

THE HEREFORD BRAND

Local Roundup

Class of 88 to meet

The Hereford High School class of 1988 will hold a reunion planning meeting from 10 a.m. to 12 noon Saturday in the Deaf Smith County Library. Plans are underway for the 10-year reunion to be held in August in conjunction with the Town and Country Jubilee and Hereford's centennial celebration. All class members are urged to attend. Regular meetings are scheduled the last Saturday of each month.

Hospital election

Filing is under way for positions on the Deaf Smith County Hospital District's board of directors. The election will be May 2.

The deadline to file an application for a position on the ballot is April 2.

Early voting will be April 15-28. Early voting will be conducted in the Deaf Smith County Clerk's Office in the courthouse, 235 E. 2nd.

Four positions, now held by the Rev. Jeremy Grant, Karen Solomon, Dean Crofford and Mark Collier, will be on the ballot.

City Commission to meet

It should be a short meeting for the Hereford City Commission next week.

The commission will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday in the commission chamber at City Hall, 224 N. Lee.

The commissioners are scheduled to consider a bid for the annual seal coat project and approval of a request from Hereford Independent School District for an alley abandonment.

TAAS schedule for HHS

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

All sophomores need to report to HHS by 8:25 to their assigned room for testing.

Juniors and seniors, who have not passed the TAAS need to report to the front of HHS and load the buses to test at the Administration building.

Freshmen will be taking a "practice math TAAS" test on Tuesday. Students need to report to their assigned room on the second floor.

All other students not testing need to report to school on Wednesday and Thursday at 11:25 to their 4th period classes.

Everyone will have lunch from 12:20 to 1. Freshmen will have closed campus.

Open House at the Library

Friends of the library will host an open house 7 p.m., March 2, at the Library. Gerald McCathern will be the special guest speaker. He will be autographing copies of his latest book "Horns". Refreshments and door prizes will be available.

Filing deadline

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

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

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

Partly cloudy

Tonight, partly cloudy with a low around 20, west wind 5-15 mph.

Friday, mostly cloudy with a high around 45, west to northwest wind 5-15 mph. Friday night, mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of light snow, low around 20.

3-DAY FORECAST

Saturday and Sunday, mostly cloudy with a slight chance of light snow, low around 20, highs in the upper 30s to lower 40s.

Monday, mostly clear, low 20 to 25, high in the mid-50s.

WEDNESDAY RECAP

High, 59; low, 27; no precipitation.

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

My brother, Martin Leon, was murdered in Hereford on Feb. 19 between the hours of 10 and 11:30 p.m.

He was not a troublemaker, or didn't look for it. He was a kind person. He was the one who took care of our elderly parents. His fault was that he like to drink, and that's what he was doing that night.

A person, or persons, took our brother's life and his family will not forget it or give up until someone is convicted. We need people who might know something to come forward. If you can help, please tell us. We will keep it until my brother's killer is found and put away.

Mary Brown, Amarillo

(Editor's note: This death has not been ruled a homicide or accident, and was still under investigation Thursday by the Hereford Police Department. Anyone having information on the case should contact the police department).

Pilots, union reach tentative solution

HOUSTON (AP) - Continental Airlines and its pilots' union said Wednesday they reached a tentative agreement on a new five-year labor contract that addresses job-security concerns raised by the carrier's alliance with Northwest Airlines.

"While no negotiations ever yield everything we all hope for, this can be viewed as a historic moment for all Continental pilots," union President Len Nikolai said in a

recorded message to members of the Independent Association of Continental Pilots.

Details of the agreement were not released, but union officials said it does protect the airline's 4,400 jet pilots in the wake of the alliance between Continental and Northwest.

The deal, which was made late Tuesday night, also gives Continental pilots the opportunity to share in some of the profits that may arise

from the alliance.

Last month, Northwest agreed to buy a controlling stake in the Houston-based airline for \$519 million, allowing the two carriers to combine flight routes and frequent-flyer programs.

Continental pilots had condemned the deal, saying it could lead to a full-scale merger that would threaten their jobs. They also accused management of keeping it secret

while union officials last year hammered out salary issues.

But their concerns over both job security and profit-sharing were addressed in the tentative contract, union officials said.

"We were trying to make sure no pilots lost their jobs as the result of such contracts and that pilots continue to have job expansion and growth," said union spokesman Jim Moody. "They achieved some level of success. I think everybody's pretty relieved."

A provision outlining the guidelines by which pilots fly, including flight hours and the type of planes they may operate, also was tentatively approved.

The proposed contract has been forwarded to the union's board, which must approve the deal before it is passed on to the pilots for consideration. Final approval could take up to two months, Moody said.

Continental officials said the agreement "is fair to the pilots and fair to the company."

"This will allow Continental and its pilots to move forward together to strengthen and solidify our new global strategic alliance with Northwest," said C.D. McLean, Continental's executive vice president of operations.

Contract negotiations began in April but intensified after the Northwest deal was announced. If an agreement had not been reached by the end of the week, union officials had planned to call for a 30-day break from negotiations to begin strike preparations, Moody said.

Separate negotiations are being held for the approximately 700 pilots at Continental Express, Continental's regional subsidiary, Moody said.



Hitting the wall

North-south traffic on 385, under the underpass, was slowed more than usual Wednesday afternoon, when the driver of this vehicle lost control of his car, bounced off a pickup in the same lane of traffic and slammed into the concrete retaining wall. This accident caused a lot of damage, but no one was injured in the accident.

**Whoopers ready to head north
Cranes testing wings and thermal currents**

BOSQUE DEL APACHE, N.M. (AP) - Whooping cranes are making telltale circles in the sky, which means they're fixing to fly away home.

The two surviving whoopers that followed an ultralight airplane pilot from Idaho last fall began testing thermal currents aloft Wednesday for their spring migration north. And the pilot who led them south, Kent Clegg of Grace, Idaho, will track them from the ground this time.

"They were up spiraling this morning," Clegg said by phone Wednesday.

Biologists said the birds could begin their migration any day, but it's still unknown if they will return to Idaho or some other destination.

"We're hoping they do remember that migratory route," said Michele Gallagher, a biologist at Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge, N.M., where the birds have been wintering.

Clegg was driving in from Idaho, hoping to arrive here in time for the birds' northbound takeoff. He will use satellite tracking to pick up signals from radio transmitters strapped on the birds.

The two juvenile whoopers, which flew 800 miles south from Idaho last fall behind Clegg's ultralight, had been trained since birth to identify Clegg as a parent and follow him.

But once they arrived at the Bosque on the Rio Grande 90 miles south of Albuquerque, Clegg backed off and let the birds adapt to the wild flocks.

Now comes the payoff - the return flight. And spiraling is a definite sloop in that direction.

"Today is the first day these whooping cranes have spiraled," U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service spokesman Hans Stuur said Wednesday. "They went up anywhere from 2,000 to 3,000 feet. They're starting to test the thermals."

"They went up with six wild sandhill cranes and started to go north, but then the two whooping cranes cut off and flew back (to the Bosque). This is a precursor to migration. And the adult whooping cranes from way back when - they've also been testing thermals."

The two adult whoopers are remnants from an experimental "foster parent" program the Fish and Wildlife Service tried here several years ago.

"The juvenile whoopers prefer the company of the adult whoopers," Ms. Gallagher observed. "From my judgment, they do recognize the whoopers and kind of identify with them."

The juvenile whoopers flew in last fall with seven sandhill cranes also raised by Clegg, but Ms. Gallagher said the whoopers and sandhills have sort of drifted apart.

"They're not tight like they used to be," she said.

Eight whoopers were hatched last spring at a wildlife facility in Maryland, but four died even before last fall's flight, and two others were victims of Bosque predators - a coyote and a bobcat - late last year.

About 150,000 wild birds - cranes, geese, ducks and others - traditionally winter at the Bosque, but of all those only four are whoopers.

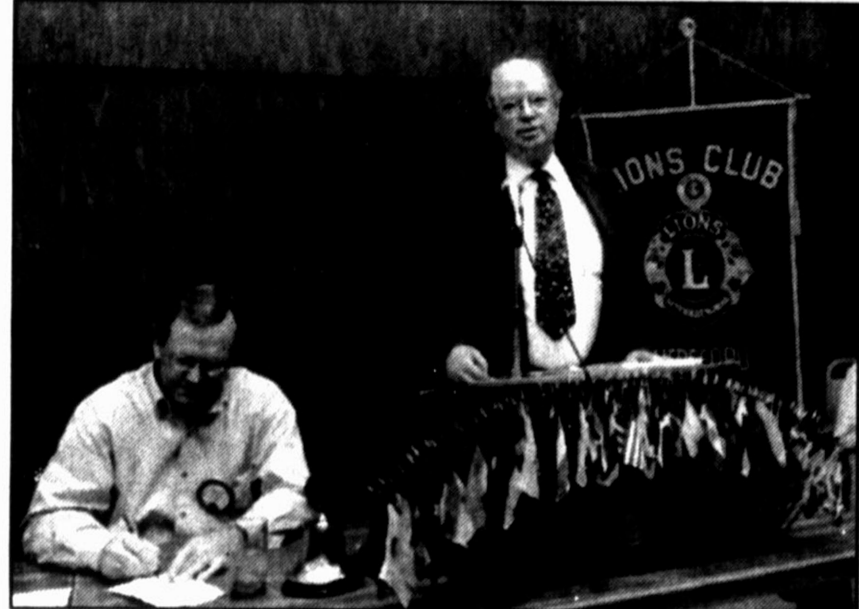
The only migratory flock of whoopers in the world currently exists at Aransas National Wildlife Refuge on the Texas gulf coast. The whooper population there numbers 180. Overall there are about 370 whoopers, including non-migratory birds in zoos and at a Florida refuge. That represents a major recovery since the mid-20th century, when there were just 22 whoopers, including 16 at Aransas. The birds were depleted mainly by loss of wetland habitats to agriculture.

Tom Stehn, national whooping crane coordinator for Fish and Wildlife, says the recovery won't be complete until there is at least one additional migratory flock.

That's where ultralight planes come in.

If scientists can teach whooping cranes to migrate from summer habitats in Canada to a proposed new site in the southeastern United States - probably Florida or Louisiana - then they may establish that second flock as a hedge against any catastrophic event that might decimate the Aransas flock.

Until the flight with Clegg, scientists couldn't prove the technique works with whooping cranes.



Centennial plans discussed

John Gililland discussed plans for Hereford's Centennial Town & Country Jubilee celebration when he spoke to the Hereford Lions Club Wednesday. Gililland, co-chair of the planning committee, is asking clubs and organizations to sponsor events during the celebration in August. Chamber Manager Don Cumpston also spoke briefly during the program.

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Obituaries

MARY ANN MENARD
Feb. 17, 1998

Memorial services for Mary Ann Menard, 76, of Port Charlotte, Fla. were Feb. 19, in Port Charlotte.

Mrs. Menard died Feb. 17. She was born Sept. 13, 1921 in Umberger and married Al Menard in New Hampshire.

Survivors include her twin sister, Martha Lueb of Hereford, three daughters, Rosemary Miller and Carolyn Blynn of Port Charlotte, and Dianna Short of Pampa; one sister, Frances Kienle of El Paso; one brother Lawrence Erdman of Amarillo.

She is preceded in death by a set of twins, a daughter, a son, her husband and one brother.

JOSEPH EVANS

Funeral services for Joseph (Joe) Evans, 41, formerly of Hereford will be 10 a.m. Friday at the Steed-Todd Chapel in Clovis with Jerry Kendall officiating. Burial will be in the Lawn Haven Memorial Gardens.

Mr. Evans was born July 30, 1956, in Las Cruces, N.M. He had lived in Clovis for the last 12 years, and in Hereford for 20 years prior to moving to Clovis. He worked at Evans Jewelry as a watch repairman.

Survivors include his parents, Hoyt and Ann Evans of Hereford; five brothers, Terry and Robert Evans of Clovis; Marvin Evans of Perryton, Wilburn Bobbin of Indian Springs, Ohio, and Kenneth Bobbin of Cedar Crest, N.M.; one sister, Sharon Evans of Belen, N.M.; several nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts and uncles.

Memorials may be made to Hospice Home Health Care, 1600 W. 21st St. Clovis, N.M. 88101.

