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Gonzales narrowly beats Chavez

By DONALD M. COOPER
Brand Editor

An incumbent Deaf Smith County commissioner has come up short in his bid for a new term.

Challenger Sammy Gonzales Sr. outpolled incumbent Precinct 2 Commissioner Lupe Chavez by seven votes, 176-169, to earn the Democratic nomination.

Gonzales will face Republican Steve Hoffman in November. Hoffman was unopposed in the GOP primary election.

In the only other contested race for a Deaf Smith County office, Darla Hale defeated Gracie Varela, 520-466, to earn the Democratic nomination for 222nd district clerk. Hale will face Republican Jean Schumacher in November.

Turnout was light, with a total of 1,031 voting in the Democratic primary and 426 casting ballots on the Republican side. There are 8,927 registered voters in the county.

Most of the incumbents are facing no opposition in November, even though four -- 222nd District Judge David Wesley Gulley, Criminal District Attorney Roland Saul, County Judge Tom Simons and County Clerk David Ruland -- switched their party allegiance from Democrat to Republican. No Democrats sought those offices, which means the incumbents are guaranteed new terms in office.

Two Democratic incumbents also have no opposition in November. Nan Rogers is guaranteed another term as county treasurer, while County Surveyor Kenneth W. Hagar has no GOP opposition.

Also, Sidney Blankenship of Adrian was unopposed for the Democratic nomination for the U.S. House, District 19. He will challenge incumbent Larry Combest, R-Lubbock, in November.

In other county races, Dan Hall defeated Ted Wimberley, 205-144, to capture the GOP county chairmanship.

Taking a look at the county ballot in November, the contested races shape up this way:

U.S. HOUSE District 19

Blankenship, Dem. vs. Combest, GOP

DISTRICT CLERK

Hale, Dem. vs. Schumacher, GOP

COUNTY COMMISSION

Precinct 2

Gonzales, Dem. vs. Hoffman, GOP

Precinct 4

Johnny Latham, Dem. vs. Jerry O'Connor, GOP

Democratic voters had three non-binding propositions on the ballot. All three were supported overwhelmingly.

Proposition 1: Do you support a change in law requiring Health Maintenance Organizations (HMO) to offer Texans an option to choose their own doctor? For, 845; Against, 40.

Proposition 2: Do you support a constitutional amendment prohibiting sales taxes on food and medicine? For, 746; Against, 135.

Proposition 3: Do you support a plan to better recruit and retain qualified



teachers in Texas classrooms and to make computers accessible for education to all students in Texas public schools? For, 783; Against, 97.

State results

By The Associated Press

Most voters stayed home. But those few who showed up gave Texans some interesting choices in the fall.

Voters have the option of re-electing a governor for the first time since 1974; of bringing back a former attorney general; or of revving up the pickup that Democrat Victor Morales drove 80,000 miles in unsuccessful pursuit of Republican Sen. Phil Gramm two years ago.

Perhaps the biggest news Tuesday night was the lack of interest shown in this year's primaries. The projected turnout of only 13.4 percent of the more than 11 million registered voters was the lowest in at least three decades.

Republican Gov. George W. Bush brushed aside a token opponent, highway contractor R.C. Crawford, and will face Democrat Garry Mauro in the battle for governor.

Bush, first elected in 1994, swears he's focused on re-election alone. But Republicans around the country are talking about him as a presidential candidate in 2000.

After winning 97 percent of the GOP vote, Bush said he'll do what it takes to become the first governor re-elected to a second straight term since Democrat Dolph Briscoe in 1974.

"I'm not going to take anything for granted," said Bush, who was up 40 percentage points on Mauro in the last statewide opinion poll. "I intend to work just as hard in '98 as I did in '94."

Mauro said that won't be enough, insisting that Bush has been on the wrong side of an issue close to Texans' hearts - choosing their own doctor. The Democrat promises a constitutional amendment to require health maintenance organizations to offer patients the doctor choice option.

"If you want to choose your own doctor, you're going to have to choose a new governor," Mauro said. He challenged Bush to debate him on that and other HMO issues.

Mauro has been land commissioner since 1983, the same year that Jim Mattox first became attorney general.

After unsuccessful bids for governor in 1990 and the U.S. Senate in 1994, Mattox is back. He easily won the Democratic nomination for his old job.

Railroad Commissioner Barry Williamson and former Texas Supreme Court justice John Cornyn will meet in an April 14 runoff for the GOP attorney general nomination.



Prices coming down

Even in cold weather, the falling gasoline prices make for some hot discussions. Assistant manager, Leticia Sanchez, at the Chevron Food Mart at Moreman and 385 has the fun of actually lowering the prices as part of her routine.

'RETIRED'? Two Hereford senior citizens keeping busy

By VIRGINIA ARTHO
Special to The Brand

Lifestyle decisions are a constant, no matter the season of our life.

For example, what does a lady do after retiring from a tradition career like nursing or teaching?

Two Hereford women are finding continued satisfaction in pursuing their special interests, one with nature, the other with other people. Each is recognized for her special gift of nurturing.

Nancy Hill grew up in a farm and ranch family. As an adult, she nursed in Amarillo for about 17 years.

"I worked in the emergency room as a surgical nurse and worked for different doctors.

"Then I got out of nursing and went into the (livestock) trucking business for four years in Amarillo," she said, adding she worked for a company that hauled her father's cattle.

"I dispatched, but I didn't learn to drive in self-defense. I had to go with them sometimes to load and thought, 'Guess who would be called upon to drive a truck,'" she said.

"I didn't move to Hereford until 1980. Al Smith was a cattleman, and I went to work with him. I doctored, worked and fed cattle.

"Everybody teased me when I came down here. They said, 'You don't have a horse.' My horse is a four-wheeler. I don't rope or anything off it, because we always got pens out in the pasture where we could ride the cattle in and work them that way.

"I raised baby calves from feed lots on the side. That's time consuming. You just have to live with them for a while to get them started. I had 10 acres right there by the house and pens to separate them as they grew.

"When you see the bigger calves start to bumping the little guys off, you have to separate them because if they bump a calf off long enough, they won't go back to feed," Mrs. Hill said.

"Sometimes I would have 12 calves, sometimes 22, sometimes I had 30. I hand bottle-fed them all. Then I got a mama cow. That kind of eased the load a little bit. I could put four calves on her.

"I named my calves and put their names on the bottles. You can't feed them a full bottle to start out with.



Nancy Hill is bundled up against the cold as she mows the grass at Aquatic Center Park

You feed them very little, just more often. I let the calves be the judge," she said.

"It wasn't too bad getting up at night, because I could sleep between and it was only temporary. I really didn't have any sickness in the calves by doing it that way. They have so many strikes against them in the first place, because they come out of the feed yards," Hill said.

"I raised calves for about three years, then just fed them out and stayed with the bigger cattle. Running so many calves got too time-consuming. There's just not enough hours in the day when we had cattle in the feed yards. We had the pasture and we always had farmland wheat and cabbage, potatoes and onions, sugar beets. We'd fence it off and run the cattle on it," she said.

"You'd tie strings to the hot wire. You can't see a hot wire until you're right on top of it, but people still get into it. I'd check a fence late at night, because I was an early-to-bed, early-to-riser. It'd be red hot, and then in the morning, it'd be dead somewhere. We had to ride it and always carried extra stakes and extra wire.

"Al and I got out of the cattle business in '83 when the bottom dropped out. We stayed out. It's bad enough as it is, there's no sense in getting back in when you know you're going to lose money. So we stayed out of it," she said.

"I still live on 21 acres at Dairy Road. We sold the rest of it off. That's the only I moved down here. When Al asked me if I'd like to move down here on the farm, I thought he was kidding me. He said, 'No, I have

a house down there and we can fix it up."

"After Al died (in 1984), I had some extra time and was mowing pastures and lots for different people. Somebody said, 'Why don't you go down to City Hall and put your name on their list?' because there's always people calling to mow. I did that for several years," she said.

Two summers ago, Hill said she was told about an opening with the city, so she applied for the position. She was hired and has been with the city since then.

"We do the mowing, edging, pick up trash, and change the water. Then, we've got to clean the restrooms (in the parks)," she said.

"You just do a park like you do a yard. Altogether, including where they took the old swimming pool out and

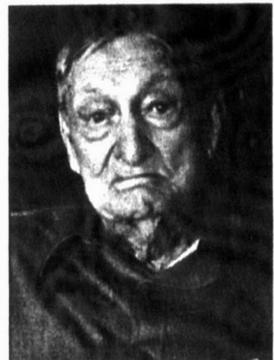
those little triangles, I got nine parks," she said. The areas where she works are so well-kept, they often are called "Nancy's parks."

In the winter, Hill and two other employees take care of trash and service the city's weed eaters and lawn mowers. They repair broken irrigation lines and repair swings or make new ones. Hill also feeds the ducks and geese at the Aquatic Center Park.

Johnny Carr, who is Hill's boss with the Hereford Parks Department, said, "Nancy's a good hand. I depend on her a lot -- wouldn't want to do without her. I have better luck out of older people."

Carr said he has a Green Thumb employee who's 74 and also is an exemplary worker.

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CHARLES R. WALSER

Pioneer, 109, dies

Hereford pioneer Charles Richard Walsler, 109, died Tuesday at Hereford Regional Medical Center. Funeral services are pending at Parkside Chapel.

Mr. Walsler, who came to Deaf Smith County in 1917, was believed to be the area's oldest recipient of Social Security. He died just two weeks short of his 110th birthday. He was born March 26, 1888, in Montague County.

Last year, *The Brand* reported that Walsler celebrated his 109th birthday with approximately 100 of his family members and friends joining in the celebration. A reporter asked him for the secret of longevity.

"I don't know," he chuckled, "you'd have to ask someone older than me to get that answer."

Known as "Uncle Charlie" by many of his family members and friends, Mr. Walsler reported on his last birthday that he moved here in 1917 from McLean "looking for some cheap land." He moved the family belongings on two wagons and made a week-long drive across the Panhandle to Summerfield. He took a train back to McLean, where he loaded his family into a Model-T Ford for the return trip.

That land, bought from R.L. Wilson, was co-owned by his brother and used for raising cattle, sugar beets, cotton and wheat for 37 years.

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Local Roundup

Mostly cloudy, cold

Tonight, mostly cloudy and cold, low 15 to 20, southeast to south wind around 10 mph.

Thursday, becoming mostly sunny with a high near 50, south wind 10-20 mph.

3-DAY FORECAST

Friday, mostly clear, low in the mid-30s, high in the mid-60s.

Saturday, increasing cloudiness with a chance of showers and thunderstorms, low around 40, high near 65.

Sunday, mostly cloudy with a chance of rain or snow, low near 30, high in the upper 30s.

TUESDAY RECAP

High, 48; low, 19; no precipitation.

NEWS

in brief

Baptist seminary hires its first black professor

FORT WORTH (AP) - Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary has hired the first full-time black professor in its 90-year history.

The seminary announced Tuesday that Raymond Bernard Spencer, 33, will be instructor of preaching. He has a master of divinity degree from the Fort Worth seminary and is to complete his doctorate there in December.

Seminary officials also said they're taking steps to establish one of the first Baptist centers for Islamic studies.

Naming a black professor has been a goal for several years for the nation's largest theological seminary, which has only 108 blacks among more than 3,000 students, seminary officials said.

"We think having our first African-American professor will help attract more African-American students, and also will give our black students a much-needed mentor on campus," seminary President Ken Hemphill said.

Surprisingly low number of Texans interested in primaries

EL PASO, Texas (AP) - The lack of a high-profile race has left the state with the poorest primary turnout in at least three decades as only a meager number of Texans chose to cast ballots at often lonely polling sites.

Roughly 1.47 million of the state's 11 million registered voters were believed to have voted Tuesday, making for a 13.4-percent turnout that continued a downward trend for voter participation in the 1990s.

This new low joins poor showings in 1996 (20 percent) and 1994 (17.6). Combined, they're the three lowest turnouts since 1970. Older data was not available Tuesday night.

"Texans are used to high-dollar, high-profile campaigns. They didn't get that this (election) cycle. What they got was low-dollar, low-profile campaigns and they just tuned out," said Republican political consultant Mark Sanders.

The biggest name on the ballot, Gov. George W. Bush, won handily against only token opposition in the Republican primary. Garry Mauro ran unopposed to claim the Democratic gubernatorial nomination.

Ballard wins another shot at education board seat

HOUSTON (AP) - Never one to mince words, State Board of Education candidate Donna Ballard wasted no time before taking a jab at her opponent in the November election.

Just minutes after winning the Republican nomination for the District 1 board seat Tuesday, Ms. Ballard urged her constituents to pull together and "replace someone who we should have gotten rid of long ago."

She was referring to the District 1 Democratic nominee, incumbent Rene Nunez, who is finishing his ninth year on the board that makes policy for the state's public schools.

Nunez, who ran unopposed in the primary, wasn't entirely surprised by the remark from Ms. Ballard, who became known for her outspoken nature during her previous tenure on the education board.

"It's going to be a very interesting race," Nunez responded. "If she can stick to the issues, that's my main concern."

Officials: Texas-Oklahoma state line debate nearing end

LUBBOCK (AP) - Oklahomaans know the Red River serves as their southern boundary with Texas. What's never been clear is where exactly along the trickling stream the state line actually lies.

Officials from both states said Tuesday that they're close to answering the 195-year-old question.

Members of each state's commission charged with hammering out an agreement are scheduled to meet Thursday north of Vernon, Texas, on the banks of the fickle Red River, whose inconsistent flow and penchant for changing course has frustrated mapmakers for generations.

