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NEWS in brief

Aquatic Park pond to be stocked for day

More than 800 fish, including rainbow trout and channel catfish, will be stocked at Aquatic Park Pond as part of the Texas Parks & Wildlife Foundation's Kidfish children's fishing event.

Kidfish will be 10 a.m.-1 p.m. March 21.

Kidfish participants will have first shot at the fish and children may keep up to five of each species. After the children have fished, the general public will be allowed to fish.

The event is being sponsored by the City of Hereford.

Kidfish is open to all children, age 16 and under. Participants are encouraged to collect sponsorships from friends, relatives and neighbors to win a variety of awards and prizes. All participants will receive a ribbon. Those who raise \$15 or more will receive a bass trophy or medal; for raising \$25 or more, the child will receive the trophy/medal, a t-shirt and a new fishing rod and reel. Also, prizes will be awarded to the top five fund-raisers and to the child catching the longest fish in three age groups.

For more information or to volunteer, call Jeff Scott at (817) 429-8793.

Early voting for primary to wind up this week

Early voting in the March 10 primary elections will conclude Friday. Early ballots may be cast in the Room 202 of the Deaf Smith County Courthouse, 235 E. 3rd.

In Texas, voters may choose between two kinds of early voting: personal appearance and mail.

Voting early in person is conducted the same way as voting on election day; any qualified voter may walk in and vote.

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

The mail ballot must be returned to the early voting clerk before 7 p.m. on election day, and must be returned by the U.S. Postal Service or a common contract carrier.

Incumbents file for re-election

Four incumbents have filed for re-election in the May 2 municipal election.

Commissioners Carey Black and Roger Eades filed Monday for the two at-large positions, while Commissioner Eugene Condarco filed for Place 2 and Commissioner Wayne Winget filed for Place 4.

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

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

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



Progress made Construction workers do some finishing work on the outside of the new medical office complex adjacent to Hereford Regional Medical Center. The Deaf Smith County Hospital District directors will inspect work on the new complex tonight.

GRANT MONEY

Patton gives status report on use of funding

By DIANNA F. DANDRIDGE
Staff Writer

Faculty, staff personnel and Hereford Independent School District board members all contributed time and preparatory work to earn a \$14.5 million facilities grant.

After the announcement the district's grant application was approved, many HISD residents are wondering about the status of planning and when construction will begin.

Superintendent Jack Patton has attempted to answer many questions about the use of the grant money.

In a press release about the grant, Patton stated, "While no stakes have been driven and no concrete has been poured, many things have been accomplished in our preparatory work to the actual construction."

The school district hired San Antonio architect Joel Mills to complete a detailed survey of the school properties.

After completing the survey, Mills made several recommendations to the HISD board for possible solutions to existing problems, which range from poor or inadequate cooling and heating systems to expansion of existing buildings.

Property has been appraised; a clear title policy concerning the property has been obtained and the site survey has been completed.

Patton said he expects to have the soil tests and the engineer's reports completed in the next couple of weeks, along with an environmental assessment study.

Comments from teachers and staff members at the different campuses have been requested, and teacher/principal committees have met several times for the design phase.

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Jack Patton, superintendent, Hereford Independent School District

"This is very important," Patton said. "These are the people who will work in these buildings every day. They know what they need and what they want. With their input, these projects will make the schools more functional for students, teachers and the community."

Patton expects the construction documents to be completed by mid-April. With the completion of the construction project documents, the board will send the information and plans to the state for approval.

After the approval of the documents, Patton said the construction should progress rapidly, with full construction taking nearly 2 1/2 years.

Construction plans include an addition to the junior high library, a new vocational tech-prep center, a new physical education center, and additions to the high school band and orchestra facilities.

"Although you have not seen signs of construction work yet, a great deal of preparation has been going on since September to insure construction can take place in the near future," Patton said.

The superintendent has said the new construction will not fix all of the problems, however, it will improve the district and its quality of educational environment.

Patton also noted the district improvements should update the district well into the next century, barring major unexpected growth.

HFCU's not hit by ruling

By DONALD M. COOPER
Brand Editor

Residents of Deaf Smith and Castro counties who are concerned a recent Supreme Court ruling may mean they'll be dropped from the Hereford Federal Credit Union membership rolls don't have to worry -- the decision doesn't affect the local financial institution.

Bill Allen, comptroller at Hereford Federal Credit Union, said the court's ruling does not apply to Hereford FCU.

"Our field of membership is community. We haven't participated in programs to expand membership," Allen said, noting the Hereford FCU's membership includes residents of Deaf Smith and Castro counties.

