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Farm aid delay irks lawmakers

Emergency disaster assistance for U.S. farmers won't get to them until eight months after OK from Congress

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Agriculture Department is coming under criticism from some members of Congress after news that \$2 billion in disaster aid for farmers won't be delivered until June. The news means the emergency aid will get to farmers nearly eight months after

Congress approved it. House Agriculture Committee Chairman Larry Combest, R-Texas, called the delay "unacceptable." "There are now billions of dollars that should already be in the hands of farmers and ranchers," Combest said Wednesday, noting that farmers need the money as they go into the new planting season.

Combest's 19th Congressional District includes Deaf Smith County. Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman wrote to Combest and Senate Agriculture Committee Chairman Dick Lugar, R-Ind., that administering the aid is "far more complex than

past natural disaster assistance programs."

And he said the agency is inundated with aid disbursements during this tumultuous farm year, including assistance packages of \$50 million for hog farmers and \$200 million for dairy farmers.

"Getting these payments out as expeditiously and as fairly as possible is a top personal priority for me," Glickman wrote.

Congress approved the money as part of a \$6 billion emergency package to aid farmers suffering from free-falling commodity prices.

Glickman said one of the things complicating the disbursement is that it covers

farmers who suffered crop losses over several years before 1998 or who had losses only in 1998.

"USDA must go through one additional step of determining which will pay the applicant more before issuing final payments," he said.

Lawmakers on both sides of the Capitol, meanwhile, spent Wednesday looking at ways to overhaul a crop insurance program for farmers, even while acknowledging an uphill battle for the money.

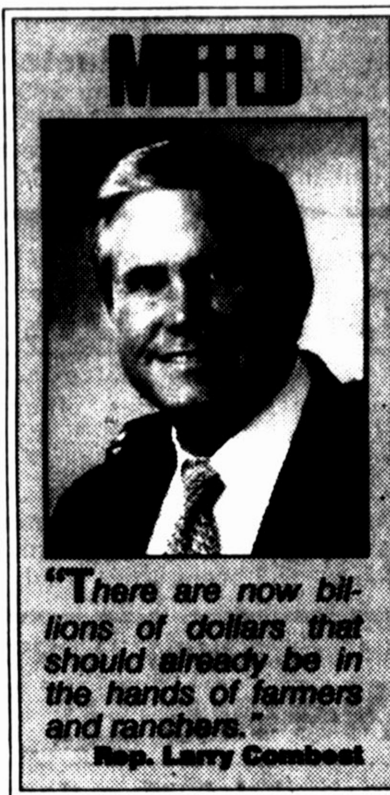
USDA unveiled details of between \$2 billion and \$2.5 billion worth of reforms, including raising coverage, making higher-level coverage more affordable and covering

multiyear disasters as well as livestock. Several lawmakers have also introduced proposals.

"Our proposal is specific, and it is designed to fill the most glaring crop insurance voids," Glickman said.

But it won't be easy as Congress faces pressure to use budget surpluses for Social Security and Medicare. "I've got to figure out what the tide will bear," Lugar said of attempts to get money.

About 79 Republican lawmakers sent a letter to House Budget Committee Chairman John Kasich, R-Ohio, this week urging him to address crop insurance in his committee's budget resolution.



Big winner

Zack Vasek shows off the trophy and collection of tools he won at the recent Houston Livestock Show

Vasek tools way to top award

Special to The Brand
 Zachary Vasek of Hereford walked away with one of the top awards at the recent Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo and received more than \$10,000 in tools as his prize. Vasek, who is a senior FFA student at Hereford High School, captured grand champion honors in the Agricultural Mechanics Project Show, which featured more than 675 entries from throughout the state. Vasek spent about nine months designing and building a Swather/Tractor Trailer, which is 22 feet long and which has sides expandable to 12 feet. Vasek gave credit to his father, Ronald, and Joseph Neil of Poarch Brothers for assistance and encouragement during the project, which he designed using computer technology. Among the prizes he received were two electric welders, two free-standing tool boxes and numerous hand tool boxes, a set of impact wrenches, a floor drill press, several cases of oil and dozens of hand tools. The trailer he constructed is a goose neck design, painted black with pin striping and cost about \$8,000 for materials. Vasek plans to attend the Tulsa Welding school after graduation. He is a student in John Massey's class.

Juvenile probation officer seeks spot on school board

A man who works with young people under less-than-favorable circumstances is seeking a spot on the Hereford school board.

Lou Serrano, who is juvenile probation officer for Deaf Smith County, filed Wednesday for the District Five seat.

Serrano joins five other candidates seeking spots on the May 1 Hereford Independent School District board election.

The other candidates are incumbents Dave Charest (District 1), Charlie Arrellano (District 2), Tracy Straughan (District 5) and Jeri Bezner (District 7), and retired educator Carolyn Waters (District 4).

In District 1, Charest, who was elected in 1997 in District 6 because there was no other candidate for the position, is seeking to fill the unexpired term of Karen Sherrod. Sherrod resigned earlier this year.

The other positions are for full terms. Voting will take place at the Community Center. Absentee voting will be April 14-27 in the Deaf Smith County Clerk's office at the courthouse, 235 E. 3rd.

The deadline for filing is March 17 at the HISD Administration Building, 601 N. 25 Mile Ave. Because of spring break, the office hours next week will be 9-12 a.m. March 15-16 and 8 a.m.-5 p.m. March 17.

Deaf Smith County Hospital District
 Voters in the Deaf Smith County Hospital District will choose three directors when they go to the polls May 1.

Incumbents are Mal Manchee, who also serves as president of the hospital board; Chip Guseman and Chris Leonard. The directors will be elected at large.

Petitions for positions on the ballots may be submitted between March 12 and April 1. Candidates may pick up petitions for a spot on the ballot at the administration office of Hereford Regional Medical Center, 801 E. 3rd. The petitions, with the signatures of 25 registered voters, must be returned to the administration office by 5 p.m. April 1.

Early voting by person will be at the Deaf Smith County Clerk's Office, Room 203 of the county courthouse, 235 E. 3rd. The polls will be open 7 a.m.-7 p.m. May 1. Polling will be at the Hereford Community Center, 100 Ave. C.

City
 Three positions will be on the ballot for the May 1 municipal election. And, all three incumbents have filed for re-election.

Hereford Mayor Bob Josseland filed Friday to hold onto the job he's held for six years. Josseland, a cattleman who was elected in 1993 succeeding the late Tom LeGate, was unopposed for re-election in 1997.

Silvana Juarez filed last Wednesday for re-election as Place 1 commissioner, while Tom Coneway filed last Tuesday for another term as Place 3 commissioner.

Filing for the May 1 election will end March 17. Early voting by personal appearance will be 8 a.m.-5 p.m. April 14-27 at county clerk's office. Applications for mail-in ballots should sent to County Clerk David Ruland, Deaf Smith County Courthouse, Hereford 79045. The applications must be received on or before April 23.

Steiert takes TOWA award

Special to The Brand
 Hereford Brand outdoor columnist Jim Steiert recently received an award for column writing at the Texas Outdoors Writers Association (TOWA) annual meeting in Lake Jackson. TOWA is the nation's largest statewide outdoor communications organization. Steiert was honored in the periodic outdoor column category for a piece entitled "Wondrous Rituals" appearing in his "On the Turnrow" column in the November 1997 edition of West Texas Rural Telephone Cooperative's *Co-Op Connection*.



Steiert's column chronicled the timeless traditions of fall harvest and the colorful and enduring ritual of fall waterfowl migration. Steiert, a long-time member of TOWA, has won numerous column-writing awards from TOWA during the past two decades. Steiert also writes a weekly outdoor column, which appears in *The Brand's* Sunday sports pages.

