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GOP has more tax-cutting plans than money to pay for all of them

WASHINGTON (AP) — Cutting income tax rates. Repealing inheritance taxes. Permanently extending a popular business credit. Republicans are unveiling tax cut proposals seemingly every day, but there's a problem: They can't pay for all of them.

In the House, where tax bills must originate, half of Speaker Dennis Hastert's symbolic top 10 bills propose some form of tax relief. They range from a 10 percent across-the-board cut in income tax rates to a measure lifting limits on outside earnings by Social Security recipients.

But Republicans have already agreed with President Clinton that 62 percent of the budget surplus — estimated at \$2.6 trillion over the next decade — should go to ensure Social Security's future solvency. Clinton now wants 15 percent to fix up Medicare, which would leave 23 percent for increased spending or tax cuts.

Rep. Bill Archer, R-Texas, chairman of the tax-writing Ways and Means Committee, released a congressional analysis Thursday indicating that Clinton's proposed fiscal 2000 budget contains a net tax increase of \$89.7 billion over the next decade. The new focus on Medicare,

he said, is evidence of the president's unwillingness to pursue any broad tax reduction using the surplus.

"It strikes me as strictly a political moving of the goal posts by taking the positions he has," Archer said in an interview Thursday. "They are always trying to put roadblocks in our way to tax relief."

The question for the GOP is whether to push hard for a major tax cut that might never become law — but could be fodder for the 2000 elections — or work with Democrats on a more modest bill with a variety of targeted tax relief measures.

"What you're watching is a struggle over legislative strategy in the Republican Party," said Clint Stretch of the Deloitte & Touche accounting firm.

"That is the debate right now — which kind of tax relief we should provide," said Rep. Jennifer Dunn, R-Wash., a member of the Ways and Means Committee. "They're all going into the pot."

Some of the tax candidates have broad bipartisan support. Dozens of Democrats favor legislation providing relief to the

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Tax cuts at a glance

Some tax relief proposals introduced by House Republicans:

• **Income tax:** Cutting rates by 10 percent across the board. Cost: \$360 billion over five years, according to the Joint Committee on Taxation.

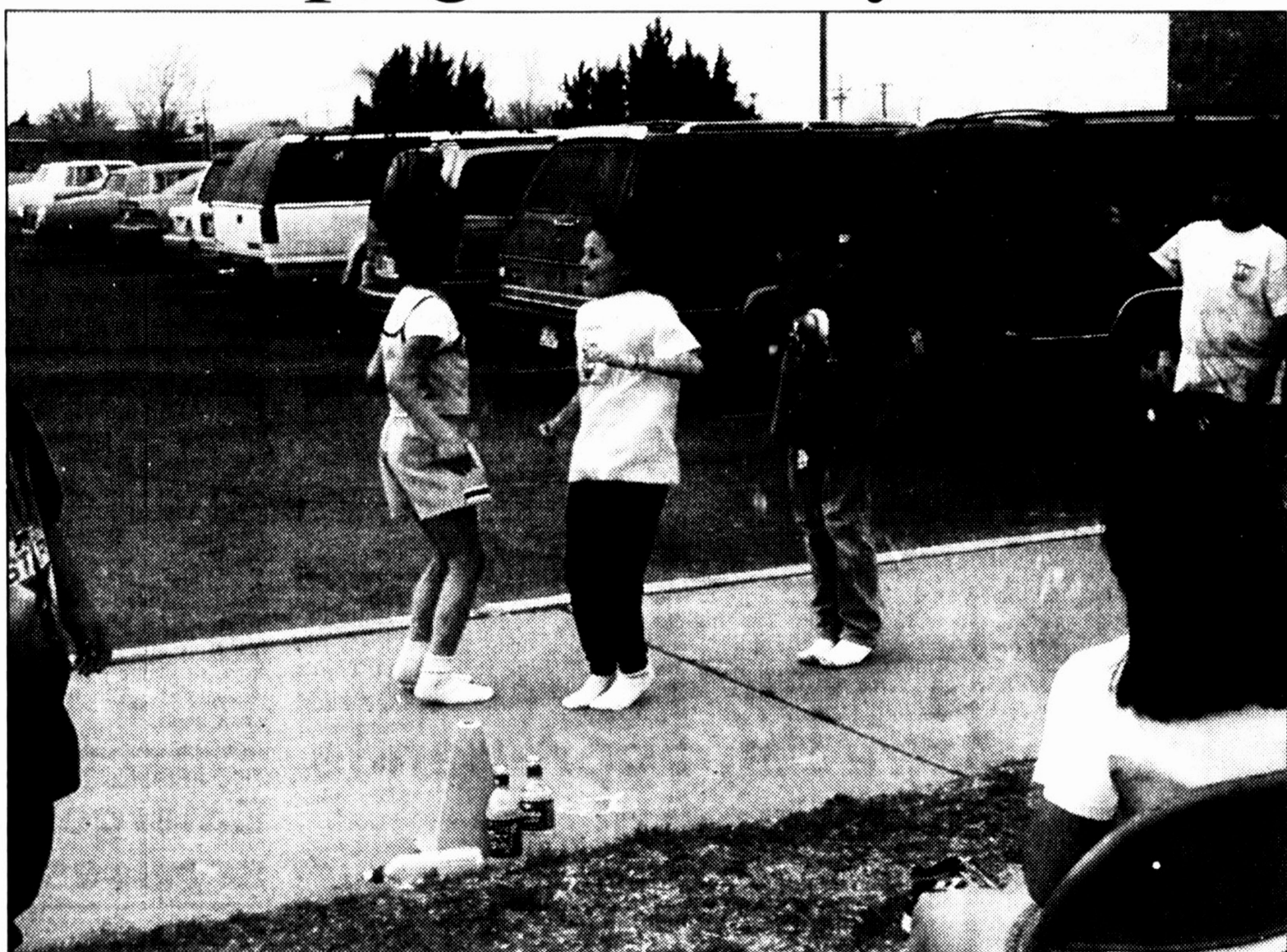
• **Marriage Penalty:** Increasing the 15 percent tax bracket for married couples from \$41,200 to \$49,300 and boosting the standard deduction for married couples from \$6,900 to \$8,300. Cost: About \$100 billion over five years, according to sponsors.

• **Estate tax:** Gradually reducing the tax on inheritances, now as much as 55 percent, by 5 percent a year until it reaches zero in 2010. Cost: \$40 billion over five years, according to sponsors.

• **R&D:** Making permanent a business research and development credit, which is scheduled to expire later this year. Cost: \$12.5 billion over five years, according to sponsors.

• **Income limits:** Accelerating an increase in the outside earnings limit for Social Security recipients ages 65 to 69. The current \$14,500-a-year limit is scheduled to rise to \$30,000 by 2002; the bill would reach that level sooner. Cost: Not available.

Jumping for healthy hearts



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Bluebonnet Intermediate School students had fun and helped the American Heart Association at the same time Thursday by participating in the organization's Jump Rope for Heart fund-raiser. The event is a school-based fitness and education program that teaches the importance of cardiovascular health, while raising money for research.

U.S. economy sizzled during '98 last quarter

Figures indicate growth to be fastest in nearly 15 years

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. economy grew at a sizzling 6.1 percent annual rate in the final three months of 1998, the fastest pace in nearly 15 years, as America capped off a remarkable year in which it not only withstood the global financial crisis but actually prospered.

The Commerce Department reported today that the broadest measure of economic health, the gross domestic product, grew more rapidly from October through December than previously believed.

Growth in GDP, the nation's total output of goods and services, had been originally reported at 5.6 percent for the fourth quarter. Today's upward revision reflected a slightly better performance in trade than originally thought.

Recent economic reports have shown that the economy has kept up its momentum in the first part of this year. On Thursday, the government said orders to American factories for manufactured goods shot up 3.9 percent in January while sales of existing homes climbed to an all-time

high. All that strength led to a big sell-off on Wall Street Thursday, especially in the bond market, as investors grew more worried that unless there is a slowdown soon, the Federal Reserve will start raising interest rates to brake growth and keep inflation at bay.

Stocks headed still lower today with the Dow Jones industrial average down 60 points in early trading. Bond prices rallied a bit after Thursday's big selloff with stronger demand pushing the yield on the 30-year Treasury bond down to 5.58 percent.

For all of 1998, the economy grew 3.9 percent, the government said today, unchanged from its estimate a month ago. That matched the 1997 increase and followed 3.4 percent economic growth in 1996.

Over the past three years, the economy has grown at its fastest pace since the mid 1980s, when the United States was climbing out of its worst recession since World War II.

In December, the country's economic expansion became the longest in peacetime history. Economists say it has been three decades since the country has enjoyed the current good mix of rapid economic growth, low unemployment and low inflation.

Use of center pivot sprinklers shows increase

Special to The Brand

The area of Deaf Smith County lying within the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1 has 781 center pivot sprinkler systems in operation, according to a district inventory.

This represents an additional 157 center pivot sprinkler systems installed in the county since the 1995 inventory.

Given an average cost of \$35,000 per center pivot sprinkler system, the 781 pivots in operation within Deaf Smith County represent a \$27.3 million investment in water conservation by local agricultural producers.

"This inventory shows that farmers are making huge investments to be more efficient in applying ground water for irrigation," said district assistant manager Ken Carver. "The center pivot sprinkler systems provide more flexibility in irrigating and help maintain crop yields with less water."

Low Energy Precision Application (LEPA) center pivot sprinkler systems can achieve irrigation application efficiencies of up to 98 percent. Because ground water is applied at low pressure directly into the furrow, water losses associated with evaporation and wind drift are almost eliminated.

LEPA systems also help reduce labor and fuel costs and save 20 to 40 percent of the water pumped for irrigation.

'Star Wars'

Deployment of missile defense system gains favor

WASHINGTON (AP) — Legislation declaring deployment of a national missile defense system to be official U.S. policy is advancing in Congress, with bills now ready for floor action in both the House and the Senate.

And despite Clinton administration objections, the bills are drawing considerable bipartisan support.

By a 50-3 margin, the House Armed Services Committee approved a bill Thursday that, while committing the administration to pursue such a system, sets no timetable. A Senate version could come up for a full vote by early March.

President Clinton included money in his fiscal 1999 budget for beginning to build such a system but has delayed until June 2000 a decision on whether to go ahead.

"I am encouraged by the administration's announcement that an additional \$6.6 billion has been identified for a national missile defense that might be deployed," said Rep. Curt Weldon, R-Pa., a sponsor of the House bill, "but I am concerned that the administration has not committed to deploying this system."

The measure by Weldon and Rep. John Spratt, D-S.C., states simply: "It is the policy of the United States to deploy a national missile defense."

Such a system, to protect against incoming nuclear missiles, has been a favored project of congressional Republicans since then-President Reagan proposed a space-based shield against

incoming missiles in the early 1980s.

Last year's firing of a ballistic missile by North Korea, and reports that Iran is developing a missile program, has drawn a lot of Democratic support to the program as well.

The committee vote "represents an important step in the debate over defending the American people against the threat of ballistic missile attack," the committee chairman, Floyd D. Spence, R-S.C., said.

Spence said the margin of the vote "reflects the committee's strong bipartisan belief that all Americans deserve to be protected against the growing threat of ballistic missile attack."

Voting against the measure were committee Democrats Wayne Evans of Illinois, Cynthia McKinney of Georgia and Tom Allen of Maine.

A Senate version by Sens. Thad Cochran, R-Miss., and Daniel Inouye, D-Hawaii, could be brought to a vote early next month. It declares as national policy to deploy an antimissile defense "as soon as technologically possible."

Even though it would not compel Clinton to act, the administration has threatened to veto the Senate version.

Secretary of State Madeleine Albright told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee the legislation could undermine efforts by the United States to negotiate with Moscow changes in the 1972 Antiballistic Missile Treaty.

That treaty restricts both nations' abilities to build missile defense systems.

"Enactment of this legislation clearly would be interpreted by Russia that the United States is not interested in working toward a cooperative solution," she said Wednesday.

The House version thus far has not drawn a veto threat.

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Local roundup

Parents meeting

Parents of Hereford High School seniors are invited to participate in a planning meeting at 7 p.m. March 1 at the Hereford Independent School District Administration Building, 601 N. 25 Mile Ave.

The parents will discuss plans for the annual prom.

Special education clinics

The Hereford Independent School District, special education department will sponsor two clinics designed to help identify preschool children with disabilities or learning problems, on March 5, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the school administration building, 601 N. 25 Mile.

The Early Childhood Intervention clinic is for children birth to age three. The Early Childhood Screening is for children age 3-5.

These clinics are free, but a parent or guardian must be present during screenings.

Appointments may be made by calling 363-7600.

Parenting workshops

Northwest Primary and West Central educators will present a two-part parent training session 6-8 p.m. on March 4 and March 11, titled "Parents and Communications Styles."

"Parents and Schools- Staying in Touch and Volunteering" will be presented March 2 from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Community Center and will provide information and suggestions for parents who want to keep up with their child's progress in school and how they can help.

Sessions will be presented in Spanish and English. Child care and refreshments will be provided. Door prizes will be awarded.

For more information contact either school.

Schools celebrate two special events

Hereford Independent School District will celebrate Texas Public School Week and Texas School Lunch Week March 1-5.

Both events give parents and the general public the chance to visit schools and cafeterias and experience a child's day at school.

During that week grandparents will be able to eat a lunch for only \$1. Other adults will only be charged \$2 for a meal.

Visitors are always welcome, but cafeteria staff ask that reservations be made to ease the planning process.

HHS news

Student Council members will be traveling to Camp Don Harrington in Eagle Canyon to participate in Project COPE (Challenging Outdoor Personal Experience) on Wednesday. COPE encourages leadership, self-esteem, decision making, problem solving, communications, trust and teamwork.

Seven HHS students have qualified for the Texas Forensic Association state tournament to be held in Houston on March 4-6. The students, Darren Sliney, Tan Nguyen, Josh Briones, Torrac Hayes, Jay Crawford, Jaime Steiert, and Kitt Jennings will compete against approximately 1000 students from schools across the state in public speaking, acting, and debate.

Key Club meets 7 p.m. Monday.

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News in brief

Ten of 11 found guilty in Plano heroin case

BEAUMONT, Texas (AP) — The parents of two Plano youths who died from heroin overdoses in 1997 could hardly contain their emotions when a jury returned guilty verdicts against those who supplied the drugs.