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Emergency services

Activities reported by emergency services personnel for Feb. 25, 1998, include the following:

- Police Department Arrests**
- A 17-year-old man was arrested in the 800 block of Irving for burglary and resisting arrest.
- A theft was reported in the 800 block of Schley.
- Unattended children were reported in the 800 block of 25 Mie Avenue.
- Lost mail was reported in the 900 block of 15th.
- Disorderly conduct was reported in the 300 block of Avenue C.

Accidents

- A major accident, with possible injuries was reported on South U.S. 385.

--A minor accident, no injuries, was reported at Moreman and Ranger.

- Sheriff's Department Arrests**
- A 32-year-old man was arrested for possession of marijuana, a false report, and resisting arrest.
- A 29-year-old man was arrested for driving while intoxicated.
- Deputies took reports on a theft and a forgery.

- Fire Department**
- 1:51 p.m. fire fighters responded to a wreck on S. 385.
- 3:10 p.m. fire fighters responded to an ensilage fire at Frio Feeders.
- 3:53 p.m. fire fighters responded to a grass fire at the Birdwell Ranch.

LOTTO TEXAS
TEXAS LOTTERY

AUSTIN - No tickets correctly matched all six numbers drawn for an \$8 million jackpot Wednesday night in the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

Saturday night's drawing will be worth an estimated \$12 million. The numbers drawn Wednesday night from a field of 50 were: 1-22-25-36-37-44.

AUSTIN (AP) - The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Wednesday by the Texas Lottery, in order: 2-9-7

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Lifestyles

Spring Fling is for seniors

Adults aged 50 and above will have the opportunity to experience spring and nature at their best during the annual Spring Fling at the Texas 4-H Center on Lake Brownwood, according to Beverly Harder, County Extension Agent-Family and Consumer Sciences.

Sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, the Spring Fling is offered for men and women alike, invited to enjoy the variety of activities offered during the week of April 20-24.

Opportunities will include "hands-on" learning centers where one can enjoy leather working, oil painting, woodworking, bead projects, stained glass and other exciting projects. Educational programs on topics such as horticulture, photography, nutrition, finances and other current interests will be offered as well.

Boat rides (weather permitting) and fishing on Lake Brownwood add relaxation to the itinerary. Other popular activities will be tennis, horseshoes, washers, billiards, volleyball, shuffleboard, dominoes and card and table games.

Fun and educational tours of The Academy of Freedom at Howard Payne University, Texas Feathers Company, American Quality Ceramics, and Dr Pepper plant at Dublin are in the planning stages.

A talent search will be held each evening with each performance limited to eight minutes of "G"-rated entertainment. A piano, stereo with tape player and CD will be available if needed. A new feature will be classic movie night with popcorn and drinks. For additional entertainment, there will be square dancing and bingo.

The theme for this year's Spring Fling will be "Under the Sea," to be featured in games, meal time activities, decorations and a costume party. Prizes will be awarded for a variety of whimsical entries, including "Most Creative Fishing Hat," "Best Fish Costume," and "Most Unique Homemade Fishing Lure."

Cost to attend will be based on the type of accommodations preferred. A semi-private, double-occupancy room will cost \$227 per person for the week. Semi-private rooms are filled a first-drawn, first-served basis. The other option is to stay in the air-conditioned dorms for \$185 per person. All accommodations at the 4-H Center are non-smoking. When making reservations, a \$20 per person deposit will be required.

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

Hospital Notes

Report from Hereford Regional Medical Center for Feb. 26:

Admitted: Billy Nichols, Erma Stowers.

Dismissed: Angel Garcia, Jorge Guerrero, Rodney Barrett, Elizabeth Hayes.

Classifieds Work!! Call 364-2030



Bird feeders

Members of the Sparklers 4-H Club made pine cone bird feeders at the recent meeting at St. Anthony's School.

Rogers gives Veleda program

Part of Joe D. Roger's technique for teaching history is to become a person from that era in history.

Rogers revealed this part of his teaching strategy to members of Veleda Study Club at its recent meeting in the home of Frances Crume.

He also told club members that he travels during the summer with his

family to locations that he can use in conjunction with his teaching. Some places he has visited include colonial Williamsburg, Fort Tycondaroga and Betsy Ross' home.

Rogers collects antique wood-working tools which he can use in his demonstration as a woodworker during Museum Day at Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum in Canyon.

After the program, Crume led the Club Collect then members answered roll call with "a unique vacation experience."

Those present were Marcella Brady, Bettie Dickson, Mary Dziuk, Betty Gilbert, Della Hutto, Norma Walden, Margaret Zinser and Crume.

The next meeting will be at 3 p.m. March 8 when members will travel to Canyon to see "Guys and Dolls."

Ann Landers

Dear Ann Landers: Please help -- and fast. Time is an important factor here.

While traveling through England last summer, my friend "Sarah" met a good-looking Englishman. She and "Michael" spent 18 hours together, and she came home totally convinced that he was the man of her dreams.

They corresponded for several months, and then suddenly, she heard nothing. She wrote to him several times, inquiring about his silence. Still nothing. In desperation, she mailed him a round-trip plane ticket to the United States. That worked. Michael said his excuse for not writing was that he was embarrassed because he didn't have enough money to come to the States on his own.

So now Michael is here for a two-week visit, and he and Sarah (after four days) decided they are going to get married. Sarah is flying him back to the United States in two months for the wedding.

Ann, all of her good friends are beside themselves. We feel as if we should say something, but Sarah is convinced Michael is her dream come true. She has become obsessed with this romance. We think he is obsessed with becoming a U.S. citizen. They are both only 23 years old.

Should we keep our mouths shut and wish her luck? Rush your opinion. It could make a difference. -- Apprehensive in N.Y.

Dear Apprehensive: I'm typing as fast as I can. I agree that Sarah should slow down and get to know Michael better before she ties the knot, and it's OK to suggest it. I doubt, however, that my opinion (or

yours) will make an ounce of difference because Sarah sounds like she's a goner.

Dear Ann Landers: The warning from "Careful in Columbia, Md.," to disconnect microwaves when not in use applies to other small appliances as well. Please print this letter. I wish I had seen one like it.

One afternoon when no one was home, my house sustained \$42,000 worth of damage from a fire started by a defective toaster oven. The oven, which was only 3 years old, was not in use but was plugged in. The insurance company that paid the cost of rebuilding the house brought a claim against the toaster oven's manufacturer and was eventually reimbursed for the loss.

Please tell your readers to be cautious with appliances and unplug them when not in use. -- Concerned in Capitola, Calif.

Dear Capitola: You told them and in a way that is far more effective than anything I might have said. After I read your letter, I went to the kitchen and unplugged all the appliances. Thank you.

Dear Ann Landers: When I read your response to "Windsor, Ontario," about keeping snakes as pets, I felt compelled to write. You said snakes need to be watched carefully around small children and animals. You are so right.

Do you recall the newspaper story about the python that attacked a pregnant woman? They had to cut its head off in order to release her. Evidently, her husband enjoyed having pet pythons and had convinced his wife they were harmless. She

Amarillo Little Theatre announces auditions

Amarillo Little Theatre has announced that open call auditions for "Blood Brothers" are scheduled for March 9-10 at 7:30 p.m. in the ALT auditorium.

"Blood Brothers" is a rags-to-riches story that makes a musical tragedy of our times. The show features an ensemble cast of 12-15 with principal roles available for three women and five men.

Those wishing to audition should prepare a short musical selection not exceeding 60 seconds in length. An accompanist and tape deck will be provided by ALT.

Auditions should also be prepared to perform cold readings from the script.

For additional audition information, contact the ALT Box Office at 806-355-9991.

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Vocal band

The Gaither Vocal Band, from left, Bill Gaither, David Phelps, Guy Penrod and Mark Lowry, will present "An Evening with The Gaither Vocal Band" at the Amarillo Fairgrounds Coliseum on March 4 beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Area Events

AMARILLO

Amarillo Little Theatre's success with "Always...Patsy Cline" continues as the show returns to ALT's stage one more time before traveling to Barbados and British Guyana this summer.

Performances are scheduled for April 2-5. Show time will be 8 p.m. on Thursday, Friday and Saturday and 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, April 5.

Several new songs have been added to Patsy's repertoire, so even those who have seen "Always...Patsy Cline" before will be in for a treat.

The ALT Box Office will open to season members on March 16. Because this is a special fund-raising event, members will not be allowed to use their season tickets but will receive this advance reservation privilege plus a 10 percent discount on purchased tickets.

The Box Office opens to the general public on March 23. Reservations may be secured by dialing 806-355-9991.

"Looks West" model and talent search will be held Friday, Saturday and Sunday at the Radisson Inn in Amarillo.

Sixteen agents from all over the world are scheduled to attend.

For more information call 806-352-1943 or fax 806-355-6154.

An Evening with the Gaither Vocal Band will be presented at 7:30 p.m. March 4 at the Amarillo Fairgrounds Coliseum in Amarillo.

Joining the Gaither Vocal Band for the event will be several other popular names in Christian music, including Jake Hess, comedian Mark Lowry and pianist Anthony Burger.

The concert will be an event the entire family will enjoy. Complete ticket information may be obtained by calling 806-376-7762. Tickets are available at the Tri-State Fair office or may be charged by phone by calling 800-791-3309.

The Harrington String Quartet will hold the second of three subscription performances in its 1997-98 season at 8 p.m. March 7 at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 2525 Wimberly Road, Amarillo.

The quartet's all-Mozart event is the final concert in the Amarillo Symphony's Mozart Festival that began at the end of January.

Tickets are available in advance or at the church on the day of the concert. For information, please call the symphony office at 806-376-8782.

BOVINA

St. Ann's Catholic Church of Bovina is sponsoring its annual

German Sausage Dinner Sunday from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the St. Ann's Parish Hall on Third St. in Bovina.

The menu includes German sausage, creamed potatoes and gravy, green beans, sauerkraut, cranberry sauce, relish plate, bread and butter, desserts and tea or coffee.

Take-out plates will be available at no extra charge. Sausage will be available by the pound the day of the dinner.

CANYON

Two exhibits concerning the history of Taos, N.M., will open at the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum on Friday.

Taos: From Pueblo to Art Colony will trace the history of the Taos region from prehistoric times until the 20th century using photographs and a variety of artifacts.

The other exhibit, Taos: The Panhandle Connection, will spotlight Spanish expeditions, trade between the Taos Indians and the Plains Indians who ranged in the Texas Panhandle, and two Panhandle artists who studied under members of the Taos art colony. Several works by the artists, Harold D. Bugbee and Lloyd L. Albright, will be on display.

Both exhibits will occupy the space between Indian and Ranching halls on the first floor of the museum.

Hints from Heloise

Dear Heloise: I have a question. I keep my flour in a plastic canister, but sometimes when I haven't used flour for a while and go to use it, there is some kind of bug in it. I throw the flour away, but where do these bugs come from? What are they and how do I keep them from getting into my flour or anything else? — An Anamosa, Iowa, Reader

These little annoying bugs are probably weevils. Weevils can be found in many grain products like flour, rice, sugar, cereal, pasta and even dog food.

Usually when you buy the item, eggs that you can't see are already in there and, in time, they hatch. That is why you see them after a while.

When you find weevils, as bad as it sounds, all of the products that are infested have to be thrown away. Then wash down the pantry shelves with hot, soapy water and spray with an insecticide for weevils.

Place all the remaining products in plastic or glass containers with tight-fitting lids. To keep weevil eggs from hatching, the experts say to freeze all grain products in your freezer at zero degrees for seven days before putting them in your pantry.

Many readers swear that putting a bay leaf in grain products will keep

weevils away. — Heloise
PLASTIC NEWSPAPER BAGS
Dear Heloise: Your column today asked for uses for those long, narrow bags in which newspapers arrive. I tie two or three together to bundle tree trimmings and fallen branches for disposal at the curb for the trash pickup. Works great until I can get a chipper of my own. — Maggie Ackerman

BANANA BREAD
Dear Heloise: When making banana bread or cake, substitute banana baby food for mashed bananas. Two small jars of baby food equal 1 cup of mashed bananas. Baby food is easy to store and is always handy. — Velma Brownlee, Struthers, Ohio

PILLOW FLUFFING
Dear Heloise: To stuff a pillow in the dryer, put a couple of tennis balls in the dryer with the pillows. They roll and bounce around and fluff the pillows better in the dryer. I do it all the time and it works great! — Grace Zuelke, Miles City, Mont.