"I think that up to the mouth of the North Fork (near Vernon) on east to Arkansas that we are very close to an agreement," said Oklahoma state Sen. Robert Kerr, D-Altus, who chairs his state's commission. "Because of the history of significant differences from the area of the mouth of the North Fork on west, we still have to reach agreement on that portion."

Both sides agree that the 440-mile border should be the vegetation line carved by the river along its south bank. That boundary is pretty clear for all except the westernmost 80 miles of the river border, and it's that final section west of Vernon that Oklahoma officials would like to inspect.

State agencies face severe shortage of computer professionals

AUSTIN (AP) - There are plenty of computer programmers in Austin. Trouble is, they don't work for the public sector.

Now state agencies are hurting because of the shortage of computer professionals, the *Texas Journal of The Wall Street Journal* reported today.

"The crisis in recruitment and retention has already begun," says Carolyn Purcell, executive director of the Texas Department of Information Resources. "Long term, this is going to continue to be a serious issue."

State government has the misfortune of having its headquarters in Austin, one of the fastest-growing high-tech centers in the nation and a place where computer-science graduates who once had few options outside state government now are being courted by a host of employers dangling high salaries, signing bonuses and stock options.

"You look at almost any other state capital, and you're not going to find the same competition," says Charles Gray, president of Spectrum Consulting Group Inc. "Austin is a very hard place for state agencies to attract people."

Jury selection begins in bribery trial

HOUSTON (AP) - About 80 potential jurors return for more questioning today in the trial of two city councilmen and four former officials accused of arranging or taking bribes in connection with a hotel construction project.

U.S. District Judge David Hittner quizzed potential jurors for more than eight hours Tuesday, then asked the panel to return today for more questioning. Twelve jurors and two alternates will be chosen to hear the bribery case. Opening arguments were expected later today.

On trial are City Councilmen Michael Yarbrough and John Castillo, former Councilmen Ben Reyes and John Peavy Jr., former Port Commissioner Betti Maldonado and former Reyes aide Ross Allyn.

They are charged with multiple bribery and conspiracy counts for allegedly influencing the city council's 1996 vote on a \$155 million hotel construction project.

Reyes, who is charged with the most counts, is accused taking \$50,000 to solicit votes in favor of the project. He's accused of enlisting Ms. Maldonado and Allyn to help him lobby council members for their support and arrange payoffs.

Turf producers uses "veggie libel" laws

DALLAS (AP) - There's another "veggie libel" case in the works, and the state of Texas is bent on mowing it down.

Two weeks after Oprah Winfrey's victory against Texas cattlemen who sued her for disparaging their herd, a hearing scheduled Thursday is the

next battleground for the state's 3-year-old "veggie libel" law.

Replacing the famous talk show host as defendant is James McAfee, a state agricultural extension agent. Replacing cattle as the "perishable food" in question is Bermuda grass. Yes, Bermuda grass.

The sod suit began at the end 1996 when McAfee contributed information for a column in The Dallas Morning News' garden section. He wrote that Texturf 10, a grass brand, didn't respond well to the humidity in the Dallas area.

"If at all possible, work with your

builder and or realtor to make sure that this Bermuda grass is not planted in the lawn," the advice column said.

Pat Anderton, owner of A-1 Turf Farm, which grows 80 percent of Texturf 10 in the state for commercial sale, took exception to the comments and filed a lawsuit that her grass had been slandered.

"But they were unable to prove that," said Ron Dusek, a spokesman for the Texas Attorney General's office, which is representing McAfee because he is a state employee. "Now they are attempting to use the veggie libel law."

The law was designed to prevent uninformed challenges to the wholesomeness of perishable food products. It allows producers to sue those they believe falsely disparaged their products.

Grass is not perishable and, besides, it's not even food, Dusek said.

"And also under libel law the statement would have to be false," he said.

Dusek says the state will ask for the case to be dismissed on Thursday because McAfee was only doing his job.

Steve Raynor, attorney for Ms. Anderton, didn't respond to requests for an interview.

Ms. Anderton refused to talk about her case: "I wouldn't be interested in commenting at all."

The cattlemen's case was supposed to be the first major test of "veggie libel," but the judge in the case ruled the statute didn't apply. Twelve other states have similar laws, though none has been tested in court.



Nazarene Christian Academy Science Winners

The winners of the Nazarene Christian Academy Science Fair won plaques for their efforts and will go to the Regional Christian Science Fair in Amarillo next month. The local winners and the field they won in are back row, left to right, Amanda Smith, life science; Alyssa Hill, physical science; Callie Hansard, demonstration. Front row, left to right, Brodie Boren, model; Mitchell Sanders, experiment; Kara Andrews, collection; Marisa Rojas, model; Carrisa Hicks, collection; and Chelsea Walker, experiment. Not available was Nathan Cole, demonstration.



Ink Spot ribbon cutting

The Deaf Smith chamber of Commerce hustlers hosted a ribbon cutting ceremony this past week for the new ownership of Ink Spot Printing located at 340 N. 25 Mile Ave. Carlos Ruiz with scissors at center was joined by employees, family and friends during the event. Ruiz, who learned the printing trade here, recently purchased the business from Mary Stubblefield.

Congress opposes Clinton

Interest increase would hurt small business

WASHINGTON (AP) - Disaster victims who borrow from the federal government would see interest rates climb under a Clinton administration proposal generating fierce opposition in Congress.

"Over my dead body," House Small Business Committee Chairman Jim Talent told Small Business Administration officials who propose to raise the cap on interest rates from 4 percent to 6 percent.

"It's a dagger in the heart of these disaster victims," said Talent, R-Mo.

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Obituaries

THOMAS CONWAY

March 10, 1998

Funeral services for Thomas "Tom" Conway, 55, of Hereford will be 10 a.m. Thursday at Parkside Chapel with Revs. H. W. Bartlett and Tom Bailey officiating. Burial will be 2 p.m. MST in the Lovington Cemetery in Lovington, N.M. Arrangements are under the direction of Parkside Chapel.

Mr. Conway was born Aug. 9, 1942, to Thomas Conway and Mary Dykstra in Clayton, N.M. He graduated from the New Mexico Highlands University at Las Vegas, N.M., with a degree in Spanish. He taught Spanish in Ft. Sumner and Magdalena. He worked at several service stations part time after school. He was a member of the Baptist Church in Lovington.

Survivors include his mother, Mary Conway of Hereford; one brother, Charles Conway of Hereford; two sisters, Leota Kelso and Jeanie Conway, both of Hereford; and several nieces and nephews.

"It's a demoralizing and discouraging message to be sending to people."

The chairman of the appropriations panel with authority over SBA funding, Rep. Harold Rogers, R-Ky., admonished agency officials not to return without a better proposal. The idea will get the same frosty reception next week from Sen. Christopher Bond, R-Mo., who heads the Senate panel on small business.

"I can assure you, this one is going to have to be passed over my strenuous opposition," Bond said Tuesday. "We've had our share of disasters, and we know disaster loans go to the most needy victims. It's really their last hope."

Without the rate increase, SBA officials estimate they will need \$125 million more from Congress. This is the fifth year the agency has proposed the idea of a rate increase.

The agency argues the low rate encourages people not to insure their homes and businesses. SBA estimates the average homeowner's monthly loan payment would rise from \$103 to \$122, while businesses would pay \$374 each month, up from the current \$324.

"It would be an increase, there's no doubt about that, but it would still be less than what the government is paying," said Bernard Kulik, the agency's associate administrator for disaster assistance. "Every dollar we lend out adds to the deficit. This operates as a disincentive to people

to protect themselves."

Furthermore, the cap on interest rates has been unchanged since 1984, Kulik said. The 45-year-old disaster loan program last year made 49,515 loans at a total cost of \$1.1 billion.

The problem, lawmakers say, is that the increase would affect those who could least afford it - "people who are flat on their backs," Bond said. He and Talent hail from a state ravaged by the agency's third-worst disaster in the past decade, the 1993 flooding in the Midwest that resulted in \$278 million in disaster loans for Missouri.

And this year's proposal comes at a time when already-soaked Florida and California are prime targets for spring flooding.

"To send this message, at a time when people in California and Florida are trying to cope with these disasters, I just think it's mean-spirited," Talent said.

While the small business committees don't determine the agency's budget, they decide on its priorities and make recommendations to appropriators. The House panel was set to vote today on its recommendations.

Bond's March 4 letter to budget leaders said the agency's budget is based on an unrealistic reliance on a rate increase "that we all know will not be adopted." He proposed to save money by hiring private contractors to pursue loan collections.

Sera's former wife testifies, cries

WARREN, Ark. (AP) - The former wife of a Texas businessman accused of drugging and raping women broke down in tears while she testified about finding a videotape that shows him having sex with apparently unconscious women.

Nancy Sera said she had taken a video recorder from their Irving, Texas, home and, when she pressed the play button, she "saw my husband raping" someone she knew.

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Emergency services

Activities reported by emergency services personnel for March 10, include the following:

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Arrest

--A 24-year-old man was arrested and charged with driving while intoxicated.

--Three males were caught window peeping in the 600 block of Irving.

--Sugar was put in the gas tank of a pickup while it was parked in the 300 block of 16th.

--A business in the 800 block of First reported the theft of \$270 from the cash box.

--A criminal trespass warning was given to a 17-year-old boy not to return to the property in the 400 block of Avenue J.

--Charges of assault have been filed against a 14-year-old student for assaulting a teacher.

--A criminal trespass warning was issued to a 27-year-old man not to return to the property in the 600 block of Irving.

--Theft of some keys was reported in the 800 block of East Park Avenue.

--Disorderly conduct charges have been filed against a 37-year-old man for using obscene language at a location in the 600 block of McKinley.

--A hit and run accident was reported in the 600 block of East First. The suspect vehicle and driver were later located.

DEAF SMITH COUNTY SHERIFF

Arrests

--A 30-year-old man began serving time on DWI commitment.

--34-year-old man was arrested on a surrender of a surety bond on a theft by check charge.



AUSTIN (AP) - The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery: 12-17-22-25-39

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

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Lifestyles

Ann Landers

Good sense from 27 years ago has stood the test of time

Dear Ann Landers: I guess people's problems never change. Here is a column you ran in December 1970 -- 27 years ago. I kept it because it made such good sense. Someone very close to me needs to see it. Will you please run it again? It could help. -- Miss X in Charlotte, N.C.

Dear Miss X: It's good to know that something I wrote 27 years ago has stood the test of time. Thanks for asking. Here it is:

Dear Ann: I am a married woman in my early 30s who is puzzled and searching for answers that might not exist. Every now and then (more often, lately), I get word that friends of ours -- couples who have been married for 25 years or longer -- are getting a divorce. I harbor a secret fear in the corner of my heart that one day that "older couple" might be us. "Timmy" and I have always gotten along well. We have four terrific kids. I made it a point to teach our children that Daddy comes first. He is king in our house. They love him and respect him. He is a wonderful father.

But there must be more to life than PTA, housework, cooking, cleaning, laundry and sex with your husband. I ache to feel that special electricity when my eyes meet those of a handsome man across a crowded

room. It never happens. I yearn for a lover who will make my heart pound a mile a minute. Timmy used to -- but the thrill is gone. Things are quiet, calm and -- I might as well say it -- dull as dishwater.

We have a lot to be thankful for -- good health, attractive, well-behaved kids, and a promising financial future. Why isn't this enough? Is something wrong with me? Am I chasing the impossible dream? I will be watching and waiting for your answer. Please don't fail me. -- Moonglow

Dear Moonglow: Put away your storybooks, little girl. You've got some growing up to do. Yes, there is more to life than PTA, housework, cooking, cleaning, laundry and sex with your husband. There's illness, infidelity and emotional breakdowns that make it impossible for some women to do the housework, cooking, cleaning and laundry.

As for sex with your husband, don't knock it, honey. There are plenty of husbands who aren't interested and an equal number who are getting sex someplace else. There is also alcoholism, in-law trouble, out-of-control children, unemployment and money worries. Read the papers. Look around. Case your friends.

No marriage can maintain the full moon-June-honeymoon level of

excitement forever. And it's a good thing. We would all collapse from exhaustion. Time diminishes the raging fires to a soft glow -- present, but no longer ferocious and demanding. Count your blessings. Too many people fail to appreciate what they have until they have lost it. Don't let this happen to you.

Dear Ann Landers: My roommate and I are squabbling about something most people would consider minor, but it's becoming quite major. You always say, "Don't sweat the small stuff," but I wonder how "small" it is. It's about electric lights.

It annoys me when "Betty" walks out of a room and leaves the lights on. I say she's burning up real money. Betty says, "It's pennies." What do you say? -- Fargo

Dear Fargo: Whenever lights burn, they cost money. However, turning them off and on causes wear and tear on the bulb, so cost-wise, it's about the same. I'm with Betty, Kwitcheberlyachin'. No matter how you look at it, it's small potatoes.

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The Brand welcomes news of friends, relatives, grandkids. Send to The Hereford Brand, Box 673, or call us. We're interested in local news!



Little Texans

Bluebonnet Kindergarten is preparing for a Texas program to be presented at 2:15 Thursday in the school gym. Included in the program will be Texas songs, dances and fingerplays. Pictured are, front row from left, Nathaniel Gonzales, Junior Torres, Cristal Tovar, Brittany Gomez, Cassie Ramirez, Ty Reynolds; middle row, Sarah Clark, Nathan Contreras, Isaac DeLa Garza, Michael Vasquez, Ricky Trevino, Jesus Gonzalez; and back row, Leslie Shaw, kindergarten teacher, Miranda Gonzalez, Ricardo Castillo, Shawwnay Delgado, Eddie Maldonado, Anthony Murillo, Ryan Lucero, John Paul Trevino and Rebeca Flores, teacher's assistant.

