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■ Stanley Black, grandson of E.B. and Carrie Black, when he presented a check to the Deaf Smith County Historical Society for care of his family's historic house.



■ The grandson of E.B. and Carrie Black donates money to historical society to help keep his family's history alive in Hereford. — **Page A2**



BRAND/Mauri Montgomery

Students from across the Panhandle, including Hereford, were on the campus of West Texas A&M University on Friday to participate in the final activities of the annual JASON Project.

## JASON draws 9,500 students to WTAMU

CANYON — Thousands of school kids spent several days this week on the campus of West Texas A&M University participating in the annual JASON Project.

About 1,200 students from throughout the Panhandle participated in Friday's activities.

During the past two weeks, 9,500 students in grades 4-9, representing 90 campuses and 40 school districts, participated. Organizers had projected 12,000 participants, but the attendance was held down by conflicts with the TAAS examinations and spring breaks.

The JASON Project, has been in existence for 11 years, with WTAMU serving as host for two years.

Each year the JASON Project takes millions of elementary and middle school students worldwide on scientific "expeditions" without

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## WHERE THEY STAND Candidates outline their views

(Editor's note: The *Hereford Brand* asked candidates in contested Deaf Smith County races to present their views on issues affecting the residents of the county.)

(The candidates' responses to the newspaper's questionnaire follow.)

### COUNTY COMMISSIONER Precinct 1 Democrats

#### Armando Gonzales

The most important issue facing Deaf Smith County is tax control. I will control spending at all levels and match present revenue to budget, the same way common people match their income to their bills.

My goals, if elected, will be:  
A To provide better road maintenance for everybody.

B Control taxes through controlled spending. People forget budgets are estimates of expenditure. Just because money is budgeted does not mean it has to be spent.

My qualifications for this office are experience representing approximately 190 union members at the local Holly Sugar plant and at district contract negotiations as union president.

I also farmed and conducted busi-



ness with Campbell Soup, Texas Department of Corrections, Gerber and a number of other large corporations.

And, last of all, because I care.

#### Joe Henry

I believe the most important challenge facing our county is the somewhat stagnant tax base. The county is funded by tax dollars. If we lose businesses, we lose tax dollars. We then have to cut back on services or else seek tax dollars by raising the rate or bringing in new busi-

nesses.

I like the idea of helping the businesses that we have to stay here and grow. We could explore incentives and services that could be provided by the county.

I believe that the county needs to work aggressively with the Hereford Economic Development Corp., the City of Hereford, the Hereford Independent School District and the Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce to bring in new business to broaden the tax base. We need to remind the citizens of Deaf Smith County and the employees of Deaf Smith County that spending our money here is providing growth for business and returned sales tax dollars to us.

I have two main goals if I am



elected. 1. To be available to each citizen that has concerns; 2. I intended to work cooperatively with precinct employees and other members of county government to provide efficient service for the people of Precinct 1 and Deaf Smith County.

I believe I am qualified (for this position) by education. I have a degree in agronomy from Texas Tech University and I have experience as a certified agriculture equipment appraiser.

I have 43 years experience in the farming and cattle business. I have many years in owning a retail business. I effectively work with business plans, budgets and projections. I communicate regularly with numerous people and government agencies concerning farming/ranching procedures and regulations.

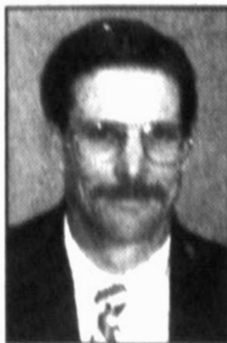
#### Republicans

#### Wayne Betzen

I think the most important challenge is to stretch the revenue to provide all the services the citizens require and to still have enough for capital improvements and maintenance. I can accomplish this by spending conservatively and wisely and by making prudent decisions concerning county business.

My goals are to balance the bud-

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## Republicans lead in the early voting

If the early voting is any indication, Republicans will far outnumber Democrats in Tuesday's party primaries.

According to figures provided by Deaf Smith County Clerk David Ruland, 749 voters cast early ballots in the GOP primary, while the Democrats drew 257.

The early voter turnout was heavy enough that county election officials decided to open all nine polling places for Tuesday's vote.

#### POLLING PLACES

- Precinct 1: Aikman Primary School, 900 Ave. K, 363-7641;
- Precinct 2: Courthouse-Room 200, 235 E. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 363-7022;
- Precinct 3: Hereford Junior High, 704 LaPlata Drive, 363-7138;
- Precinct 4: Hereford Community Center, 100 Ave. C, 363-7138;
- Precinct 5: Palo Duro Baptist Church, 13 miles east of Hereford on U.S. Hwy. 60, 15 miles north on Farm Road 809, east side of the road, 426-3470;
- Precinct 6: Ford Community Building, 20 miles north of Hereford on U.S. Hwy. 385, west side of road, 267-2142;
- Precinct 7: Dawn Community Center, 13 miles east of Hereford, center of town, 258-9277;
- Precinct 8: Walcott School, 24 miles west of Hereford on FM 1058, 7 miles north on FM 1412, west side of road, 289-5222;
- Precinct 9: Simms Community House, 15 miles north of Hereford on U.S. 385, 15 miles west on FM 1412, north side of the road, no phone.

The polls will be open 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Tuesday.

#### DEAF SMITH COUNTY Commissioner, Precinct 1

**Democrats:** Armando Gonzalez; Joe Henry; Margaret Del Toro.

**Republicans:** (i) Wayne Betzen; Alfred Ortiz  
**Commissioner, Precinct 3**

**Democrats:** none

**Republicans:** Mike Brumley; (i) Troy Don Moore.  
**Sheriff**

**Democrats:** (i) Joe Brown.

**Republicans:** Brent Harrison; Fidel Reyna.  
**Tax Assessor/Collector**

**Democrats:** Teresa Garth

**Republicans:** Jeannine Zimmerman.  
**Constable**

**Democrats:** none

**Republicans:** (i) Bryan Hedrick.  
(i) incumbent

## HRMC lays off 15 employees

By Donald M. Cooper

Hereford Brand Managing Editor

About 15 members of the Hereford Regional Medical Center were laid off Friday as the hospital administration struggles to deal with continuing financial difficulties.

The layoffs were across the board, with no single department bearing the brunt of the staff reduction.

"This reduction was in response to continuing declines in hospital operations," HRMC chief executive officer James Taylor stated. "In Fiscal 1999, the hospital's Medicaid Disproportionate Share funding was reduced significantly, forcing the hospital to deal with a considerable financial challenge in providing care to the community."

"The reduction in staff ... was an unfortunate, but necessary step in our process of stabilizing the financial position of the hospital."

"All terminated employees will be offered counseling services and assistance with preparation of resumes and locating other jobs which might be available within the community. These employees have served the hospital well and we regret that this action has become necessary," Taylor stated.

The loss of Medicaid reimbursement funding was in excess of \$600,000, dealing a significant blow to the financial well-being of the hospital, which derives about 54 percent of its operations revenue from Medicare/Medicaid patients.

According to hospital financial reports, although the hospital showed a net surplus of \$35,793 for December 1999, the operations showed a net loss of \$64,721. When the first quarter of Fiscal 2000 ended Dec. 31, the hospital showed an operations loss of nearly \$234,900.

# Black helps keep history alive

■ Grandson donates funds to aid in rehabilitation of his family's home, the E.B. Black house

By Julie L. Carlson

Hereford Brand Staff Writer

The E.B. Black family history lives on. Stanley Black, grandson of the late Carrie and E.B. Black resides in Tampa, Fla., but returns to Hereford a couple of times a year to check on the family farm located at Black and to admire the Deaf Smith County Historical Society's care of the historic Black House.

"I don't check on the house, these ladies (Historical Society) check on the house, they do a good enough job so I don't need to check on the house. They do such a good job, not only with the house but also with the museum."

Stanley's father, William Black, was the only of the four Black children to keep his share of the family farm which has been passed on to Stanley.

"I kind of felt like I was the last one because the others lost interest. My level of interest in the house certainly would not have been as great as it is now had it not been for the tremendous work these ladies (Historical Society) and their predecessors have done in terms of their volunteer work, their management, in the sense of their scheduling, and this house is used so much for several events ... the Blacks were very very active in civic things, so I think they would be appreciative that this house has stayed active as a community resource."

Though Black does not have much of a recollection of his grandparents, his father and mother have answered several questions Stanley had about them. He was 6 years old when Carrie passed away and 10 when E.B. died.

"Later, as I became more interested, I had talked to my parents about the Blacks and found documents ... I learned a lot more about their backgrounds and their interests and so forth, so I guess you could say it was a step removed because I really have no direct knowledge of them."

One document Stanley has found through his family history's searching was a typed letter, which was originally hand written in 1908, from Mrs. Black. This inspirational letter was written to her children the night before going into an unknown surgery at a place called the Temple Sanitarium. In the letter she told each of her four children, Nellie, Jim, Elizabeth and William, their tasks to be carried out upon her death. She also spoke of the Lord and said she would meet each of them in Heaven:

"... I have committed you all, your father and myself into the Lord's hands and I know he will take care of you if you will only trust him ... If you never see me again meet me in Heaven for I expect to go there."

Mrs. Black did not die from this surgery. Of the few memories Stanley has of his grandparents he does, however, remember the feasts Mrs. Black would fix, especially during harvest.

"I do remember all the food during wheat harvest. Mrs. Black and Mrs. Barnett, who was the wife of the man who was operating



BRAND/Julie L. Carlson

Deaf Smith County Historical Society members greeted Stanley Black, grandson of E.B. and Carrie Black, on his trip to Hereford. While in Hereford, Black checked on the family farm, as well as admiring his grandparents' historic home. Welcoming Black are (from left) Paula Edwards, director of the Deaf Smith County Museum and E.B. Black House; Ruth McBride, Lois Gilliland and historical society president Theresa Artho.

the farm, would have to fix lunch for all the people involved with the wheat harvest and there were a lot of guys involved back then, before all the automatons."

Stanley's oldest son is interested in learning more about Black family's history and enjoys visiting the farm.

"He lives in Austin and the other children live much further away so that's easier for him to get here, plus he's just always shown much more interest in it (the farm and house)."

It has been noted the Black's were very hospitable even to the occasional passerby.

"The stories about how generous they were are true. I remember a story my mother told me about during the Depression, these homeless people, well she used the word 'hobo', would always come to the back door, never to the front door, and Mrs. Black would always give them something to eat, never gave them any money, only something to eat, and you know, that's generosity."

Stanley grew up in Lubbock, where his father was in the insurance business and his mother was a homemaker. After graduating from high school, Stanley has moved several times. Through all his moves, he likes to return to the farm and house because he says it's a sense of stability for him.

"I grew up in Lubbock, went to college in Dallas, was drafted to Korea in the Army during the Korean War, went to graduate school in Boston, went to work in Dallas, from

Dallas to Costa Rica, from there to New Orleans, then on to Jamaica, from there to the Dominican Republic back to Costa Rica, on to Florida, down to Venezuela, from there to Tampa, Fla., back to Costa Rica and back to Tampa. The reason I bring this up is not to brag about how many frequent flyer miles I have but because this (the house and farm) is in a sense a continuation for me and is the one stable thing for me because I have been so many places, as well as my parents living such places as Lubbock to San Antonio to Arizona. It gives me some roots."

