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Selling the hospital

HRMC staffers planning to stop being a 'secret'

By Don Cooper

Hereford Regional Medical Center staff members believe the hospital is one of the best-kept secrets in Deaf Smith County — and they intend to change that.



BRAND/Don Cooper
Carolan Garza (left) and Donna Kemp are coordinating the search for a marketing firm for Hereford Regional Medical Center.

January strategic planning retreat was the hospital administration must put more emphasis into selling the hospital.

Marketing will be essential for the hospital, regardless if architectural consultants evaluating the hospital's physical needs conclude a new hospital should be built or the present facility should be renovated.

HRMC administrator John Studsrud told the Deaf Smith County Hospital District directors Tuesday night the January 15-16 retreat emphasized the need to sell the hospital and its services to the community.

"What came out of the retreat ... was stressed ... that change and obligations regarding the taxpayers will be a major, major topic," Studsrud said. The marketing of the hospital and its services, or a bond package should the master facilities plan recommend construction of a new facility, is essential for the growth of the hospital, he said.

As the first step toward developing a marketing strategy, Studsrud said administrative assistant Carolan Garza and special projects coordinator Donna Kemp began contacting advertising agencies and public relations firms to get a feel for what a marketing plan would entail.

Garza and Kemp presented a report that outlined the inquiries presented to several companies in Amarillo and

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Lubbock, some of which already have experience in the healthcare field.

The first objective, according to the report, is to explain "the current status of the hospital's 'cross roads' dilemma; explain the Community Health Improvement Partnership (CHIP) process and include relevant material; provide information about the long-range strategic plan and the goals/outlook for HRMC; and examine the research and expectations of the Master Facility Plan.

Any marketing firm that enters in to an agreement with the hospital should consider the "backbone of the marketing strategy should include the employees, medical staff and (board of directors) serving as ambassadors to the community sell our hospital and its needs. The firm will need to establish a relationship with key staff to assist the hospital with the public relations outreach and marketing campaign," according to the report.

Among the suggestions for goals for the marketing firm

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Fed aid eased drought impact

HOUSTON (AP) — The last Texas drought, blamed for major crop losses, was less devastating to residents because of hundreds of millions of dollars of federal aid and crop insurance, a published report says today.

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Now, Texas lawmakers are considering a variety of disaster-relief and drought response initiatives. They include a \$400 million program suggested by Sen. Steve Ogden, a Bryan Republican, to pay farmers for seed, fertilizer and other costs in bad years.

Leading Texas farm groups have urged Congress to expand crop-insurance programs so that farmers will be able to get coverage on a larger portion of their production.

ON TO AREA!



BRAND/Julius Bodner
Bi-district winners -- The Hereford High School Lady Whitefaces -- (from left, front), Toni Eicke, Tori Walker, Amy Perrin and Makesha Rives; and (rear) trainer Mandi Klein, Brionne Yosten, Ashley Fangman, Amanda Hill, Kristin Fangman, Rachel Chavez and Valerie Guzman -- defeated defending state champion Randall 63-54 to capture the bi-district title. HHS will play El Paso Bowie on Friday in Odessa. Story, Page A5.

Banquet tickets still available

By Don Cooper

Hereford Brand Managing Editor

Tickets are still available to the annual Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce Awards Banquet.

The banquet will begin at 7 p.m. Thursday in the banquet room of the Hereford Independent School District Administration Building, 601 N. 25 Mile Ave.

Tickets are \$15 per person.

Tumbleweed Smith, host of the syndicated radio show, "The Sounds of Texas," will be the featured speaker at the banquet.

The banquet will feature the naming of the 1998 Citizen of the Year Award, which will be presented by Hereford Lions Club President Stan Fry Jr.

The award, which honors a Hereford resident who has demonstrated civic and professional leadership in the community, has been presented annually by the Hereford Lions Club president since 1946.

Beverly Harder was last year's recipient of the Citizen of the Year Award.

Harder is family/consumer science agent with the Deaf Smith County Extension Service, a position she has held since 1986 after moving here from Hemphill County.

In addition to the introduction of the Citizen of the Year, the banquet will feature the presentation of the 1998 Woman of the Year, as well as introduction of new chamber officers and directors.

The 1998 Woman of the Year, who was named recently, is Shannon Redwine.

Redwine joined the Women's Division in January 1995. She has served on several committees, including chairman of membership for two years and even served as interim president for a short time.

Smith has been interviewing residents of the Lone Star State since 1969, when he launched his program. He uses the taped interviews to create an audio tapestry of Texas.

Although Smith was born in Waco, he grew up in Fort Worth. He earned a bachelor's degree in English from Baylor University, studied language at Monterrey, Mexico, and Kassel, Germany, and served in the Army Security Agency.

He also earned a master's degree in journalism from the University of Missouri and attended Drake University Law School.

During his career, he has won the Governor's Tourism Award for Texas, West Texas Chamber Cultural Achievement Award, two CLIOS, two Freedom Foundation Awards, and Best Program honors from Western Public Radio.



Tumbleweed Smith ...keynote speaker

Housing construction up

WASHINGTON (AP) — Despite icy weather in the Northeast and Midwest, construction of new homes jumped 3.8 percent in January to a 12-year high, extending the building boom of 1998 into the new year.

Builders started construction of houses and apartments at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 1.80 million, the most since December 1986, the Commerce Department said today.

The Federal Reserve said today that production at the nation's factories, mines and utilities was unchanged in January after a lackluster 1999.

Builders in 1998 started 1.62 million units, an 11-year high, and economists had expected January would mark the start of a modest decline.

The conditions that drove homes sales and construction in 1998 — low mortgage rates, plentiful jobs and high stock prices — continued into 1999.

In January, starts of single-family homes rose 1.2 percent to an annual rate of 1.39 million, a 15-year high. Starts of apartments shot up 17.1 percent to a rate of 410,000.

Regionally, the South more than accounted for the national gain. Starts there jumped 22.3 percent to a rate of 890,000, the most in 13

years. They rose 3.7 percent in the West to a rate of 446,000.

They plunged 25.3 percent — the sharpest decline in five years — to a rate of 316,000 in the Midwest and slipped 3.2 percent to a rate of 152,000 in the Northeast.

Housing permits rose 2.8 percent to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 1.78 million, the most since July 1986.

Sluggishness in industrial production continued to reflect the loss of export sales to economically troubled countries in Asia and elsewhere.

Manufacturing output edged a seasonally adjusted 0.1 percent higher.

Gramm unveils plan to overhaul banking system

WASHINGTON (AP) — The new chairman of the Senate Banking Committee has unveiled draft legislation for lifting the Depression-era barriers between banks, securities firms and insurance companies that is more in line with the Federal Reserve than the Clinton administration.



Sen. Gramm

The proposal by Sen. Phil Gramm — a Texas Republican who took the helm of the Banking Committee after former chairman Sen. Alfonse

D'Amato, R-N.Y., lost his re-election bid in November — calls for most new financial activities to be conducted by affiliated companies within bank holding companies.

The draft proposal "is the result of consultation" with

members of the banking panel, key government officials and lobbyists for the financial services industries, Gramm said in a brief statement.

All financial overhaul proposals before Congress would create huge financial "supermarkets," offering consumers checking accounts, mutual funds, insurance policies and much more, Ralph Nader and other consumer advocates have expressed concern that the changes could bring a dan-

gerous concentration of economic power in fewer hands.

Gramm has said he wants to make enactment of financial overhaul legislation his highest priority, even though he blocked such a measure last October because of his opposition to federal community-lending laws that banks must follow.

In three days of hearings last week before the House Banking Committee, battle lines over financial overhaul

legislation were drawn clearly and early as Congress began this year's debate.

Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan extended his public disagreement with the Clinton administration over which is the best approach to take.

He endorsed a bill proposed by Banking Committee Chairman Rep. Jim Leach, R-Iowa, that would give the Federal Reserve more power over new financial activities.

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Local roundup

Tree sale continues

The Tierra Blanca Soil and Water Conservation District will continue to take tree orders for windbreak tree saplings and shrubs through the first week in March.

Trees should be delivered March 17. Some varieties are in short supply, officials suggest early orders to guarantee desired plants. For more information contact the office at 364-6995.

Partly cloudy

Tonight, partly cloudy with a low near 35.
Thursday, partly sunny and cooler with a high in the upper 50s.

Extended forecast

Friday, partly cloudy, low in the mid-20s, high near 55.
Saturday, partly cloudy, low in the mid-20s, high near 50.
Sunday, partly cloudy, low in the mid-20s, high in the mid-50s.

Tuesday recap

High, 56; low, 29; no precipitation.

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News in brief

Federal aid helps soften blow from storms

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Pakistani ship's auction challenged

HARLINGEN, Texas (AP) — A crippled cargo ship that for months was a virtual prison for almost two dozen sailors off the Texas coast may go back on the auction block after a first attempt ran into roadblocks.

Two objections have been filed on the first auction of the Delta Pride, according to an attorney for the ship's Pakistani crew members.

George Prappas of Houston, the attorney, told the (Harlingen) Valley Morning Star that the U.S. marshal's office in Brownsville confirmed the filing.