A jury convicted 10 of 11 suspected drug dealers on Thursday.

Only Irma Lopez Vega, 24, was exonerated by the jury, but she also was led away in chains after the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service took her into custody.

"I'm surprised it went as fast as it did, but I'm not surprised at the verdict," said Bill Baker, whose 16-year-old daughter, Erin Baker, died after overdosing on heroin in November 1997. "One got off, but that was the weak link. I hope they get the max."

"We couldn't believe it," said Lowell Hill, who along with his wife, Andrea, took notes during the closing arguments. "I cried," Mrs. Hill said, ecstatically hugging all who came near.

A gold locket around her neck contains a picture of their 18-year-old son, Rob Hill. He died Aug. 20, 1997, from a form of heroin called chiva that he snorted at a party the night before.

Also dying from heroin allegedly supplied by the defendants were Wesley Scott, 19, and Milan Malina, 20.

Jurors took about one full day to sort through the numerous counts. The 10 face up to life in prison under a rarely used federal sentencing guideline that allows for stiffer punishment when a lethal dose of drugs can be traced to the dealer.

U.S. District Judge Richard Schell will mete out the punishment at an undetermined date.

Hurwitz case in hands of judge

HOUSTON (AP) — Federal officials have finished their case against Charles Hurwitz, accused of reckless banking practices, and a federal judge will make a recommendation whether to hold the Houston financier responsible for the failure of a savings and loan.

Federal thrift regulators finished presenting their case Thursday against Hurwitz and two companies he controls, Maxxam and Federated Development Co., in connection with the failure of United Savings Association of Texas.

Bailing out the thrift cost taxpayers more than \$1.6 billion. Lawyers for Hurwitz said they proved he and five former officials of United Savings, which is now defunct, did nothing wrong and tried to save the thrift, which failed in 1988.

Harris County's black civil judge will resign

HOUSTON (AP) — Dwight Jefferson, the only black civil court judge in Harris County, will resign and return to private law practice.

Jefferson, 42, a Republican, was appointed by Gov. George W. Bush. He told the governor's staff Thursday that he will step down March 31.

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Report highlights insurance problems

AUSTIN (AP) — A majority of states have extended a federal children's insurance program to families who make twice the federal poverty level and Texas should do the same, according to a recent study.

The study released Thursday by the D.C.-based Families USA Foundation found that 500,000 of Texas' 1.4 million uninsured children would

be covered by the Children's Health Insurance Program if it included families making twice or 200 percent of the poverty level.

If the program includes families earning 150 percent of the poverty level — as Gov. George W. Bush has proposed — 280,000 children would be eligible for health coverage, the study found.

"In state after state, conservatives and moderates from both political parties have supported raising eligibility to 200 percent of poverty," said Ron Pollack, Families USA executive director.

"This 200 percent of poverty standard, designed to include the children of low-wage working families, has become the true test of compassion.

Hopefully the governor and the state Legislature will meet this test," he said.

Congress set up the program, CHIP, in 1997 to target children whose families earn too much for traditional Medicaid yet not enough for private health insurance. Since its approval, 29 states have pledged to fund CHIP for families making 200 percent of the poverty level — \$32,900 for a family of four, Pollack said.

Bush, who must sign on to a plan before it can be sent to the federal government for final approval, has said he wants a lower eligibility of \$24,675 for a family of four. He has not indicated when he will make a decision.

"Gov. Bush agrees with legislators that we need to make insurance available to more Texas children and do so in a fiscally responsible way," said Bush spokeswoman Linda Edwards.

He "is aware that some legislators are proposing a higher level and he has been considering and discussing those proposals."

Legislation filed by Sen. Mike Moncrief, D-Forth Worth, would provide \$151 million a year to fund the program, which would make the state eligible for \$423 million a year in federal money for the next 10 years. The bill includes a 200 percent of poverty level eligibility.

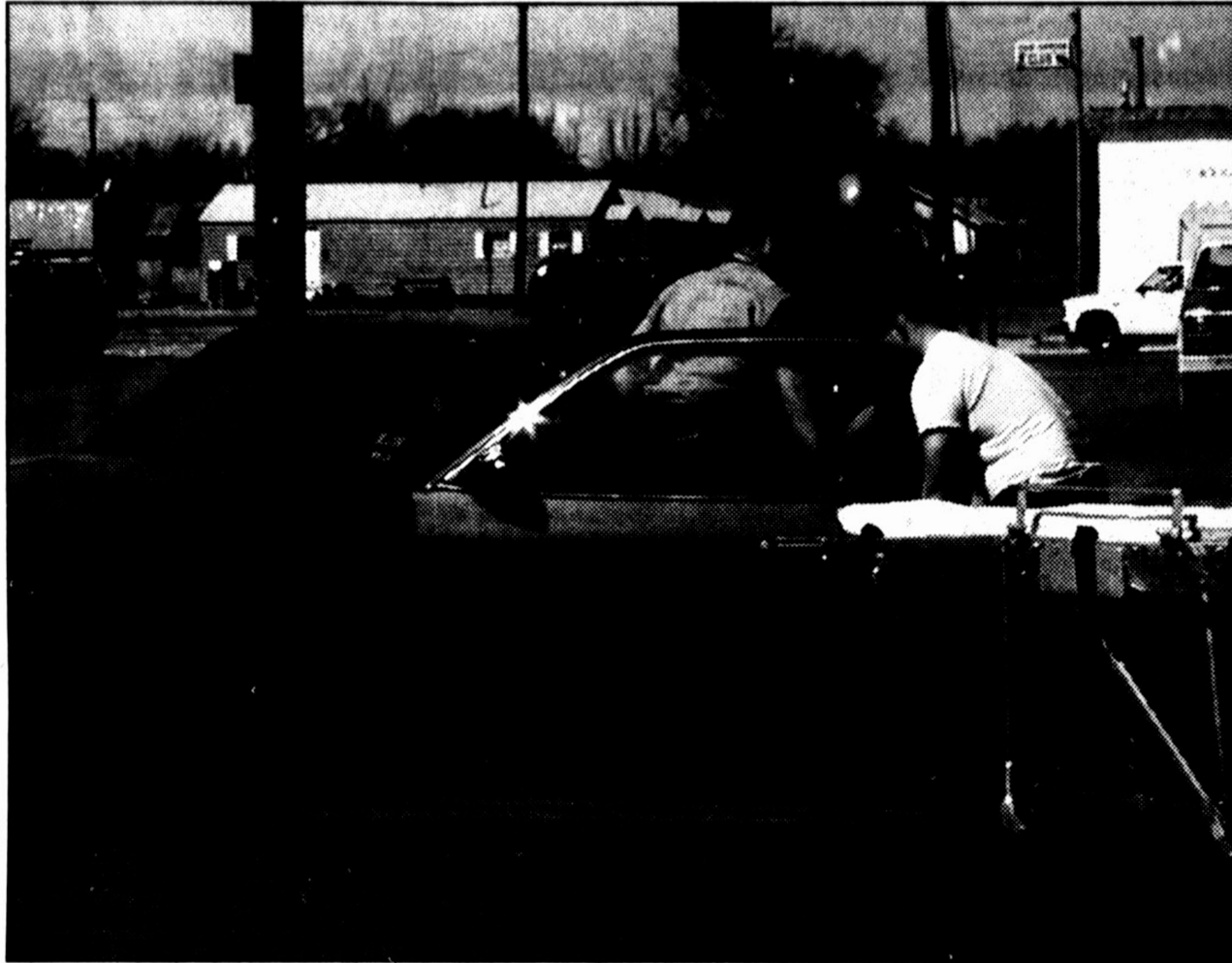
"It's very, very clear that this is the session of the child," said Rep. Garnet Coleman, D-Houston, who supports the program. "A sick child can't learn. A child that has no way to get the medicines they need ... (can't) go to school and learn to read."

The study also found:
— Only California has more uninsured children: 1.7 million.

— While nationally, 15 percent of children — 11 million — are uninsured, 24 percent of children in Texas are uninsured. Only Arizona has a higher percentage of uninsured children, at 25 percent.

— Hispanics comprise a majority — 56 percent — of the state's uninsured children. More than 28 percent are white or non-Hispanic and 13.9 percent are black, according to the study.

— The parents of most of the uninsured children work. More than 63 percent work full-time all year, 14 percent work full-time part of the year, while only 12 percent don't work at all.



Afternoon wreck — Firefighters and paramedics responded to an early afternoon accident at U.S. 60 and Lawton Monday. The driver of the car was taken to Hereford Regional Medical Center, where he was treated and released. Traffic was slowed for about a half hour while emergency crews cleared the accident site.

Pigs help in cancer research
Sinclairs beat melanoma, lesions

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — Babe's cousins might be on to something.

The innate ability of a certain breed of pigs to fight off congenital skin cancer has piqued the interest of Texas A&M University researchers, who are checking to see what it could mean for humans.

About 75 percent of the Sinclair swine variety are born with melanoma lesions as a result of inbreeding. Unlike humans, to whom melanomas are often fatal, the pigs overcome the tumors in more than 80 percent of the cases.

"These tumors are interesting because the animal rarely

dies from them," said Dr. Max Amoss, a tumor biologist at A&M's College of Veterinary Medicine. "It's quite a bit different than human medicine, in which most people would die from melanoma over time."

"I have pigs out there that were covered with melanoma that are now 10 years old. And they are healthy."

The tumors appear to grow more slowly in the pigs, then the animals' immune system seems to kick in and battle the cancer when the piglets are about a month old.

Amoss is working with the University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in

Houston, Scott and White Clinic in Temple, the University of Minnesota and the National Jewish Center for Immunology and Respiratory Medicine to unlock the pigs' secrets.

The researchers concedes scientists are years away from learning why the Sinclair swine are melanoma-resistant, but holds out hope the answer could help people.

"If I can understand what the pig does to rid itself of the tumor, then I can possibly develop a drug that will do the same thing in humans. That's the long-term goal," Amoss said.

Louisiana attracts, apprehends
underage Texas gamblers

Gamblers from Texas have been piling into casinos in western Louisiana for several years. And so have the number of underage gamblers trying to gain entrance before they are 21.

Figures assembled by Louisiana State Police from the eight riverboats in Shreveport-Bossier City and Lake Charles, along with the land casino on the Coshatta Indian reservation at Kinder, show more underage Texans have been pinched than Louisiana residents since the start of 1998.

There has been plenty of publicity in Louisiana about underage gamblers since a state police crackdown last year.

One boat in Lake Charles was closed for 12 hours last year while employees were trained in how to recognize and deal with those under 21.

"We want underage Texas persons to know that if they try to obtain entry, or actually gain entry, we view this as a serious issue," said Paul Edmonson, a state police spokesman.

The figures provided by state police included those either caught at the door or on the gambling floor.

During 1998, 454 underage people were arrested or issued summons at the four Lake Charles-area riverboats. Of those, 418 were from Texas, 17 from Louisiana and 19 from other states.

During the first month of 1999, 68 underage people were caught trying to enter the same casinos. Of those, 58 were from Texas, one from Louisiana and nine from other states.

At the Grand Casino at Kinder, a total of 34 Texas residents were arrested for underage gambling in 1998. During the same time, 14 Louisiana residents were arrested for the same offense.

Figures from the Shreveport area casinos were broken down in different fashions, Edmonson said, partially because both state police or city police issue citations or arrest underage gamblers.

In 1998, Harrah's at Shreveport turned away 45 underage patrons and arrested 97. That casino did not break down the figures by states, state police said.

At the Horseshoe in Bossier City, 180 underage people tried to board, including 108 from Texas, 40 from Louisiana and 32 from other states; 131 were arrested, including 74 from Texas and 30 from Louisiana.

At the Isle of Capri in Bossier City, which listed 79 "evictions" for the year, 52 were from Texas and nine were from Louisiana, according to state police.

At Casino Magic in Bossier City, 102 underage people were arrested in 1998, including 75 from Texas and 15 from Louisiana.

"The premise behind this is educating the Texas population that it is against the law to either attempt to gain by any means or to gain access to casinos if you're under the age of 21," Edmonson said. "You will be arrested and prosecuted."

Underage gambling is punishable by a fine of \$500 and up to six months in jail. In addition, an adult trying to aid an underage gambler in

entering a casino can face the same punishment for contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

In addition to casino gambling, the 21-year minimum age applies to video poker and the Louisiana Lottery. Race-track patrons must be at least 18 to bet.

In Texas, the minimum age for lottery players is 18, while racetrack bettors must be at least 21.

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ObituariesDOYLE L. INGRAM
Feb. 25, 1999

DENTON — Funeral services for Doyle L. Ingram, 61, of Denton, brother-in-law to Carolyn Waters, will be 3 p.m. Saturday at the Mulkey-Mason Funeral Home.

Mr. Ingram died Thursday at his residence.

He was born on Oct. 6, 1937, in Nueces County and has been a resident of Denton since 1961. He was honorably discharged from the Army in 1964 with the rank of Master Sergeant.

He attended Cooke County College and received his B.S. and M.S. from the University of North Texas. He taught school for 30 years.

Survivors include his wife, Vanna; two daughters, Lorie Ingram and Jennifer Wilcox all of Denton; mother Dorothy Graham of Sandia; brother Jimmie Ingram of Hondo; sister Sandra Goode of Burkburnett; one grandson.

The family suggests memorials be made to Ann's Haven Hospice.

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Emergency services

Activities reported by emergency services personnel for Feb. 25, 1999, include the following:

POLICE DEPARTMENT
Incidents

— A theft was reported in the 500 block of East Fourth.

— A juvenile runaway was reported in the 100 block of South Douglas.

— A loud party was reported in the 900 block of South Schley.

— Theft of gasoline was reported in the 100 block of South 25 Mile Avenue.

— An intoxicated person, causing a disturbance was reported in the 600 block of Irving.

— A criminal mischief was reported in the 500 block of East Fifth.

— A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 200 block of North Miles.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

— 1:24 p.m. Firefighters responded to a wreck rescue at U.S. 60 and Lawton.

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Texas lottery

Cash Five

The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Thursday by the Texas Lottery:
2-6-28-32-35

Pick 3

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
1-9-8

LIFESTYLES

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Ann Landers



Dear Ann Landers: I was interested in your columns about drunk animals, and I hope you will print my story.