Credit union manager Bob Baker said the Hereford institution has been operating since its organization under a community charter, which allows any resident or family member of a resident of the two counties to join the local credit union.

Baker said the credit unions affected by the ruling were chartered under the "common bond" definition, and the only way they could expand their membership was by bringing other groups into the institution, which, he said, "started all the trouble" and led to the effort by a group of North Carolina banks to sue.

In its 5-4 ruling last week, the justices threw out a policy that has allowed credit unions to accept new members from outside traditional membership pools.

The justices ruled the policy violates the intent of Congress as stated in the 1934 Federal Credit Union Act which stated credit union membership "shall be limited to groups having a common bond of occupation or association" or to groups in a geographic area, such as the Hereford FCU.

In 1982, the National Credit Union Administration (NCUA) revised its definition of "common bond" because many small businesses did not have enough workers to form their own credit unions.

By expanding the definition of "common bond," these small businesses were allowed to join existing credit unions, provided each group of employees had its own "bond."

That revision of the definition, credit unions were allowed to expand their membership rolls by about 15 million people, primarily from small businesses.

In its Feb. 25 ruling, the Supreme Court sided with a group of North Carolina banks and the American Bankers Association, which contended the 1934 law required all credit union members to share a common bond.

The bankers had asked the courts to force the credit unions to drop millions of members who had signed up under the new rule.



C'mon, sweetie!

She may be desperate, but accepting an overture from Fred the Llama stretches Amanda Dandridge's limits on what she will do for a kiss. The kiss was offered Saturday night as Amanda and some friends made her acquaintance of Fred and other animals, including someemus and pronghorns, at Merrick Pet Foods.

City OK's proposal for seal coating

By DONALD M. COOPER
Brand Editor

Most of the action involved inaction. The Hereford City Commissioners had a short agenda Monday night, but it was made even shorter because the commissioners voted to table two of the items on the list.

In the only decision on an agenda item, the commissioners approved the bid for the annual seal coat project, which commits the city to the joint project sponsored by the Oller Engineering firm of Lubbock.

Hereford, as well as Deaf Smith County and several other Panhandle cities and counties, have agreed to participate in the joint seal coating program, which will reduce costs substantially for the street/road rehabilitation work.

The engineering firm, which advertised for bids on the project, opened the proposals Feb. 12. Wagner Construction of Spring Branch, contractor for the project in 1997, was the low bidder, proposing to do the seal coating for 53.5 cents per square yard, which was about 5 cents lower than its original estimate.

Lipham Construction of Aspermont was second, with a bid of 59.5 cents per square yard. The other bidders were Zahn Paving of Lubbock, 72 cents per square yard, and Armstrong Construction of Hobbs, N.M., 80 cents per square yard.

In another vote on the project, the commissioners set the maximum expenditure on seal coating at \$72,500. If all of the city's streets recommended for the seal coating program were included, the total would be \$91,960.

The commissioner's voted to table a request from Hereford Independent School District for alley abandonment.

The school district has asked the city to abandon an alley between Avenue

F and Avenue G and north of Grand because school officials are planning to build a vocational training center on the property. The school district owns both sides of the property except for one tract.

However, Mayor Bob Josseland said city staffers found that a sewer line, which the school district thought dead-ends at Grand, actually runs through the tract that HISD doesn't own. Because the city workers found the line after HISD had made its request, Josseland recommended the alley abandonment be tabled until the city and the school district have a chance to review the situation. The commissioners voted unanimously to table the request.

At its last meeting, the commission was asked to consider the sale of the southern 12 acres of the Diehl property. Roy Dale Messer had made the request because he intends to expand Messer Enterprises.

Josseland said it is unclear exactly how much of the property Messer actually would purchase, so he again recommended tabling the agenda until after City Manager Chester Nolen has had an opportunity to meet with Messer and discuss his plans.

The commissioners voted unanimously to table the item. The commissioners were not asked to take any action on a request from Randy Lang, scoutmaster of Hereford Boy Scout Troop 52.

Lang told the commissioners of the troop's plans to fence off an area of Veterans Park, which the scouts are using for a variety of activities. Lang said there has been some vandalism, and he wanted to know if the commission had any problems with the fencing.

Because the area contains water and sewer lines, the scoutmaster said a gate would be installed to accommodate the wastewater department's vehicles.

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Lifestyles

Ann Landers

Forget about in-laws, concentrate on relationship with husband, child

Dear Ann Landers: I have been seeing "Bob" for a couple of years now. We began our relationship while we were both married to other people. My divorce has been final for some time, but his will not be finalized for several months. Our daughter was born last May (his first child), and I have a son of my own.

