tuesday night, Hereford clinched District 1-4A's second playoff spot.

But Hereford head coach Randy Dean doesn't see that as making tonight's game with the Dumas Demons meaningless. In fact, it's an opportunity to head into the playoffs with a lot of momentum.

"We'll go up there and we'll try to win," Dean said. "I think it would be an injustice on my part if I do anything to take away putting us in the best position possible to win the game."

**Hereford at Dumas in District 1-4A boys basketball, 7:30 p.m. tonight at Dumas High School gymnasium.**

Hereford (14-13 overall, 8-3 District 1-4A) will play Dumas at 7:30 p.m. tonight at the Dumas High Gymnasium in the district finale for both teams.

Because a win isn't mandatory for the Whitefaces, the Dumas contest presents to some chances work on their game in time for the playoffs.

"There's going to be some opportunities to do some things we haven't been able to do throughout the district race," Dean said. "But we're going to go up there fully intent on trying to get a win. Dumas is going to be pumped up and ready to go trying to get the most wins that they've had in many, many years."

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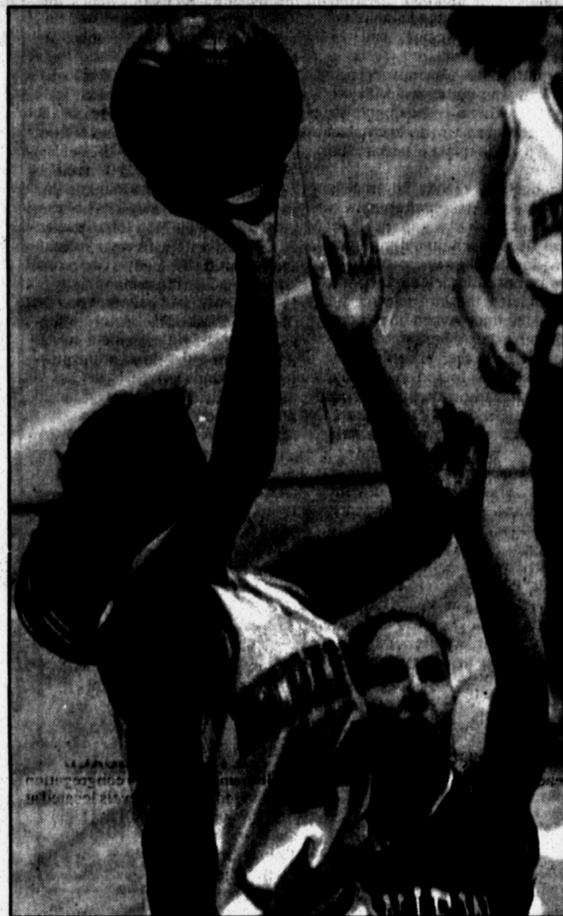


Photo by Julius Bodner

Hereford sophomore Valerie Guzman puts up a shot as Plainview's Catherine Bass defends Thursday night during a Class 4A girls bi-district round game at West Texas A&M Fieldhouse. Guzman scored a game-high 20 points off the bench to lead the Lady Whitefaces to a 60-47 win.

### Girls down 'Dogs, 60-47

By BOB VARMETTE  
 Sports Writer

CANYON -- Hereford's Valerie Guzman made the most of a ... wedding?

No, not hers.

But the wedding of a teammate's brother was the big opportunity and Guzman didn't squander it.

Guzman, a 5-7 sophomore, came off the bench for a career-high 20 points to lead Hereford to a 60-47 Class 4A bi-district win over Plainview Thursday night in front of 773 at West Texas A&M Fieldhouse.

The opportunity came largely because senior post Briar Baker was scratched from the starting lineup to attend her brother's wedding. That gave sophomore Tori Walker the start and Guzman plenty of playing time.

"All of us benchers had to step up," Guzman said. "We were supposed to keep on shooting. And that's what I did."

It was a good thing for the Lady Whitefaces she did. Guzman was 8-for-13 (61.5 percent) from the field. Leave out Guzman and Hereford shot a cold 40 percent (14-for-35) for the night.

"What a game -- our bench had been waiting for this chance," Hereford head coach Eddie Fortenberry said. "I thought they'd step it up. But for me to say I'd expected a 20-point outing out of Valerie, I'd be lying to y'all."

Hereford's bench rang up 25 points to only 11 for Plainview's reserves.

"(Guzman's) play off the bench was huge," Plainview head coach Denny Wrenn said. "She played a

really good game for them. She was a huge spark."

With the win, Hereford (27-4) advances to play District 3-4A titlist El Paso Bowie in the area round at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Odessa College Sports Center. Plainview ends its season at 19-10.

The Lady Bulldog's defense centered on Hereford senior Julie Rampley. And Rampley centered on Guzman.

"Julie would dish it to me," Guzman said, "and coach Fortenberry wanted to me to keep on shooting. He's been telling me in practice to keep shooting, and so that's what I did."

Plainview's defense gave Hereford, save Guzman, trouble all night. Rampley was the only other Lady Whiteface player to reach double figures. She finished with 13 points.

Sophomore Quandra Riddley led Plainview with 15 points. Senior guard Sherika Washington added 11 for the Lady Bulldogs.

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### Rockets decision Vancouver, 112-103

VANCOUVER, British Columbia (AP) -- How tough has this season been for the injury-riddled Houston Rockets?

So tough that coach Rudy Tomjanovich cheered the fact the Rockets put together two straight wins following Thursday night's 112-103 victory over the Vancouver Grizzlies.

"Yaaaay," said a smiling Tomjanovich, whose Rockets hadn't won two in a row since beating Vancouver and Sacramento Dec. 16 and 19. "It's been a tough year with a lot of adversity. But hopefully we can grind them out."

Thursday's win, sparked by a 13-1 run in the fourth quarter, came on the heels of Tuesday's inspiring 97-83 victory over the league-leading Seattle SuperSonics.

With a game in Portland tonight, the Rockets hope things have finally turned around as they got back to the .500 level (24-24) for the first time since Jan. 19 when they were 18-18.

Clyde Drexler led the way with 25

points, 17 coming in the second half, while Matt Maloney matched a career high with 24 points.

After trailing for most of the second half, the Rockets stepped up their defensive game to rally back for the win.

Hakeem Olajuwon scored the go-ahead bucket, a 15-foot baseline jumper over Grizzlies' center Bryant Reeves, to give the Rockets a 98-97 lead with 3:57 left.