New officers elected by Delta Xi

Delta Xi Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International elected officers during its March meeting.

Elected were Kris Dollar, president; Barbara Yavornik, first vice president; Donna Warrick, second vice president; Jeanie Conway, recording secretary; and Margot Sims, corresponding secretary.

The program prior to the business meeting on "Teachers: Leaders Who Care" was presented by Jean Beene, Karen Soloman and Jean Ricketts. They presented anecdotes written by teachers that illustrated what teaching means to teachers and to students.

Some of these anecdotes collected

from 75 years of schools and children in the 20th century included:

"I love being around children and watching them grow and develop. They energize me."

"I think of little Johnny. He was so proud that he had really improved his vocal-berly."

"Circumstances and fate brought me as a teacher to the classroom. The joy of teaching kept me there 24 years."

"I believe in children. I believe in their forthrightness, their ability to withstand adversities, and their ultimate capabilities to do things better than we have."

Sue Powell, scholarship chairman,

reminded members that nominations for scholarships are being accepted for the up-coming semesters. To be eligible for this scholarship, applicants must meet the following criteria: a female graduate of Hereford or Friona High School; working toward a certification in the field of education; and of junior or senior standing. For more information or an application, students should contact Powell at 363-7620, ext. 332 or 357-2577.

President Nina Brown thanked the hostesses Dorothy Szydoski, Julia McNaney, Murlene Streun, Mary Sheffield, Marylyn Leasure and Francie Farr.

Today in History

Today is Wednesday, March 11, the 70th day of 1998. There are 295 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 11, 1942, as Japanese forces continued to advance in the Pacific during World War II, Gen. Douglas MacArthur left the Philippines for Australia, vowing: "I shall return."

On this date:

New Arrivals

Kenneth and Arla Waters are the parents of a son, Cason Trent, born March 9 at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

He weighed 9 pounds and was 20-1/2 inches long.

Welcoming him home are older brothers Corben, Regan, Davin and Brennan.

Grandparents are Carolyn Waters of Hereford and the late Don Waters and Walker and Edna Freeman of Whitney.

In 1941, President Roosevelt signed into law the Lend-Lease Bill, providing war supplies to countries fighting the Axis.

In 1959, the Lorraine Hansberry drama "A Raisin in the Sun" opened at New York City's Ethel Barrymore Theater.

In 1965, the Rev. James J. Reeb, a white minister from Boston, died after whites beat him during civil rights disturbances in Selma, Ala.

In 1977, more than 130 hostages held in Washington, D.C., by Hanafi Muslims were freed after ambassadors from three Islamic nations joined the negotiations.

In 1978, 34 Israelis were killed as Palestinian guerrillas went on a rampage on the Tel Aviv-Haifa highway.

In 1985, the Soviet Union announced the death of its leader, Konstantin U. Chernenko. Politburo member Mikhail S.

Gorbachev was chosen to succeed him.

Ten years ago: Saying, "The people have decided," Gary Hart withdrew a second time from the race for the 1988 Democratic presidential nomination.

Five years ago: Janet Reno was unanimously confirmed by the Senate to be attorney general. North Korea withdrew from the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty in a harsh rebuff of Western demands to open suspected nuclear weapons development sites for inspection.

One year ago: In a startling turnaround, Senate Republicans agreed to a broader investigation of campaign financing that would include a look at huge "soft money" donations. Senate confirmation hearings for CIA Director-designate Anthony Lake began. Rock star Paul McCartney was knighted by Queen Elizabeth II.

'Inspector' pays visit to garden club

Jan Furr, as an "inspector" from the Master Gardeners Association, presented the program at the recent meeting of Garden Beautiful Club.

She spoke on preparing the soil for planting a spring garden and emphasized that choosing plants that "go together" is very important.

She gave hints such as reading labels so that a plant which needs much water is not planted next to one requiring drier soil.

President Louise Streun presided over the business session. Members answered roll call by giving a garden hint.

Streun appointed a committee to nominate officers for the coming year.

Hostess Dorothy Noland and co-hostess Leona Andrews served brunch to Vada Axe, Doris Bryant, Ruby Carmichael, Marguerite Cole, Audine Dettman, June Hubbard, Helen Spinks and Streun.

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Clinic offers alternative methods for treating ailments of animals

LUMBERTON, Texas - The patient lay belly-down on the examination table as the doctor began inserting hair-thin needles up and down her back.

The needles are aligned along meridians, or pathways in the body through which energy flows. The needles then are wired to a battery-operated nerve stimulation unit. A mild electrical current is sent through the subject's body.

The patient trembles occasionally but otherwise appears extremely relaxed.

It doesn't hurt, the doctor explains. "It only hurts if I miss the point (while inserting a needle)," he says. "My patients bite me if I miss the point."

The patient is a 5-year-old black and tan dachshund named Amy who has a ruptured disc and is unable to walk.

The treatment she's receiving is one of several alternative methods of veterinary medicine - which include everything from herbal remedies to acupuncture, from massage therapy to homeopathy.

Veterinarian Tom L. Granger has been using alternative treatments at Countryside Veterinary Clinic in Lumberton for the past seven years.

Amy's owners, Harvey and Maurine Alford, brought Amy in to see Granger after he successfully

treated another one of their dachshunds, Frank, with acupuncture.

Like Amy, Frank suffered from the same painful spinal cord problem that rendered him immobile.

Though some consider animal acupuncture unconventional, Maurine said they decided to try it after being forced to put another dachshund to sleep for a similar condition.

"After eight treatments, Frank showed remarkable improvement. He's up running around, now," Maurine said.

Granger - who also practices traditional veterinary medicine - said almost all of his patients respond positively to acupuncture to some degree. He estimates about 50 percent of them totally improve.

"It doesn't work on everything - but nothing does," he said.

The American Veterinary Medical Association recognizes many of the emerging alternative treatments for animals, but advises that more research and education be conducted on treatments such as botanical medicines and homeopathy.

"(Alternative medicine) is certainly not a cure for all evils," said Sam Monticello, a Lake Charles, La., veterinarian.

"A lot of people in alternative therapies, they look at it as a panacea. I don't," he said. "99.9 percent of what I do is conventional medicine," said Monticello, who treats solely horses.

The Louisiana vet, however, has used acupuncture on his equine patients. He has experienced mixed results. Where it's been most beneficial, he said, is in cases of chronic back pain, sore muscles and soft tissue injuries.

Veterinary acupuncture and acupuncture are now considered an integral part of veterinary medicine, according to the AVMA's guidelines on alternative medicine.

Tom Nelson, a Beaumont veterinarian, considers acupuncture beneficial when used in chronic pain cases or for pain control. "(But) I have not seen or really feel it's

beneficial for other things like metabolic diseases," he said.

Granger uses the procedure for disc problems, arthritis and kidney failure. He also uses it to stimulate the immune systems on cats with feline AIDS, he said.

The way it works, Granger explains, is the acupuncture causes endorphins to be released into the body for pain relief.

It also causes the release of corticosteroids - which in Amy's case, can help shrink a ruptured disc - Granger said. The veterinarian also uses manmade injectable steroids on the animals.

Granger's alternative botanical treatments include Cleavers solution.

According to AVMA guidelines, since some of these botanicals may be toxic when used in inappropriate doses, it is imperative that veterinary botanical medicine be practiced only by licensed veterinarians who have been educated in (the field).

Nelson believes controlled studies must be performed to find out which herbal treatments and alternative medicines really work.

"I would argue there are probably some benefits to those things, but they need to be tested," he said.

Granger also uses a massage therapy technique called Bowen with his animal patients. He does not practice homeopathy, a procedure in which a substance derived from a disease is administered to the pet.

Nelson said veterinarians should not forgo tried and tested methods for alternative treatments, based solely on anecdotal evidence.

"Our whole idea is what's best for the animal," he said. "We just want to make sure the animal gets the best treatment available."

An herbal elixir used to help control seizures, and the Chinese herb Tung Sheu for arthritis.

"(The herbs) don't have as many secondary side effects as your normal drugs," he said.

The herbs are the same ones used for humans, but the doses are different for animals, Granger said.



Supper preparations

Hereford Pilot Club members, from left, Marilyn Culpepper, Betty Taylor, Carolyn McDonald and Marilyn Bell, begin preparations for their annual Stack Supper to be held from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Thursday at Hereford Community Center. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children under 12 and are available from Pilot Club members or at the door.

Senior Citizens

MENUS

THURSDAY-Mexican stack, Spanish rice, pinto beans, salad fixings, tostados, pineapple tidbits, chocolate chip cookies; or pinto beans with ham, vanilla wafers.

FRIDAY-Salmon patties with dill sauce, macaroni and cheese, buttered peas, tossed green salad, cornbread, apricot tapioca; or ham/beef loaf, apricots.

MONDAY-Chicken fillet with cream gravy, rice pilaf, seasoned spinach, pear/grated cheese salad, biscuit, vanilla ice cream with fruit topping; or beef brisket, sherbet.

TUESDAY-Chicken fried steak with gravy, mashed potatoes, diced carrots/peas, broccoli/cauliflower salad, roll chocolate cake; or roast pork, plain cake.

WEDNESDAY-Roast beef with

gravy, sweet potato patties, blackeyed peas, perfection salad, roll, Boston cream cake; or smothered chicken, D'zerta salad, angel food cake.

ACTIVITIES

THURSDAY-Pool classes, exercise class 10-10:45 a.m., oil painting 9-11 a.m., DSHHC BP/BS 9 a.m.-12 noon, Thrift Store open 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

FRIDAY-Pool classes, line dance 10-11 a.m., HSCA board meeting 9 a.m., Thrift Store open 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

SATURDAY-Games 12 noon-4 p.m., dance 7:30-11 p.m., games 7:30-11 p.m.

MONDAY-Pool classes, line dance 10-11 a.m., doll class 1-4 p.m., FOT meeting 9 a.m., nutrition council 2 p.m.

TUESDAY-Pool classes, exercise class 10-10:45 a.m., decorative tole

painting 1-3 p.m., Miracle Ear 10 a.m.-12 noon, choir practice 1 p.m., Golden K Kiwanis 12 noon.

WEDNESDAY-Pool classes, ceramics 12 noon-4 p.m., birthday social, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.



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Hints from Heloise

Dear Heloise: Around the holidays last year you published in Good Housekeeping a recipe for Red Velvet Cake made with packaged cake mix. Unfortunately, I let the magazine get away from me without clipping it. Would you be so kind as to print the recipe again. — Gladys Ramsey, Houston

I'd be happy to reprint the recipe for Quick Red Velvet Cake for you. We were overwhelmed with 15,000-plus responses when we asked our readers for help with this recipe a few years ago. It's a family favorite of many, and one that brings back yummy memories. You will need:

- 1 package yellow cake mix
- 1/2 cup oil
- 5 eggs
- 1 cup low-fat buttermilk
- 2 tablespoons cocoa
- 2 ounces red food coloring

In a medium bowl, combine cake mix, oil, eggs, buttermilk, cocoa and food coloring, and bake according to package instructions.

For the icing, cream together an 8-ounce package of softened cream cheese, 1/2 stick softened butter, 1/2 box plus 2 tablespoons confectioners' (powdered) sugar and 1 teaspoon vanilla extract.

This quick version is rather like pound cake.

Clip this right now and add it to your recipe book.

Hint: When a recipe calls for an egg and no size is stated, a large egg is the size that is suggested, according to the American Egg Board. — Heloise

PLASTIC LID

Dear Heloise: While talking with my daughter, I mentioned that my sink was not draining well. She told me to take a large plastic lid and plunge it up and down. Bingo, it worked! I keep that plastic lid handy at all times. — Ginny Burckel, Louisville, Ky.

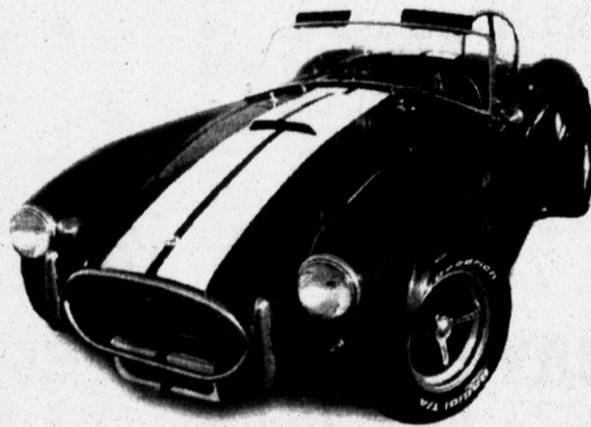
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Sports

Rampley, McNutt, Dean get top 1-4A honors

On the Sidelines

NBA

Tuesday's Games
 New York 85, Orlando 78
 Chicago 106, Miami 91
 Washington 93, Milwaukee 77
 Houston 97, Dallas 91
 San Antonio 79, New Jersey 78
 Phoenix 100, Denver 76
 Seattle 111, Toronto 92

Wednesday's Games
 Atlanta at Boston, 6 p.m.
 Washington at Philadelphia, 6:30 p.m.
 New York at Charlotte, 6:30 p.m.
 Milwaukee at Cleveland, 6:30 p.m.
 Indiana at Detroit, 7 p.m.
 Sacramento at Utah, 8 p.m.
 Portland at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.
 Minnesota at Golden State, 9:30 p.m.