Stanley is a retired marketing consultant for Dole Food Products.

On his recent trip to Hereford, Stanley presented a donation to Paula Edwards, Deaf Smith County Museum and E.B. Black House director, and the ladies of the Historical Society, on behalf of the Black House re-painting fund project. The project is to get underway this spring and according to Edwards the community has helped out in funding this project.

"We did have a good response from local businesses and we have received several donations and memorials as well, all of which have helped out greatly," Edwards said.

So what does E.B. stand for? "You know he never went by his full name, it was always 'E.B.' - it stood for Epinedus Bushrod. If you had that name, you wouldn't have gone by it either," Black said.

## HEREFORD BRAND

### Local roundup

#### Bell receives award

BISMARCK, N.D. - Larry Bell was recently named among the Top 10 Representatives for the South Central Region with Investment Centers of America Inc. (ICA), a nationwide provider of financial products and services to bank clients. The award recognizes superior sales performance in 1999 among ICA representatives within the region which includes Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, and New Mexico.



Larry Bell

The awards were presented at an ICA Regional meeting held in San Antonio. The three-day meeting was attended by 45 investment representatives from four states. Speakers included George Linardos, Chairman of IFC Holdings Investment Policy Committee and other speakers who provided information on wealth transfer strategies, financial products and market trends.

#### Legion post sets celebration

American Legion Post 192 will celebrate the 81<sup>st</sup> birthday of the American Legion at 6:30 p.m. Monday in the American Legion Hall in Veterans Park. The evening will begin with a covered dish meal hosted by the auxiliary.

Meat, bread, dessert and drinks will be furnished. Members are asked to bring a vegetable or salad for the meal. Earl Stagner, a World War II pilot, will be the guest speaker. All American Legion members and their families are urged to attend.

#### Annual auction scheduled

St. Anthony's annual auction begins at noon Sunday with a donation hamburger lunch at the Knights of Columbus Hall, located on Country Club Road.

The auction will get under way after the lunch. The public is invited.

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## Wynn's dream comes true

By Dianna F. Dandridge

Hereford Brand Staff Writer

Big dreams really do come in small packages, or so Larry Wynn, an employee at Hereford Bi-products, found out this week.

On Tuesday, Wynn purchased a quick-pick Cash Five lottery ticket at the Allsup's, located at U.S. Highway 60 and East Park Avenue, and the next day, while flipping through the *Amarillo Globe-News*, he saw his set of numbers.

"I had to look twice. Then I had one of the girls in the office check them. Then I went over to Allsup's and had them check them," said Wynn.

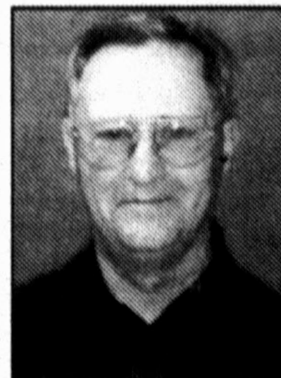
Wynn went to Amarillo that evening and picked up his check. The gross amount was

\$78,708. The government held out 28 percent.

He says he doesn't have any big plans for the money just yet, but it's already in the bank and he's just going to "sit on it for a while."

"I'll take a good vacation this year, but I don't have anything special planned for it," he said.

And, yes he plans to continue buying lottery tickets.



LARRY WYNN  
Lottery winner

## Premiere to benefit WTAMU

Special to The Brand

AMARILLO — The lights will shine in Amarillo at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday for the national premiere of "Beyond the Mat."

The movie, written and directed by Barry Blaustein, was more than two years in the making. It takes a serious look at the world of professional wrestling, with its focus on three of the top performers, including area native Terry Funk.

The documentary, produced by Ron Howard's Imagine Entertainment Co., already has received critical acclaim throughout the entertainment industry, including a nomination for the American Directors Guild Award.

Blaustein followed Funk and fellow wrestling legends Jake "the Snake" Roberts and Mick "Mankind" Foley for several months. The film documents the wrestlers' lives both inside and outside the ring.

Funk, a former football player at West Texas A&M University, still resides in the Panhandle and maintains strong ties with WTAMU.

Funk has been entertaining people for more

than 30 years. In addition to his professional wrestling career, he has appeared in several films, including "Roadhouse," "Rocky V," "Over the Top" and "Paradise Alley," and several television shows.

Tickets for the premiere are on sale at the Big Texan Gift Shop, located inside the restaurant between Lakeside and Whitaker Road on Interstate Road in Amarillo; Buck's Sports Goods on 45<sup>th</sup> Street in Amarillo; and at the WTAMU Development office, second floor of Old Main, Room 226 on the WTAMU campus in Canyon.

The \$35 tickets also will be sold at the door at the United Artists Theater. The ticket includes the premier, an autographed movie poster, introductory remarks by Funk and a question-and-answer session with the wrestler.

All proceeds from the movie premiere will benefit the WTAMU Foundation and fund a "Funk Family Scholarship" for the university's football program.

For more information, contact the WTAMU Foundation at 651-2065.

## JASON

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taking them from the regions in which they live. The activities begin in the classrooms, where JASON-trained teachers put the pupils through a curriculum to ensure they will be well versed in scientific principles relevant to the expedition.

Funded locally by the Amarillo National Resource Center (ANRC) and administered by WTAMU, this year's project was titled "Going to Extremes: Space and the Deep Ocean."

The question of the year was "Why does mango where he cannot live?"

### THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Texas lottery

#### Texas Million

The winning Texas Million numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery:  
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# Survey

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get and hold tax increases in check. I want to continue improving our dirt roads with more caliche and asphalt millings and to have an ongoing sealcoat program for our paved roads. I want to keep an adequate health care program for the county employees. I will continue to work to increase the tax base by cooperating with the HEDC and other taxing entities. My main goal is to make spending match revenue, not to raise taxes to match spending.

I have been in business for myself for 24 years and know how to get value when spending. I know how to make tough decisions. I drive on county roads daily and I am acutely aware of the condition they are in and what needs to be done to them. And, most importantly, I know how to listen to people and how to solve problems quickly and efficiently. I am a working commissioner and want to continue to be one.

### Precinct 3 Republicans

#### Mike Brumley

The most important challenge facing our county in the next four years is being able to balance our budget and still provide the necessary services. To do that, we must expand our tax base to spread the financial obligations out over a broader group of taxpayers. Long-range planning of needed services that match what we can afford, along with sound conservative budgeting, will take leadership that is not afraid to make tough decisions.



It would be my goal to see the commissioners court work as a unit, planning, setting goals and working to move Deaf Smith County forward. The commissioners have to look past our immediate concerns and put into effect a working plan to build for our future stability.

Having been a self-employed businessman for the past 28 years has given me the insight necessary to fill the commissioner's post. I have the knowledge as well as the commitment to stretch the taxpayers' dollars, as well as keeping a balanced budget. I am knowledgeable in equipment maintenance, working with personnel, suppliers and have managed large budgets over the years. As a lifelong resident of Deaf Smith County, I have a sincere desire to see the county move forward.

### Troy Don Moore

The most important challenge facing Deaf Smith County, particularly from a taxing entity point of view, is a static tax base. To deal with this problem, the county, through input from the county commissioners, needs to create a favorable atmosphere to attract new businesses and expand existing businesses. This does two things: creates new tax base

and supplies new jobs. In the event our tax base should remain static, or in the worst scenario, decrease, then the approach taken by the county must be to conserve the tax dollar. The conservation of the county's resources will have to be done by encouraging all departments to be as frugal as possible. This is all done through the budgetary process. It has been my experience that all department heads and elected officials have been responsive to this approach.

Should our tax base decrease, then tough decisions in determining cutting services must be made. This becomes particularly difficult in that

many of our services are dictated by the state. An example of this is the maintenance and operation of the jail. I firmly believe that my experience will help find a rational solution to these problems.

Some of my goals in the forthcoming term are:

A. Help resolve the issue of extreme escalation in health care benefits. This requires diligence in continuing to seek competitive bids that will be custom made to fit Deaf Smith County's needs;

B. Help prepare a capital expenditure plan and determine how this can be funded. This will amount to a concentrated strategic endeavor;

C. Maintaining the excellent rapport that exists among all of the taxing entities (school, hospital, etc.). The relationship developed among these bodies over the years has served the taxpayers many dollars. Examples of how this occurs is no duplication of services and cooperation on joint projects.

My qualifications for this office are:

A. Education — finance degree, law degree;

B. Farm experience;

C. Business experience;

D. Local government experience;

E. Community involvement — YMCA board member, Women's & Children's Crisis Center board member, HOSTS mentor until program discontinued.

One of my best qualifications for this job lies in what I would call "people skills." It does not matter how great the idea or how practical the solution if it cannot be implemented. I believe that my ability to communicate with taxpayers, employees, elected officials and other governing bodies helps put ideas into action.

### SHERIFF Republicans Brent Harrison

The most important challenge facing Deaf Smith County, with regards to the race for sheriff, are crime prevention and crime solvency rates. Crime prevention is one of the most practical methods of proactive law enforcement. In effect, it is stopping crimes before they happen.



Attempting to prevent crimes that effect us all, like: burglary, criminal mischief, assault, sexual assault, juvenile crimes, narcotics, and numerous others.

In addressing this matter, there would need to be a comprehensive crime prevention program, by first training and having one or more deputies certified as crime prevention officers.

Second, creating county watch programs and a higher visibility of the patrol deputies.

Third, create public awareness on where offenses are occurring.

Lastly, utilizing the Crimestoppers program, by offering rewards for anonymous tips, to aid in solving crimes that have no physical evidence or leads.

Having served as an investigator and past coordinator of Deaf Smith County Crimestoppers, I know how effective these programs can be when utilized properly.

Crime solvency rates, in the county, are currently below the state average (ref. Texas Uniform Crime Reports 1996, 1997, 1998). Training deputies can increase solvency rates by utilizing the latest evidence processing techniques and effective investigations. Hav-

ing eight years experience in investigations, I'll be able to direct those investigations properly and work effectively with the District Attorney's Office to make the best case possible. An effective prevention program does not work without an effective enforcement program.

Goals for the office of sheriff include: A comprehensive crime prevention program, training to give the deputies the skills necessary to do their jobs, decreasing the amount of narcotics in our county, working with the County Judge and Commissioners to keep the budget at a common sense level, and bringing an attitude of understanding and consideration to the office of sheriff.

My qualifications for the office of sheriff are: Having been a 33-year Hereford and Deaf Smith County resident, 14 years of law enforcement experience with the Hereford Police Department, eight years experience in criminal investigations, being a graduate of Amarillo College with honors in criminal justice management (AAS), recipient of the Amarillo College "Outstanding Major of the Year" award for academic excellence, being a part-time instructor for Amarillo College (Panhandle Regional Law Enforcement Academy), being certified by TCLEOSE (Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education) as an advanced peace officer and an instructor, and being able to manage money by owning my own computer business (Comp-U-Tech).