After Drexler dunked, capitalizing on a turnover by Blue Edwards, Maloney completed a three-point play to put Houston ahead by six with 3:11 left. Maloney was fouled going to the basket after picking off an errant pass by Antonio Daniels.

The Grizzlies committed 12 of their 20 turnovers in the second half, leading to 32 Houston points. Vancouver, playing its first game in seven days, also went a full six minutes without scoring a field goal in the third quarter.

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Photo by Julius Bodner

**To the hole**  
 Hereford's Catie Betzen takes the ball to the basket past Plainview defender Quandra Riddley Thursday night during a Class 4A girls bi-district round playoff game at West Texas A&M Fieldhouse. Hereford won 60-47 to advance to the area round against El Paso Bowie.

### Low scores mark 1st day at Hawaiian

HONOLULU (AP) -- The 33rd and final Hawaiian Open has the makings of a glorious finish.

Dave Ogren and John Huston got the \$1.8 million event off to a flying start in Thursday's opening round with 9-under-par 63s. But they were far from clear of the field.

Within easy striking distance were a flock of players, with Curt Byrum one stroke behind, followed by 1990 Hawaiian Open winner David Ishii, Curtis Strange, Jeff Maggert, Woody Austin, Mike Reid and Trevor Dodds -- all at 65.

Another stroke back were Paul Goydos, Tim Herron, Steve Stricker and Fulton Allem, with defending champion Paul Stankowski, Skip Kendall and eight-time major championship winner Tom Watson in a group of 14 at 67.

All told, 105 of the 143 players shot 71 or better, with another 11 at par.

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## WINTER OLYMPICS

### Canadian Rebagaliati wins back stripped medal

NAGANO, Japan (AP) -- This time, no one can take it away.

After losing his gold medal for a day because he tested positive for marijuana, Canadian snowboarder Ross Rebagaliati won it again Thursday -- not by beating competitors, but by convincing an appeals panel that the International Olympic Committee didn't play by the rules when it stripped him of his prize.

"It's been a tough couple of days

for him," said Carol Anne Letheren, head of Canada's Olympic committee.

Avoiding the thorny question of recreational drug use, the Court for Arbitration of Sport said it ruled on one point and one point only: that the International Olympic Committee, lacking an agreement with the international ski federation on

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### U.S. claims medals in luge

NAGANO, Japan (AP) -- Their dismal Olympic start now a fading memory, the U.S. Olympians raised their medal total to six by snapping a 34-year stretch of luge futility with a silver and a bronze medal.

The stunning success of the two-man luge teams continued a pattern of American success that started Wednesday -- two medals per day, from the ski slopes to the snowboard half pipe to the unlikely venue, the 14-turn Spiral course.

The doubles team of Gordy Sheer

and Chris Thorpe won the silver Friday, while teammates Mark Grimmette and Brian Martin got a bronze behind the winning German pair of Stefan Krause and Jan Behrendt of Germany.

"We broke the barrier," said Sheer, who hugged Thorpe when it became clear they had taken the silver. "I guess it's now up to everyone else who comes after us to live up to our performance and one-up us and get the gold medal."

"That's someone else's job next

time."

The twin medals were the Americans' first in the event since it was introduced to the Olympics in 1964.

ALPINE SKIING: The Hermanator was terminated, but his teammates were triumphant when the weather-plagued Alpine portion of the Nagano Olympics finally produced a men's medal on a treacherous Happo-one course.

Hermann Maier, a 10-time winner on this year's World Cup circuit, was one of eight skiers sent sprawling on a nasty turn near

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## Luge

the top of the downhill course in a race in which one-third of the entrants never reached the finish line.

His Austrian teammates handled the sloppy course with more aplomb, taking three medals -- a gold and two bronzes -- in the downhill and the men's combined.

Surviving the terminal turn to win the downhill gold Friday (Thursday night CST) was Jean-Luc Cretier of France -- the first Frenchman since Jean Claude Killy in 1968 to win the Alpine glamor race. The silver went to Lasse Kjus of Norway, while Hannes Trinkl of Austria was third.

"I was lucky to get through (that spot)," said Cretier. "I hope (Maier) did not suffer any injury, but this is part of the downhill race."

Maier wound up sailing nearly 100 feet through the air and crashing through a pair

of safety nets before rolling to a stop in the heavy snow. He walked away from the accident, but did not come back for his second run in the combined.

Defending downhill champion Tommy Moe of the United States finished 12th but at least he finished. Fifteen of the 43 entrants never made it through the course, which was turned into an icy, slushy mess by five days of nasty weather.

Kjus became a double medalist in a single day by returning to the slopes within hours to win silver in the combined. Austrians Mario Reiter and Christian Mayer took the gold and bronze, respectively.

**NORDIC COMBINED:** The crowd of 35,000 cheered for its hometown favorites -- until Norway's Bjarte Engen Vik silenced them with his second ski jump in the Nordic combined. Vik, a bronze medal winner four

years ago, held first place heading into Saturday's 15-kilometer cross-country race.

Earlier, the Japanese crowd had plenty to cheer about when Taigiharu Ogizawa and Junichi Kogawa had put Japan in the first two positions. They wound up in the next two spots behind Vik.

**FIGURE SKATING:** The men's figure skating -- Part I, the short program -- started Thursday with the favorites setting up a Saturday showdown for the gold medal. The top three finishers, in order: Ilya Kulik of Russia, Elvis Stojko of Canada and Todd Eldredge of the United States, the sport's three big stars.

**SPEEDSKATING:** The gold goes back to Norway. For the third consecutive Winter Games, a Norwegian captured the 1,500-meter speedskating -- and Arie Sondaal did it in a world-record time of 1

minute, 47.87 seconds.

Sondaal's showing prevented a Dutch sweep at the M-World arena, where Ido Postma of the Netherlands was second and his teammate Rinia Ritma won the bronze.

**HOCKEY:** The first Olympic women's hockey competition has determined its four teams to the medal round: Canada, the United States, Finland and China. The Americans advanced after a 10-0 victory over Japan on Thursday.

**CURLING:** The U.S. women were knocked from medal competition Thursday with a loss to Norway. The men's team, despite an 8-5 victory over Germany, needs two wins and some help from other teams to earn a medal shot in the semifinal round.

## Canadian

marijuana use, could not strip Rebagliati of his medal.

"It's purely the legal issue. It's not our role to examine the social issues at this stage," said Jean Philippe Rochat, secretary general of the CAS.

"It's a clear message that if the international sports body wants such rules, it has to specify clearly that marijuana is a forbidden substance."