NHL

Tuesday's Games
 Buffalo 2, N.Y. Islanders 2, tie
 New Jersey 2, Philadelphia 2, tie
 Boston 6, Detroit 3
 Los Angeles 4, Phoenix 3

Wednesday's Games
 Calgary at Pittsburgh, 6 p.m.
 Florida at Ottawa, 6:30 p.m.
 Vancouver at Montreal, 6:30 p.m.
 San Jose at N.Y. Rangers, 6:30 p.m.
 Edmonton at Tampa Bay, 8:30 p.m.
 St. Louis at Colorado, 8 p.m.
 Toronto at Anaheim, 9:30 p.m.

MLB

Tuesday's Games
 Texas 10, Tampa Bay 5
 Cleveland 16, Detroit 3
 New York Yankees (sa) 6, Kansas City 6, 10 Innings, mutual agreement
 Philadelphia 14, Toronto (sa) 3
 St. Louis 3, Baltimore 3, mutual agreement

Pittsburgh 5, Minnesota 1
 Los Angeles 4, Florida 3
 New York Mets 9, Atlanta 3
 Houston 10, Montreal 2
 Anaheim 9, Seattle 8, 10 Innings
 Chicago White Sox 7, Oakland 3
 San Francisco 6, Milwaukee 4
 Colorado 6, Arizona 5
 Boston 5, Cincinnati 3
 Toronto (ss) 10, New York Yankees (ss) 6

Chicago Cubs 4, San Diego 3, 10 Innings

NCAA Basketball

By The Associated Press
EAST REGIONAL
First Round
Thursday, March 12
At The Hartford Civic Center
Hartford, Conn.
 North Carolina (30-3) vs. Navy (19-10), 11:20 a.m.
 North Carolina Charlotte (19-10) vs. Illinois-Chicago (22-5), 30 minutes after previous game
 Princeton (26-1) vs. UNLV (20-12), 6:40 p.m.
 Michigan State (20-7) vs. Eastern Michigan (20-9), 30 minutes after previous game

At The MCI Center
Washington
 Xavier (22-7) vs. Washington (18-9), 11:25 a.m.
 South Carolina (23-7) vs. Richmond (22-7), 30 minutes after previous game
 Indiana (19-11) vs. Oklahoma (22-10), 6:40 p.m.

Connecticut (29-4) vs. Fairleigh Dickinson (23-6), 30 minutes after previous game

SOUTH REGIONAL
First Round
Friday, March 13
At Rupp Arena
Lexington, Ky.
 Syracuse (24-6) vs. Iowa (27-5), 11:25 a.m.
 New Mexico (23-7) vs. Butler (22-10), 30 minutes after previous game
 Oklahoma State (21-6) vs. George Washington (24-8), 6:40 p.m.
 Duke (29-3) vs. Radford (20-9), 30 minutes after previous game

At The Georgia Dome
Atlanta
 Kentucky (29-4) vs. South Carolina State (22-7), 11:15 a.m.
 Massachusetts (21-10) vs. Saint Louis (21-10), 30 minutes after previous game
 Michigan (24-8) vs. Davidson (20-9), 6:40 p.m.

UCLA (22-8) vs. Miami (18-9), 30 minutes after previous game

MIDWEST REGIONAL
First Round
Friday, March 13
At The Myriad
Oklahoma City
 Mississippi (22-6) vs. Valparaiso (21-9), 11:30 a.m.
 Texas Christian (27-5) vs. Florida State (17-13), 30 minutes after previous game
 Rhode Island (22-8) vs. Murray State (29-9), 6:50 p.m.
 Kansas (34-3) vs. Prairie View (13-16), 30 minutes after previous game

At The United Center
Chicago
 Clemson (18-13) vs. Western Michigan (20-7), 11:30 a.m.
 Stanford (26-4) vs. College of Charleston (24-8), 30 minutes after previous game
 Purdue (26-7) vs. Delaware (20-9), 6:55 p.m.

St. John's (22-9) vs. Detroit (24-5), 30 minutes after previous game

WEST REGIONAL
First Round
Thursday, March 12
At Arco Arena
Sacramento, Calif.
 Maryland (19-10) vs. Utah State (25-7), 1:42 p.m.
 Illinois (22-9) vs. South Alabama (21-6), 30 minutes after previous game
 Tennessee (20-8) vs. Illinois State (24-5), 6:50 p.m.
 Arizona (27-4) vs. Nicholls State (19-9), 30 minutes after previous game

At BSU Pavilion
Boise, Idaho
 Temple (21-8) vs. West Virginia (22-8), 11:40 a.m.
 Cincinnati (26-5) vs. Northern Arizona (21-7), 30 minutes after previous game
 Utah (25-3) vs. San Francisco (19-10), 6:55 p.m.

Arkansas (23-8) vs. Nebraska (20-11), 30 minutes after previous game

H.S. Softball

Midland tourney
Saturday
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IN BRIEF

Texas doubles Rays
PORT CHARLOTTE, Fla.
 (AP) -- Fernando Tatis and Kevin Elster each hit two-run homers in an eight-run third inning as the Texas Rangers beat the Tampa Bay Devil Rays 10-5 Tuesday.

Bobby Witt (1-0) allowed four hits and three runs, one of them earned, in four innings.

Jamison leads picks for AP All-America team

By JIM O'CONNELL
 AP Basketball Writer

Only three schools were needed to make up the AP All-America team. Antawn Jamison of North Carolina was the top vote-getter on the team Tuesday. He was joined by Arizona guards Mike Bibby and Miles Simon and Kansas teammates Raef LaFrentz and Paul Pierce.

Jamison, a junior forward, was one vote shy of being a unanimous selection of the national media panel, the same group that selects the Top 25 every week.

LaFrentz, the only returning All-America from last season, became the third repeat selection in the '90s, joining Tim Duncan of

First Team
 Antawn Jamison, North Carolina, junior, forward
 Mike Bibby, Arizona, sophomore, guard
 Miles Simon, Arizona, senior, guard
 Raef LaFrentz, Kansas, senior, post
 Paul Pierce, Kansas, senior, forward-post

Wake Forest last year and Shaquille O'Neal of LSU in 1992.

Jamison, the Atlantic Coast Conference player of the year and a second-team All-America last year, was voted to the first team on all but one of the 70 three-team ballots and had 348 points.

Bibby, the sophomore guard and

See JAMISON, page 6A

Hereford High reaped its share of honors when the All-District 1-4A basketball team was announced Tuesday.

Julie Rampley and Catie Betzen were named to the girls' first team, and Rampley was chosen as Most Valuable Player. Misti Davis was named to the second team. All were seniors on the Lady Whiteface team that went into the playoffs.

Bryant McNutt, 6-2 senior, was named on the boys' first team, and freshman Cody Hodges was selected on the second team. HHS Coach Randy Dean was named co-coach of the year along with Randall's Leslie Broadhurst, whose team won the 1-4A title.

On the girls' team, 12 of the 14 players came off the playoff teams - Canyon, Randall and Hereford. On the boys' teams, 8 of the 14 players

were on playoff teams. District coaches selected the teams based on regular-season performance.

Rampley, 5-10 guard, became the first Hereford girl to win the MVP honor. She averaged 17.5 points, 7.2 rebounds, 5.7 assists and 4.5 steals a game. She hit 47 percent of her shots from the floor and 78 percent at the foul line, in addition to being the team's top ball-handler. She helped lead the Lady Whitefaces to a 25-8 record, the state's No. 3 ranking, and a berth in the regional quarterfinals. Betzen averaged 12.5 points a game in getting a first-team berth.

McNutt, 603 senior forward, averaged 17 points and 6.5 rebounds a game in helping Hereford advance into the playoffs. The first team had all seniors, while the second team had four seniors, two juniors and freshman Cody Hodges of Hereford.

Dean tied for the Coach of the Year honor after his team - picked to finish as low as sixth - took second place in the district race.

All-District 1-4A team

BOYS
First team: Jimmy Webb, Randall, 6-5, sr.; Bryant McNutt, Hereford, 6-2, sr.; Brian Warner, Randall, 5-11, sr.; Brandon Sims, Randall, 6-5, sr.; Michael Soria, Coprock, 6-4, sr.; Stephen Bentley, Canyon, 6-3, sr.; Reggie Briggs, Borger, 6-6, sr.
Second team: Cody Hodges, Hereford, 6-6, freshman; Tony Powell, Borger, 5-10, jr.; Lynn Brown, Pampa, 5-8, sr.; Moll Payne, Dumas, 6-2, sr.; Kyle Joy, Canyon, 6-2, jr.; Quinn Nodine, Coprock, 6-1, sr.; Jesse Hunicutt, Randall, 6-4, sr.
MVP: Jimmy Webb, Randall.
Coach of the year: (tie) Leslie Broadhurst, Randall, and Randy Dean, Hereford.

GIRLS
First team: Lindy Lombard, Canyon, sr.; Candl White, Canyon, sr.; Mindy Norman, Randall, sr.; Colie Belzen, Hereford, sr.; Courtney Gilmore, Randall, sr.; Bethany Rottiff, Dumas, soph.; Julie Rampley, Hereford, sr.
Second team: Tina Thiel, Canyon, freshman; Kelsho Cornelius, Randall, jr.; Brooke Moore, Canyon, sr.; Jolee Avers, Canyon, soph.; Misti Davis, Hereford, sr.; Jessica Ornelo, Coprock, jr.; Andrea Burrows, Randall, sr.
MVP: Julie Rampley, Hereford.
Coach of the year: Jim Wilcoxson, Randall.



Charging the ball

Hereford sophomore first baseman Valerie Guzman goes to field the ball during practice Tuesday at the Kids Incorporated Complex. The Lady Whitefaces will travel to Canyon Randall to play 5 p.m. Thursday.

Robinson layup beats Nets, 79-78

SAN ANTONIO (AP) -- Things keep getting worse for the New Jersey Nets.

David Robinson made a layup as time ran out Tuesday night, giving the San Antonio Spurs a 79-78 victory that sent the Nets to their sixth straight loss.

Even worse for New Jersey is the prospect of playing the next few games without rookie Keith Van Horn, who left this game early as the

pain from a broken toe was too much to take.

The Nets, who have lost four of those six games by three points or fewer, went ahead 78-77 with 7.7 seconds left on two free throws by Chris Gatling, a 53 percent free-throw shooter subbing for Van Horn.

Spurs rookie Tim Duncan then missed an 18-footer in the lane, but the rebound was knocked out of bounds by New Jersey with 1.1

seconds left.

Chuck Person inbounded to Robinson, who powered past Michael Cage for the winning shot.

"We had to come down and make it happen," said Robinson, who led the Spurs with 19 points, 16 rebounds and six blocks. "Chuck made a great pass that led me right into my shot. That's as exciting as it gets."

See ROBINSON, page 6A

Thompson happy to spread it around

By MARK BABINECK
 Associated Press Writer

LUBBOCK -- Alicia Thompson is well aware that many of her stellar statistics from a year ago have dipped this season.

She couldn't be happier. Texas Tech's All-America forward knows she spent way too much time carrying the Lady Raiders on her chiseled shoulders through a 1996-97 campaign laden with disappointment. She also said Tech wouldn't go far this season if foes kept assigning two or three players just to contain her.

"We all understood we were a young team and still had lots to learn," said Thompson, one of only two upperclassmen on last year's squad. "We knew this year would be different."

Better guard play, a new frontcourt player to share the load and a year's worth of experience have paid off. Thompson still averaged 22.9 points and 8.8 rebounds while earning Big 12 player of the year honors this winter, but she's not doing it alone anymore.

A year after losing their Big 12 tournament opener, then getting unceremoniously drubbed in the NCAA subregionals by Stanford,

"I think it has to do with experience and maturity. We've grown so much as a team as far as making so many decisions on the floor. Just the way we look at the game now is totally different."

-- Alicia Thompson

Tech is riding high at 25-4 and its first No. 1 seeding in the Big Dance. "I think it has to do with experience and maturity," said Thompson, whose broad smile and easygoing West Texas nature have made her a favorite of the Lady Raiders' near-capacity crowds. "We've grown so much as a team as far as making so many decisions on the floor. Just the way we look at the game now is totally different."

Coach Marsha Sharp recalls watching Thompson average 23.7 points and 9.6 rebounds a year ago while shaking off swarms of defenders who knew if they could stop Thompson, they'd stop Tech.

See THOMPSON, page 6A

Rockets nip Mavs, 97-91

HOUSTON (AP) -- This time, Hakeem Olajuwon looked like he'd been in a fight.

Olajuwon, returning from a one-game suspension for fighting with Phoenix's Antonio McDyess, was cut over his right eye Tuesday night in Houston's 97-91 victory over Dallas.

Olajuwon, Kevin Willis and Mario Elie missed Monday night's game against Utah, penalized for fighting in Saturday's game against Phoenix.

"We knew we had some fresh legs with Hakeem and Kevin coming back," said Clyde Drexler, who scored 24 points for the Rockets.

"We wanted to get out to a quick start. I think we controlled the game pretty much the way we wanted to."

"The game was not as close as the final score would indicate. From the first quarter on, we controlled the game."

Willis had 20 points and 12 rebounds and Olajuwon got 13 points and eight rebounds. Elie did not play.

Olajuwon needed four stitches to close a cut over his right eye after a collision with Dallas' Cedric Ceballos with 10:15 to go in the third quarter. He returned in time for the fourth quarter.

"That was just part of the game. It was no big deal. I can still see you," Olajuwon said.

The short-handed Rockets lost to Utah 100-93 but played well without their three players.

"Last night the team played extremely well without us, you have to give them credit," Willis said. "Tonight, we just wanted to come in and continue playing well. We started out playing well and we kept it up."