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2. "Daughter of Fortune" by Isabel Allende (HarperCollins)
3. "Bridget Jones: The Edge of Reason" by Helen Fielding (Viking) (F-H)
4. "Gap Creek" by Robert Morgan (Algonquin)
5. "The Lion's Game" by Nelson DeMille (Warner)
6. "Day of Reckoning" by Jack Higgins (Putnam)

7. "Moment of Truth" by Lisa Scottoline (HarperCollins)
8. "Ashes of Victory" by David Weber (Baen Books)
9. "Sick Puppy" by Carl Hiaasen (Knopf)
10. "City of God" E.L. Doctorow (Random House)

### Nonfiction/General

1. "Who Moved My Cheese?" by Spencer Johnson (Putnam)
2. "Body for Life" by Bill Phillips and Michael D'Orso (HarperCollins)
3. "Tuesdays With Morrie" by Mitch Albom (Doubleday)

4. "The Rock Says..." by the Rock, with Joe Layden (Regan Books)
5. "Relationship Rescue," by Phillip C. McGraw (Hyperion)
6. "The Millionaire Mind" by Thomas J. Stanley (Andrews McMeel)
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FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION

### COMMENT

## Drought is our enemy

Texans contemplating the vagaries of nature and the drought conditions that have been prevalent throughout the state over most of the past three years surely would not be surprised to learn that drought has affected human history more than floods or heavy rains, according to archeological evidence.

For example, the world's first great empire, the Akkadian in Mesopotamia, was struck down by drought. Students of South American prehistory suggest the major factor in the collapse of several pre-Inca civilizations and empires was drought. The mysterious Anasazi culture in the southwestern United States almost certainly was undone by drought.

An article in a recent issue of *Nature* by Dr. Dirk Verschuren of Belgium's University of Ghent (and also the University of Minnesota), cites a study which suggests that severe drought will threaten catastrophe in central west Africa, possibly in the coming century. That dire forecast is based on analysis of the indirect evidence of weather conditions over the last 10,000 years.

Weather historians tend to discount the current debate on the impact of greenhouse emissions from human activity. In a commentary accompanying the *Nature* article, Dr. Frank Oldfield, director of the international Past Global Changes project, wrote: "Human societies suffer much more from declining or irregular water resources than from changes in temperature." Dr. Verschuren tends to agree that global warming's effect on rainfall will be small compared to the naturally-occurring variations reported in his team's study.

Nevertheless, historian climatologists advise, the world needs to plan now for drought all over the world as well as for local flood disasters. Floods are terrible but soon subside. Drought causes long-term catastrophes that have the ability to bring entire societies to collapse. In our chronically water-short part of the world, that's cause for very serious thought.

The Victoria Advocate

## Airport good for people-watching



Julie L. Carlson

Planes, trains and automobiles. We use some form of transportation daily and each has its perks as well as its passes.

I tend to favor the automobile to get from Point A to Point B, even if it's a full day's trip, but this past weekend I decided to fly on my short weekend trip to Houston.

My favorite pastime is people-watching and one of the best places, among grocery stores, malls and theme parks, are airports.

This past weekend I observed several types of people and my favorite to watch is the impatient person.

My people-watching adventure began Friday when I showed up at the airport at 4:45 p.m. I arrived at the Southwest Airlines check-in about an hour and a half before my flight's departure time. After checking my one bag, I headed for the gate.

After receiving my boarding pass, No. 31, and finding a seat, I began to people-watch.

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HerefordBrand, March 11, 2000

## What will stop the carnage?

Once more tragedy has struck our schools; young children have again witnessed the first hand killing of one of their own, by one of their own.

A young boy — still to be considered a child by all accounts — wanted to scare a classmate and so he brought a loaded gun to school. In front of teachers and students, he waved the gun and threatened another child. The threat ended when he pointed the loaded gun and pulled the trigger.

Paramedics were called, as were the injured child's parents. The mother rushed to the hospital to find a minister awaiting her arrival. She knew instinctively the injury was more than a broken bone or a playground cut.

Meanwhile, the child responsible for this latest school shooting, hid in the boys bathroom, waiting for officials to come get him.

He knows he has done something wrong, but can't fully comprehend the full extent of the deed.

Investigators found the boy's father incarcerated; his mother living elsewhere; and the boy living in a known crack house, with an uncle, where guns were routinely exchanged for drugs.

And, we wonder how this tragedy could have happened?

Some want to blame the absent parents; some choose to blame the gun manufacturers; others lay blame on the drug- and gun-dealing uncle, who has been charged with involuntary manslaughter.

At this point, though, blame should not be the focus. One child is dead; another faces a lifetime of knowing he took another human life.

Maybe instead of finding a place to lay appropriate blame, the powers that be should look instead at the events leading up to this tragedy and find a means of breaking this ever-widening circle of anger engulfing our nation's children.

If the family is the cornerstone of civilization, perhaps this would be a good place to begin.

The shooter in this case didn't have much hope for a normal family lifestyle. Dad is in jail and Mom has allowed the child to live in a less-than-desirable atmosphere.

Everyone, from the shooter's family to teachers to neighbors and the social agencies claiming protection of all children, failed this child. No one intervened. No one took note of a brooding fury until the unthinkable happened.

This child's problem didn't begin with a schoolmate's taunting, or with his father's



Dianna F. Dandridge

incarceration, not even with his being placed in the care of a known crack dealer. His anger and hurt more than likely began even before he was born, being passed on by hurt and angry parents.

Apparently, unwanted and with no firm foundation to hold onto, this child latched onto tangible proof of his anger and with his actions he made someone notice him.

What a sad state our children have come to if this is the only way they feel they can get attention. This is not a problem found solely in big towns, rich suburbs or destitute inner cities. It's a common, everyday occurrence in every school in the nation.

I see these angry children on nearly a daily basis and it makes me wonder what can be done to alleviate this anger.

One child, who lives just down the street, frequently uses a baseball bat on stray puppies and kittens. Sometimes his anger is addressed towards other children. What will happen when he decides to use a more lethal weapon?

Another 11-year-old child, who has lived with too many sets of stepparents, talks about the day she will have a baby of her own — just so she will finally have someone who really loves her. She has no idea of the work required to make that love grow. After all, she's never experienced it.

What must be realized is this is not the children's problem. This problem belongs to the whole of civilized society. Children who have been brought up without morals, in a life devoid of any positive emotions will be consumed by the festering anger within. At some point, it will come out.

Until society once again rejects the now accepted norms of drugs, unwed parenthood, absentee parents and a "do what feels good" attitude, we can expect to see more school violence, more death, and more destruction.

Stopping the carnage will take everyone's work and change of attitude, for every single person can and does influence these young minds.

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## Maybe we could mix the four and get one good one



Donald Cooper

Now there are only two. After their Super Tuesday victories, there is no doubt that the presidential nominees will be Vice President Al Gore for the Democrats and Texas Gov. George W. Bush for the Republicans.

Neither one would have been my choice, but they've eliminated their competition and that's how it's going to be. And, disregard those pledges that the campaign will be about issues and won't be negative, there'll be plenty of mudslinging because neither the vice president nor the governor has shown the least bit of reluctance to get down and dirty.

In looking at the four candidates who had a chance for the nominations, it wasn't an easy year for decisions.

I have a lot of respect for Arizona Sen. John McCain, the plainspoken Vietnam War hero, but I disagree with him on most of the issues.

George W. Bush? I disagree with him on most of the issues and have minimal respect for him.

Al Gore? It's a lot like Bush, except I generally agree with Gore on the issues, especially when it comes to the environment.

I have a lot of respect for Bill Bradley and I generally agree with him on the issues.

I wish we could put these four guys in a sack, shake them up vigorously and maybe the good things about each one would mix together in one good president.

We have to elect a president, the Constitution says so. Why not elect a first lady, too? I know there are not any constitutional duties for a first lady, but the "office" has gradually evolved, especially since Eleanor Roosevelt served as FDR's eyes and ears as well as his closest adviser on a wide range of issues.

While Bess Truman and Mamie Eisenhower were mostly the first hostess, Jacqueline Kennedy promoted the arts; Lady Bird Johnson used her position to beautify America; Rosalynn Carter sat in on Cabinet meetings; Hillary Rodham Clinton has helped craft policy and now is a candidate for the U.S. Senate. First ladies now have quasi-official status.

But why should the first lady (or the first gentleman, if a woman were to break through the political glass ceiling) be the president's wife?

For example, take this year. Tipper Gore's funny, ebullient and energetic, but that rah-rah, cheerleader attitude can grate on your nerves. I'm sure Laura Bush is a nice lady and a good mother, but she's white bread boring. Cindy McCain's cute, but she seems to be more concerned about taking care of John than she is taking care of the first lady's duties.

My endorsement for first lady is Ernestine Bradley. She's intelligent, witty, strong-willed, cultured and everything we'd want in a president, except as a native of Germany she's ineligible to be president.

OK, if we have to endure either Al or George W., we could at least have Ernestine.

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## Leaving gracefully is tough



Walter R. Mears  
The Associated Press

Getting out gracefully is more difficult than any debate or sleepless campaign tour for presidential losers, surrendering their ambitions to the reality of defeat after the most intense and demanding of political quests.

Only two can escape it, and only one of them for good. Eight months hence, either Vice President Al Gore or Gov. George W. Bush will be the man conceding.

Now it is Democrat Bill Bradley, ending his campaign, and Republican John McCain, suspending his, within an hour of each other on Thursday. As a practical matter, there's no difference. Each held onto the delegates he'd won, saying they had earned a voice at the

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national party conventions next summer.

The strain was showing. Even in gamely pledging to support the vice president after their campaign hostilities — he was shut out in 18 state contests — Bradley had a last rebuke for "distortions and negativity" he said Gore used against him.

"I hope that he'll run a better campaign in the general election," Bradley said.

His script was a traditional one otherwise, an endorsement of Gore in the name of party unity.

McCain offered no such pledge to the Bush ticket when he ended his active campaign an hour later on Thursday. He said simply that Bush may very well become president and anyone in that role deserves the best wishes of all Americans.

Both Bradley and McCain said they would keep striving for the causes on which they challenged the front-runners, including the campaign reform issue they shared.

There were no famous last words in these farewells.

Nothing even close to Adlai Stevenson's 1952 concession, borrowed from Abraham Lincoln after he lost an election. "He said he was too old to cry, but it hurt too much to laugh," Stevenson said.

And nothing so wryly candid as the Democrat Morris K. Udall's remark on a losing presidential primary night in 1976. "The people have spoken," Udall said, and paused for effect. "The bastards." The Arizona congressman smiled when he said it, no offense taken because Udall bequeathed a treasury of political wisecracks and humor. Not that he wasn't a serious contender against Jimmy Carter that year; he came close in primary after primary, a strain on even his legendary patience and wit. He kept both.

In the 2000 campaign, a Republican field that began at 10 is down to Gov. George W. Bush, the certain nominee, and minor player Alan Keyes.

Five Republicans quit before the first vote was cast, one because he had flopped in a straw poll, others saying they couldn't afford to keep going. "The bottom line is money," Elizabeth Dole said when she dropped out. "It would be futile to keep going."

Bush was piling up his treasury. Former Vice President Dan Quayle had dropped out earlier for lack of funds. "I could see 50 ways that this would end, but this was not one of them," he said in withdrawing. Actually, there are only two. Win or lose.