Americans loosen wallets and purses

WASHINGTON (AP) — Americans opened their wallets and purses to purchase everything from cars to furniture in February, powering retail sales to another strong increase. The sales jumped 0.9 percent last month to a seasonally adjusted \$236.5 billion, the Commerce Department said Thursday. That came on top of robust gains of 1 percent in January and 1.1 percent in December. And it was the seventh in a row. Both the January and December figures were revised higher from previous estimates, January's substantially, from 0.2 percent. The Commerce Department reported today that the deficit in America's broadest measure of foreign trade, the current account, soared by 50.4 percent last year to an all-time high of \$233.4 billion as the global financial crisis continued to batter American farmers and manufacturers. Exports of U.S. goods fell last year for the first time in 13 years, but so far the turmoil in trade has not derailed the overall U.S. economy.



KidFish registration forms are available

Registration and sponsor forms for the spring KidFish event are printed on Page A9 of today's edition of *The Hereford Brand*. KidFish will be 9 a.m.-1 p.m. March 27 at Hereford's Aquatic Center Pond.

CORRECTION

Deaf Smith County commissioners on Monday accepted a bid from Helena Chemical Southwest of Hereford to supply herbicide to the county. An article in Tuesday's edition of *The Hereford Brand* misidentified the company which was awarded the bid. The newspaper regrets the error.

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THE HEREFORD BRAND Local roundup

Kids Inc. Baseball sign up

The final sign up for Deaf Smith County Kids Inc. Baseball will be 5-9 p.m. today at the Hereford Community Center, 100 Ave. C.

The sign up for Kids Inc. is open to all boys and girls who are 5 years old by Aug. 1, 1999.

For more information, call Alan Foster at 364-0357.

Easter lily sale

Local Girl Scout troop 283 will be taking orders for Easter lilies through March 16, with delivery on March 28.

For more information or to place an order, contact any troop member or call 364-2248, 364-1857, 364-6772, or 364-3613.

Today's Weather

OUTLOOK

Tonight, a chance of showers or thunderstorms, otherwise cloudy, lows in the lower 40s.

Friday, a slight chance of showers or thunderstorms early, otherwise decreasing clouds and becoming windy,

highs near 60. Friday night, partly cloudy and windy, lows in the lower 30s.

Extended forecast
Saturday, partly cloudy and breezy, highs in the mid-50s.

Sunday, fair, lows 25 to 35, highs in the 60s.

Monday, partly cloudy, lows in the 30s, highs near 70.

Wednesday recap
High, 74; low, 34; trace of precipitation.

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News in brief

Second dragging death trial begins

HOUSTON (AP) — The second of three capital murder suspects accused in last year's dragging death of a black man is set to stand trial May 3.

But just where Lawrence Russell Brewer's trial will take place is uncertain.

Brewer, 31, is accused of kidnapping and killing James Byrd Jr. on June 7. Byrd's decapitated body was found strewn along Huff Creek Road after being dragged from a pickup for nearly three miles. His head was torn from his torso by a concrete culvert.

Prosecutor Guy James Gray wants to have Brewer and a third defendant, 24-year-old Shawn Allen Berry, tried in Jasper. Brewer's defense attorney, Doug Barlow, wants to move his client's trial, arguing that pre-trial news coverage and Jasper County's small jury pool will work against his case.

Jasper County, 140 miles northeast of Houston, has about 34,000 residents. About 8,000 people live in the county seat of Jasper.

House votes on oil severance tax

AUSTIN (AP) — Small oil and gas producers could get \$45 million in tax relief under a Texas House bill that supporters say will save jobs and help school districts.

The chamber gave the measure preliminary approval Wednesday by a 138-8 margin. It faces final approval today.

Oil producers have said the tax break is essential to saving jobs that otherwise would be cut because of slumping oil prices.

With the vote, "the state moves closer to providing meaningful severance tax relief for our oil and gas producers," Railroad Commissioner Charles Matthews said.

"The eventual impact will be felt far beyond the oil patch," he added. "A healthy oil and gas industry remains critical to communities and school districts across our state."

Prosecutor seeks to prevent new trial

HOUSTON (AP) — A state prosecutor is seeking to prevent a new trial for one of eight women on Texas' death row.

The Texas Attorney General's Office is appealing a federal judge's ruling last summer that overturned Pamela Lynn Perillo's capital murder conviction for the 1980 strangulation of a Houston man.

U.S. District Judge Ewing Werlein ruled in June that Ms. Perillo's right to a fair trial was compromised because one of her two attorneys in her second trial had a close relationship with the prosecution's chief witness.

The attorney, Jim Skelton, failed to discredit the testimony of Linda Fletcher on crucial points during Ms. Perillo's 1984 prosecution and ordered a new trial for her.

In a hearing before a panel of the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Houston on Wednesday, Assistant Attorney General Douglas Danzeiser dismissed Skelton's personal relationship with Ms. Fletcher as irrelevant.

University staff members protest pay

AUSTIN (AP) — Because of masters' graduates making less than \$20,000 a year and other low pay examples, University of Texas staffers are urging administrators at the state's largest campus to fix the inequities.

Many protesters Wednesday stayed at their desks in what they called a "virtual walkout," but posted signs in their work areas stating what they contribute to the university.

Several hundred other non-teaching staff members — most clad in black — joined a noon rally for higher wages. Several said they came with the blessings of their supervisors and support from faculty, administrators and students.

"This potentially great university would be lost without the staff," Mia Carter, an associate professor of English, told rally participants. "Every single degree granted by this university has the imprint of many hands."

Increasing staff salaries, said Doug Smith, a graduate student in social work, would mean "boosting the quality of education on this campus."

ELSEWHERE:

HOUSTON: CORPUS CHRISTI: A Greek chemical tanker has been fined \$100,000 for dumping 30 barrels of oil waste into the Gulf of Mexico near Port Lavaca last summer. The toxic chemical waste washed up on South Texas beaches starting last summer. ... BRYAN: There will be no more spankings in any Bryan public schools. The Bryan school board, in an unanimous vote, decided Monday to ban corporal punishment.

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Republicans, democrats battle out "ed-flex" proposal

Bill provides flexibility to schools

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House and Senate are nearing votes on bills designed to give schools more flexibility in spending federal money.

The Senate broke through six days of procedural jousting and agreed to vote today on both the bill and amendments demanded by Democrats to implement President Clinton's

education proposals, including federal subsidies for hiring thousands of new teachers.

Republicans and Democrats have battled over whether the "ed-flex" bill, which would loosen strings on certain federal dollars, should include plans to spend \$1.2 billion to hire 100,000 new teachers nationwide to reduce class sizes.

Late Wednesday, senator leaders cut a deal to put the bill up for a vote, along with a handful of amendments that include the new-teacher plan. Republicans had opposed adding the plan to the ed-flex bill, originally thought to be an easy, bipartisan favorite.

The House returns today, after a day of blocking Democrats' attempts to amend its version of the bill. Lawmakers there also promised to finish the bill today.

Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., predicted the Senate bill would pass easily. "We've reached a point where we are going to be able to finish this bill," he said.

White House spokesman Jake Siewert said Clinton wasn't considering a veto — at least not yet. "We'll wait and see how it comes out in the Senate," he said.

Since education's emergence as a popular issue of concern to voters, both parties have rushed to be the first to pass an education bill this session, leading to frustration on both sides.

The scramble is particularly keen in the Senate, where retirement announcements leave seats up for grabs in the 2000 elections in New York, New Jersey, Florida and Nevada.

The slate of amendments in the Senate deal also allows Republicans to push their favored notion: more special education funding.

"We're giving more control to the state and local governments," said Joe Karpinski, spokesman for the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee. "We're glad that it's coming up for a

vote. We wanted to get the bill passed."

A compromise in the House remains to be reached. The Democratic proposal for new money for teachers to reduce class sizes would only add money without fixing those problems, said Rep. Bill Goodling, R-Pa., chairman of the House Education Committee.

Under the ed-flex measure, states and school districts could apply federal money to programs that serve their best, Republicans say. For example, states could allow schools to use money targeted for low-income students or for training math and science teachers on other programs that benefit the entire school.

Many Democrats also support that idea, but insist that schools need more federal money to hire teachers to reduce class sizes. Last year, in a spending bill compromise, Congress approved \$1 billion for the states to use to hire new teachers. Clinton has said his plan to hire a total of 100,000 new teachers for the nation's schools would require \$11 billion.