The panel's decision was unanimous, didn't require a vote and cannot be appealed, Rochat said. The IOC said it would comply with the ruling.

Rebagliati had been allowed to keep the medal in his possession pending the outcome of his appeal.

Upon learning the result, Letheren said, he pulled it from his pocket and put it back on.

Rebagliati, 26, of Whistler, British Columbia, won the men's giant slalom on Sunday in the first Winter Games at which snowboarding has been a medal sport. As a medal winner, he submitted a urine sample.

On Wednesday, the IOC said it was taking away the medal because the test came back positive for marijuana -- 17.8 nanograms per milliliter. Rebagliati says he hasn't smoked marijuana since April 1997 and must have inhaled second-hand smoke during a going-away party in Canada late last month.

## Hereford

In the teams' earlier meeting this season Jan. 20 at Whiteface Gymnasium, Hereford won 54-39 behind 23 points from Bryant McNutt.

Dumas led by one -- 24-23 -- at halftime, but managed only 15 points in a cold-shooting second half.

The Demons shot 15-for-39 (38.5 percent) from the field for the game and went 1-for-12 (8.3 percent) from the beyond the 3-point line.

The Whitefaces, meanwhile, connected on 20 of 39 attempts (51.3 percent) from the field.

"We need to try to keep the momentum running also," Dean said. "True, we've clinched everything it's possible for us to attain, but at the same time, I think our guys are competitive in nature to the point where they'll go up there and they'll give a great effort."

Second place was by no means a certainty for the Whitefaces when the district schedule began. At one point, Hereford was 1-5 on the season in pre-district.

"We thought we had a chance," Dean said. "You look at the way we started this season and how much improvement this group has shown as the season has progressed, they

deserve all the credit.

"They stuck with it," Dean continued. "They refused to give up when things were not going well early in the year. . . . A lot of people would have shucked it and said, 'Forget about this,' and our guys stayed with it, continued to work hard and good things came to them."

Consistency through the district schedule was one of the main reasons for the Whitefaces' strong finish. A tough pre-district schedule also helped, according to Dean.

"We played probably the toughest non-district schedule of anybody in this area," he said. "I think it worked to our advantage in that we were tested against tough opponents and because of that, when we got into some heated battles, we knew how to handle it."

Dean said improvement in two areas led to Hereford's turnaround from non-district to district.

"You've got to point to the defensive end of the floor," he said. "We became much, much better, much more aggressive. . . . Secondly, turnovers, we have gotten to where we take much better care of the basketball."

## Rockets

"We gave them the game," said Shareef Abdur-Rahim, who led the Grizzlies with 16 points and 10 rebounds. "We didn't execute offensively or defensively and we let them get the second shots."

Daniels, still charged up from 14-point performance at last weekend's rookie game, had 15 points and nine assists.

Despite the loss, Vancouver coach Brian Hill was impressed with the effort as six Grizzlies hit double-digits in scoring and the team shot 39-for-73 (53.4 percent) from the floor.

"I thought everybody played their hearts out there tonight to try to win this game."

The Rockets injury problems returned as starting swingman Mario Elie went out with a left ankle sprain with 7:26 left in the third quarter. Elie suffered the injury when he stepped on Vancouver guard Sam Mack's foot while driving to the basket.

Elie, who was fouled on the play, sank both free throws before leaving the game. He did not return and Tomjanovich said Elie will definitely miss tonight's game in Portland.

Oiajuwon scored 22 points while Charles Barkley, coming off the bench for the second straight game, pulled down a game-high 11 rebounds.

"We played great defense," said Barkley. "That got our fast break going and got us some easy baskets. But (the Grizzlies) played good for three-and-a-half quarters but we were able to get down the stretch to pull away."

Barkley, however, isn't reading anything into a two-game win streak.

"We won two in a row. We've got a tough game tomorrow and then we've got a real tough game on Sunday (at Los Angeles against the Lakers)," he said. "But we're playing a lot better and I'm looking forward to the second half of the season."

## Cowboys upset Utah

LARAMIE, Wyo. (AP) -- Gregg Sawyer hit two free throws and Justin French made a three-point play in the final 1:26 as Wyoming scored the last six points to upset No. 5 Utah 62-56 Thursday night.

Wyoming (16-6, 6-4) trailed 56-53 after Andre Miller's jumper with 3:19 to go, but Sawyer was fouled 10 seconds later and made both free throws to cut Utah's lead to 56-55.

After Hanno Mottola missed a 3-pointer for Utah, French stole the ball and passed to Sawyer, who was fouled again with 2:36 left. Sawyer tied it at 56 with a free throw and gave Wyoming the lead on two more foul shots with 1:26 remaining.

French, who had only five points in the game, sealed the victory when he faked to the right, made a layup and converted the three-point play with 39 seconds left.

Sawyer had 13 points, Jeron Roberts 20 for Wyoming.

Michael Doleac led Utah with 16 points as Utes coach Rick Majerus was denied his 300th career victory.

## Hawaiian

Those with early tee-times took advantage of the picture-perfect day.

"We had a little wind," said Watson, who played in the afternoon.

And now that the golfers flip-flop tee times, Watson might be the player to watch.

"I played for birdies on every hole," he said. "And I had a lot of opportunities."

After two weeks of miserable weather on the West Coast, it didn't take long for the PGA Tour players to warm up on the 7,012-yard Waialae Country Club course.

Of the 72 dawn-patrol starters, 58 completed the round under par, with

another seven at par. However, as the course hardened with temperatures in the high-80s, scores, while still under par, inched upward.

Ogrin got off to a strong start, playing his first nine holes in 7-under 29. He hit out-of-bounds on his 10th hole -- the course's first hole -- but still finished with a 34.

Huston started slowly, but finished with a flurry as he birdied five of the last six holes.

This year's tournament, sponsored by United Airlines, will be the last after a 33-year run. In 1999, Sony Corp. will play host to a PGA Tour event in the same time period.

## Girls

Plainview switched up on Hereford to start the game. The Lady Bulldogs, usually a zone defense team, went to man-to-man off the opening tip and confused and pressured Hereford into nine turnovers in the first quarter alone.

"They were probably figuring we were going to come with the zone, because we're traditionally a zone team," Wrenn said. "But we thought our quickness would give them some problems so I had us come out in man. I think it kind of wore them down by the second quarter."

Hereford held only a 12-10 lead after one quarter and Plainview held the lead as late as the 4:17 mark of the second at 20-18 after a 10-6 run.