Ann Landers

Several weeks ago, we invited my husband's boss and his wife for dinner in our home. Before the meal, we served martinis. The men were on their third round when the boss turned to his wife and snarled, "If you think I'm drinking too much, just say so, but stop sneaking sips out of my glass!" His wife denied doing any such thing, but it was obvious that his glass was emptier than hers.

A few minutes later, I caught a glimpse of our Siamese cat stretching himself up behind the sofa and lapping out of the man's glass. Nobody could believe a cat would drink gin, but soon after, the cat staggered to the middle of the room and passed out. The boss apologized to his wife for accusing her of sneaking sips out of his glass, and we all had a good laugh.

— Washington Hostess
Dear Hostess: I've received a great number of letters from readers whose cats, dogs, ferrets and canaries got tipsy from drinking out of leftover

cocktail glasses or eating fermented fruit. I would not have believed this was possible, but the readers convinced me otherwise.

Dear Ann Landers: This is another how-we-met story. I hope you will print it.

I am a French woman. On June 18, 1940, we heard the Germans would be arriving in our little town, so we loaded our car and went in search of a ship that would take us to England. After several hours, we found a captain of a Belgian coal barge who was willing to take us. We arrived in England the next morning.

After a few weeks, a friend of my father's said, "Things are going to be very unpleasant here soon. You should go to America." I had a cousin who helped us get our visas and passage to America on a Canadian ship. This wonderfully generous cousin also put us up in a lovely apartment in Manhattan and suggested that I enroll at Barnard College.

After my first month, I saw an announcement on the college bulletin board. The president of the French Club, a junior at nearby Columbia University, wanted to put on a play and donate the proceeds to the Free French Relief. He needed some French-speaking girls to audition, so I went. The president was an

attractive young man, also a refugee from France. I got the part in the play, and we became friends.

One day, it dawned on me that I was in love with him, and I decided to tell him so. I came right to the point and said, "I am in love with you, and I want to be by your side forever." He thought for a few minutes and replied, "But we are not Siamese twins." He then added, "I guess we will have to get married."

Our parents insisted on a two-year engagement because we were so young. It was a long two years for us because, in those days, there was no living or sleeping together before the wedding. We have been married 55 years and have never left one another's side. My love went to medical school and became a physician and scientist, and I worked in his laboratory. In 1980, he received the Nobel Prize in medicine. We have one daughter who is a successful physician and two lovely grandchildren. If you print my letter, please sign me — Wapin in Boston

Dear Wapin: In 1980, the three Nobel Prize winners in medicine were George Snell, Jean Dausset and Baruj Benacerraf. These three won for discoveries on the genetic regulation of the body's immune system. I'm betting your husband is Baruj. I met him at a Lasker Awards luncheon in New York several years ago, and he is totally charming.

Revival presentations at FUMC feature Biblical characterizations

Frank Roughton Harvey, an actor who portrays biblical characters, will perform a series of live dramas at First United Methodist Church Sunday through Wednesday.

Each drama will depict one of 10 different biblical characters. His portrayals of these characters are designed to make scripture come alive and add meaning and insight to some of the persons in the Bible.

Harvey's one-man dramas include Jesus preaching the Sermon on the Mount, King David, Joseph of Nazareth, Judas, Caiphas, Pontius Pilate, the apostle Paul, Matthew, Simon Peter and the Roman centurion who crucified Jesus.

An ordained United Methodist minister from Lexington, Ky., Harvey has presented his unique portrayals throughout the United States and in performance tours in Europe and Asia. He spent more than three years researching and writing the dramas based on each of the biblical characters he portrays.

Dramas will be presented at 8:30 a.m., 10:45 a.m., and 7 p.m. on Sunday. On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday presentations will be at 6:30 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Everyone is welcome to attend any of the performances. There will be no admission charge.



Portrayal—One of the Biblical characters portrayed by Frank Roughton Harvey will be Joseph of Nazareth.

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What's for Lunch

School Menus

HEREFORD I.S.D. Breakfast

Texas School Lunch Week
MONDAY-French toast stix with syrup; or cereal, buttered toast, fruit cocktail, milk choice.

TUESDAY-Breakfast pizza; or cereal, buttered toast, orange juice, milk choice.

WEDNESDAY-Scrambled eggs, 1/2 cinnamon raisin bagel; or cereal, buttered toast, rosemary applesauce, milk choice.

THURSDAY-Little smokies, biscuit and jelly; or cereal, buttered toast, orange wedges, milk choice.

FRIDAY-Strawberry banana yogurt, football donuts; or cereal, buttered toast, apple juice, milk choice.

Lunch

MONDAY-"Treasure Chest"-Chicken nuggets with gravy, fluffy potatoes, black-eyed peas, whole wheat roll, apple crisp, milk choice.

TUESDAY-"Captain Hook"-Steak fingers with gravy, quick baked potato, seasoned corn, cornbread, "candied" apple half, milk choice.

WEDNESDAY-"Walk the Plank"-Pepperoni pizza, potato wedges with catsup, mini corn on cob, cherry apple parfait, milk choice. (Grandparents' Day)

THURSDAY-"Pirates Gold"-Nacho grande with picante sauce, lettuce with tomatoes,

Spanish rice, seasoned pinto beans, mixed fruit, cinnamon roll, milk choice.

FRIDAY-"Blackbeards Castle"-Cheese burger of fish burger, burger salad, steak fries with catsup, fruit cup, no bake cookies, milk choice.

ST. ANTHONY'S SCHOOL
MONDAY-Chili beans, tater tots, rice salad, cornbread, apple cobbler, milk.

TUESDAY-Ham and cheese melts, French fries, vegetarian beans, peach cobbler, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Baked chicken, corn, sweet peas, homemade bread, apricot cobbler, milk.

THURSDAY-Frito pie, pinto beans, tossed salad, chocolate cake, milk.

FRIDAY-Salmon patties, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, pears, milk.

Hospital Notes

Patients in Hereford Regional Medical Center on Feb. 26:

Frank Burns, Nancy Burns, Ruby J. Riddle, Barbara Sterne.

Early Childhood Education Clinic

March 5, 1999

HISD Administration Building
601 N. 25 Mile Avenue

Hereford Independent School District's Special Education Department and Region XVI Service Center are offering a FREE clinic for children 0-5 years of age. This clinic is to identify children who may need early classroom experiences or home intervention in:

- Hearing
- Talking
- Seeing
- Learning about their world
- Using their hands
- Playing like other children

...or may have a PHYSICAL HANDICAP.

Certified specialists will be working with children at the administration building on March 5th from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm. APPOINTMENTS ARE REQUIRED and can be made by calling 363-7600.

A Parent or Legal Guardian will need to accompany the child to the screening to provide permission and needed developmental information.

If you need additional information call Annie Mercer at 363-7600.

Clínica Interventiva Para Niños

5 de Marzo 1999
Edificio de Administración
601 N. 25 Mile Avenue

El Departamento de Educación Especial del Distrito Escolar de Hereford (HISD) y Region XVI Centro de Servicio ofrecerá una clínica GRATIS para niños entre 0-5 años de edad. La clínica es para identificar aquellos niños que pueden necesitar educación o intervención en casa con:

- Oíendo
- Hablando
- Mirando
- Jugando como otros niños
- Adaptarse a sus alrededores
- Uso de las manos

...o quizás tengan un IMPEDIMENTO FISICO.

Especialistas certificados examinarán a los niños el 5 de Marzo desde las 8:30 am hasta las 5:00 pm. SE REQUIEREN CITAS! Haga su cita llamando al 363-7600.

El padre/madre o guardian deberá acompañar al niño para que de permiso y información tocante el desarrollo del niño.

Para más información, llame al 363-7600 y pida hablar con Annie Mercer.

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PAY BACK	PREMIER/THURSDAY EVENING
7:30 & 4:45	7:15 & 9:30
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1:10 4:10 & 4:15	7:20 & 9:25
BLAST FROM THE PAST	PREMIER/THURSDAY EVENING
3:15 & 4:40	7:10 & 9:30

CHURCH NEWS

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HEREFORD CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

The Nazarene congregation cordially invites you to our Sunday morning worship service at 10:30. Pastor Ted Taylor's sermon is titled "Impacting the 21st Century as We Impacted the 1st Century."

Sunday school for all ages begins at 9:30 a.m. Sunday evening service is at 6 for the "Going Deeper" series.

All Wednesday evening classes meet this week. Susie's Bible study will meet March 2 and 9 at 10 a.m. in the sanctuary.

Area Nazarene churches will sponsor a "Hope for Families Conference" March 10-14 at Tascosa High School in Amarillo.

Pastor Carol invites all the kids to Children's Church at 10:30 a.m. Her "power point" this week is "We will lose some battles, but we will win the war." If you need a ride, call 364-8303. We have a van or a bus.

Youth care groups meet this Sunday evening followed by Sunday Night Live. Join us at Nazarene Kid's Korner Day Care on Wednesdays and Fridays. All children are welcome to come and join the fun, games and outings we enjoy. For more information, call Brandi Martinez at 364-8161.

SAN JOSE CATHOLIC CHURCH

The faith community of San Jose will celebrate the Liturgy for the Second Sunday of Lent. All are welcome to worship and pray with us Saturday at 7 p.m. (Spanish), Sunday 9 a.m. (Spanish) and 11:30 a.m. (English).

San Jose Church will sponsor a Healing Conference on March 6-7 beginning with the 7 p.m. Mass Saturday and continuing Sunday at 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Speakers will be Horacio Trujillo, Elena Seiditz and Deacona Benny Brito, Jonny Cloud and Mark Seiditz. For more information, call Jimmy and Ester Moreno at 364-1837.

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Immanuel invites you to come worship with us Sunday at 10:30 a.m. corner of Ave. B and Park. Pastor Stadler's sermon theme is "Would you invite that woman to church? Jesus did," focusing on John 4:5-42.

Sunday School for the children is from 9:15-10:15 a.m. Immanuel also offers a Bible study at 9:15 a.m. Sunday and the topic is different religions.

The last part of February and the whole month of March is the church season of Lent, a time for reflection and meditation on Christ's great sacrifice on the cross for all of us. Immanuel will have Wednesday night Lenten services at 7:30 as part of the season. The theme for Lent this year is "Moses and the Exodus, a preview of Jesus' rescue for the whole world."

Pastor Stadler begins the day Tuesday through Friday with a short (15-minute) morning prayer service at 8 and invites others to join him. We hope to have you join us at any one of our services or activities. If you have questions, contact the church at 364-1668.

ST. ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

All God's creations (excepting probably pets) are welcome to come worship with us at St. Anthony's at 6 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday. This is the Second Sunday of Lent. Next Sunday is the First Scrutiny for RCIA at the 11 a.m. liturgy.

A second registration for the church-marriage program will be on at 7:30 p.m. on March 4.

St. Anthony's PTO is sponsoring its annual auction on March 7. Donations are being accepted at Scott Seed Company or contact Mike or Kim Meiwes at 364-7679.

Lenten wheat baskets are again here for us. Each family is asked to pick up a basket in the church entrances for use at home with each meal.

Open nominations for St. Anthony's School Board are being taken by Laurie Paetzold (364-1961) or Linda Briones (364-0419) or call the school office (364-1952).

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The characters of the Bible will be brought to life this week by actor and ordained minister Frank R. Harvey during a Revival series of 11 performances which begin Sunday, Dr. Tom Fuller extends a warm invitation to attend worship services at 8:30 and 10:45 a.m. and special services through Wednesday.

A covered dish supper begins Sunday at 6 p.m. During the Revival, a breakfast meeting is planned at 9:30 each morning in the Fellowship Hall and a reception in the Welcome Center will follow each evening's revival service.

Confirmation class will start at 9 a.m. Sunday. Youth Sunday School classes are at 9:30 a.m. and adults will meet at 9:30 to attend Hazel Harvey's characterization of Suzannah Wesley. The Weigh Down workshop will meet at 4 p.m.

The UMW Mission Team will meet at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday in the church library. The Caring Committee will meet at 9:30 a.m. Thursday.

Many people are familiar with the idea of "giving up" something in observance of Lent. First Church suggests the gesture of "giving something" by remembering others during this Christian season.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The friendly folks and Jeremy Grant, pastor, of First Presbyterian Church welcome you to join us in service and worship. This Sunday's service of worship, at 10:30 a.m. will include a message by the Rev. Grant titled, "Great Gain." The Bible lesson is I Timothy 6:6-10. Invite a friend to worship with us.

Our Sunday school classes meet at 9:15 a.m. There are classes for each age group. We also offer The Joy Class for adults with mental challenges - the only church class of its kind in

Hereford.

Enjoy a cup of coffee and conversation with friends during our fellowship time at 10:10 each Sunday morning.

The youth group meets Sunday from 5-6:30 p.m. at the church with youth director Mallory Spencer, for fun, worship and study for junior and senior highs.

The female youth meet Monday for Bible study on facing the pressures against being pure. Call Mallory at 364-2471 to learn more.

Prayer Group gathers at 6 p.m. Monday. Christian Growth and Nurture will meet Monday at 8 p.m.

Little Blessings Day Care is open Mondays and Tuesdays from 7:45 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Please call ahead to see if there is room for your children.

Session will meet on 7 p.m. Tuesday. Stay-at-home moms and their children are welcome to come to the Playgroup at the church Wednesday from 9:30 a.m.-11 a.m.

LOGOS, our weekly children's and youth ministry program for ages 4 through 12th grade, meets from 5:15 to 7:15 p.m. Wednesday.

The Sanctuary Choir meets at 7 p.m. Wednesday. Sunday, March 7 at 6 p.m. there will be a benefit Chili Dinner with special entertainment "Almost Acceptable," humor in song. The proceeds apply to the purchase of new playground equipment.

Come see what's happening at First Presbyterian Church. Contact us at frstpres@wrtr.net or 364-2471.

TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH
The pastor, H. Wyatt Bartlett, and the congregation of the Temple Baptist Church, 700 Avenue K, invite everyone to come worship with them Sunday and the coming week.

Sunday school and Bible study begin at 9:45 a.m. Morning worship is at 11. This Sunday we are to have Miss Jeni Hester, a missionary to Columbia, in our morning service briefly. The pastor will bring the main message.

Evening activities begin with Discipleship Training at 5:45. We are studying the book of Joshua with John Curtis leading the study. Team KIDS is also at 5:45 with Beverly Curtis and Paula Eubanks. Our evening worship is at 7 and at that time Miss Hester will show slides and tell of her work as a missionary.