Bob's parents have known about us for a year, and the problem is that they think of me as a home wrecker. The truth is, Bob's marriage was over years before I met him. His folks, however, cannot accept the fact that Bob has a new life--as if by ignoring it, it will go away. They will not visit us and have seen our infant daughter only once when Bob took the baby over to their place.

I have never met Bob's family. He says they don't want to meet me because of their close relationship with his ex-wife. I don't expect them to cut her out of their lives, but I feel hurt that they want nothing to do with me. They invite Bob's ex-wife to all the family gatherings, which means I am left at home alone. Bob never makes any apologies. He just goes.

I want Bob's family to acknowledge and accept me. How do I go about making this happen? Please advise me. -- Rightfully Hurting in Virginia Beach, Va.

Dear Virginia Beach: As an unbiased outsider, I think I have a pretty good idea of how this looks to Bob's folks. You started to see their

son, who was a married man when you met him. You then had a baby with Bob, which they may have considered an attempt at entrapment. Bob's parents are very fond of his former wife and will continue to include her at all family affairs and treat her as a member of the family. They have no wish to include you. Their hope is that one day down the road, Bob will dump you and get back with his wife.

Please keep this column, and let me know in a couple of years if my prognostications were on target. Meanwhile, forget about Bob's parents, and concentrate on making your relationship with him and your child a healthy, happy one.

Dear Ann Landers: This is in response to your 73-year-old correspondent who says life can be a lot better without a man. She said, "He snores and hogs the covers." The woman needs to know she does not have to put up with this forever. There is an alternative: separate bedrooms.

My wife and I made that decision five years ago, and it was one of the smartest moves we ever made. After umpteen years with a woman who turns over by levitating 4 inches above the bed and plopping down like a cannon ball, twitches her feet all night long and snores like a moose, I moved to another room.

There are only 40 inches separating my bedroom door from hers, and

that is not a long trip when I get the "call of the wild." The benefits of this arrangement are enormous. It is true that absence does indeed make the heart grow fonder and the fantasies sometimes more exciting.

If married couples can get over the "you don't love me anymore" syndrome, and they have a spare bedroom, they should take my advice and use it. Married couples get along much better after an undisturbed night of rest. -- No Longer Sleepless in Augusta, Ga.

Dear Augusta: You don't say how old you are or how many years you've been married. Both make a big difference. The only clue is your reference to "umpteen years." Also, an extra bedroom is not always available. Each couple must work out sleeping arrangements in a way that suits both husband and wife.

Is alcohol ruining your life or the life of a loved one? "Alcoholism: How to Recognize It, How to Deal With It, How to Conquer It" can turn things around. Send a self-addressed, long, business-size envelope and a check or money order for \$3.75 (this includes postage and handling) to: Alcohol, c/o Ann Landers, P.O. Box 11562, Chicago, Ill. 60611-0562. (In Canada, send \$4.55.)

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Bible Bowl winners

Central Church of Christ hosted a Bible Bowl Saturday with 59 Bible students from Hereford, Perryton, Dumas, Amarillo, Happy and Logan, N.M., participating. The participants answered questions on the book of Joshua. Winners from Hereford pictured above are, front row from left, Nicole Bailey, Caleb Straughn, Tate Minchew, Conner Allen, Andrew San Miguel, Aaron San Miguel, Maria San Miguel; middle row, Kale Hollingsworth, Twyla Jackson, Oletta Jackson, Casey Hollingsworth, Thomas Bailey, Eric Jackson, Mario San Miguel; and back row, Crystal Bailey, Becky Bailey, Jami Riley and Bianca Riley. Not pictured are Vincent, Blaine and Katie Urbanczyk, Kendra Glenn and Lisa Rodriguez.

Rebekah Lodge announces date of annual chili supper

Hereford Rebekah Lodge #228 will sponsor a chili supper from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, March 21 in the I.O.O.F. Hall, 205 E. 6th.

Included on the menu will be chili, beans, corabread, pie, and coffee or tea.

Adults can eat for \$4 and children for \$2.50.

Proceeds will be used for various funds supported by the I.O.O.F. and Rebekah organizations.



Kiwanis donation

Hereford Kiwanis Club secretary Brenda Fuentes, right, recently presented a \$300 check to Vicky Cates which will be used to defray expenses for athletes participating in the annual Hereford Special Olympics.

Hospital Notes

Report from Hereford Regional Medical Center for March 2:

Admitted: Charlotte Close, Abel Carrillo, Iesha Flores, Gladys Sturdivant, Diana Tijerina, Annie Dupnik.

