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Warm weather has farmers gearing up for planting

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 With unusually warm weather, Texas farmers are gearing up for spring, the Texas Agricultural Extension Service says.
 In the Panhandle, extension director Dr. Bob Robinson of Amarillo said the weather has encouraged farmers to prepare some pastures for fertilization.
 "Land preparation is also under way for sugarbeets and corn," Robinson added.
 He said temperatures have been above normal all week and producers are somewhat concerned about the unseasonably warm weather.

"If the warm temperatures continue for much longer, the wheat crop may be in danger of freeze damage when cold temperatures return," Robinson said.
 Deaf Smith County Agriculture Extension agent Dennis Newton said, "The local farmers are starting out in pretty good shape."
 "There's not any excessive moisture, and the fields are getting drier everyday," he said. "But the producers are still able to put out the fertilizer and other chemicals."
 He also said a little moisture would get the crops started on a good foot, much better than in previous years.

"Even a hard freeze right now won't hurt the wheat. It's usually OK until it starts to head; that's when we lose the crop to freeze damage," Newton said.
 Anyone hoping the cold weather might inhibit the insect population might should hope again.
 Even though the area had several days with low temperatures, most of those days were snow covered and snow acts as an insulator and protects the insects, Newton said.
 Newton said he expects more cotton to be planted this year - maybe as much as 25,000 total acres.
 "The additional cotton will replace

some corn and maybe sugarbeets, but it's still to early to tell," he said.
 Extension agronomist Randy Bowman of Lubbock said cotton producers are busy readying fields in the South Plains region.
 "We have had really good weather recently, and that has allowed a lot of activity in the fields," Bowman said.
 He said in addition to the tillage activity, farmers are handling other pre-planting tasks.
 "Fertilizers are going out in many counties and there are some early birds who are already applying herbicides," Bowman said.

In general, he said, those who have not yet applied fertilizers are sampling soil to assess 1998 requirements.
 In far West Texas, extension agronomist Dr. Bryan Unruh of Fort Stockton said pre-plant herbicides are being used to inhibit weed growth as farmers try to establish cotton.
 He said cotton has received enough moisture for growth but not enough to neutralize fertilizers. These fertilizers should be highly effective on small plants.
 Mild days and cold nights have been common in the region.

"Days have been quite a bit cooler," he said. "There is almost a spring feeling in the air."
 Extension economist Joe Pena of Uvalde said as much as 2.5 inches of much-needed rain was deposited on southwest Texas last week. He said much farmland had been prepared prior to recent rainfall.
 "As a result, most of the rainfall was captured and will make possible early spring planting," Pena said.
 In East Texas, district director Tony Douglas of Overton said pastures are too wet for fertilizing. He

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NEWS in brief

U.S. won't let Olympics interfere with attack

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Clinton won't delay his military planning, even if it means bombing Iraq while Olympic athletes compete peacefully in Japan, the White House says.

Although the United States hasn't decided whether to attack Iraq over its non-compliance with U.N. weapons inspections, presidential spokesman Mike McCurry rejected suggestions Wednesday that Iraq could relax during the Nagano Winter Games, which begin Saturday and run through Feb. 22.

Clinton must proceed "with no set timetable or no set deadline or no set calendar" influenced by anything other than the national interest, McCurry said.

But the prospect of traditional international Olympic peacemaking competing with U.S. war-making is causing some criticism and renewed concerns about terrorist retaliation.

"If the United States attacks Iraq right now, it will likely make U.S. citizens and installations more likely targets of terrorism," said Larry Johnson, who was a State Department counterterrorism expert during the 1991 Persian Gulf War.

Big 3 automakers to have "clean" cars

WASHINGTON (AP) - Cars that emit substantially fewer smog-causing emissions are on their way into American showrooms.

The country's Big Three automakers - General Motors, Ford and Chrysler - said Wednesday that beginning with new models this fall, cars sold in 12 states from Virginia to Maine will produce at least 70 percent less pollution.

The cleaner cars will be sold nationwide within three years, beginning with 2001 models, the manufacturers said. Toyota also has committed to the cleaner cars and other companies are expected to follow, according to industry executives.

The U.S. manufacturers notified the Environmental Protection Agency that they would produce and sell the less polluting vehicles nationwide even though four Northeast states - Massachusetts, New York, Maine and Vermont - have demanded more stringent emission standards along the lines of what is required currently in California.

Starr takes hard line in probe of Clinton affair

WASHINGTON (AP) - Prosecutors are signaling a hard-line approach in their investigation of an alleged presidential affair and cover-up, giving a cold shoulder to Monica Lewinsky's latest offer to testify and White House efforts to narrow questioning of key presidential aides.

With Whitewater Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr questioning witnesses before a grand jury at a rapid pace, the White House may be forced to decide quickly whether to resist divulging certain information on the grounds of executive privilege.



Photo by Don Casper

Happy birthday!

If Betty Coneway wanted to have a low-key, quiet announcement of her 40th birthday, that plan fell through Wednesday as anyone driving down Kingwood could see the sign in the front yard. However, the sign also let everyone know the age of her husband. City Commissioner Tom Coneway.

ECONOMY

Big drop in aircraft orders overshadows good December of U.S. manufacturers

WASHINGTON (AP) - A record plunge in orders for aircraft, linked to Asian financial turmoil, overshadowed a relatively good December for American manufacturers in other industries.

The 63 percent drop, the worst since the Commerce Department began tracking the industry in 1958, helped produce an overall 2.5 percent decline in factory orders, to a seasonally adjusted \$336 billion. It was the worst monthly drop in more than five years.

Excluding the volatile aircraft sector, orders rose a moderate 1.6

percent, with strength reported in demand for autos, electrical equipment, industrial machinery, paper, chemicals and food products.

Economists said the aircraft drop is one of the first concrete signs that Asia's problems are hurting the U.S. economy. Last week, Boeing Co. said it expected Asian customers over the next three years to buy 60 fewer planes than anticipated before the financial crisis.

Separately, the Labor Department said the number of applications for unemployment benefits inched up to 303,000 last week - an increase of

3,000 from the week before.

The past two weeks of relatively low claims followed three weeks at a somewhat higher level.

A private report released earlier this week by the National Association of Purchasing Management indicated growth in manufacturing slowed further in January.

Wall Street seems to have shaken off Asian worries. The Dow Jones average of industrial stocks climbed 36 points in the first half hour of trading to 8,166, less than 100 points below its record Aug. 6 close of 8,259.

TEXAS vs. TOBACCO

Morales says feud over accord ended

AUSTIN (AP) - Attorney General Dan Morales and two state lawmakers have resolved their dispute over the spending of the state's \$15.3 billion tobacco settlement.

In the deal with Morales, announced Wednesday, the lawmakers pledged to "use their best efforts" to secure the spending the attorney general wrote into the federal agreement. They did not guarantee the spending Morales wanted.

Rep. Rob Junell and Sen. Bill Ratliff, both chairmen of the Legislature's budget-writing committees, agreed to file legislation in 1999 that would put into effect \$1.2 billion in health and anti-smoking-related spending. Most of it had been outlined by Morales in the historic settlement with the nation's tobacco industry.

Junell, D-San Angelo, and Ratliff, R-Mount Pleasant, also agreed to dismiss the lawsuit they filed against the settlement in state court.

The lawmakers had argued that determining state spending is a legislative duty, not one the attorney general can command in a court settlement.

The agreement between the budget-writers and Morales does not resolve other court challenges filed against the settlement by another group of lawmakers or Republican John Cornyn, who is seeking to replace Morales as attorney general.

Morales is not seeking re-election. "We believe our agreement with Attorney General Morales accomplishes both of our purposes," Ratliff and Junell said in a written statement.

"We protected what we believe to be the Legislature's prerogative - to appropriate all state funds," Morales spokesman Ward Tisdale said while the attorney general has no guarantee for the spending he outlined, "we have the word of two powerful lawmakers that they will do their best to get the money appropriated."

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Attorney General Morales

Ratliff and Junell, Morales announced that five private attorneys hired to represent the state in the tobacco case will help fund a nonprofit organization for children's and public health.

Lawsuits filed by Cornyn and other lawmakers challenge the \$2.3 billion the private attorneys will be paid by the tobacco companies. That is not part of the state's \$15.3 billion, but Cornyn and others have said the state could have gotten more if the lawyers had been paid less.

The nonprofit organization had been among the projects Morales intended to fund with the first year's settlement payment of \$1.2 billion. The entire settlement will be paid over 25 years.

In a telephone interview with The Associated Press, Junell said it was not important to say who prevailed in the fight between the lawmakers and Morales.

"Both Senator Ratliff and I want to congratulate the attorney general for bringing the lawsuit and securing the settlement. Now it is the job of the Legislature, in consultation with the governor, to determine how to spend the money."

Attorneys for the tobacco companies have said the spending of the settlement funds is a state issue that does not affect the settlement.

Winfrey says show forum for expressing opinion

AMARILLO (AP) - Oprah Winfrey says her job as a talk show host is often to keep her guests "on point" when discussing a topic.

But attorneys for Texas cattlemen suing Ms. Winfrey for slander had a difficult time keeping the talk show host on point Wednesday as she took over a federal courtroom in this Texas Panhandle city.

With poet and friend Maya Angelou in the courtroom for support for the second straight day, Ms. Winfrey exhibited the skill in front of a microphone that has helped her create a top-rated, Emmy Award-winning show.

Under questioning by attorneys for cattlemen, who are seeking more than \$10 million in damages as a result of an April 1996 "Oprah" show on mad cow disease, Ms. Winfrey often seized on chances to make her own case, repeatedly drawing the ire of U.S. District Judge Mary Lou

Robinson. "Keep your answers restricted to the questions being asked," Ms. Robinson scolded.

But Ms. Winfrey became defiant under questioning by cattlemen's attorney Joe Coyne, repeatedly saying that her talk show was merely a forum for debate, a showcase for opinions - not a newsmagazine held to the strict fact standards of "Dateline" or "20-20."

"I've done over 2,000 shows, and every day I put people on who are expressing their opinions," Ms. Winfrey said. "This is not a news magazine. It's not the evening news."

She added: "I'm not going to sit here and say because we put both sides on the show that every show ends in a tie."

Ms. Winfrey testified that the lawsuit was the first ever filed against her show and was "the most painful

thing I've ever experienced."

"I have used my show as a light, to help entertain and enlighten viewers," Ms. Winfrey said. "To have these charges brought against me hurts. This is America, and you have the right to your opinion, whether you are Oprah Winfrey or Rush Limbaugh."