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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DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I'm writing in reference to a problem with dry, itchy skin. I can't seem to find anything that helps. — L.M.

ANSWER: Skin contains up to 15 percent water. In winter, with furnaces running full blast, humidity in the home drops. Skin loses its water in an overheated, dried-out home.

Add to the lack of humidity the fact that, with age, there's a loss of oil glands — another reason why skin dries out and itches.

Armed with a list of do's and don'ts, you can stop the itch:

- Don't take a daily shower or bath. Excessive bathing removes the skin's oil layer.
- Do use only lukewarm water when you bathe.
- Don't use harsh soaps. You can use Dove, Alpha Keri or Basis.

• After bathing, do pat yourself with a towel, leaving some water on the skin. Then apply a moisture-holding ointment or cream. Petroleum works, but it's a bit messy. Eucerin, lanolin and mineral oil are other options.

• Do get a humidifier for your home. For the sake of completeness, let me say that the following illnesses can cause itchy skin: diabetes, liver disease, kidney malfunction, an overactive or underactive thyroid gland and some cancers.

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DEAR DR. DONOHUE: Is there a cure for total global amnesia? Can it be treated with medication? — J.F.

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NHL
Wednesday's Games
 Toronto 2, Buffalo 2, tie
 Tampa Bay 4, Washington 3
 Pittsburgh 6, Montreal 2
 Dallas 4, N.Y. Islanders 1
 New Jersey 3, Florida 2
 Los Angeles 1, Detroit 1, tie
 Colorado 4, Phoenix 2
 Edmonton 5, Ottawa 2
 Vancouver 5, Anaheim 2
Thursday's Games
 Buffalo at Boston, 6:30 p.m.
 New Jersey at Tampa Bay, 6:30 p.m.
 N.Y. Rangers at Toronto, 6:30 p.m.
 Los Angeles at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.
 Phoenix at Colorado, 8 p.m.
 St. Louis at San Jose, 8:30 p.m.

NBA
Wednesday's Games
 Boston 111, Sacramento 94
 Orlando 100, Dallas 79
 Cleveland 106, Vancouver 101
 Charlotte 98, Detroit 88
 L.A. Lakers 99, Indiana 99
 Portland 106, Chicago 101
 Atlanta 112, Denver 88
 L.A. Clippers 117, Philadelphia 106
Thursday's Games
 Golden State at Washington, 8 p.m.
 Milwaukee at New York, 8:30 p.m.
 Sacramento at New Jersey, 8:30 p.m.
 Dallas at Miami, 6:30 p.m.
 Minnesota at Houston, 7:30 p.m.
 Toronto at San Antonio, 7:30 p.m.
 Phoenix at Utah, 9 p.m.

NCAA Basketball
EAST
 Boston College 72, West Virginia 69
 Dayton 68, Duquesne 62
 Fordham 68, St. Joseph's 77
 Michigan 77, Penn St. 61
 St. Bonaventure 72, Massachusetts 70,
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SOUTH
 Akron 65, Marshall 62
 Alabama 85, Mississippi St. 70
 Duke 78, Georgia Tech 53
 George Washington 64, Virginia Tech 50

MIDWEST
 Ball St. 80, W. Michigan 71
 E. Michigan 67, Toledo 66
 Iowa 75, Northwestern 55
 Kansas St. 95, Texas A&M 80
 Miami, Ohio 61, Bowling Green 52
 Missouri 86, Colorado 67
 N. Illinois 63, Cent. Michigan 61
 Nebraska 82, Texas Tech 65
 Notre Dame 79, Georgetown 69
 Ohio St. 61, Wisconsin 56
 Ohio U. 76, Kent 61
 Purdue 87, Minnesota 83
 Saint Louis 67, Marquette 65
 Tulane 72, DePaul 56
 Valparaiso 66, W. Illinois 56

SOUTHWEST
 Baylor 69, Iowa St. 54
 Texas-Arlington 76, Sam Houston St. 73
FAR WEST
 E. Washington 97, Idaho St. 95, OT
 N. Arizona 64, CS Northridge 61
 Weber St. 61, Portland St. 51
TOURNAMENTS
South Conference
First Round
 Liberty 78, Coastal Carolina 70
 Md.-Baltimore County 67, Winthrop 55
 Radford 75, Charleston Southern 68
College Athletic
First Round
 Va. Commonwealth 65, East Carolina 62

IN BRIEF

Oliver to start
PORT CHARLOTTE, Fla.
 (AP) -- The Texas Rangers will open its exhibition season Friday with left-hander Darren Oliver on the mound against the Minnesota Twins.
 Manager Johnny Oates gave Oliver the assignment Wednesday as he mapped out his starting rotation for the first three games.
 Oliver will go against the Twins' probable starter, former Ranger Bob Tewksbury, at 12:05 p.m. CST at Charlotte County Stadium in Port Charlotte. Scott Kingenbeck and Scott Bailes also are slated to pitch for the Rangers.
 Meanwhile, Aaron Sele gave up two hits and struck out five as he pitched two scoreless innings in an intrasquad game Wednesday.

Tech summaries
TEXAS TECH MEN
 TEXAS TECH (13): Owens 5-6 0-0
 10, Carr 4-13 7-11 19, Phillips 2-4 1-3 5
 Young 1-7 1-2 4, Bonewitz 4-11 0-0 12
 Barnes 0-1 2-2 2, Patterson 1-1 0-0 2
 Roberts 0-1 3-5, Myers 1-2-4-4, Carmichael 2-0-2-4, Totals 20-49 16-29 65
NEBRASKA (18-19): Florence 4-8 1-2
 9, Johnson 3-6-3-9, Hamilton 3-7-3-4-8, Lue 8-17-3-4-23, Belcher 4-9-2-4 12, Williams 0-0
 0-0, Johnette 1-21-13, Platkowski 1-21-1
 3, Phifer 1-1 0-0 2, Burbach 0-1 0-2 0,
 Markowski 3-8 2-8, Mason 0-0 0-0 0,
 Harriman 2-3 0-4 4, Totals 50-61 15-24 82
 Halftime-Nebraska 42, Texas Tech 24
 3-Point goals-Texas Tech 9-23 (Carr 4-9,
 Young 1-3, Bonewitz 4-9, Barnes 0-1, Myers
 0-1), Nebraska 7-14 (Lue 4-7, Belcher 2-5,
 Johnette 0-1, Phifer 1-1). Fouled out-
 Roberts, Lue, Rebounde-Texas Tech 38
 (Owens 10), Nebraska 38 (Hamilton 8).
 Assists-Texas Tech 16 (Carr 5), Nebraska
 19 (Lue 7). Total fouls-Texas Tech 20,
 Nebraska 22. A-10,694.

TECH WOMEN
 Nebraska (21-8): DeForge 4-14 0-8,
 N. Kubik 7-17 1-22 1, E. Thompson 3-8 1-4
 7, Schwartz 0-2 0-0 0, J. Kubik 4-10 2-8 11,
 Bryan 1-1 0-0 2, Gussio 0-2 0-0 0, Jurgens
 0-0 0-0, McDill 2-0 0-4, Williams 0-1 0-0
 0, Gilmore 1-4 1-2 3, Benson 3-7 0-0 6,
 Totals 25-68 5-14 62.
 Texas Tech (21-4): Hanebutt 3-0 0-9,
 A. Thompson 12-23 5-29, Brazier 10-17 1-5
 21, Schmucker 0-3 2-2 2, Lake 4-10 0-8,
 Washington 2-4 5 8, O'Neal 1-4 0-2,
 Gibbs 0-2 2-2, Cockerell 0-0 0-0, Walker
 0-1 0-0, Boles 2-20 2-4, Dickerson 0-2 2-2
 2, Martinez 0-0 0-0 0, Johnson 0-1 0-0 0,
 Totals 34-74 16-24 87.
 Halftime-Texas Tech 45, Nebraska 27.
 3-Point goals-Nebraska 7-18 (DeForge 0-3,
 N. Kubik 6-9, Schwartz 0-2, J. Kubik 1-1,
 Gussio 0-2, Benson 0-1), Texas Tech 3-11
 (Hanebutt 3-5, Thompson 0-1, Schmucker
 0-2, Lake 0-1, Walker 0-1, Johnson 0-1).
 Fouled out-E. Thompson, McDill, Rebounde-
 Nebraska 42 (E. Thompson 11), Texas Tech
 51 (A. Thompson 14). Assists-Nebraska 13
 (E. Thompson, J. Kubik 4), Texas Tech 24
 (Lake 8). Total fouls-Nebraska 20, Texas
 Tech 17. A-8,174.

HHS softball begins march into history

By BOB VARMETTE
 Sports Writer
 Today, 28 girls will make history. For the first time, Hereford High School will field a softball team when they travel to Dumas to play at 5 p.m. this afternoon.
 It's club softball, but Hereford head coach Jack Fox said his team is keenly aware they are representing not only themselves, but their school and their town.
 "They know that everything they

do, both on and off the field, is going to be looked at," Fox said, "not only now, but in the future. They're very proud of this opportunity."
 The emphasis this year, said Fox, will be establishing something concomitant with history -- tradition. And that means starting from square one.
 "Obviously, this is a building year," Fox said. "We want to give as many girls as possible the opportunity to play... We want a

good foundation to start from.
 "This is about developing the talent on the team," Fox continued. "We're looking a couple of years down the line. We're going to build it right."
 The 28 players will be split into two teams, according to Fox. The division will be into an "A" team -- the gray team, and a "B" team -- the white team.
 Fox picked a challenge for his first high school coaching job. The 50-

year-old Roswell, N.M., native accepted his position at Hereford High School after retiring as a full colonel from the U.S. Army.
 "It was my plan to teach high school when I retired from the Army," Fox said.
 The former chief of staff of the New Mexico Army National Guard will also teach Economics, Government and, of course, U.S. History, in addition to his coaching duties.
 Fox will be assisted by Claudia

Ramirez, Michelle Beltran and Angela Stenzel.
 "They're working real hard," Fox said. "They're doing a super job of helping get this team ready to play."
 Beginning any endeavor requires a lot of work, but Fox believes the Lady Whitefaces may have somewhat of a jump.
 "They've developed real good defensive fundamentals in the Kids
 See SOFTBALL, page 6A

Nebraska outguns Tech, 82-65

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) -- Nobody knows whether Tyrone Lue will play another game at the Devaney Sports Center. If the junior point guard decides to go to the NBA, at least he got a warm sendoff.

With three minutes to play in Nebraska's 82-65 win over Texas Tech on Wednesday night, a near-capacity crowd of 10,694 chanted "One more year" each time the junior point guard had the ball.
 "I had chills going through my body," Lue said. "I felt good that the fans want me back."
 Asked whether that means he would return next season, Lue responded, "You got to wait and see."