Dismissed: Beverly Smith, Carolina Ortiz, Johnny Graston, Emma Stowers, Kim Perez, Abel Carrillo, Diana Tijerina, Meredith Morgan, Alma Struve, Pauline Abney.

For March 3:
Admitted: Jackie Warren.
Dismissed: Margaret Durham, Meredith Morgan.

College Report

Brittney Autumn Binder, William Aaron Caraway and Selena Adrienne Varner of Hereford were named to the Dean's Honor Roll for the fall 1997 semester at Abilene Christian University.

To make the Honor Roll, a student must complete at least 12 semester hours for grades and earn 3.45 or higher grade point average.

New Arrivals

Mike and Traci Thomas of Amarillo are the proud parents of a son, Dakota Ray, born Feb. 13 at Baptist/St. Anthony's Hospital.

He weighed 7 pounds, 8 ounces and measured 20 inches.

Grandparents are Jerry and Betty Deckard of Hereford, Tommy and Bobbie Thomas of Wellington, and Sammy and Martha Thomas of Hewitt.



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Furr speaks to La Madre Mia

Jan Furr, Master Gardener, gave the program for La Madre Mia Study Club Thursday.

Just in time for spring planting, preparing soil and making a compost pile, Furr presented and other gardening tips. She stated that gardening is the number one hobby in America.

Furr gave each club member a copy of "Perennials", a hand-out by the Deaf Smith County Master Gardeners Association.

Glenda Marcum was hostess for the meeting, with Jan Metcalf as co-hostess.

President Linda Cumpton conducted the business meeting.

Those present were Carolyn Baxter, Cindy Cassels, Merle Clark, LaJean Henry, Mary Herring, Betty Lady, Gladys Merritt, Nancy Paetzold, Tricia Sims, Georgia Sparks, Cumpton, Marcum and Metcalf.

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Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (Southwestern Bell) filed an application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC) to charge an additional 26 cents per month per line to recover costs for providing Expanded Local Calling service (ELC) to certain Texas Customers.

The 26 cents per month surcharge would not be billed to customers who receive ELC. However, customers who receive ELC and pay less than the maximum \$3.50 a month residential ELC charge or less than the maximum \$7 business ELC charge will have to pay the additional 26 cents per month charge.

Expanded Local Calling was created in 1993 by Texas legislation that requires telephone companies to provide toll-free calling between small towns that share a community of interest such as a school or hospital district. The legislation allows telephone companies to recover costs not paid through customer charges by applying a surcharge to all other customers in the state who do not receive the ELC service or who do not pay the maximum ELC rate. The maximum monthly ELC rate allowed under state law is \$3.50 per line for residential customers and \$7 per line for business customers.

Southwestern Bell estimates that the 26 cents per month per line charge will recover the \$27 million annual cost of providing ELC service that is not recovered from ELC rates.

If approved by the PUC, the monthly statewide surcharge of 26 cents per line per month will begin with the April, 1998 billing cycles, with an agreement to refund all or part of the charge if the PUC does not approve it.

For questions about the reasons for the charge, please call the Southwestern Bell Business Office listed in your directory.

The PUC assigned Docket Number 18513 to this proceeding. The deadline for intervention in this matter is March 31, 1998. Persons who wish to intervene or comment in these proceedings should notify the PUC by March 31, 1998. All requests to intervene should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, TX, 78711-3326. For information intervening, please call the PUC at 1-888-782-8477 or at 512-936-7120.

AVISO PUBLICO

Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (Southwestern Bell) presentó una solicitud ante la Comisión de Servicios Públicos de Texas (PUC) para cobrar 26 centavos más al mes por línea para recuperar los costos por el servicio de Llamadas Locales Ampliadas (ELC) a ciertos clientes en Texas.

El cargo de 26 centavos al mes no se cobrará a los clientes que reciben ELC. Sin embargo, los clientes que reciben ELC y pagan menos del máximo de \$3.50 al mes por el servicio ELC residencial o menos del máximo de \$7 por el servicio ELC comercial, tendrán que pagar 26 centavos adicionales a su pago mensual.

El servicio de Llamadas Locales Ampliadas (ELC) fue establecido en 1993 por la legislación del estado de Texas y requiere que las compañías prestadoras de servicios telefónicos ofrezcan llamadas de larga distancia gratuitas entre pequeñas poblaciones que comparten un interés común tales como distritos escolares y de hospitales. Esta ley permite que las compañías telefónicas recuperen los costos no pagados mediante cargos a clientes, a través de un cargo a todos los demás clientes en el estado que no reciben el servicio ELC o que no pagan la tarifa máxima del servicio ELC. La tarifa máxima mensual permitida por la ley estatal es \$3.50 por línea para clientes con servicio residencial y \$7 por línea para clientes con servicio comercial.