The talk show host, her production company and vegetarian activist Howard Lyman are being sued by cattlemen who contend Ms. Winfrey edited the show to eliminate pro-beef statements in favor of more ratings-grabbing and alarming statements by Lyman.

Lyman said that as long as U.S. cattlemen were feeding ground up parts of cattle back to herds - a possible way of spreading mad cow - there was a chance the brain degenerating disease could hit America and make AIDS look like the common cold.

The feeding process has since been banned by the Food and Drug Administration.

The cattlemen, who are suing under a state law that protects agricultural products from defamatory remarks, say that the show drove already slumping cattle prices to 10-year lows.

Ms. Winfrey testified that she tried to provide balance by putting on Agriculture Department scientist William Hueston and Gary Weber of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association to represent the view that U.S. beef is safe.

"If I wanted to do an anti-beef show, as I'm being accused of, I didn't have to put" pro-beef guests on, Ms. Winfrey said, adding that any of their comments deleted from the show were done so because of redundancy.

"I was there to offer both sides' opinions," she said. "That's why I

had Dr. Weber there. If I didn't want to have him there, there is no law that said he had to be there."

After learning on the show that ground up cattle parts were being fed back to herds, a practice known as ruminant feeding, Ms. Winfrey said it had stopped her cold from eating another hamburger.

"To say that my saying, 'It stopped me cold,' got America to stop eating burgers is absurd," she testified.

Attorneys for cattlemen, however, attempted to show that Ms. Winfrey's opinion could indeed stop some 20 million of her viewers from eating beef by showing that when she promotes a book on her television book club it often goes on the bestseller list.

"I never thought that trying to get people to read would be held against me," Ms. Winfrey said.

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Local Roundup

Emergency FSA loans

Applications for emergency farm loans for losses caused by three snow storms with heavy snow and high winds are now being accepted in the Hereford and Vega Farm Service Agency offices.

Deaf Smith and Oldham counties are two of eight in Texas recently named by FSA administrator Keith Kelly as eligible for loans to cover part of SEVERE PHYSICAL LOSSES ONLY resulting from the three snowstorms.

Farmers may be eligible for loans up to 80 percent of their physical losses, needed to continue in business. For farmers unable to obtain credit from private commercial lenders, the interest rate is 3.75 percent.

Applications will be accepted only until Aug. 16, 1998, but farmers should apply as soon as possible. Delays in applying could create backlogs in processing and possibly over into the new season.

Support group meeting

All truckers are invited to attend a support group meeting at 6:30 p.m. Friday in Hereford Community Center game room. For further information contact Santos Rincon St. at 364-1919.

Cloudy, cold

Tonight, cloudy and cold with areas of fog, low in lower 20s, southeast wind 10-15 mph this evening, becoming light and variable.

Friday, morning fog, becoming clear by afternoon, warmer with high around 50 and light south wind.

5-DAY FORECAST

Saturday, partly cloudy, low in mid-20s, warmer high in the lower 60s.

Sunday and Monday, mostly clear and warmer, lows in the upper 20s to lower 30s, high in the lower to mid-60s.

WEDNESDAY RECAP

High, 43; low, 30; 0.5 inches, snow.

NEWS

in brief

Danish woman released, reunited with children

CONROE (AP) - A Danish woman reunited with her children after she served time in a Texas jail says she would have stayed as long as it took if it meant her children would be kept from her ex-husband.

Susanne Kite was released from Montgomery County Jail a week ago as part of an agreement with her ex-husband, Mitchell Kite.

Ms. Kite had been in jail since May 29 for violating her ex-husband's visitation rights to three of the couple's children: Matthew, 8, Michelle, 11, and Lisa, 16.

Wednesday was the first time she saw her children in eight months. "If I had to, yes, I would do it again," Ms. Kite told The (Conroe) Courier as she greeted her children with hugs. "I want to try to avoid having to do that again...but I don't regret it."

Undercover officer partially paralyzed during gun battle

HOUSTON (AP) - An undercover Houston police officer was left partially paralyzed after she was shot during a gun battle between her partner and a teenage drug suspect, police say.

Vonda Higgins, 36, was shot in the neck and was in serious condition in Ben Taub Hospital following Wednesday's incident, according to police spokesman John Cannon.

Robert Demond Lavern, 17, was shot in the leg by Higgins' partner and was in good condition late Wednesday at Hermann Hospital. Charges were pending.

"The bullet is lodged near her spine," Cannon said after Higgins underwent surgery. "She has no feeling below her chest. She has a little feeling in her left arm, and her vital signs are good."

It may be a few days before doctors can determine if the paralysis is permanent, Cannon said.

Tucker gave prison chief plan for rehabilitating inmates

HOUSTON (AP) - A three-page handwritten letter to chairman of the state prison board from Karla Faye Tucker only hours before she was executed contained her views on what Texas prisons can do to help rehabilitate prisoners.

Officials said Wednesday that the letter from Ms. Tucker to Allan Polunsky, chairman of the Texas Board of Criminal Justice, explained why prison life fosters irresponsibility among inmates and gave her ideas about what can be done to correct the situation.

The Houston Chronicle reported today that Polunsky said that while he found the letter "insightful" and plans to share it with other board members, it is "extremely unlikely" any of Ms. Tucker's suggestions would be adopted.

"When a person enters (prison), they are fed three square meals, have a roof over their head, are given clothes to wear, schooling, medical and many other things FREE," Ms. Tucker wrote. "Everything is handed to us on a silver platter free!"

"Having everything given to us free and told how to do everything has a big tendency to condition a person to be irresponsible and become very dependent upon the people in care of them," she added.

Deputies suspended after sexual assault charge file

EL PASO (AP) - Two El Paso County deputies have been suspended without pay following their arrest on sexual assault charges, officials say.

Peter Calzada, 38, a 14-year veteran deputy, and Michael Duran, 32, who has been a deputy for more than six years, were arrested Wednesday on sexual assault charges.

A Canutillo woman told investigators the deputies sexually assaulted her in a secluded part of the suburb of Vinton last month.

The victim, who was not identified, told authorities she was attacked after the two pulled up behind her the night of Jan. 31 on an isolated stretch of road.

"She had car problems, and they came by and were supposed to take her home," Sheriff Leo Samaniego said. "They went somewhere else, and that's where the offense occurred."

Virginia man evades police during Texas crime spree

WACO (AP) - A statewide manhunt continues today for a Virginia man wanted for two carjackings and an abduction since his arrival in Texas.

Carl Douglas Consolvo, 37, is wanted for similar crimes in Virginia, where authorities plan to charge him with rape and carjacking once he is caught.

Consolvo eluded Parker County deputies during a nine-hour manhunt Tuesday before carrying out a string of carjackings in Lake Worth and Waco on Wednesday.

"What brought him here and why he decided he needed to do some of these things we don't know at this time," said Tela Mange, a spokeswoman with the Department of Public Safety. "He's clearly someone the general public wouldn't want to mess with."

Ms. Mange said Consolvo is believed to be carrying a handgun. She said authorities lost Consolvo somewhere on I-35 just before noon on Wednesday, after the man is believed to have robbed an area dry cleaners.

Clinton promotes High Hopes Program

WASHINGTON (AP) - Children from poor families would have the chance to pair up with mentors, tutors, and counselors as early as grade six to gear them toward college, under a new plan announced by President Clinton.

Clinton unveiled the \$140 million effort Wednesday, saying there are plenty of poor children "who just need a little spark to go on to great things."

The High Hopes for College program aims to provide children

from disadvantaged families with support to guide them to college and brighter futures. Clinton's fiscal 1999 budget allots \$140 million and an additional \$70 million to be phased in during 2000 and 2001 for the program.

"Now, we have to make sure that all our students, especially those from our hardest-pressed families, have a guardian angel helping to guide them to those doors, and to make sure they are ready to walk through them," Clinton said Wednesday.

Under Clinton's proposal, colleges would form partnerships with middle and junior-high schools that have large concentrations of children from low-income families. The president hopes to reach more than 1 million students at 3,000 middle schools over the next five years.

By working with parents, churches, local businesses and community groups, children in the program would receive information on the significance of attending college. They would receive help as minor as filling out a college application, and as major as taking part in trips to campuses, summer programs and after-school activities to whet their appetites for college.

They also would have to take tougher classes to prepare them for the academic rigors of post-secondary education. Their parents would receive a "21st Century Scholar" certificate that spells out the amount of college aid for which their children would be eligible, Clinton said, "so they will never have any doubt that if they do their part, they can, in fact, go on to college."

The president compared himself to the students his program wants to reach. He said that although he was

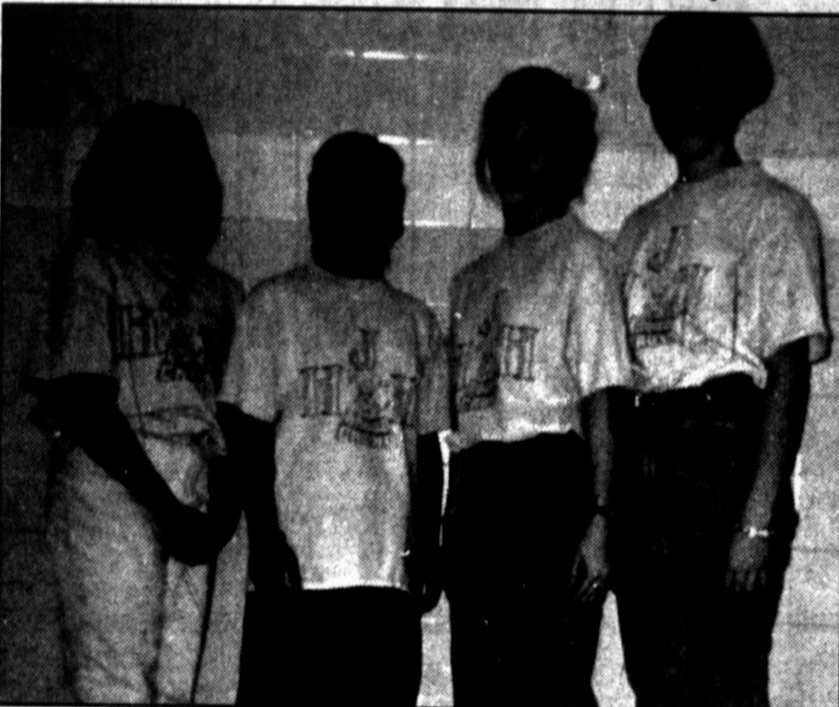
from a poor family and had never seen a relative go to college, he never doubted he'd get a college degree because every one told him that he would.

"I was in an environment which made it very difficult for me to fail," Clinton said. "That's the environment I want for every child in America."