Even if the ed-flex bill passes, it would affect only a portion of rules governing the \$15 billion in education spending for kindergarten through high school. By law, states cannot waive rules regarding a school's safety, maintenance or assurance of student civil rights.

The states also could not waive regulations under the federal special education law, which many states view as the most expensive and time-consuming to follow.



Project JASON — Cory Bartels, left and Alyssa Hill, both eighth-graders at Nazarene Christian Academy in Hereford, perform an experiment while attending the JASON Project recently at West Texas A&M University. The JASON Project uses advanced you-are-there telecommunications technologies so students can participate in expeditions in remote rain forests without leaving the region where they live.

Antique computers threaten commerce

LAREDO, Texas (AP) — Aging hardware and a funding shortfall for the U.S. Customs Service's system of tracking shipments set the stage for a failure that could snarl border commerce, an agency official says.

A failure of the 15-year-old Automated Commercial System would affect everyone from consumers to the automotive industry since automation associated with the movement of goods internationally is a necessity.

"Any time the system is slow, it does cause a lot of problems to the trade and results in slower processing of shipments which equals time and time is money," said U.S. Customs Senior Process Manager Leticia Moran.

She told Rotary International members on Wednesday that upgrading the system over a seven-year span could cost more than a billion dollars.

Meantime, a system failure would mean putting U.S. Customs back into a paper-based world with manual instead of

automated processing, she said. Such a system failure occurred on Feb. 28, causing a slow trade day.

"Goods and information must travel rapidly in this world of just-in-time inventories, overnight express traffic and global competition," Ms. Moran told the rotary members.

She said the agency will keep the processing working while bringing in a new system called the Automated Commercial Environment System.

"Automated commercial processing is the heart and soul of Customs. It is vital to the mission and business process of Customs, the trade and other government agencies," Ms. Moran said.

"You live in a city that depends on trade and as a consumer of goods, any disruption to the movement of trade will affect us all," she said.

She said trade volume nationally is growing 10 percent per year.

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Emergency services

Activities reported by emergency services personnel for March 10, 1999, include the following:

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Arrests

— Two students were taken into custody for fighting on school property.

Incidents

— Criminal mischief was reported in the 900 block of 14th.

— Criminal trespass was reported in the 100 block of North Main.

— A student was charged with disruption of a classroom.

— Charges of driving with a suspended license were filed against a 16-year-old boy.

— A hit and run accident was reported in the 600 block of Irving. A 47-year-old woman was later identified and charged with leaving the scene of an accident.

— Criminal trespass was reported in the 100 block of Avenue H.

— A two-car accident was reported in the 500 block of North 25 Mile Avenue.

— A suspicious vehicle was

reported in the 1600 block of North Avenue K.

— Theft of gasoline from a convenience store was reported in the 2900 block of East First.

— Child custody dispute was reported in the 400 block of Barrett.

— Gasoline theft was reported in the 1500 block of West First Street.

— Criminal trespass charges have been filed against an 18-year-old man in relation to an incident in the 400 block of North 25 Mile Avenue.

— Credit card abuse was reported in the 100 block of Beach Street.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Arrests

— A 24-year-old man began serving time on violation of probation commitment.

— A 26-year-old man began serving time on a driving while intoxicated commitment.

— A 17-year-old girl was arrested and charged with failure to comply with compulsory school attendance laws.

— A 38-year-old man was arrested for surrender of surety on a theft over \$1,500,

under \$20,000 charge.

— A 17-year-old boy was arrested and charged with failure to comply with compulsory school attendance laws.

— A 39-year-old woman began serving time on an unlawful possession of marijuana charge.

— A 43-year-old man began serving time on an unlawful possession of marijuana charge.

— A 42-year-old man began serving time on a driving while intoxicated conviction.

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CRIME STOPPERS

CRIME OF THE WEEK

Hereford Police are investigating a burglary of a habitation that took place in the 600 block of Avenue J.

Suspects entered the residence and removed several pieces of jewelry, camera equipment and other items.

Information leading to the arrests and conviction of individuals responsible for this burglary could be worth up to \$1,000.

All callers remain anonymous. Anyone with information is asked to call 344-2583.

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Obituaries

HAROLD ARNOLD March 11, 1999

Funeral services for Harold Arnold, 85, of Hereford are pending with Gilliland-Watson Funeral Home.

Mr. Arnold died Thursday at his residence.

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Texas lottery

Lotto Texas

No ticket matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

The numbers were:
2-16-19-42-47-49

Saturday night's drawing will be worth an estimated \$7 million.

Pick 3

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Wednesday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
6-8-6

LIFESTYLES

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Ann Landers



Ann Landers
Dear Ann Landers: I have been going with a man for three years. "Jerome" has a 5-year-old daughter, and I don't know how much longer I can tolerate that child. She tells her father where to sit, where to stand, when to go out and what to eat. She walks around his apartment and insists on holding his hand, no matter what he's doing. She even goes to the bathroom with him. (He says she cries if he locks her out.) If she awakens in the middle of the night, he allows her to sleep with him.

Jerome is divorced, and his daughter spends two nights a week at his place. I realize she misses her father, but this seems to me a very unhealthy attachment. When she is with him, she won't play with her toys or watch TV. She only wants to sit on his lap. This child has so many hang-ups, it saddens me. Jerome says I am jealous of her, but I don't believe this is true. What do you say, Ann? — Ready to Give up in Richmond, Va.

Dear Richmond: Dump Jerome unless you are willing to play second fiddle to that pathetic spoiled brat for the rest of your life. Unfortunately, her brattiness is not her fault. Her father (probably guilty about the divorce) has catered to the child to the extent that he is totally under her thumb. Adios, Jerome, and the sooner the better.

Dear Ann Landers: My husband is a wonderful man, 56 years old and highly intelligent. He had an ingrown toenail that was red and swollen and looked infected. I suggested he soak it in hot water and try to cut as much of the nail as he could.

Well, Ann, I caught him soaking his toe in my good crock pot. I went ballistic. He insisted that a little hot water and soap would clean the pot up just fine and I had no reason to fly off the handle. I threw the contaminated pot in the garbage. The next morning, I discovered he had put the pot back in the cupboard. I took it with me to the office and threw it out there.

Was I wrong, Ann, or am I married to a man with the brain of a flea? — Grossed

Out in Stockton, Calif.
Dear Stockton: Sorry, dear, but you threw out a perfectly good piece of crockery that would have been OK after a thorough scouring.

It could be that after seeing your husband's infected foot in the pot, you could not bring yourself to cook in it, but actually, the problem was more in your head than in the pot. Should your husband get another ingrown toenail, ask him to use an aluminum pail instead of a cooking utensil.

And while we're on the subject of toenails, they should be cut straight across. Sorry if I ruined some breakfasts out there, but this information is something you need to know, folks.

Dear Ann Landers: Our 14-year-old son's school friends gave him some phone numbers to access pornographic services. These were for international and 900-number calls. Without understanding the consequences, he ran up phone bills in excess of \$800 during a four-week period. Although minors are forbidden to use these services, he had to give only verbal affirmation that he was 18. No one checked to make sure he was telling the truth. What's more, all phone calls made from our home are OUR responsibility, regardless of the circumstances.

Please tell your readers that 900 and international calls can be blocked free of charge. Call your local phone service for details. Don't assume it won't happen to you. We didn't think it could happen to us, either. — Anonymous in Liberty, Mo.

Dear Liberty: You've performed a fine public service by writing. Thank you for wisening up a lot of people today (including me).

Is alcohol ruining your life or the life of a loved one? "Alcoholism: How to Recognize It, How to Deal With It, How to Conquer It" can turn things around. Send a self-addressed, long, business-size envelope and a check or money order for \$3.75 (this includes postage and handling) to: Alcohol, c/o Ann Landers, P.O. Box 11562, Chicago, Ill. 60611-0662. (In Canada, send \$4.55.)
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Guest speaker at L'Allegra Study Club's recent meeting was Kay Lynn Caviness, former Hereford resident. Caviness told about her family's experiences while on safari in Africa.