Southwestern Bell calcula que los 26 centavos al mes por línea cubrirán los \$27 millones del costo anual del servicio ELC que no está cubierto por las tarifas de ELC.

Si la PUC autoriza el cargo mensual estatal de 26 centavos al mes por línea este comenzará a partir de los ciclos de facturación de abril 1998, con el acuerdo de reembolsar todo o parte del cargo si la PUC no lo autoriza.

Para preguntas relacionadas con este cargo, por favor llame a la Oficina Local de Southwestern Bell listada en su directorio telefónico.

La PUC asignó el número de registro de 18513 a este procedimiento. El plazo de intervención sobre este asunto terminará el 31 de marzo de 1998. Las personas que deseen intervenir o hacer comentarios sobre este procedimiento deberán notificar a la PUC antes del 31 de marzo de 1998. Todas las solicitudes de intervención deberán enviarse por correo a Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, TX 78711-3326. Para mayor información sobre la intervención, por favor comuníquese con la PUC al 1-888-782-8477 o al 512-936-7120.

Southwestern Bell



To conference

Hereford ISD Migrant Department had 23 parents and eight staff members attend the 18th annual Texas Parent Coordinating Council Conference held in Lubbock in February. Among those attending were, in photo above, Maria G. Sarabia, Teresa Armendariz, Maria Martinez, Sabina Camarillo, Rocio Ochoa, Hipolita Zapata, Rita Gallegos; and in photo at right, Josefina Hernandez, Leonor Lucero, Gabriela Avila, Teresa Armendariz and Concepcion Alvarado.



Busy worker enjoys seeing others while away time in rocking chair

JASPER, Texas - Hugh Vaughn is a hard worker who believes in staying busy, but few things please him more than seeing someone whiling away the time in a rocking chair.

If it's one of his chairs, that is. The first thing you notice when you walk into Texas Rockers, Vaughn's shop and warehouse in Woodville, is the smell. The pleasing scent of freshly cut wood and wood shavings hangs in the air.

The second thing you notice is the persistent hum of machinery. Sawdust clings to just about everything within drifting range of the saws and lathes scattered about the perimeters of the room - including the workers. At the end of the day, it takes a close encounter with a high-pressure air hose to dust off before heading home.

The sawdust and wood shavings come from the native hardwoods that Vaughn uses for his rockers and custom-made furniture. He made his name in rocking chairs - big, sturdy, over-sized chairs that he began painstakingly making by hand in 1975.

These days, he spends as much time making custom-made bar stools, coffee tables and dining room furniture as he does rockers - and efficient machinery has replaced the laborious handwork.

Not that the handwork has altogether disappeared. It still takes nimble fingers and calloused palms to sand the freshly lathed wood. In the rockers, each joint is mortise and tenon, so it takes a firm swing with a mallet to hang-peg each of the 26 joints.

A work crew and modern machinery allow Vaughn to fill large custom orders, such as the 92 dining tables and 386 chairs for one restaurant. Even then, it took a year to complete the order, since it had to be worked in with regular orders.

It's a long way from the chicken coop where Vaughn first made his rockers. He built a 20 foot by 60 foot shop with a tin roof and sawdust floor - but no walls. He later added walls, extended the space and poured concrete.

When it burned down in August of 1989, he moved to Kerrville and leased an old handbag factory. After a year, he moved back here, found the old Purina Hatchery building (10,000 square feet) and has been in that location since 1990.

When he first started, Vaughn was making eight to 10 rockers a week by hand, from ash, the same wood used for baseball bats. The expansion to the shop increased that to 50 chairs a week.

Even now, that number holds true, since he has added two or three

dining tables and chairs to the mix. The tables are inlaid with tile, with intricate patterns that mean hand cut corners and borders.

"The dining tables have so much handwork in them that I can do only two to three sets every 10 days or so," Vaughn said.

Vaughn and his partner, Cindy Ashworth, sell their rockers and other furniture at Canyon Trails stores in Parkdale Mall and San Antonio. He includes handwork of other artists, including lamps, coat racks, upholstered chairs and wagon-wheel tables.

Vaughn once made the rounds of the arts and crafts festivals, but recently cut way back on his travels.

"Up until this year, I've been doing lots of shows, way too many shows. This year, I will do only two, one in Harper's Ferry, W. Va., and the one in Ann Arbor, Mich., which is the granddaddy of all shows. More than a half a million people will be there during four days," Vaughn said.