Emilio Sanchez, representing ESCO, a North Carolina firm, bought the freighter for \$300,000 in an auction by the U.S. marshal's office. The ship's crewmen and Prappas had hoped the ship would bring at least \$450,000.

"The \$450,000 was what we estimated it would take to compensate all the crewmen due back wages, provide their transportation and maybe have some left over for creditors," said Prappas.

Texas executes convicted killer of three

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) — Witnessing the execution of her uncle's killer was just the beginning of the end of Rita Becker's nightmare.

Still to come is another execution — only then the condemned man will be her cousin, Greg Summers, convicted of hiring Andrew Cantu to murder his parents because they had refused to give him money.

"Cantu was an intruder into our lives, but Greg was part of our lives," Ms. Becker said Tuesday after Cantu was put to death. "It closes only one chapter. Until the last chapter's written and closed ... it's the same nightmare."

Cantu, 31, was condemned for the June 11, 1990, stabbing deaths of Gene Summers and his wife, Helen, and Summers' mentally retarded brother, Billy Mack. All were killed as they slept at their Abilene home.

Cantu was pronounced dead at 9:39 p.m., seven minutes after the lethal injection began flowing into his arms.

Case brings mixed reactions from lawyers

BASTROP, Texas (AP) — The plea bargain that ended one of the state's longest-running capital murder trials seemed to leave both sides feeling like winners — and losers.

For Smith County prosecutors, they got the guilty verdict they had sought since Linda Jo Edwards was found slain and sexually mutilated in her Tyler apartment nearly 22 years ago. But they didn't get the death penalty sentence they've long sought.

"We're not satisfied with the outcome, but we know it's the best we could do," said David Dobbs, first assistant district attorney.

For Kerry Max Cook, he became a free man without saying he committed a crime he still insists he didn't commit. But he was declared guilty, likely ruining his dream of becoming an attorney.

"I'm excited to be free, but at the same time I'm sad because it's not what I wanted — total vindication," he said.

Elsewhere:
COLLEGE MONEY: College officials in Texas have asked state legislators to pour in money to improve higher education recruitment and to raise graduation rates. To reach the national average, the state must increase the number of bachelor's degrees awarded by 23 percent.

Lawmakers challenge milk pricing regulations

SACRAMENTO (AP) — D.B. Burns avoids buying milk whenever she can. Having lived and shopped in dozens of cities, she says the high milk prices in California are outrageous.

"There's no excuse for it," she said while shopping in a supermarket where milk sells for \$3.59 a gallon. "It's such a staple and when something like that gets over the heads of people, especially folks who have to feed their children, the whole thing needs overhauling."

California is the nation's biggest dairy producer, and the state's dairy industry enjoys relatively low production costs. But despite the plentiful supply, milk here costs more than in almost any other state, partly because of decades-old price and content regulations.

On Tuesday, state Sen. Jackie Speier launched an effort to reduce milk prices, taking on the big grocery chains with a bill to end a state prohibition against selling milk for less than it costs retailers to keep it on their

shelves.

"It is fundamentally un-American to have a product as essential to child and adult nutrition as milk as the only price-fixed food staple in the grocery basket," said Speier, a San Francisco Bay area Democrat.

The 30-year-old state milk rules were enacted in part to prevent large dairy bottling and grocery chains from setting prices so low that smaller retailers couldn't compete.

The Consumers Union, which helped draft Speier's

bill, says retailers — especially big grocery chains — have instead used the rule as an excuse to inflate retail prices.

Wholesale prices are also regulated in California. The current price to retailers and processors is \$1.71 a gallon in Northern California and \$1.73 a gallon in Southern California, according to the state Department of Food and Agriculture.

Stores are required to add the costs of advertising and stocking the milk when they set retail prices. But consumer advocates say these costs don't account for average prices of \$3.25 a gallon in San Francisco. In Los Angeles, milk prices are equally high, according to surveys by the Consumers Union.

"We've tried to get larger chains to compete by lowering their prices, but you never see milk sales being advertised," said Harry Snyder, a senior advocate with the Consumers Union, which publishes "Consumer Reports."

"We also tell larger stores that mom and pop stores are lowering their prices, so why can't they?" Snyder said. "They often blame the regulations, but now we've got a bill that takes away that excuse."

Grocery industry officials had mixed opinions Tuesday.

"Right now we have a neutral position on Speier's bill. There's no consensus," said Peter Larkin, president of the 1,500-member California Grocer's Association, which includes larger chains such as Albertsons, Safeway, Ralphs, Vons, and Lucky Stores. "Some members believe it will have no impact and would support repealing price controls, and other members say they are more concerned about it."

In many states, grocers use milk as a loss leader, advertising low prices to get loyal customers into stores. In effect, they're willing to lose money on milk sales to ensure steady profits on other items. This is one reason why average prices for a gallon of milk are \$2.80 in Chicago, \$2.60 in Dallas and about \$2.45 in Boston.

By law, that can't happen in California, one of 13 states to regulate milk prices. The others are Minnesota, North Dakota, Pennsylvania, Vermont, Wisconsin, New Jersey, Maine, Massachusetts, Louisiana, Colorado, Nevada, and Virginia.

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Emergency services

Activities reported by emergency services personnel for Feb. 16, 1999, include the following:

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Arrests

— Two female juveniles were taken into custody and charged with fighting on school property.

— Two adults were arrested and charged with domestic assault.

Incidents

— Gasoline thefts were reported at two different conveniences stores.

— Two 16-year-olds were reported as runaways.

— An assault was reported on McKinley.

— A criminal trespass warning was issued.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Arrests

— A 31-year-old woman was arrested and charged with violation of probation.

— A 34-year-old man was arrested and charged with unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

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Texas lottery

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery:

6-29-31-32-38

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

4-9-6



Constructing education — Additions to the Hereford Independent School District, and the High School campus in particular, continue to move forward. Workers move dirt, readying the area for more foundation work on the planned Tech/Prep facility north of the high school.

Group seeks habitat information

Bulldozing destroys critical migratory bird area

AUSTIN (AP) — Information about a bird habitat project near West Texas' Davis Mountains is being sought from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department in a lawsuit by a government employee group.

Texas Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility — which alleges that critical migratory bird habitat was destroyed during bulldozing in connection with the project — filed the lawsuit against Parks and Wildlife on Tuesday in state district court.

The group says the agency has refused to disclose information concerning project plans and funding that should be public.

Gary Graham, director of the state agency's wildlife division, said he hadn't read the lawsuit but that Parks and Wildlife works to comply with the law on the release of information.

"To me, the most important part is that the project was

extremely successful," Graham added.

The habitat project was initiated by Parks and Wildlife on a plot of private land adjacent to Davis Mountains State Park north of Fort Davis.

The area is one of the few remaining intact streamside forests in Texas and supports southwestern bird species that use the ecosystem for nesting and feeding, according to Texas PEER.

The state agency approached the property owner under the Landowner Incentive Program, which offers financial incentives to landowners to do things to benefit species, Graham has said.

He has said that under state law, such plans are confidential unless landowners agree to make them public.

Texas PEER contends that state law doesn't restrict disclosure of information it has requested relating to funding and the habitat plan.

"The information sought by

Texas PEER concerns the use of state and possibly federal funds for a construction project that is partly on public property and that has disrupted nesting activities and habitat of numerous bird species. Obviously, the information sought by Texas PEER and wrongfully hidden by TP&WD concerns matters of serious public concern," the lawsuit says.

The group last year filed a criminal complaint with federal prosecutors alleging that two top Parks and Wildlife officials wrongly approved bulldozing of the habitat. There has been no action on the complaint, according to the environmental group.

Graham has said no laws were broken and that the project will enhance habitat that had contained debris from a flood. He has said the landowner agreed to move cattle so a cottonwood grove could be restored.

"The ecosystem has been restored, the cottonwood has been restored, the birds are going to benefit from it," Graham said.

and drove a truck for Grace Chemical.

Survivors include one daughter, Gail Thrasher of Plainview; one brother, Alton Kemp of Coleman; one sister, Earline Schneider, of Hereford; nine grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, two sons, and one brother.

Study shows heart attack treatment varies widely

CHICAGO (AP) — Heart attack victims are dying because hospitals around the country aren't using simple treatments such as giving patients aspirin, researchers reported today.

"Nobody gets to decide where they're going to have their heart attack," said Gerald O'Connor, an epidemiologist with Dartmouth Medical School in New Hampshire. "The real issue is the gap between knowledge and practice."

O'Connor and his colleagues looked at the medical records of 186,000 Medicare patients treated for heart attacks in 1994 and 1995.

The results, reported in the Journal of the American Medical Association, showed substantial differences in the use of treatments recommended by the American College of Cardiology, American Heart Association and the consensus of experts.

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Obituaries

MORRIS EASLEY

Feb. 16, 1999

Funeral services for Morris Easley, 76, will be 11 a.m. Saturday at St. Thomas Episcopal Church. Burial will be in West Park Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Gililand-Watson Funeral Home.

Mr. Easley died Tuesday at Methodist Hospital in Houston.

He was born March 10, 1922, and was a long-time rancher and agribusiness leader in Deaf Smith County. He opened the first computer service and the first feed yard in Deaf Smith County.