Safari experiences told

Kay Lynn Caviness, a former Hereford resident, gave the program at the recent meeting of L'Allegra Study Club in the home of Melissa Clarke.

In the program on her travels to Africa, she showed a video of the different places they visited. The safari that she and her family took allowed them to see animals in their natural surroundings, such as a rhinoceros snorting around their tents to witnessing lions feast on a kill. The video showed a variety of African animals as well as exotic-looking birds.

Club members were served African cuisine, such as samosas—the African hamburger, brandy snaps from Kenya, pineapple-almond-date bread from Liberia and an exotic fruit plate.

The table was decorated with tropical flowers, African artifacts and animal print plates.

The African safari was attended by Kitty Gault, Diana Griffin, Sandy Josseland, Barbara Kerr, Sylvia Khuri, Mary

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Kay McQuigg, Shelly Moss, Karen Payne, Hilda Perales, Jan Weishaar, Mary Janet Bricker and Clarke.

Dual programs given at Bippus Club meeting

Bippus Family Community Club met recently with Mariellen Homfeld as hostess. Two programs were presented in the combined February/March meeting.

Homfeld gave the program on "Bugs, Mold, Mildew and Rot", then assisted Kate Bradley in the presentation of "Grandma's Yellow Pie Plate."

President Alta Mae Higgins presided during the business meeting. Roll call was answered by members naming their favorite cleaning product.

Sue Thweatt led the recreation with each member participating.

Following the meeting, a luncheon was served by the hostess to visitors Mary Dorris, Dixie Fortenberry, and Stella Seiver and members Thweatt, Bradley, Higgins and Homfeld.

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Hospital Notes

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Library displayer—Although Dee Sturges has no Native American heritage herself, she has drawn on the 15 years she lived between Albuquerque and Santa Fe, N.M., to accumulate a wide variety of Native American artifacts and lore. A sampling of her collection is on display at the Deaf Smith County Library this month. Included in the display are hand-beaded dance moccasins, a water color painting by Rudy Montoya, a Navajo dance belt, and an original squash blossom necklace.

Looking Back

Today in History

By The Associated Press
Today is Thursday, March 11, the 70th day of 1999. There are 295 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On March 11, 1942, as Japanese forces continued to advance in the Pacific during World War II, Gen. Douglas MacArthur left the Philippines for Australia, vowing: "I shall return." He did, nearly three years later.

On this date:
In 1888, the famous "Blizzard of '88" struck the northeastern United States, resulting in some 400 deaths.

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

In 1954, the U.S. Army charged that Wisconsin Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy and his subcommittee's chief counsel, Roy Cohn, had exerted pressure to obtain favored treatment for Pvt. G. David Schine, a former consultant to the subcommittee.

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

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

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

gotiations.
In 1985, Mikhail S. Gorbachev was chosen to succeed the late Soviet President Konstantin U. Chernenko.

Ten years ago: Former World Bank head John J. McCloy, who had advised several presidents, died in Stamford, Conn., at age 93.

Five years ago: Secretary of State Warren Christopher arrived in Beijing, the mood of his trip already soured by a fresh government crackdown on Chinese dissidents.

One year ago: The International Astronomical Union issued an alert, saying a mile-wide asteroid could zip very close to Earth on Oct. 26, 2028, possibly colliding with it. But the next day, NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory said there was no chance the asteroid will hit Earth. A Florida appeals court restored Joe Carollo as mayor of Miami after charges of voter fraud

on absentee ballots.
Today's Birthdays: Media mogul Rupert Murdoch is 68. ABC News correspondent Sam Donaldson is 65. Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia is 63. Musician Flaco Jimenez (The Texas Tornados) is 60. Actress Tricia O'Neil is 54. Rock singer-musician Mark Stein (Vanilla Fudge) is 52. Singer Bobby McFerrin is 49. Movie director Jerry Zucker is 49. Actress Susan Richardson is 47. Singer Nina Hagen is 44. Country singer Jimmy Fortune (The Statler Brothers) is 44. Singer Cheryl Lynn is 42. Actress Alex Kingston ("ER") is 36. Actor Wallace Langham ("Veronica's Closet") is 34. Actor John Barrowman is 31. Singer Pete Dinklage is 30.

Thought for Today: "There are some people who leave impressions not so lasting as the imprint of an oar upon the water." — Kate Chopin, American writer (1851-1904).



Girl Scout News

By Lorna Haws
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Final tournament—Hereford's Special Olympics team, some of whom are pictured above, took all three games in a two-day tournament in Amarillo last weekend to capture first place. The adult team came in second. More than 36 teams participated in the Regional Finals.

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What's Happening

Area Events

LUBBOCK
Hodges Center of the City of Lubbock Parts and Recreation Department will host a spring Break Camp March 15-19 from 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the center, 41st St. and University Avenue.

The camp, for everyone ages 5 to 12, will consist of a combination of structured activities and supervised open play.

Some of the activities will include Bingo, arts and crafts, ping-pong, rewarded reading and outdoor games.

Registration is open until March 13. Call 806-767-3706 for more information.

AMARILLO

Nora Roberts, New York Times Bestseller author, will be at Hastings, 2001 S. Georgia, Amarillo, for a book signing and discussion session from 7-9 p.m. Friday.

Roberts is the first writer to be inducted into the Romance Writers of America's Hall of

Fame. In 1998 she had 11 books on the New York Times Bestseller list.

Roberts' first book was inspired from boredom; homebound by a blizzard with two small boys. From that creative experience, the author has become a powerhouse.

Texas Panhandle Mental Health Authority (TPMHA) Child and Adolescent Services staff will teach *SOS! Help for Parents*, a class for parents and other caregivers of children ages 0-12 on Tuesday evenings from 7-9 p.m. March 23 through April 20 at the TPMHA Administration Building, 1500 South Taylor, Amarillo.

Lynn Clark, Ph.D., a clinical psychologist from Kentucky, is the author of this curriculum. Jo Ann Berner, M.Ed. And Lisa Insall, BA, TPMHA Child and Adolescent staff, will teach the class.

Preregistration is required.

To enroll, call 806-354-2191.

A business luncheon for small, minority and women entrepreneurs will be held from 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m. Tuesday in Luby's Cafeteria, 4530 Canyon Dr., Amarillo.

Guest speaker will be Roger Williams, human resources manager at the Amarillo Plant, Bell Helicopter Textron, Inc.

Purposes of the luncheon are: to provide a forum for government officials to meet with small, minority-owned and women-owned businesses; to foster procurement in the private sector of the Texas Panhandle; to provide contract procurement announcements, requests for quotes and proposals; and to provide an opportunity for Panhandle buyers and sellers to make the right contacts and conduct business on the spot.

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Tar Heels open the Big Dance

North Carolina will try to get mystique back

SEATTLE (AP) — Three losses to ACC rival Duke and two more to Maryland were tough enough to handle. Now, North Carolina is trying to regain some of its swagger after finding itself in the unfamiliar position of being overlooked in the NCAA tournament.

"This year is similar to my freshman year," 6-foot-9 forward Ademola Okulaja said

Wednesday. "The stands (during practice at Seattle's Key Arena) weren't full. There was a clap here and there and some stupid comment."

"I think people don't expect too much and don't think we're a good team. But we're going to try and prove them wrong. We don't play for the crowd. We play for us."

The Tar Heels (24-9), the No. 3 seed in the West, will open tournament play tonight against No. 14-seed Weber State (24-7).

In other games at the Key Arena today, No. 7 Minnesota (17-10) met No. 10 Gonzaga

(25-6), No. 2 Stanford (25-6) played No. 15 Alcorn State (22-6) and No. 6 Florida (20-8) faces No. 11 Pennsylvania (21-5).

Minnesota wasn't sure of the status of four players, including starters Miles Tarver and Kevin Clark, because of an academic scandal on the Minneapolis campus.

On Thursday, the university started an investigation of a report in Wednesday's Saint Paul Pioneer Press quoting a former university employee as saying she did take-home exams and other course work for the four current players and at least 16 former

players.

In addition to Tarver and Clark, the Minnesota players named in the Press story were Antoine Broxsie and Jason Stanford.