The personally monied candidate, Steve Forbes, kept going, and spending, but lost badly in the first three Republican contests and then quit, after stending \$30 million of his publishing fortune. "As my father once said when he lost a governor's race in New Jersey, we were nosed out by a landslide," Forbes said.

Sen. Orrin Hatch quit after managing only one percent in the Iowa caucuses. "It is now clear that there will not be time to build sufficient support for my candidacy," he said, a conclusion most everybody else had reached long before he did.

"He won, I lost," Bradley had said of Gore after Super Tuesday. But no candidate wants that as the only epitaph, and losing presidential entries say, as he and McCain did, that they've succeeded in putting their issues on the agenda. Forbes said he had, and that the money he put into his losing campaigns in 1996 and 2000 — an estimated \$67 million — was therefore money well spent.

There has to be some consolation. As when George Bush, who later would be president, was trounced by Ronald Reagan in the 1980 campaign. Bush said he was surrendering to "the perception that the campaign is over." The reality was the same.

When Fred Harris, then senator from Oklahoma, gave up his Democratic campaign in 1976, he said he hadn't done poorly enough to call it a defeat or well enough to claim victory. "We didn't know what to call it, so we just decided to call it quits," he said.

Sen. Phil Gramm of Texas knew what to call it when he ended his GOP presidential bid in 1996.

"When the voter speaks, I listen," he said. "Especially when the voter is saying someone else's name."

**School district sued over open records**

AUSTIN — Texas Attorney General John Cornyn filed suit March 9 against Stephenville Independent School District for violating the Texas Public Information Act.

Cornyn is seeking a court order to compel the school district to release certain public information "without any editing."

Cornyn's office earlier had ruled that the information was public. The lawsuit alleges that the school district intentionally violated the ruling.

The case began when a citizen requested a copy of some of the school district's legal bills. The school district wanted to withhold the information under exceptions to the Texas Public Information Act, including the attorney-client privilege.

Under the Act, the school district had the right to appeal the ruling within 30 days but it chose not to do so. The lawsuit alleges that instead of appealing the ruling, the school district chose to black out some of the names and other key terms in



**Capital highlights**

Ed Sterling  
Texas Press Association

the bills before releasing the documents.

"The newspapers of Texas strongly support the attorney general's effort to hold governmental bodies accountable to the people of Texas," said Donnis Baggett, chairman of the Texas Daily Newspaper Association/Texas Press Association Legislative Advisory Committee.

"Too many of our governmental bodies have taken the position that they are the owners of the information they possess.

"It's refreshing to see the attorney general take the position that the citizen, not the government, is the rightful owner of this information," Baggett said.

**Supreme Court Hearing Set**

The U.S. Supreme Court will hear the school-prayer case, Doe v. Santa Fe Independent School District, on March 29.

"I believe allowing the state of Texas to present arguments will strengthen and add to those presented by the Santa Fe ISD, said Attorney General Cornyn, who will represent the school district.

"Asking the government to supervise religious speech is clearly unconstitutional, and I will protect Texas' position in this case," he added.

The school district's policy allows the student body to choose by secret ballot whether to have a student message during pre-game ceremonies at home varsity football games. That message may or may not include a prayer in the discretion of the student.

In February 1999, the U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans held that the school district's policy violated the establishment clause of the First Amendment.

Although the Fifth Circuit held that the schools could allow students to deliver prayers at graduation as long as they are nonsectarian and nonproselytizing, the court ruled that student-initiated prayers are never permissible at school-sponsored football games.

Cornyn filed a "friend of the court" brief with the U.S. Supreme Court supporting the rights of students to gather in prayer, and now the U.S. Supreme Court will hear the case.

**Travel**

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As time grew closer to pre-boarding, people began lining up to get on the plane, people with boarding numbers one to 114 were all crammed in the same line. There was one couple with four carry-on items blocking everyone else from the front of the line. I noticed their boarding numbers — 98 and 99. There was no need for these two obnoxious people to get in the front of the line, knowing they were by far the last to board. We're all going to get to the next airport at the same time anyway — chill out!

Our numbers were called and we had to squeeze past this couple and all their bags. Not a smile nor an "excuse our things" was heard from the couple.

I let out a little laugh, shook my head and held my breath not to say anything that could get me in trouble as I passed them. Five minutes later, the last numbers to board climbed on the plane, among whom were the rude couple. I heard the woman say to the man, "I can't believe it, we have to sit all the way in the back! I hate sitting in the back." Gee, lady, guess you should have gotten there earlier.

One of the main reasons I detest flying is the whole carry-on item issue. Bin hogs don't bother me, it's just the simple fact people take carry-on items at all. What's the point? People with carry-on items annoy those of us who check bags rather than disrupt the public with the huge clanky baggage they attempt to fit in the overhead space. These people delay the delayed flights even more. They have to scramble down the tiny aisle hitting every person seated in the aisle chair constantly saying, "Sorry...sorry...sorry."

Once they find the bin to store their bag(s) in, they hit everybody's head standing within a 2-inch radius of them as they attempt to raise the bag(s) into the bin. After holding up the line for 10 minutes, they decide they need something out of their bag and once again disturb the smooth flowing uniform line with, "I'm so sorry I just need to get something out of my bag." Once I find my window seat I observe several others in this same position, "Sorry...sorry...sorry."

I enjoy people watching at the airport, but some people's obnoxious actions take their toll on my patience. I prefer driving because when someone gets on your nerves, pass them and move on.

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# HOUSE SPEAKER

## If GOP gains control of Texas House, Laney's position would be in jeopardy

HALE CENTER (AP) — People in Hale Center vote based on the person not the party, says the mayor of this tiny city midway between Amarillo and Lubbock.

The way Hale Center residents look at candidates is similar to the way the Texas House and Senate traditionally have turned along ideological lines more often than party lines, said Jerry Polinard, professor of political science at the University of Texas-Pan American.

That could be changing, however, and it's something the 2,300 residents of Hale Center aren't too thrilled about.

It could mean their hometown House speaker, Democrat Pete Laney, might not be able to win his fifth term as speaker if the GOP wins the majority of the 150 House seats this November.

"It's clear that some Republicans would like to rely more on party lines," Polinard said. "We are becoming more partisan with each passing election. It is clear the days in which you have a speaker of one party and the majority of members of another party are clearly passing."

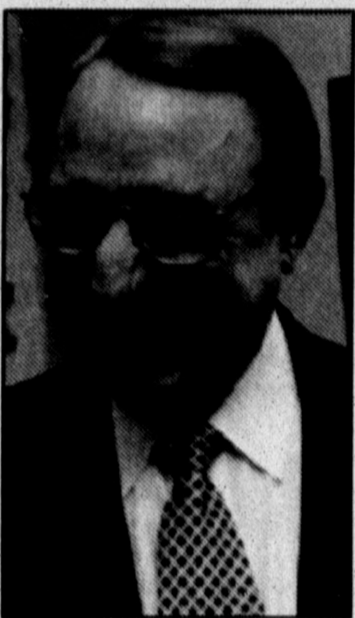
Laney, who has neither a Democratic nor Republican opponent this year, says he isn't concerned about losing the speaker's gavel because he enjoys support on both sides of the aisle.

"My tenure as speaker has been all-inclusive," Laney said. "What you try to do is put people together rather than separate people to work for the betterment of Texas, especially this part of the state."

Republicans today hold a one-vote majority in the Texas Senate, 16-15, while Democrats hold a 78-72 edge in the House. Both parties have declared control of the Legislature — and the 2001 redistricting process — a key election goal.

State GOP chairman Susan Weddington said the GOP is "going to do everything we can" to capture the House while holding the Senate. "We believe it's critically important that we do that," she said.

Democrats have ruled the House since the 1870s, but their majority has been shrink-



**PETE LANEY**

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ing election-by-election since the 1980s.

Winning control is especially important this year since the 2001 Legislature will draw new district lines for the U.S. House, the Texas House and Texas Senate.

Rice University political scientist Bob Stein said Laney appears pretty safe, considering his bipartisan support and reputation. As speaker for nearly eight years, Laney has appointed both Republicans and Democrats to powerful committee chairmanships.

"There must be a 100 scenarios being spun," Stein said. "The Republicans don't quite have the power. ... He (Laney) probably comes close to having what (former Lt. Gov.) Bob Bullock had. He is generally more liked. Bullock was probably respected, but not very well liked."

Regardless of party affiliation, most legislators are there for the same reasons, Laney says.

"When your purpose is to

divide and create a partisan atmosphere then you are not doing a service to the state of Texas or to the people of Texas," he said.

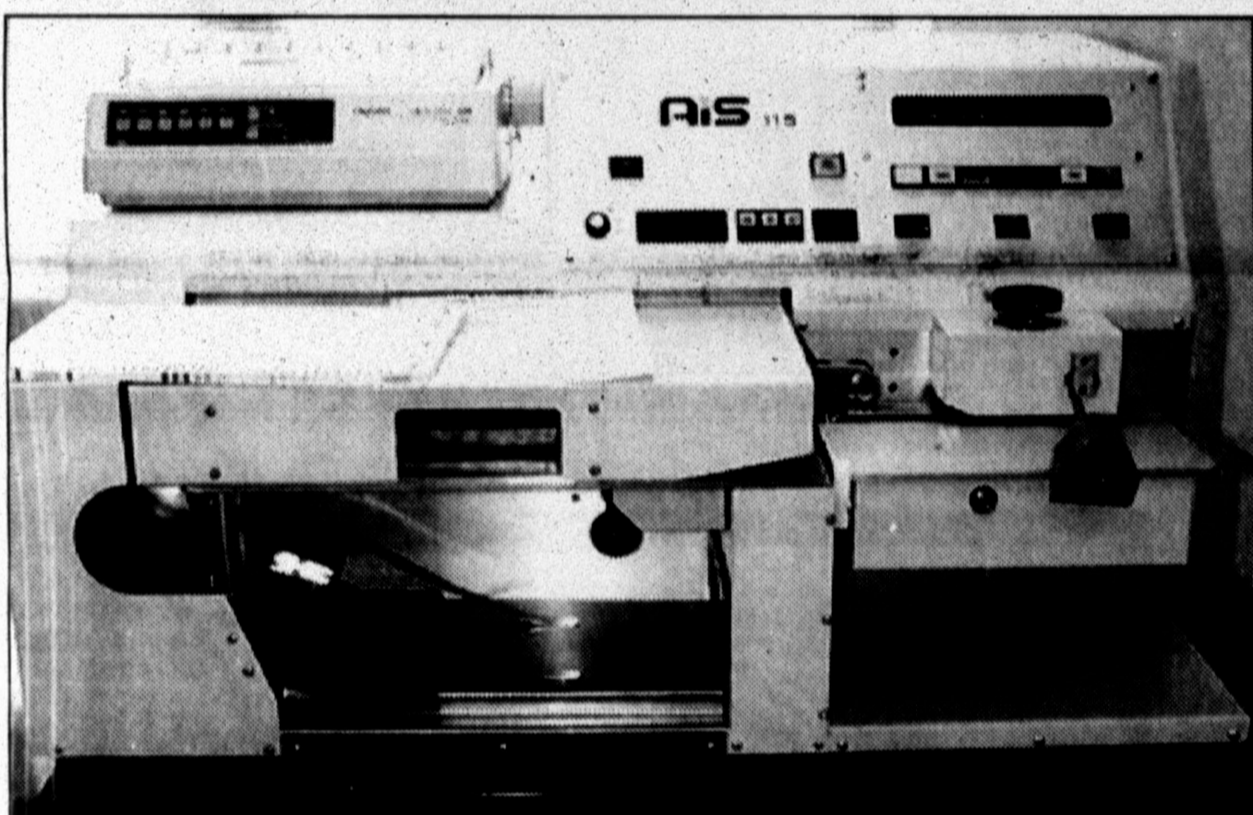
"Most of the members of the Legislature have been there to do what's right for Texas. There are individuals that are trying to make it an issue in the Republican Party, but I think that the public is pretty astute."