Survivors include his wife, Virginia Easley of Hereford; one daughter, Sue Smith, of Hereford; two sons, Dick Lookingbill of Las Vegas, Nev., Paul Easley of Tulsa, Okla.; and six grandchildren.

ELIZABETH PICKENS

Feb. 17, 1999

Funeral services for Elizabeth Pickens, 87, of Hereford will be 2 p.m. Friday. Further information is pending. Arrangements are under the direction of Gililand-Watson Funeral Home.

Mrs. Pickens died Wednesday at Wesley Regional Medical Center in Wichita, Kan.

She was born June 10, 1910. She came to Hereford in 1949.

Survivors include her husband, I.H. Pickens of Hereford; three sons, Weldon Pickens of Lubbock, David Pickens of Hereford, and John Wayne Pickens of Durrant, Okla.; two daughters, Jeanette Pickens of Lubbock, and Verna Joy Smith of Wichita, Kan.; 10 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one son, Nolan Pickens in 1946.

LAWSON KEMP

Feb. 16, 1999

PLAINVIEW — Funeral services for Lawson Kemp, 78, of Plainview will be 1 p.m. Thursday at the First Baptist Church Family Life Chapel in Plainview with Dr. Travis Hart, pastor First Baptist Church of Plainview officiating. Burial will be in Plainview Memorial Park. Arrangements are under the direction of Lemons Funeral Home.

Mr. Kemp died Tuesday at his residence.

He was born June 21, 1920, in Tahoka. He graduated from Plainview High School. He married Alice Eujane Landers on Aug. 24, 1940. He had worked in California on the railroad and he served in the Army during World War II. He was a farmer and rancher in the Brownfield area; owned an International dealership;

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Finding female relatives is society program topic

Genealogist Sylvia Murray of Amarillo spoke to the Deaf Smith County Genealogical Society Monday evening at Hereford Community Center on the topic, "Where to Look for Information on Your Female Names."

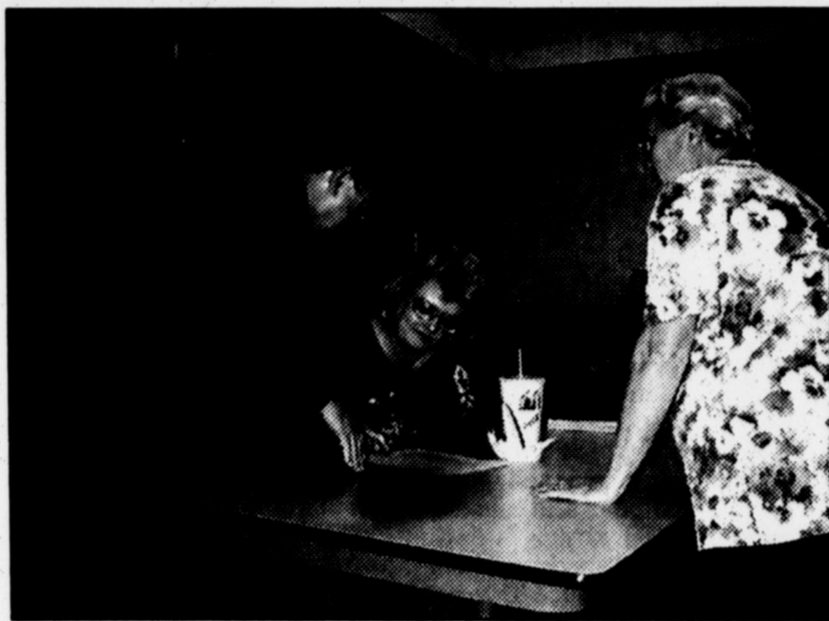
She suggested that one of the best ways to start is by making a time line for the woman you are researching. She then gave a list of 35 possible sources for information. She compared the search to a puzzle, where small bits of information from several sources may come together to complete the picture.

Murray also gave some specific hints while at the same time cautioning today's genealogists to beware of "hucksters" on the Internet.

Murray is a well-known genealogist in this area who teaches genealogy courses at Amarillo College and conducts seminars at the LDS Library in Amarillo. The 1999 Spring Seminar will be March 27.

President L. J. Clark conducted the business meeting. Program chairman Donita Rule introduced the speaker.

Guests welcomed for the meeting were Debbie Keese, Nadine Lance, Becky Thorn and Pat Pugliese. Members present were Nell Norvel, Laquita Norvel, Norma McKee, Troyce Hanna, Miles Caudle, Nolan Grady, Jean Beene, Dick and Virginia Lee, Oneta Johnson, Cleon Roberts, Donita Rule and L. J. and Wilma Clark.



About ancestors—Genealogist Sylvia Murray of Amarillo, seated, listens as Cleon Roberts discusses one of the sources for finding female relatives as Nell Norvel waits her turn to ask questions following Murray's presentation Monday evening to the Deaf Smith County Genealogical Society on "Where to Look for Information on your Female Names."

Kingdom Seekers Class holds February meeting at K-Bob's

Jim Bulin, pastor of Avenue Baptist Church, brought the devotional on "God's Love" at the recent meeting of Kingdom Seekers Sunday School Class.

Rev. Bulin and his wife Kim were special guests at the dinner meeting held at K-Bob's Restaurant.

Also attending were Nancy and G.W. Duncan, Perry and Andy Keyes, Pauline Landers, Inez Houston, Maxine Coleman,

Betty Boggs, Marvin Mathis, Erma Bain, Madeline Hudson, Luella Thomas, Rosie Wall, Jessie Sumner, Ruby Stevens, Kathy Keyes, Dorothy Sargent and Dorma Kirby.

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Ann Landers



Dear Ann Landers: Six years ago, a 72-year-old woman (I'll call her "Lily") and her 52-year-old boyfriend moved in

next door. I brought over a carrot cake to welcome them to the neighborhood. Lily's comment was "We don't eat that junk." Since then, I have gone out of my way to be a good neighbor. I went to considerable expense to have several old trees removed because I thought it would help us get along better. The woman has never expressed any appreciation.

Lily knowingly bought the lowest piece of property in the area because it was cheap, even though she was warned it might flood. She ignored all the warnings and, after the first flood, raised holy hell and accused the real estate agent of cheating her. The woman blames me for everything that goes wrong, including storms, gophers and excess dust. She has sworn at me, berated me, threatened me with lawsuits and physical harm, and sprayed my property with pesticides. Since she and her boyfriend moved in, the neighborhood has lost four cats, one of which I found dead in my driveway the day they left for a vacation.

I have enough documentation to file a restraining order, but as a single woman, I hesitate to do so for fear of even more trouble from this nutty neighbor. Please don't tell me to move. I've been here for 13 years. — Somewhere in California

Dear California: Your nutty neighbor is toxic. Avoid her. If she continues to behave in a bizarre manner, get a lawyer. This woman needs to be reined in, and you will need a no-nonsense attorney to do it. The sooner the better.

Dear Ann Landers: My fam-

ily recently attended the wedding of my husband's 23-year-old son. We were not asked to contribute financially, and since the couple had been living together for a long time, we did not feel obligated to pay for the wedding. We gave them a generous check and bought them some kitchen appliances.

As we left the reception, my husband's ex-wife handed him a bill for "our share of the wedding expenses." I was shocked. My husband says we should just write a check and get it over with. I say, "No way." We should have been told ahead of time that we were expected to pay half. It would have made a difference in the gift we gave the couple. I don't feel that we should pay it. My husband disagrees. What do you say, Ann? — Stung in Phoenix

Dear Stung: Of course you should have been told in advance that you were expected to share in the cost of the wedding. Unfortunately, you were not told, but the classy thing to do is to pay "your portion" anyway. If you refuse, it will poison the atmosphere for all time and probably make life uncomfortable for the new-lweds. A year from now, you won't miss the money, and you will feel good about having avoided a possible rift in the family.

Dear Ann Landers: I have been saving this column for many years. Will you please repeat it? A new generation needs to see it. — Longtime Reader in Harrisburg, Pa.

Dear Harrisburg: Here's the repeat for the "new generation." They will probably ig-

nore it, just like the old generation.

Dear Ann Landers: I'm a 16-year-old girl who is a nervous wreck from getting yelled at. All I hear from morning till night is "Stop smoking. Get off the phone. Hang up your clothes. Do your home-

work. Clean up your room." How can I get them off my case? — Sick of Parents

Dear Sick: Stop smoking. Get off the phone. Hang up your clothes. Do your homework, and clean up your room. **ANN LANDERS (R) COPYRIGHT 1999 CREATORS SYNDICATE, INC.**

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Williams will discuss ADEP for Alzheimer's local support group

In affiliation with the Alzheimer's Association, Panhandle Chapter, the Hereford support group for family caregivers of persons with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias, will meet at 10 a.m. Thursday in Fellowship of Believers Church, 245 N. Kingwood.

A support group is a gathering of people with common problems, needs and interests to share their feelings, thoughts, questions, experiences and concerns in a combined effort to better cope with and survive the challenge presented by persons with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias.

The resource person for this week's meeting will be Kakkie Williams, education coordinator with the Alzheimer's Disease Education Program (ADEP). This program is an extension of the Department of Neuropsychiatry at the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center in Lubbock.