The arts shows helped get the word out about his products, he explained, but it meant less time getting them made. Now, he concentrates on producing enough furniture to keep his customers satisfied - and rocking away.

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Today in History

By The Associated Press
Today is Tuesday, March 3, the 62nd day of 1998. There are 303 days left in the year.
Today's Highlight in History:
On March 3, 1931, "The Star-Spangled Banner" officially became the national anthem of the United States.
On this date:
In 1845, Florida became the 27th state.
In 1847, the inventor of the telephone, Alexander Graham Bell, was born in Edinburgh, Scotland.
In 1849, the Home Department, forerunner of the Interior Department, was established.
In 1875, the Georges Bizet opera "Carmen" premiered in Paris.
In 1885, the U.S. Post Office began offering special delivery for first-class mail.
In 1918, Germany, Austria and Russia signed the Treaty of Brest-Litovsk, which ended Russian participation in World War I. The treaty was annulled by the November 1918 armistice.
In 1940, Artie Shaw and his orchestra recorded "Frenesi" for

RCA Victor.
In 1969, Apollo 9 blasted off from Cape Kennedy on a mission to test the lunar module.
In 1974, nearly 350 people died when a Turkish Airlines DC-10 crashed shortly after takeoff from Orly Airport in Paris.
In 1978, the remains of comedian Charles Chaplin were stolen by extortionists from his grave in Cosier-sur-Yvey, Switzerland. The body was recovered near Lake Geneva 11 weeks later.
In 1991, 25 people were killed when a United Airlines Boeing 737 inexplicably crashed while approaching the airport in Colorado Springs, Colo.
In 1991, in a case that sparked a national outcry, motorist Rodney King was severely beaten by Los Angeles police in a scene captured by an amateur videographer.
Ten years ago: The U.S. House of Representatives rejected a package of \$30 million in non-lethal aid for the Nicaraguan Contras.
Five years ago: Health pioneer Albert Sabin, developer of the oral polio vaccine, died in Washington at

age 86.
One year ago: Vice President Al Gore, under fire for his aggressive role in campaign fund raising, acknowledged he'd solicited donations from his White House office but insisted he did not do "anything wrong...much less illegal." But he said he would never do it again.
Today's Birthdays: Actor James Doohan is 78. Lee Radziwill Ross is 65. Singer Jennifer Warnes is 51. Actor-director Tim Kazurinsky is 48. Singer-musician Robyn Hitchcock is 45. Actress Miranda Richardson is 40. Olympic track and field gold medalist Jackie Joyner-Kersey is 36. Football player Herschel Walker is 36. Rapper-actor Tone-Loc is 32. Rock musician John Bigham (Fishbone) is 29. Actress Julie Bowen ("Three") is 28. Actor David Faustino is 24.
Thought for Today: "We are creatures of the moment; we live from one little space to another; and only one interest at a time fills these." - William Dean Howells, American author and editor (1837-1920).

'Pasta and Puccini' event will be hosted in conjunction with opera

In conjunction with its presentation of Puccini's opera *TOSCA*, Amarillo Opera and BRAVO!, the support membership group for Amarillo Opera, are bringing back the popular "Pasta and Puccini" event Friday in the Amarillo College Concert Hall Lobby.
This fund-raiser gives arts patrons and food connoisseurs a fun, entertaining and relaxing evening of Italian cuisine and musical treasures by the opera master, Giacomo Puccini. The year's program features talented baritone and Amarillo native, Timothy Tucker, sharing the stage

with his very talented wife, soprano Elizabeth Jackson, and also with professional tenor Steve Wilder.
The Italian dinner will be created by Marty's Catering by Joyce, according to Joleta Keeter, hospitality chairperson for BRAVO!, and will feature chicken breast and pasta marinara, wine, and dessert.
Dinner will be at 6 p.m. with the Puccini program in the concert hall.
Tickets will be \$30 per person and can be purchased through the Amarillo Opera office by calling 806-372-SING (7564) in advance.

Amarillo PCA sets meeting

The Amarillo Production Credit Association will hold its 64th annual Stockholders' Meeting on Saturday at the Tascosa Country Club in Amarillo. The business meeting begins at 4:30 p.m. followed by a dinner. Entertainment will be provided by "Just Friends" of Stanton.
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in brief

U.N. warns Iraq of "severest consequences" if it reneges on arms inspection deal

UNITED NATIONS (AP) - The Security Council has warned Iraq of "severest consequences" if it violates a deal to open presidential palaces to U.N. arms inspectors, but key members said it did not give a green light for a U.S. attack if Baghdad breaks the accord.