In Hale Center, Mayor Gordon Russell says most people like Laney's open, West Texas approach to politics — one that involves little fanfare and lots of straight talk.

"He really does seem to have a good rapport with just about everybody, Republican and Democrat," Russell said. "He just is very likeable ... We sure would like to see him stay speaker."

Dr. Hugh Wilson, who works at Hale Center's hospital, says Laney has put the little city on the map and helped rural Texans have a voice in state government.

"He's been a remarkably adept person at reading what his constituents want and taking care of what needs to be done," Wilson said. "Even if you can't get what you want, your message is heard and discussed. For that reason, it would be a great tragedy for the state if he was summarily removed from the speakership."



Results of the voting in the Democratic and Republican primary elections will be tabulated Tuesday night on an automated tabulator (below, left), which was tested Thursday afternoon by Deaf Smith County election officials in the county clerk's office. No problems were reported.

### ON THE BALLOT

<p><b>Congress 19<sup>th</sup> District</b>                  Democrats: none.                  Republicans: (i) Larry Combest.</p> <p><b>Texas Legislature House District 86</b>                  Democrats: none.                  Republicans: (i) John Smithee.</p> <p><b>STATE President</b>                  Democrats: Bill Bradley, Al Gore, Lyndon H. LaRouche Jr.                  Republicans: Gary Bauer, George W. Bush, Steve Forbes, Orrin G. Hatch, Alan Keyes, John McCain, Charles Bass Urban.</p> <p><b>U.S. Senate</b>                  Democrats: H. Gerald Bintliff, Don Clark, Charles Gandy, Gene Kelly, Bobby Wrightman-Cervantes                  Republicans: (i) Kay Bailey Hutchison.</p>	<p><b>Railroad Commission Full term:</b>                  Democrats: None                  Republicans: (i) Charles Matthews.</p> <p><b>Unexpired term:</b>                  Democrats: None.                  Republicans: Valorie W. Draughn, (i) Michael Williams.</p> <p><b>Texas Supreme Court Place 1:</b>                  Democrats: None.                  Republicans: Valorie W. Draughn, (i) Nathan Hecht.</p> <p><b>Place 2:</b>                  Democrats: None.                  Republicans: (i) Priscilla Owen.</p> <p><b>Place 3:</b>                  Democrats: None.                  Republicans: (i) Al Gonzales, Rod E. Gorman.</p> <p><b>Court of Criminal Appeals Presiding Judge:</b>                  Democrats: Bill Vance.</p>	<p>Republicans: Sharon Keller, Ronnie Kelley, Tom Price, J. Gary Trichter.</p> <p><b>Place 1:</b>                  Democrats: None.                  Republicans: John Boston, Alan Curry, Tom Greenwell, Charles Holcomb, Guy Williams.</p> <p><b>Place 2:</b>                  Democrats: William R. Barr.                  Republicans: Pat Barber, Barbara Parker Hervey, W.B. "Bennie" House, Sally L. Ray, Jim Wallace.</p> <p>(i) — incumbent</p> <p>Prayer will be on the Texas GOP primary ballot. State party officials have voted to place a non-binding referendum on the GOP ballot that asks voters: "Shall student-initiated prayer be allowed at school sporting events?"</p>
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### Website has link to Census

A special link to the electronic census form has been added to U.S. Rep. Larry Combest's website to make sure residents of the 19<sup>th</sup> Congressional District are accounted for in Census 2000.

From this link or from the Census 2000 homepage, residents of the district, which includes Deaf Smith County, can complete the short form online.

The "short form," which asks about six questions about each resident, is being sent to an average of five out of six households. Once each household has received the short form, the residents have the option of completing the forms online or filling out the paperwork and returning it through the regular mail. One of five households will receive the "long form," which asks more detailed questions about population, employment and housing.

The Census 2000 website is a secure site, as required by law. The privacy of all persons responding to the census will be protected. Because all web communications will be encrypted, some older web browsers, generally those more than 3 years old, may not be able to access the Census Bureau's secure web services and the Census 2000 Internet form.

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# BUSH VS. GORE

■ "This is in some ways as profound an ideological difference as there has been since (Ronald) Reagan and (Jimmy) Carter in 1980 — if you dig into it."

By Calvin Woodward  
*Associated Press Writer*

WASHINGTON — The battle shaping up between Al Gore and George W. Bush is also a struggle between mandatory licensing of future handgun buyers and much more limited gun controls.

It's between a tax cut most families would feel and a health plan that would help more people get insurance. There's an offer to pay thousands of public schoolteachers more money and one to help parents afford private schools when public schools fail them — and their children.

Gore and Bush are offering voters some clear choices as they prepare to go head to head for the presidency.

"This is in some ways as profound an ideological difference as there has been since (Ronald) Reagan and (Jimmy) Carter in 1980 — if you dig into it," said Michael Franc, vice president for government relations at the conservative Heritage Foundation.

Digging is required because Gore, the Democratic vice president, a self-styled pragmatic "reinventer" of government, and Bush, the Republican governor of Texas, a "compassionate conservative," can sound alike when they are not speaking to the ideological wings of their parties.

On health care, for one issue, Gore proposes changes that are modest by comparison with those of his vanquished Democratic rival and modest, too, alongside the grand vision of universal

health care abandoned by the administration he serves.

But his plan — to let more families above the poverty line qualify for federally supported state insurance and attach a drug benefit to Medicare — is much more ambitious and expensive than anything Bush has put on the table.

For his part, Bush proposes across-the-board tax cuts larger even than the congressional Republican package that Democrats attacked as too costly last year, and which



Gore

Clinton vetoed. Gore offers selective tax relief here and there.

As well, Bush stands for partial privatization of Social Security, proposes expanded medical savings accounts and spells out a way for parents to use federal tax money to get their children out of failing public schools — ideas roundly opposed by Gore.

Those ideas have simmered in Congress for a decade but only now are emerging with force in a presidential campaign. On the Republican side, Franc argues, that sets the governor apart from Bob Dole's campaign in 1996 and President Bush in 1992.

"A lot of conservative think-



Bush

ing that might have been trendy or outside the envelope in the early '90s is now much more widely accepted," he said Thursday.

Because the ground has shifted, "I see Bush as being to the right of Dole, to the right of his dad."

Al From, president of the centrist Democratic Leadership Council, said the differences between Gore and Bush are more pronounced than might have been expected from two men who share a moderate impulse.

From contends that Bush formed his centrist message "on the cheap," without the painstaking policy foundation laid by Bill Clinton in 1992. That left Bush ill-equipped to stay in the center when the primaries got rough, he said.

"Clinton built his own philosophical base in the party that he could fall back on when he got in trouble," From said. "Because Bush didn't do that, he had to fall back on the people who were the establishment."

As a result, he said, Gore can draw strong contrasts with Bush on some of the social and economic issues where they might otherwise have been closer.

Gore and Bush both want more accountability in return for federal education money, including standardized tests.

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David Bauder  
*Associated Press*

Depending on their preferences, television viewers can totally immerse themselves in the presidential campaign this year.

Cable and broadcast TV networks began running on separate political tracks well before this week's Super Tuesday primaries.

Saturation coverage is frequently available on CNN, Fox News Channel and MSNBC. It's the first presidential primary campaign trailed by three cable news networks, and their emergence has transformed it.

Some critics worry that cable's attention has given broadcast networks an excuse to retreat from the campaign, ultimately ill serving people who aren't obsessed by politics.

"If you want to get a ticket of admission to the campaign, you've got to pay up for cable television," said Paul Taylor,

## CAMPAIGN 2000: Cable comes of age, as networks are in retreat

executive director of the Alliance for Better Campaigns, an organization that pushes for more political coverage on TV.

The cable news networks have beefed up their staffs and keenly compete to declare winners on primary nights. Their ratings increase for big political events; 1.8 million people watched CNN, Fox News or MSNBC the night of the New Hampshire primary, compared to their average prime-time viewership of 1.2 million.

With few other big stories consistently bringing in viewers lately, the campaign is king.

"For the political junkies, it has just been heaven," said NBC's Washington bureau chief, Tim Russert.

His colleague, CNN's Jeff Greenfield, is clearly juiced by the chance to talk about the GOP race between George W. Bush and John McCain. "It

has elements of theater, elements of drama and elements of substance," he said.

McCain was the first candidate to recognize the opportunity offered by all the airtime that cable news networks had to fill. Many analysts suggest his near-constant availability helped his campaign take off. Unexpectedly stiff challenges, and the need to constantly explain themselves on television, likely made Bush and Al Gore better candidates, too.

Twenty-two debates have aired on national television since the campaign began. Only two have been on broadcast networks and neither were in prime-time: one on Russert's Sunday morning "Meet the Press" and the other on ABC's "Nightline."

Taylor suggests that broadcasters, loathe to interrupt their entertainment schedules,

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# WEEKEND SPORTS

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## Lady Whitefaces win, 14-12



Emma Ozuna and the Lady Whitefaces will begin district play on Tuesday in Dumas. BRAND/Courtesy Photo

### The Herd heads into district play with a win

By Jeff Blackmon  
Hereford Brand Sports Editor

The Lady Whitefaces are heading into district play with a win.

The softball team traveled to Lubbock Friday to face Lubbock Cooper and won 14-12 in seven innings.

"They did really well," said pitching coach Angela Stansell. "It's a big win and a great confidence builder for us."

The Whitefaces fell behind in the first inning 4-0 and then the Herd rattled off four runs in the fourth and four runs in the fifth to take an 8-4 lead.

The team led 14-9 going in

to the seventh and went on to win 14-12.

Teresa Zimmerman played a key role in the victory. Zimmerman relieved Victoria Perez in the second inning and pitched the remainder of the game for the victory. At the plate Zimmerman had a triple and a homerun for the Herd.

Crystal Luna and Erica Albracht also provided offense by hitting one homerun each. Janae Schlabs had a double and a triple which added two more runs for the Whitefaces. Crystal Reece also knocked in one run with a double for the Herd.

The win puts the team in a good position heading into district play. Stansell said this is the right time for the team to start playing well together.

"I think they're playing better and encouraging each other," said Stansell. "They

are starting to read each other's minds on the bases."

As far as pitching is concerned, Stansell said the rotation is set. She said Perez will still be the starter on most days with Zimmerman acting as the back-up.

"Vikki didn't do very well on Friday," said Stansell. "She is going to practice this weekend and will start on Tuesday against Dumas."