"Our kids panicked for a while," Fortenberry said. "But one we got into the flow of the man defense. . . . we kind of got our act together."

The Lady Whitefaces went on a 16-0 run over a six-minute span of the late second quarter and early in the third quarter. By the 6:25 mark of the third, Hereford was holding a 36-24 advantage. Plainview was never able to recover.

"We didn't do a good job adjusting," Wrenn said. "Then we lost our composure. . . . They did

what they had to do to win the game. We didn't."

The Lady Bulldogs suffered most at the free throw line. Plainview shot better from the field (43.2 percent) than they did from the line (41.2 percent).

The Lady Bulldogs also had their problems from 3-point land, shooting 20 percent (2-for-10).

"We've got some good 3-point shooters," Wrenn said. "But we didn't get Washington the looks we wanted."

But at least they did better than Hereford. The Lady Whitefaces were 0-for-10 from beyond the arc.

"We can't tell them to quit shooting it," Fortenberry said. "We may come out the next game and hit eight of those. Yeah, I'm alarmed by it, but I really don't want them to stop shooting the 3s."

Youth, in the end, did not serve Plainview well. The Lady Bulldogs started two sophomores and a freshman along with seniors Sansom and Washington.

"We're disappointed," Wrenn said. "But I'm proud of the way we got after it. . . . There's no question our kids held up well overall."

## Gailey

on that podium some late January afternoon and have a hand on that Lombardi Trophy. . . .

"The end of the dream, the final dream, will be that. . . . we're champions with class, dignity and character. That's what I'm about."

Gailey said he was eager to begin retooling a team that crumbled to a 6-10 record last year under Barry Switzer, who announced his resignation Jan. 9.

"I plan to work hard and get the

guys organized to play," Gailey said. "I don't plan to run around here with a whip, but I'm focused on what has to be done. The goal is to win the Super Bowl and I'm fortunate to get a nucleus of players to get that done."

Gailey said he wasn't going to be a puppet for Jones.

"Our relationship will be good, don't worry about it," Gailey said.

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**Mormons, looking to 2002, visit Nagano Games**

OGDEN, Utah (AP) - Representatives of the Mormon church explored Nagano, Japan, collecting information that may help Salt Lake City's organization of the 2002 Winter Olympics.

"We've been going to the various venues and just seeing how the Japanese are doing things," Bruce Olsen, the church's managing director of public affairs, told an Ogden Standard-Examiner reporter in Nagano. "We're interested in how they organize their volunteers. We've been interested in the kinds of things the press are interested in."

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is not yet sure what role it will play in the next Winter Games, Olsen said. And Shelley Thomas, vice president of the Salt Lake Organizing Committee, said it is still under discussion.

"The church is very much a focal point of Salt Lake City," she said. "Many of the media outside of Utah don't feel they can do a story on Salt Lake City without focusing on the Mormon church."

One resource: The church's many bilingual missionaries who could help the SLOC's translation services for foreign visitors. Also, Olsen said, the church has already formed committees to discuss "what we might do at our own venues."

**Southern Baptists' growth anticipated**

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) - A leading Baptist conservative says he would focus on church growth if elected president of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Paige Patterson is likely to be nominated at the convention's national meeting in Salt Lake City in June. Observers say he is all but guaranteed victory.

If elected, he would remain president of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest. But as president of the convention, Patterson set a goal to baptize 500,000 new Christians in the United States and 500,000 abroad by the year 2000.

The convention, Patterson said, also needs to form more local congregations to give the converted a place to worship. "Most people expect me to be concerned with doctrinal issues," he said. "We can never slumber on those, but that battle is over."

Patterson, 55, helped conservatives take over the nation's largest Protestant denomination in 1979. Conservatives believe in the infallibility of the Bible, while moderate Baptists believe scripture is subject to interpretation.

James Merritt, pastor of First Baptist Church in Snellville, Ga., pledged to nominate Patterson. And, though convention delegates may pitch other names from the floor, observers say that is unlikely. Moderate Baptists have abandoned the convention, rarely attending its annual meetings.

"Considering today's climate in the denomination, it's a done deal," said Toby Druin, editor of the Baptist Standard, the weekly newspaper of Texas Baptists.

If elected, Patterson will succeed Tom Elliff, pastor of First Southern Baptist Church in Del City, Okla.

**Church accepting gays may face Baptist censure**

AUSTIN (AP) - University Baptist Church, which welcomes practicing homosexuals, may be ousted from the Texas Baptist General Convention. The convention's administrative committee has voted unanimously to

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recommend expulsion at its next meeting in Dallas. The convention's executive board has set a Feb. 24 vote.

If the board upholds the committee, the convention's name will be removed from the church's literature and Web site.

Any church's acceptance of the homosexual lifestyle defies biblical teaching and bars fellowship with other Southern Baptist churches, the committee insisted.

The church's 2-year-old Web site caught the eye of the convention committee just weeks ago, chairman Charles Davenport said. On its site, the church mentions its Texas Baptist affiliation and promotes its own Open Circle ministry of "gay, lesbian, bisexual, straight and transgendered people working toward unity and inclusion in our denomination and communities."

"We've been aware of the situation in the University Church and the homosexual issue," Davenport said. "When they went public on their Web page, we had to take a stand."

For years, relations between the University Church and the convention have been turbulent.

**Young Catholics say sacraments, helping poor essential**

NEW YORK (AP) - Helping the poor and believing Jesus Christ is present in the Eucharist are essential to being Catholic.

What's not essential? Celibate male priests, teachings that oppose the death penalty, or support for organized labor.

A poll of 701 post-baby boom Catholics sought to gauge what is non-negotiable about their faith. It found them agreeing with older members in putting the sacraments first, but more inclined to accept married and women clergy and lower ecclesiastical fences with Protestants.

"There's no doubt, after looking at this data and at other data, that the younger people would be willing to reexamine things," said sociologist Dean Hoge of Catholic University of America.

He joined CU colleague William Dinges, Sister Mary Johnson of Emmanuel College in Boston, and Juan Gonzalez of the University of California at Hayward to commission a telephone poll as part of a larger study of young Catholics.

Princeton Survey Research Associates interviewed the Catholics aged 20 to 39 last fall. The results, released to The Associated Press, show that "the sacraments are very strong, and almost the central identity of what Catholics are all about," Hoge said.

Asked what should be essential beliefs, 65 percent of respondents identified God's presence in the sacraments, while 58 percent cited Christ's presence in the Eucharist.