"In every community in this country, there are children with enormous ability who just need a little spark to go on to great things," Clinton said. "We have to have high hopes for all of our children, and we have to make them know that they can have high hopes for themselves."

The program was the brainchild of Rep. Chaka Fattah, D-Pa., who patterned it after programs in Philadelphia that provide disadvantaged students with mentors, tuition assistance and general encouragement.

"These young people ... are the future of our country, and the choices that they make in their lives will either tax our society or benefit our society," Fattah said. "This life that these young people have been given is not a dress rehearsal. This initiative challenges them to do their absolute best."



Best of Senior division

Junior High girls shined during the recent science fair. Heather Stokes placed best of Sr. Division and Tiffany Koenig, Jenna Urbanczyk and Jordan Davidson all won first place at the 1998 science fair. Students competed on various levels with posters, reports and projects, depicting their personal interests.

Off-campus water course offered

The Dryland Agriculture Institute and the Continuing Education Center at West Texas A&M University will venture into the northern and southern portions of the Texas Panhandle during February to offer two sections of a water management course.

"Agricultural Water Management" will meet Tuesdays from 7-10 p.m. Feb. 10-24 at Friona State Bank and from 7-10 p.m., Thursdays, Feb. 12-26, at the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station North Plains Research Field in Etter.

Both sections will cover the same units of study, focusing on the basic principles of water conservation and water-use.

"This is the third year we've offered this course, but it's the first time we've presented it off campus," said Dr. Bob A. Stewart, director of the Dryland Agriculture Institute at WTAMU and instructor of the course, said. "I thought getting us off the campus might make it more convenient. There were a lot of people who came a long way last year. I thought it would be worth a try to get us out in the community."

Specific subjects will include rainfall probabilities and distribution; assessing risk associated with growing corn under dryland or limited irrigation; understanding the Potential Evapotranspiration Network (PET); crop residue management for water conservation; and crop-livestock systems as an alternative to grain production for more efficient use of rainfall.

"It is critically important to use our water efficiently," Stewart said. "As our water table declines, the irrigation portion of our agriculture is going to continue to decline. We've got to better manage what we've got left and utilize our rainfall. Rainfall is the only source of water for dryland farmers. If you are an irrigation farmer, rainfall is still your most important source of water."

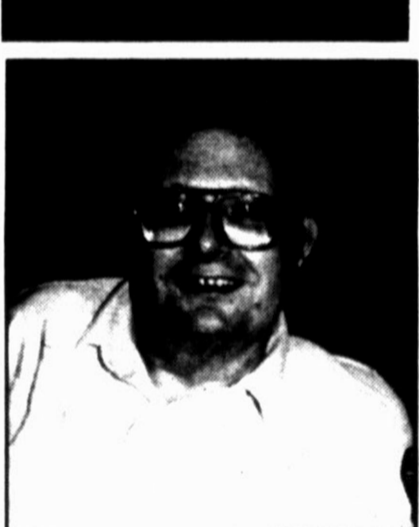
Stewart is Distinguished professor of Agriculture at the University and former director of the U.S.D.A. Conservation and production Research Laboratory at Bushland.

WTAMU is aiming the course at farmers, county agents, resource conservationists, crop consultants and other professionals interested in maximizing the use of precipitation and limited irrigation resources.

The cost of the course is \$48. For more information or to register, call the Continuing Education Center at (806) 651-2037.

THE BRAND

Obituaries



TOMMY CAMPBELL

Feb. 4, 1998

Funeral services for Tommy Campbell, 48, of Hereford will be 10 a.m. Friday at the Parkside Chapel. Burial will be in the West Park Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Parkside Chapel.

Mr. Campbell died Wednesday at his home. He was born March 9, 1949, in Amherst to William and Elvris Campbell. He had been a shift supervisor with Cerestar U.S.A. in Dimmitt for more than 27 years. Mr. Campbell was an avid fisherman and enjoyed motorcycle riding. He was a member of the National Rifle Association and the Central Church of Christ in Hereford.

Survivors include his mother Elvris Campbell of Hereford; three brothers, Roger Campbell of Amarillo, Jerry Campbell of Hereford, and Richard Campbell of Mississippi; three sisters, Lynda Hill of Hereford, Glenda Tarno of Gun Barrel, Texas and Alice Fornash of Amarillo, and several nieces and nephews.



TEXAS LOTTO

AUSTIN - One ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

The ticket was worth an estimated \$47 million.

The ticket was sold in Uvalde. The numbers drawn Wednesday night from a field of 50 were: 3-9-20-32-40-50

Saturday night's drawing will be worth an estimated \$4 million.

AUSTIN (AP) - The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Wednesday by the Texas Lottery, in order: 8-9-0

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Justice vacates Tyler federal bench

TYLER, Texas (AP) - Federal judge William Wayne Justice, once dubbed "The Real Governor of Texas" because of his influence over school integration, prison reform and other contentious issues in Texas, is leaving the Tyler bench after 30 years to become a senior judge in Austin.

A senior official in Justice's court said Wednesday night that the judge has sent a letter to President Clinton announcing his intention to go on senior status as of June 30.

Justice, 77, will work in Austin and take over the Del Rio federal court docket for the Western District of Texas.

"It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as a trial judge in the federal judicial system," Justice said in his letter to Clinton. "To use your phrase, it is the place where the rubber meets the road."

"While I have experienced the setbacks to which trial judges are usually subjected, I have, overall, enjoyed my service immensely; and I intend to continue it by assuming a substantial caseload, as a senior judge, for so long as my present good health continues."

Judge William Steger, one of Justice's fellow judges in Tyler, said the new job will allow Justice to turn down some cases and work at his own pace.

But the senior court official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said Justice plans to keep a full caseload "since he enjoys what he's doing so much."

His planned exit from Tyler will come 30 years and a day after he was appointed to the federal bench by President Johnson.

Justice declined comment Wednesday night when reached at his home in Tyler.

Since 1968, Justice has tackled many contentious cases and social issues in his courtroom. His unique brand of judicial activism has earned equal legions of advocates and critics.

"He has become the most famous judge by reason of his extraordinary willingness to use his judicial power to achieve the end he favors," Lino Graglia, a constitutional law



Activities reported by emergency services personnel for Feb. 4, 1998 include the following:

Police Department Arrests

--Two teenage boys were arrested for fighting at the Jr. High. Charges have been filed against both boys.

--The driver side window of a parked car was broken in the 200 block of North Kingwood. Damage is estimated at \$250.

--A CB antenna was stolen off a pickup while it was parked in the 100 block of Greenwood.

Sheriff's Department Arrests

--A 40-year-old man was charged with providing alcohol to a minor

--A 46-year-old woman began serving time on a theft charge.

--A criminal mischief was reported.

Accidents

--A two car accident was reported at the intersection of 25 Mile Avenue and Lake Street.

professor at the University of Texas in Austin and a critic of Justice.

"That is against the very concept of representation by elected officials."

Justice's admirers consider him a staunch defender of the Constitution.

"He does what he believes the constitution requires, even though he may not agree with it," said Tyler attorney Jeff Baynham, who has practiced in Justice's court for more than 22 years. "I've always felt that if you want to get a fair trial, you go to Judge Justice's courtroom."

Justice's move to senior status "is a sign he may be slowing down a little," Baynham said.

Whether he is slowing down or not, Justice's legacy indicates he is anything but an idle jurist.

In the 1972 Ruiz prison lawsuit, Justice ruled that conditions in Texas' prisons were so brutally crowded that they violated the U.S. Constitution. That 1981 ruling led to billions of dollars in spending on new prisons in the 1980s and 1990s.

Justice will continue to actively preside over that case when he moves to Austin. Last month, Justice denied the second request by state Rep. John Culberson of Houston and Rep. J.E. Buster Brown of Lake Jackson to take part in the case.

While he oversaw the integration of virtually all Texas public schools, a 1978 Texas Monthly profile dubbed Justice "The Real Governor of Texas." Justice forced compliance with his ruling by ordering the Texas Education Agency to withhold funds from schools that resisted.

Ironically, Justice has said that he was very quiet in supporting the landmark Brown vs. Board of Education decision when it was handed down by the U.S. Supreme Court in 1954. He was concerned that it may affect business at his practice.

His concern about public perception would quickly disappear once he put on his federal robes.

Justice has ruled that bilingual education should be available in all 12 public-school grades, ordered reform in the juvenile justice system and also ruled that public schools cannot refuse to educate the children of illegal aliens.

Those rulings would bring great scorn from many of Justice's fellow East Texans. "Impeach William Wayne Justice" bumper stickers were once a regular sight in Tyler.

Born and raised in Athens, 30 miles south of Tyler, Justice was virtually destined to become an attorney. His father, flamboyant attorney Will Justice, added his son's name to the practice when William Wayne Justice was only seven years old.

After attending the University of Texas for both his undergraduate and law degrees, Justice served in the Army and returned to join his father's practice in 1946. Following more than a dozen years in private practice and a brief stint as Athens city attorney, Justice was appointed U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District by John F. Kennedy in 1961.

That post, as well as his subsequent appointment to the federal bench, was the fruit of many years of campaigning for the Democratic Party.

That affiliation, as well as the perception that Justice is a hero to ardent civil libertarians, still draws the ire of conservative politicians today. Last May, House Majority Whip Tom DeLay named Justice as one of his candidates for judicial impeachment.