North Carolina, beaten by Duke 96-73 in the ACC tournament championship game Sunday, qualified for the NCAA tournament for a record 25th consecutive year. That wasn't enough for spoiled Tar Heels' fans, whose favorite team won the NCAA title in 1993 under Dean Smith.

Bill Guthridge, Smith's former assistant who replaced him when he retired before the 1997-98 season, under-

stands.

"It would have been better to stay closer to home because that would have meant we had done better," he said.

"But this year Duke and Maryland both did better than we did. We deserve to come out here."

Guthridge took North Carolina to the Final Four last season, where the Tar Heels lost to Utah in the semifinals.

Although North Carolina lost six ACC games this season, the Tar Heels are confident they will play well in the NCAA tournament. They used a zone defense to help beat Maryland in the ACC

tournament semis.

The Tar Heels are bigger than Weber State, winner of the Big Sky tournament.

"We're ready to go," North Carolina freshman forward Kris Lang said. "We know that we have a height advantage and we're going to utilize it."

"They're smaller and hopefully we can score over them," Okulaja said. "I'll try to go as far as possible because it's my last year."

The North Carolina-Weber State game could be the final one for Ron Abegglen, 62, who has announced he will retire after this season. The announcement came in August, after he was placed on administrative leave for three weeks after being accused of domestic abuse.

Four years ago, Weber State made the NCAA tournament and beat Michigan State before losing to the Allen Iverson-led Georgetown 53-51.

"I'm not as emotional as I thought I'd be," Abegglen said. "I might shed a tear or two, but you're not going to see it."

Weber State feature 6-6 junior forward Harold Arceneaux, the Big Sky player of the year who comes into the tournament averaging 21.5 points.

Joe Torre leaves Yankees for cancer treatment

FORT MYERS, Fla. (AP) — The last five months prepared the New York Yankees for the jolting news that Joe Torre has prostate cancer.

Torre delivered that report Wednesday before leaving the Yankees, a team that has been shadowed by death and disease since he took over as manager three years ago.

"We're Yankees. We can deal with this better than anyone else," Yankees owner George Steinbrenner said. "We have with Joe DiMaggio's passing, Darryl Strawberry's cancer and we will now. Joe Torre will come out of this as a champion."

The team believes doctors caught the disease in its early stages, and Steinbrenner said Wednesday's test results are encouraging. He said Torre could be back in three weeks — in time for the season opener April 5.

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Two Lady Whitefaces receive honorable mention

On Class 3-4A All-District basketball team

Toni Eicke and Kristen Fangman joined three other Lady Whiteface cagers on the Class 3-4A All-District team it was announced this week.

Eicke and Fangman received honorable mention honors in the league.

The Hereford Brand had reported earlier that Tori Walker made the first team, while Valerie Guzeman and Makesha Rives earned berths on the second team.

Notice of the honorable mentions was not made available to the Brand during the early release.

The All-District team selections cap a remarkable 24-13 season for the Lady Whitefaces, who first edged their way into a third place district standing and then advanced all the way to the Region I-4A semifinals against Amarillo Palo Duro.

Soakin' up some sun



BRAND/Mauri Montgomery

Taking five — Essie Thomas, left, and Gloria Brown soak up some sun while waiting for Hereford High School track warmups to begin earlier this week. Uncharacteristically mild days have been pushed out of weather picture for the upcoming Deaf Smith Invitational sports activities planned Friday and Saturday. Forecasts were calling for the possibility of rain, snow and cooler temperatures through Saturday.

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San Francisco set for DiMaggio funeral

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Across the street, in Washington Square, scaffolding was built for TV cameras, and barriers were set up to block access to Sts. Peter and Paul Church for Joe DiMaggio's funeral.

In the church, where DiMaggio received his first

communion and married his first wife, there was a feeling of serenity. And that's exactly the atmosphere the Yankee Clipper requested.

The church, whose twin steeples tower over the North Beach neighborhood in which DiMaggio spent most of his childhood, was to be closed to

the public today as Father Armand Oliveri led the service for DiMaggio, who died Monday at his Florida home at the age of 84.

Oliveri, 79, who had known DiMaggio since the two grew up together in North Beach, said the service was a regular funeral Mass, including

Psalm 23 as well as readings from both the Old and New Testaments.

Dominick DiMaggio, Joe's younger brother and a fellow major leaguer, was to give the eulogy. Oliveri said there would only be about 40 people attending the Mass.

"They said they wanted it

to be family, and that was about it," Oliveri said. "Perhaps some close friends."

The ornate church, dark and solemn despite the light filtering through its stained-glass windows, has been visited by President Lyndon Johnson and Vice President

Walter Mondale. It also was the site of funeral services for former San Francisco Mayor Joseph Alioto.

There were no indications at the church entrance Wednesday that a dignitary was about to be eulogized there.

Torre

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Word of Torre's condition came two days after DiMaggio died of complications from lung-cancer surgery and on the same day Strawberry returned to the lineup for the first time since undergoing colon cancer surgery in October. "After what Darryl went through last year, we just have to be ready for something like this," Tino Martinez said.

Just last week, former Yankees star Catfish Hunter appeared at the team's camp too weak to shake hands because of Lou Gehrig's Disease. In 1996, when Torre became the Yankees' manager, his brother Rocco died, and his brother Frank had a heart transplant during the World Series.

It was not immediately clear what Torre's course of treatment will be or where he will be treated.

"I feel fine, and I am looking forward to taking care of this problem and getting back to work," said the 58-year-old manager, who spent the day at his spring home in Tampa.

The Yankees will rotate managers while Torre is out. Hitting coach Chris Chambliss managed the split squad game Wednesday in Fort Myers against the Red Sox, and Stump Merrill, who managed the Yankees in 1990-91 and is now a special assistant to general manager Brian Cashman, handled the team's game in Bradenton against the Pirates.

Third-base coach Willie Randolph and pitching coach Mel Stottlemyre also will share the managing duties.

"He is upbeat," Stottlemyre said after visiting Torre. "Naturally I'm very concerned. He's our leader. He's a manager as well as a very good friend. Any time a friend has

a problem, you're really concerned. I've got my fingers crossed and everything else crossed that everything will be OK."

Strawberry, who convinced Torre to let him return Wednesday — a week earlier than expected — said the team was "devastated" by the news, which dampened his return to the Yankees lineup.

"I really couldn't get as motivated as I would have been," Strawberry said after going 1-for-4 against the Red Sox. "No one wants to see someone else face this particular battle. It is a difficult battle for anybody. We all have to realize that until there is a cure for cancer there are no guarantees."

Torre met with his coaches and then individually with veterans Joe Girardi, Paul O'Neill and David Cone on Wednesday morning.

Girardi informed the Yankees who went to Fort Myers in a brief closed-door meeting two hours before the game. O'Neill told the group of players in Bradenton, while Cone told those who stayed in Tampa.

"The hardest thing to understand is why," Girardi said. "The first thing that went through my mind is what's next. You see Darryl coming back and then you hear Joe has cancer."

Prostate cancer is second only to lung cancer among cancer killers of American men, taking about 40,000 lives annually.

Most prostate cancer happens sporadically; patients have no particular family history of the disease. However, about one in 10 cases seems to be clearly inherited, because many men in the same family have it.

Torre is the third prominent person in baseball to be diagnosed with cancer this spring.

Atlanta first baseman Andres Galarraga was diagnosed with a cancerous tumor in his lower back and is undergoing chemotherapy. He will miss the entire season.

Florida Marlins third baseman Mike Lowell, a former Yankees prospect, was diagnosed last month with testicular cancer.

Marv Levy, the former coach of the Buffalo Bills, underwent surgery for prostate cancer during the 1995 NFL season and, at 70, was back coaching within a month.

"Joe is taking the correct steps," Levy said. "It is a disease that, when diagnosed early and treated aggressively, is highly curable."

Purcell, Gomez among professional rodeo leaders

Staff and wire reports

A Hereford cowboy is among the money leaders on the rodeo circuit, according to the weekly figures released Tuesday by the National Professional Rodeo Association.