Lady Red Raiders clinch Big 12 title with convincing 87-62 win over Lady Huskers/Page 6A

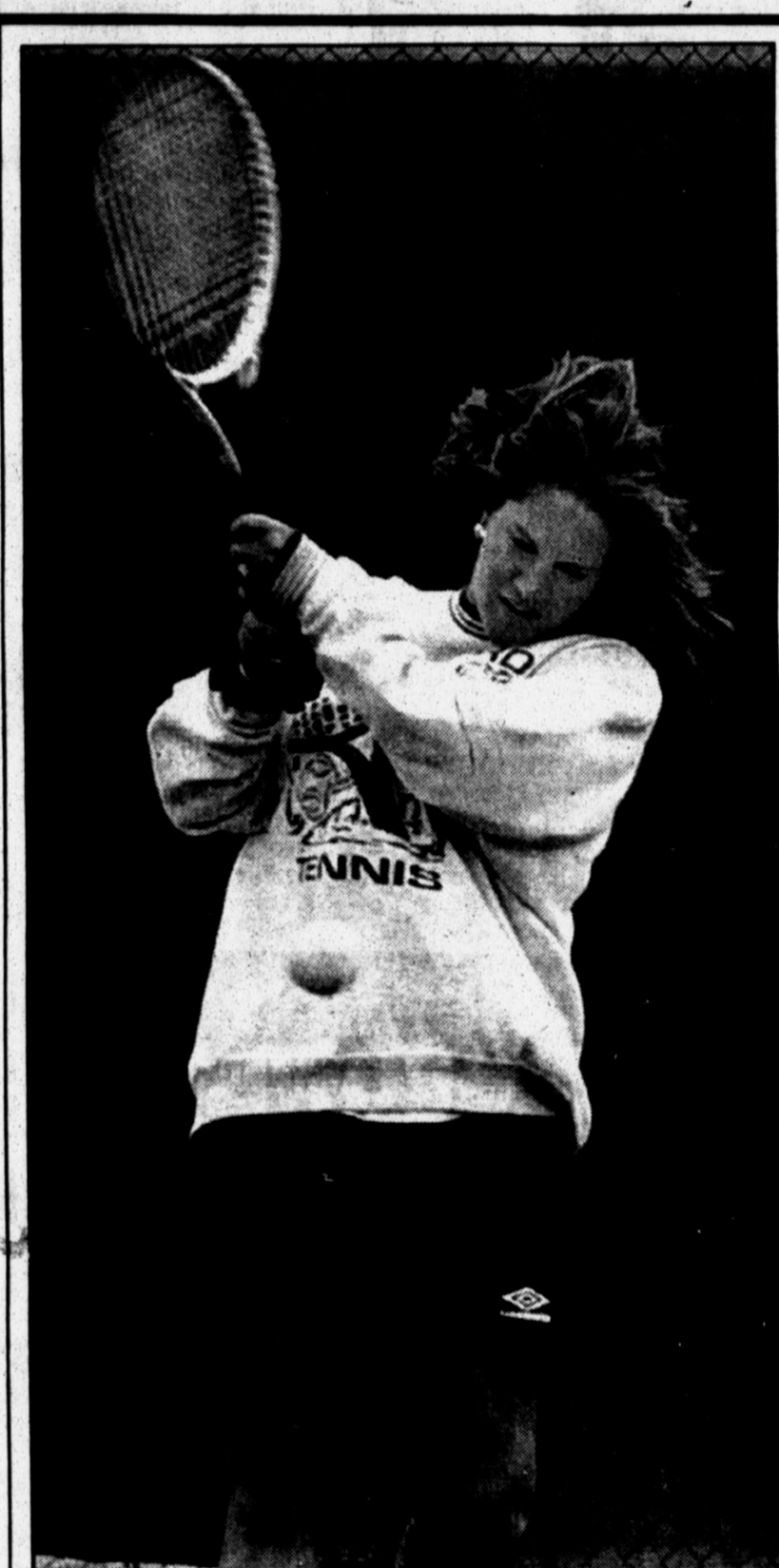
Lue scored 23 points and had seven assists and four steals as quick-starting Nebraska won its fifth straight game. But with the Cornhuskers (18-10, 9-6 Big 12) closing the regular season Saturday at Iowa State, it might have been Lue's final appearance in Lincoln.

Playing amid published reports this week that he might leave school for the NBA, Lue outdueled Texas Tech's Cory Carr in a battle of the top two scorers in the Big 12.

"Lue is very good," said Texas Tech coach James Dickey. "I hope he stays another year because he is good for our league. The only enticement to leave is the money."

The win assured the Cornhuskers of no worse than the fourth seed in next week's Big 12 tournament. It also gave Nebraska its first winning record in league play since going 8-6 in the Big Eight in 1992-93.

Lue scored eight points during Nebraska's 11-2 opening run. The Huskers converted a series of steals into fast-break baskets, leading 20-6 midway through the first half after two free throws by Chad Johnson.



Back to you
 Amanda Kriegshauser of Hereford returns a shot during practice last fall at Whiteface Courts. The Hereford tennis team will play at a tournament in Odessa Friday and Saturday.

Indiana's Knight faces Big 10 office scrutiny

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. (AP) -- One night his team is humiliated, losing by 48 points. Three nights later, he is ejected during a loss at home, then given a scathing critique of the referees.
 Indiana coach Bob Knight's latest outburst is now under review by the Big Ten office.

The conference said Wednesday it has begun studying the Indiana-Illinois game in which Knight received three technical fouls and called the officiating, specifically that of Ted Valentine, the "greatest travesty" he has ever seen as a college basketball coach.

"We are aware of those comments," Big Ten commissioner Jim Delany said Wednesday. "I think what we'll probably do is

"We are aware of those comments. I think what we'll probably do is issue a statement about the game as a whole."
 Delany pointed to the league's various rules concerning coaches and unsportsmanlike conduct: crowd incitement and undue criticism of coaches, schools, players or officials.
 See KNIGHT, page 6A

-- Jim Delany

Hereford girl to compete at state Elks Hoop Shoot

From staff reports
 Sarah Griffin of Hereford will compete at the state Elks Hoop Shoot in Richardson Saturday.
 Her brother, John Griffin, claimed first place at the district event in Borger, but will not be able to compete in Richardson due to a previous commitment.

The state Elks Hoop Shoot will begin at 9 a.m. Saturday at the Richardson High School gymnasium.
 Sarah Griffin won first place in the local competition in Hereford and then won the district event in Borger Jan. 10. Competing in the 12- and 13-year-old division, Sarah Griffin went 22-for-25 from the free throw line.
 John Griffin won his age group in a shootout after going 18-for-25. He made all five of his attempts to win the shootout.



Sarah Griffin (left) will compete Saturday at the state Elks Hoop Shoot in Richardson. Her brother, John Griffin, also qualified for the state competition, but will not attend due to a previous commitment.

A LONG AND WINDING ROAD...

Bosnian finds new life as soccer player at San Antonio Holmes

By ARTHUR GARCIA
San Antonio Express-News
SAN ANTONIO -- There was a time when Selfir Selimovic accepted sirens, bombs and frayed nerves as facts of life -- and war -- in Bosnia-Herzegovina.
 Now Selimovic's life is largely defined by books, work and soccer. But to only say it's been a long road for Selimovic doesn't do him or his odyssey justice.
 A little more than three years ago, the boys soccer team at Holmes High

School welcomed a new student to the squad, Selimovic.
 For Holmes coach Mike McKenna, adding new players, especially foreign-exchange students, was already old hat. In recent years, the Huskies resembled a mini-United Nations, with players from Bolivia, Nigeria and Palestine gracing the roster at one time or another.
 Even with several nationalities already represented on the team, Selimovic was nonetheless unique. His initial worries didn't center on

making new friends or catching up in his classes or just wondering, "Why are all the buildings at Holmes round?"
 Selimovic, who saw Bosnia torn apart by war, was just happy to be alive and in the United States.
 The journey to this country for Selimovic, 18, and his older brother, Selim, 20, began with the fall of their Bosnian city, Kotor Varos, to Serb forces in the early 1990s. Though the former Yugoslavia was engulfed by war, the Selimovics, a Muslim

family, continued to go to school and try to live as normal a life as possible.
 One day, Selfir and his soccer team were on their way to a tournament when they heard sirens. They knew what it meant. The war and the fighting were about to reach Kotor Varos.
 Barely a teen-ager and still too young to fight, Selfir spent his time during the war taking food and supplies to the Croat soldiers on the front lines.
 "My father and older brother were

fighting, but I just helped take food to the people on the battle line," said Selfir Selimovic, who didn't speak English when he arrived in New York City on Aug. 31, 1995. "At first, it was fun because you're young, but later you start to get scared. Many mornings you hear sirens and you go to the basement. Sometimes the bombs fall all day."
 Selimovic watched as the Serbs destroyed his city, his school and his home.
 See ROAD, page 6A

Road

home. When the city finally fell, several of his relatives, including three uncles, were taken as prisoners of war. He said those uncles were murdered in a concentration camp firing squad by the Serbs.

The Selimovics continued to live in the city as they awaited permission to leave from the Serbian government. "They patrolled the streets and we couldn't do anything," Selimovic said. "You couldn't buy anything. Even if you had \$100,000, you couldn't buy anything. You couldn't escape because the Serbs were all over and they would shoot you. Finally, they let us leave. We signed over all possessions to the Serbian government and paid for a seat on a bus to leave the city."

The family moved to Croatia, where it spent the next two years. The Selimovic brothers, including Osman and Senel, were allowed to spend

only one year in the Croatian school system. Their mother, through the U.S. Embassy and the Catholic Services for Immigrants organization, arranged passage for Selfir and Selim to the United States.

Selimovic started to pick up English, but at first was reluctant to share much of his past. That changed last fall when Silva's class studied the Holocaust.

"We read some literature and poetry on the Holocaust and that really brought a lot more out of him than he ever said before," Silva said. "He came out in front of the class and talked about his city and what it was like to have your city surrounded. Before then, he didn't really want to talk about it or he thought nobody was interested."

Despite the passage of time, Selimovic's emotions remain strong whenever he talks about the events that changed his life.

"I don't forget what happened," he said. "I hate Serbs. I would never live with them again. (One day), you sit with them eating and drinking coffee and then they try to kill you."

Selimovic had no problem adjusting on the soccer field. From the day he stepped on the field for his first practice with the Huskies, Selimovic felt he belonged.

"I think it shows how great the sport of soccer is," McKenna said. "Even though he didn't speak English, when he got on the field, he had no problem communicating."

Selimovic was surprised at the level of soccer played in this country.

"It's a little bit different, but (a) game is (a) game, soccer is soccer," he said. "I was surprised the players were good here. I didn't think Americans play good."

Selimovic is a starting halfback for the Huskies, but has played sparingly in recent matches because of a rib

injury. "I go from practice straight to work and get home about 11 p.m. and do some homework," said Selfir, who recently bought a car.

"He's the most committed player I've ever had," McKenna said. "He's grown up quickly and doesn't take life for granted. Because of his past experiences, he's determined to make himself a success in America."

Selimovic wants to study engineering after graduation in May and plans to attend college in San Antonio. Eventually, he'd like to bring the rest of his family to America.

"What is best here is freedom," he said. "You can be whatever you want. I'm going to stay here and, of course, become a citizen in two more years. Maybe I visit Bosnia in June when I finish high school."

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Orlando routs Mavs, 100-79

ORLANDO (AP) -- Bo Outlaw scored a career-high 29 points as the Orlando Magic defeated the Dallas Mavericks 100-79 Wednesday night.

Outlaw also had 11 rebounds as the Magic dominated Dallas on the boards 47-29.

It was the Magic's fifth straight victory and the Mavericks fifth straight loss. Derek Harper scored 18 points for the Magic, while Michael Finley led Dallas with 16.

The Magic scored only 17 points in the first period, but still trailed by only two points.

Orlando increased its lead to 44-34

by halftime, thanks to Outlaw's 13 points and a 25-15 edge on the boards. Dallas had only two offensive rebounds in the half.

The Magic finally broke away in the middle of the third period with a 13-3 run to open up an 18-point lead. Harper started the run with five straight free throws and Outlaw finished it with six straight points, including a three-point play that made it 66-48 with 3:50 left in the period.

The Mavericks pulled within 12 points with 8:30 left in the fourth period, but never got any closer.

Lady Techsters win title with rout of Nebraska

LUBBOCK (AP) -- The No. 6 Texas Tech Lady Raiders have accomplished one of their goals. Next they'll try to tackle a bigger one -- an NCAA title.

Alicia Thompson had 29 points, including her 2,000th career point at Tech, and 14 rebounds as the Lady Raiders clinched the Big 12 regular-season title with an 87-62 victory over Nebraska on Wednesday.

"We're thrilled to have finished it," said Tech coach Marsha Sharp. "We've been working on it for two months and I'm really proud of them."

"They worked hard, protected the road like a champion and then defended at home. We will now go to Kansas State and finish out and starting working on the rest of our goals."

Angie Brazier added 21 points and nine rebounds as Tech (21-4, 14-1) used a first-half surge to claim its first league title since the 1995-96 Southwest Conference championship. Tech, which led 46-27 at halftime,

used a 14-2 run to open a 60-29 lead with 11:29 remaining. Nebraska (21-8, 10-5) managed just one basket in the first 8:45 of the second half and 8 points over the first 13:23.

The Lady Raiders outscored Nebraska 25-6 in the half for its biggest lead of the game at 70-33 with 8:14 left. From there, Nebraska used a barrage of 3-pointers from Nicole Kubik to pull within 78-52 with 3:52 left, but never got much closer.

Thompson credited her teammates for helping her reach the 2,000-point milestone.