Wednesday at 7 p.m. is our prayer meeting. We are also studying books of the Bible. Choir meets at 7:45 p.m. Wednesday. They are working on their Easter music.

FELLOWSHIP OF BELIEVERS
"That Amorphous, Ambiguous Person of the Wind." Pastor Nathan L. Stone, Ph.D., will reflect out loud on the meaning of that sermon title. The suggested lectionary text for this Second Sunday in Lent is John 3:1-17.

In "Forum" (9:30-10:15) the discussion/dialogue will conclude the subject of world religions and prayer. The group will also move into a discussion of world religions and the questions, "Why Does Bad Stuff Happen to Good Folks?"

A unique and kid-friendly Sunday school for children also meets at 9:30. A supervised nursery is available at all services.

There is a cartoon on the circuit that seems to describe FOB. The sign in front of this church reads: "Welcome to Melrose Lite Church. Less demanding... more pleasurable; all of the rewards... none of the guilt; 1/3 fewer requirements; home of the 5 minute sermon and the 2% tithe."

FOB does hold to the life philosophy: remove all the bad stuff and leave only what is vital, necessary and essential for good nutrition.

Actually, the sermon is a tad longer than 5 minutes. And tithing has no percentage place on it. At FOB, the belief is that each person has his or her own way to "tithe." How much is given and to whom it is given is a personal matter. Period.

Sunday morning goodies (usually homemade) are served with coffee and cold drinks at 9:15.

FOB is an interdenominational church that encourages a thinking, feeling, nurturing, and non-exclusive faith. The church building is located at 245 N. Kingwood. The church itself is wherever her people live, love, work and play.

TRINITY FELLOWSHIP CHURCH
Prayer is one of the most vital daily responsibilities of Christians. At Trinity Fellowship Church, we have renewed our commitment to prayer and invite you to join Pastor Brady Boyd this Sunday as he continues his series on "The Principles of Effective Prayer."

Tom Norman and his worship team from Trinity Fellowship Church in Amarillo will lead worship starting at 10:45 a.m. and Sunday school for all ages starts at 9:30 a.m.

Trinity Fellowship Church will have a full day of prayer in our sanctuary each Wednesday in March and invite all believers to join us in praying for our city, our families and each other. The sanctuary will be open from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. each Wednesday.

A Men's Prayer Breakfast is scheduled for Wednesday, March 3 at 6:30 a.m. in the church fellowship hall and all men in the community are invited to attend. The meal is free and will be a great opportunity to invite your friends and co-workers.

Join our church as we celebrate our 100-year anniversary and welcome all new members on Sunday, March 14. We will eat lunch together following the morning services and open the time capsule in the foyer following the meal.

Make plans to attend the Saturday Night Life youth meeting on Saturday, March 13 at 7 p.m. Chris Valdez will challenge your teen to follow Christ with a renewed passion and Marcus Meier, from the Cutting Edge band in Amarillo, will lead worship.

COMMUNITY CHURCH
Pastor Dorman Duggan and the

congregation of Community Church invite you to come and worship and praise with them Sunday morning.

Sunday school for all ages begins at 9 a.m. and the morning worship service starts at 10. A nursery is provided.

The Sunday evening service is at 6 and a nursery is provided. The Intercessory Prayer Group meets Monday night at 7 p.m.

Tuesday morning at 9:30 the Ladies Prayer Group meets. On Wednesday we have our Children's Church and Youth Group meet at 7 p.m. Also, we have our Home Groups for anyone over 18-years-of-age. Call 364-8866 for information on places and times for Home Groups.

For more information or if you need prayer, call 364-8866 or 364-2423.

TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday school begins at 10 a.m. and the Sunday worship services are held at 11 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Pastor Ed Warren and the church congregation invite the public to all services at the church located on S. Hwy. 385 and Columbia St.

For additional information, call 364-3487.

COUNTRY ROAD CHURCH OF GOD
401 Country Club Drive
Pastor Woody Wiggins and the church congregation invite the public to attend all services and activities at the church.

The following is the regular schedule of services. Sunday school begins at 10 a.m. and the Sunday worship services are held at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Services are conducted at 6 p.m. each Wednesday.

Thursday evening prayer service is at 6 p.m. Gospel singing will be held the last Sunday of each month starting at 5 p.m.

A nursery is provided during all services. Pastor Wiggins says, "Come and experience what God is doing here - a church where the Spirit is alive and God is moving by His power, a church full of love where you are somebody and Jesus is Lord."

Our 24 hour prayer line is 364-5390.

GOOD NEWS CHURCH
Sugarland Mall
Pastor David Alvarado and the Good News congregation invite you to come and worship the Lord Jesus Christ with us in the spirit of love.

Come and experience the goodness of God and His power. Sunday services are at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday services are at 7 p.m. There is also a Tuesday worship service at 10 a.m.

If you have any questions or you need prayer, please call Pastor David Alvarado at 364-5239. God bless you.

NEW HOPE CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
13th and Avenue H
The members of New Hope Church of the Nazarene and their pastor Tony de Aquino invite you to worship with them.

Sunday School is at 9:30 a.m. and morning worship is at 10:30. Evening worship is at 6 on Sunday and 7 on Wednesday.

The youth meet Friday at 7 p.m. There are monthly meetings for men and women.

FRIO BAPTIST CHURCH
Pastor Larry Perkins welcomes all who are interested in prophecy to attend services this Sunday evening as Frio Baptist Church holds a study on prophecy. The service starts at 7 p.m. at the church which is located 5 miles south of Hereford on Hwy. 1055.

Topics include: Are we living in the last days? Is the United States mentioned in prophecy? Why is the Middle East peace process such a big deal? A simple approach to understanding the book of Revelation; and much more.

For more information call 276-5380 or 276-5616.

CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY
There is a county in Florida that has billboards with various messages signed "God." We shared one with you before, so here's another: "We need to talk...God."

Christian Assembly is a non-denominational church. We have Sunday services at 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday nights at 7 there is prayer meeting at the church, and the "in home" youth group, RU4 HIM. There is also a women's prayer group that meets Thursday afternoons at 2.

We don't look alike. We don't act alike. We don't dress alike. We aren't all the same color. We are all alike in wanting to welcome new people and love them, so please feel free to join us in worshipping and seeking the Lord. You can also call 364-0974, 364-2284 or 364-7342 for more information.

CENTRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST
Come worship with us each and every Sunday at 10:25 a.m. and 6 p.m. Bible Classes are held Sunday at 9:30 a.m. and Wednesday at 7 p.m. for all ages.

We are located at the corner of Sunset and Plains. We would like to invite everyone to hear, "In Search of the Lord's Way," by Mack Lyon each Sunday at 8:30 a.m. on Channel 4, Amarillo.

We would love to have you come and study God's word with us. Our minister is Tom Bailey.

NEW BEGINNINGS ASSEMBLY OF GOD BILINGUAL CHURCH
The congregation of New Beginnings along with Pastor Armando Pinales and his wife, Nilda, would cordially like to invite you to join us this Sunday morning at 9:45 for an incredible study. There are classes for all ages, so bring your kids.

Sunday evening praise and worship is at 6. Wednesday night Bible study is at 7. Youth night service is at 7 p.m. Friday.

The ladies meet for prayer and Bible study on Thursdays at 7 p.m. If you need prayer call 363-6687.

God bless you. See you in church. We are located at the corner of Bradley and Ironwood, across from West Park Cemetery.

FIRST UNITED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH
Pastor Warren McKibben is pleased to announce the opening of an Acts 2:38 Bible believing church. We welcome all for a truly down to earth praise and worship experience with our Lord.

If you are seeking answers, come and let's worship together in the name of Jesus. If you are looking for a blessing and still believe in miracles, then this is the place to come. We are one big happy family of God.

We invite all to attend our services at 2 p.m. Sunday. For further information, call 1-800-454-6051.

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH
We at Calvary Baptist Church extend a hearty welcome for you to attend our Sunday school and church services.

When you come, we believe you will especially enjoy the wholesome Christian fellowship and spiritual service. There will be a Sunday school class for every member of your family.

Sunday school is at 9:45 a.m. and worship is at 11 a.m. Ray Sanders is the pastor.

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH
Pastor Travis Curry and the members of Bible Baptist Church, 1204 Moreman, would like to invite you to worship with us each Sunday at 10 a.m. for Sunday School and 11 a.m. for the preaching of God's Word.

We invite you to our Sunday night service at 6 and our Wednesday prayer service at 7 p.m.

A warm and friendly welcome awaits you. Call 364-3102 or 364-5157 for more information or transportation.

DAWN BAPTIST CHURCH
Pastor Charles Ellingburg encourages you to come and join us for Sunday School at 10 a.m. and service at 11 a.m. each Sunday. Every third Sunday evening come and sing your praise to the Lord when we dedicate our evening service to praise and worship.

May God bless and keep you.

FAITH MISSION CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST
Come and worship with us at Faith Mission Church of God in Christ, 307-309 Brevard.

Sunday School is at 10 a.m. We teach it like it is. Morning worship is at 11 a.m. We preach it like it is.

Richard Collins, pastor, said, "We neither take from, nor add to, what's written in The Book."

WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Pastor Tammy Passmore and the members of Wesley invite you to visit our services each Sunday.

Sunday school is at 10 a.m. and the worship service is at 11 a.m. Sunday evening worship service begins at 6.

The first Sunday of each month is Communion Sunday.

TEMPLO EL CALVARIO ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Rev. Josue D. Garza, pastor, and Ben Gonzales, minister of youth, invite you to the bilingual services at Templo El Calvario.

Sunday school is at 9:45 a.m. with worship at 11 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Monday youth services are at 7 p.m. Wednesday evening service is at 7.

There is a children's service during the Sunday and Wednesday evening services.

A nursery is provided for all

services. For more information, call 364-5686.

FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH
606 E. 15th
Pastor Mike Sullivan and the congregation of First Assembly would like to extend a warm welcome to worship and experience the Lord with them.

Sunday School begins at 9:45 a.m. and Sunday morning worship is at 10:45. The evening service begins at 6.

On Tuesdays, at 7 p.m. we have Royal Rangers and Missionettes for the boys and girls. Our Youth Service, as well as the Mid-Week Adult Bible Study, is on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. A nursery is provided for all services.

Men's Fellowship meets on the first Monday of the month at 7 p.m. For the ladies, Joy Fellowship is on the third Thursday at 7 p.m.

If you are looking for a place to help in God's work, or just want to enjoy the presence of the Holy Spirit, come by and see us.

For more information about the church or if you need prayer, please call Pastor Sullivan at 364-0305 or 364-4848.

SUMMERFIELD BAPTIST CHURCH
Brother Ellis Parson and the congregation of Summerfield Baptist Church extend a warm welcome to come and worship with us. We are located 8 miles west of Hereford on Hwy. 60.

Sunday school is at 9:45 a.m. and Sunday worship service is at 10:45 a.m. We will have a Gideon speaker for the morning service this Sunday.

The Sunday evening service begins at 6 and the Wednesday service begins at 7 p.m. The study is on Proverbs.

Wednesday at 6 p.m. are the R.A. and boys meeting and the G.A. and Acteens meeting.

We have a nursery, and transportation is only a phone call away.

For more information, call 357-2535 or 364-5657.

BARN CHURCH
Pastor Randy Bird invites everyone to attend the Barn Church services each month. The second Thursday service is at 7:30 p.m. and is preceded by a chuck wagon meal at 6:30. The fourth Thursday service begins at 7:30 p.m. Come for fellowship and a wonderful time of celebrating the abundant blessings God has given us.

The Barn Church Arena is located 6 miles west on Harrison Hwy. and then 2-1/2 miles north.

Guy Walker wants to remind all the senior ropers (45 and older) of the Seniors Team Roping Saddle Series which continues March 6, April 3, May 22 and June 12. You must rope in three of the five ropings to qualify for a saddle.

The schedule of coming events also includes the Cowgirl Rodeo Association's Barrel Race March 7 at 1 p.m. and Hereford High School Rodeo, March 13-14.

We also encourage you to come to our Bible study at 7:30 p.m. on the first and third Thursdays at the Ranch House Restaurant on Hwy. 60 West.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Pastor Terry Cosby and the congregation of First Baptist Church invite you to come worship with them each Sunday. Sunday school is at 9:45 a.m., morning worship is at 10:50 and evening worship is at 6:30.

Wednesday activities include fellowship meal at 5:30 p.m., children's choir at 6 p.m., prayer meeting at 6:15 p.m., Awanas at 6:30 p.m., Hang Time for youth at 7 p.m., and adult choir practice at 7:10 p.m.

Discipleship classes are organizing for the spring semester. If you have a particular interest or a suggestion for a study, call the church office and register your preference.

TeamKid ministry is held at Buena Vista Church from 5:30-6:15 p.m. on Thursdays. If you would like to help a kid get a better start or be the one who introduces him to Christ, come volunteer for this important ministry.

If you don't have a regular place of

worship, please come and visit us. You will receive a warm welcome. We would like for you to be a part of our excellent Christian education program and worship in our Christ-centered worship services.

AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Jim Bulin and the congregation of Avenue Baptist Church, 130 North 25 Mile Avenue, invite you to worship with them.

Sunday School begins at 9:45 a.m. and morning worship follows at 11. Rev. Bulin's sermon title will be "Dwelling in the Peace of God," taken from Joshua 23.

The Sunday evening worship service begins at 6.

The Brotherhood sponsored Prayer Breakfast is Sunday morning at 8:45 in Fellowship Hall.

This Sunday will be the concluding sermons in the Winter Bible Study of the book, "Joshua: Courage for the Future."

Ladies Prayer Group meets on Monday at 6 p.m. Choir practice is at 7:30 p.m. Monday. The choir has started practice on the Easter Cantata. If you would like to have a part, contact Thad Keyes or Kim Bulin.

Wednesday night prayer service is at 6:30. If you have a prayer request call the church office at 364-1664.

Remember March 7. On this Sunday we will have our Fifth Sunday Sing and Fellowship. The youth will furnish dinner - Mexican stack by donation. Those attending are asked to bring a dessert.

Avenue Baptist Church has Bible teaching and Bible preaching. If you are looking for a church and a place to serve God, we invite you to join us.