Steve Purcella is No. 7 in the team roping (heading) category with \$12,050.

Another cowboy with Hereford ties, Mickey Gomez of Norman, Okla., is No. 10 in the team roping (heeling) category with \$8,358.

Money Leaders Through March 7 All-Around

1. Fred Whitfield, Hockley, Texas, \$47,562. 2. Herbert Theriot, Poplarville, Miss., \$25,874. 3. Ty Murray, Stephenville, Texas, \$19,492. 4. Chad Hagan, Leesville, La., \$16,632. 5. Joe Beaver, Huntsville, Texas, \$11,427. 6. Kurt Goulding, Duncan, Okla., \$9,826. 7. B.J. Zieffle, Consort, Alberta, \$9,817. 8. Cash Myers, Athens, Texas, \$9,629.

Saddle Bronc Riding

1. Rod Hay, Wildwood, Alberta, \$32,811. 2. Dean Schlattmann, Basin, Wyo., \$28,184. 3. Tom Reeves, Eagle Butte, S.D., \$22,249. 4. Dan Mortensen, Manhattan, Mont., \$18,274. 5. Ira Slagowski, Carlin, Nev., \$17,508. 6. Rod Warren, Water Valley, Alberta, \$16,146. 7. Billy Ethauer, Reel Heights, S.D., \$15,990. 8. Ryan Elshere, New Underwood, S.D., \$15,887. 9. Bobby Griswold, Moore, Okla., \$15,483. 10. Steve Dollarhide, Wikieup, Ariz., \$14,696.

Bareback Riding

1. Pete Hawkins, Weatherford, Texas, \$28,110. 2. Jeffrey Collins, Redfield, Kan., \$23,163. 3. Chris Harris, Arlington, Texas, \$18,679. 4. Eric Mouton, Weatherford, Okla., \$18,320. 5. Deb Greenough, Red Lodge, Mont., \$16,459. 6. Mark Gomes, Hutchinson, Kan., \$16,225. 7. Kelly Wardell, Bellevue, Idaho, \$15,995. 8. Jason Wylie,

Stanchfield, Minn., \$15,719. 9. Mark Garrett, Nisland, S.D., \$15,055. 10. Denny McLanahan, Canadian, Texas, \$11,588.

Bull Riding

1. Gregory Potter, Weatherford, Texas, \$22,804. 2. Cody Hancock, Taylor, Ariz., \$20,221. 3. Vince Stanton, Weiser, Idaho, \$17,412. 4. Myron Duarte, Auburn, Wash., \$15,468. 5. Rex Phillips, Elko, Nev., \$14,168. 6. Royd Doyal, Pittsburg, Texas, \$13,338. 7. Aaron Semas, Auburn, Calif., \$13,217. 8. Francis Wilson, Sidney, Neb., \$13,189. 9. Owen Washburn, Lordsburg, N.M., \$13,093. 10. Hank Reece, Prineville, Ore., \$12,516.

Calf Roping

1. Fred Whitfield, Hockley, Texas, \$41,914. 2. Cody Ohi, Stephenville, Texas, \$29,453. 3. Blair Burk, Durant, Okla., \$26,684. 4. Johnny Emmons, Grandview, Texas, \$20,559. 5. Jerome Schneberger, Ponca City, Okla., \$18,589. 6. Ronnie Hyde, Bloomington, Ind., \$18,403. 7. Ricky Hyde, Conway, Ark., \$17,928. 8. Herbert Theriot, Poplarville, Miss., \$17,861. 9. Jim Bob Mayes, Elgin, Texas, \$16,832. 10. Tony Reina, Wharton, Texas, \$16,787.

Steer Wrestling

1. Roper Myers, Van, Texas, \$21,821. 2. Lee Graves, Calgary, Alberta, \$17,511. 3. Jason Lahr, Emporia, Kan., \$17,456. 4. Rod Lyman, Victor, Mont., \$17,419. 5. Brad Gleason, Touchet, Wash., \$16,215. 6. Randy Suhm, Laramie, Wyo., \$16,209. 7. Justin Blaine Davis, Sidney, Mont., \$16,079. 8. T.W. Snyder, Colbert, Okla., \$15,041. 9. Mickey Gee, Wichita Falls, Texas, \$14,476. 10. Byron Walker, Ennis, Texas, \$12,895.

Team Roping (Heading)

1. Charles Pogue, Ringling, Okla., \$17,397. 2. Daniel Green, Oakdale, Calif., \$15,728. 3. Speed Williams, Jacksonville, Fla., \$13,697. 4. David Motes, Fresno, Calif., \$13,389. 5. Jake Barnes, Cave Creek, Ariz., \$12,650. 6. Turtle Powell, Alpine, Texas, \$12,607. 7. Steve Purcella, Hereford, Texas,

\$12,050. 8. Kevin Stewart, Glen Rose, Texas, \$10,344. 9. Chad Saunders, Greenbrier, Ark., \$10,041. 10. Larry Harris, Checotah, Okla., \$8,358.

Team Roping (Heeling)

1. Britt Bockius, Claremore, Okla., \$17,397. 2. Allen Bach, Turlock, Calif., \$15,728. 3. Rich Skelton, Llano, Texas, \$13,697. 4. John Paul Lucero, Stephenville, Texas, \$12,607. 5. Clay O'Brien Cooper, Bandera, Texas, \$12,100. 6. Wayne Folmer, Stephenville, Texas, \$12,050. 7. J.D. Yates, Pueblo, Colo., \$11,801. 8. Martin Lucero, Stephenville, Texas, \$10,344. 9. Michael Harris, Vilonia, Ark., \$10,041. 10. Mickey Gomez, Norman, Okla., \$8,358.

Steer Roping

1. Rocky Patterson, Pratt, Kan., \$6,299. 2. Marty Jones, Hobbs, N.M., \$5,976. 3. De Lynn Jones, Hobbs, N.M., \$4,306. 4. Hicks Harris, Agua Dulce, Texas, \$3,518. 5. Bucky Hefner, Chelsea, Okla., \$3,499. 6. Rod Hartness, Pawhuska, Okla., \$3,315. 7. Randy Wells, Salado, Texas, \$2,951. 8. Jim Davis, Abilene, Texas, \$2,940. 9. Arnold Felts, Sonora, Texas, \$2,686. 10. Roy Cooper, Childress, Texas, \$2,429.

Barrel Racing

1. Sherry Cervi, Midland, Texas, \$28,275. 2. Janet Stover, Decatur, Texas, \$24,864. 3. Ruth Haislip, Acampo, Calif., \$17,647. 4. Jamie Richards, Kennewick, Wash., \$16,257. 5. Talina Bird, Post, Texas, \$15,390. 6. Kristie Peterson, Elbert, Colo., \$13,052. 7. Rachael Myllymaki, Arlee, Mont., \$10,623. 8. Liz Loeffler, Poteet, Texas, \$10,406. 9. Monica Wilson, Cardston, Alberta, \$9,995. 10. Gail Hillman, Waller, Texas, \$9,842.

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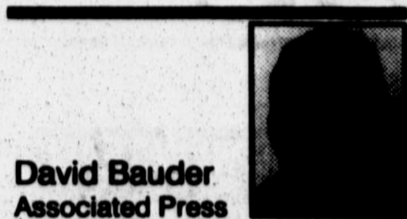
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INSIDE

'Invisible man' Gumbel may return with morning TV show

Two years ago this week, CBS won an intense three-network bidding war for the services of former 'Today' host Bryant Gumbel by agreeing to pay him nearly \$5 million a year.



David Bauder Associated Press

Now he's virtually an invisible man. His newsmagazine canceled, Gumbel hasn't appeared on the air for CBS since he was host of a news special in December. It's not clear when he'll appear on-screen again. CBS says it is discussing future projects with Gumbel, but won't disclose more.

An increasingly lucrative time of day for networks, 'Today' is so far ahead that it's not a realistic target at this point.

'This Morning' very briefly surged past 'Good Morning America' in the ratings at the end of last year, but has settled back into third place since Diane Sawyer and Charles Gibson were installed as hosts of the ABC show.