Other key aspects of Catholic faith were devotion to Mary and the saints, the necessity of a pope, and weekly obligation to attend Mass. More than 80 percent of respondents termed these elements essential or important to being Catholic.

**Business inventories show another gain**

WASHINGTON (AP) - Inventories at American businesses rose in December, the 18th month without a decline.

They increased 0.4 percent to a seasonally adjusted \$1.05 trillion following a 0.3 percent increase in November, the Commerce Department said today.

At the same time, business sales jumped 0.9 percent in December after falling 0.3 percent in November.

Despite a saw-toothed pattern of sales, inventory growth has remained aligned with sales. In December, there were enough goods on shelves and backlots to meet demand for 1.37 months at the current sales pace. That's a slight decline from 1.38 months a month earlier and also a year earlier.

If the pileup of inventories were to accelerate, at the same time that demand were to lag, that could signal a sharp slowdown ahead for the

economy. It could encourage factories to trim production while excess inventories were sold.

So far that hasn't happened. Analysts believe the U.S. economy is well-balanced as it enters 1998 and that it will continue to expand, albeit at a more moderate rate than in 1997, because of depressed export sales to financially ailing Asia.

At retailers, inventories jumped 0.8 percent in December while sales rose only 0.3 percent. Wholesale inventories jumped 0.9 percent, in line with a 0.8 percent sales increase. At factories, inventories edged 0.1 percent lower while sales surged 1.3 percent.



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**Russian researchers create virulent new anthrax form**

WASHINGTON (AP) - Russian researchers have created a new form of anthrax that may be able to elude the vaccine U.S. troops soon will get to protect them against the deadly germ warfare agent, American scientists have learned.

Development of a new strain through genetic engineering is something that biological warfare experts around the world have feared since the advent of such technology in the late 1970s and early 1980s.

"Ever since the dawn of the age of genetic engineering, there's always been a speculation that somebody could always make designer bugs," said Col. Gerald Parker, commander of the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases in Frederick, Md.

But he cautioned: "It's one thing to do this in the lab, but it's a whole different thing to produce it in large quantities to be used as a weapon. That would be very difficult."

At least 10 countries, including Iraq, are believed to have the capacity to load weapons with dry, powdered anthrax. The disease normally afflicts animals like cattle and sheep, but can cause severe illness and death in humans who inhale large doses.

Iraq's decision to block access to U.N. weapons inspectors looking for evidence of biological and chemical weapons has led to America's latest showdown with Iraqi President Saddam Hussein.

**Forbes takes anti-tax message on the road**

WASHINGTON (AP) - Republican Steve Forbes is starting a two-month, 14-state tour next week to lobby for legislation that would overhaul the IRS and rewrite the federal tax code.

Forbes will barnstorm in support of the "Tax Code Termination Act," a bill sponsored in the House by Republican Reps. Bill Paxon of New York and Steve Largent of Oklahoma, and in the Senate by Republican Sens. Sam Brownback of Kansas and Tim Hutchinson of Arkansas.

The legislation would abolish most sections of the tax code by the end of 2001 and require that Congress pass a new code featuring low rates, protections against tax collection abuses and no taxes that penalize married people and families.

Forbes built his 1996 presidential campaign on the idea of a simplified "flat" tax. He will begin his tour Feb. 18 in New Hampshire.

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**Administration launching clean car program**

WASHINGTON (AP) - The new cleaner car program officially launched by the Clinton administration is expected to cut smog-causing emissions in new automobiles by 70 percent.

"That will be the equivalent of taking 10.5 million cars off the road by 2001, protecting the health of millions of Americans," Vice President Al Gore told officials from the Big Three domestic automakers and 10 foreign automakers at a White House ceremony Thursday.

The cars will be sold nationwide beginning with 2001 models.

The cars will be sold in eight eastern states and the District of Columbia as 1999 models. They will join four states that independently adopted a stricter emissions program pioneered by California, where the cars are already on the road.

**FAA orders fire-safety gear be stored in cargo holds**

WASHINGTON (AP) - Over the next three years, airlines must outfit their cargo holds with systems to detect and fight fires, the Federal Aviation Administration ordered.

The rule making is the last formal step in a process started with the May 11, 1996, ValuJet crash in the Florida Everglades that killed 110 people, a crash blamed on a fire in the cargo hold.

**King's assassin undergoes surgery**

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) - James Earl Ray, the convicted assassin of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., was in stable condition after hernia surgery.

The surgery was performed Thursday, one day after the hernia was discovered during a routine checkup at Columbia/Nashville Memorial Hospital.

Ray, 69, who has terminal liver disease, asked in October for a medical furlough, which is for inmates in "imminent danger of death." His request was denied.

Ray, who is serving a 99-year sentence at a medical prison, has been in and out of the hospital during the last year.

**PETA "pies" chairman of Procter & Gamble**

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) - Procter & Gamble Chairman John Pepper wiped the tofu cream pie from his face and quipped: "This will be a memorable event for more reasons than one."

An animal-rights activist walked onto a stage Thursday night and pushed the pie into Pepper's face as he received an award from the governor.

The woman, a member of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, followed Pepper to the podium, hit him with the pie and said: "Procter & Gamble poisons animals! Shame on you, John Pepper! Shame on you!"

Police identified the woman as 32-year-old Melynda Duval of Virginia Beach, Va. She was charged with one count of disrupting a lawful meeting, a fourth-degree misdemeanor, and taken to jail.

**Woman gets \$80.7 million in suit against UPS**

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) - Linda Channon says she loved her job as a manager for United Parcel Service until the day a driver poked her in the breast during an argument.

After that, she said, she began having anxiety attacks. Going to work made her sick, she felt unsafe and she couldn't trust anyone, she said.

A civil jury that heard her complaints awarded her \$80.7 million Thursday, agreeing that UPS sexually discriminated and retaliated against her after she accused the driver.

The Atlanta-based shipping giant was ordered to pay \$500,000 in compensatory damages and \$80.2 million in punitive damages. Under a federal law that would apply to the verdict, however, Channon would be entitled to no more than \$300,000 in punitive damages.

"After so many years of working for a company where you're basically invisible and they don't hear you or see you for what you do, what you're contributing, it makes you doubt whether people hear or see you, period," said Channon, 47, of Des Moines, who worked for UPS for 22 years.

**New diet drug ready to appear in stores**

NEW YORK (AP) - Dieters still smarting from the recall of the popular "fen-phen" drugs last year, take heart - a new anti-obesity drug will appear in stores this week.