Lifestyles

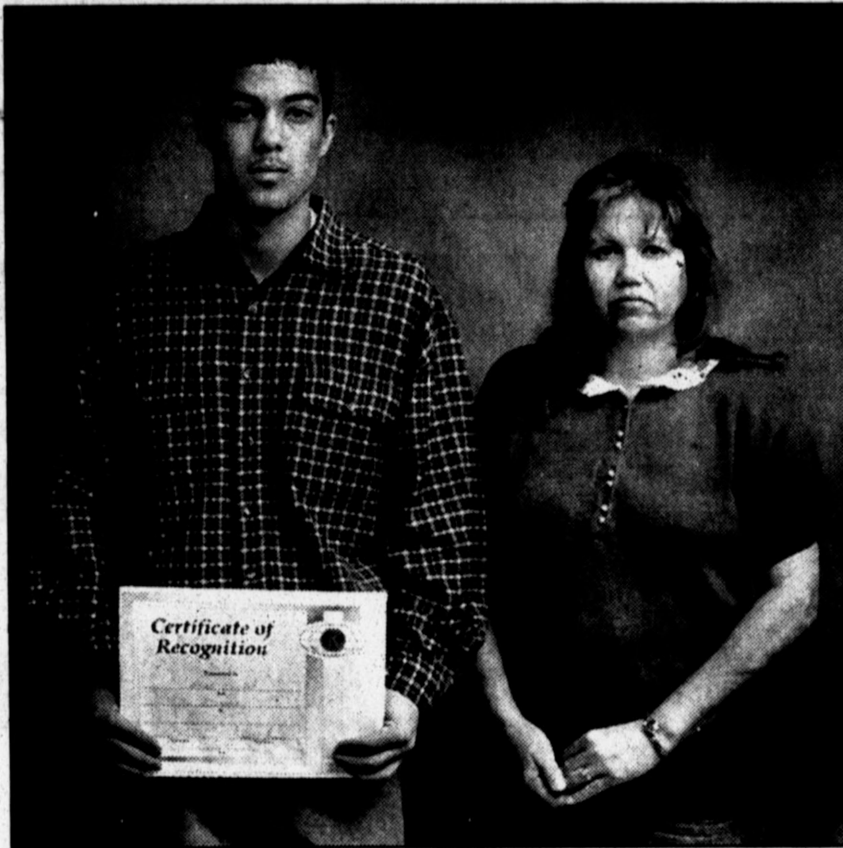
Former resident acts on hunch, helps save life of Austin woman



Hereford Noon Kiwanis Club recently presented certificates of recognition to Students of the Six Weeks, Catie Betzen and Alfredo Escobal.

Pictured above is Catie Betzen with her parents Pat and Jan Betzen.

At right is Alfredo Escobal, son of Linda and Alfredo Escobal.



Former Hereford resident James Pickett is the recipient of a certificate of appreciation for valuable and distinguished service to the Austin Police Department.

Pickett, who is a 911 operator for the Austin Police Department, was involved in an incident on Dec. 29 which probably saved an Austin woman's life.

Pickett received a 911 call from a woman who immediately hung up. When he dialed the caller back, he was told over and over again that everything was fine.

"She sounded distressed," Pickett said. "I had a feeling everything wasn't OK."

He dispatched the call to Austin police officers Mike Turner and John Sikoski. When they arrived at the

address, both officers smelled smoke and made forced entry into the residence. They crawled through smoke filled rooms until they found the female caller standing in the kitchen.

The officers led the woman into the front yard. She was taken to Brackenridge Hospital where she was treated for a burned hand and smoke inhalation. Authorities said the woman apparently was emotionally disturbed.

Turner and Sikoski, who were uninjured and who also received recognition for their actions, credit Pickett for following his intuition and sending the call to them despite the woman's protests that she was okay.

Pickett is the son of Jim and Maria Pickett of Hereford.



JAMES PICKETT

College Report

Degrees were officially conferred on 367 West Texas A&M University graduates, including 12 from Hereford, at the Dec. 19 commencement ceremonies.

Graduates with an overall grade point average of 3.50 or higher were recognized as honor graduates and were eligible to wear gold honor cords. The three levels of recognition are Cum Laude (3.50-3.74), Magna Cum Laude (3.75-3.89) and summa Cum Laude (3.90-4.00).

Hereford graduates included Sheila L. Dawes, Magna Cum Laude, with a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture; Erin C. Bullard, Cum Laude, with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing; Timothy J. Burkhalter, Bachelor of Science in Biology; Vincente D. Castillo, Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice Administration.

Also Raul R. Dominguez, Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice Administration; Emily E. Fuston, Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary; Travis D. Gilliam, Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences; Sherri L. Hunter, Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

Also Veronica Nava, Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary; Leonard A. Secret, Bachelor of Science in Animal Science; Anthony Tijerina, Bachelor of Science in Nursing; and Christina L. Wyatt, Bachelor of Science in Agri-Business and Economics.

Hospital Notes

Report from Hereford Regional Medical Center for Feb. 5:
Admitted: None.
Dismissed: Francisca Perez, Ramon Peres, Heliberto Gonzales, Cynthia Vasquez.

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Ann Landers

Dear Ann Landers: I am 26 years old and have been married for two years. My husband's mother, a truly lovely person, passed away suddenly. My husband took it very hard. At the end of the funeral service, our Methodist minister, in an effort to comfort my husband, said, "I know you were very close to your mother. Be assured that she will be looking down from heaven and will be with you always."

At first, I attached no great importance to that comment, but those two sentences have had a tremendous impact on my personal life. My husband now refuses to have any intimate contact with me for fear his mother will "see" us. Even though he always had been a bit uptight about his sexual urges, our sex life was adequate. I don't know how long I can put up with this total abstinence.

I know you are not a Methodist, Ann, but since you have many contacts in the religious world, will you please find the answer to these questions: Can anyone in heaven really see us? If so, does it mean they watch us all the time? What can I do about my husband's concepts on this matter? -- Under Observation in Illinois

Dear Illinois: I suggest that you phone the minister and ask him if he will please speak to your husband and

put him at ease about this matter. Then, urge your husband to make an appointment with the minister and discuss it. Do not try to reason with him. It won't help. He needs to be set straight by the minister.

Dear Ann Landers: I recently overheard two teenage girls talking about moving out of their parents' homes. They said their folks were too strict, and they couldn't take their rules anymore. Please, Ann, tell them to stay where they are.

I am 22 years old and left home when I was 16. What a mistake that was! I have been through things no girl should have to experience. The first year, I lived in 14 different places and had to sell most of the things I cherished in order to eat.

Please tell your young readers who think life would be wonderful if they left home and were free to do whatever they pleased to work things out with their parents. It's an ugly world out there. The independence I was so eager to have wasn't worth much. -- Learned the Hard Way in Silver Spring, Md.

Dear Learned: I hope every teenage girl who has flirted with the idea of leaving home will clip this column and put it where she can read it whenever that notion surfaces.

When things get rough, talk to a school counselor, the mother of a

close friend, an aunt or an older cousin, but STAY HOME. Repeat to yourself one of my favorite mottos -- "and this, too, shall pass."

Dear Ann Landers: You asked your readers to tell you what they've found while jogging. For six years, my wife and I have made a practice of looking on the ground no matter where we are. Rarely does a day go by that one of us doesn't find something, but I still can't figure out how Craig Davidson in Phoenix managed to find \$5,170. We currently have \$400 in our container. -- Lowell and Marlene in Indiana

Dear Lowell and Marlene: Maybe you missed the column in which I said that Craig's wife verified his statement on the phone. She told me he runs a lot more than the average jogger and has found \$5,170. I believe her. Here's one more:

Dear Ann: When I was 9 years old, I found a dime -- a lot of money in 1938. I showed the dime to my grandmother, and she told me the following story: Once, there was a man who found a \$5 bill in the gutter. He spent the rest of his life looking for more. He never saw the trees, the flowers, the mountains or the rainbows. All he ever saw was gutters. -- Gene in Fort Collins, Colo.

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Christian Assembly would like to invite you to come hear special guest speaker, James D. Regehr. James is the author of the "Myrtle Ministries" series of Christian literature. James will be speaking for services at 10:30 A.M. and 6:00 P.M. Sunday, February 1st & February 8th

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Tour group

Members of Sparklers 4-H Club recently toured the offices of the Hereford Brand, visiting the newsroom, paste-up, ad department, press and circulation.

Area Events

AMARILLO

The Harrington String Quartet will perform a free concert at 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 10 in the galleries of the Amarillo Museum of Art at Amarillo college.

The art museum opened a new exhibit at the end of January featuring American works from the late 19th and early 20th centuries. The quartet will perform music written in America at the same time the artwork was created.

Following the performance the audience will be invited to view the exhibit and join the quartet in a dessert reception.

For more information call the Amarillo Symphony offices at 806-376-8782.

Puzzle Pieces, a mind boggling collection of 12 tabletop puzzles, opened Jan. 31 at the Don Harrington Discovery Center and runs through May 4. Components of the exhibit are designed to challenge all ages using a variety of problem solving skills.

Components include 12 puzzle tables, one wall mount and three trunks. The tabletop puzzles are Towers of Hanoi, Dicesman, Topology puzzles, Which Way Out, Magic Squares, Tanagram, Topsy-Turvy, Colored Dots, Gold Necklace, Soma Cube and Crossing the River. The trunks are predominantly geared

toward pre-school age children and include Molecules, Squares and Slinky Pieces.

Puzzle Pieces was designed and built in-house by the exhibits department of the Don Harrington Discovery Center. When Puzzles Pieces is not on display at the Discovery center it travels to various locations in the region generating income for the educational programs and exhibits of the Discovery Center.

The Discovery Center is prepared to take you around the universe this spring season with a new planetarium show, *Destination: Universe, Our Future in Space. Planet Patrol*, the current planetarium show, will also be available. The Discovery Center will alternate the two shows every other hour on the weekends.

Destination: Universe, Our Future in Space, a Loch Ness production, takes a speculative look at the future from a modern-day visit to a space station, moon colonies, near future planetary visits and of the colonization of the galaxy in the far-flung future. In each segment, the realistic problems and barriers involved in each step of exploration are presented, as well as possible solutions which will be used to overcome them.

Planet Patrol introduces Planetary Investigator, Sam Snork of Snorkville. Sam takes younger visitors on an exciting and entertaining search of the universe for the source of

strange television signals he detected from his home planet.

Both shows run through Memorial Day weekend.

WTAMU

West Texas A&M University's Chi Theta Chapter of Sigma Tau Delta will host a Middle School Paper Conference beginning at 8:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. 27 in the Jack B. Kelley Student Center and the Classroom Center on the WTAMU campus.

According to conference chairman Tom Patterson, a graduate student in English and teaching assistant in the Department of English and Modern Languages at WTAMU, all middle school students in the Texas Panhandle including those who are home-schooled will be invited to present original works in fiction, prose, nonfiction and poetry. Students in the sixth through eighth grades may participate.

Students will present material before contest judges, and each presentation will be scored individually appropriate to grade level. The papers with the highest scores will be deemed winners.

WTAMU President Russell C. Long will present awards at a ceremony at 3 p.m. in the Virgil Henson Activities Center Ballroom.

For more information about the conference, contact Patterson at 806-651-2486.

Today in History

By The Associated Press
Today is Thursday, Feb. 5, the 36th day of 1998. There are 329 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On Feb. 5, 1631, the founder of Rhode Island, Roger Williams, and his wife arrived in Boston from England.

On this date:
In 1887, Verdi's opera "Otello" premiered at La Scala.

In 1917, Congress passed, over President Wilson's veto, a law severely curtailing the immigration of Asians.

In 1917, Mexico's constitution was adopted.

In 1937, President Roosevelt proposed increasing the number of Supreme Court justices. Critics charged that he was attempting to "pack" the court.