CBS is talking about a range of changes to 'This Morning,' now anchored by Mark McEwen and Jane Robelot, CBS News President Andrew Heyward said. 'We are pleased with its progress but are not satisfied,' he said.

'Bryant and I are colleagues and friends and we talk all the time,' Heyward said. 'Of course, the morning show is part of this. But there have been no offers, no negotiations, no demands. All of this is a work in progress.'

'Good Morning America' may actually pave the way for Gumbel's return. Luring Sawyer and Gibson to be hosts established the precedent of news stars returning to morning television, making it easier for CBS to approach Gumbel about this job. Sawyer worked for CBS's morning show in the early 1980s.

'I think it would be slightly strange for those of us who worked with him every day to be competing against him,'

said Jeff Zucker, executive producer of 'Today.' 'On the other hand, I would certainly welcome it because more competition is always great and Bryant is certainly terrific at this. It would be strange but kind of fun.'

It's far more complicated than adjusting a chair for him on the morning show set.

CBS is considering an expensive real estate deal to build a street-front studio for 'This Morning' off New York's Central Park, imitating the successful 'Today' window at Rockefeller Plaza. Without it, many at CBS doubt Gumbel would want the job.

'This Morning' would also probably have to change its unique format that turns over much of its first hour to its affiliates for local news.

The network gave away that time a few years ago to stave off a mutiny by affiliates angry at low ratings. A key man in these discussions is Steve Friedman, executive at CBS's affiliate in New York City. Friedman's also a former executive producer of 'Today' when Gumbel worked there. A decision on what to do about 'This Morning' is expected before an important meeting of CBS affiliates in June.

Few people claim any insider knowledge about what Gumbel will do.

'I think he's got a big decision to make,' Zucker said. 'Bryant's not going to be pushed into it no matter how much the media speculates or people talk about it. He'll do what's best for him, as he should. At the end of the day, he's also a very loyal company

man and he'll do what he's asked to do.'

Two years after he was in huge demand, Gumbel, 50, is in a peculiar sort of limbo: making millions to bide his time. The talent that helped him rise from local sports reporting to the rarified air of network star is in mothballs.

His status as highly-paid benchwarmer is a natural flashpoint for resentment, especially since he works for a network run by Mel

Karmazin, an aggressive cost-cutter.

There appear to be few other options for Gumbel at CBS. The network has already renewed its three prime-time newsmagazines for next season, and he has worked for none of them. There's no room for Gumbel's 'Public Eye,' which received lukewarm ratings and reviews before being canceled. Dan Rather isn't going anywhere, and Gumbel has

said he isn't interested in anchoring the evening news.

Gumbel has been working with Dunbar Productions, his syndication company set up as part of his deal with CBS, although none of its projects has been revealed.

If he says no to the morning show, the next step will likely be negotiations to buy out his CBS contract.

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TELEVISION

THURSDAY MARCH 11

Table of TV schedules for Thursday, March 11, listing programs from 6 PM to 11 PM across various channels.

FRIDAY MARCH 12

Table of TV schedules for Friday, March 12, listing programs from 7 AM to 12 PM across various channels.

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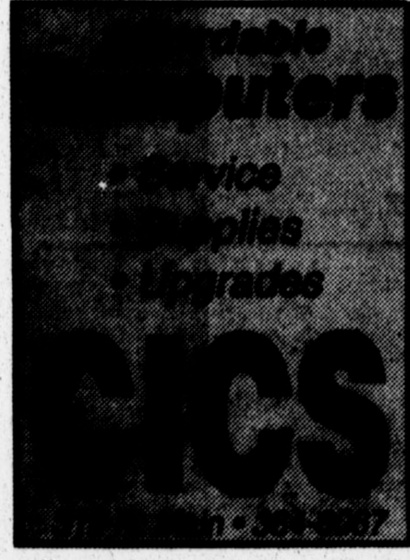
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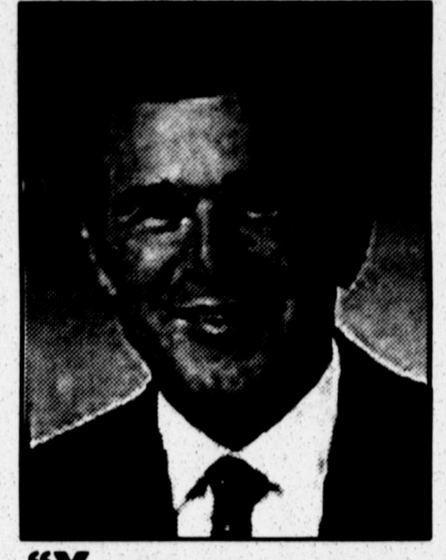
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Bush says his focus is on Texas



AUSTIN (AP) — Republican George W. Bush, with a few kind words for potential presidential rival Elizabeth Dole, insisted Wednesday that his own budding presidential bid hasn't distracted him from his job as Texas governor.

Bush, who on Sunday formed a presidential exploratory committee, said he will keep his promise to voters to work at the Capitol until the Legislature ends its current session on May 31.

"You've got to understand, I'm working members (of the Legislature) all the time. I really am spending time inside that Capitol building," Bush said.

"I would hope the presidential potential candidacy would not disrupt the legislative session. I've told members they need to do what they think is right for the state of Texas," he said.

Bush's comments came as former American Red Cross leader Elizabeth Dole was in Iowa, announcing her own presidential exploratory committee.

As he has been repeatedly, Bush was gracious — but succinct — when talking about the woman whom many opinion polls place alongside him at the front of the GOP presidential pack.

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Gov. George W. Bush

Dole sets up committee for a White House race



DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Elizabeth Dole, the former American Red Cross leader who has worked in the administrations of five presidents, today announced she has formed an exploratory committee to see if she can build enough support for a presidential bid.

Mrs. Dole, officially joining the ranks of Republican presidential hopefuls, said she has found "a great American yearning" that she hoped to fill with a campaign for the White House.

She strolled around a room of her supporters in a style reminiscent of her speech during the 1996 GOP convention in San Diego as she listed her accomplishments.

"What does a woman like me have to offer the country," she asked as she listed what she said was 30-plus years of experience in public service. "I'm not a politician and, frankly, today that may be a plus."

"We must rekindle a spirit in our hearts, something very American, something still alive but buried beneath a thickening layer of skepticism and doubt," Mrs. Dole said during her announcement before the cheering crowd of more than 400 people.

"We must renew faith in the goodness of our nation and a sense in ourselves that each one of us can make a difference," she said.

As she took the step toward seeking the Republican presidential nomination, Mrs. Dole pointed out her experience as a Cabinet member and also tried to distance herself from potential rivals.

With her announcement, Mrs. Dole moves to the first tier of potential Republican contenders. Most polls have shown Mrs. Dole and Texas Gov. George W. Bush far ahead of lesser-known potential GOP rivals.

House panel moves on banking overhaul

Gramm's closed-door session draws fire from consumer groups

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House Banking Committee has overwhelmingly approved a measure that would require ATM surcharges to be disclosed clearly at teller machines.

The panel voted 48-1 on Wednesday to attach the measure to larger legislation it is drafting to remove Depression-era barriers between banks, securities firms and insurance companies.

On another front, a consumer activist criticized a closed-door meeting Tuesday between Senate Banking Committee Chairman Phil Gramm, R-Texas, and lobbyists from the three industries. Gramm discussed with the industry representatives how they could lobby senators on his version of a financial over-

haul bill.

"It's too bad he doesn't call us in, to get the consumer perspective across to him," said Mary Griffin, insurance counsel for Consumers Union.

The ATM surcharge measure would require clear disclosure of the surcharges, which come on top of charges by customers' own banks for using a machine operated by another bank. The double charges would have to be posted on the ATMs and on the terminal screen after consumers log in. Consumers would have to be given the chance to terminate their transaction before paying the surcharge.

Most banks already do those things voluntarily, but surveys by the consumer organization U.S. Public Interest Research Group indicate that 10 percent to 15 percent of ATMs nationwide do not.