Hopes are high that Meridia, the new product from Knoll Pharmaceutical Co., will become the dominant diet drug. With one in three Americans overweight, the potential market is enormous.

Meridia is the first prescription anti-obesity drug to hit the market since American Home Products Corp. recalled Redux and fenfluramine - half of the popular "fen-phen" diet cocktail. Federal regulators requested the recall after linking the drugs with potentially fatal heart valve damage.

Knoll said the drug's global sales could reach \$500 million a year. Some analysts say it could far exceed that number, once the drug hits most stores by mid-March.

**UAW, Caterpillar reach tentative agreement**

CHICAGO (AP) - United Auto Workers leaders today reluctantly endorsed a contract proposal from Caterpillar Inc. that could end a divisive dispute involving thousands of workers in four states.

Caterpillar Vice President Wayne Zimmerman said the company is "very happy and satisfied" with the tentative agreement, reached early today. UAW Vice President Richard Shoemaker avoided praising the deal.

"We're pleased to have the negotiations behind us," Shoemaker said. "We're confident the agreement will be ratified by the membership."

**Nation's largest insurer proposes major shakeup**

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) - The nation's largest life insurer, Prudential Insurance Co. of America, is seeking to change from a company owned by policyholders to stock ownership.

The shift to a publicly traded company, announced by Prudential on Thursday, would mean drastic changes in corporate strategy and a much more prominent role on the stock market.

The New York Times reported today that the company's 11 million policyholders could split some \$12 billion in accumulated profits in the form of stock, cash or policy benefits as they become shareholders.

Critics, including consumer advocate Ralph Nader, said the move will lead to higher premiums for policyholders of the so-called mutual insurer.

**School magazine ban called censorship**

HAUPPAUGE, N.Y. (AP) - Do condoms work in hot tubs? School officials decided such frank talk about sex is too steamy for sixth-graders, so they pulled several magazines aimed at young readers from a middle school library.

That left some students and parents at Hauppauge Middle School unhappy, civil libertarians worried about censorship, and a teacher's union considering legal action.

"We have a right and an obligation as educators to protect the children from sexual material that we deem to be age-inappropriate," said Paul Lochner, the Hauppauge schools superintendent who yanked the popular magazines *Seventeen*, *Teen* and *YM*.

"At this age, children get mixed messages in what we are teaching on one hand and what the magazine is teaching on the other," he said Thursday.

**Fayed investigator says Fiat was photographer's**

PARIS (AP) - The mysterious white Fiat Uno linked to the crash that killed Princess Diana and her boyfriend Dodi Fayed was owned by a photographer, a private investigator for the Fayed family claimed today.

Police have long sought a white Fiat Uno believed to have collided with the black Mercedes carrying Diana, which crashed into a pillar of Paris tunnel on Aug. 31.

The Fiat "belonged to a photojournalist who was very interested in the Princess of Wales," said Pierre Ottavioli, a former police commissioner hired by the Fayed family.

The car, found in a Paris garage, was damaged on the left-rear fender and was repainted, Ottavioli said.

**House race finally settled after 15 months**

WASHINGTON (AP) - The rallying cry was "Free Loretta."

It was coined for Rep. Loretta L. Sanchez, the freshman California Democrat whose first year in Congress was complicated by the claims of the man she defeated, Republican firebrand Bob Dornan, that illegal voting helped her deny him a 10th term.

Her strategy was to stand firm, maintain that she'd won "fair and square" and focus on serving her constituents. It paid off Thursday when, after 13 months of investigating, the House dismissed Dornan's challenge of the November 1996 contest.

**Clinton to shift strategy to fight drug use**

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Clinton administration is revamping its anti-drug abuse strategy to focus more heavily on youngsters aged 9-19 while seeking to halve overall illegal drug use in the next 10 years.

The anti-drug initiative is detailed in this year's National Drug Control Strategy report, which President Clinton is expected to formally introduce Saturday in his weekly radio address.

The proposal is advanced in the administration's \$17.1 billion drug control budget request for next year, a 6.8 percent increase over last year's drug-fighting funds. It would be built around money drawn from several federal agencies, including the departments of Defense, Justice, Education, and Health and Human Services.

The initiative relies heavily on drug education, prevention and treatment programs, interdiction efforts, and a crackdown on drug-related crime and violence. It also proposes strengthening the Border Patrol along the U.S.-Mexico boundary and giving the Customs Service new technology to help agents search for drugs.

**Justice Department targets overly eager attorneys**

DENVER (AP) - Ambulance-chasing lawyers, beware.

A federal law that slapped the brakes on lawyers pursuing relatives of plane-crash victims as potential clients is headed for its first court test.

The Justice Department brought the lawsuit Monday against lawyer James Lebovitz, claiming he moved too quickly to contact the wife of a victim of an Oct. 8 crash outside Montrose, in southwestern Colorado.

The National Transportation Safety Board pursued the case against Lebovitz after receiving a copy of a letter he had written from a unidentified family member. Its civil lawsuit seeks unspecified penalties.

"People need time to grieve, and being hit up by lawyers during this period is unconscionable," said Frank Carven of Belair, Md., who lost his sister and his 9-year-old nephew in the crash of TWA Flight 800 off Long Island, N.Y.

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 --Don't be misleading. Think accurate and factual when you write. Be sure to include a phone number and the best times to reach you.

# SOUR HEARTS

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On the one hand, she said, there is the universal need for love and emotional intimacy. But young people realize it may be wiser to focus on education for now and put off a committed relationship.

Take Brian Sullivan, a Boston University sophomore majoring in accounting. He had forgotten Saturday was Valentine's Day, and said he'll probably spend it in the library.

"If I'm lucky, I'll get a few hours of studying in," he said. Or Adriane Stebbins, a sophomore at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, who plans to curl up with a good textbook. She said there's not much time for romance in college.

"You get finished with your classes and you're just beat," she said. Of those students who said they would mark Valentine's Day this year in some way, many said they planned to give handmade cards, poems, home-cooked dinners and baked goods as gifts, rather than store-bought candy, jewelry and flowers.

"I don't think romance is dead. It's just more creative than it used to be," said Karen Hennessy, a Tufts University senior.

"It's an excuse for me to make heart-shaped cookies with pink icing, and I normally hate the color pink," added her classmate, Nora Lee.

Others, however, rejected the holiday outright. "It's commercialized, expensive and it's just a waste of flowers and chocolate," said Melanie Wilson, a Tufts freshman.

"You don't need one specific day to show how much you care about somebody. If you really love or care about someone, every day should be Valentine's Day," said Tufts senior Pranjal Srivastava.