ST. THOMAS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH
On the Second Sunday of Lent, Rev. Harry E. Allen of Lubbock will officiate at St. Thomas'. The Holy Eucharist, Rite II will be celebrated at 11 a.m. If you have been baptized, St. Thomas' offers open Eucharist. There will be a coffee hour after the service. Supervised nursery care is provided during the worship hour.

Morning prayer will be offered at 7:30 a.m. Monday through Friday during the period of Lent.

The regular Wednesday Public Service of Healing is at 7 p.m. and includes the Litany of Healing with the Laying-on-of-Hands, along with the Service of Evening Prayer.

Intercessory prayer requests from the community are most welcome. To have them included in the prayers of the people at all services, please call 364-0146 and leave a message.

Heavenly Treasures Day Care meets at St. Thomas' on Thursdays and Fridays. For information on enrollment, please call Sylvia Martinez at 363-6468.

In case of emergency call Amy Gilliland at 364-2211.

If you want more information about the Episcopal Church, call Earl Brookhart at 364-0249.

WESTWAY BAPTIST CHURCH
The congregation of believers at Westway Baptist Church cordially invites you to come and worship with us this week.

God has again blessed this congregation as he is sending a young man to minister to us this Sunday. Mark Purifoy of Portales, N.M., will share the message he has been given. Mark is a second-generation preacher in his family. His parents pastored small churches all over the southwest for many years. He will be right at home in our small rural community. Come and encourage him as he ministers to us.

Sunday school is at 9:45 a.m. and the worship hour is at 11 a.m.

Come and worship with us. We look forward to greeting you.

PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA
The young people of Primera will serve Taco Dinners from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at Hereford Community Center. The cost is \$3.50 per person. This includes the dinner and drink. All proceeds will help young people go to Youth Camp this summer. Everyone is invited to join us. We hope to see you there.

LIFESTYLES

Couple shares faith with prayer candles

SAN ANTONIO — Despite her first name, Sister Reed doesn't wear a nun's habit. Nonetheless, she feels she plays a key part in God's plan. Sister and her husband, Peter N. Reed, own Reed Candle Co., a San Antonio-based company that makes about 36 million candles a year, most of them Catholic-oriented prayer candles, and ships them worldwide.

"People always ask me if I'm a nun and which religious order I belong to. It happens constantly," says Mrs. Reed, president and CEO of the West Side company. "The prayer candles we produce are important to the Reed family because it mirrors our belief in the power of prayer. We feel that we are making a major contribution to the Christian community by helping to spread the word of God and his saints."

While the Reed company makes candles year-round, the biggest-selling time of the year is the Lenten season, which this year continues through April 3.

"It's a tremendous season for us," Mrs. Reed says. Consumers are probably fa-

miliar with Reed wax candles. They're the ones lining supermarket shelves at H-E-B, Handy Andy and Albertson's. Reed Candle Co. also supplies many local Catholic churches, such as St. Jude's Catholic Church and Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, with small votive and clear glass candles for church services.

The business began 62 years ago when Peter's father, Peter D. Reed, bought two votive candle-making machines and began producing candles in the back of his neighborhood grocery store on Camaron Street at Euclid Avenue with the help of his family and one employee.

"He had to buy candles from St. Louis because he couldn't find a supplier here," Mrs. Reed says. "So, he started making his own."

In 1962, Peter Reed and his brother, Henry, purchased the company from their father and expanded to new markets. Twenty years later, Peter purchased Henry's interest in the company.

Reed Candle now employs 175 people who work around the clock, making more than 150 types of candles.

It is one of the few companies in the country that specializes in prayer candles, Sister Reed says. Last year, it was ranked the 227th largest Hispanic-owned business in the country by Hispanic Business magazine, with sales between \$10 million-\$20 million. (Despite the name Reed, there is Mexican heritage on the matriarchal side of the family.)

The family has a long history of business and civic activities in San Antonio. Peter, for example, was one of two Reyes Feos in 1993 when there were dueling League of United Latin American Citizens factions. Before that, Peter's father was Rey Feo in 1960.

The company's prayer candles, which can burn five to six days, are about 9 inches tall, come in a variety of colors and scents and are adorned with a large, silk-screen sticker of the particular saint, the Virgin Mary or Jesus Christ. On the back of the candle are printed prayers in both English and Spanish.

Most of the candles celebrate Catholic saints such as the Virgen de Guadalupe, the

Virgen de San Juan, St. Jude Tadeo and San Martin Caballero.

But the company also caters to Polish Catholics, giving them a candle called Divine Mercy for the message of mercy that Sister Maria Faustina Kowalska, a Polish nun, received from the Lord.

There also is the Queen of Peace candle, which recognizes the Virgin Mary's appearance and message of peace to six children in the former Yugoslavia.

Father Robert Alvarado with Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, which dates back to 1912, says the candle company changed the way the church handled its business.

"About 25 years ago, we used to make candles at the church," he says. "Then, we started buying them from Reed (Candle Co.) We just call them and they ship us the amount we need. They're just a few blocks away. I can see the factory from here."

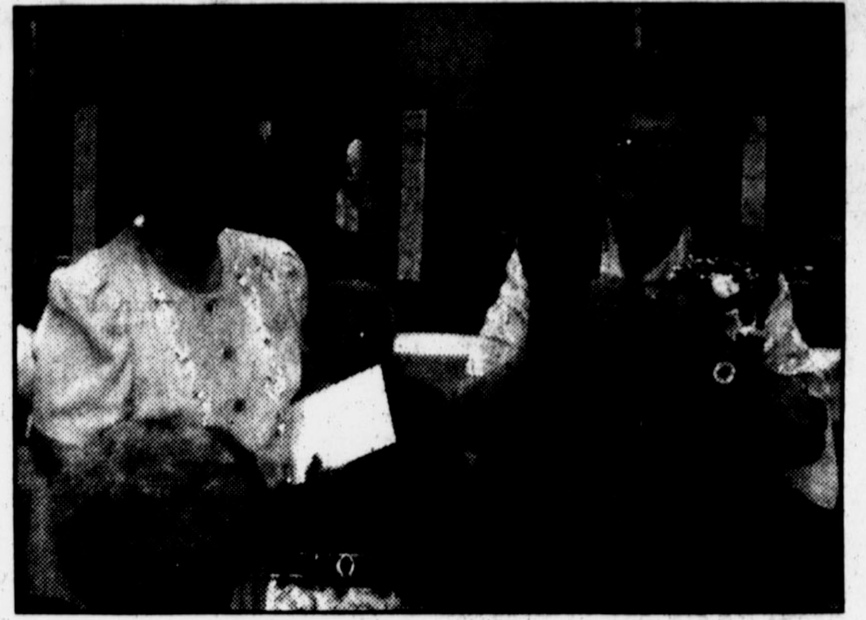
In Catholicism, candles are required at Mass and other church ceremonies. Catholics also use them to show honor and devotion to God, the Virgin Mary or saints.

The act of prayer is the centerpiece of any faith, but candle-lighting allows the prayer to resonate.

"It's a continuation after the actual words of prayer," Mrs. Reed says. "The lighted candle silently speaks for us when words fail to express the full reality of our intention. It makes visible our petitions and thanksgiving for favors received or sought."

She says people burn the candles when praying for divine intervention in health, money, job and protection matters.

"People pray for all sorts of reasons," Mrs. Reed says. "Many people have statues of saints or the Blessed Mother. Everyone has a particular saint they pray to, like St. Jude. They pray to him when they are really desperate and have a need for something. The candle is a symbol of hope."



Retiree—Bea Noland, right, was honored with a surprise reception Thursday on her retirement as activities director at King's Manor Methodist Home. Pictured making a gift presentation to Noland is Kee Ruland, member of the King's Manor board.

Wyche FCE has meeting

Carol Worthan presided at the February meeting of Wyche Family Community Education Club in Hereford Community Center.

Sally Walker gave the program. She discussed the operations of the Hereford Food Pantry and told how food is distributed to those in need.


Opening exercise was a reading by Argen Draper titled "It's a Fact." Coreen Odom led pledges to the flags and the FCE prayer.

Roll call was answered with "The latest gift I've made."

Members discussed the annual "Tasting Bee" which will be April 15 in the community

center. They also voted to bring nonperishable food items to the next meeting to be donated to Hereford Food Pantry.

Refreshments were served by hostess Draper to the guest Walker and members Thelma Auten, Shirley Brown, Roxie Cosper, Camelia Jones, Dorma Kirby, Jo Lee, Marie Maxwell, Audrey Rusher, Carol Sartain, Draper, Odom and Worthan.

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Golden Spread Aggie Moms elect officers to be installed in April

The Golden Spread Aggie Moms held elections for the 1999/00 year, Monday evening, at K-Bob's Steakhouse in Hereford. President Rita McDaniel presided over the meeting.

New officers elected and to be installed at the April meeting are Ginger Olson, president; Mariellen Homfeld, first vice president for membership; and Carla Scott, secretary.

A scholarship committee was formed for interviewing

area high school seniors planning to attend Texas A&M University in the fall. Two \$500 scholarships will be awarded. Applications are available at the high schools.

The annual ice cream social honoring scholarship recipients and university seniors will be held at the home of Terri Johnson.

Also attending Monday's meeting and sharing "Aggie Brags" were Eileen Alley, Virginia Artho, Evelyn Lyles, Jody

Skiles, and Denise Teel, all of Hereford.

The Golden Spread Aggie Moms provide other areas of support for Texas A&M students, including special needs networking and care packages.

Any Texas A&M mother interested in joining the Golden Spread Aggie Moms may contact Rita McDaniel of Dimmitt, 647-5522, or Evelyn Lyles, 364-8245, and Virginia Artho, 364-5429, of Hereford.

Harder gives program for Xi Epsilon Alpha on 'A Woman's Responsibility'

Beverly Harder, Deaf Smith County Extension Agent for Family Consumer Sciences, was speaker at the recent meeting of Xi Epsilon Alpha chapter of Beta Sigma Phi in the home of Peggy Hyer.

Harder's topic was "A Woman's Responsibility," which is breast cancer awareness. Harder stated there are three things a woman should do to detect early signs of breast

cancer. These are monthly self-exam, yearly check-up with a physician and an annual mammogram.

Connie Matthews led the business meeting and announced that Spring Rituals are to be April 15 at Hereford Community Center with Xi Epsilon Alpha as hostess for the event.

Members of XEA will bowl in the fund-raising tournament

for Big Brothers Big Sisters, Bowl for Kids Sake on March 27.

Hostess Hyer and co-hostess Sharon Bodner served vegetables, dip, coffee and tea to members Linda Arellano, Holly Bixler, Deann Harris, Melinda Henson, Kim Hollingsworth, Diane Kreig, Shelley Lewis, Gaye Reily, Susan Shaw, Kay Williams, Kami Eades, Lisa McGaw and Matthews.

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SHOWTIME: "The Worm" makes his debut with Lakers against Clippers

By The Associated Press

Dennis Rodman's ready, and the so are the Los Angeles Lakers — no matter who ends up coaching the team.

The Lakers, with Bill Bertka filling in as coach-for-a-night, warmed up for Rodman's arrival by beating the Los Angeles Clippers 115-100 Thursday night.

It'll be showtime at the Forum tonight, when Rodman suits up in Lakers purple and gold for the first time in a rematch against the winless Clippers.

"He looks as fit as anybody," Bertka said after watching Rodman go through his first full workout before the game. "Obviously, the guy's a remarkable athlete."

Rodman, the NBA's leading rebounder each of the last seven seasons, did not attend Thursday night's game in Anaheim because "it would be a distraction if he was here," spokesman John Black said.

Before the game, the Lakers also are expected to appoint either Larry Drew or Kurt Rambis as coach for the rest of the season. Del Harris was fired on Wednesday after the Lakers' third straight loss.

Against the Clippers (0-10), Shaquille O'Neal had 19 points and 11 rebounds, and five teammates also scored in double figures.

Eddie Jones had 17 points, eight rebounds and six assists; Rick Fox scored 16 points, and Eiden Campbell added 14 points for the Lakers, who made 53.8 percent of their field-goal attempts, including 9-of-18 from 3-point range.

"We moved the ball," O'Neal said. "It was fun. Even though I'd like to score 30 every night, I don't have to score 30 for us to win."

In other NBA games, it was Sacramento 115, Washington 105; Indiana 81, Cleveland 74; New York 115, Minnesota 113 in overtime; Dallas 90, Denver 81; Philadelphia 98, Chicago 80; Atlanta 93, Houston 87; and Phoenix 94, Vancouver 86.

At the pregame workout, the Lakers (7-6) talked about what they needed to do to improve.

"We were in each other's face today," O'Neal said. "We talked to everybody about their role. It's all about winning at this point. We need to develop some kind of consistency and keep it going."

Maurice Taylor scored 20 points for the Clippers before

spraining his right knee near the Lakers' basket with 4:50 left in the third quarter. He planned to undergo an MRI examination today.

Kings 115, Wizards 105

Chris Webber had 17 points, 10 rebounds and 10 assists in his return to the nation's capital for Sacramento.

"I didn't really want to get emotional," Webber said. "I tried to really detach myself from it, which is hard to do."

Vlade Divac added 22 points, 17 rebounds and six assists for the Kings, while Mitch Richmond, who came to Washington in the Webber deal, was 0-for-5 at halftime before finishing with 16 points.

Pacers 81, Cavaliers 74

At Cleveland, Mark Jackson matched Webber's triple-double with 15 points, 12 rebounds and 11 assists as Indiana won its fifth straight.

The Cavs, who dropped their third in a row, scored 27 points in the second half and had just one field goal in the final 7:18 — Johnny Newman's layup with 5.4 seconds left.

Knicks 115, Timberwolves 113, OT

At New York, Allan Houston hit a 3-point shot with 4.6 seconds left in OT as the Knicks came back from a 16-point deficit.

Minnesota had two chances to tie at the end, but Marcus

Camby rejected a shot by Stephon Marbury with 0.7 seconds left and Kevin Garnett failed to convert an alley-oop inbounds pass just before the buzzer.

Houston scored 15 of his 26 points in the third quarter to lead the comeback. Larry Johnson added 22 points for New York. Kevin Garnett had 25 points and 14 rebounds for the Timberwolves.

76ers 98, Bulls 80

Allen Iverson had 20 of his 33 points in the first half to pace Philadelphia to victory in a game that saw Chicago coach Tim Floyd ejected early in the fourth quarter after his second technical.