Houston led 60-45 at halftime and 79-64 going into the fourth quarter but almost blew a 96-76 lead with 4:53 to play. The Rockets were outscored 15-1 over the rest of the game.

DALLAS (91): Ceballos 10-17-2-3-24, Green 4-5 1-2-9, Riley 0-5 0-0-0, Finley 9-16 6-7 25, Reeves 2-6-0-4, Anstey 5-7 1-3 12, H.Davis 0-7 2-2 2, Muursepp 5-6 0-0 11, Wells 1-3 2-2 4, Strickland 0-1 0-0 0, Totals 36-73 14-19 81

HOUSTON (97): Bullard 2-6-0-4, Willis 8-13 2-3-20, Olajuwon 3-12-7-10-13, Drexler 9-16-3-24, Maloney 0-4 0-0 0, Johnson 4-11 0-0 9, Barkley 5-7 3-3 14, Price 4-10 2-3 13, Rhodes 0-2-0-0 0, Totals 36-81 17-22 97

Dallas 26 19 19 27-81
Houston 29 31 19 18-87

5-Point goals-Dallas 5-7 (Ceballos 2-2, Finley 1-1, Anstey 1-1, Muursepp 1-1, Reeves 0-1, H.Davis 0-1), Houston 8-25 (Price 3-5, Drexler 3-9, Barkley 1-2, Johnson 1-5, Bullard 0-2, Maloney 0-2). Fouled out-None. Rebounds-Dallas 34 (Green 7), Houston 58 (Barkley 17). Assists-Dallas 23 (Ceballos, Finley, H.Davis 4), Houston 26 (Olajuwon, Drexler 6). Total fouls-Dallas 19, Houston 16. Technicals-Ceballos, Houston illegal defense, A-16,285 (16,285).

"What a nightmare, this was not a good one," Dallas' A.C. Green said. "We didn't want to play in the first half, things got a little better in the second half but you can't play a veteran team like that."

Michael Finley had 25 points and Ceballos added 24 for the Mavericks, aided in their final run by Martin Muursepp, who had a 3-pointer with 36 seconds to go. That made it 96-89. "The first half I didn't like at all," Mavericks coach Don Nelson said. "The second half, I liked. We showed a lot more energy and made a game of it."

After Brent Price scored Houston's final point with 20 seconds left, the Mavs' Chris Anstey made a basket with 15.3 seconds remaining.

Drexler had 12 of his 18 first-half points as the Rockets took a 60-45 lead.

Dallas' last lead came in the closing minutes of the first quarter, 24-23 on a 3-point basket. Drexler responded with a 3-pointer and the Rockets never trailed again.

"We beat a team that we should beat, I'm not going to get excited about beating a team like Dallas," Barkley said.

Late-inning push propels River Road by Herd, 14-7

From staff reports
AMARILLO -- The late innings proved to be the downfall of the Hereford Whitefaces as Amarillo River Road pounded out 11 runs in the final three innings en route to a 14-7 non-district baseball win Tuesday.

Starter Ray David Rangel (1-2) took the loss for the Whitefaces. George Castillo relieved Rangel in the fifth inning and finished the game.

Down 5-3 entering the bottom of the fourth inning, the Wildcats began their late-inning run barrage. River Road scored four runs in both the fourth and fifth innings. After Hereford plated their final two runs in the top of the sixth, the Wildcats collected three more runs in the home half of the inning.

Amarillo River Road 14, Hereford 7
Tuesday
 Hereford 2 0 1 2 0 2 0-7
 River Road 2 1 0 4 4 3 X-14
 Rangel, Castillo (5) and Brown, Floyd, Kinard (2), Fikac (5) and Richey, WP-Kinard, LP-Rangel (1-2). 2B-FRHS: Littlefield, Howell, Carter, Floyd, HHS: Ramirez, Lopez, Urbanczyk, Castillo, Vallejo 2. Records-Hereford 2-4.
 Next Game - Hereford vs. Stalon at Lubbock Cooper tournament, 3:30 p.m. Thursday.



At the net

Hereford's Brynne Bryant practices recently at Whiteface Courts. Hereford will host the six-team Hereford Invitational Tennis Tournament Friday. Amarillo High, Amarillo Tascosa, Canyon, Canyon Randall and Spearman will take part in the tournament along with Hereford. Play will get under way 9 a.m. Friday at Whiteface Courts.

Jamison

Pac-10 player of the year, had 68 first-team votes and 346 points in the 5-3-1 point system.

The Kansas teammates were third and fourth in the voting. LaFrentz, the Big 12 player of the year the last two seasons, had 65 first-team votes and 340 points, 39 more than Pierce, the junior forward who received 51 first-team votes.

Simon, the Final Four MVP last season as a junior, received 18 first-team votes and 162 points.

Jamison, 6-foot-9, was the first Tar Heel to be the ACC player of the year since Michael Jordan in 1984. He shot 61 percent and averaged 22.9

points and 10.2 rebounds, the first Carolina player to average 20-10 since Billy Cunningham in 1964-65. He was the ACC tournament MVP last week, playing through a groin injury as the Tar Heels won their rubber match with Duke and moved back to No. 1 in the final poll of the season.

"I have said this all year, and I certainly was convinced again this past weekend at the ACC tournament, Antawn is a real warrior," first-year Tar Heels coach Bill Guthridge said. "He has worked hard to improve his skills and used is talents within the framework of helping our team win

basketball games. He has always put team goals ahead of individual accomplishments."

Bibby followed a sensational freshman season by averaging 17.2 points, 5.9 assists and 2.4 steals for the defending champion Wildcats. He led the team with 67 3-pointers.

Simon joined Damon Stoudamire and Sean Elliott as the only Arizona players to total 1,500 points and 400 assists. He averaged 17.3 points, second on the team to third-team All-America Michael Dickerson, and 4.5 assists.

"I am very pleased for three of our guys and what they've accomplished,

not only this season but their entire careers," Arizona coach Lute Olson said. "These honors are a reflection of their individual play and a reflection on our program as a whole."

LaFrentz, a 6-11 senior who shot 54 percent, missed nine games with a broken finger on his non-shooting hand but still became the first Kansas player in 27 years to average double figures in points (19.7) and rebounds (11.2). He will finish second in both categories on Kansas' career list.

Pierce, a 6-7 swingman who

averaged 20.3 points and 6.8 rebounds, took over the scoring load when LaFrentz was injured, shot 51 percent and has a streak of 49 consecutive games scoring in double figures.

"I am ecstatic that both Raef and Paul are receiving this great honor," Jayhawks coach Roy Williams said. "They are both having fantastic seasons and needless to say, that have been instrumental in our great record. More importantly, both are great kids and great individuals."

Sophomore Richard Hamilton of Connecticut, the Big East player of

the year, led the second team and was joined by Ansu Sesay of Mississippi, Mateen Cleaves of Michigan State, Vince Carter of North Carolina and Pat Garrity of Notre Dame.

The third team was Lee Nailon of Texas Christian, Matt Harpring of Georgia Tech, Trajan Langdon of Duke, Dickerson and Bonzi Wells of Ball State.

The other first-team selections last season were seniors Duncan and Keith Van Horn of Utah and underclassmen Ron Mercer of Kentucky and Danny Fortson of Cincinnati, who left school early to play in the NBA.

NHL ROUNDUP

Bruins 6, Red Wings 3
DETROIT (AP) -- Tim Taylor had a goal and two assists and the Boston Bruins scored three power-play goals to beat Detroit 6-3 Tuesday night, handing the Red Wings their third straight loss.

Raymond Bourque, Sergei Samonov, Rob Dimaio, Dmitri Khristich and Anson Carter also scored for the Bruins, who won for the fourth time in their last six games and ended a nine-game losing streak to Detroit that dated back to Dec. 31, 1991.

Vyacheslav Kozlov scored two goals, Igor Larionov another and Sergei Fedorov had two assists for Detroit, which has lost three straight for the first time this season.

Detroit goaltender Chris Osgood gave up four goals on 19 shots in the first period before Kevin Hodson replaced him to start the second. Osgood has given up 11 goals in his last seven periods.

Boston goaltender Byron Dafoe made 34 saves.

Devils 2, Flyers 2
PHILADELPHIA (AP) -- Jason Arnott set up both goals for the New Jersey Devils, but Alexandre Daigle came up with a big goal for the second game in a row as the Philadelphia Flyers rallied for a 2-2 tie Tuesday night.

The Flyers, despite being outshot 35-19, came back from 1-0 and 2-1 deficits in their first game under new head coach Roger Neilson.

New Jersey extended its undefeated streak to 12 games (8-0-4) and remained 12 points ahead of Philadelphia atop the Atlantic Division. The Flyers have won just four of their last 13 games (4-8-1), a slump that prompted the club to demote head coach Wayne Cashman on Monday.

Islanders 2, Sabres 2
UNIONDALE, N.Y. (AP) -- Jason Wooley's power-play goal at 7:42 of the third period lifted the Buffalo Sabres to a 2-2 tie with the New York Islanders on Tuesday night.

Wooley cut in from the left point, took a cross-ice pass from Matthew Barnaby, and tipped the puck into the open left side of the net.

All four goals were scored on the power play, as referee Richard Trotter issued 16 power-play chances, nine to the Islanders.

Derek Plante also scored for the Sabres. Sergei Nemchinov and Zigmund Palffy scored for the Islanders.

Olympic star Dominik Hasek started his fifth straight game for the Sabres and stopped 20 shots.

Kings 4, Coyotes 3
PHOENIX (AP) -- Rob Blake had a goal and an assist to spark a four-goal first period and the Los Angeles Kings held on to beat the slumping Phoenix Coyotes 4-3 Tuesday night.

Jason Morgan, Ray Ferraro and Glen Murray also scored for the Kings, who won for the 13th time in their last 19 games (13-3-3).

Rick Tocchet, Cliff Ronning and John Slaney scored for the Coyotes, who are winless in their last 10 games (0-8-2).

Phoenix was without Keith Tkachuk, who missed his second consecutive game with a groin injury, and also lost Jeremy Roenick to a game misconduct penalty late in the first period.

Thompson

"I think she feels less pressure now to do as much of it by herself because people around her are stepping up and taking charge of some of that," Sharp said.

With 6-foot-3 junior college transfer Angie Braziel giving Tech an ominous inside presence along with the 6-1 Thompson and a trio of dangerous guards who can shoot or pass, the Lady Raiders can score from anywhere on the court.

Thompson credits Braziel with alleviating the double- and triple-teams that visibly frustrated her in the past.

"She adds a lot to my game. I don't feel like I have to force a lot of things, like maybe I did last year," Thompson said.

The NCAA Tournament schedule gives Thompson an extra bonus in her senior year. As hosts of the Midwest Regional finals, the Lady Raiders could have four straight NCAA Tournament games at home, as long they beat 16th-seed Grambling State on Friday and keep on winning.

Their legions of loyal fans are abuzz with Final Four talk.

"We expect that ourselves," Thompson said.

Like most Tech players, Thompson hails from a small West Texas town. Unlike others who come from the area's many basketball-crazy outposts, Thompson's native Big Lake is traditionally a football hotbed.

Things changed when Thompson began patrolling the hardwoods at rural Reagan County High School, located among the oil wells south of Big Spring. The gym rat who says she

can't remember life without a basketball just kept getting better and better, and taller and taller.

"We were undefeated in both our seventh- and eighth-grade years," Thompson said, without hinting that she might have had something to do with it.

Despite Tech's growing renown as a women's basketball power, Thompson said she really didn't pay heed until Sheryl Swoopes led the Lady Raiders to the NCAA title in 1993, Thompson's junior year of high school.

"I didn't know anything about Tech before they won the national championship," she said.

Thompson became a workhorse during her sophomore season at Tech, averaging 34 minutes per game and 17.4 points. Though the Lady Raiders fell to Texas A&M in the last Southwest Conference Classic, she became the tournament's first MVP from a losing team.

Now that Tech has exorcised the demons of last year's 20-9 season -- good, but not good enough around here -- Thompson is looking to make a successful NCAA run and continue her basketball career after graduating this fall.

Until the advent of the WNBA and ABL women's leagues, Thompson was ready to pack her bags and play pro ball internationally.

"I've always loved basketball, and been around it so much," Thompson said. "It was never just a hobby. It's been my life. It's something I always wanted to do."

And with a little help from her friends, she's doing it better than ever.

Robinson

San Antonio won despite scoring just 31 points in the second half.

The second meeting between the NBA's top two rookies fizzled as the Nets' Van Horn, diagnosed with a broken toe Monday, left with 5:57 left in the third quarter. He was 2-for-9 with eight points and one rebound in 26 minutes.

The injury was diagnosed Monday, although Van Horn had played 42 minutes with it Saturday against Charlotte.

"I got to the point where I couldn't do what I wanted to do," Van Horn said. "I didn't feel I was helping the team. I was focusing on my foot and not the game. Sometimes you have to sacrifice for the team."

Van Horn said he would have to talk with team trainers and doctors before deciding if he will play Thursday night in Houston.

"But right now I probably need to take a few days off," he said.

Van Horn and the Nets got the best of Duncan and the Spurs 95-84 in their first meeting Jan. 19.

Duncan had 13 points, 15 rebounds and five blocks. But he missed two free throws with 14.6 seconds left.

Sam Cassell led the Nets with 19 points.

The Nets (33-30) continued to slide in their bid to make the playoffs, which once seemed a certainty. New Jersey is tied for the eighth position

in the East.

San Antonio improved to 42-20 in its battle to claim the home-court advantage for the first round of the playoffs. The Spurs lead Phoenix (41-21) by one game.