Jessica Milberg's last big Valentine's Day was in the fourth grade, when a secret admirer gave her flowers.

They're still friends, she said, but she hasn't had a particularly romantic Valentine's Day since.

"Valentine's Day is overrated. What's the big deal?" said Milberg, a freshman at Boston University who planned to go out on the town with her girlfriends Saturday. "No one ever had a good Valentine's Day."

Such attitudes are particularly alien to Francois Le Sceller, an MIT exchange student from France.

"Here the girls all say they have a lot of homework. It would take two weeks to get a date with them," he said. "I'm French. This is ridiculous."



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## THE ASSOCIATED PRESS Editorials

By The Associated Press  
A sampling of editorial opinion from Texas newspapers:  
*Waco Tribune-Herald* on health maintenance organizations:

Texas Attorney General Dan Morales should quickly reconsider his bizarre decision that has shut the door in the faces of all Texas taxpayers and health consumers who want to track complaints lodged against health maintenance organizations.

Morales has ruled that a law sponsored by Waco's Sen. David Sibley, among others, must be interpreted to prevent the Texas Department of Insurance from giving public access to most documents pertaining to grievances about HMOs.

Sibley, who heads the Senate Economic Development Committee, was the chief sponsor of legislation meant to improve regulatory oversight of HMOs in the last session. Several changes in HMO regulation were passed. Included in those changes was a provision that made HMOs liable for negligence by their doctors and for decisions made by HMO administrators that delay or deny necessary care to patients.

The Consumers Union, which had pushed for the legislative changes, asked the Department of Insurance for records of grievances filed by patients against HMOs relating to improperly denied or delayed claims. The department asked Morales' office for advice in light of the new HMO laws, which included a portion meant to protect the identities of patients.

The Consumers Union did not ask for and did not want the identities of the patients. Consumer groups use the grievance information filed with the state to check for breakdowns in health care delivery and to warn lawmakers and the public when they spot trouble.

The same consumer groups that supported the changes in HMO oversight now feel that the ruling by the attorney general's office has made matters far worse for themselves, the public and attorneys representing patients who want to recover damages from health maintenance organizations.

Although the attorney general's ruling is the opposite of the intent of the reform legislation, Morales' office says the wording of the new law leaves no option except to close all the files of patients' grievances and even the replies filed by HMOs in response to those grievances.

For their part, representatives of Texas HMOs couldn't be happier with Morales' opinion. Now the public cannot know where there are trouble spots in the industry and lawyers cannot gather information needed to represent clients who claim damage at the hands of HMOs.

Morales should try again to write an opinion that matches the legislative intent of last year's Health Maintenance Organization Act. Texas needs a ruling that opens public records to the public.

If Morales refuses to reconsider his unfortunate opinion, lawmakers should write a strong new law so Texas taxpayers can again monitor their government.

### The Monitor (McAllen) on health maintenance organizations:

The state attorney general's office decision to protect health maintenance organizations from complaints is a blow to the consumers who have a major stake in such information.

Assistant Attorney General Vickie Prehodich issued a ruling last fall that the public does not need to know the details about complaints against HMOs. The Texas Department of Insurance cannot release most documents detailing such complaints, including the Insurance Department's findings on whether or not the complaints were justified, Prehodich wrote.

Karina Kasari, an aide to state Rep. David Sibley, R-Waco, who sponsored the HMO legislation, said Prehodich's interpretation goes against the intent of the law. Even the Insurance Department has asked Morales to reconsider the ruling. Customer complaints should not fall under confidentiality provisions, the agency contends.

Consumer groups are rightly upset about the ruling.

State legislators, in response to complaints against HMOs, passed laws last year tightening regulation of the industry. The new limits hold the insurance groups liable for decisions that deny or delay needed care to their clients. Prehodich's ruling states that one such law grants confidentiality to the organizations.

Information about HMOs is vital to current or potential clients. The insurers, which generally offer reduced rates in return for greater control over treatment and choice of doctors, have come under fire for refusing to fund certain treatments or lengthy hospital stays.

President Clinton already has signed into law one measure that guarantees women at least 48 hours of hospitalization following childbirth. This was done in response to reports that HMOs and other insurance companies were demanding that new mothers be released earlier despite doctors' recommendations to the contrary.

The best way to deal with such practices, however, is to keep the customers fully informed. Those who disagree with an HMO's restrictions or practices can take their business elsewhere, thus placing economic pressure on the offending companies to change their policies. Placing the policing duties solely on the shoulders of state regulators is an inefficient and unnecessary option.

Public disclosure is perhaps the best way to keep businesses in line. The Better Business Bureau, for instance, has been a vital tool in tipping people off to businesses that have received large numbers of complaints. Similar information about health maintenance organizations could help consumers learn which have gotten complaints

### The Huntsville Item on being the site of the Tucker execution:

...A young mother and her family were captured by a film crew in town for the execution of Karla Faye Tucker. She was asked about the effect of this execution on the community of Huntsville.

We're more interested in the opening of the new grocery store, she said.

It is likely though unfortunate that the answer this woman gave - that Huntsville is more interested in the long-term effects of its newly opened Brookshire Brothers than it is in the execution of a female ax murderer - does nothing to dispel the perception of a callous community that stands by while an inhumane, even cruel and unusual, punishment is carried out.

It is unfortunate because it can be taken as evidence that Huntsville has more elemental concerns on its collective minds than lofty ones such as punishment and redemption.

...There is little wonder why Huntsville would rather concentrate on the positive - quality of life, economic prosperity and variety - rather than dwell on the negative, especially when we have no control over it. We couldn't stop Karla Faye Tucker 14 years ago and we couldn't stop what happened to her last night.

Regardless of our position on the death penalty - and we believe that to be varied rather than unanimous in Huntsville - we are united in our desire either to be known for who we really are or to be simply left alone.

### Houston Chronicle on the CIA's review of its Nicaraguan operations:

"After a yearlong investigation, the CIA has concluded that none of its officials assisted Nicaraguan Contra rebels in smuggling cocaine into the United States, and none of its agents was aware of connections between Contra leaders and three California drug dealers convicted of spreading crack in black neighborhoods.

The investigation followed a series of articles in the *San Jose Mercury News* that accused the CIA of standing by while Contra rebels fueled the crack epidemic in

exchange for drug dealers' cash to finance their battle against Nicaragua's leftist Sandinista government. The newspaper subsequently admitted that the articles were inaccurate and the charges exaggerated.