The goal of ADEP is to improve the quality of care received by individuals with Alzheimer's disease living in rural West Texas, Eastern New

Mexico, and the Oklahoma Panhandle. This goal is achieved through caregiver education and counseling. An additional goal is early detection of Alzheimer's disease utilizing Dementia Screening Clinics.

Friends, relatives and neighbors of these brave caregivers are encouraged to offer to say with the person with Alzheimer's to allow the caregiver a rest. Respite care is vital for these caregivers whose days are typically 36-hours long.

The "bible" for caregivers of persons with Alzheimer's is entitled, **The 36-Hour Day: A Family Guide to Caring for Persons with Alzheimer's Disease, Related Dementing Illnesses, and Memory Loss in Later Life** by Mace and Rabins. Thanks to the generosity of Hereford's Pilot Club, this excellent resource is available at no cost by calling 364-0359.

Group facilitator is Nathan L. Stone, Ph.D., pastoral counselor and former senior chaplain with Family Hospice of Temple.

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ACTIVITIES

THURSDAY-Pool classes, exercise class 10-11:45 a.m., oil painting 9-11 a.m., HHH wellness weigh-in 10 a.m.-noon, 55 Alive Driving 10 a.m.-noon and 1-3 p.m., Thrift Store open 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

FRIDAY-Pool classes, line dance 10-11 a.m., 55 Alive Driving 10 a.m.-noon and 1-3 p.m., Thrift Store open 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

SATURDAY-Thrift Store open 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

MONDAY-Pool classes, line dance 10-11 a.m., doll class 1-4 p.m.

TUESDAY-Pool classes, exercise 10-10:45 a.m., Beltone 10 a.m.-noon, Golden K Kiwanis Club 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

WEDNESDAY-Pool classes, ceramics 12:30-4:30 p.m.

Weigh Down orientation set at Trinity Fellowship

A free orientation for Weigh Down Workshop will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday at Trinity Fellowship Church, 401 W. Park Ave.

This introductory meeting will include a video explaining the program, allow time to view the class materials and finish with a question and answer session.

Registration will open for those who wish to participate in the 12-week seminar; however, there is no obligation. The free orientation meeting offers an opportunity for people to learn whether this is the program for them.

Weigh Down Workshop is a weight loss program with a spiritual emphasis. The program takes the participant away from dieting and teaches how to have control within.

For details about the orientation and seminar, call Kay Williams at 364-2486 or Trinity Fellowship Church at 364-0373.

4-H'ers encourage designing of commemorative stamp

Members of the Gold Star 4-H Club wrote postcards to the Postal Stamp Committee at the club's recent meeting at Hereford Community Center.

Dawn Auckerman led the group in writing the postcards which asked the committee to design and issue a stamp to commemorate the 100th anniversary of 4-H in 2008.

Adult leader Brenda

Campbell gave instructions on how to make sugar cookies. Members mixed the ingredients, then decorated some cookies.

Members attending were Sydnee Mardell, Sunny Vanlandingham, Amy Adams, Chelsea Campbell, Erika Culp, Madison Urbanczyk, Stephanie Shaw, April Beasley and Jaclyn Paschel.

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While They're Away

College Report

The following Hereford students have achieved Dean's List recognition for the fall 1998 semester at Wayland Baptist University in Plainview.

The students maintained at least a 3.5 grade point average while taking a full load of course work at the university level.

They were Matthew Baird, sophomore, son of Edward Baird; Jantzen Louder, freshman, son of Steve and Pamela Louder; Misty Peabody, senior, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Peabody; and Tonya Buchanan, senior, daughter of Mr. and

Mrs. Richard Selmon.

Michelle Abalos Wood, daughter of Grace A. Abalos of Odessa and granddaughter of Paul and Pilar Abalos of Hereford, was named to the Dean's List for the fall 1998 semester at Colorado Technical University-Sioux Falls, Sioux Falls, S.D.

She is a freshman criminal justice major.

To achieve the Dean's List a student must attain a grade point average 3.50 to 3.99 and be a full-time student with no grade lower than a C.

Perez presents program for Xi Epsilon Alpha chapter

Khrystynah Perez was guest speaker at the recent meeting of Xi Epsilon Alpha chapter of Beta Sigma Phi sorority.

Perez discussed the Women's and Children's Clinic, the Children's Trust Fund and the Women's and Children's Crisis Center, all programs offered through Hereford Regional Medical Center.

President Connie Matthews conducted the business meeting after the program presentation.

It was announced that the state convention will be June 4-6 in Fort Worth.

Spring Rituals will be April 15 at 7 p.m. in Hereford Community Center with Xi Epsilon Alpha hosting the event.

Stacey Urbanczyk and Diane Krieg, hostess and co-hostess for the meeting, served ice cream sundaes to members Linda Arellano, Melinda

Hospital Notes

Patients in Hereford Regional Medical Center on Feb. 17:

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Lady Whitefaces shock Randall 63-54 in playoff



Adding them up — Hereford's Makesha Rives (34) takes it to the rim under the defensive pressure of Randall's Keele Sherrod (12) in Tuesday night's 63-54 upset 4A bi-district win over the Randall High Lady Raiders at the West Texas A & M Field House. Rives hit 14 points as Hereford's third-leading scorer.

By Mauri Montgomery
Hereford Brand Publisher

CANYON — Randall High had the size, but Hereford had the quickness in Tuesday night's first-round 4A bi-district playoff at West Texas A & M's Field House.

Quickness mattered more. The Lady Whitefaces astounded the eighth-ranked defending state champion Lady Raiders with a 63-54 defeat to advance into the next round of 4A play against El Paso Bowie Friday at 5 p.m. in the Odessa Junior College Gym.

And the upset left the attending fans and teams in a bubble — neither side seemed to believe the outcome.

"I'll tell you what. I saw it and I lived it, but I still can't comprehend that we just beat Randall," head Hereford ladies' coach Key Harrison said. "It hasn't really set in yet, but it will."

The No. 3 playoff seed Lady Whitefaces took advantage of nearly every Randall mistake early and held the Lady Raiders' inside height advantage at bay.

Both teams traded buckets en route to a 10-10 tie in the first period, but Tori Walker started a seven-point Hereford scoring spree off an inside layup and ensuing bonus free throw with 1:22 remaining.

The drive set the tone for what was yet to come.

Hereford out-scored the favored Lady Raiders in every bracket of play, the most impressive coming in the third quarter despite some foul trouble.

Holding a 29-25 lead after halftime, Hereford added another three-point scoring cushion at the end of the third quarter after Valerie Guzman hit two from downtown, Toni Eicke added another 3-point shot and Tori Walker connected for six points on two field goals and two free throws.

"We hit some big shots when we needed them tonight, there's no doubt," Harrison said. "But

there were a whole lot of things these girls did beyond shooting that gave us this win.

Our shooting in the third quarter was a big factor because it helped us keep the momentum, but our defense kept them from getting into their triangle offense all night," he said.

The Lady Whitefaces held Randall to 14 points in the final period while putting up 18 — Hereford went 10-13 from the foul line and Valerie Guzman and Makesha Rives hit 3-point shots to give Hereford a keeper in the first round of post-season play.

"It's really exciting for all of

us, but that's what happens when you step-up and meet the challenge," Harrison said. "Now you just hope you can ride the emotion of this win into the next game — one game at a time."

GAME RESULTS

HEREFORD 15 29 45 63
RANDALL 12 25 38 54
H—Valerie Guzman 21, Tori Walker 15, Makesha Rives 14, Toni Eicke 6, Kristin Fangman 3, Amanda Hill 2, Ashley Fangman 2. R—Keisha Cornelius 21, Anika Holmes 10, Stephanie Gibson 8, Amy Trevino 7, Kristen Hohensee 6, Keele Sherrod 2.
RECORDS: Hereford 23-11, Randall 19-3.

Michigan State rolls over Purdue, 82-69

EAST LANSING, Mich. (AP) — The sign, no doubt inspired by the familiar line from James Bond movies, read: "003. Klein, Jason Klein."

A man in the fourth row held it up every time Klein hit a 3-point shot Tuesday night. He hoisted it five times as Klein scored 22 points and fourth-ranked Michigan State rolled to an 82-69 victory over No. 17 Purdue.

The Spartans (23-4, 12-1) can clinch at least a share of the Big Ten title with a victory Thursday night at Michigan. They could win the championship outright if Ohio State loses tonight at Indiana.

"It's sort of a snowball effect," said Klein, who made seven of 10 field goal attempts, including 5-of-7 from 3-point range. "That's what happening to us right now. We seem to be able to go out and win games we're not supposed to."

The win reversed a tough loss to the Boilermakers a year ago and extended the Spartans' school-record winning streak to 12 games. Michigan State's last loss came Jan. 6 at Wisconsin, 66-51.

"Last year, they kind of spoiled our little victory party," said Charlie Bell, who had 13 points and seven rebounds for the Spartans. "We watched a lot of film of that game."

In other games involving Top 25 teams, No. 2 Connecticut defeated Rutgers 77-64, No. 15 Miami crushed Villanova 103-82 and No. 23 Florida stopped Arkansas 74-61.