It was the sixth straight loss at home for the Bulls, tying a franchise low. They haven't won a game at the United Center since last year's NBA Finals. They're now 2-10 for the first time since 1978-79.

Toni Kukoc led the Bulls with 16 points, 16 assists and 12 rebounds in Phoenix's win at Vancouver.

Kidd now has four triple-doubles in his last six games. Rex Chapman, who finished with 16 points, hit two crucial 3-pointers in the fourth quarter as the Suns rallied from a 14-point deficit to beat the Grizzlies for the fifth straight time.

NBA ROUNDUP

Mavericks top Denver, 90-81

Denver rookie sidelined with season-ending knee injury

DALLAS (AP) — The Denver Nuggets lost more than just the game — they lost rookie Raef LaFrentz to a season-ending injury.

"We're going to have to buckle up," Nuggets coach Mike D'Antoni said after learning LaFrentz tore an anterior cruciate ligament in the first quarter of Denver's 90-81 loss to the Dallas Mavericks on Thursday night.

"Anytime someone is playing as well as he was and goes down for the year, it's tough," D'Antoni said. "But we can't feel sorry for ourselves. We have to have a couple of guys step up."

The Mavericks' victory — their third in four games after a 1-8 start — was bittersweet, as their second-leading scorer Cedric Ceballos fractured his right wrist and could be out as long as six weeks.

"Cedric had a gutsy performance," Mavericks coach Don Nelson said. "He couldn't do much with his right hand."

Ceballos was hurt when he was knocked to the floor by Denver center Loren Meyer on

a layup attempt in the first quarter. Ceballos stayed in the game, however, after getting the wrist wrapped. He was to visit a hand specialist this morning.



Cedric Ceballos

Ceballos and Michael Finley paced the Mavericks with 20 points each.

LaFrentz's injury was even more costly. Denver's top draft pick was averaging 14.9 points in his first 11 games before his

knee collapsed on a drive to the basket in the first quarter.

"Anytime someone is playing as well as he was and goes down for the year, it's tough," D'Antoni said. "But we can't feel sorry for ourselves. We have to have a couple of guys step up."

Dallas won despite shooting only 38.8 percent (31-for-80) from the field.

"To win shooting 38 percent is remarkable," Nelson said. "But defensively we were very good."

Gary Trent scored eight of his 18 points during a 15-4 fourth-quarter run. He credited

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SPORTS

Woods leads pack at Match Play

CARLSBAD, Calif. (AP) — Phil Mickelson can't sleep nights. Fred Couples battles his nerves and worries about choking. Even Tiger Woods appears mentally drained.

Now the fun really begins at the Match Play Championship, where it's getting more difficult by the day telling the winners from the losers, and Shigeki Maruyama may be the only person still smiling.

"I don't even know who I play tomorrow, but this stuff makes me so nervous I will be choking like a dog," Couples said.

Woods leads a group of 16 survivors chasing the \$1 million first prize into a possible 36 holes of play today in a tournament that has already taken a heavy toll on the world's best golfers.

The world's No. 1 player

got off to a good start against Stewart Cink, using a strong drive for a birdie on the par-5 second hole to go 1-up. Woods was the first one off the tee today in the \$5 million tournament just as the fog lifted on the damp La Costa Resort course.

Woods was joined in the third round by only two other players ranked in the top 20, following a second round on

Thursday in which David Duval got beaten and Greg Norman's game collapsed down the stretch.

Now, as if two rounds of nerve-racking golf weren't enough, two more today will leave just four players to tee it up in Saturday's semifinals.

"My match tomorrow is already creating excitement and anxiety," said Mickelson, who

plays Norman conqueror Eduardo Romero. "It's very difficult sleeping at night knowing who you have to play but not what you have to shoot."

Two days of match play did what the creators of the first match play tournament in 14 years on the PGA Tour set out to do — generate pressure and excitement as players go head-to-head for 18 holes, with the loser heading home.

The opening rounds decimated most of the big names, with Woods the lone remaining player in the top 10 to make it to the third round. Woods played Stewart Cink in a morning match, with an afternoon quarterfinal against Bernhard Langer or Jeff

Maggert scheduled for the winner.

"We knew some top seeds would lose, but we didn't expect 90 percent of them to lose," Mickelson said.

Even Woods didn't have it easy, having to come back from 1-down at the turn to go ahead with an eagle and birdie on the back nine in his match against Bob Tway. He then stumbled on the 18th hole and had to watch anxiously as Tway's 8-footer for par slid just by the hole to give Woods the win.

Woods managed to survive, though, something Norman didn't, even as he appeared to have his match wrapped up against Romero.

Pippen leads Atlanta over Houston



SCOTTIE PIPPEN

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Rockets thought they could get an easy victory playing at home against the short-handed Atlanta Hawks. It didn't work

out that way.

Scottie Pippen had his 15th triple-double and the Rockets made a thrilling late charge, but two players making their first starts of the season led the Hawks to a 93-87 victory Thursday night.

Grant Long scored 20 points and Tyrone Corbin added 17 — both season highs — for Atlanta, playing with-

out Alan Henderson and Steve Smith. Henderson is sidelined by back spasms, and Smith has a strained right knee.

"You've got to have that when you lose key people," Hawks coach Lenny Wilkens said of the efforts of Long and Corbin. "I talked with both of them and knew they could play."

Pippen had 15 points, 11 assists and 10 rebounds, and Hakeem Olajuwon had 16 points and 16 rebounds. But that wasn't enough for Houston to beat the determined Hawks, who had lost two in a row after starting the season 6-3.

"We just didn't bring the energy we needed to beat this team," Pippen said. "This team (Atlanta) had lost two games coming in here and they were very desperate."

"They had two guys missing, and I think we sort of took them lightly. We didn't play very well."

Long and Corbin picked up the slack for the Hawks.

"I don't know that they took us lightly," Wilkens said. "I think that's talked about in the media more than anything. Coaches prepare their teams for every game the same."

The Hawks almost let it get away.

Atlanta was leading 78-64 when Houston used a 16-4 run to pull within two at 82-80 with 3:39 left to play.

Houston's Cuttino Mobley

had 11 fourth-quarter points, and Matt Bullard had seven points in the final period, but it wasn't enough.

With Atlanta leading 84-81 with 1:23 to play, Ellis hit consecutive baskets for an 88-81 lead with 57 seconds to go, finishing the Rockets.

"Any time you count on players, like the ones we were missing, you know you have to come in and take the load off," Long said. "We knew we had to give us something extra."

"This was a getaway game and you are ready to go out," Rockets coach Rudy Tomjanovich said. "It's even more disappointing after the way we played against Seattle (98-86 victory). Things were going good early and that is the kiss of death sometimes."

"They kept their edge and we did not."

The Rockets took the early lead behind three baskets by Olajuwon, but the Hawks started a 19-10 run with 7:55 left in the second quarter and pulled to a 49-42 lead at the half.

The Hawks took the lead midway in the second quarter and held a 49-42 lead at the half. Houston regained the lead briefly on a jumper by Olajuwon for a 58-57 lead with 4:15 to go in the third quarter.

Mavericks

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the victory to Dallas' defense after the Nuggets converted only 9-of-26 field goal attempts in the fourth quarter.

"That's how you win games, with defense," Trent said. "Then down the stretch we came up with a couple of key baskets."

Nick Van Exel had 16 points and Danny Fortson had 15 and a career-high 24 rebounds for the Nuggets, who were coming off big wins over Utah and the Los Angeles Lakers. Denver was looking for its first three-game winning streak since December 1996.

Chauncey Billups had 14 points and Antonio McDyess 13 points and 10 rebounds for the Nuggets.

Denver led 75-73 with 6:20 to play when Finley got Dallas' decisive run under way,

sending the Mavs ahead for good, at 76-75, with a 3-pointer.

Finley added a layup, and Denver's Cory Alexander hit a 15-footer to reduce Dallas' lead to 78-77.

Trent then converted a three-point play and added a free throw on Dallas' next possession to boost Dallas' lead to 82-77. Trent finished the run with consecutive baskets for an 88-77 advantage.

Notes: Meyer was assessed a flagrant foul on his knock-down of Ceballos, and Finley received a technical foul when he had harsh words for Meyer, a former Maverick. ... Nelson used power forward Samaki Walker for eight minutes after Walker did not play in the two previous games. Nelson benched Walker for what the coach termed "repeated defensive mistakes."

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'Blast From the Past'

It's an uneven, compelling mix

By Ted Anthony

The Associated Press

What happens when a filmmaker stuffs a pint of "Rip Van Winkle," a cup each of "Back to the Future" and "Peggy Sue Got Married" and a pinch of "Nell" into a cinematic blender, then pushes the frappe button?

Director Hugh Wilson tried. Out came "Blast From the Past," an uneven, unsettling and strangely compelling combination of froth and melancholy about the importance of sincerity in an age of unremitting cynicism.

Calvin and Helen Webber (Christopher Walken and Sissy Spacek, both in atypical roles) are quintessential early-1960s Americans, living in a picket-fence home in the San Fernando Valley and having other couples over to drink Rob Roys and listen to Perry Como on their Hi-Fi.

They're perfect archetypes — except for the nasty streak of Cold War paranoia that runs through Calvin. Seems he's spent the millions he made on patented inventions secretly building an elaborate, fully stocked fallout shelter underneath his house.

So when the bomb hits, on the night President Kennedy addresses the nation during the Cuban Missile Crisis in 1962, Calvin and the pregnant Helen are quick to duck and cover. They hurry into the shelter, seal it with a time lock and set to waiting out the radiation's 35-year half-

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The trouble is that the bomb never hit; instead, a fighter jet crashed atop their house, destroying it. But the Webbers don't know that, and when their baby Adam is born, they raise him carefully in their subterranean home, teaching him everything he needs to know about the world — the world of 1962.

When the 35 years are up, the time locks release and Calvin ventures into the world, expecting a post-apocalyptic hellscape of dirt, decay and debauchery (translation: the modern Valley). When Calvin returns and suffers some sort of heart pains, it's up to the now-grown Adam (Brendan Fraser) to go forth and procure supplies.

Up top, he meets Eve (Alicia Silverstone), a fast-talking young woman with a protective shell harder than a crustacean's. She thinks he's a) an operator; b) a dork; and, finally, c) messed up in the head.

Adam's maternally taught polish and unsullied sincerity — he's Forrest Gump without the accompanying moral message — begins to enchant Eve.

The rest of the picture documents Adam's travails in an unfamiliar world. Sure, it's a preposterous idea. But once you accept that, "Blast from the Past" becomes an engrossing, textured story wrapped

around the predictable comedy-of-manners format.

Walken's Calvin, upon seeing the apocalyptic modern world, wants to restock the shelter and stay put; Spacek's Helen, though, is oh-so-ready to be sprung. In one scene, when a conversation upsets her, she begins polishing the sink vigorously — the instinctive escape of a 1962 housewife.

Though the chemistry between Fraser and the ringlet-curl Silverstone never soars, both turn in sweet performances — she as the ever-ironic '90s girl convinced no male is sincere, he as a 35-year-old absorbing the world, and Eve, with unabashed delight.

"Blast From the Past" is sad and disorienting in its chronicling of a drastically changed world. As a romantic comedy, it's nothing special. The details make it something worth seeing.

"Blast From the Past," which is rated PG-13, is playing at Moovies 6, 401 N. 25 Mile Ave.

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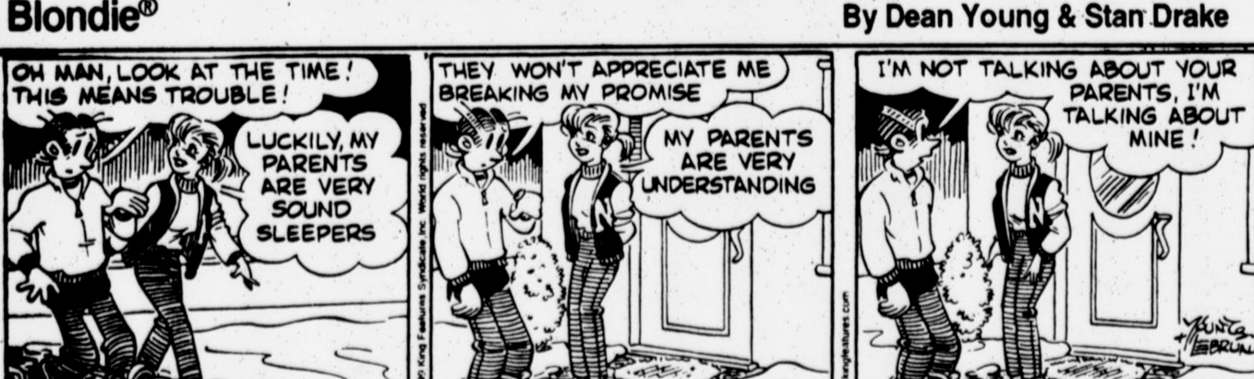
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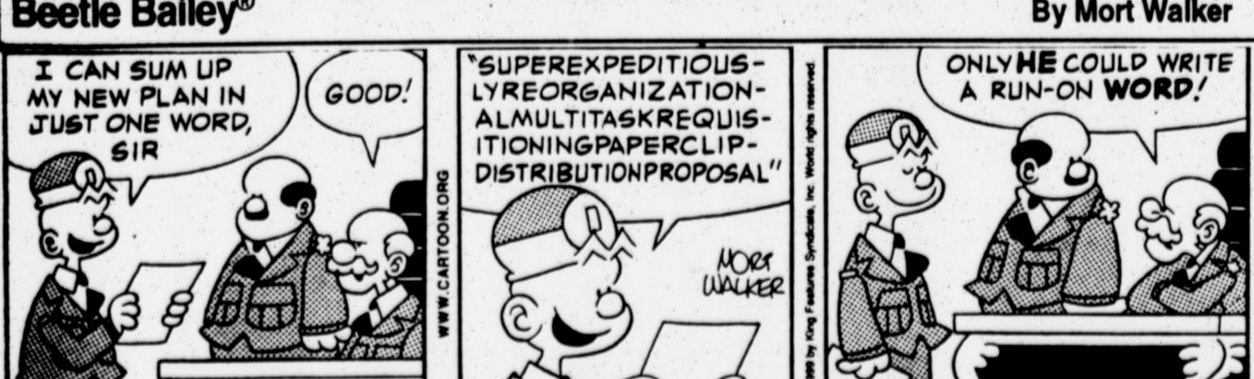
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FRIDAY FEBRUARY 26