In the first volume of a two-volume report, CIA officials refute relatively narrow allegations about CIA involvement with three criminals and a handful of Contras who may or may not have been involved in drug dealing in California's inner cities. But the report leaves much broader and important questions unanswered.

When, for instance, did the CIA first become aware that some of the Contras - a guerrilla group the CIA recruited, equipped and funded - were involved in drug trafficking? Did the agency make any effort to intercept the drugs or inform narcotics officers so the suspects could be arrested? If not, why not?

The CIA often declines to answer such reasonable questions on the grounds that it doesn't want to reveal its sources and methods. But if some of its sources are in league with drug smugglers, and if its methods involve turning a blind eye to a national scourge, then the revelation of those sources and methods lies at the heart of the national interest and CIA agents' lawful duty as officials of the U.S. government.

### Fort Worth Star-Telegram on tobacco suit lawyers' fees:

Gov. George W. Bush may have misstepped last week when he filed a lawsuit challenging part of the \$15.3 billion settlement with the tobacco industry negotiated by a group of private lawyers on behalf of the state.

Bush took what he called the "unwelcome step" of asking a federal judge to block the payment to the lawyers after deciding that the 15 percent fee was excessive and unconstitutional.

Here's our question: Why did the fees only become unconstitutional after the final dollar amount was known? Nary a word was heard from the governor back in 1996, when Morales negotiated the 15 percent deal.

We don't necessarily agree with Texas Attorney General Dan Morales' assessment of Bush's motive -- he contends that Bush is "pandering to Big Tobacco" in hopes of future political contributions should the governor act on any presidential aspirations.

"Pandering" is such a loaded word. Let's say it's more likely that the governor is appealing to Texas voters, who think lawyers are at the bottom of the food chain and shouldn't collect \$2.3 billion in fees. But lawyers provided not only the expertise needed to increase the final dollar amount by more than \$7 billion from what was originally on the table but also provided the up-front financing to fight the unprecedented settlement.

Had Morales walked into the Legislature in 1996 and said, "Hey, guys and gals, I need \$50 million to fight the tobacco industry," what do you think the answer would have been?

## THE ASSOCIATED PRESS Names in the News

NEW YORK (AP) - No "Seinfeld" for you, New York! NBC's soon-to-depart sitcom has quietly dropped plans to film one of its final episodes in the city that provides its fictional setting.

Any street scenes or diner visits will be filmed where they always have been - on a huge lot in Los Angeles.

Jerry Seinfeld, who grew up in the New York area and plans to live here again after his show ends in May, sounded enthusiastic about filming in New York last month.

Finding out why the plans were scrapped is about as difficult as brokering peace between Seinfeld and arch-nemesis Newman.

NBC referred questions to the production company, Castle Rock Entertainment, who referred them to Seinfeld publicist Lori Jonas, who didn't return two day's worth of repeated calls. Assistants to Jonas confirmed the change but wouldn't say why.

If the show is worried about production costs, perhaps the mayor's office could do something to help, said Pat Scott, commissioner of Mayor Rudolph Giuliani's Office of Film, Theatre and Broadcasting. "We love him," she said. "We love the show. We'd love to have him do it here. We'd certainly be ready to help him make it work if he would reconsider it."

ATLANTA (AP) - "The Lion King," Broadway's biggest musical hit in years, is a tough act to follow, but Disney says it has found the perfect project: a new stage version of "Aida," featuring a score by Elton John and Tim Rice.

The production, to premiere at the Alliance Theater in Atlanta, will be Disney's first stage production not adapted from one of its movie successes.

"Elaborate Lives: The Legend of Aida" begins preview performances

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Sept. 11, with an official opening Oct. 7.

The musical will inject a contemporary feel to the saga of the Egyptian princess and her Ethiopian slave girl, Aida, who love the same warrior and are swept up in political upheaval.

John, a part-time Atlanta resident, and Rice have written 19 songs for the musical, John's first direct-to-stage score.

"We have been talking about this project for two years," Kenny Leon, Alliance's artistic director, said Thursday. "Now we have the perfect show to open our 30th anniversary season."

Disney executive Peter Schneider said it was uncertain what would happen after the musical concludes its run Nov. 1 in Atlanta.

"First we have to put it in front of an audience and see what happens," he said.

DILBERT  
LOS ANGELES (AP) - "Dilbert," the comic strip that mines the corporate world for laughs, is coming to television as an animated series.

"Dilbert" creator Scott Adams and producer Larry Charles of "Seinfeld" will be executive producers for the UPN series to debut in the 1998-99 season, the network said Wednesday.

"The readers have been begging me to bring it to TV," Adams said. Along with hapless engineer Dilbert, the series will feature Dogbert, Wally, the Boss and other characters from the syndicated strip.

LESLIE NIELSEN  
CHARLESTON, W.Va. (AP) -

## THE ASSOCIATED PRESS Names in the News

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Kenny Kramer, the real-life inspiration for the manic "Seinfeld" character who shares his surname, was ordered by television's "Judge Judy" Sheindlin to be -- himself.

Kramer taped a segment Wednesday to resolve a dispute with Don Larussi, who wanted to be paid \$1,000 for collecting signatures in Kramer's aborted campaign for New York City mayor last spring.

Ms. Sheindlin, a real-life retired judge, ordered Kramer to make a long-promised charitable appearance for Larussi, who works for nonprofit organizations.

"I agreed to do it when he comes up with a date and place that fits my schedule," Kramer said. "It'll be pro bono, in lieu of the exorbitant fees I'm charging these days."

The segment will air in May, producer Lisa Lou said.

SPIKE LEE  
LOS ANGELES (AP) - Spike Lee, whose "4 Little Girls" documentary was nominated for an Academy Award, said the near-total absence of blacks among nominees raises questions about racial diversity in the movie academy.

"I just think that as a whole, with African-American artists in front and

behind the camera, the academy has been slow to recognize their work. What I am saying is not sour grapes or playing the angry black man, it's just the truth," the director-actor said.

Calls to Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences spokeswoman Leslie Unger were not immediately returned Thursday.

Cuba Gooding Jr. won the supporting actor Oscar last year for "Jerry Maguire" and Marianne Jean-Baptiste was nominated for supporting actress in "Secrets & Lies." No blacks were nominated in major categories this year.

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UP THAT I MAY SEND THEE AWAY!  
...AS THEY APPROACH THE GATES AT THE END OF THE CITY...  
BID THY SERVANT GO BEFORE US, BUT STAND THOU STILL...

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