"They were unselfish and it belongs to them as well," Thompson said. "They are the ones who got me the ball. We went well with the pressure and we matured as a team and that helped us to focus and go forward with the championship run."

Kubik led Nebraska with 21 points, including 6-for-9 on 3-pointers, and her sister, Jami Kubik, added 11.

Knight

"So we've got four or five different provisions that could be applicable," Delany said.

The Hoosiers lost 82-72 to No. 22 Illinois on Tuesday night, three days after they were routed 112-64 by Michigan for Knight's second-worst loss since he came to Indiana.

On Tuesday night, when asked if he expected to be disciplined for his comments -- as he has in the past -- Knight said, "I don't know."

Illinois coach Lon Kruger said an intense game can trigger an episode of this kind.

"I think early the officials were trying to keep some flow and call some things that I think need to be called more often in the league," he said. "I think the game has gotten to the point where it's too physical and not being played by the rules as intended."

Knight received one technical foul in the first half. He was ejected after picking up his second and third technicals with 9:37 to go.

Freshman Luke Recker was knocked hard to the floor and Knight thought Recker's shot should have

counted as a basket because of goaltending. But the officials ruled no goaltending because Illinois' Sergio McClain pulled the rim, for which he was assessed a technical, and they could not assume the ball would have gone in.

"Well, that's the most ridiculous statement I've ever heard, because you can't assume that any goaltend shot is going to be good," Knight said. "If the ball is on its downward flight and it's interfered with, it's a goaltend. You don't assume it's going to be good, missed, not hit the rim, or anything."

Knight walked over to check on Recker, who was still lying on the floor, and Valentine gave him a second technical, an automatic ejection. Knight then flew into a rage and received the third technical.

"When I went out on the floor and walked toward Luke on the floor, my only comment was, 'I have an injured player there.' Period," Knight said. "I have every right to go out on the floor when there's an injured player on the floor."

Softball

Inc. programs," Fox said. "They've played some ball... We've got a solid core of girls to start from."

Amanda Vallejo, a junior shortstop, is expected to provide leadership at the plate, according to Fox.

"She can hit for power and she can hit for average," he said. "(And) she's a good defensive ballplayer."

Junior Misti Davison will play first base and is probably the team's strongest hitter.

"She's real solid. She's a real good power hitter," Fox said.

The top pitching candidate for Hereford is junior Monica Dominguez, who is also scheduled to see time at third base.

"She's another real solid ballplayer," Fox said. "She's a sound defensive player (and) she's going to be a good pitcher."

In pitching lies the key. Many of the 28 Hereford players have considerable experience with the Kids Inc. programs, but most of it is slow-pitch softball. Kids Inc. only went to fast-pitch softball last year. That means only one year of experience.

"The number one key is pitching," Fox said about the transition from slow-pitch to fast-pitch. "There's the hitting, adapting to the pitching, the stealing, the more

aggressive nature of fast-pitch.

"Pitching is really the key to your success in this game. Very few people can go out and be successful pitchers. It's a real gift," Fox said.

"In slow-pitch everybody hits," Fox added. "That's the purpose of the game... You need a real aggressive, determined girl to be a good pitcher (in fast-pitch). Plus, learning the fundamentals is much different."

The goal, Fox said, isn't so much wins this first year. It's preparing to make the jump to University Interscholastic League competition in the future.

And that could be as early as 1999.

Hereford will play with other club teams from Dumas, Pampa, Borger, Canyon and Canyon Randall in a non-UIL softball district this season. It's expected that all will apply to play UIL softball beginning with the 1999 season.

"The school district is behind us 100 percent," Fox said. "They're committed to the program. We've had fantastic support. There's a real commitment from the school board on down."

"We're very proud of this opportunity. Hereford can be proud of these young ladies. They're going to carry on the tradition of girls athletics in this community."

UNT hires new head coach

DENTON (AP) -- Darrell Dickey, offensive coordinator at SMU who helped the Mustangs to their first winning seasons in 11 years, was hired as head coach at North Texas on Wednesday.

Dickey succeeds Matt Simon, who was reassigned Feb. 19 after four seasons with the Eagles. Simon was 18-26-1, including a 4-7 last season.

"We wanted a coach who has a great offensive mind and has been in

the trenches," North Texas athletic director Craig Helwig said.

Dickey, 38, was a quarterback at Kansas State, where he led the Wildcats to their first bowl appearance ever in the 1982 Independence Bowl.

At SMU, running backs rushed for more than 100 yards nine times, the most since 1985. The Mustangs averaged 309 yards per game -- 197.3 on the ground.

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BUSINESS: Twelve years experience business planning and operation.

FARM: Raised on the family farm near Dawn. Managed the farm for the past 14 years.


CHURCH: Member of the Presbyterian Church, Adult Sunday School teacher for 20 years.

Ted's family has lived in Deaf Smith County since 1925. He is a 1962 graduate of Hereford High School and a 1966 graduate of West Texas State University.

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Prosecutors focusing on intern's job change

WASHINGTON (AP) - Prosecutors are questioning current and former presidential aides to learn why intern Monica Lewinsky received a salaried White House job, then was transferred within months to the Pentagon.

The aides were called before a grand jury Wednesday as Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr sought clues to any connection between the job change and Ms. Lewinsky's allegations of an affair with President Clinton and a cover-up.

The grand jury was meeting again today.

The focus on Ms. Lewinsky's job temporarily turned attention away from behind-the-scenes attempts by the White House and Starr to avoid a court showdown over executive privilege.

FDA warns of depression among users of acne drug

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Food and Drug Administration says doctors who prescribe the powerful acne drug Accutane should watch their patients carefully for signs of depression.

Manufacturer Hoffman-La Roche argued that there is no proof cases of depression and a few suicides among Accutane patients reported to the FDA can be blamed on the drug.

It said people with severe acne are at risk for depression anyway.

But the FDA counted about a dozen patients who became depressed while taking Accutane, then found that their depression disappeared after they stopped the medication and recurred once they took it again.

That was enough of a link to prompt the precautionary warning, FDA said.

CDC: Asthma rate jumps; blacks hit hardest

BOSTON (AP) - The number of Americans with asthma has more than doubled since 1980, federal researchers say, and blacks are more than twice as likely as whites to die from the disorder.

New figures from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention were released Wednesday as public health officials met in Boston to discuss ways to control asthma among minorities hit hardest.

The data compiled by Dr. Stephen Redd at the CDC in Atlanta show that about 13.7 million people had asthma in 1994, the most recent year for which data is available. In 1980, that figure was 6.8 million.

Today, an estimated 15 million people suffer from asthma, a chronic lung inflammation that makes it hard for patients to breathe.

NYSE floor dealers charged with trading for themselves

NEW YORK (AP) - Seeking to boost public confidence in fair stock trading, authorities charged 10 people with a scheme at the nation's largest stock exchange that allegedly netted \$11 million.

Oakford Corp. brokerage owners William Killeen and Thomas Bock and eight floor dealers are accused of a five-year conspiracy to illegally

book personal trades at the New York Stock Exchange.

They were charged Wednesday with violating a law designed to prevent a form of insider trading by dealers who have access to front-line information by being on the floor of the exchange.

It is the first time federal prosecutors and the SEC have pressed charges against anyone for making such personal trades. Authorities said they don't think the case was isolated.

Court OKs closure of marijuana clubs

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) - A California Supreme Court decision could shut down every medical marijuana club in the state, despite a 1996 voter initiative that allows sick people to use the drug.

The court on Wednesday unanimously decided not to review an appellate ruling that said a marijuana club could not sell marijuana or act as a "primary caregiver" authorized to furnish the drug to patients.

The ruling is binding statewide, and Senior Assistant Attorney General John Gordner said he would ask a judge today to shut down a medical marijuana club founded by Dennis Peron, author of the 1996 initiative that voters approved.

"The courts have essentially said that cannabis clubs are not allowed," said Matt Ross, spokesman for Attorney General Dan Lungren. Apart from San Francisco, where prosecutors and police allowed Peron's club to operate, Ross said Lungren would leave shutdowns to local authorities.

Oil industry companies on verge of merger deal

DALLAS (AP) - Halliburton Co. and Dresser Industries Inc. are reportedly planning a \$7.7 billion merger that would result in the world's largest oil drilling services company.

The proposal, reported Thursday by The Dallas Morning News and The New York Times, calls for a tax-free stock swap between the two Dallas companies. The new company would carry the Halliburton name and remain in Dallas.

The deal was to be announced today. Dresser spokesman Donald Galletly declined comment when contacted at his home by The Associated Press late Wednesday. A spokesman for Halliburton did not return telephone calls.

A new company would employ nearly 100,000 people worldwide and have annual revenue of more than \$16.3 billion.

Jury: Singleton should go to electric chair

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) - A jury recommended the death penalty for convicted killer Lawrence Singleton a day after hearing from a woman he raped and mutilated 20 years ago.

Singleton, 70, showed no emotion as the verdict was read after only an hour of deliberation Wednesday. He was convicted last week of stabbing Roxanne Hayes to death in his home last year. Ms. Hayes was a 31-year-old prostitute and mother of three.



How about some fries?

Laynette Walker spent part of the day Wednesday dressed up like an order of Burger King french fries. It was part of the grand opening of the Hereford Burger King restaurant.



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NEWS in brief

Liggett seeks immunity in tobacco investigation

WASHINGTON (AP) - Liggett Group Inc. is reported to be ready to help the Justice Department's criminal investigation of the tobacco industry in exchange for immunity. Sources familiar with negotiations between the company and the Justice Department are quoted by ABC News, The New York Times, The Washington Post and the Los Angeles Times as saying Liggett has offered to provide the government with industry information on nicotine's addictive qualities and efforts to hide health risks.

The company also is said to have offered to make its scientists and other experts available to the government in its three-year-old investigation.

Campaign finance bill likely to be shelved

WASHINGTON (AP) - Supporters of campaign finance legislation are facing a likely last chance to save their measure from death by Republican filibuster.

And even the bill's most ardent supporters concede they're not likely to succeed.

"I don't believe we'll get the other ... votes by tomorrow," Sen. Russ Feingold, D-Wis., told reporters Wednesday evening after an attempt to break the filibuster was scheduled for today. "Obviously, we don't have 60 votes," concurred Sen. John McCain of Arizona, the leading Republican supporter of the bill.

Administration offers loan rate compromise

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Clinton administration is offering a scaled-down plan to reduce the interest rates charged for student loans in order to keep banks from abandoning the student lending business.

A previously scheduled cut in interest rates for such loans would go into effect on July 1, and banks would make a lower return on those loans than they do now. But the drop under the administration proposal would be less than it would have been under changes required by a 1993 law intended to make college cheaper.



Work in progress

Construction and remodeling work continues at First United Methodist Church. The new addition to the church will house a welcoming center, nursery, small kitchen and two handicap restrooms. Remodeling work is being done inside on the office area and choir room.

Iraq force costs \$600 million

WASHINGTON (AP) - Costs for supporting the massive U.S. military force on alert in the Persian Gulf are rising rapidly, exceeding \$600 million, according to the Pentagon's estimate.

Congressional officials say the costs are far beyond that.

Money for increased fuel consumption, special deployment pay, shipment of supplies, transport of soldiers and increased flying time adds up quickly as the U.S. presence around Iraq reaches a post-Gulf War high. In contrast to the 1991 conflict, no large coalition of other countries is giving money to support the U.S. deployment.

And with the Clinton administration suspicious of Iraqi intentions, the troops aren't going home any time soon.

Deputy Defense Secretary John Hamre told reporters Wednesday that the cost of managing military operations in the Persian Gulf since

the crisis with Iraq erupted last fall has been "well over \$600 million."

Hamre, the Pentagon's No. 2 official, said that figure represents spending "above ordinary operating costs." An aircraft carrier, for example, is already fully budgeted for a six-month cruise whether it steams in the Persian Gulf or elsewhere.

Sen. John Warner, R-Va., a senior member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, said that based on briefings he has received, the total is already closer to \$750 million.

And two congressional staffers who spoke on condition of anonymity put the total cost since November at more than \$1 billion, based on information provided by military commanders.

The Pentagon says it is still calculating the total, but based on Hamre's and Warner's estimates, the military has equalled or exceeded the entire sum it was allotted by Congress for the Persian Gulf region, with more

than half the fiscal year still to go.