In 1958, Gamel Abdel Nasser was formally nominated to become the first president of the new United Arab Republic.

In 1962, French President Charles De Gaulle called for Algeria's independence.

In 1994, white separatist Byron De La Beckwith was convicted in Jackson, Miss., of the 1993 murder of civil rights leader Medgar Evers.

Ten years ago: The Arizona House impeached Gov. Evan Mecham, setting the stage for his conviction in the state Senate. A pair of indictments were unsealed in Florida, accusing Panama's military leader, Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega, of bribery

and drug trafficking.

Five years ago: Federal judge Kimba Wood, President Clinton's expected choice for attorney general, withdrew from consideration, saying her baby sitter had been an illegal alien for seven years.

One year ago: Switzerland's "Big

Three" banking giants announced they would create a \$71 million fund for Holocaust victims and their families. Investment bank Morgan Stanley announced a \$10 billion merger with Dean Witter. U.S. Ambassador Pamela Harriman died in Paris at age 76.

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Dear Heloise: Here are some of my favorite household hints.

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• To clean the inside of glass fire-place doors, dampen some newspaper, rub the damp paper in some ashes, then clean the glass. The wet ashes do the trick.

• Make up 4 to 6 quarts of tomato-meat sauce at a time and store in pint or quart containers in the freezer for use with spaghetti, lasagna, pizza or other entrees.

• Save the liners of cereal boxes to use in cookie containers and wherever else you might use waxed paper.

• If you want to reuse stick-on name tags, put them on a sheet of waxed paper for the next time.

Maybe there's a new idea among the above. We have very much appreciated your hints over the years. — Cynthia H. Wetherholt, Bothell, Wash.

All good reuse hints for sure! — Heloise

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

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Fort Clatsop was a rudimentary wooden stockade. After the Lewis and Clark Expedition reached the Pacific Ocean in 1805, they constructed the fort as their headquarters for the 1805 to 1806 winter. Located in present-day Oregon, the fort was named after the Clatsops, a friendly tribe of Indians that lived in the vicinity. Visitors can tour the National Memorial at the site where this fort once stood. The Los Ciboleros Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, urges you to learn more about forts in American history during February, American history month in Hereford.



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NBA

Wednesday's Games
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 Washington 104, Cleveland 88
 Miami 98, Philadelphia 84
 Minnesota 95, New York 88
 Utah 101, Chicago 83
 Sacramento 101, Denver 99
 Seattle 104, Indiana 97
 L.A. Lakers 122, Portland 115

Thursday's Games
 Dallas at Toronto, 6 p.m.
 Phoenix at New Jersey, 6:30 p.m.
 Washington at Orlando, 6:30 p.m.
 Vancouver at Charlotte, 6:30 p.m.
 Atlanta at Cleveland, 6:30 p.m.
 Houston at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
 Miami at Milwaukee, 7:30 p.m.

NHL

Wednesday's Games
 Washington 2, Pittsburgh 2, tie
 Boston 2, Buffalo 2, tie
 New Jersey 2, Ottawa 0
 N.Y. Islanders 4, Montreal 2
 Toronto 3, St. Louis 2
 Tampa Bay 3, Carolina 3, tie
 Dallas 1, Philadelphia 0
 San Jose 3, Edmonton 0
 Anaheim 3, N.Y. Rangers 2

Thursday's Games
 St. Louis at Boston, 6:30 p.m.
 Toronto at Ottawa, 6:30 p.m.
 Detroit at Tampa Bay, 6:30 p.m.
 Chicago at Colorado, 8 p.m.
 Philadelphia at Phoenix, 8 p.m.
 San Jose at Calgary, 8 p.m.
 N.Y. Rangers at Los Angeles, 9:30 p.m.

NCAA Basketball

EAST
 Bucknell 87, Lehigh 59
 Carleton 94, Siena 92
 Holy Cross 71, Army 70
 Loyola, Md. 91, Iona 82
 Navy 84, Colgate 70
 St. John's 91, Boston College 79

SOUTH
 Alabama 78, Auburn 62
 Davidson 53, Chattanooga 52, OT
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 Miami 64, Providence 54
 Richmond 79, East Carolina 64
 Southern U. 93, UNC-Greensboro 79
 Tennessee 77, Georgia 48
 Va. Commonwealth 69, American U. 64
 Virginia Tech 89, Fordham 70
 Wake Forest 68, N. Carolina St. 62

MIDWEST
 Illinois 68, Minnesota 56
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 Indiana 85, Penn St. 76
 Kansas 83, Iowa St. 62
 Michigan St. 84, Ohio St. 58
 Missouri 81, Nebraska 76, OT
 Saint Louis 83, N.C. Charlotte 80

SOUTHWEST
 Grambling St. 77, Ark.-Pine Bluff 64
 Texas Tech 70, Oklahoma 68

FAR WEST
 Stanford 74, California 72

IN BRIEF

Clancy bid matched

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) -- Minnesota Vikings president Roger Headrick has matched author Tom Clancy's bid to buy the team, hoping to satisfy what he claims is a show-me-the-money attitude of the current ownership.

Headrick, one of the Vikings' 10 current owners, said Wednesday night that he upped the offer he made this week by about \$20 million, equaling Clancy's NFL-record bid of slightly more than \$200 million. That offer was accepted Tuesday.

Headrick said he has a legal right, under the bylaws under which the current ownership group operates, to match any offer from an outside bidder.

Tech edges OU

NORMAN, Okla. (AP) -- Cory Carr never had hit a game-winning shot.

He has now. Carr's 15-foot jumper with 3.9 seconds left gave the Red Raiders a 70-68 victory in a wild Big 12 game Wednesday night. Texas Tech scored the game's final 11 points.

Frosh tourney set

From staff reports
 The Hereford Junior High School freshman girls basketball team will host Borger at 4:30 p.m. this afternoon in the first round of the district freshman girls basketball tournament at the Hereford Junior High School gymnasium.

In other first round games, also at the HJHS gymnasium, Dumas will play Pampa, also at 4:30 p.m. this afternoon. Canyon and Amarillo Caprock will play at 5:30 p.m.

Valleyview has a first-round bye. The Borger-Hereford winner will play Valleyview at 7:30 p.m. this evening at Whiteface Gymnasium.

The district tournament championship game is scheduled for 4:30 p.m. Saturday afternoon at Whiteface Gymnasium.

High School Softball

The Hereford High School varsity softball schedule as released Monday by head coach Jack Fox and Athletic Director Brenda Klitten:

Feb. 26, at Dumas, 5 p.m.;
 March 5, vs. Canyon at Hereford, 5 p.m.; March 6-7, Midland tournament, TBA; March 12, at Canyon Randall, 5 p.m.; March 26, vs. Pampa at Hereford, 5 p.m.;

April 2, vs. Borger at Hereford, 5 p.m.; April 3, at Pampa, 5 p.m.; April 8, vs. Dumas at Hereford, 5 p.m.; April 16, at Canyon, 5 p.m.; April 18, vs. Dumas at Hereford, 1 p.m.

Texas, Aggies make best recruiting hauls

By DENNE H. FREEMAN
 AP Sports Writer

Texas A&M, behind recruiting-savvy coach R.C. Slocum, and Texas, riding the wave of new coach Mack Brown, collected an impressive array of high school football talent on national signing day Wednesday.

The Big 12 South champion Aggies went heavily for offense, signing two of the state's best quarterbacks in Chip Ambros of Beaumont West Brook and Vance Smith of Fort Worth Christian.

They also signed four huge offensive linemen, two talented tight ends, two running backs, and four wide receivers as Slocum went for an infusion of offensive firepower. Punter Derek Lechler

and linebacker Brian Gamble of Alto were the only non-offensive players signed by the Aggies.

"We needed some help at wide receiver, particularly speed receivers, and we got some guys who can take a quick slant pattern and turn it into a big play," Slocum said. "We got the two quarterbacks we wanted. If you're ever going to be any good, you'd better have yourself a big-time quarterback."

Texas signed an impressive crop in Brown's first outing, including three players from the same school. Texas City sent linebacker Jermaine Anderson and defensive backs Tyrone Jonds and

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CISD backs off UIL appeal

By BOB VARMETTE
 Sports Writer

Still not happy, the Canyon Independent School District is, for the moment anyway, backing away from appealing the University Interscholastic League's biennial realignment.

The UIL dropped a bomb Monday morning when realignment shifted Canyon and Canyon Randall south into the new District 4-4A with former District 2-4A members Plainview, Lubbock Estacado, Wolfforth Frenship and Levelland. "I don't look for us to appeal," CISD Athletic Director Mike Wartes said Wednesday afternoon. "Basically, it wouldn't do us any good. We just don't see any better options."

San Angelo Central, which was realigned into District 3-5A for football only from District 4-5A, will file an appeal with the UIL, according to San Angelo Independent School District Assistant Athletic Director

"There are only 18 4A schools from Fort Stockton to Borger. We've looked at it, and we just can't see a better way."

-- Mike Wartes

Rex Scofield.

Scofield said SAISD Superintendent Dr. Joe Gonzalez made the announcement at a 10 a.m. Wednesday press conference.

SAISD Athletic Director Jim Hunley was in Austin Wednesday afternoon and unavailable for comment. SAISD administrators are unhappy with travel considerations.

Monday afternoon Wartes said CISD was considering an appeal of the UIL realignment, expressing "surprise" at the southward shift. He said increased travel costs for CISD

schools, as well as the time lost in the classroom, were the primary considerations.

"We've looked at it," Wartes said. "We've analyzed it. It's going to be double the travel (costs) and more school time missed. That's always a concern."

Several options were discussed, according to Wartes. They involved making District 4-4A a five-team district, which the UIL tries to avoid, and would have involved shifting Hereford to the new District 4-4A.

One scenario would have placed Canyon and Randall into the new District 3-4A with old District 1-4A rivals Dumas, Borger, Pampa and Amarillo Caprock, as well as addition Amarillo Palo Duro, which was reclassified to Class 4A in the realignment.