Purdue (18-8, 6-6) won eight of its previous nine meetings with the Spartans, including five straight at the Breslin Center. Last year, Brad Miller scored 30 points in Purdue's 99-96 overtime victory in East Lansing, forcing the Spartans to share the Big Ten regular season championship with Illinois.

This time, Michigan State smothered Purdue with a first-half blitz and never let up. Any Boilermakers hopes of playing spoilers after that were dashed almost single-handedly by Klein.

"He's learned how to play," Purdue coach Gene Keady said. "He's a warrior now. It's good to see kids do that."

Vikings fan sentenced in fire incident

EAU CLAIRE, Wis. (AP) — A Minnesota Vikings fan accused of setting on fire the clothing and hair of two Green Bay Packers fans has pleaded guilty to two misdemeanors.

Brian Siegmann, 23, of Eau Claire, was sentenced Tuesday to two years' probation and fined \$200 for his conduct on Oct. 4, the night before the Vikings defeated the Packers in a nationally televised game.

Eau Claire County Circuit Judge Thomas Barland also ordered Siegmann — who called himself "The Grand Viking" — to spend 30 days in jail or perform 240 hours of community service and to get an assessment for drug and alcohol abuse, court officials said.

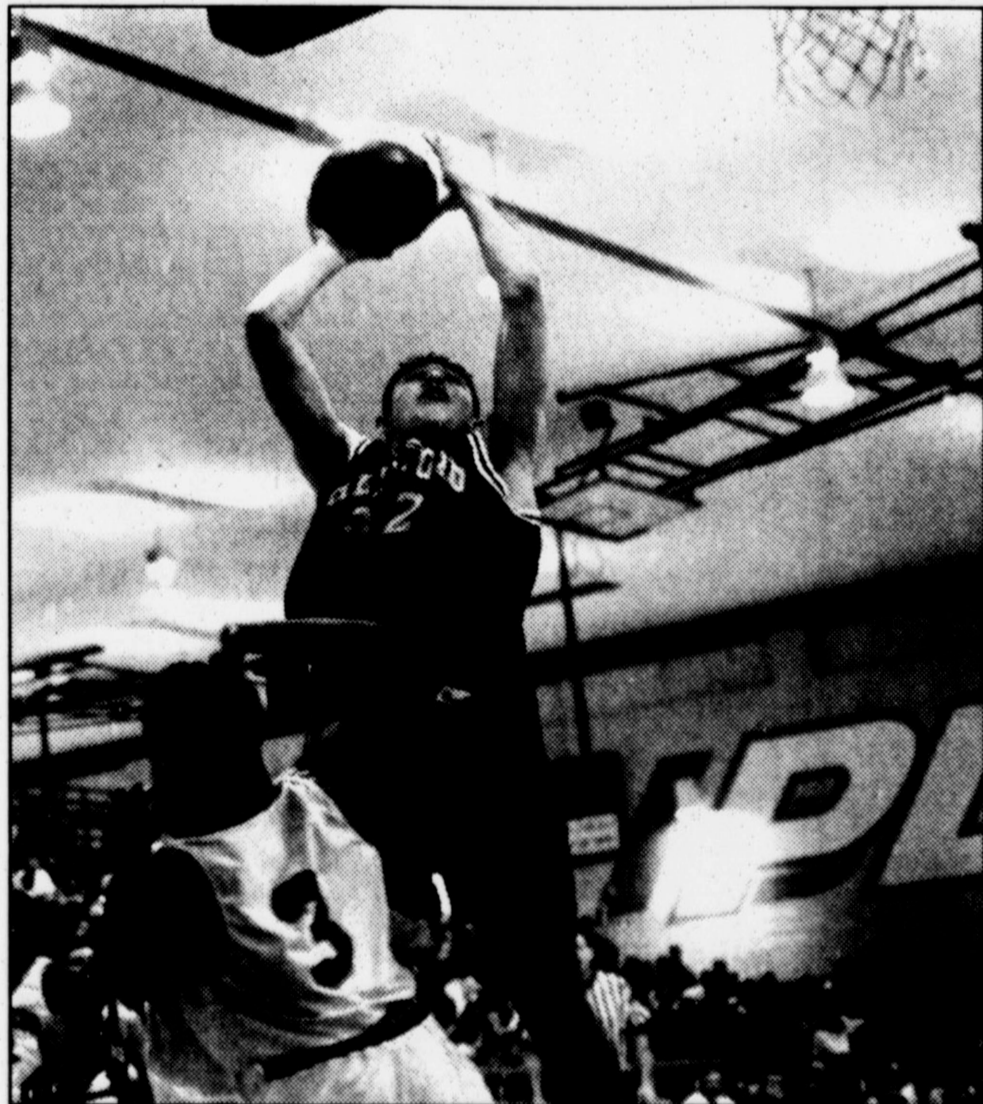
Siegmann was accused of lighting Casey Connors-Herm's left pants leg on fire and then setting Meagan Corcoran's left jacket sleeve and hair on fire after they identified themselves as Packers fans.

Neither was seriously injured.

Siegmann told police he tied a shirt to the end of a piece of metal and lit it on fire and was attempting to stir up a rivalry between fans by creating an "Olympic torch."

He pleaded guilty Tuesday to endangering safety by reckless use of a weapon and negligent handling of burning material, court officials said.

Herd falls to Palo Duro Dons 51-44 in regular season finale



LATE RALLY

Cody Hodges puts in two for Hereford Tuesday night during the third quarter of the Herd's last district game against Amarillo Palo Duro.

BRAND/Julius Bodner

From staff reports
AMARILLO — The Hereford Whitefaces lost their last district game of the year here Tuesday night.

But they lost by seven points, 51-44, to the state's top-ranked 4A Palo Duro Dons who finished district action with an unblemished 10-0 mark and 30-1 on the year.

The loss dropped Hereford to 7-3 in loop play and to 22-9 overall.

The outcome of the game affected neither team's playoff hopes though. Both teams sewed up seeding slots earlier — Palo Duro is No. 1 and Hereford is No. 2.

The Whitefaces will meet the Frenship Tigers at Wayland Baptist University Tuesday. Official tipoff time had not been announced by press time.

"We just had two many turnovers in the first half, 14 by our count on the bench, and we dug ourselves a hole," said head boy's varsity coach Randy Dean.

"Being down by 12 at halftime is difficult to overcome."

Defense is the part of the game Dean knows well, and often emphasizes at length to his players, but Amarillo's defense held Hereford to only four points in the first quarter and another eight in the second period.

If nothing else, Amarillo's stifling defense proved his point. Hereford, led by the scoring efforts of Cody Hodges, who netted 11, and Cody Marsh's 10, the Whitefaces attempted a comeback, but it never really materialized.

Amarillo took a 15-11 advantage in the third quarter and finished the fourth period with a 19-16 shoot-out.

"I thought we showed a lot of character and determination by

Watching his troops — Head boy's coach Randy Dean.

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Sonics trip Utah 71-56 to remain unbeaten

By the Associated Press
In the matchup of unbeaten, Karl Malone and his teammates couldn't win — mainly because they couldn't score.

Gary Payton had 17 points and 11 rebounds Tuesday night, leading the Seattle SuperSonics to a 71-56 victory over the visiting Utah Jazz.

It was the second-lowest point total in an NBA regular season game since the shot clock was instituted in 1954. The Pacers managed just 55 points against the Spurs last March 29. Utah scored 54 points last year in Game 3 of the NBA Finals against Chicago.

"We looked like we never played a game together," Utah coach Jerry Sloan said.

The Jazz were without starting guard Jeff Hornacek, who was attending the funeral of a friend. Utah shot just 21-for-68 (30.9 percent) from the field.

Elsewhere in the NBA, it was New York 95, Toronto 85; Milwaukee 93, Philadelphia 92; New Jersey 97, Detroit 82; Cleveland 90, Orlando 78; Miami 89, Indiana 78; Atlanta 83, Chicago 67; Houston 109, Phoenix 92; Los Angeles Lak-

ers 116, Charlotte 88; Sacramento 101, Boston 98; and Vancouver 93, Los Angeles Clippers 89 in double overtime.

Utah's overtime win over Sacramento on Monday took its toll on the Jazz, especially on the 36-year-old Malone and 37-year-old John Stockton.

Malone led the Jazz with 15 points on 4-for-13 shooting and Stockton was 1-for-7 and scored three points.

"We saw a team playing back-to-back games and we wanted to take advantage of them," Sonics center Olden Polynice said.

Stockton didn't buy it. "No one complained about fatigue," he said. "Minutes are shared pretty well so there was no reason to be exhausted."

Malone and Stockton were resting in the fourth quarter when the Jazz closed to 60-49 with 7:11 remaining.

Sloan put his veterans back in the game, but the Sonics responded by scoring seven of the next nine points, including a 10-footer by Payton with 2:49 left.

Seattle led by 20 twice in the third period — 51-31 and

55-35 — before the Jazz cut its deficit to 12 on two free throws by Bryon Russell with 39 seconds left in the quarter. The Sonics took a 58-43 lead into the final period.

A frustrated Malone was given a technical 4:01 into the second half.

"We didn't play smart," Malone said. "We had chances to exploit smaller players in post-up situations and didn't do it."