Congress budgeted \$700 million for Gulf operations for the fiscal year that began Oct. 1. That amount would sustain the basic force of 15,000 to 20,000 troops along with perhaps 120 planes and one aircraft carrier battle group. With the U.S. force in the Gulf nearly doubled and operations stepped up, Hamre's \$600 million estimate brings the new minimum total for the year to \$1.3 billion.

Hamre said Saudi Arabia paid the United States about \$300 million to support military operations last year. He said he did not know whether the Saudis or Kuwait or Bahrain would contribute to the most recent deployments.

To be sure, the Pentagon, with more than 30,000 troops in the region, is spending nowhere near what it cost to field a force of more than half a million to eject Iraq from Kuwait in 1991.

For the Midwest, weather phenomenon is an amigo

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) - Only the calendar betrays that it's winter in the Upper Midwest, where T-shirts have replaced parkas and ice anglers are trading in fishing poles for golf clubs.

While deadly freak storms have ravaged much of the country, for residents of the Northern Plains, El Nino is an amigo.

"I'm laughing at my good fortune," Ben Connelly, a Minneapolis bicycle messenger, said Wednesday. "It's much, much, much more pleasant than a normal winter."

With temperatures topping 50 degrees, more people golfed at a Lennox, S.D., course in one hour Tuesday than in all of last February.

One of the golfers, Jessica McKinnis of Sioux Falls, S.D., wore a sweat shirt that read, "Let it snow someplace else."

El Nino, the inexplicable warming of the Pacific Ocean off the coast of Ecuador that has upset weather patterns for much of the world, has fueled killer storms, waves and tornadoes in California and the South.

But the weather pattern has kept Arctic air from pushing into northern parts of the country. The result: the frost belt is not so frosty this year.

In Chicago, birds sang and the grass already was starting to turn green Wednesday, when the temperature reached 52. People were golfing instead of snowmobiling two weeks ago in Buffalo, N.Y.

Climatologists in Minnesota and Wisconsin say this winter could end up being the warmest on record, breaking the average reading of about 24 degrees set in the winter of 1930-31. December through February usually averages about 16 degrees.

But the balmy days of winter have not left everyone happy.

Mark Dorn depends on the traditional fierce winters as an ice fishing guide on Lake Mille Lacs in central Minnesota, watched the ice form two weeks late and break up six weeks early.

"I would say overall our winter business was down 50 percent," Dorn said Wednesday. "It's deteriorating faster than any other time I have seen in 20 years."

Snowmobilers and cross-country skiers were shut down, too, as state conservation officers closed trails in Minnesota and Wisconsin because of lack of snow.

And last Saturday's American Birkebeiner cross-country ski race near Hayward, Wis., was shortened from 52 kilometers to 25 kilometers because there wasn't enough snow.

At least the costs of winter dropped. Natural gas customers saved \$30 a month, and electric bills dropped an average \$4.50 per home for December and January for customers of Northern States Power, which serves Minnesota, Wisconsin, North Dakota and upper Michigan.

Steve Wenstrom, a gas station owner in Beach, N.D., on the border with Montana, says his town has been almost tropical, compared to usual mornings of 20 or 30 below.

"The good weather makes everything so much easier," Wenstrom said.

Nature offered Wenstrom a reality check Wednesday morning when he awoke to 8 inches of snow. But he was optimistic: "It's only 30 above now. It's not going to last long."

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“Texas homeowners!... A homestead exemption can lower your property taxes. If you haven’t signed up, fill out an application with your local appraisal district no later than April 30.”

3

“If you are 65 or older, or, if you’re disabled, you can lower the property taxes on your home by filing a homestead exemption application. Contact your local appraisal district for details.”

4

“A reminder for farmers & ranchers!... Productivity appraisal can lower the 1998 property taxes on your farm or ranch land. To sign up, contact your local appraisal district by April 30.”

5

“Veterans with a service-related disability—or their survivors—may qualify for property tax exemptions if you apply by April 30. For details, contact your local appraisal district.”

6

“You must report your income-producing personal property for property taxation by April 15. List the property on a rendition form available at your local appraisal district. Call or write for details.”

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Who must file a rendition?

You must file a rendition if you own tangible personal property that is used to produce income—such as the inventory and equipment used by a business.

Are there any advantages to you?

The advantages of filing a rendition are:

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- ☛ You record your correct mailing address so your tax bills will go to the right address. If your bill is mailed to the wrong address, the law still holds you responsible for paying your taxes on time or paying extra charges for late payments.
- ☛ You can also file a “report of decreased value” to notify the appraisal district of significant depreciation of the value of your property in 1997. The district will look at your property before assigning a value in 1998.

What’s the deadline?

The last day for filing 1998 renditions is April 15. Call your appraisal district for the last date the rendition may be post-marked, if mailing. You can get an extra 15 days if you ask for it in writing by the April 15 deadline.

Where do you file?

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Are other exemptions available?

If you’re disabled—or if you’re 65 years old or older—you are entitled to an additional \$10,000 school tax exemption on your home. And if you qualify for the over-65 exemption, you’re also entitled to a permanent, locked-in “ceiling” on the school property taxes on your home. (The ceiling does not apply to county or city property taxes, and those entities may offer other exemptions.) The over-65 homeowner’s exemptions and school tax ceiling transfers to the surviving spouse, if the spouse is 55 years of age or older at the time of death and lives in and owns the home. Over-65 homeowners also may transfer the percentage of school tax paid, based on their former home’s over-65 school tax ceiling, to a new home.

Do I have to apply each year?

No. If you had a homestead exemption on your home in 1997, you won’t need to reapply for 1998 unless your chief appraiser requires it. However, if you haven’t received an exemption on your present home—or if you’ve moved to a new home—you’ll need to file for an exemption for 1998. If you are 65 this year, you may file for the over-65 exemption up to one year after the date you turned 65. And if you became disabled during 1997, you need to file for the disabled person’s exemption.

When and where should I file?

File applications by April 30 at your appraisal district office.

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When is the application deadline?

If your land has never had a productivity appraisal or you are a new owner, you must apply to your local appraisal district by April 30 to take advantage of this benefit on your 1998 property taxes. You may get up to 60 extra days if you have a good reason and ask for it by April 30. If you miss this deadline, you may still be able to apply, but you will pay a penalty. Check with your appraisal district office.

Do you need to reapply annually?

If your land already receives agricultural or timber productivity appraisal, you normally don’t need to reapply unless the chief appraiser requires you to do so. If a new application is required, the appraisal district will notify you by mail.

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Names in the News

SEAN CONNERY LONDON (AP) - Politicians and pundits arguing over the rights and wrongs of a knighthood for Sean Connery have left him annoyed.

The actor objected to speculation that his knighthood was being held up because he once said he believes in hitting women and because he's a tax exile living in the Bahamas.

In an interview Tuesday on BBC radio from his home, Connery denies condoning violence against women and called the accusations against him "character assassination."

Alex Salmond, leader of the Scottish Nationalist Party, accused the Labor Party government of rejecting a Connery knighthood proposal because the Scots-born actor supports independence for Scotland.

SHAWN COLVIN NEW YORK (AP) - Shawn Colvin picked up an award for her guitar playing and seized the moment for a big announcement: She's pregnant.

"We have a healthy baby girl on the way," the singer told a crowd Tuesday at the Hard Rock Cafe.

The baby, the first for Colvin and her photographer husband, Mario Erwin, is due in August.

Colvin was given the Orville V. Gibson Award, while John Fogerty was honored by the guitar maker with a lifetime achievement award.

DREW BARRYMORE STANFORD, Calif. (AP) - Condoms are a fact of life, Drew Barrymore says.

"It's tremendously important that we communicate and educate," the actress said in Wednesday's Stanford Daily, the campus newspaper. "We need a general acceptance that in this day and age, we must use condoms. It's a fact, like 'The sky is blue.'"

Barrymore, who appears in "The Wedding Singer," participated in a

panel discussion on safe sex Tuesday night at Stanford.

She said she confronted sex at an early age growing up in Hollywood.

"I wish it was as easy to talk about then as it is today," she told the newspaper. "My mother's best friend contracted AIDS when I was four, and died when I was six, so I was aware early - no misconceptions."

LIAM GALLAGHER PERTH, Australia (AP) - Liam Gallagher denied that he and other members of Oasis yelled obscenities and disturbed passengers on a flight from Hong Kong to Australia.

The rocker blamed "rude" passengers and an uptight crew for the problems Tuesday on the Cathay Pacific flight to Perth. The pilot threatened to divert the plane and have the band and its 30-member entourage removed, an airline spokesman said.

The airline will refuse to carry the group again without a guarantee of "adult behavior," the spokesman said.

Liam's brother Noel, the band's leader, told reporters he was asleep the whole time.

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Baby Edward weighed in at 7 pounds, 13 ounces. Both mother and baby were doing fine, the senator said after visiting with the family.

The baby's father, Edward M. Kennedy Jr., is a lawyer with a New Haven law firm. His mother, Katharine "Kiki" Kennedy, is a psychiatrist on the staff of Yale Medical School.

Stage crasher, mystery dancer enliven show

NEW YORK (AP) - A stage-crashing rapper, a painted mystery dancer, a 19-year-old soul singer who called Bob Dylan "Bill" and a series of surprise winners - did MTV take over the Grammy Awards and not tell anybody?

The unexpected breathed some life into the formerly stodgy music awards show Wednesday night, almost upstaging big winners Dylan, soul singer R. Kelly and veteran folk artist Shawn Colvin.

Colvin was walking to the Radio City Music Hall stage to accept the first of her two awards for "Sunny Came Home" when the microphone was hijacked by a red-shirted ODB of the rap group Wu-Tang Clan.

Apparently upset at losing the best rap album Grammy to Puff Daddy, he complained that he spent a lot of money for new clothes because he thought he was going to win. "Puffy is good, but Wu-Tang is the best," he said.

"I'm confused now," Colvin said when the microphone was recovered. ODB was later escorted from the building.

Later, when Dylan was performing his song "Love Sick," a shirtless man with the words "Soy Bomb" painted on his torso - who knows why? - jumped on stage to gyrate next to him.

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Bob Dylan seemed moved by the best album award, saying that he felt the spirit of the late Buddy Holly watching over him as he made the record.

"In the words, you know, of the immortal Robert Johnson, 'the stuff we got will bust your brains out,'" said Dylan, who recovered from a potentially fatal heart infection last year to play for the pope and receive Kennedy Center honors.

R. Kelly's inspirational ballad, "I Believe I Can Fly," brought him three Grammys: best male rhythm and blues performance, best rhythm and blues song and best song

specifically for a motion picture. He performed the song backed by a gospel choir.

"I Believe I Can Fly" is the type of song that God wrote," he said backstage. "I didn't have anything to do with it."

Colvin won song and record of the year for "Sunny Came Home." Together with best album and best new artist (Paula Cole), they're considered two of the four most prestigious Grammys.

"You never know what will strike the imagination of people," said Colvin, a 20-year veteran of the folk circuit who has enjoyed her biggest

commercial success with the song. "If we knew, we'd write 15 more and buy a Winnebago and go around."

Country and bluegrass artist Alison Krauss won three awards. Puff Daddy, Lilith Fair founder Sarah McLachlan, cellist Yo-Yo Ma, soul newcomer Erykah Badu and the late newsmen Charles Kuralt were also multiple winners in the 40th annual show that aired on CBS.

First-time winners included former Creedence Clearwater Revival front man John Fogerty and the late John Denver, who won for best children's recording. "He really wanted one," said his 23-year-old son Zachary.

Television

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 26

Table of TV programming for Thursday, February 26, listing times and program titles.

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 27

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Comics

The Wizard of Id comic strip by Brant Parker & Johnny Hart, featuring a doctor and a patient.

Marvin comic strip by Tom Armstrong, featuring Marvin the Paranoid Android.

Barney Google and Snuffy Smith comic strip by Fred Lasswell, featuring Barney and Snuffy.

Beetle Bailey comic strip by Mort Walker, featuring Beetle Bailey.

Blondie comic strip by Dean Young & Stan Drake, featuring Blondie.

African-American History Month helps spread legacy of Reeves

DALLAS - Texas-born Bass Reeves roamed the American West for more than three decades, chasing murderers, thieves and whiskey smugglers. He usually either found his outlaw or left him dead.