San Antonio played for the first time this season without point guard Avery Johnson, who has a strained right hip. Reggie Geary made his first start but split time with Vinny Del Negro and Jaren Jackson.

San Antonio controlled the first half but saw a 48-39 halftime lead disappear when the Nets scored the first nine points of the third quarter. The Nets went ahead 63-61 after three quarters on Brian Evans 3-pointer with 2.1 seconds left.

The Spurs scored only 13 points in the third quarter, making 10 turnovers.

NEW JERSEY (78): Gill 5-12 1-2 11, Van Horn 2-9 4-5 8, Cage 1-3 0-0 2, Kittles 5-13 3-4 15, Cassell 4-16 11-12 19, Douglas 1-4 0-0 2, Gatling 2-10 4-8, Vaughn 1-3 0-0 2, Harris 0-4 2-2 2, Evans 3-4 2-2 9. Totals 24-78 27-31 78.

SAN ANTONIO (79): Person 4-13 0-0 11, Duncan 5-14 3-13, Robinson 7-14 5-8 19, Del Negro 7-14 3-17, Geary 0-1 0-0, Jackson 3-6 1-2 8, Perdue 0-0 1-2 1, Williams 2-2 2-6, Herrera 0-0 0-2 0, Rose 2-2 0-0 4. Totals 30-66 15-25 79.

New Jersey 15 24 24 15-78

San Antonio 22 26 13 18-79

3-Point goals--New Jersey 3-7, (Kittles 2-3, Harris 1-2, Gill 0-1, Cassell 0-1), San Antonio 4-13, (Person 3-10, Jackson 1-3). Fouled out--None. Rebounds--New Jersey 49 (Cage 11), San Antonio 55 (Robinson 16). Assists--New Jersey 11 (Cassell, Douglas 4), San Antonio 23 (Jackson 6). Total fouls--New Jersey 23, San Antonio 23. Technical--coach Calipari, A-15, 204 (20,557).

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KU's Williams concerned by key injuries

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) -- Two key players are hurting, but Kansas still has Paul Pierce as the Jayhawks head into the NCAA tournament.

"That injury problem is the biggest concern," coach Roy Williams said Monday during the Big 12's weekly teleconference call with coaches. "It's something I worry about. It's something I think about. But at the same time, I can't let it dominate. It's extremely unfortunate that it happened this time of year."

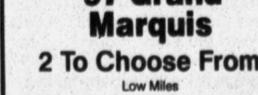
Raef LaFrentz is playing on an injured shoulder, and possibly had a setback in a rough, physical game with Oklahoma on Sunday as the Jayhawks beat the Sooners in the championship game of the Big 12 postseason tournament.

Billy Thomas is suffering from a groin injury and missed all three games of the tournament. Thomas may be ready to play Friday when the Jayhawks play a first-round game against Prairie View A&M.

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Acting patriarch Bridges, star of TV and film, dead

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Lloyd Bridges, who survived a 1950s government blacklisting to build a five-decade acting career highlighted by the movie "Airplane!" and the early TV series "Sea Hunt," has died at 85.

The patriarch of a three-generation acting family died at his home Tuesday of natural causes with his wife Dorothy, son Beau and daughter Cindy at his side. He had suffered from a heart condition since 1992. "We all feel really blessed to have been with my dad for these 85 years," Beau Bridges said outside the home. "If dad could speak to those people who are thinking about him right now, he would want you to all think about family."

The tall, blond actor enjoyed amazing resiliency throughout his career, even surviving the film industry's political blacklist. He played everything, from an underwater investigator in "Sea Hunt" to guest parts as the zany Izzy Mandelbaum on "Seinfeld" and the drug-addled air traffic controller in "Airplane!"

His sons, Beau and Jeff, started acting as youngsters on "Sea Hunt" and became stars in their own right.

The family often worked together, more often in the past decade. In 1988, Bridges appeared with Jeff in "Tucker: The Man and His Dream" and had a recurring role on Beau's 1993 television series "Harts of the West."

An episode of the 1995 cable remake of the "The Outer Limits" featured Beau with smaller roles played by the elder Bridges and grandson Dylan. The patriarch introduced grandson Jordan in the 1986 TV movie "Thanksgiving Promise," which also featured Beau and Jeff and his wife.

Married more than 50 years, the Bridges lived in Westwood, a short distance from the UCLA campus where they met as drama students.

Actress Shirley Jones, a longtime friend who played Bridges' girlfriend in the 1969 made-for-TV movie

"Silent Night, Lonely Night," said he stood out for his kindness and integrity - as well as his acting.

"He could combine comedy and drama and play a villain. He was a wonderful villain and a western star," she said. "He was such a fine actor, a giving actor and a gentleman - and a lot of actors aren't. I miss him dearly."

Lloyd Vernet Bridges Jr. was born Jan. 15, 1913, in San Leandro, near San Francisco. A star athlete in college, he trained as a classical actor and got his first movie role in the early 1940s. He played Gary Cooper's vengeful deputy in "High Noon" in 1952 and other important roles followed until he was caught in Hollywood's Red purge.

During the 1940s, Bridges had been a member of the Actors' Lab, a radical theater group that staged plays in Hollywood. At the height of McCarthyism in the 1950s, his name was added to the industry blacklist.

"I was always against prejudice of any kind, and when I was a member of the Actors' Lab, there was an opportunity to do something as part of a group to stop prejudice and help people," he said in 1971.

Bridges cleared his name with the FBI and congressional committees and was allowed to work again.

In 1957, Bridges took the role that changed his career: Mike Nelson, a Navy frogman turned undersea investigator in "Sea Hunt." The networks turned down the series as being too limited in scope, so producer Ivan Tors offered it in syndication a year later. Soon it drew bigger ratings than the network shows and it lasted for 156 episodes.

Bridges starred in six other series: "The Lloyd Bridges Show," "The Loner," "San Francisco International Airport," "Joe Forrester," "Paper Dolls," and "Capital News."



Beginning around 1935, the term Abe's Cabe, was used by some jazz musician's to refer to a five-dollar bill.

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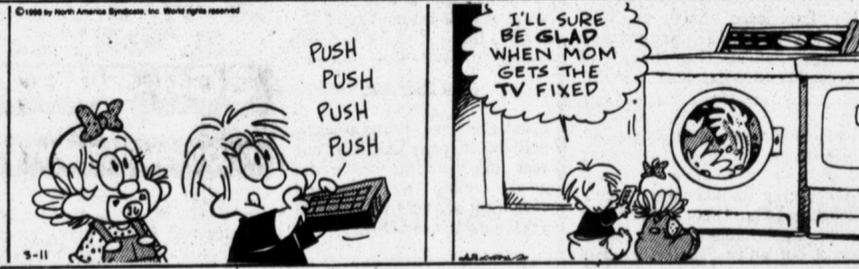
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By Tom Armstrong



Blondie

By Dean Young & Stan Drake



Beetle Bailey

By Mort Walker



Barney Google and Snuffy Smith

By Fred Lasswell



'Seinfeld' diner has tasteless food

LOS ANGELES (AP) - You might want to think twice before ordering at the "Seinfeld" diner. It appears it may have tasteless fare.

The menu board at Monk's, the make-believe hangout for Jerry and the gang, tends toward unappetizing and even profane items in a photograph printed in the April issue of *Swing* magazine.

Besides a grilled burger "on Lice," the menu includes a "Double Chili B---- Burger" and "2 Large Fresh Homos."

It's enough to drive a hungry customer into the arms of the Soup Nazi.

The picture was shot on the "Seinfeld" set in early December as part of a profile of producers Jeff Schaffer and Alec Berg. *Swing* spokeswoman Tory Johnson said Tuesday.

It was unclear if the menu board has ever made it into an episode of the show with off-color listings

intact. According to *Swing's* photo caption, Schaffer and Berg devised the menu.

A call for comment from the pair and from series producer Castle Rock Entertainment was not immediately returned Tuesday. NBC declined comment.

Whether intended as an in-house gag or not, the display's reference to homosexuals tasted sour to some. "It sounds fairly anti-gay to me and certainly not in keeping with the show's progressive outlook on life," said David Smith, spokesman for the Human Rights Campaign, the nation's largest gay and lesbian political organization.

"At the same time, in the context of that entire menu, it sounds ridiculously juvenile," he said.

"Seinfeld," the No. 1 comedy on television, is wrapping up its nine-season run this May.

Television

WEDNESDAY

MARCH 11

6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM
2 Scooby and the Reluctant Werewolf	Movie: Spellbreaker-Leprechauns	Growing	Growing	Movie: Walt Disney	Zorro					
4 News	Ent. Tonight	Movie: Clueless (1995) Alicia Silverstone ***	Law & Order	News	(3:35) Tonight Show					
6 Newshour With Jim Lehrer	Engelbert Humperdinck - Unchained	Rolling Stones: Bridges to Babylon	Great Performances							
8 Griffith	Griffith	NBA Basketball: Indiana Pacers at Detroit Pistons	NBA	Movie: Warlock (1989) Julian Sands ** 1/2						
9 News	Fortune	Spin City	Dharma	Drew Carey	Two Guys	Primetime Live	News	Seinfeld	Nightline	
10 Fam. Mat.	Coach	Slater, Sis.	Smart Guy	Wayans	Harvey	News	Beverly Hills, 90210	Heat		
11 News	Home Imp.	Nanny	Cybill	Michael Hayes	Chicago Hope	News	(3:35) Late Show			
12 Mad-You	Simpsons	Beverly Hills, 90210	Significant Others	Hercules-Jrny.	Frasier	Cops	Real TV			
13 Sportsctr.	ESPN Mag.	College Basketball: NIT First Round - Teams TBA	College Basketball: NIT First Round - Teams TBA	Sportsctr.						
14 Waltans	Rescue 911	Diagnosis Murder	Hawaii Five-0	700 Club	Bonanza					
15 Movie: The Proposition	Movie: Absolute Power Clint Eastwood *** 1/2 R	Dead Man's (45) Fast Track	(45) Movie: Shopping 'R'							
16 (5:00) Movie: Quicksilver	Movie: The Sunchaser Woody Harrelson ** R	Movie: 4 Little Girls (1997) *** 1/2 NR	(45) Movie: Rosewood 'R'							
17 Movie: Never Cry Wolf	Movie: Independence Day (1996) Will Smith, Bill Pullman *** PG-13	Movie: Cheech & Chong's Nice Dreams	Movie: Flirt							
18 Movie: Mr. Skeffington	Movie: From Here to Eternity (1953) Burt Lancaster *** 1/2	Movie: The Barefoot Contessa (1954) ***								
19 Dallas	Club Dance Ann. Salute	Prime Time Country	Birthday Bash	Dallas	Dukes					
20 Gimme Shelter	Wild Discovery	Discover Magazine	Arctic Odyssey	Justice Files	Wild Disc.					
21 Law & Order	Biography	American Justice	Foot Soldier	Law & Order	Biography					
22 Intimate Portrait	Unsolved Mysteries	Movie: The Burning Bed (1984) Farrah Fawcett ***	Attitudes	Golden Girls	Golden Girls					
23 Last Word	Sports	This Is the PGA Tour	ABL Basketball Playoffs: Champ. Game 3 - Teams TBA	FOX Sports News	Sports					
24 Babylon 5	Movie: Big Trouble in Little China (1986) **	Babylon 5	Rough Cut	Movie: The Hunchback						
25 Doug	Rugrats	Hey Arnold!	Bewitched	Bewitched	Bewitched	Bewitched	Bewitched			
26 Highlander: The Series	Walker, Texas Ranger	(7:59) Movie: The Ticket (1997) Sherry Doherty **	Silk Stalkings	Highlander						
27 Esmeralda	Marla Isabel	Alguna Vez	Fuera	Lante Loco	P. Impacto	Noticiero	Al Ritmo			
28 Nuremberg-Trial	Catacombs of Rome	Great Depression	True Action Adventures	Weapons at War	Catacombs					
29 RPM 2Night	Soccer	NHL Hockey St. Louis Blues at Colorado Avalanche	NHL 2Night							