GOP may be receptive to Clinton's idea, but accounting firms plan to do battle

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republicans lawmakers appear receptive to President Clinton's proposals to scrap corporate tax shelters, but top accounting firms made it clear they plan to fight.

Rep. Bill Archer, chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, told Treasury Department officials at a hearing Wednesday that the GOP will "explore" the 11 proposals, estimated to raise \$11.7 billion in revenue over the next 10 years.

"The area of corporate tax shelters is one field which merits review," said Archer, R-Texas.

But Kenneth Kies, managing partner of national tax services at the PricewaterhouseCoopers accounting firm, told the panel the Treasury Department's definition of a shelter is "broad and amorphous," could prompt challenges to legal transactions and gives the government too much power.

"These proposals are overreaching, unnecessary and at odds with sound tax policy and principles," Kies said.

Donald Lubick, assistant Treasury secretary for tax policy, said the Clinton administration is "pleased" at the prospects of working with Congress on the corporate tax shelters. Lubick said the

growth of such shelters is cutting into federal revenue and lead to "a perception of unfairness."

"Corporate tax shelters erode the integrity of the tax system as a whole," Lubick said.

The Treasury Department has identified several such shelters that it feels should be eliminated. They include corporate takeovers aimed at avoiding taxes, fees paid for advice on how to create shelters and taxes avoided by people who lease tax-exempt property.

"Some of the brightest minds in the country spend their every waking hour fig-

uring out ways to avoid taxes others have to pay," said Rep. Lloyd Doggett, D-Texas.

The Ways and Means panel was not receptive to dozens of other revenue-raising proposals included in Clinton's budget for fiscal 2000. They mainly affect such things as business accounting methods, stock transactions, insurance company profits and trade association investment income.

Noting Congress has rejected 30 of Clinton's proposals, Rep. Nancy Johnson, R-Conn., said the tax increases should not be approved while federal budget surpluses are projected at \$1.6 trillion over the next 10 years.



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Business recognized -- Members of the the Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce Business Retention Committee joined Arrowhead Mills General Manager Gary Schultz in honoring the business, which has been operating in Hereford since its founding in 1960 by George Warner and Frank and Margie Ford. The small regional business, which had its mill by Veterans Park, began growing in 1967 and became a national distributor of natural foods. It was purchased in 1998 by Hain Food Group. Products of Arrowhead Mills include DeBoles Natural Pasta, Nile Spices, Cup of Soup, Weight Watchers sugar-free products, and Arrowhead Mills whole grain products, cereals, mixes, beans and flour. All of the corn and half of the wheat used at the mill are purchased locally, while rice is from South Texas. The mill employs 85 people.

Holly Sugar promotes Crowley at local plant

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Joseph P. Crowley has been named production manager at the Holly Sugar Corp. ion exclusion plant (IEP) in Hereford.

An ion exclusion plant makes it possible to recover sugar from beet molasses, a by-product of sugarbeet processing.

Crowley joined Holly Sugar in Colorado Springs, Colo., in 1962 as an assistant research chemist. In 1964, he transferred to Holly's Hereford factory. During his career with Holly, he has held a variety of positions, including senior process technician and end foreman. In September 1997, Crowley was promoted to shift superintendent at Hereford, the position he held prior to his most recent promotion.

Crowley and his wife, Judy, reside in Hereford. They have two children, Marcia and Christopher.

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ENMU to dedicate remodeled building

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PORTALES — The public is invited to the dedication of the newly remodeled Education Building at Eastern New Mexico University at 11:30 a.m. Friday.

The presentations will be made by Dr. Everett Frost, ENMU president; Dr. Larry Byrnes, dean of the College of Education and Technology; and Craig Cosner, president of the ENMU Board of Regents. Other regents will also attend.

The 24,494-square-foot renovation project, which includes 2,500 square feet of new construction, was de-

signed by Greer/Stafford of Albuquerque, contracted by Cortez III of Alamogordo, and included eight subcontractors as well as ENMU's physical plant personnel. The project was funded by New Mexico voter approval of a 1996 General Obligation Bond Act that provided \$2 million.

The existing building was completely redesigned to provide 10 state-of-the-art technology classrooms and workspace for students, faculty and staff. This includes two computer laboratories, an instructional television facility and seminar rooms, and the New Mexico Educational Software Clearinghouse.

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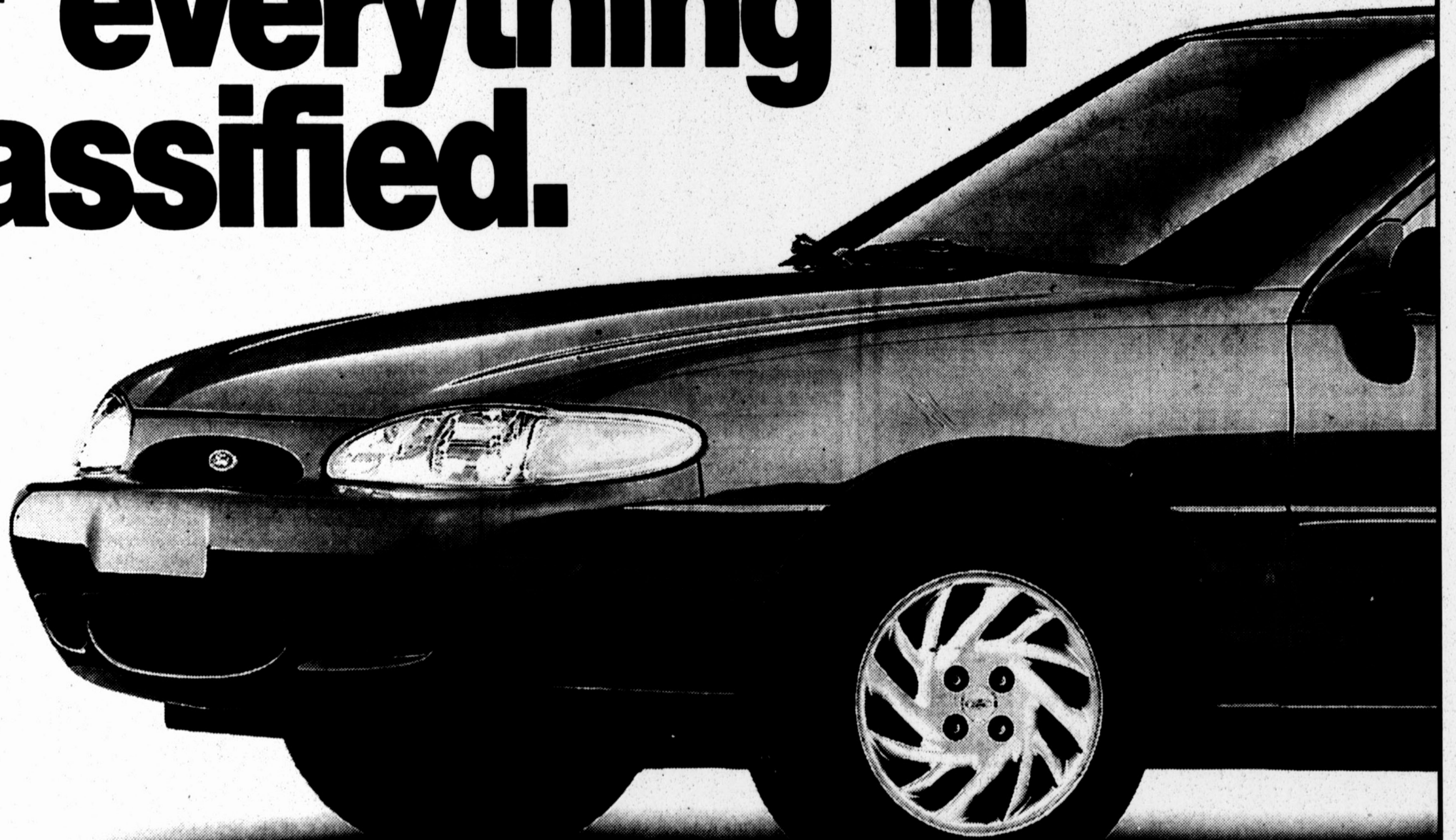
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