Reeves, born into a Paris, Texas, slave family in 1838, was the first African-American to be commissioned a U.S. deputy marshal in the flatlands west of the Mississippi River.

His legacy, born of both fact and fiction, is spreading during this year's African-American History Month in the wake of recent books and essays about him.

"He walked into the valley of death for 32 years. People wanted this man dead," said Art Burton, whose book "Red, Black and Deadly" includes a chapter on Reeves and is available at the Dallas Public Library. "But he did his job for 32 years. He did an outstanding job, and he has to be one of the greatest American folk heroes."

Burton, director of minority affairs at Columbia College of Chicago, also launched a petition that got Reeves into the National Cowboy Hall of Fame in 1992.

Reeves, although born in Texas, severed his ties with the state in the 1850s when an argument over a game of cards with his young master, George Reeves, turned violent. Reeves pummeled George - who went on to become speaker of the Texas House of Representatives in 1881 - and fled across the border into what was then Indian Territory and now is Oklahoma.

He instantly became a fugitive, passing the next 10 years among the Five Civilized Tribes, his nephew, Paul L. Brady, said in a telephone interview last week from Atlanta. His time there also came in handy when Reeves began his law career.

"There was a great deal of distrust of the white man among the Indians," said Brady, 70, who is writing a Reeves biography. "And Bass was able to make a lot of friendships out of that. He learned the land and all the

potential hideouts.

Reeves left Oklahoma in 1863, after President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation, and made his way to Van Buren, Ark., where he settled down, married, had children and started a small farm, Brady said. He also served as a lookout for deputy U.S. marshals working "the dead line" between Arkansas and Indian Territory.

"The Five Civilized Tribes had their own judicial systems, police departments - and two of them had national prisons," Burton said. "But they couldn't try anyone who wasn't a citizen of their nations."

Reeves became a lawman in 1874 when a Fort Smith, Ark., judge commissioned about 200 deputy marshals to hunt down fugitives who had escaped into Indian Territory.

At the time, deputy marshals were cowboy crusaders, the only lawmen authorized to nab violent fugitives in the Indian territories. Among Reeves' most famous exploits was a shootout with notorious horse thief and murderer Jim Webb, who had been on the run for two years after killing a black preacher over a minor dispute.

The story has Reeves picking off Webb from a quarter-mile away.

"A quarter-mile is two city blocks. To call that shot and hit it? If it's true, he's one of the best shots in the west," Burton said.

And Reeves needed to be a quick shot. Regularly risking his life was part of the job, Brady said.

"The fugitives knew if they were taken in ... (the judge) was going to hang them," Brady said. "They'd just as soon have a shootout with the deputies."

But Reeves wasn't hasty with his sidarm, Burton said. He always gave the crook a chance to turn himself in. Reeves had killed 14 men by 1907, all of whom had drawn first.

Reeves' devotion to duty was legendary, historians say. He never rejected an assignment and even arrested his own son on a murder warrant. A story in the "Muskogee Phoenix" newspaper on Jan. 15,

1910, lionized the old marshal and said he "knew no master but duty."

"He had such great respect for the law because the law had set him free," said Brady, whose father, William Luck, traveled with Reeves on several trips into Oklahoma. "And he had such high regard for the rule of law ..."

"But in the end, he was headed back to slave-like conditions."

In 1907, Oklahoma and the Indian Territory were united as the state of Oklahoma, which immediately adopted the Jim Crow laws that made blacks second-class citizens throughout the South.

The federal marshals were replaced by state authorities. Reeves joined the Muskogee police force, working a segregated beat in a segregated city.

"Bass Reeves worked to bring about law and order to a terrible area, but when a democratic government was set up, it was worse than before for Bass," Brady said. "What a terrible commentary on progress that is."

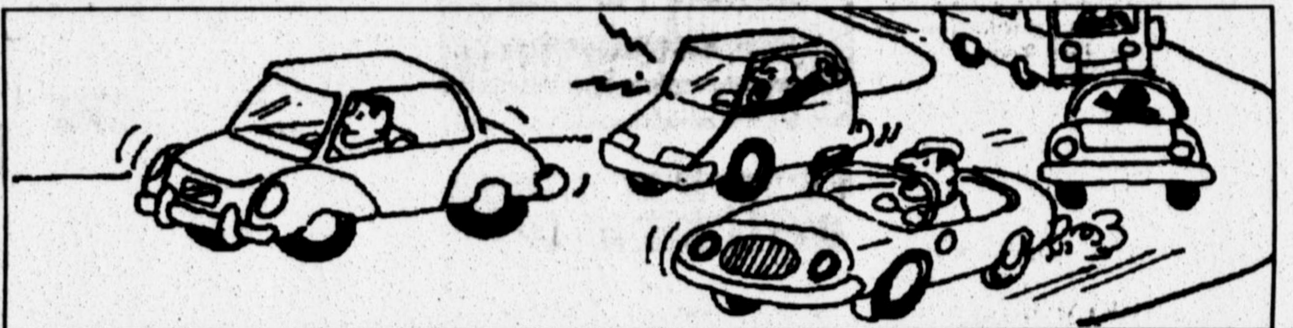
Reeves' health failed in January 1910, when he died of Bright's disease. His nephew, born 27 years later, resumed his uncle's legacy. In 1972, Brady became the first African-American to be appointed a federal administrative law judge.

"This man, his life, illustrate a lesson in a very clear way," Brady said. "That black folks have been serving this country and upholding its laws since the very beginning."



Ribbon cutting

Chamber of Commerce Hustlers hosted a ribbon cutting during the grand opening of Burger King Wednesday. Pictured are (from left) Melodie Marnell, franchise owner (holding scissors); Rufus Jordan, district supervisor; Matt Shappard, store manager; and George Lavato, district manager.



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Health benefits of 10 common fruits, veggies

WACO, Texas - One of the most commonly repeated health tips from nutritionists and dietitians is to eat more fresh fruits and vegetables.

So you go to the grocery store and stock up on apples, oranges, carrots and plenty of lettuce for salad.

Good move. It seems obvious that all this natural stuff is great for your health. But you might be left wondering why.

Just what is it about this stuff that makes it so good for us? More specifically, what's inside the more common fruits and vegetables that everyone seems to eat anyway? How nutritious are they?

For those of you who have resolved to do those healthy things this year - like eat more fruits and vegetables - here's a list of 10 of the most common fruits and vegetables and how they can benefit you:

- Apples. That cliché about eating one of these a day gave apples a good name long ago. Lisa Hoelscher, local consultant dietitian, said apples - when eaten with the peel - are a good source of soluble fiber.

- Oranges. Eat one medium orange a day, and Hoelscher says you'll meet your daily requirement for vitamin C. Vitamin C is "an antioxidant thought to have a protective effect against certain chronic diseases such as cancer," she said. These fruits also contain soluble fiber and potassium.

- Grapes. Particularly popular among children, grapes contain small amounts of vitamins, minerals and some fiber. Hoelscher said grapes do not contain high amounts of any one nutrient. But as with any natural food, grapes are an excellent substitute to candy and other sweets kids can't seem to get enough of.

- Strawberries. Though not available year-round, one cup of strawberries also fulfills one's daily need for vitamin C. Hoelscher said these berries are also high in fiber.

- Kiwi. Hoelscher said kiwi, which is high in fiber, is also popular with children. Marilynn Preston, syndicated health columnist, said one little green kiwi has more than twice the vitamin C of an orange. Kiwi fruit also has about as much potassium as bananas, not to mention healthy amounts of vitamin E and magnesium.

In general, fruits provide sweetness as an alternative to higher calorie desserts.

- Corn. If you don't like greens, corn might be one of the only vegetables you eat on a regular basis. Hoelscher said corn is a source of fiber and some B vitamins. Because of its starchy characteristics, it is a

high complex carbohydrate choice.

- Potatoes. Also a good source of complex carbohydrates, potatoes contain a variety of vitamins and minerals including potassium, vitamin C, iron and vitamin B6. As with apples, Hoelscher said potatoes are nutritionally better when eaten with the skin, especially to help increase fiber.

- Broccoli. Popular for vegetable trays and available at salad bars everywhere, broccoli is an especially good choice for those wanting to consume a healthier diet. Included in this green vegetable are vitamins C and A. Like C, vitamin A is an antioxidant that helps fight against chronic diseases, especially cancer. Hoelscher said. Broccoli also contains fiber and some calcium.

While broccoli has always been a vitamin-packed superstar, you may also want to start gobbling it up before it develops its trademark green "afro," according to recent research from Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. "Just-born broccoli sprouts (which look much like bean sprouts) contain anywhere from 30 to 50 times the cancer-proofing power found in the adult variety," according to the research as reported in a story from the Associated Press. "Thanks to very concentrated amounts of sulforaphane, a substance that is thought to trigger enzymes that detoxify and help flush potentially cancerous compounds from the body, broccoli sprouts are particularly adept at blocking the formation of breast tumors and other types of cancer. All you need is a handful or two tossed on a salad once weekly."

- Carrots. One of the best sources of vitamin A, one medium carrot provides more than twice the daily requirement for this nutrient, Hoelscher said. Carrots also contain fiber.

- Lettuce. While it does not contain significant amounts of any one nutrient, Hoelscher said lettuce has two main benefits: it is low in calories and is a good base for foods like salad, which often lend themselves to other healthy choices.

Overall, vegetables are low-calories sources of vitamins and minerals.

Hoelscher also said fruits and vegetables are great sources of phytochemicals. Phytochemicals - also found in nuts and grains - are substances that have been shown to provide protective effects against chronic diseases like cancer and heart disease.

"They are not vitamins or minerals, but are thought to have an antioxidant-like action to help fight disease," Hoelscher explained. "Phytochemicals give us yet one more reason to include more fruits and vegetables in our diet."

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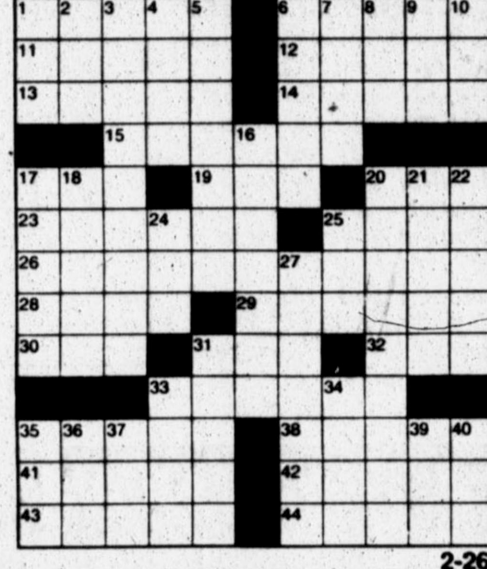
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SOURCES: John Sharp, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, Texas Department of Health, Baylor College of Medicine, and Los Angeles Times.

Echándole el ojo a Texas

¿Tendrán las víctimas de gripa un alivio por fin?

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FUENTES: John Sharp, Contralor Estatal de Cuentas Públicas, Departamento Estatal de Salud, Colegio de Medicina de Baylor y el Los Angeles Times.

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Month	Price	Change	Settle	Month	Price	Change	Settle
Mar	73.35	+0.25	73.60	Mar	277.25	+1.75	279.00
Apr	73.15	+0.25	73.40	Apr	276.75	+1.75	278.50
May	72.95	+0.25	73.20	May	276.25	+1.75	278.00
Jun	72.75	+0.25	73.00	Jun	275.75	+1.75	277.50
Jul	72.55	+0.25	72.80	Jul	275.25	+1.75	277.00
Aug	72.35	+0.25	72.60	Aug	274.75	+1.75	276.50
Sep	72.15	+0.25	72.40	Sep	274.25	+1.75	276.00
Oct	71.95	+0.25	72.20	Oct	273.75	+1.75	275.50
Nov	71.75	+0.25	72.00	Nov	273.25	+1.75	275.00
Dec	71.55	+0.25	71.80	Dec	272.75	+1.75	274.50

METAL FUTURES				FUTURES OPTIONS			
Month	Price	Change	Settle	Strike	Call	Put	Settle
Mar	1.85	+0.05	1.90	70	1.85	1.85	1.85
Apr	1.80	+0.05	1.85	75	1.80	1.80	1.80
May	1.75	+0.05	1.80	80	1.75	1.75	1.75
Jun	1.70	+0.05	1.75	85	1.70	1.70	1.70
Jul	1.65	+0.05	1.70	90	1.65	1.65	1.65
Aug	1.60	+0.05	1.65	95	1.60	1.60	1.60
Sep	1.55	+0.05	1.60	100	1.55	1.55	1.55
Oct	1.50	+0.05	1.55	105	1.50	1.50	1.50
Nov	1.45	+0.05	1.50	110	1.45	1.45	1.45
Dec	1.40	+0.05	1.45	115	1.40	1.40	1.40

Clinton keeps busy in the eye of the storm

WASHINGTON (AP) - From the State of the Union address to the flare-up over Iraq, President Clinton has been in a nearly constant state of motion for the past month, seizing one opportunity after another to shape attention.