The Sonics led 39-25 at half-time in a first half that saw the Jazz shoot 9-for-33 and Malone and Stockton go a combined 1-for-9 from the floor.

Seattle coach Paul Westphal wasn't aware his team could have been responsible for a new NBA record. If he knew, the Sonics might have changed the pace.

"If I'd have been a defensive coach, I'd have known the record and we would have walked the ball up the floor more," Westphal said with a smile.

Knicks 95, Raptors 85

Marcus Camby, the player traded for Charles Oakley — helped spoil Oakley's return to Madison Square Garden with a season-high 11 points and 12 rebounds.

Allan Houston led New York with 20 points, while Patrick Ewing had 16.

Bucks 93, 76ers 92

Glenn Robinson sank an 18-footer with one-tenth of a second left to keep Milwaukee in first place in the Central Division with a victory at Philadelphia.

Robinson finished with 18 points, while Allan Iverson scored 23 for the 76ers.

Nets 97, Pistons 82

Keith Van Horn scored a career-high 35 points as New Jersey snapped a three-game losing streak.

Visiting Detroit was led by Grant Hill's 22 points.

Cavaliers 90, Magic 78

At Cleveland, Vitaly Potapenko, replacing injured center Zydrunas Ilgauskas, scored 16 points as the Cavs won their third straight game.

Shawn Kemp added 18 points for the Cavs. Derek Strong paced Orlando with 14 points and 10 rebounds.

Heat 89, Pacers 78

P.J. Brown broke out of a scoring slump with a season-high 22 points and Alonzo Mourning added 19 points to carry Miami to victory at Indiana.

The Pacers were led by Chris Mullin's 16 points. Reggie Miller was just 4-of-9 for 11 points.

Hawks 83, Bulls 67

At Chicago, Steve Smith led Atlanta with 17 points and Alan Henderson had 14 as the Hawks beat the Bulls for the second time in a week.

Toni Kukoc paced the Bulls with 27 points and 10 rebounds.

Rockets 109, Suns 92

At Houston, Othella Harrington had no problem filling in for Charles Barkley as he scored 17 points and 13 rebounds to lead the Rockets to their fifth straight victory.

Hakeem Olajuwon led Houston with 19 points and also grabbed 11 rebounds. Tom Gugliotta and Jason Kidd had 14 points for Phoenix.

Lakers 116, Hornets 88

Shaquille O'Neal and Rick Fox each scored 20 points in

what might be the Lakers' final game without Dennis Rodman.

Bobby Phills scored 20 points and J.R. Reid had 13 points and eight rebounds for visiting Charlotte.

Kings 101, Celtics 98

At Sacramento, Corliss Williamson's short jumper with 7.5 seconds remaining and free throw to complete the three-point play gave the Kings the win.

Williamson had a season-

high 22 points. Chris Webber also scored 22 and added 15 rebounds. Ron Mercer led the Celtics with 24.

Grizzlies 93, Clippers 89

At Los Angeles, Sam Mack stole a pass and scored a layup in the second overtime to help keep the Clippers winless.

Mack finished with 22 points, and Shareef Abdur-Rahim added 20 for Vancouver.

Maurice Taylor led the Clippers with 21 points and a career-high 20 rebounds.

IOC bribery scandal investigations continue

Former federal prosecutor finds no evidence of criminal conduct

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) —

A former federal prosecutor working on the Salt Lake Organizing Committee's investigation into the Olympics bribery scandal said she found no indication of criminal conduct.

While SLOC, the U.S. Olympic Committee and the International Olympic Committee all have been conducting separate investigations of ethical misconduct, the U.S. Justice Department and Utah Attorney General's Office have been looking for criminal violations.

Beth Wilkinson, a leading attorney on the Justice Department team that prosecuted Oklahoma City bomber Timothy McVeigh, said she found evidence of ethical lapses, but no breaches of criminal law on the part of the bid committee, the predecessor to SLOC.

"I did consider a lot of the criminal theories and I don't see criminal conduct," Wilkinson said Tuesday. "Some of their activities could be seen as unethical, but that's a long way from being criminal."

The independent SLOC ethics panel last week revealed that executives of the Salt Lake bid committee gave more than \$1 million worth of cash payments, free vacations, living stipends, shopping sprees and free medical care to IOC members and their families.

The lavish spending occurred before the 1995 IOC vote in Budapest giving Salt Lake City the 2002 Winter Games.

Two former executives of the bid committee and later the SLOC were blamed by the ethics panel for the excesses. President Tom Welch resigned in mid-1997 amid a spousal abuse charge and on Jan. 8 was stripped of his \$500,000 pension and \$10,000-per-month consulting contract. Senior Vice President Dave Johnson resigned under pressure on Jan. 8.

Wilkinson, who left the Justice Department for a private law firm in Washington last September, and her partner, Barry Sanders of Los Angeles, were retained by the SLOC in December to conduct their own investigation.

Sanders and Wilkinson said their no-crime conclusion pertains only to their client, the committee.

Tom Schaffer, the Salt Lake attorney representing Welch, said it's clear the SLOC attor-

neys do not believe Welch committed crimes.

"I discussed lots of different scenarios with them on several occasions and the three of us really couldn't come up with anything that fit," Schaffer said. "There may be other things that Justice is looking at that I'm not aware of."

The Justice Department, which has five prosecutors working the case, has been guiding the investigation through the FBI office in Salt Lake City.

One former Justice Department official speaking on condition of anonymity said Tuesday the high priority given the case may make charges more likely.

"There's a real incentive when you have that many people devoted to not just walk away and say, 'No crime,'" the source said.

According to sources familiar with the investigation, prosecutors are looking at possible mail or wire fraud; false statements or perjury; tax fraud; and violations of customs laws that require declaration of sums of \$10,000 or more in cash leaving the country.

The ethics panel last week said one former bid employee reported \$30,000 was taken from committee bank accounts to pay for legitimate expenses in Budapest in 1995. The panel, which had no power to subpoena bank records, could not determine whether that

amount was taken out of the United States in cash or traveler checks.

In other developments Tuesday:

—Mitt Romney, the new chief executive officer for SLOC, received standing ovations when he appeared before the Utah House and Senate.

—Romney, hired Thursday to lead the scandal-tainted Olympic organization for the next three years, told lawmakers he intends to return the games to the athletes and to bring the Olympics in on budget.

Herd

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you let them get very far out in front," Dean said. "We've got to understand that every quarter is important in this point in the season."

GAME RESULTS

HEREFORD PALO DURO 4 12 27 44
13 24 34 51
H—Cody Hodges 11, Cody Marsh 10, Chayse Rives 7, Mitch Wagner 5, Slade Hodges 5, Steven Northern 3, Bryan Matthews 2, L.J. Vallejo 1, Eric McNutt 1, PD—Kenneth Brown 16, Marques Loftis 10, Brandon Cunningham 5, Cornelius Jones 5, Jermaine Johnson 4, Philip Nelson 3. RECORDS: Hereford 7-3, 22-9; Palo Duro 10-0, 30-1. JV: Palo Duro 75, Hereford 58.

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INSIDE

Putting on pressure
TV under fire by advocacy groups,
but outlook for changes isn't good

By Lynn Elber
The Associated Press

If television isn't very good
how can it be made better?
And who defines what better is?

The debate surrounding two
new studies critical of TV demon-
strates how differently the
medium is viewed from differ-
ent perspectives and how com-
plicated any effort to change
it is.

The Kaiser Family Founda-
tion, which found that televi-
sion is often irresponsible in
its depiction of sex, would like
programs to be more forth-
right in featuring such topics
as contraception, abstinence
and safe sex.

"We're not saying television
is immoral. ... We're not say-
ing get sex off TV," said Vicky
Rideout, who directed the re-
port for the nonprofit founda-
tion that studies health care.

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nancy. The WB drama "Felic-
ity" featured an episode in
which its title character, a
virginal college freshman,
learns about condoms from a
counselor.

"Dawson's Creek," another
popular WB series, includes
two teen-age characters who
abstain from sex (and, for the
record, others who don't).

"The fact that Dawson's a
virgin and Joey's a virgin is a
big, big topic of conversation
in high schools across
America," said WB Chief Ex-
ecutive Officer Jamie Kellner.

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the group includes "Spin City"
because it "condones casual
sex and the homosexual
lifestyle." One scene criticized
by the group shows an un-
married couple having sex,
with a condom package vis-
ible.

The council would prefer to
see less sex altogether, and
more messages about the
value of education, respect for
authority and the importance
of faith. It released a report
naming companies that spon-
sor "family-unfriendly" shows
such as "Spin City."

Scenes or characters that
earn a slap from the Parents
Television Council might earn
praise from other groups try-
ing to encourage safe sex or
tolerance of homosexuals.

With pressure from so
many groups, and with so
many competing demands,
how are broadcasters to re-
spond?

Imagine television as the
fulcrum of a teeter-totter, with
advocacy groups, viewers and
politicians all piling on to
make it tilt their way. If the
networks deserve any compas-
sion, this could be a reason.

Ringo's All-Starr Band hits road

NEW YORK — Ringo's All-Starr Band
is on the road again, and the boys on
the bus include Todd Rundgren.