Stansell said a win on Tuesday would be great for the team. She said Dumas had a good left-handed pitcher who they will most likely face. Stansell said Dumas has a good team, but they can be beat.

"You can shake them a little bit, because they are used to winning," said Stansell. "I am really excited about playing them."

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## 'Boys sign Underwood

### Defensive end's potential outweighs unstable background

IRVING, Texas (AP) — After successfully rehabilitating Alonzo Spellman's career following a mental illness, the Dallas Cowboys are hoping to do it again with Dimitrius Underwood.

The 6-foot-6, 280-pound defensive end signed a two-year contract Friday with the Cowboys, his third organization in less than a year.

"After looking at everything, Dallas just looked like the right place for Dimitrius," Robert Huebner, Underwood's agent, said. "It was a really good opportunity."

A big lure was the team's player program department, a unit headed by former Cowboys star Calvin Hill. That group helped Spellman become a quality player again after off-field problems knocked him out of the NFL.

"It is common knowledge that he succeeded there. That part is something we took into consideration," Huebner said.

Huebner said other teams were interested, but he focused on Dallas. Asked if Underwood can be ready by opening day, Huebner said: "That is our intent."

Underwood already has had a checkered career and he's yet to play in a real game.

Since Minnesota made him the overall 29th pick in last season's draft, Underwood left camp the day after signing a lucrative contract; was waived after saying he didn't want football; signed with Miami; got hurt; tried killing himself; checked into a mental health center and escaped that night; then was released again.

The Cowboys seem to be an unlikely match considering owner Jerry Jones' desire to avoid players with troubled reputations. That was why he didn't draft Randy Moss two years ago.

But Jones likely sees this as a low-risk, high-reward gamble. Terms weren't disclosed, but Underwood is likely making the minimum — just like Spellman did last season.

"We have the opportunity to give this young man a chance, and all of our research points to the conclusion that he is deserving of that chance," Jones said in a statement.

"From a big-picture perspec-

tive, we have made a long-term commitment — in terms of resources and personnel — to put the organization in a position to explore a situation such as this. We have a support system in place that is showing positive results. Of course, every situation is different, and there are always unique challenges involved."

Hill said counselors work with players before they enter the organization, indicating they've already taken on Underwood's case.

"We will utilize the support systems that we already have in place, and then make whatever adjustments are necessary to meet the specific needs of Dimitrius," said Hill, father of NBA star Grant Hill. "We have every expectation that Dimitrius will become a productive member of the Cowboys family."

Underwood's potential makes him so desirable. As a junior, he was honorable mention all-Big 10 after making eight sacks and 57 tackles. He had five sacks and 37 tackles as a sophomore.

He missed the 1998 season with a sprained right ankle, then opted to enter the draft rather than return to school.

## Kids Inc. slates final sign-up

The Deaf Smith County Kids Inc. will have its final sign-up for the baseball and softball leagues on March 18.

The sign-ups will be held at the Hereford Community Center from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m.

The sign up on the 18<sup>th</sup> will be the last sign-up for all ages of boys and girls including Babe Ruth who will be participating in the program.

Children must be five years old by August 1<sup>st</sup> to be eligible to participate.

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# Labs, and ducks, and "back porch therapy" with Terry Moore

**M**y friend and fellow outdoor writer Terry Moore, of Panhandle, is only 32 years old. He has a loving wife, Suzy, who teaches elementary school in Amarillo, a five-year-old son in kindergarten and another son who is an elementary student. The whole Moore tribe is owned by a four-year-old Labrador retriever.

Terry's not a smoker, a drinker, or a doper, and has cared for his health reasonably well, so far as I know. Yet, he was diagnosed with terminal lung cancer in 1998.

It is hard to figure how, or why a tumor erupted within his young body and changed the focus of his life. He is now in what the doctors call stage four adenocarcinoma. The five-year survival rate is only two percent.

Terry and I have read one another's columns--his in the Amarillo News-Globe, and mine here in The Brand, and in the Co-Op Connection. We got acquainted by phone, trading shoptalk about birds and bass and bucks and people--the stock-in-trade of outdoor scribes.

We planned to hunt together on the opening day of pheasant season a couple of years back. It didn't happen. His mother suddenly passed-away in Colorado, and he couldn't make it.

His outdoor column the next weekend reflected on how, understandably, he'd probably not ever feel the same about the rituals of the opening of pheasant season again. Still, he mentioned the therapeutic effect realized after the funeral from sitting on the back porch visiting with a favorite uncle and taking the sharp edge off the pain with pleasant small talk, stories and laughter.

His columns abruptly disappeared from the outdoor page of the Amarillo paper. After a time he was there again, in a different section, in a format that I was unprepared for. His column had become the stunning saga of the cancer that confronted him.

He's done a dozen of those columns now. The news has not gotten better with the passing installments--but he says the writing of them is a form of therapy.

I call Terry periodically. You'd never know that things are so serious from talking with him.

## The Sportsman's Den



By Jim Steiert



He felt well in early January and we formulated plans for some late-season snow goose hunting in February. Unfortunately, all of the chemical-based therapy unleashed upon his body to fight the cancer betrayed his bone structure. By late January his weakened hip bone gave way and broke. Surgeons installed stabilizing pins. Then a blood clot got in his lung.--More hospital time. Upon my most recent call, he said he'd been in the hospital battling blood clots once more--in his legs this time. The docs have him in a wheelchair with his legs elevated, and won't allow him to go to work for at least a couple of weeks. Boring.

We practice our own brand of back porch therapy via the telephone. I don't pretend to have any wizened words to share when I call.

Invariably, our talk turns to the stock-in-trade--how the boys and Suzy are doing; the snow geese aren't decoying to the electronic call at all like they did last year; one brand of shotshells sure jams a shotgun worse than the others do; there are lots of turkeys for this spring's season despite the drought; there won't be any pheasants or quail to amount to anything if we don't get some good spring moisture; the only time either of us have ever caught walleyes with any consistency on Lake Meredith was when they were in close to shore during late spring; neither of our Labrador retrievers are maturing a bit--they are just big four-year-old puppies.

It is safe stuff, sort of like having back porch conversations with our brown-eyed tail-wagging Labradors as we pet them and pour out our hearts.

Between the lines of the columns and the conversations, I have come to appreciate the attention that Terry has paid to his sons. He "fished" in rain puddles in the driveway with his youngest, and cleverly tied-on a large lure that looked like a fish so his boy could reel it in and think that he had caught one there.--Suzy thinks Terry is nuts for having conversations with his Lab.--He aches for all of the fear and pain, and the unanswered questions that confront her.--He worries about his boys, and how they might remember him and the lessons he has tried to impart.

Terry has testified in his columns to his faith in God's will, and God's power over all. His sharing of what is happening in his life continues as an exercise in faith and courage.

We are holding onto hope that he will be a "two percenter," that, God-willing, we will have more chances to share days filled with the magic of Canada geese in a fall sky; the rich reds and dark blues of Panhandle dawns with the silhouettes of chattering mallards etched against them; the joy of watching Labs work; the pleasure of teaching boys to fly fish a clear mountain stream.

We visit on the wonders of wet Labs, ducks and geese cupped over the decoys, functional shotguns, the magic of high-country trout rising to a dry fly, and the healing power of family and friends and faithful hounds that listen.

I hope it helps.

Terry is anticipating buying another super-combo license this coming August--the \$65 job that covers fishing and hunting and all sorts of stamps. He says even if he doesn't get to use it, the money goes toward the good cause of maintaining future fish and wildlife for his wife and boys and friends to enjoy.

You gotta' love his attitude.

Jim Steiert is a multiple award-winning member of the Texas Outdoor Writers Association, and recipient of TOWA's first "Outdoor Book of the Year" Award.

# NCAA denies Porter appeal

■ Auburn forward penalized for accepting money from agent

ATLANTA (AP) — Auburn thought honesty would be the best policy for Chris Porter. It actually didn't help him at all.

Porter's collegiate career ended Friday when an NCAA appeals committee refused to reinstate the senior forward because he admitted taking \$2,500 to help his mother.

"I was hoping his cooperation would provide some leniency in this matter," Auburn coach Cliff Ellis said.

Instead, his claim that he desperately needed money to prevent his mother — who lost her job in December — from being evicted from her home fell on deaf ears.

He claimed he didn't know the money was being routed from an agent, but the reinstatement subcommittee of five officials from other schools rejected the explanation.

"We believe he was as truthful as truthful could be," Auburn athletic director David Housel said before the Tigers beat No. 11 Florida in the quarterfinals of the SEC tournament.

"He could have stonewalled and stonewalled, but he did exactly what the NCAA tells you to do — he told the truth and he got no relief."

Porter, a preseason All-American and the 1999 Southeastern Conference player of the year, pleaded his case in a teleconference with the subcommittee about four hours before the Tigers met No. 11 Florida in the quarterfinals of the league tournament.

Porter participated in the call from Auburn with his father by his side. Housel said the call lasted 45 minutes and after Auburn officials detailed the basis of their appeal, the committee asked the star forward "some very direct questions."

Porter was reportedly "devastated" by the decision, Auburn officials said.

"I am very sorry for what I did," Porter said in a statement. "I think the verdict was a little too harsh, but I admit I was wrong."

Porter, who averaged a team-high 14.6 points and 7.3 rebounds, was declared ineligible Feb. 27, hours before

the Tigers played at Florida. Auburn lost all three regular-season games after Porter's rules violation was discovered.

Housel said he was not permitted to discuss what was in the report Auburn submitted to the NCAA because Alabama Attorney General Bill Pryor was considering legal action in the case. Under the state's sports agent regulatory law, a player or agent can be prosecuted. A conviction is punishable by a maximum possible penalty of 20 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine.

Housel did however say "there were no surprises in the report."

According to news reports, Porter got the \$2,500 after a meeting with Nate Cebrun of Las Vegas, a middleman for sports agents. The meeting was arranged by David Hamilton — Porter's roommate until he left the team last month — who knew Cebrun through summer league basketball.

An investigation determined Cebrun was working for a registered sports agent when he had the money sent to Porter through two different money orders to an Auburn grocery store.

Auburn filed a report Monday with the NCAA recommending a four-game penalty, which would have run through the first game of the SEC tournament. The NCAA rejected the school's plea, sending the case to the reinstatement subcommittee.

"Had we had more games, there might have been some possibility of him coming back," Housel said. "But at this point of the season, there was just no way."

Had the NCAA reinstated Porter, he would have been eligible as soon as he repaid the \$2,500.

## Softball

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Stansell said they must be at the top of their game on Tuesday to give them the best chance to win.

"The girls are going to have to be mentally ready," said Stansell.