So far, the calendar and luck have worked to his advantage.

With the Iraqi confrontation easing, some White House aides have even jokingly wondered what the president will do next to divert attention away from the Monica Lewinsky matter.

He gives no signs of slowing - or wallowing.

He went to Florida on Wednesday to inspect tornado damage first hand en route to a five-day visit to California and Utah. He's got a 10-day trip to Africa planned for next month.

And Clinton keeps drumming away at initiatives he rolled out in his State of the Union message and 1999 budget. In recent days, he's been to Philadelphia to talk about his tobacco-tax proposals, Baltimore to provide more details on clean-air legislation and Wheaton, Md., to spell out a health-care "Bill of Rights."

In the meantime, he's been hitting the fund-raising circuit hard, raising \$1.5 million in one 24-hour blitz last week and headed for more fund-raisers in California.



"This has been a very busy week in Washington," Clinton told the National Council of Jewish Women on Tuesday - a day after he cautiously endorsed an agreement between the United Nations and Iraqi President Saddam Hussein on weapons inspections that averted a U.S.-led military strike.

Even the visit earlier this month by British Prime Minister Tony Blair provided Clinton an opportunity to show his level of engagement in the international arena.

"There has been a series of events that have helped the president look in charge, focused on governing," said Stuart Rothenberg, publisher of a political newsletter. "It's been a significant plus for him."

But Rothenberg said there are limits to how long Clinton can keep such a process going on, especially if new accusations surface - or if special prosecutor Kenneth Starr's Whitewater grand jury starts handing

down indictments.

Furthermore, questions linger about the Iraqi agreement that could return to haunt Clinton should Saddam renege on some of the terms.

"This is still very much a dicey and unresolved issue, and we're going to have to give some serious thoughts to how we deal with the continuing problem," said Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss.

Still, Clinton has displayed resilience and inventiveness in shaping and controlling the national agenda, many analysts suggest.

"Skillful presidents can keep up this kind of thing forever," said Erwin Hargrove, a political scientist at Vanderbilt University. He said Clinton in many ways resembles President Reagan for his ability to stay on message.

But Clinton's high approval ratings could slump if there is "a deluge suddenly" from the Starr investigation, including a possible subpoena of the president or "if it's showed he lied," Hargrove said.

White House adviser Paul Begala, part of Clinton's damage-control team, credits neither luck nor the calendar for Clinton's recent performance. "Football coaches say you can't teach speed, you can't teach someone to run fast. You can't teach someone to be president. It's been his

ability to dominate the agenda and the landscape."

Part of Clinton's luck in being able "to defy the laws of presidential gravity" is the continuing strong economy, suggested Thomas Cronin, a political scientist who has written books on the presidency and who is president of Whitman College in Walla Walla, Wash.

Good economic times give many Americans little reason to focus on goings on in Washington, he suggested.

Not only has the good economy made Clinton and his aides confident, it has made some of them sound downright cocky.

"My suggestion is that Republicans should not even think about defying the Social Security-first principle," Gene Sperling, chairman of Clinton's National Economic Council, told a White House briefing Tuesday. It was a reference to Clinton's challenge to Congress to forgo spending any budget surplus until Social Security is shored up.

"Or else what?" he was asked.

"I think they will be making a very unwise policy and political decision," Sperling said.

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Report: Feds expand probe of competition

NEW YORK (AP) - Federal regulators are investigating whether the nation's four biggest airlines used predatory tactics to drive smaller competitors out of major airports. The *Wall Street Journal* reported today.

The Justice Department widened an antitrust investigation against the major carriers, sending subpoenas to at least four small airlines to seek information on the larger companies' practices, the *Journal* said.

The investigation of Northwest, American, Delta and United airlines focuses on six hub airports - Chicago, Dallas-Fort Worth, Denver, Detroit, Minneapolis and Atlanta - where the

airlines have 70 percent or more of the business. The agency also is looking into attempts to monopolize air routes from New York, the paper said.

The subpoenas ask the smaller airlines to document how the larger carriers have reacted to their entry into new markets. Antitrust regulators are apparently looking for evidence of sudden price cuts or service improvements that would help them prove big carriers are trying to push smaller competitors out of business.

Spokespeople for Delta and American said the airlines were cooperating. Northwest and United have denied any wrongdoing.

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CONGRESS POISED TO BUILD ON ITS ACCOMPLISHMENTS

When the 105th Congress began its second session in January, it did so against a backdrop of positive indicators, economic and other wise. But we will have to work fast and work smart this year to accomplish everything on our plate. This being an election year, we have only a few short months to get everything done.

The policies Congress has pursued in recent years have produced a stronger economy. We have passed the first balanced budget in 30 years. Unemployment is at an all-time low. Mortgage rates have gone down, allowing many more Americans to realize their dream of home ownership. Welfare is turning into workfare. Our borders are growing more secure. Our air and water are cleaner than they've been in a quarter century. America remains the freest, most prosperous country on the face of the earth.

You might say we're on a roll.

But we can do so much more to improve the quality of life for Americans — without expanding government and without busting the budget. Texans, and the rest of the country, have made it clear that they don't want bigger government, they want better government.

Foremost on my "to do" list this session is continuing to find ways to let hard-working families keep more of what they earn. I already have introduced legislation that will eliminate the marriage tax penalty. Soon, I will introduce a new bill to raise the cut-off point at which people are moved into higher tax brackets, roll back the capital gains holding period and cut the top estate tax rate.

In addition, if a budget surplus appears on our horizon, it seems to me that half-and-half is more than a rich dairy product — it's the right formula for dealing with any surplus revenue the government receives.

Half should go toward paying down our \$5 trillion national debt. The other half should be the basis of direct tax cuts for the American people. It would be the height of folly to fritter away a budget surplus on new spending initiatives that enlarge the role of the federal government in our lives.

Another top priority for me this session will be to ensure that our armed forces remain the best trained, best armed and best equipped fighters in the world. Recently Secretary of Defense William Cohen admitted that we "have some problems as far as readiness goes." That is an ominous warning.

One of the major causes of those frayed defense edges is our seemingly endless mission in Bosnia — a mission that is consuming resources (\$8 billion so far) we otherwise would dedicate to our readiness. Congress must address this dilemma. Such a situation cannot go on forever, and I am determined that we do not recreate the "hollow military" of the late '70s.

Also on my list is the continuation of efforts to fight crime and drugs by guarding our border ever more vigilantly. Congress approved my request to fund 1,000 additional new Border Patrol agents in the 1998 budget (two-thirds of which will be deployed in Texas), and now the administration has asked for another 1,000 for 1999. I will work very hard to see that funds for the additional agents are approved this year, as well.

Congress must support education on both the K-12 and college levels in a manner that in no way infringes on local control. I am also working with several colleagues to improve and update the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA). And when the Senate takes up reform of the Endangered Species Act this session, I will work to ensure that the bill protects species — but not at the expense of private property rights protected by the Fifth Amendment.

Texans and the rest of America are, by and large, in a good mood, prompted by a strong economy. Be we must all remain determined in our efforts to control government spending, reduce taxes and guard against the return of big government.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS Editorials

A sampling of editorial opinion from Texas newspapers:

The Dallas Morning News on campaign "soft money":

Former Sen. Nancy Kassebaum Baker and former Vice President Walter Mondale are earnest Midwesterners; retired politicians with unspilled reputations; Americans concerned about the public's cynicism toward government. They view the unrestricted flood of money to political parties as just cause for that cynicism. They want to help restore trust by stemming the flow of cash.

They are in good company. Three former presidents and more than 190 former senators and representatives support a ban on soft money. That support should encourage both houses of Congress to take up campaign finance reform in March.

"Soft money" is a type of contribution given to political parties. Corporations and unions are prohibited from donating revenue or dues directly to candidates, so they frequently give soft money to parties. Individuals can donate soft money with few restrictions.

The money is supposed to help build parties and fund "issue advertising." But such ads often implicitly endorse a specific candidate. Soft money has become a backdoor way for large donors to help candidates.

In the 1996 election cycle, soft money donations to parties totaled more than \$250 million. A ban on such money is completely reasonable. Two more steps would also help:

- Corporations should dare each other not to give to political parties and instead give half of the money they expected to spend on political donations to charity. What a public relations bonanza that would be! The corporations receive positive publicity for the charity donations and positive publicity for refusing to feed the soft money machine.
- It's primary season in Texas. Candidates are out knocking on doors and speaking at forums. Voters should use those opportunities to challenge candidates about their stand on campaign finance reform.
- Congress should pass a bill that would allow fund raising only when lawmakers are not in session. The money madness forces members of Congress to use too much time "dialing for dollars," mostly asking Washington lobbyists for contributions. A ban on solicitations while in session would free them to concentrate on their duties.

Waco Tribune-Herald on state welfare fraud:

Dead people may still be able to vote in Texas, jokes Texas Comptroller John Sharp, but no longer can they collect welfare payments.

Sharp, who has saved Texans billions of dollars with his audits and suggestions to consolidate and streamline government, produced another breakthrough in responsible government when his idea to combat welfare fraud by doing away with the food stamp program finally won an exemption from federal welfare laws.

All states should do their taxpayers a favor by adopting Texas' innovative and cost-effective method of handling welfare payments.

Armed with a federal waiver and Sharp's idea, state officials were able to replace Texas' fraud-ridden food stamp system with the Lone Star Card, which is handled under contract by the Transactive Corp.

As soon as welfare recipients began to register for the Lone Star Card, state officials discovered a drop in welfare payments because so many Texans had been collecting undeserved food stamps.

Texas welfare rolls have been reduced by hundreds of thousands since the program was instituted three years ago. Texas welfare cases have dropped about 30 percent, from 1.2 million to 854,000, since the Lone Star Card was issued.

As a matter of fact, welfare rolls have been reduced to the point that Transactive Corp., whose parent company is Gtech Holdings Corp. that runs the state lottery, wants the state to guarantee the company a monthly payment of \$2.1 million because it is losing money due to the loss of customers.

Texas should not renegotiate the contract just because efforts to reduce welfare rolls have been successful, a well-publicized effort by both Washington and Austin officials.

Perhaps state officials can find more work for Transactive Corp. to increase payments. But the private company should not be given a guaranteed profit. That was not part of the contract.

That problem aside, the increased accountability from the electronic Lone Star Card has proven to be a powerful tool in the fight against welfare fraud.

Texas' success in saving money and improving efficiency by replacing food stamps with an electronic card similar to an credit card should spur the administration and Congress to encourage other states to adopt similar programs.

Companies bidding on the contracts should be warned up front that the cards will reduce the number of people receiving welfare.

Austin American-Statesman on inane campaign ploy:

Not for nothing is election time known as the silly season. This primary election season Texans can thank Republican candidate for attorney general Tom Pauken for the most pointless and inane issue raised so far.

Pauken is demanding that his opponents for the nomination, former Supreme Court Justice John Cornyn and Texas Railroad Commissioner Barry Williamson, reveal if they ever used illegal drugs. Dragging the did-you-ever-smoke-pot question into a political race could be the sign of desperation from a flagging campaign.

It is shameful that Pauken has lowered the campaign for the Republican nomination for attorney general to the level of the playground. Cornyn and Williamson should refuse to participate. And GOP primary voters should remember that Pauken does not play well with others in his party.



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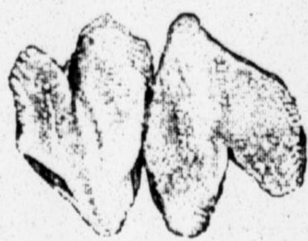


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