"It might have been better for

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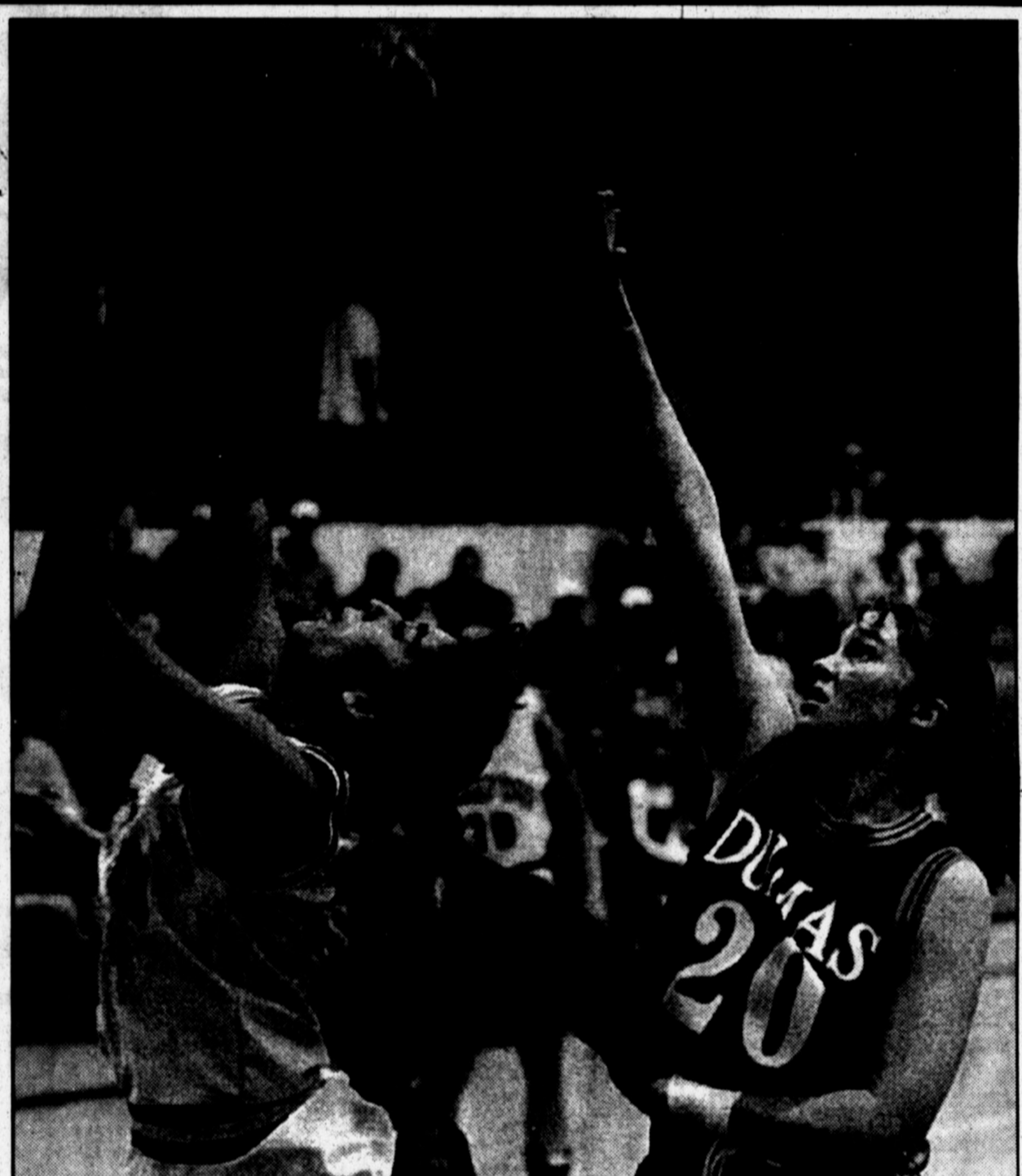


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Balancing act

Hereford sophomore Valerie Guzman seems to balance the basketball while taking an awkward shot Jan. 20 against Dumas defender Wendy Artho during a District 1-4A game at Whiteface Gymnasium. The Lady Whitefaces will play Canyon Randall 6 p.m. Friday night at Whiteface Gymnasium.

H. S. BASEBALL

Herd optimistic for '98 baseball season

By BOB VARMETTE
 Sports Writer

When Hereford head baseball coach Pete Rodriguez looks back on the upcoming season, he wants to see one thing above all -- consistency. More than wins, more than statistical goals, Rodriguez hopes to be able to say the 1998 Hereford Whitefaces were a more consistent baseball team.

"We don't want to be a Jeckyl and Hyde team," Rodriguez said, "play real well in one game and go beat (Canyon) Randall and then come back the next day and get 10-run ruled by (Amarillo) Caprock or Pampa. That's been one of our problems in the past."

The Whitefaces began workouts for the 1998 season Monday and after just two sessions on the field, Rodriguez is optimistic about Hereford's prospects.

"I really think we have a chance of making the playoffs," he said, "if we can play well, and we can keep ourselves in the ball game, and just improve. ... That's our main goal -- to improve."

Hereford will return 10 letterwinners from last year's team that finished 9-15 overall and 2-10 in District 1-4A. The Whiteface's first game will be against Tulia Feb. 24 at

Dumas, Canyon Randall seen as District 1-4A pre-season favorites Page 6A

Whiteface Field.

Hereford will have two scrimmages prior to its first game -- Feb. 17 with Lubbock Estacado and Feb. 21 with Levelland. Both scrimmages will be at Whiteface Field.

The goals of the pre-district schedule are several, according to Rodriguez. He hopes to set rotations and lineups, as well as find consistent play.

Hereford returns three pitchers with varsity pitching experience -- senior Ray David Rangel, junior Cory Ortiz and sophomore George Castillo. All are righthanders.

All saw limited action, but Castillo worked the most of the three in 1997, pitched 15 innings. Ortiz pitched two innings and Rangel 2 1/3 innings.

"Rangel is probably our No. 1 right now," Rodriguez said. "George would be our (No.) 2. They would be our top two right now."

Rangel is primarily a fastball pitcher, and also throws a breaking

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Turek stars in 1-0 victory

DALLAS (AP) -- Roman Turek was perfect. He had to be -- with only one goal to work with.

Dallas' backup goaltender stopped 26 shots for his first career shutout and Pat Verbeek scored a power-play goal as the Stars beat the Philadelphia Flyers 1-0 Wednesday night in a battle of two of the NHL's top teams.

"He's just so hungry to play that he doesn't care who it's against," Stars coach Ken Hitchcock said of the 27-year-old Turek, in his first full NHL season. "Tonight the goalie was going to have to be one of the stars. He's feeling confident about the way he's playing."

It was the Flyers' fourth straight loss, their longest losing streak in almost four years. Dallas increased its point total to 78, best in the league. Turek, getting the start with Ed Belfour scratched due to a sore back, won for the eighth time this season to extend the Flyers' longest losing streak since March 26-31, 1994.

The shutout was the eighth for the Stars this season to set a club record and the fifth at home, also a new franchise mark.

Turek, a native of the Czech Republic, started slowly this season, but he has allowed no more than one goal in six of his last seven games.

"Getting the shutout is nice," said Turek, who has started three of the last four games. "Every player wants to play all the time so it's been tough. In Europe I played in every game so it's been hard to get used to this."

Verbeek notched his 16th goal at 17:01 of the second period with Eric Lindros in the penalty box for holding. Sergei Zubov shot wide from the point, the puck glanced off Stars center Joe Nieuwendyk's thigh, and Verbeek beat Flyers goalie Ron Hextall from in front of the net after collecting the loose puck.

Philadelphia	0	0	0	0
Dallas	0	1	0	1

First Period--None. Penalties--Podemir, Phi (holding stick), 4:59; Ludwig, Dal (high-sticking), 8:00.

Second Period--1, Dallas, Verbeek 16 (Nieuwendyk, Zubov), 17:01 (pp). Penalties--Ninimaa, Phi (holding), 1:43; Langenbrunner, Dal (interference), 1:48; Lindros, Phi (holding), 15:53.

Third Period--None. Penalties--Langenbrunner, Dal (holding stick), 2:53; Verbeek, Dal (roughing), 15:49.
 Shots on goal--Philadelphia 6-8-10-24. Dallas 2-11-7--20. Power-play Opportunities--Philadelphia 0 of 4; Dallas 1 of 3. Goals--Philadelphia, Hextall 15-8-5 (20 shots-19 saves). Dallas, Turek 6-5-0 (24-24). A--16,928 (16,928). Referee--Terry Gregson. Linesmen--Thor Nelson, Mark Pare.

"The difference in the game was a puck that bounced off Nieuwendyk's leg," said Flyers coach Wayne Cashman. "I thought we played pretty well. We just couldn't get a break and put the puck in the net."

Verbeek had an empty-net goal against San Jose on Jan. 12. His previous goal came on Dec. 27 against Vancouver.

The Flyers held a 6-2 shots-on-goal advantage in a scoreless first period. Dallas' two shots were its second fewest in any period this season.

Stars center Bob Bassen strained his left knee late in the first period and did not play the rest of the way. Bassen will have a more extensive exam Thursday and is day-to-day.

The Flyers opened a tough stretch of three road games in four nights, falling to 4-12-4 against teams that are .500 or better.

Hextall was beaten only once, that on pinball goal, but he still came away impressed by the Stars.

"They played a pretty good game," Hextall said. "They're the best team in hockey right now. They proved that."

Celts win easy over Mavericks

BOSTON (AP) -- Dee Brown hit six 3-pointers in the fourth quarter and scored a season-high 32 points as the Boston Celtics handed the Dallas Mavericks their 19th consecutive road loss, 110-99 Wednesday night.

Brown's previous season high had come one night earlier when he scored 20 in a 93-89 loss at Charlotte in place of starting guard Ron Mercer, who had the flu.

On Wednesday, he hit 8-of-10 3-pointers. His six in the final period were one short of the NBA record for one quarter.

Brown, who played 31 minutes, was averaging just 18.6 minutes a game as a backup to rookies Mercer and Chauncey Billups. Mercer played against the Mavericks but didn't start.

Dana Barros, another veteran guard whose playing time has decreased, added 16 points as the Celtics benefited from crisp ball movement. They had 34 assists, 13 by Billups. The entire Dallas team managed just 11.

The Mavericks, 1-17 on the road against the Celtics, were led by Michael Finley with 18 points and Hubert Davis with 13.

Boston took the lead for good, 43-41, on Antoine Walker's 3-pointer with 3:06 left in the half, which ended with the Celtics ahead 52-45.