6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM
News Hour With Jim Lehrer	Wash. Week	Wall St	Crown & Country	Time Goes	Keeping Up	Charlie Rose	News Hour			
Movie: National Lampoon's Vacation (1983) ***½	Movie: Lost in America (1985) Albert Brooks. ***	700 Club	Show-Funny							
News	Ent. Tonight	Providence	Soap Opera Digest Awards	News	(35) Tonight Show					
Movie: Sleeping Beauty (1959) Disney	(15) Movie: The Preacher's Wife Denzel Washington. *** PG	Famous	Movie: Mystery-Castle Zorro							
Roseanne	Roseanne	(05) Movie: Hook (1991) Robin Williams, Dustin Hoffman. ***	(25) Movie: Club Paradise							
News	Fortune	Sabrina	Two-Kind	Sabrina	Brothers	20/20	News	Seinfeld	Nightline	
News	Home Imp.	Kids Say	Candice C.	Magnificent Seven			News	(35) Late Show		
Friends	Friends	Mortal Kombat: Conquest	Conan				Love	Change	Missing P.	
Mad	Simpsons	Movie: Seven (1995) Brad Pitt, Morgan Freeman. ***½	Simpsons	M*A*S*H	Fraser	Cops	Real TV			
Sportscenter	Up Close	Figure Skating European Championships	Sprantory	Sportscenter	Rodeo					
Movie: The Golden Child	Movie: Absolute Power Clint Eastwood. ***½ R	Stargate	(45) Dead Man's Gun	Outer Limits	Red Shoe					
(5:00) Movie: ** The Saint	Movie: Alien Resurrection Spooky Weaver. ***½ R	Movie: The Real Thing James Russo. R	Dennis M.	Tracy						
Movie: Dennis the Menace	Movie: Postmortem Charlie Sheen. R	(45) Movie: Under Siege Steven Seagal. *** R	Movie: Mr. & Mrs. Bridge							
Movie: The Harvey Girls	Movie: The Jazz Singer (1927) Al Jolson. **	Movie: Top Hat (1935) Fred Astaire. ****	Movie:							
Wild Discovery	Oz Encounters	News	Inferno	Storm Warning!	Oz Encounters	News				
Oh Baby	Maggie	Chicago Go	Movie: Falling for You (1995) Jennie Garth. **	Attitudes	Golden Girls	Golden Girls				
Last Word	Sports	FOX Sports	NHL Hockey Pittsburgh Penguins at Dallas Stars							
ER		NBA Basketball New York Knicks at Boston Celtics	Inaid NBA	Kung Fu: Legend	Movie:					
Doug	Rugrats	Kablam!	Cartoons	Brady	Wonder Yrs.	Jeffersons	Laverne	I Love Lucy	Bewitched	Brady
Xena: Warrior Princess	Walker, Texas Ranger	Movie: Star Trek VI: The Undiscovered Country (1991)	Movie: Basic Instinct (1992) ***½							
Goths de Amor	La Usurpadora	Imagenes de Impacto	María	Derbez	P. Impacto	Noticiero	Mucho			
20th Century	Riddle of the Zodiac	Save Our History: The Underground Railroad	Ships of Slaves	Zodiac						
Old House	Workshop	Garden	Gardeh	Interiors	Small Space	Home Front	By Design	Garden	Garden	Interiors
Amazing	Star Trek		Highlander: The Series	Fri. the 13th Series	Twilight Z.	Star Trek				
Fam. Mat.	Fam. Mat.	Movie: Terminator 2: Judgment Day (1991) ***½	News	MacGyver	Heat					

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 27

7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30	12 PM
Business	Business	Wash. Week	Wall St	Quilting	Sewing	Quilt	Sewing	Pepin	Kitchen	New Tastes
Pee-wee	Candy	All Dogs Go	Enigma	Sandiego	Sw. Valley	Pretenders	Countdown	Candy	Eek!stravag.	Bad Dog
Couch	Critter	Science Guy	Saved-Bell	Hang Time	One World	City Guys	Hang Time	Inside Stuff	Movie: West of the Divide	
Bear	Rolie Polie	PB & J Otter	Amazing	Superstar Goody	(9:55) Movie: Dumbo G	Movie: Alice in Wonderland ***½ G				
3's Co.	Funnies	Funnies	Funnies	National Geographic Explorer						
Hercules	Doug	Doug	Recess	Pepper Ann	Bugs & T.	Bugs & T.	101Dalmats	Pooch	Squiggle	Honey
CBS News Sat.	News	Wild About	Rupert	Anatole	Rhino					
Batman/Superman	MeninBick	Batman	Pokemon	Cartoonie	Histerial!	Sylvester	Click	Peer Pres.	Mortal	
Spider-Man	Rangers	Godzilla	Rangers	Knights	Oggy	Mad Jack	SpDogs	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.
Outdoors	Fishin' Hole	Sportsman	Fly Fishing	Walkers	Sportscenter					
Movie: We're Talkin' Serious Money	Movie: Slappy and the Stinkers ** PG	Movie: Overnight Delivery Paul Rudd. **	Movie: A Kiss Before Dying (1991) ***½							
Movie: Little Ghost Jameson Bates. G	Movie: Universal Circus	Movie: Steal Big, Steal Little Andy Garcia. ** PG-13	Movie: Mr. & Mrs. Bridge							
Movie:	Movie: Anaconda Jennifer Lopez. PG-13	Movie: The Revolt of Mamie Stover ***½	(35) Movie: The Fifth Element Bruce Willis. PG-13							
Movie: Come Live With Me	Movie: The Little Minister (1934) John Beal. ***	Movie: San Antonio (1945) Errol Flynn. ***	Movie:							
Movie: Paid Prog.	Movie: Wild Discovery	Movie: Epicurious	Epicurious	News						
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Movie: Sports	Movie: Sports	Movie: SEC TV Weekly								
Movie: How the West Was Won	Movie: Wild, Wild West	Adv. of Brisco County, Jr.	Due South							
Nicktoons TV										
Movie: Paid Prog.	Movie: Paid Prog.	Movie: Paid Prog.	World Wrestling Live Wire	Pacific Blue						
Plaza Sesamo	Tigritos T.V.		Giorgiomania	Camara	Cuchufleta	Onda Max				
History Showcase	Automobiles		Trains Unlimited							
Workshop	House Dr	Fix	Fix It Up!	Homebuil.	Designers	Ground	Yard	Old House	Old House	Your Hobby
Movie: Paid Prog.	Movie: CNet	Movie: New Edge	Movie: Web	Movie: Cool Tech	Movie: Mystery Science Theater 3000	Movie: Paid Prog.	Movie: Paid Prog.	Movie: Soul Train	Movie: Sliders	Movie: Fly
Farm Report	Business	Video Computer Store	Fishing							

12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30
Old House	Workshop	Hometime	Router Shop	MotorWeek	Inside Track	Desert	Fly Fishing	Travel Lite	Europe	Texas Parks
Walter M.	3 Friends	Pee-wee	Addams	Mork	Mr. Bean	Addams	Show-Funny	Movie: Summer-Switch	Movie: Summer-Switch	Movie: Summer-Switch
Movie: Paid Prog.	Movie: Figure Skating	Movie: Skiing World Nordic Championship	Track and Field	Movie: Paid Prog.	Movie: NBC News					
Movie: The Hunchback of Notre Dame	Famous	Flash	Baby-Sitters	Home	Bug Juice	(45) Going Wild!	Flash			
(11:00) Movie: **½ Firefox (1982)	(05) Movie: Battle of the Bulge (1965) Henry Fonda, Robert Shaw. ***							(05) WCW Saturday Night		
Honey	PGA Golf World Golf Championship Match Play - Fourth Round							Movie: Paid Prog.	ABC News	
Basketball	College Basketball St. John's at Villanova									
Mortal	Adventures of Robin Hood	Acapulco H.E.A.T.	Movie: Where Sleeping Dogs Lie (1992) ***½							
College Basketball	Texas Tech at Oklahoma State									
Basketball	College Basketball: Trans America Conference Champ.									
Movie: Cops	Dead Man's	(45) Stargate SG-1	Outer Limits	(15) Movie: The Return of Tommy Tricker NR	Movie: The Coudl Happn					
(11:45) Movie: Mr. & Mrs. Bridge PG-13	Movie: In & Out Kevin Kline. ***½ PG-13	Movie: White Fang Klaus Maria Brandauer. ** PG	Movie: Head							
(40) Movie: Fools Rush In Matthew Perry. ** PG-13	Movie: The Manhattan Project John Lithgow. PG-13	Movie: The Rainmaker Matt Damon. ***								
(12:00) Movie: Monkey Business (1952)	Movie: Lili (1953) Leslie Caron. ***	Movie: Sergeant York (1941) Gary Cooper. Walter Brennan. ****								
Inferno	Into the Unknown	Discover Magazine	Impossible Journeys	Science Mysteries	Joined at Birth					
Next Door	Movie: Wild Texas Wind (1991) Dolly Parton	Movie: Love Is Strange (1999) Kate Nelligan, Ron Silver.	Movie: The Lottery (1996)							
Vegetate	Tennis ATP Guardian Direct Cup - Semifinals	Women's College Basketball Kansas at Kansas State	College Basketball							
Movie: Weird Science (1985) Anthony Michael Hall. **	Movie: Spaceballs (1987) Mel Brooks, John Candy. ***½	Movie: Passing Glory								
Looney	Gadget	Sports	Crazy Kids	You're On!	Pete & Pete	Clarissa	You Afraid?	Brady	Flub	Doug
Movie: Kiss- Movie: His Bodyguard (1996) Miki Kapture	Movie: Tremors (1990) Kevin Bacon, Fred Ward. ***½	Movie: Star Trek VI								
Control	Caliente	Movie: El Color de Nuestra Piel (1976) Gonzalo Vega. **	Duro y Directo	Lente Loco	Noticiero					
Weapons	Shock Troops	Air Combat	Movie: Masters of War	History Undercover						
Animals	Carol Duvall	Carol Duvall	Indoors	WintrGard	Journal	Gardeners	Architect to the Stars	GoodTaste	Party-Home	
Sliders	Welcome to Paradox	Movie: Burned at the Stake (1981) Susan Swift. **	Movie: Mysterious Island (1961) Michael Craig. ***							
(12:00) Movie: ** The Fly (1986)	Xena: Warrior Princess	Hercules-Jrny.	Movie: Hercules-Jrny.							

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Birding Trail	McLaughlin	Antiques Roadshow	Lawrence Welk Show	Austin City Limits	Vicar of Dibley	Business				
Movie: Summer-Switch	Movie: Two of Hearts 1999 Gail O'Grady, Rob Stewart	Famous Families	Mr. Bean							
News	Criminals	Saturday Night Live	Pretender	Profiler	News	Coaches	Cowboys			
Movie: Hercules	Voices of Tate Donovan	Movie: The Hunchback of Notre Dame	So Weird	MusicVids	Movie: Mystery-Castle Zorro					
WCW Saturday Night	(05) Movie: The Hunt for Red October (1990) Sean Connery, Alec Baldwin. ***½	(15) Movie: Jaws (1975) ***								
News	Fortune	Movie: Up Close & Personal (1996) Robert Redford, Michelle Pfeiffer. **½								
News	Coach	Early Edition	Marital Law	Walker, Texas Ranger	News	Walker, Texas Ranger				
ER	Movie: Cameron's Closet (1987) Cotter Smith. **	Entertainers	Quick Witz	Quick Witz	Kickin' It					
Xena: Warrior Princess	Cops	Cops	America's Most Wanted	X-Files	Mad TV					
Sportsctr.	College Basketball: Seton Hall at Pittsburgh	College Basketball: Western Athletic Conference	Sportscenter							
Movie: It Could Happn	Movie: The Hand That Rocks the Cradle *** R	Movie: Linc's	RudeAwk	Movie: Safe House Patrick Stewart. ***						
Movie: Head Above Water	Movie: Lansky (1999) Richard Dreyfuss, Eric Roberts	Movie: Flying Saucer Buz Sazer. Johnston								
Movie: The Rainmaker	Movie: Plato's Run Gary Busey. ** R	(35) Movie: Lethal Weapon Mel Gibson. *** R	Movie: Erotic Boundaries							
Divine Garbo	Movie: Jubal (1956) Glenn Ford, Ernest Borgnine. ***	Movie: 3:10 to Yuma (1957) ***	Movie: Wild Disc.							
Storm Warning!	Wild Discovery	Ultimate Guide	Justice Files	New Detectives	Wild Disc.					
(5:00) Movie: The Lottery	Oh Baby	Maggie	Movie: Abandoned and Deceived (1995) Lon Loughlin	Movie: No Way Out (1987) ***						
(5:00) College Basketball	Women's College Basketball Texas at Texas Tech	Snowbird	News	FOX Sports News	Sports					
Movie: Passing Glory	Movie: Surviving the Game (1994) Ice-T. **	Movie: Ghoulies (1985) Peter Laps, Lisa Pelikan. **	Movie:							
Hey Arnold!	Beavers	Rugrats	All That	Kenan & Kel	You Afraid?	Brady	Wonder Yrs.	Happy Days	Laverne	I Love Lucy
Movie: Star Trek VI	Movie: Witness (1985) Harrison Ford. ***½	The Net				</				

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Election 2000

Poll indicates voters want to stay course



Despite good economic times, Republican front-runners Texas Gov. George Bush (right) and Elizabeth Dole are leading Vice President Gore (left) among voters.

WASHINGTON (AP) — A majority of Americans say they want their next president, to continue President Clinton's policies, but they want a leader with a different set of personal qualities, says a new poll.

While Vice President Al Gore would seem to benefit in that situation, the poll indicated the public may not see it that way at this point.

The vice president is the current front-runner for the Democratic presidential nomination in 2000. But enthusiasm for Gore is lagging behind two leading Republicans — Texas Gov. George W. Bush and Elizabeth Dole — who are considering running for the presidency, said the poll released Thursday by the Pew Research Center for the People & the Press.

Americans' optimism about their nation is higher than it has been in more than three decades even though their trust in government is low, the poll said.