In a unanimous vote Monday night, the 15-member council endorsed the accord signed last week in Baghdad by U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan and Iraq's deputy prime minister, Tariq Aziz, to open the palaces and avert a threatened U.S.-British attack.

Annan said if his deal holds, he believed "we will be moving on to a period when Iraq will complete its obligations and the council can begin thinking of lifting the sanctions" imposed more than seven years ago.

The resolution, drafted by Britain and Japan, declared that "any violation (of the Annan accord) would have severest consequences for Iraq."

In Washington, President Clinton hailed the agreement and called on Iraq "to turn the commitment it has made into full compliance."

Clinton's friend goes before Whitewater grand jury

WASHINGTON (AP) - As longtime presidential friend Vernon Jordan tries to explain his assistance to Monica Lewinsky, the former White House intern's lawyer says he believes his client was alone a couple of times with President Clinton in the Oval Office.

"Being alone doesn't mean they had a relationship," William Ginsburg said Monday of Ms. Lewinsky's visits to Clinton's office.

Ginsburg said Ms. Lewinsky's visits to the White House after she left for a job at the Pentagon in 1996 were mostly work related and to see people other than Clinton but that there were a couple of times she was briefly alone with the president.

But Ginsburg suggested there was neither enough time nor enough privacy for any "salacious event" to occur.

Individuals familiar with Linda Tripp's tape-recorded conversations with Ms. Lewinsky said the former intern spoke of having oral sex with Clinton. She told Tripp that she once asked Clinton why they did not have sexual intercourse and the president told her he couldn't risk it, the individuals familiar with the Tripp-Lewinsky conversations said.

Jordan's grand jury testimony might not help Clinton and could be a pivotal point in the investigation.

One question is whether Jordan was an innocent dupe or a willing participant in an alleged scheme to keep Ms. Lewinsky quiet about an alleged presidential affair. Another question is whether Ms. Lewinsky's tape-recorded confidences about her relationship with the president were exaggeration.

Researchers say lesbians' inner ear like men's

WASHINGTON (AP) - The inner ear of lesbian women works more like that of men, according to researchers who say the finding is the first strong evidence of physiological differences between gay and straight women.

Experts say the discovery, published today in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, adds new support to the theory that sexual orientation in women may be determined by biology and not choice.

Currently there is a controversy over the origin of homosexuality. Some groups believe it to be a matter of choice and have spent considerable effort attempting to find a "cure" for being gay. Many in the gay community, however, insist that being homosexual is a matter of biology.

Researchers at the University of Texas, Austin, said their studies show the inner ears of female homosexuals has undergone "masculinization," probably from hormone exposure before birth.

"Their auditory centers have been masculinized and the presumption is that so have the sites in the brain that direct sexual preference," said Dennis McFadden, lead author of the study. He said it has yet to be proven, however, that there is a specific site in the brain that directs women to be lesbians.

Dr. Michael Bailey of Northwestern University, said the research is "compelling" and may be "consistent with the biological origin of lesbianism."

He added "The most likely interpretation is that this represents some kind of effect of early hormones on the developing fetus."

Eight await hearings on charges from \$17 million heist

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) - While the FBI spent five months looking for David Scott Ghatt, authorities say his accomplices in a \$17 million heist were living the high life - a new car, a new home, even breast implants for one.

As Ghatt and seven others await hearings on charges from the October theft, authorities still have a big unanswered question: Where's most of the money?

Ghatt, 28, was arrested Sunday at Playa del Carmen, Mexico, near the island resort of Cozumel. He was brought back to Charlotte, where a federal grand jury in October charged him with bank larceny after a van load of cash was stolen from a Loomis, Fargo and Co. warehouse.

In addition to Ghatt, who repaired helicopters for the Army during the Gulf War before becoming a Loomis, Fargo armored car driver, seven other North Carolina residents were arrested Monday.

They are Steve and Michelle Chambers, Kelly Jane Campbell, a former Loomis employee and Ghatt's alleged love interest; Michael McKinney; Thomas Grant, his brother, Eric Grant, and Eric Payne.

Six were charged with aiding, abetting and counseling the commission of a bank larceny, being accessories after the fact and hindering Ghatt's capture. It was unclear this morning whether Eric Grant, who turned himself in later Monday, faced the same charges.

The other six appeared in leg irons Monday before U.S. Magistrate Carl Horn, who ordered them jailed until a bond hearing Thursday.

Leading economic indicators unchanged

NEW YORK (AP) - An important measure of future economic activity was unchanged in January for the second straight month, a sign that the economy's expansion will moderate this year, the Conference Board reported today.