Ringo Starr first trotted out an All-
Starr band 10 years ago. The former
Beatle's lineup of musicians this year
also includes Timmy Cappello, Gary
Brooker, Jack Bruce and Simon Kirke.

The band already has performed three
dates in Atlantic City, N.J., and will
play two nights here. The U.S. tour
finishes in Orlando, Fla., on March 29.

Tom Shales
CHICAGO — Look for film critic Tom

Shales when those thumbs go up or down
on TV next weekend.

Shales will be the first revolving co-
host to fill in for Gene Siskel on the
syndicated "Siskel & Ebert" show while
Siskel (He's the skinny one; Roger Ebert's
the pudgy one.) recuperates from brain
surgery.

Shales, like Ebert, is a Pulitzer Prize-
winning critic. He is The Washington Post's
television critic but has reviewed movies
for the Post and National Public Radio.

Siskel, the film critic for the Chicago
Tribune, had the surgery in May.

Television

WEDNESDAY

FEBRUARY 17

Table with 12 columns (6 PM to 11 PM) and 30 rows of TV listings for Wednesday, February 17.

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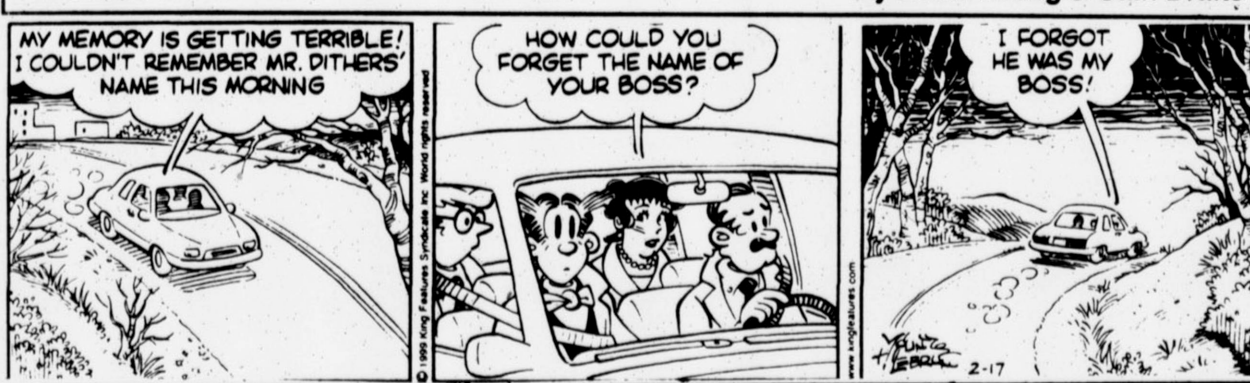
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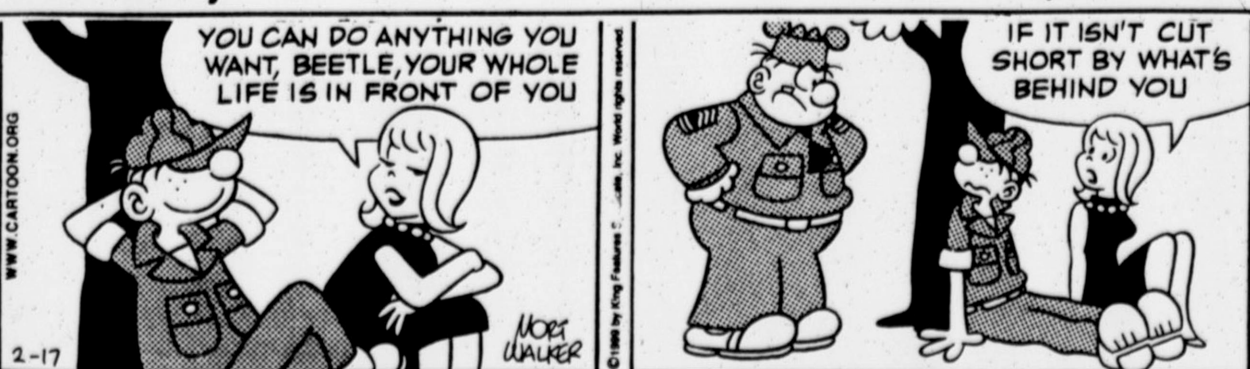
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MARY ANN ALEXANDER, duly appointed Guardian Ad Litem for Laura Lynette Jesko and Stephanie Ann Jesko, minors, and JASON DOUGLAS JESKO, persons claiming to be the owners of the estate of such decedent, and DOUG CROUCH, in the above numbered and entitled estate, filed on the 16th day of February, 1999, their verified Application For Independent Administration And For Issuance Of Letters Of Administration And For Declaration Of Heirship in the ESTATE OF JAMES ROBERT JESKO, Deceased.

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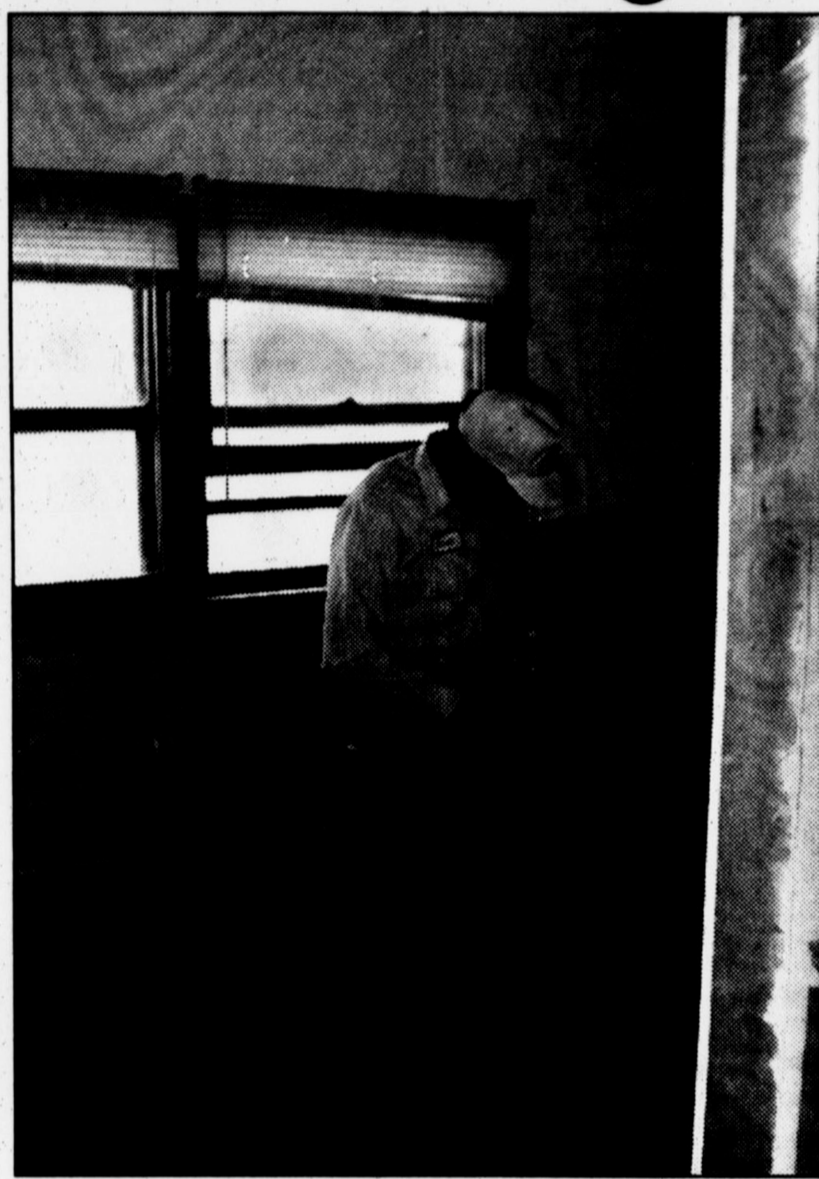
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Criminals may have purchased Army's weapons

WASHINGTON (AP) — Two Democratic lawmakers are calling for improved oversight of a program that sold thousands of old Army rifles to civilians who may have had criminal pasts.

The Civilian Marksman-ship Program, which has been run by a private group since 1996, failed to routinely conduct criminal background and U.S. citizenship checks as required, congressional auditors said.

"Who knows whose hands wound up on those triggers?" Rep. Carolyn Maloney, D-N.Y., complained in a statement released Tuesday.

Sen. Frank Lautenberg, D-N.J., said he was concerned about the findings of the General Accounting Office. "The GAO investigation showed that privatization meant the end of Army controls on gun buyers, so even felons could purchase M-1 rifles," he said.

A 1996 law handed administration of old Army rifle and pistol sales to a private group created by the legislation, the Corporation for the Promotion of Rifle Practice and Firearms Safety.

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- Development/improvement of media relations.

It also was considered important that any firm not be hired on a retainer basis, but its payment would be based on work accomplished. Also, a firm with experience in bond/election process would be favored.

The hospital has a marketing budget of approximately \$45,000 for the year, of which less than \$10,000 has been spent. Kemp said the budgeted amount was reduced because the agreement with the former marketing agency was severed, and it was anticipated that another firm would be considered this year.