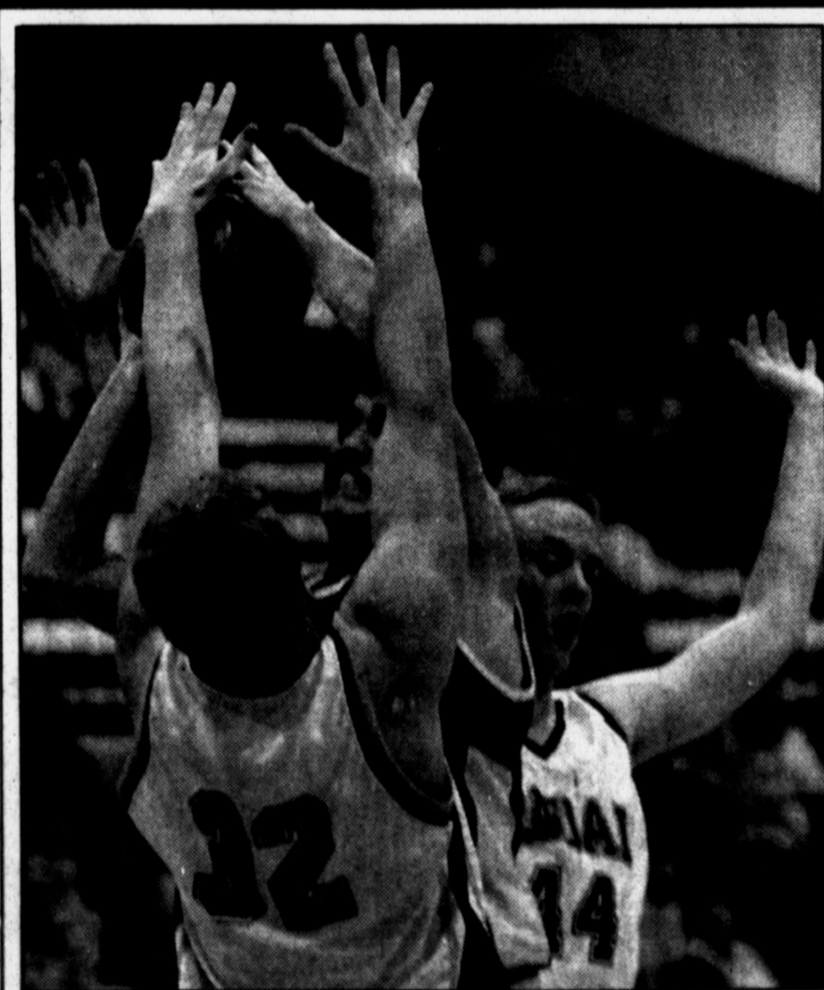


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Tight spot

Canyon Randall's Brandon Sims (32) and Jay Paetzold sandwich Hereford's Mitch Wagner during a District 1-4A game Jan. 13 at Randall High School gymnasium. The Whitefaces and the Raiders will meet for the last time as District 1-4A rivals 7:30 p.m. Friday night at Whiteface Gymnasium.

Rodriguez sees Dumas, Randall as 1-4A favorites

By BOB VARMETTE
Sports Writer

With consistency the primary goal, Hereford head baseball coach Pete Rodriguez is looking forward to the 1998 baseball season.

An in particular, the district season.

The Whitefaces finished seventh in District 1-4A in 1997 with a 2-10 record. Hereford was 9-15 overall.

But he expects things to be different where the Hereford Whitefaces are concerned when it comes to this season.

"I really think we have a chance of making the playoffs," Rodriguez said.

Of course, last year's two top district teams, Canyon Randall and Dumas, as well as the other contenders, will have something to say about that.

Once district play starts, Rodriguez said it will be competitive with Randall and Dumas the top contenders for the title.

"I see Randall as being the favorite," he said. "They have

everybody returning from last year. They'll be the team to beat this year. "They have good hitting, good pitching, good solid defense. They're just an overall good baseball team," he added.

Rodriguez says the Demons' pitching will again be formidable in their quest to win the district crown.

"They've got good pitching," he said. "That's what helps them. They're in there year in and year out. They throw the ball hard. Anytime you can throw the ball hard you can win some games."

Rodriguez also mentions Amarillo Caprock as a potential holder of one of the three playoff spots.

"You can never rule Caprock out," Rodriguez said. "They're a scrappy team, year in and year out."

"It's a balanced district," he added. "You have Randall and Dumas and everybody else fighting for that third spot."

Hereford will start its 1998 season Feb. 17 when the Whitefaces scrimmage Lubbock Estacado at Whiteface Field.



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Runners up

The Hereford Junior High School seventh grade girls "A" basketball team placed second recently in the district tournament, losing to Canyon 59-45 in the championship game. Pictured are: (left to right) top row, Sarah Griffin, Becky Bailey, Camille Vasek and Jessica Matsler; bottom row, Amber Fortenberry and Wendy Briones. Not pictured were Tiffany Mercer, Jenna Urbanczyk, Tiffany Koenig and Elizabeth Tarr. The "A" team was 10-6 overall and 6-4 in district.

Lady Red Raiders rout UT

LUBBOCK (AP) -- Alicia Thompson had 30 points and 13 rebounds Wednesday night as No. 7 Texas Tech used a 19-2 second-half run to put away a 79-59 victory over Texas.

Angie Braziel added 29 points and eight rebounds for Texas Tech (15-7, 8-1 Big 12).

Angela Jackson scored 17 points for Texas (8-11, 3-6).

Tech's key run came after Jackson

and Texas guard Vanessa Wallace both left the game with four fouls and Texas coach Jody Conradt picked up a technical foul with 14:59 left.

The Lady Raiders then found their inside game and took advantage of Longhorn turnovers while turning a 37-32 lead into a 51-39 advantage with 10:16 left. Texas never threatened after that.

Edwina Brown chipped in 14 points for the Longhorns.

Baseball

ball and a changeup. Castillo is more of a breaking ball and changeup pitcher, according to Rodriguez.

The Whitefaces will be using young talent to fill the middle of the defense. Andrew Ramirez, a sophomore, will return at shortstop. He was a starter for Hereford as a freshman.

At second base, another sophomore L.J. Vallejo, is expected to see a lot of playing time once basketball season is over.

Senior Anthony Lopez is projected at first base. Brandon Brown, a senior, saw time at catcher last year and is expected to fill the position again this season, Rodriguez said.

Third base is more of a problem. "We're hurting at third base last year," Rodriguez said. "That's another spot we're going to be looking at. Hopefully, in the next two weeks we'll find some third basemen."

The outfield is where the Whitefaces appear to be strongest. All three starting outfielders will return.

"We have three returning seniors," Rodriguez said. "Of course, one (Jeremy Urbanczyk) blew his knee out. He's limited right now to what he can do. ... He can run and he can play catch, but other than that, we're really not pushing it yet until we get a full clearance from his doctor."

Seniors Tate Head and Jeremy Scott are the other returning letterwinners in the Hereford outfield.

Offensively, Rodriguez is looking for increased run production from the Whitefaces. He said Hereford doesn't have any power hitting prospects, but that doesn't mean the Whitefaces won't be able to put runs on board.

"I think we'll have to rely a lot on situational hitting," he said. "I don't see us being a power hitting team. We're going to have to be able to manufacture runs."

Head is the leading returning hitter for Hereford. He batted .462 during the 1997 district season and had a .613 on-base percentage. Ramirez hit .324 with a .487 on-base average, and Lopez batted .233 with a .441 on-base percentage.

Vallejo hit only for a .143 average during his freshman season, but showed ability to get on base with a .625 on-base percentage.

And once the Whitefaces get on base, Rodriguez said they won't be afraid to run.

"If we get on base, we're going," he said. "Last year, if we'd get on base with two outs, we'd go. We're going to run. We'll do lots of hitting and running."

Appeal

us," Wartes said, "but it wouldn't have been better for other schools. You need a plan that's not detrimental to the other school districts."

Wartes said the UIL generally likes to see alternate plans when an appeal is filed. He added the small number of Class 4A schools in West Texas makes any changes unlikely.

"There are only 18 4A schools from Fort Stockton to Borger," Wartes said. "We've looked at it, and we just can't see a better way."

"There's always a chance," he added. "We have until Feb. 12. I wouldn't rule it completely out."

Schools have until Feb. 12 to file a written appeal with the UIL. The UIL State Assignment Review Board will conduct a hearing Feb. 16 in Austin.

Wartes indicated many concerns have been expressed, but that CISD officials don't feel they are under any pressure from parents in the school district to appeal the realignment.

"There's certainly discontent," he said. "No one is excited about it. But to appeal for the sake of appealing, we wouldn't do that."

The final determination on any potential appeal rests with CISD Superintendent Mike King and the school board.

King was not in his office late Wednesday afternoon and unavailable for comment.

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The best of the Longhorns signings included running back Victor Ike of Austin Bowie, who had previously committed to A&M. They also got lineman Antwan Kirk-Hughes of Waxahachie, wide receiver Montrell Flowers of Dallas Skyline and defensive back Jamal Joyner of Dallas Carter.

"All of the guys that committed to us came," Brown said. "I thought that was a great fact. There are still a lot of questions, but we felt good about the group

that we signed today."

Texas Tech coach Spike Dykes did well considering the Red Raiders are being shadowed by an NCAA investigation.

Dykes signed two quarterbacks, Shannon Bennett of Grand Prairie and Kliff Kingsbury of New Braunfels, who will help.

Tech signed 15 players. The Raiders originally had 22 scholarships but the school limited itself to 17 as a response to the NCAA inquiry into its athletic program.

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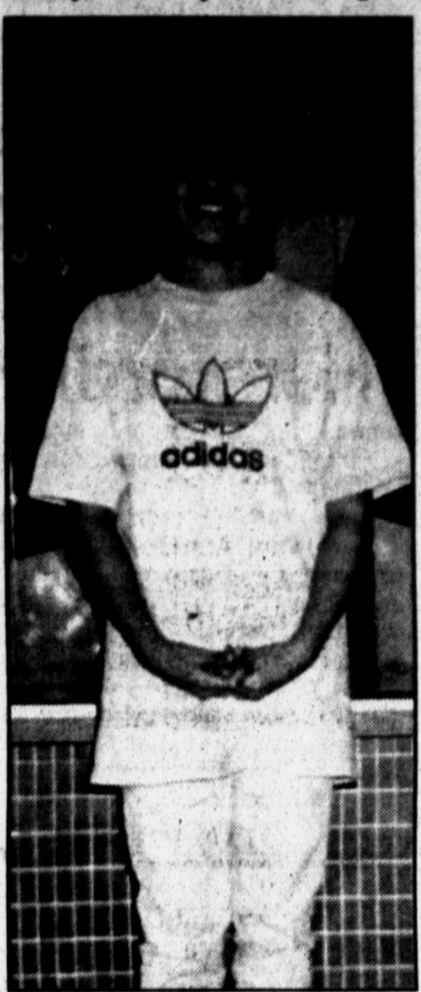
1st-place winners

First-place science fair winners from Aikman Primary School are (from left) James Bell, Eli Romero, Stephen Rodriguez, Daniel English and Manuel Segovia.