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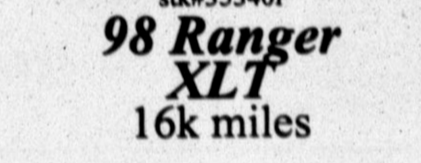
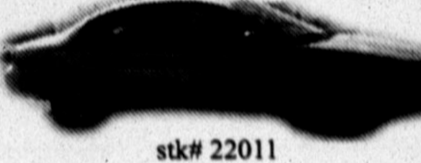
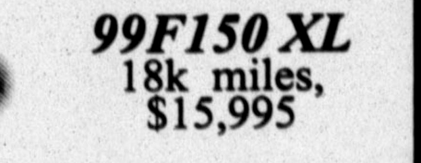

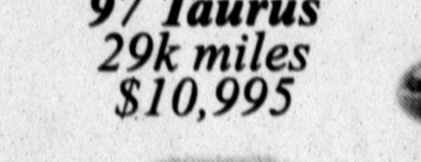



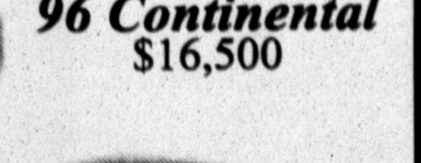
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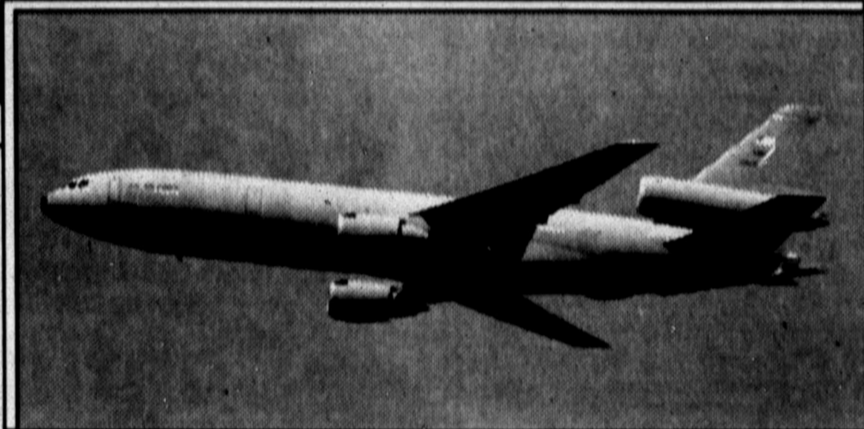


# LIFESTYLES

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Capt. Trent Layman, left, and an unidentified co-pilot are pictured in the cockpit of a KC-10 Refueler and Cargo Carrier like the one at right which Capt. Layman flew over Hereford earlier in the week.



## Former resident pilots craft over Hereford to say 'hello'

Hereford residents are accustomed to hearing airplanes overhead and generally don't notice them. But one plane that flew over this past Monday caught their attention.

The plane was a KC-10 Refueler and Cargo Carrier and the pilot was Capt. Trent Layman, son of Hereford residents R.L. and Martha Layman.

The all-weather capable tanker which Capt. Layman was piloting weighs 590,000 pounds when it is loaded with 65,000 gallons of fuel. It cruises at 500 m.p.h.

Capt. Layman was traveling considerably slower as he flew over Hereford after completing a flight from McGuire Air Force Base, N.J., to Amarillo.

As he passed over Hereford, Layman lowered the landing gear and turned on the lights as a greeting to his parents who were already aware that he would be flying over.

Layman is a 1986 graduate of Hereford High School and received his bachelor of arts degree in 1990 from Texas Tech University where he was in the Air Force ROTC. He

was commissioned a 2<sup>nd</sup> lieutenant in the United States Air Force on the day of graduation.

He then completed undergraduate pilot training at Laughlin Air Force Base in Del Rio in Feb. 21, 1992, and received his wings.

Layman began his military pilot career with an assignment to Robins Air Force Base in Macon, Ga.

He is currently stationed at McGuire Air Force Base where is an air craft commander and qualified instructor.

## Importance of reading stressed in program given for Delta Xi

Delta Xi Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International elected officers for the next biennium at its meeting Monday evening in Hereford Community Center.

Members who will serve as officers are DeeAnn Matthews, president; Jeanie Conway, first vice president; Jan Reeve, sec-

ond vice president; Delores Dowell, recording secretary; and Caroline Gilley, corresponding secretary.

Ann Cummings began the meeting with the invocation which was followed by a "Golden Moment" shared by Marie Stringer.

Sheila Straughan reported

that Conway, Barbara Yavornick and Marge Bell's names had been added to the Chapter Achievement Award book for their contributions to education and to the community.

Francie Farr presented a program on "Literacy in the Year 2000" which placed emphasis on the importance of reading even in a computer world.

Members were encouraged to remember that special person who taught them to read and to remember, also, how each person has an impact on the lives of others - often without being aware of it. Fay Reeve and Lisa McGaw were also on the program committee.

Decorating followed the theme of "Apple of My Eye - That Special Someone Who Taught Me to Read." Hostesses were Jean Beene, Doris Bryant, Jan Reeve, Billie Landrum, Susan Perrin and Clara Fugate.

The final meeting of the school year for the chapter will be a salad supper, Founders and Birthday Celebration and the installation of new officers on April 3 at the Community Center.



Delta Xi members heard a program on "Literacy in the Year 2000" given by Francie Farr, right. Also pictured is Fay Reeve, center, another member of the program committee and chapter president Kris Dollar, left.

## Money management is topic of Xi Epsilon Alpha program

"Managing Your Money" was the program presented by Debbie Holmes and Linda Arellano when Xi Epsilon Alpha chapter of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority met Tuesday night in the Community Room of Hereford State Bank.

Holmes and Arellano stressed budgeting as an effective way to manage money. They presented common sense, how-to details and highlighted retirement options.

A brief business meeting

followed as president Shelley Lewis led Opening Ritual. She read several notes from International. Secret Sisters were thanked. Melinda Henson thanked everyone who attended her Sweetheart bash recently. Reily expressed gratitude to all who took part in throwing her surprise birthday parties.

Program and yearbook chairman Peggy Hyer said the next meeting will be March 21 hosted by Sharon Bodner and

Kim Hollingsworth will co-hostess. Rosebud chairman, Arellano, listed several people with medical concerns. Membership chairman Pattie Urbanczyk said Jana Morgan is progressing on her pledge training and only has three more tests to complete.

President Lewis asked members to think about officer elections, which will be held at the March 21 meeting. Following adjournment, Closing Ritual and Mizpah were repeated by Lewis, Holmes, Arellano, Matthews, Reily, Williams, Mimms, Henson, Morgan, Urbanczyk, Hyer and Susan Shaw. Refreshments were served by the hostesses and co-hostess Mimms.

## Book review given for Garden Beautiful Club

Carole McGilvary gave a review of the book, "Love Is a Wild Assault" by Elithe Hamilton Kirkland, at the recent meeting of Garden Beautiful Club in the home of Marcella McLain.

The book is the story of Harriet Ann Moore's life in the early days of the Republic of Texas.

Prior to the meeting, McLain served breakfast of fresh fruit and cakes.

A brief business meeting followed. President Helen Spinks appointed a nominating committee of Dorothy Noland, Louise Streun and Audine Dettmann.

Present were members Doris Bryant, Marguerite Cole, Darlene Walker, Dettmann, Noland, Spinks, Streun, and McLain, and guest McGilvary. The next meeting will be April 7 with Cole as hostess.

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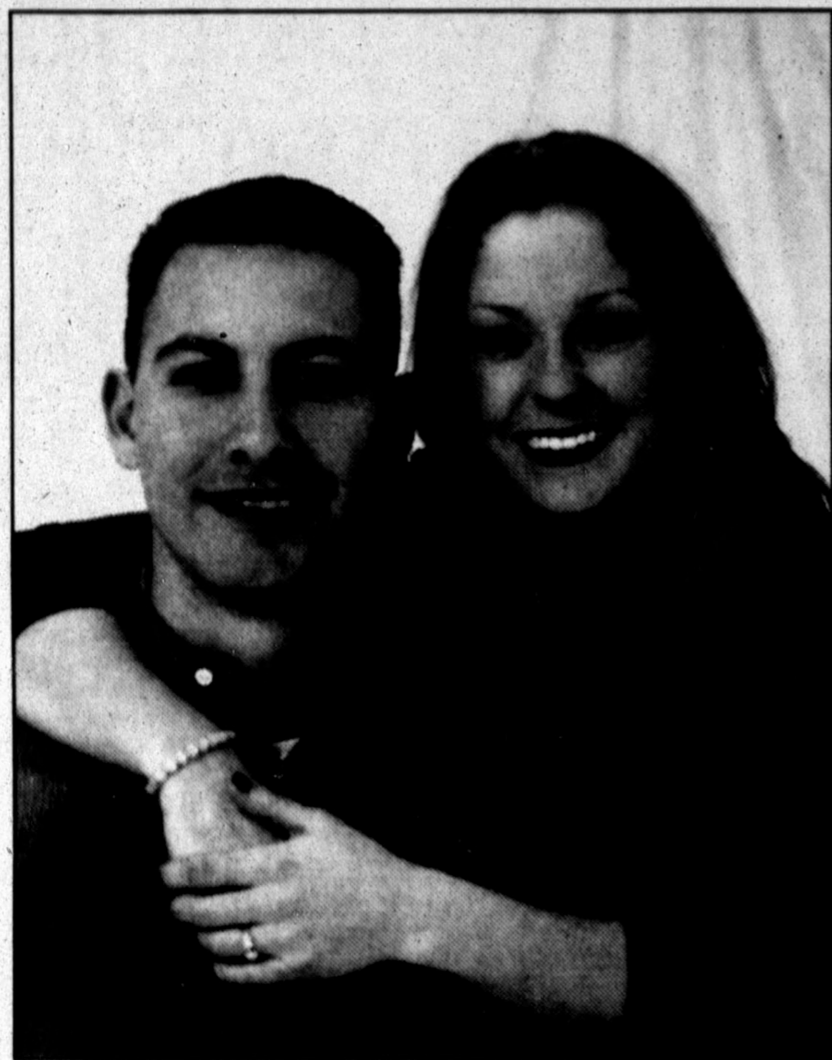
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# Engagement Announcements



**Brittney Binder, Phillip Garcia**

Bill and Gayle Binder of Hereford announce the engagement of their daughter, Brittney Autumn Binder of Abilene, to Phillip T. Garcia of Corpus Christi.

The prospective groom is the son of Helen Deanda of Corpus Christi and Ignacio Garcia of Portland.

The couple is planning a June 10 wedding in the First Assembly of God Church in Hereford.

The bride-elect graduated from Hereford High School in 1996. She is a candidate for May graduation from Abilene Christian University with a B.A. in international business.

Garcia is a 1994 graduate of King High School in Corpus Christi. He graduated from ACU in 1999 with a B.B.A. in marketing. He is currently a financial advisor for Paine-Webber in Corpus Christi.



**Jennifer Davis, Bubba Bowley**

Walter and Beverly Davis of Hereford announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Marie Davis of Newport News, Va., to Albert "Bubba" Bowley, also of Newport News.

Parents of the prospective groom are Albert "Tip" and Adele Bowley of Newport, R.I.

The couple will be married May 20 in St. Augustin's Catholic Church in Newport.

The bride-elect is a 1999 graduate of Texas A&M University at Galveston with a bachelor of science degree in Marine Engineering and a Third Assistant Engineer's License. She is employed as a Nuclear Test Engineer for Newport News Shipbuilding in Virginia.

Bowley is a 1996 graduate of Maine Maritime Academy with a bachelor of science degree in Marine Engineering and a Third Assistant Engineer's License. He is employed as a Nuclear Test Engineer for Newport News Shipbuilding in Virginia.