The Index of Leading Indicators for January stood at 104.5, holding at its December and November level, the private research group said. Economists had expected the index to rise 0.1 percent in January.

The leading index, combined with the performance of two sister indicators, portrays a healthy but moderating economy and "low risk of a recession in 1998," the report said.

Five of the 10 components of the leading index rose in January, led by the money supply, big-ticket orders to manufacturers excluding defense contracts, and consumer expectations, the board said. The biggest decliner was new orders of consumers goods and materials.

The leading index ended five straight months of gains in December.

The board's index of coincident indicators for January, which looks at the economy's current condition, rose 0.3 percent from December. The lagging indicators index, which looks backward, increased 0.5 percent.



Hospital gets help

Hereford Regional Medical Center administrator Jim Robinson accepts a check for \$5,598.45 from Jan Weishaar, treasurer for L'Allegra Study Club. The funds are proceeds from Project Christmas Card and are being used to purchase an anesthesia multiple monitor, shown above in background, for monitoring patients who are under general anesthesia during surgery.



Wins Lion Club prize

Ed Sanders, left, was the winner of the \$100 cash drawing at the Hereford Lions Club Pancake Supper and Auction Thursday. Boss Lion Pete Holcombe presented the \$100 bill to Sanders. Many local businesses contributed items for the silent auction held at the event, and proceeds will be used for worthwhile Lion projects.

FEEDLOT FEARS

Restrictions dividing farming communities

FARIBAULT, Minn. (AP) - Some 3,500 pigs root around, squealing and snorting as they jump over one another and push each other in heated indoor pens.

Despite their reputation, they are a pretty clean bunch. But under the wooden-slatted floors sit two concrete pits, each nearly the length of a football field and each holding manure up to 7 feet deep.

Jeff and Kevin Gibbs run the operation just a couple of hundred feet from their parents' home. The existence of the manure is barely detectable near the house on a cool, dry day. But closer to the barns, huge exhaust fans pump out a sewage-like stench that permeates the air.

So far, their neighbors have not complained. Four miles away, where the Gibbss and a cooperative of 23 farmers wanted to house another 2,400 hogs and the manure pits, it was a different story.

Township meetings turned ugly. Some asked if the Gibbss went to church on Sundays. Others wanted to know if they had ever fought in a war. Still others questioned why they had farmed in their area of Goodhue County for years but never stopped in for coffee.

Kilkenny Township passed a temporary moratorium on new feedlots and the Gibbss were forced to halt their plans.

"We were really the bad guys," said Jeff Gibbs. "It was like a little communist country down there (in Kilkenny Township)."

But those who fight feedlots believe they have grounds.

In some communities, the odorous operations have prompted all-out wars. Eight Minnesota counties and several townships have adopted moratoriums on new or expanded large feedlots (those with a minimum of about 530 cows or 1,800 hogs). The moratorium issue has dominated hearings at the state Legislature this session.

"It's dividing rural Minnesota," said state Rep. Doug Peterson.

Cletus Gregor is a small dairy farmer whose property borders the Gibbss acreage. He and his son raise 80 cows on a farm that his parents bought in 1950. If they ever want to expand to support his other son's family, they would have to buy more land.

But Gregor said he is afraid farming corporations or cooperatives will do it first. When large operations move in, they often have an absentee owner, he said.

"If you're going to make money off it, you should smell it, too," Gregor said, sipping coffee in his kitchen just a couple of hundred feet from a manure lagoon of his own. "If something is sitting at your house, on your yard, you're probably going to manage it a little better."

For other large-feedlot opponents, it is a question of smell and what the pools of manure, some of which hold millions of gallons of waste, are doing to groundwater.

Julie Jansen, who lives near two corporate hog farms in Olivia, Minn., regularly lobbies lawmakers, lamenting the side-effects of feedlots: migraine headaches, nose bleeds and diarrhea.

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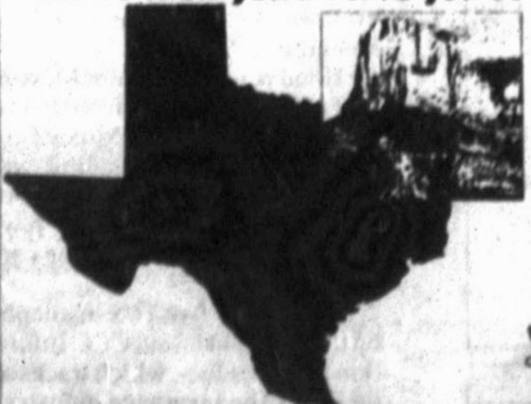
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