THURSDAY

MARCH 12

7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30	12 PM
2 Goo! Troop	Wonderland	Mermald	Pooh	Bear	Katie-Orble	Chip 'n' Dale	Madeline	Mermald	Pooh	Jungle Cubs
3 Today				Leeza		Gerardo Rivera	Sunset Beach	Days-Lives		
4 Barney	Arthur	Sesame Street	Puzzle Place	Reading	Charlie	Mr Rogers	Arthur	Barney	Concert	
5 Gilligan	3's Co.	Little House on the Prairie	Mama	Mama	Hillbillies	Hillbillies	Matlock	Movie:		
6 Good Morning America	Live - Regis & Kathie Lee	Martha	Gayle King	King's Court	News					
7 Tiny Toon	Captain	BugsDaffy	Ahmanians	PinkyBrain	Batman	Griffith	Griffith	Gerardo Rivera	News	
8 This Morning				Ricki Lake	Price is Right	College Basketball				
9 Bobby	Bobby	101Dalmts	X-Men	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Kenneth C.	Paid Prog.	Judge Judy	
10 Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	
11 Rescue 911	Waltans	700 Club	Carot Bnt.	Diagnosis Murder	Home					
12 Movie: The Earthling PG	(1:15) Movie: Take Her, She's Mine James Stewart *** 1/2	Movie: The Buddy System Richard Dreyfuss *** 1/2 PG	Movie: Soul							
13 Movie: Hot Pursuit John Cusack PG-13	Movie: Multiplicity Michael Keaton *** 1/2 PG-13	Joe DiMaggio	Movie: Airplane-Sequel							
14 (5:15) Movie: Hatar!	Movie: Odongo Macdonald Carey **	Movie: Big Bully Rick Moranis ** PG	Movie: Wilson Alexander Knox ***							
15 Movie: (2:20) Movie: The Asphalt Jungle (1950)	(1:15) Movie: Sahara (1943) Humphrey Bogart *** 1/2	Movie: Picnic (1955) William Holden ***								
16 (Off Air)	VideoMorning	Crook & Chase	Dallas	Aleene's Crafts	Am. Home					
17 Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Assignment Discovery	Housemart!	Interior Mot.	Interior Mot.					
18 Columbo	Cosby	Mysteries	Quincy	Northern Exposure	Law & Order					
19 Baby Knows Kids These	Sisters	Our Home	Thirtysomething	Almost	HopeGlori	Night Court				
20 FOX Sports News	FOX Sports News	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Fit TV
21 CHiPs	CHiPs	Lonesome Dove: Series	Spenser: For Hire	Movie: One-Eyed Jacks (1961) *** 1/2						
22 CharlieB	Rugrats	Little Bear	Blue's Clues	Muppets	Dr. Seuss	Gullah	Little Bear	Blue's Clues	Allegra	
23 Webster	Facts of Life	Gimme B.	Strangers	Wings	Major Dad	Major Dad	Movie: Alligator (1980) Robin Riker *** 1/2			
24 (6:00) Despierta America			Matte	Agujetas de Color de Rosa	Leonela					
25 Classroom	History Showcase	Movie: Sharpe's Enemy (1994) Sean Bean *** 1/2	Real West	Nautilus						
26 Flex Appeal	Bodyshape	Crunch	Training	Perfect	Bodyshape	Fitness	Flex Appeal	Dallas Cheerleaders	NBA 2Night	

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2 Tale Spin	Donald	Chip 'n' Dale	Tale Spin	Goo! Troop	Timon	Aladdin	Dinosaurs	Growing	Growing	Brotherly
3 Days-Lives	Another World	Jenny Jones	Mauri	Oprah Winfrey	News	NBC News				
4 Body Etc.	Painting	Keeping Up	Writer	Literary	Literary	Sandiego	Science Guy	Washbone	Magic Bus	
5 (12:00) Movie: Rooster Cogburn (1975)	Flintstones	Flintstones	Looney	Dreams	Saved-Bell	Fam. Mat.	Fam. Mat.			
6 Jeopardy!	One Life to Live	General Hospital	Port Charles	Pictionary	Rosie O'Donnell	News	ABC News			
7 News	Empty Nest	Beauty and the Beast	Beverly Hills, 90210	Fam. Mat.	Dreams	Saved-Bell	Saved-Bell			
8 (11:00) College Basketball	College Basketball: NCAA Tourn. First Rd. Game - Teams TBA	Am.Journal	Edition	News	CBS News					
9 Judge Judy	Medicine Woman	Little House on the Prairie	Metallix	Spider-Man	Rangers	Life-Louis	Fresh Pr.	Roseanne		
10 Skiing	Sr. PGA	Inside PGA	Tennis ATP Champions Cup - Early Rounds	Sportscenter	Up Close	Sportsctr.				
11 (12:00) Home & Family	ShopDrop	Shopping	Big Valley	Bonanza-Lost	Woman Willed Miracle					
12 (12:00) Movie: Soul Survivors PG-13	Movie: Heck's Way Home Michael Riley	Movie: Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles	Movie: The Sweetest Gift							
13 Movie: Lifeseries	Movie: The Ultimate Lie Kristin Davis **	Movie: Hot Pursuit John Cusack PG-13	Movie: To Gillian on Her 37th Birthday							
14 (11:00) Movie: Wilson	(3:35) Movie: Tough Guys Burt Lancaster *** 1/2 PG	(2:00) Movie: My Girl 2 Dan Aykroyd PG	Movie: Top Gun (1986)							
15 Movie: (1:45) Movie: The Best Man (1964) *** 1/2	(4:5) Movie: The Corn is Green (1945) John Dall *** 1/2	(4:45) Movie: The Black Stallion (1979)								
16 (12:00) America's Country Hits	Crook & Chase	Club Duques	Dukes of Hazzard							
17 Home	Housemart!	Interior Motives	Great Chefs	Great Chefs	Travelers	Strange Planes				
18 Law & Order	Columbo	Cosby	Mysteries	Quincy	Northern Exposure					
19 Night Court	Movie: Shades of Gray (1992) Valerie Bertinelli *** 1/2	Designing	Designing	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Supermt	Debt			
20 Fit TV	College Baseball Oklahoma at Arizona State	Skiing Magazine on TV	Winter Rage	NBA Action						
21 (11:00) Movie: One-Eyed Jacks (1961)	In the Heat of the Night	In the Heat of the Night	Kung Fu: Legend	Lois & Clark-Superman						
22 Rupert	Muppets	Looney	CharlieB	Gadget	Tiny Toon	Garfield	Yo! Afdad?	Rocke's Life	Figure It Out	Tiny Toon
23 Movie: (1:45) Movie: Alligator II: The Mutation (1991) *** 1/2	PGA Golf Honda Classic - First Round	Baywatch								
24 Leonela	Amor Mio	Cristina	Primer Impacto	Club	Noticiero					
25 Nautilus	Story of the USS Intrepid	Movie: Sharpe's Enemy (1994) Sean Bean *** 1/2	Real West	Nautilus						
26 Billiards	Auto Racing: ARCA Bando/Mar-Hyde 300	ESPNNews	On the Pole	Motoworld						

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5 Griffith	Griffith	(05) Thunder	(05) Movie: Invasion U.S.A. (1965) Chuck Norris **	Thunder						
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7 Fam. Mat.	Coach	Bulls Eye	NBA Basketball Chicago Bulls at Dallas Mavericks	News	Honeymr	Heat				
8 News	College Basketball: NCAA Tourn. First Rd. Game - Teams TBA	College Basketball: NCAA Tourn. First Rd. Game - Teams TBA								
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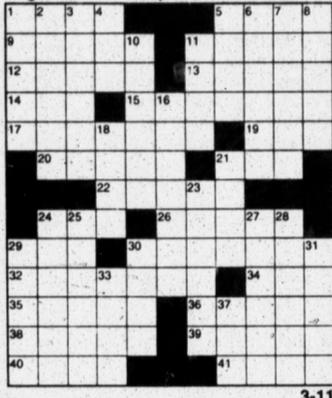
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For Rent: Alonzo's Apartments, formerly Hereford Apartments, 1-2-3 and 4 bedroom. No deposit. HUD accepted. Call 364-8805 or 364-2729. 35780

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LOST: Female Wire Hair Fox Terrier, white with large black spot. Collar with small bow. Answers to (RAZZY). Reward, Call 364-8416. 35972

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WALSER

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In 1954, he and his wife moved into Hereford. He leased the land until 1975 before deciding to sell it. He and his wife, Sarah Della - who died in 1974 - raised four children on the farm. They included three sons, Guy, D.C. and Hollis, and a daughter, Leatrus (Clark).

In *The Brand* article last year, Mr. Walsler said Hereford had changed considerably in his 80 years of residency.

In June of last year, Mr. Walsler was presented with a special birthday resolution from the Texas House of Representatives. The resolution was introduced by Rep. John Smithee, R-Amarillo, and adopted by the House on May 10. It was signed by Speaker Pete Laney, D-Hale Center, and delivered by Ernie Houdashell, Smithee's district director. The resolution read in part:

"Whereas, Charles Richard Walsler celebrated his 109th birthday on March 26, 1997, and to his relatives and many friends, this event was truly a joyous and memorable occasion; and

"Whereas, this esteemed Texan is highly regarded for his sharp memory and keen sense of humor, and for many years has greatly enjoyed visiting with his friends at the local Dairy Queen; and

"Whereas, during his long and productive life has brought great joy and happiness to the countless people whose lives he has touched, and it gives the members of this chamber great pleasure to recognize him at this time; now, therefore, be it resolved,

"That the Texas House of Representatives of the 75th Texas Legislature hereby honor C.R. Walsler and extend warmest congratulations to this fine gentleman on the occasion of his 109th birthday."

UP IN SMOKE?

Tobacco companies threaten to nix Texas deal

HOUSTON (AP) - Tobacco companies are threatening to scrap their \$15.3 billion settlement with the state unless it protects them from smoking-related health claims brought by local governments, the *Houston Chronicle* reported Tuesday.

In a brief filed late Monday, the companies argued that the settlement would be void unless U.S. District Judge David Folsom finds it protects them from local health claims.

Harris County, the Harris County Hospital District and numerous other local governments oppose a provision of the state's deal that they say would bar them from obtaining damages for treating smoking-related health problems.

They have asked Folsom to allow them to intervene in the case, arguing that Texas Attorney General Dan Morales lacked the authority to bind them to the settlement.

But the tobacco companies, in their brief, said that unless Folsom finds Morales did have the authority to resolve all smoking-related claims, "the settlement agreement was the product of mistake or fraud and is null and void."

Folsom has scheduled a hearing on the issue March 19 in Texarkana.

Morales' spokesman, Ron Dusek, said the attorney general does not believe the settlement prohibits local



entities from pursuing claims against the tobacco industry. However, Dusek said he doesn't

think they could afford a court challenge and would "be better off trusting the Legislature and not

tampering with a \$15.3 billion benefit for Texas."

Dusek added that it is unlikely tobacco companies could use the counties' intervention to back out of the settlement, because the judge already has approved the deal.

But the tobacco companies said if doubts about the settlement aren't resolved, they will ask Folsom to determine whether Morales "did in fact have the authority to release the claims he purported to release."

"Should the court find that he did not, the settlement agreement must be set aside," they said in their brief.

The Legislature will appropriate payments from the tobacco settlement, and key legislative budget writers have agreed to try to spend the money for health care. But local governments don't know how much, if any, they will receive.

Harris County Attorney Michael Fleming estimates the county has spent \$221 million on smoking-related health care since 1991.

The attorney general's office and key legislators have been trying to negotiate an agreement with the counties and hospital districts to assure them their needs will be addressed. But, so far, no agreement has been reached.

'RETIRED'

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Other than working for the city, Hill is "trying to get all of my acreage back into native grass and ... just cleaning up. It's kind of slow in the winter. With the weather, it's hard to do anything; in the summertime you have more hours. Of course, I do my own mowing and everything. Then I do extra mowing for others in the summertime."

Year round, however, she enjoys the company of a dozen canine friends.

MURLENE STREUN

Just as Nancy Hill is at home with nature, Murlene Streun is most at home with people.

Semi-retirement has given her the gift of time -- time and availability for the family and friends that flow through her life.

For Streun, retirement isn't really a stepping back from life but a stepping into it. She enjoys travel with senior groups and was able to look in frequently on her mother, who died last year after a long battle with Alzheimer's.

Streun was widowed when her youngest son was still small. She raised her four children alone, providing for them through a teaching career.

She began teaching in Hereford in the fall of 1971.

"I had taught at Aikman before they did the pairing and probably taught there for 18 years. When I first started, I taught in a government program for two or three years called Language Development. It was for the children that needed some extra help. I had just a small group and we would work on language skills," she said. "Then I taught fifth grade the rest of my time at Aikman. When (the elementary schools) paired, I moved to teach fifth and fourth grades at Bluebonnet."

She retired in 1994 after 30 years of teaching.

"I could have taught several more years, but I was just ready to do something else. All of my children had their college degrees (two have masters) and I felt I was to the point where I did not have to support them," she said. "I could have made it on my retirement salary, but I just didn't feel like I was ready to stay home. I'm kind of a 'people person' and like to be around people."

Streun found a "people" job when she was the last employee hired here by the National Cowgirl Hall of Fame.

"I feel it was the Lord leading me to the Hall of Fame, because that was completely different," she said.

A friend had told her she thought extra help was needed for the transition to Fort Worth.

"So, I called and Margaret Formby had me come over on Memorial weekend. She offered me the job before I left there. I started working at the Cowgirl

Hall of Fame the week after I finished teaching," she said.

"I did tours, worked the gift shop and did a lot of copying for whoever needed it. As a receptionist, I answered the phone. I enjoyed that."

Once, she recalled, she talked with actress Sissy Spacek who called while doing research for her film "Good Ol' Boys."

"Then I talked with Patsy Cline's husband, Charlie Dick, a time or two. I found out that I knew a lot of the people that would come in, or I'd know somebody that they knew," she said.

Streun remained with the Hall of Fame until its move in April 1996.

"Those last few weeks we advertised everywhere that the museum was going to be leaving. So people from all over the Panhandle that had intended to come see it for years decided to these last few weeks. We were really busy."

"The next fall I worked at the Dawn weigh station for Holly Sugar. I started in October and worked 'til a little before Thanksgiving. That was the best paying job I had since I retired! Completely different, too. I learned how to do the scales. It wasn't a big thing, but I had to remember where to put everything when they weighed in. Then I had to call the report into the main office twice a day, every day, and tell them how many trucks we'd weighed," she said.

"Some of the time it'd be pretty busy. There'd be four or five trucks lined up out there, waiting. I had to be out there by 8 a.m. Sometimes it was 9 p.m. before the day ended, so I put in 13 hours. We took our lunch and ate when we could."

"Some of my former students were truck drivers. They were real surprised to see me working there," she said.

Streun now works at Caryn's Hallmark on Saturdays and returned to teaching as a substitute.

"I enjoy substituting. I've been everywhere except high school. I enjoy seeing people that I've known through the years."