In other business, HRMC financial director Rodney Bailey reviewed the January financials, which he described as better than the previous month, although down in some areas from the previous year.

In January, the hospital showed total operating revenue of \$839,403, up from the \$689,580 for December, but below the \$891,345 reported in January 1998.

Total operating expenses were \$903,712, up from \$894,014 in the previous year, which left an operating loss of \$64,309 for the month.

The loss in operations was made up by \$134,797 in non-operating revenue, giving the hospital a net gain of \$70,488 for January. That represented an improvement over December, when a net loss of \$35,096 was reported, but a dropoff from January 1998's gain of \$104,116.

Studsrud said the financial committee and department heads will be spending considerable time evaluating operations to determine how to turn around the operations bottom line.

In other business, the directors:

Called an election for May 1. Board positions now held by Mal Manchee, Chip Guseman and Chris Leonard will be on the ballot;

Received a report from the medical staff, which recommended purchase of a new ventilator. However, the request was not on the agenda, so the board requested a review of the equipment and recommendations from the administration for the next board meeting;

Approved using \$5,200 from the educational fund to allow the hospital to participate in HealthNet, a Texas Tech University program of continuing education for healthcare professionals;

Approved the remodeling of a surgical clinic to be occupied by Drs. Nadir T. Khuri and Ravi George;

Received a report on Y2K compliance from Bailey.

Dropping out?

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Paul Weyrich, Free Congress Foundation

Rightwing leader voices frustration of conservatives

By Ron Fournier
 The Associated Press

One of the political right's intellectual firebrands is questioning whether conservatives should "drop out" of American culture and essentially declare decades of moral struggle unwinnable.

"I no longer believe that there is a moral majority," Paul Weyrich wrote in a letter to several hundred fellow conservative leaders. "I do not believe that a majority of Americans actually share our values."

Weyrich, head of the Free Congress Foundation in Washington, says President Clinton's acquittal in the impeachment trial has brought him to the point of wondering whether conservatives should continue trying to influence politics.

"We need some sort of quarantine," he wrote in the letter obtained by The Associated Press.

Though no other leading conservatives are calling for such drastic action, Weyrich's letter underscores the level of resentment over Clinton's acquittal.

"If there really were a moral majority out there, Bill Clinton would have been driven out of office months ago," Weyrich said.

"A lot of people are angry that he got off," said Phyllis Schlafly, head of the Eagle Forum. "They just don't understand it. They're shaking their heads: What is the problem?"

Christian Coalition director Randy Tate said there is "considerable frustration" over the Clinton case because "it makes it tough to teach kids right from wrong, in the sense that the president doesn't know right from wrong."

House Judiciary Committee Chairman Henry Hyde, who led the prosecution team against Clinton, told senators toward the end of the trial, "I wonder if, after this culture war is over that we are engaged in, an America will survive that will be worth fighting to defend."

However, Weyrich goes further than most other conservative leaders.

Tate, for example, said conservatives "are increasingly part of mainstream," even on issues such as abortion.

Schlafly, also departing from Weyrich's view, said a majority of Americans still embrace conservative values. And she believes Clinton's victory had more to do with politics than morality.

"It's only partially a moral problem. I think there is so much the Republican Congress can do in so many ways to grab the leadership and yet they continue to play a defensive game," she said. "Republicans have had Congress since January 1995 and what do we have to show for it?"

Weyrich, while a leading conservative intellectual, does not command a large grassroots organization or necessarily speak for large numbers. He led a campaign to rally social conservatives behind a Republican presidential candidate in 2000, but the effort failed after the prospect he favored, Sen. John Ashcroft of Missouri, decided not to run for president.

He's plotting relatively new ground by suggesting that the conservative movement cannot succeed in today's culture.

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Sep	76.00	0.60	0.60	0.60
Oct	76.25	0.50	0.50	0.50
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Dec	76.75	0.30	0.30	0.30

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Clinton bids to get upper hand in surplus debate



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WASHINGTON (AP) — With impeachment behind him and the Republican-controlled Congress in recess, President Clinton is hoping this week to gain the upper hand in the debate over how to divide the federal budget surplus while saving Social Security.

The campaign gears up today with satellite-linked town hall meetings aimed at selling young people on the president's plan to shore up the retirement system and Medicare. Clinton goes to New Hampshire on Thursday to talk about tax credit propos-

als. Administration officials say they want to sharpen the distinctions between the president's insistence on dealing with Social Security before trimming taxes and the Republicans' emphasis on across-the-board tax cuts.

The difference, said White House press secretary Joe Lockhart, is between "progressive tax cuts that are targeted for those who need them most as opposed to an across-the-board tax cut that does nothing to help save Medicare and provides only modest benefits to middle-

come Americans."

Although some authorities contend the surest way to shore up Social Security is to raise taxes and reduce benefits, Clinton adviser Paul Begala said today that such unpopular actions are unnecessary.

"With the surplus, we are not now at a time when we need deep and drastic cuts in Social Security," Begala said on ABC's "Good Morning America." "So we can take that surplus and invest in the future."

GOP leaders have agreed in principle with Clinton's call

to devote 62 percent of the anticipated budget surpluses to shoring up the Social Security system over the next 15 years.

There is no agreement on Clinton's proposal to dedicate 15 percent of the surplus to Medicare, and Republicans have roundly criticized a proposal to use another 11 percent to establish 401(k)-style accounts for working Americans.

Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., and other GOP lawmakers presided over the first in a series of small town meetings Monday to

build support for their proposal to cut taxes by \$743 billion over the next decade.

"Sixty-two percent should be set aside to save Social Security," said Republican National Committee spokesman Tom Yu.

Clinton, joined by Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin and first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, makes his pitch via satellite today to 41 college campuses in 28 states.

The goal is to convince students, and Congress, that fixing the retirement system now is the best plan for their future.

U.S. downplaying Iraq's ability to carry out its threats

WASHINGTON (AP) — Iraq has three main options for carrying out its threat to attack Turkey, Kuwait and Saudi Arabia for supporting recent U.S. air attacks, but none is likely to succeed, U.S. defense officials say.

Iraq could fire Scud missiles, attack by air with

planes, or launch a terrorist attack, Kenneth Bacon, spokesman for Defense Secretary William Cohen, said Tuesday.

"All of these would be difficult, given the circumstances that Iraq faces today," Bacon said, referring to the deterioration of Iraq's military since

the 1991 Persian Gulf war, the effect of the U.N. economic embargo and the strength of U.S. forces in the area that could retaliate.

Iraq's state-controlled media warned U.S. allies Tuesday they will pay a high price for playing host to American and British warplanes that

patrol "no-fly" zones over Iraq. The planes have attacked Iraqi air defense installations almost daily in recent weeks in what the Pentagon calls self-defense.

Iraqi Vice President Taha Yassin Ramadan said Monday that Baghdad would attack Incirlik Air Base in south-

central Turkey — used by U.S. and British warplanes — if the jets continue patrolling Iraqi skies.

Bacon said Iraq's depleted air force would stand little chance against U.S. and allied air defenses in Turkey, Kuwait or Saudi Arabia.

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Study: Tomatoes reduce the risk of some cancers

WASHINGTON (AP) — Eating lots of fresh and processed tomatoes can lower the risk of many kinds of cancer, according to a study published today.

A summary study in the *Journal of the National Cancer Institute* found there was enough data to show convincingly "that high consumers of tomatoes and tomato products are at substantially decreased risk of numerous cancers, although probably not all cancers."

The study analyzed 72 past studies that had examined the link between various cancers and the consumption of tomatoes and tomato-based products. Some of the studies also analyzed the blood levels of lycopene, a compound principally found in tomatoes that protects cells from cancer-causing oxidants.

In all, 57 of the 72 studies linked tomato intake with a reduced risk of cancer, Dr. Edward Giovannucci of Harvard Medical School said in the report he authored. In 35 of these studies, he wrote, the connection was strong enough to be "statistically significant," while in another 15 the link was inconclusive or only "slight."

The data are most compelling for cancers of the prostate gland, lung and stomach, Giovannucci reported. The findings also suggest links between tomatoes and lower levels of several other cancers, including pancreatic, colorectal, esophageal, oral, breast and cervical cancers.

Dr. Clare Hasler, executive director of the Functional Foods for Health Program at the University of Illinois, called Giovannucci's work the most comprehensive to date on the issue.

"It shows that people who eat a large amount of tomatoes have a reduced risk for a number of types of cancers," she said.

Overall, the study shows, "It is good to eat tomatoes as a part of a diet that is rich in other fruits and vegetables," said Dr. Moshe Shike, director of the Cancer Prevention and Wellness Program at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York.

The individual studies Giovannucci examined included tomatoes in many forms, including raw, ketchup, spaghetti sauce, tomato paste, soup and salsa. Benefits were found from all those forms, the study concluded, and cooking and processing tomatoes did not diminish the effect.

However, many processed foods containing tomatoes also contain fats and sugars that are not healthful when eaten in excess. Or they may be part of meals that contain high-fat items, such as some types of cheese.

Most of the studies examined the dietary differences between people with cancer and those without. In many cases, the primary difference was the consumption of tomatoes or tomato products, or the presence in the blood of high levels of lycopenes.

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