"There are good times that aren't going away," said Andrew Kohut, director of the Pew Research Center. According to the poll, 28 percent of the public in the new poll was very optimistic about the current state of the country, almost as high as in 1964 and an increase over the 20 percent who felt that way last year.

"People are more positive about the country and therefore, there is a desire for continuity," Kohut said.

"But there is also a desire for change," he said, noting the large majority who want different personal qualities in the next president.

A modest majority of adults, 54 percent, would like to see the next president offer policies and programs similar to those offered by the Clinton administration. But four out of five want someone with different personal qualities from those of Clinton, who survived an impeachment effort this winter prompted by the Monica Lewinsky scandal.

"You would think Al Gore would fill that bill better than he does in terms of public reaction," Kohut said. "He obviously has some work to do."

The vice president's internal polls show the public likes what he's doing, said Bob Squier, a Gore campaign consultant.

"They are open to the Gore message," he said. "How do you keep a good thing going?"

Squier said it was natural for the two Republicans to get good poll numbers this early because "Bush and Dole are brand names, and they're not filled in yet."

Gore and Clinton have different personal styles, but some

analysts question whether Gore has differentiated himself enough from Clinton.

"By the election, we will have had eight years of Clinton-Gore," said presidential scholar Stephen Hess of the Brookings Institution. "They have been twinned in ways that rarely happens with vice presidents."

Just over half of the registered voters in the poll said there was at least some chance they would vote for Gore, while 45 percent said there was no chance they would vote for him. More than two-thirds said there was at least some chance they would vote for Bush for president. Almost that many said there was a chance they would vote for Mrs. Dole.

The Republican front-runners for president did well even though half the public says they disapprove of the job the GOP leaders in Congress are doing. And the public's trust in government was at 31 percent, lower than the 37 percent who felt that way in 1997.

Clinton's job approval remains high at 64 percent, but that approval may not transfer fully to Gore, the poll indicated. Among those who approve of the job Clinton is doing, a third say there is a good chance they will vote for Gore, but 26 percent of the Clinton supporters say there is no chance they would vote for Gore.

The poll of 1,203 adults was taken Thursday through Sunday and has an error margin of plus or minus 3 percentage points.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS Names in the news

Bob Schieffer

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Bob Schieffer found it a treat when he took a break from covering Washington scandals for CBS to narrate a documentary series on country music.

"Working with these people was just a whole lot of fun," the newsmen said of his work on "Century of Country," a 13-week series to begin airing March 31 on The Nashville Network.

"It was changing the subject after 13 months of covering the adventures of Monica Lewinsky — a break in the action, a treat," Schieffer, host of "Face The Nation," said Wednesday.

Schieffer interviewed Waylon Jennings and Willie Nelson for the special, and he says he is partial to their "outlaw music."

Actor James Garner is the host of "Century of Country."

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Jesse Ventura

ST. PAUL, Minn. — Gov. Jesse Ventura is 'fessing up: He goofed with a remark he made this week on CBS's "Late Show with David Letterman."

The governor apologized Thursday for joking that St. Paul's confusing streets might have been designed by drunken Irishmen.

Ventura said he was only trying to be funny. He also said he's sorry that Minnesotans apparently have lost their sense of humor.

"If I offended anyone, I apologize," he said. "The David Letterman show is a show of comedy. It's a show that has Top 10 lists and is generally considered comedic and that's the light in which I did the show."

Also on Tuesday's "Late Show," the wisecracking host had asked the new governor, "Have you screwed anything up yet?" Ventura's reply: "Not intentionally."

The Irish remark didn't play well back home.

"He may see humor in it, but as an Irish person it's offensive," said Dermot O'Mara, owner of Irish on Grand, a St. Paul gift shop.

Matthew McConaughey

BURBANK, Calif. — An Asian-American group condemned Matthew McConaughey for using a racial slur on Rosie O'Donnell's show.

McConaughey, who is filming the World War II movie "U-571" in Italy, made the comment Tuesday when Ms. O'Donnell referred to his short hair.

"I take it you're doing a movie. That's the new hairdo?" she asked.

"Yeah," McConaughey answered. "I'm over in Rome fighting Germans and Japs from World War II."

There was no audible reaction from the studio audience and Ms. O'Donnell continued the conversation without pause.

"The term 'Jap' has historically been used to dehumanize an entire race of people — not just Japanese nationals. During World War II, the slur was used against Japanese-Americans," said Masaru Kent Kawai, president of the watchdog group Media Action Network for Asian Americans.

McConaughey publicist Jennifer Allen and Laura Mandel, a spokeswoman for Ms. O'Donnell's show, said Thursday that the actor meant no offense.

"He's the nicest young man there is," Ms. Allen said.

Margaret Thatcher

NORMAN, Okla. — Margaret Thatcher implored young Americans to reflect on the history of their country and the liberty that is one of the world's "greatest inheritances."

Britain's former prime minister told an audience of about 6,000 at the University of Oklahoma she worries that many young people don't know U.S. history, "the most remarkable story of faith."

"America is the only country that was founded in liberty and born into liberty," Mrs. Thatcher said Thursday. "It's one of the greatest inheritances in the world."

Countries struggling toward democracy "need our help on how to build the structures of liberty," she said. "Where there is not a rule of law, there's a rule of corruption."

Mrs. Thatcher, whose appearance capped a conference about foreign policies and world peace, also was given an honorary doctorate of human letters by university President David Boren.

HHS recommending cigar warning labels

WASHINGTON (AP) — Cigars, which scientists say are just as deadly as cigarettes, should carry similar health warning labels, the Department of Health and Human Services recommended today.

The report from HHS Inspector General June Gibbs Brown urges the Federal Trade Commission to require that cigar manufacturers affix a surgeon general's warning label similar to the labels carried on cigarettes and smokeless tobacco.

"Given the most recent evidence about cigars, it's their view that it is time for a warning label on cigars analogous to the labels on cigarettes," HHS spokeswoman Melissa Skolfield said today.

The FTC began considering cigar labels last April but has not yet made a decision. It has the power to require labels without congressional approval. HHS has no power in this area but hopes its report will push the FTC to act.

The inspector general also released a report today from a series of focus groups with young people about cigar use. It found more than a third of the teen-agers in the groups admitted having smoked a cigar in the past month. Half the smokers said they planned to smoke another cigar within the next five years.

It also found some teens create modified cigars called "blunts" by removing some or all of the core tobacco and replacing it with marijuana.

The Cigar Association of America maintains that no new warning label is needed. Most makers already include a warning required in California that says the product "contains/produces chemicals known to the state of California to cause cancer and birth defects and other reproductive harm."

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House Speaker Hastert

Tax cuts

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estimated 21 million two-earner married couples who pay more taxes than they would if they were single.

Phasing out the estate, or "death," tax has more than 100 co-sponsors, and many Democrats strongly back a permanent extension of the research and development credit. Some Republicans back Clinton's proposals for new credits helping people care for the elderly and disabled and for parents who stay home with infants.

But Democrats are solidly against the 10 percent across-the-board tax cut, arguing that too much of it benefits people earning more than \$100,000 a year. And they are firm in insisting that Social Security and Medicare come first.

"The question is not whether we want a tax bill. It's whether we want to take care of Social Security and Medicare," said Rep. Charles Rangel, D-N.Y., senior Democrat on the Ways and Means Committee.

Republicans, however, are determined to make tax cuts their signature issue, one they can take to voters in 2000 to show their ability to get things done and erase perceptions that they were mainly concerned with impeaching Clinton.

"If we want smaller government, we are going to have to have tax cuts to take that extra money off the table," said Hastert, R-Ill. "If you leave it here, it will get spent and you will have bigger government."

One early stab at compromise is being circulated by Rep. Nancy Johnson, R-Conn. It would include several of the popular targeted tax cuts — some of them proposed by Clinton — and cost about \$100 billion over five years. So far, Johnson's bill has attracted support from 19 other moderate Republicans.

But Dunn and other Republicans are said to be working on another alternative focused more on the GOP proposals such as relief from the marriage penalty and inheritance taxes and leaving out Clinton's ideas.

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News roundup

Clinton outlines foreign policy goals, urges U.S. engagement

SAN FRANCISCO — President Clinton, outlining foreign policy goals for the final two years of his administration, is urging continued American engagement in the quest for peace and freedom abroad.

Business and policy leaders in California were to hear from the president today about foreign affairs, "the successes that we've had over the last six years and the challenges that remain," White House press secretary Joe Lockhart said.

Clinton gave a glimpse of the message he wants to deliver about confronting ethnic conflicts abroad and strengthening security alliances when he appeared Wednesday at a White House press conference with Ghanaian President Jerry Rawlings.



Clinton

Clinton noted the disastrous consequences when the United States withdrew from world affairs after World War I. A nation must reinforce its values with dialogue and action around the globe, he argued.

Aides who had seen an early draft of the foreign policy address described it as a broad review of the international scene. Among the topics said to be covered are peace in the Middle East, expanding trade, the situations in Kosovo and Northern Ireland, and the threat terrorism poses to U.S. security.

"The purpose of the speech is for the president to lay out his vision for continuing American leadership and supporting peace, prosperity and freedom into the next century," said one White House official who had reviewed a draft.

With the impeachment trial over, Clinton has found himself more easily able to involve himself in foreign policy.

California workers approve union

LOS ANGELES — Years of campaigning paid off with one of labor's biggest victories in decades — a landslide vote to unionize 74,000 Los Angeles County workers who care for elderly and disabled residents in their homes.

"This is a day whose time has been a long time in coming," David Rolf, deputy general manager of the Service Employees International Union, said of Thursday's voting.

Supporters were jubilant at the final tally: 16,200 votes in favor of unionizing and 1,925 against in one of the nation's largest such votes in years. Experts said the vote showed a new commitment by organized labor to focus on women, minorities and low-wage workers.

Union leaders and observers said it would lead to better wages, which in turn will result in better care as fewer people would require long-term stays in hospitals and nursing homes.

"People are very happy," union member Steve Trossman said. "It's a good day for home care workers and home care consumers because this is a major step toward improving the quality of home care for people in L.A. and California."

The vote involves county workers like Cecilia Rivas who tend to the personal needs of about 80,000 elderly and disabled residents.

Ms. Rivas said she has considered quitting her \$5.75-per-hour job but worries about what would become of the 90-year-old man who relies on her for everything from trimming his toenails to preparing his meals.

AIDS top killer of U.S. young blacks

WASHINGTON — AIDS. It's the top killer of black Americans in the prime of their lives, those years between 25 and 44.

One in 50 black men and one in 160 black women are infected.

Blacks are diagnosed later than whites, receive worse care, die faster. They make up 12 percent of the U.S. population but a devastating 45 percent of new HIV infections.

Now, almost two decades into the AIDS epidemic, about 1,000 health care providers and activists have gathered for the first-ever medical conference on AIDS among black Americans — a frantic hunt for ways to fight the exploding racial divide.

AIDS is evolving from a disease that once mostly struck white homosexual Americans into one mostly of poor blacks, most of whom are infected from dirty drug needles or heterosexual encounters. It has been the leading killer of black men between 25 and 44 throughout the 90s, and of black women for most of the decade.

Get moving

GOP leaders order budgeteers to act -- fast

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republicans remain undecided about which taxes to cut and how much money to spend next year, but their leaders agree they want Congress to produce a fiscal 2000 budget — and fast.

In a closed-door meeting Thursday, Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., and House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., told their budget committee chairmen to work together and produce a fiscal blueprint, said officials who spoke on condition of anonymity. The hope is to push it through Congress by April.

The two leaders pointedly told the two chairmen — Sen. Pete Domenici, R-N.M., and Rep. John Kasich, R-Ohio — to avoid the disputes that blocked Congress last year from producing a spending blueprint for the first time since the current budget process began in 1975.

Republicans haven't decided which taxes to cut, precisely how much money to set aside for Social Security and whether to honor spending caps set in the 1997 budget-balancing deal between Congress and President Clinton.

Nonetheless, Hastert told

reporters the meeting featured "positive first steps." The group plans to meet again next Tuesday.

Kasich told reporters afterward there was a consensus to produce 10-year tax cuts totaling \$800 billion to \$900 billion, far more than Clinton wants. Participants said the numbers mean any tax cut would be phased in gradually, rather than beginning next year in full force, but they have not yet agreed when the tax cuts would begin.

Kasich also said there was general agreement to set

aside about \$1.5 trillion for Social Security, roughly what Clinton wants to use to buttress the program for the baby boomers' retirements beginning in a decade. But Domenici wants to set aside more than that, and that issue is unresolved, said one official.

Republican leaders are intent on producing a budget to show the public that the GOP has moved past Clinton's impeachment trial and to avoid giving Democrats fodder for their familiar accusation that the GOP is running a "do-nothing Congress."

Bush sets date for 2000 announcement

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Texas Gov. George W. Bush promises an announcement about his presidential ambitions in two weeks, while advisers say the Republican will form an exploratory campaign committee.

And one senior adviser who has talked to Bush in recent days said the governor "fully intends to run" for president

but plans to announce in mid-March only that he is "testing the waters."

"He's smart enough to always leave a door open," the adviser said.

For several months, Bush has dodged questions about whether he will run for the White House in 2000.

"When my name started to surface, people started calling

in," Bush said Thursday. "There seems to be a lot of interest and genuine interest. Obviously, this is part of testing the waters."

Bush said he would make a definitive statement about his campaign plans in two weeks.

Another adviser to Bush said the governor would form an exploratory committee next

month, which would allow him to raise and spend money while testing his potential support.

The adviser said Bush would not formally announce a candidacy for several weeks or months, and he cautioned that Bush could still opt out although he is already building a campaign team.

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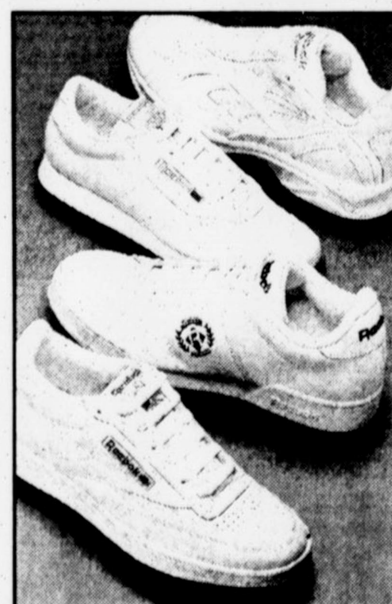
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