"I hadn't been to Shirley until they had their Valentine's Super Friday. I helped decorate cookies. It was so neat. They had it well organized. The cafeteria made cookies, and they put a little icing in bags and cut the corners. Then we gave the students some sprinkles. They all sat down and decorated."

Nena Veazey, Hereford Independent School District assistant superintendent, said, "Marlene was an attribute when she was a full-time teacher and is certainly an attribute as one of our substitutes. She is a caring person and can provide warmth and nurturing to the children. We really value having retired teachers come back as substitutes for our district because of their experience and love for children. They bring quality to the substitute list."

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Apr	71.50	71.50	71.50	Apr	275	275	275
May	71.50	71.50	71.50	May	275	275	275
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Jul	71.50	71.50	71.50	Jul	275	275	275
Aug	71.50	71.50	71.50	Aug	275	275	275
Sep	71.50	71.50	71.50	Sep	275	275	275
Oct	71.50	71.50	71.50	Oct	275	275	275
Nov	71.50	71.50	71.50	Nov	275	275	275
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Mar	68.00	68.00	68.00	Mar	602	602	602
Apr	68.00	68.00	68.00	Apr	602	602	602
May	68.00	68.00	68.00	May	602	602	602
Jun	68.00	68.00	68.00	Jun	602	602	602
Jul	68.00	68.00	68.00	Jul	602	602	602
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Nov	68.00	68.00	68.00	Nov	602	602	602
Dec	68.00	68.00	68.00	Dec	602	602	602
Est. vol 11,000; vol Mar 12,741; open hi 68.00; -400					Est. vol 17,000; vol Mar 17,000; open hi 602.00; -400		
HOGS (CME) 40,000 lbs., cents per lb.				WHEAT (CBT) 5,000 bu., cents per bu.			
Mar	68.00	68.00	68.00	Mar	375	375	375
Apr	68.00	68.00	68.00	Apr	375	375	375
May	68.00	68.00	68.00	May	375	375	375
Jun	68.00	68.00	68.00	Jun	375	375	375
Jul	68.00	68.00	68.00	Jul	375	375	375
Aug	68.00	68.00	68.00	Aug	375	375	375
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Oct	68.00	68.00	68.00	Oct	375	375	375
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Dec	68.00	68.00	68.00	Dec	375	375	375
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METAL FUTURES				FUTURES OPTIONS			
GOLD (COM. DIV. NYM) 100 TRV. \$1. 100 TRV. \$1.				CATTLE-FEEDER (CME)			
Mar	264.00	264.00	264.00	Mar	71.50	71.50	71.50
Apr	264.00	264.00	264.00	Apr	71.50	71.50	71.50
May	264.00	264.00	264.00	May	71.50	71.50	71.50
Jun	264.00	264.00	264.00	Jun	71.50	71.50	71.50
Jul	264.00	264.00	264.00	Jul	71.50	71.50	71.50
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Nov	264.00	264.00	264.00	Nov	71.50	71.50	71.50
Dec	264.00	264.00	264.00	Dec	71.50	71.50	71.50
Est. vol 11,000; vol Mar 12,741; open hi 264.00; -210					Est. vol 11,000; vol Mar 12,741; open hi 71.50; -210		
SILVER (COM. DIV. NYM) 5,000 TRV. \$1. 5,000 TRV. \$1.				CORN (CBT)			
Mar	12.00	12.00	12.00	Mar	275	275	275
Apr	12.00	12.00	12.00	Apr	275	275	275
May	12.00	12.00	12.00	May	275	275	275
Jun	12.00	12.00	12.00	Jun	275	275	275
Jul	12.00	12.00	12.00	Jul	275	275	275
Aug	12.00	12.00	12.00	Aug	275	275	275
Sep	12.00	12.00	12.00	Sep	275	275	275
Oct	12.00	12.00	12.00	Oct	275	275	275
Nov	12.00	12.00	12.00	Nov	275	275	275
Dec	12.00	12.00	12.00	Dec	275	275	275
Est. vol 11,000; vol Mar 12,741; open hi 12.00; -750					Est. vol 17,000; vol Mar 17,000; open hi 275.00; -750		
CRYPTOQUOTE				CRYPTOQUOTE			
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V R G S B G Z A K S P K C P G A F B				V R G S B G Z A K S P K C P G A F B			
R H Y M G E L - G Y G Q M C P				R H Y M G E L - G Y G Q M C P			



Ribbon cutting
Owner Tilli Boozer, center left, and manager/instructor Vickie Wheeler are shown cutting the ribbon at the grand opening of the Academy of Cosmetology, 921 E. First Street. Employees, Chamber Hustlers and friends were present for the ceremony.

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

3-11 CRYPTOQUOTE

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L C Q S Y S P B C A G

V R G S B G Z A K S P K C P G A F B

R H Y M G E L - G Y G Q M C P

Yesterday's Cryptoquote: EVERYTHING NOW SEEMS TO BE UNDER FEDERAL CONTROL EXCEPT THE NATIONAL DEBT AND THE BUDGET.—BOB GODDARD

Tests show stress killed wild horses

RENO, Nev. (AP) - Nine young mares that survived the barren deserts of the West died of stress induced by their capture and a 1,000-mile truck ride to Colorado.

The horses died of "capture myopathy," a condition in wild animals triggered by anxiety of capture, according to test results released Tuesday by the Bureau of Land Management.

Forty mares and 10 studs were loaded into a truck Feb. 17 at the BLM's center in Palomino Valley north of here for the 24-hour trip to a similar facility south of Denver.

Nine horses arrived showing signs of distress. None survived. Handling of the animals is a topic being

addressed by a new advisory board looking into issues surrounding the estimated 44,000 wild horses and burros that roam free across 11 Western states.

"The advisory board will be looking into ways to minimize stress, whether on the range, during gathers or as they move through the adopt-a-horse program," said Robin Lohnes, a board member and the executive director of the American Horse Protection Association in Washington, D.C.

The 26-year-old adoption program was intended by Congress to reduce the number of animals competing with ranchers' cattle for scant forage on federal lands.

NEWS

in brief

Teen-ager charged in parents' ax-murder

HUNTSVILLE, Ala. (AP) - A teen-age boy was arrested on murder charges for allegedly using an ax and sledgehammer to kill his parents and critically wound three younger siblings.

Jeffery Franklin, 17, was charged with capital murder and attempted murder after the attack Tuesday, police spokesman Wendell Johnson said.

Gerald Franklin and his wife, Cynthia, were dead when police arrived at their home. The preliminary cause of death was blunt force trauma injuries, Johnson said.

Franklin's 12-year-old sister and two brothers, ages 6 and 9, were taken to Huntsville Hospital.

Johnson said Franklin was arrested after "a 25-minute, wild car chase over curbs and through lawns" that ended when he drove down a dead-end street and crashed into a fence.

An 11-year-old was not home at the time of the attack, Johnson said.

Report: Six Iraqis who helped CIA ordered deported

NEW YORK (AP) - Six Iraqis who helped the CIA in failed plots against Saddam Hussein could be sent home under a federal judge's ruling - a move that could lead to their executions, *The New York Times* reported today.

The men must be returned to Iraq unless Attorney General Janet Reno finds another country willing to take them, lawyers for the men said. The lawyers said that could mean death for their clients.

The court ruling, which declares the Iraqis a danger to national security, was handed down Monday by a Los Angeles federal immigration judge, D.D. Sitgraves. Much of it was deemed too secret to be made public, and the Iraqis' lawyers said they had not been allowed to read the decision.

"How do you appeal a decision you can't read?" asked Neils Frenzen, one of the attorneys. The decision can be appealed within 30 days.

Clinton's dog looking at close encounter with the knife

WASHINGTON (AP) - Sorry, Buddy, it's for your own good.

After consulting with his vet - and hearing an appeal from actress Doris Day - President Clinton has decided to neuter his new puppy.

But the reluctant president reserved the right to change his mind. In announcing Clinton's decision Tuesday, White House spokesman Barry Toiv said Clinton was "inclined" to allow the procedure.

The Humane Society of the United States, the nation's largest animal protection group, applauded Clinton's decision, saying he was doing the right thing by his pet.

"Neutering or spaying dogs and cats is one of the most important acts a responsible pet owner can take," said Martha Armstrong, a society vice president. "It promotes better physical and behavioral health for dogs and cats, and it helps to address the pet overpopulation crisis."

Russia blocks investigation of use of U.S. supercomputers

WASHINGTON (AP) - Russia is not cooperating in a U.S. investigation into whether American-made supercomputers were illegally diverted to nuclear weapons projects.

"There was an attempt made to seek Russian cooperation that did not succeed," department spokesman James Foley said Tuesday.

But he said discussions with Russian officials on the supercomputers were continuing and that U.S. efforts had not reached "the end of the line."

Meanwhile, Vice President Al Gore, Russian Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin and senior aides discussed U.S.-Russia space cooperation and ways to halt the spread of missile and nuclear weapons technology.

They read messages from Presidents Clinton and Boris Yeltsin spurring the two sides on in the 10th meeting since establishment of the commission for economic and technological cooperation at a summit in Vancouver, Canada, five years ago.

USA Waste, Waste Management Inc. in \$13.5 billion merger

OAK BROOK, Ill. (AP) - The trash hauling behemoth Waste Management Inc. is being acquired by a smaller rival USA Waste Services Inc. for stock valued at about \$13.5 billion.

The deal announced today combines companies that collectively control about 20 percent of the trash hauling business in the United States.

The companies expect the new company will be able to compete more effectively by cutting costs through moves like consolidating routes and eliminating duplicate facilities.

Waste Management, based in the Chicago suburb of Oak Brook, has 58,800 employees worldwide and generated \$9.2 billion in revenue last year.

USA Waste Services, based in Houston, employs 17,700 people and had \$2.6 billion in revenue in 1997.

Ex-governor denied bid to stay out of prison

PHOENIX (AP) - A judge has rejected former Gov. Fife Symington's request to remain free while he appeals his bank fraud conviction, meaning he may begin serving a 2 1/2-year prison sentence next week.

"If Fife has to go in, he's prepared," said his attorney, John Dowd.

Dowd said he was optimistic about the chances of winning an appeal of Tuesday's ruling by U.S. District Judge Roger Strand before the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

Both sides agreed, however, it was unlikely Symington actually would begin serving his sentence on March 20 as scheduled since motions could extend his freedom to early April.



Partners assemble

Members of the Community Health Improvement Partnership (CHIP) met Tuesday to review information about the status of health care in Deaf Smith County. The session was led by community health organizer Pat Stone (right) and health care consultant Paul McGinnis.

Business groups fighting HMO legislation

WASHINGTON (AP) - Business groups don't like any of the proposals to rein in HMOs, saying they can do the same thing on their own, but they're particularly piqued with a plan to allow patients to sue their health insurance companies for denial of care.

Proponents argue that rules requiring health plans to treat consumers fairly won't mean

anything without punishment for breaking the rules. Businesses say the last thing the country needs is more lawsuits.

Hoping to stop any new legislation, a coalition of business groups is quietly working to develop a set of voluntary standards that, they argue, would make mandates unnecessary.

But if they fail, their No. 1 goal is to stop legislation that would erase a

1974 law that exempts health insurance from lawsuits in state courts. Under current law, an injured patient can sue in federal court, but he can only receive the cost of the service denied - with nothing for pain, suffering or the consequences of a bad call.

The proposal, by conservative Rep. Charlie Norwood, R-Ga., is part of a larger bill that provides a host of

new patient protections for people frustrated with the new world of managed care.

Businesses are worried that they'll end up being sued along with the HMOs, but Norwood says he'll make sure the legislation precludes that. Still, if the lawsuit provision becomes law, business groups threaten to advise their members to drop coverage rather than take a chance.

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Names in the News

JIM CARREY

NEW YORK (AP) - To win the right to play one of his comedy idols, Jim Carrey had to do something rarely asked of stars with his box-office clout: audition.

With actors such as Kevin Spacey, Edward Norton, John Cusack and Nicolas Cage in the running to play the late comedian Andy Kaufman in the upcoming biography "Man on the Moon," director Milos Forman asked for audition tapes.

Sources close to the casting said in the March 13 issue of *Entertainment Weekly* that Carrey sealed the deal with a stand-up routine that featured some of Kaufman's best-known characters. They included Foreign Man - which evolved into his role on "Taxi," the professional wrestler and a Las Vegas lounge lizard named Tony Clifton.

Kaufman died of lung cancer in 1984 at age 35.

Before deciding on Carrey, Forman also screened "The Truman Show," the comedian's upcoming movie, "Man on the Moon," which will co-star Kaufman's friend Danny DeVito, is scheduled to begin shooting in July.

TIM REID

NORFOLK, Va. (AP) - Tim Reid, who played DJ Venus Flytrap on "WKRP in Cincinnati," says he is severing ties to Norfolk State University until he gets an apology from his alma mater.

Norfolk State mailed notes to donors asking them to send contributions directly to the school instead of to the Tim Reid Celebrity Weekend, an annual scholarship fund-raiser. The university said it sent the letter after Reid set up a new foundation to take over the event.

Reid, who appears on the WB sitcom "Sister, Sister," said at a news conference Monday that the note impugned his character by suggesting that money raised might not go to help students.

"Until I get a public apology from the Board of Visitors and/or the president, I will have nothing at all to do on a personal or professional level with Norfolk State University - period," Reid said.

He accused the board of leaking to the media a confidential report showing that the event lost \$160,000 in the last three years.

"We have the highest personal regard for Tim and never intended in any way to impugn Tim's character," said William R. Miller III, the board's director. Miller also said the university didn't leak the report or blame Reid for the event's problems.

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