5th-grade winners

Bluebonnet Science Fair winners are (from left) Lee Gonzalez, Stephanie Harris, Karla Dominguez and Cassandra Pesina.



1st place

Betzaira Jimenez, a fourth-grade student at Bluebonnet Intermediate School, was a first-place winner in science fair competition.

CROPS

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said, however, that spring vegetable garden preparations are under way. Douglas also said beef cattle conditions are good and prices have improved.

In the Coastal Bend region of the state, Extension director Lin Wilson said pre-plant fertilization is in full swing. He said wheat is growing well and oat stands look good for most counties. He added that counties in the southern portion of the district received a good general rain over the weekend.

The following specific livestock, crop and weather conditions were reported by area district Extension directors:

PANHANDLE: Soil moisture short to adequate. Ranges, pastures fair to good. Cattle in fair to good condition; supplemental feeding continues. Wheat is rated fair to good. Land preparation is under way for sugarcubes and corn.

SOUTH PLAINS: Soil moisture short to adequate. Ranges, pastures fair. Supplemental feeding of livestock still required in many locations. Land preparation, fertilizer, herbicide application main activity in fields.

ROLLING PLAINS: Soil moisture adequate to surplus. Pastures, ranges improving. Cow body conditions continue to improve with more forage available. Cotton crop is complete. Wheat crop looks good. Green bug infestation discovered; no significant damage yet.

Fund-raiser faces charges

WASHINGTON (AP) - Two days after surrendering to FBI agents, Democratic fund-raiser Yah Lin "Charlie" Trie is facing arraignment on charges that he tried to buy government influence by arranging illegal political donations.

Trie, who fled to China last year as Congress began investigating his alleged role in funneling illegal foreign donations to President Clinton's re-election effort, was to appear today before U.S. District Judge Paul Friedman to be arraigned on a 15-count indictment returned last

week. Trie flew to Washington Tuesday with his defense lawyer Reid Weingarten, who had negotiated the terms of his surrender with Justice Department prosecutors. After turning himself in to FBI agents, Trie was released on a \$200,000 personal recognizance bond.

Weingarten, who met Trie in Paris, negotiated the bond arrangement as a condition for his surrender to the Justice Department, said a lawyer familiar with the case. The source cautioned that Trie's return is not to

be taken as a sign that he is seeking a deal with prosecutors.

Weingarten issued a statement Tuesday night saying that Trie had returned voluntarily to fight the charges and put to rest any notion that he was a fugitive or a spy for China.

The former Little Rock restaurateur is accused of conspiring with business associate Yuan Pei "Antonio" Pan to buy influence with unnamed high government officials by contributing to the Democratic Party through "straw donors" who were reimbursed with cash.

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Names in the News

JIMMY CARTER

AMERICUS, Ga. (AP) - Jimmy Carter kept busy working on his 14th book - and working out - while he was hospitalized to treat a mysterious rash.

"They brought in a Stairmaster, computer and fax machine," said his wife, Rosalynn.

The former president was expected to be released from Atlanta's Emory University Hospital today and return to the couple's home in nearby Plains. Carter entered the hospital Sunday for treatment of a skin rash that's been bothering him for months.

"He's better," Mrs. Carter said at Georgia Southwestern State University, where on Wednesday she accepted a \$1.2 million gift to the Rosalynn Carter Institute, a mental health consortium.

She said her husband is working on a book tentatively titled "The Virtues of Aging."

PAUL NEWMAN

NORFOLK, Va. (AP) - Paul Newman was so taken with the scenery of the Chesapeake Bay area he visited on his vacation that it may lead to a film.

Newman, Kevin Costner and Robin Wright Penn will begin shooting their new movie "Message in a Bottle" in April, perhaps on Tangier Island off the Eastern Shore.

The romantic drama from Costner's production company is the story of a widowed shipbuilder and a single mother.

"I play the bottle," Newman joked Wednesday in *The Virginian-Pilot*.

While Newman wouldn't confirm details about set location, he gushed about the area he and actress wife

Joanne Woodward visited last year. "It was one of the most beautiful areas of the country I've seen," Newman said. "We recommended the area to Kevin."

Helicopters have been spotted taking photos over Tangier Island, apparently scouting locations for the film. Massachusetts' Cape Cod and North Carolina's Outer Banks also have been mentioned as possible sites for the film.

TOM BERENGER

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) - Tom Berenger gave the state an 1861 Confederate flag believed to have been flying in Charleston when the first shots of the Civil War were fired at Fort Sumter.

Berenger, the "Platoon" actor and Civil War buff, presented the flag to South Carolina House Speaker David Wilkins during Wednesday's legislative session.

Wilson thanked him, saying he was "proud to call (Berenger) a South Carolinian." The actor, who has lived in Beaufort County since filming "The Big Chill" there in 1982, didn't speak and was ushered out of the chamber by a cadre of House members.

The flag likely will be given to the State Museum or the state Confederate Relic Room and Museum for display, Wilkins said.

Louise Majors, spokeswoman for the state Budget and Control Board that oversees the relic room, said museum officials had not yet authenticated the banner.

Wilkins, a lawyer who represented the actor during his divorce last year, would not say how much Berenger paid for the flag, except that it was "a sizable amount."

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in brief

Left-wing group claims to attacked airport

TOKYO (AP) - A radical left-wing group took responsibility today for a rocket attack at Tokyo's main international airport and mocked security measures taken for the Nagano Winter Olympics.

In the Monday night attack at the airport 40 miles east of Tokyo, three homemade rockets were fired into a cargo plane area, injuring one airport worker. Two of the projectiles exploded.

The attack came as athletes, officials and spectators were arriving at the airport en route to the Winter Games in Nagano. Police said they had no immediate evidence the rockets were aimed at disrupting the games, which start on Saturday. No arrests have been made.

Netscape expected to sell whole or part of company

NEW YORK (AP) - Facing intense competition from Microsoft, Netscape Communications Corp. is considering selling some or all of the company, *The Wall Street Journal* reported today.

Netscape was in discussions with America Online Inc., Sun Microsystems Inc., Oracle Corp. and IBM Corp. about strategic investments or an outright purchase, the newspaper said, citing unnamed sources familiar with the situation of the Internet software company.

No deal was believed to be imminent, the *Journal* said.

Koreas' nuclear plans imperiled by financial woes

NEW YORK (AP) - The Asian financial crisis has left South Korea unable to pay its share of construction costs for nuclear power plants in North Korea, *The New York Times* reported today.

The funding was the key to a deal that halted North Korea's nuclear weapons programs four years ago. The *Times* said American officials are concerned North Korea may decide to go ahead with the weapons program.

South Korea is expected to ask the Clinton administration and Japan for monetary help during the \$5 billion project's early stages when officials meet in New York today to discuss the 1994 accord, the *Times* said.

Clinic targeted in bombing scheduled to reopen

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) - Federal agents have searched the trailer believed to be the home of a man wanted for questioning in last week's fatal bombing of an abortion clinic, *The Birmingham News* reported today.

The search of the mobile home near Marble, N.C., was carried out by the FBI and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, which are investigating the Jan. 29 blast at the New Woman All Women clinic.

It was the first fatal bombing at a U.S. abortion clinic.

Internet gambling backers want regulation, not ban

WASHINGTON (AP) - Proponents of internet gambling want to see their industry legalized in the United States even if it means having their profits taxed.

Internet gambling supporters testified before the House Judiciary crime subcommittee Wednesday, which is considering a bill that would allow states to outlaw such gambling.

"Right now we're helping Costa Rica. We're paying Costa Rican taxes. We're employing Costa Ricans. We'd like to come home," said Christine Walton, who represents Global Sports Connection, an Internet gambling company that two Cleveland natives run in San Jose, Costa Rica.

Rep. Frank LoBiondo, R-N.J., sponsor of the bill, called the situation a "virtual free-for-all" that is an open invitation to crime and corruption.

New unemployment jobs inch up, but stay low

WASHINGTON (AP) - The number of applications filed at state offices for unemployment benefits inched up to 303,000 last week, an increase of 3,000 from the week before.

The past two weeks of relatively low claims, on a seasonally adjusted basis, followed three weeks at a somewhat higher level, ranging between 327,000 and 339,000, the Labor Department said today.

The increase earlier in January had caused some economists to speculate that robust demand for American labor had begun to wane a bit as the new year began. But the subsequent drop is a sign that the nation's unemployment rate will remain near the 24-year low of 4.6 percent it hit in November.

British want Pooh, friends returned

NEW YORK (AP) - Oh, bother. The British want Winnie the Pooh and his four friends to come home.

A member of Parliament says the original stuffed animals on which A.A. Milne's beloved stories are based should be taken from a display case at the New York Public Library and returned to England.

"I saw them recently and they look very unhappy indeed," Labor Party legislator Gwyneth Dunwoody said. "I am not surprised, considering they have been incarcerated in a glass case in a foreign country for all these years."

Pooh, Tigger, Kanga, Eeyore and Piglet could be in for another adventure - and this one wouldn't be in the Hundred-Acre Wood. "Oh bother," Pooh might say of this tempest in a honey pot.

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1st-place winners

Shirley Intermediate School Science Fair winners first-place winners are (from left) Eli Sanchez, Angel Mungia and Paul Estrada.



Aikman winners

Third-grade science fair winners at Aikman Primary School are (from left, rear) Diana Cervantez, Staci Wilt, Chelsi Ring, Salvador Alanis, Jordan Sweat, William Wimberly, (front) Crystal Garza, Abby Cadena, Nicole Fuentes and Kasey Cantu. Not pictured is Daniel Sayers.

WTRT cooperative scholarships

West Texas Rural Telephone Cooperative is accepting applications for scholarships totaling \$8,000 to be awarded in May.

Scholarships are open to students whose parents or guardians are WTRT members, or, to WTRT members themselves.

The 1998 scholarships are open only to eligible qualified applicants in the Hereford, Friona, Bovina, Farwell, Lazbuddie, Dimmitt, Adrian and Vega school districts.

An official application form and two letters of recommendation, must be submitted. One letter must be from a teacher, principal, or counselor from their high school.

Applications may be picked up at the WTRT office or the counselors offices in Friona, Bovina, Lazbuddie, Farwell, Dimmitt, Adrian or Vega.

Applications need to be turned in by April 10.



4th-grade winners

Bluebonnet Intermediate School's 4th-grade science fair winners are (from left, rear) Saul Zapata, Daisy Rios, A.J. Mungia, (front) Nelli Alonzo and Kalanni Valdez.

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