# Students inducted into Kappa Delta Pi

Three Hereford senior mathematics majors at West Texas A&M University were among 26 students inducted into the Iota Theta chapter of Kappa Delta Pi on March 2.

They are Audra Lujan, Melissa Medina and Cindy Seward.

The national scholastic honor society for education majors requires inductees to have an overall grade point average of 3.25 or better, a 3.0 GPA in education coursework, three semester hours in education and a class standing of second-semester sophomore or higher.

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# Ann Landers



**Ann Landers**

**Dear Readers:** Remember the letter from La Crosse, Wis., signed "Sports Parents"? They complained that their

children's sports activities took over their lives and left no time for homework or family. Well, I've been swamped with letters from other parents who have a lot to say on that subject. Want to look over my shoulder?

**Dear Ann Landers:** I, too, am fed up with the grueling schedules the coaches lay on our kids. When the football coach scheduled practice every single day, including weekends, I asked, "What about church?" He replied, "Football IS church." Scheduling haircuts and doctor appointments is not allowed during football season. My son's day used to

begin at 6 a.m. School ended at 2 p.m. Football practice began at 2:05. He didn't get home until 7 p.m. After reports from his teachers indicated he was seriously behind in his classes, he decided to quit the team. He is no longer exhausted, and I'm a lot happier. — A Hartford, Conn., Mom

**From the Midwest:** The letter from "Sports Parents" hit a nerve. They want parents to revolt against the coaches and their insane schedules. Sign me up! Do parents think their kid is going to be the next Michael Jordan or Tiger Woods? I wouldn't bet on it. The family is never home together. The only time the parents see the kids is when they are chauffeuring them from one activity to the next.

**Streator, Ill.:** You asked if the coaches in other cities are the same as those in La Crosse, Wis. I can tell you — the answer is "yes." If a kid is ineligible to play in the game for any reason (such as an injury or a punishment), he is still required to attend the game and sit on the bench, wasting two hours when he could be at home studying.

**Yuba City, Calif.:** I agree that after-school sports take up entirely too much time. Our daughter plays varsity basketball. We see her for dinner one night a week. Six nights a week, she eats reheated leftovers. Sometimes, she doesn't come home from a game until 11 p.m. "Mary" has a part-time job, but her

employer isn't always willing to work around her basketball schedule. Her coach refuses to let her leave practice 10 minutes early so she can get to work on time. If there is a game scheduled, she doesn't work at all. Homework is another story. Somehow, she manages to get it done, but at what cost?

**Somewhere in Iowa:** I'm so fed up with school sports, I could scream. According to the athletic director, a sport is not a game — it's war. During the school year, the kids have practice before school starts, and there is a SEC-OND practice after school. A chosen few are expected to eat meals at the coach's house. Somebody has to stand up and take a look at what is happening to our children.

**Suburban Chicago:** I am a volunteer boys basketball coach at a middle school. Parents who complain about practices being scheduled on holidays or weekends may not realize that we must use the gym facilities when they are available and offered to the team. We don't have a lot of choice in the matter.

**Tokyo:** I am a varsity girls volleyball and soccer coach for military dependants overseas. I tell my athletes to expect a practice session every day, and

sometimes, on weekends. Matches are at night, and some are scheduled on Sundays. Such commitment requires that sacrifices and adjustments be made when it comes to family life, church, school and social activities. Students who are not comfortable making this commitment should not try out for the team. Parents concerned about their children having after-school jobs should remember that their kids will be working for the rest of their lives, but have only four years to play competitive sports.

**Hello, Parents:** This is Ann talking. Is participation in sports worth it? Talk it over with your kids, and decide together.

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We would like to thank everyone who sent flowers, cards, brought food, and for all the kind words and thoughtfulness in the loss of our father, Hubert Sauer. He only lived here 9 months, but he made many friends.

To Dr. Payne, Dr. Khuri, and Dr. George for the wonderful care they gave.

Senior Citizens and La Plata Manor for being so kind.

To the Temple Baptist Church for making him feel welcome and for everything you did. The Nazarene Church and Pastor Ted and to all our wonderful friends.

Everyone has been wonderful and we thank each and everyone for making his short time here special.

We will miss him, but we know he is in his heavenly home!

Thanks again,  
Sandy & Rick McCracken & Family  
Jerry & Marilyn Sauer

# YOUR EYES

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God said, "Let there be music, and there was your voice."  
God said, "Let there be faith, trust, hope, joy, and love," and there was your heart."  
God said, "Let the world be beautiful, wonderful, and good," and there was you.

*Our warmest and sincerest thanks to all of you who sent flowers, cards, food, phone calls, or just kept us in your prayers during the time of sorrow in the loss of our precious mother and wife,*  
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**Thank You**

*Words are so inadequate to express our deep appreciation for all the love and kindness that has been shown to us throughout Mom's illness and when God called her home.*

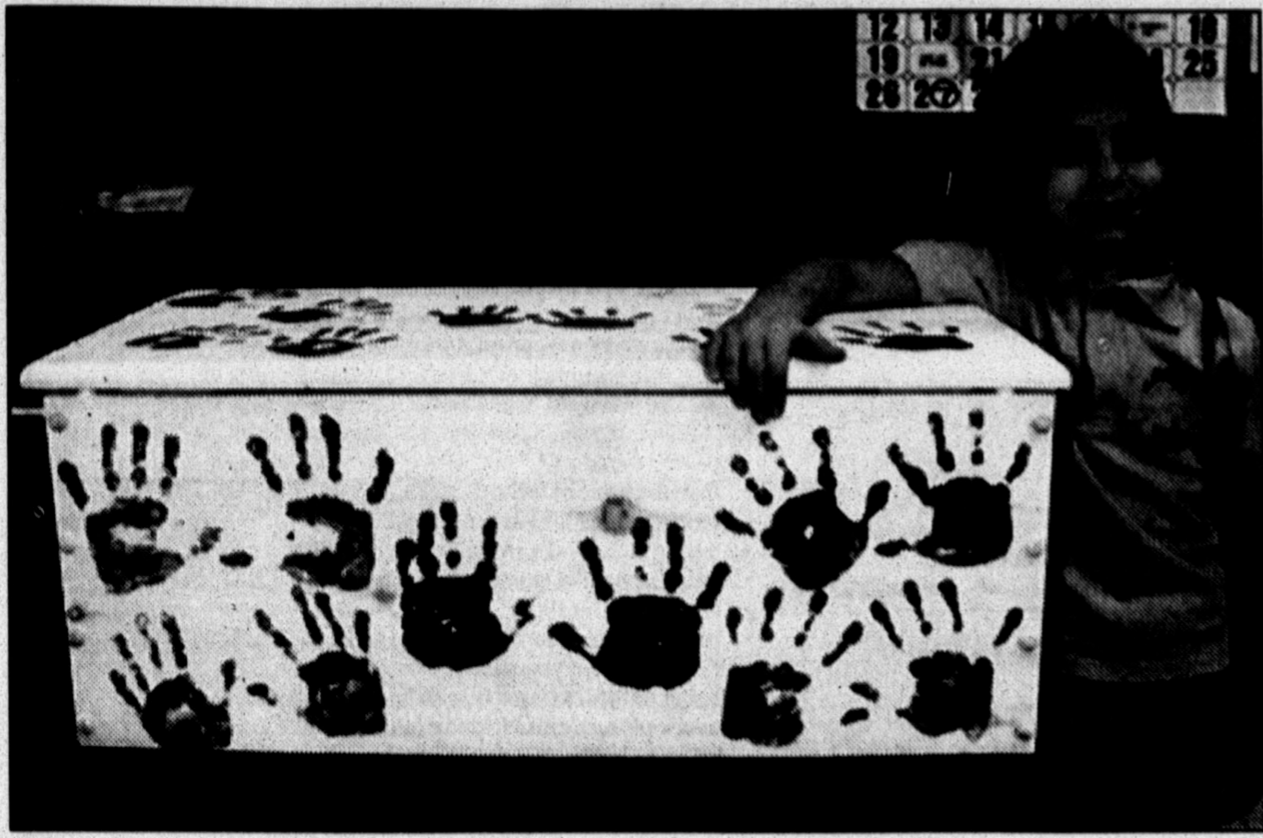
*Your prayers and love have kept us strong. All of the food, phone calls, cards, flowers, and thoughtfulness that we have been graced with has shown us the true meaning of compassion.*

*We give praise and gratitude to our Gracious Lord for all of the "cherished friends" that He has blessed us with.*

*Thank you for honoring such a wonderful wife and mother so beautifully.*

**The Family of Rose Brownlow**  
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LIFESTYLES



**Auction Item** — Sarah Wilhelm, first-grade daughter of Melissa and Albert Wilhelm poses next to the trunk her parents made for the St. Anthony's PTO Auction to be held Sunday afternoon at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Country Club Rd. The trunk is decorated with hand prints from each student in Sister Valentine Curry's St. Anthony's first-grade class. A hamburger lunch will be served beginning at noon and the auction will begin at 1 p.m.

## Calendar of Events

### MONDAY

Deaf Smith County Historical Museum: Regular museum hours Monday through Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday by appointment only. Odd Fellows Lodge, IOOF Hall, 7:30 p.m.  
 Rotary Club, Hereford Community Center, noon.  
 Heavenly Treasures Day Care, St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.  
 Planned Parenthood Clinic, open Monday through Friday, 110 N. 25 Mile Ave., 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.  
 AA meets Monday through Friday, 411 W. First St., noon and 8 p.m. For more information, call 364-9620.  
 Masonic Lodge, Masonic Temple, 7:30 p.m.  
 Hereford Retired School Employees Association, Senior Citizens Center, 11 a.m.  
 Hereford Study Club, 2:30 p.m.  
 Velela Study Club, 7:30 p.m.  
 Anchor Club, HISD Building, Room 113, 7 p.m.

### TUESDAY

Hereford Rebekah Lodge No. 228, IOOF Hall, 7:30 p.m. in the winter and 8 p.m. in the summer.  
 Good Shepherd Clothes Closet, 625 E. Hwy. 60, open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9-11:30 a.m. and 1:30-3 p.m. To contribute items, call 364-2208.  
 Golden K Kiwanis Club, Hereford Senior Citizens Center, noon.  
 Hereford AMBUCS Club, The Ranch House Restaurant, noon.

## Villanueva named best speaker at meeting of Toastmasters

Hereford Toastmasters voted Lydia Villanueva as best speaker during its Thursday morning meeting in the Ranch House Restaurant.  
 Villanueva's topic was "Many Hats" and was evaluated by Ryan Norsworthy.  
 Lisa Rose was also a speaker. Her topic was "Why Life Insurance," and was evaluated by Tronica Owens. Owens was voted best evaluator.  
 Margaret Del Toro was presiding officer. Oscar Barrera led the

### WEDNESDAY

Care Givers Support Group, Library of King's Manor, 5:30 p.m.  
 Order of Eastern Star, Masonic Temple, 7:30 p.m.  
 Westway FCE Club, 7 p.m.  
 Pioneer Study Club, 10 a.m. for business meeting and luncheon follows.  
 Hereford Pilot Club, 7 a.m.  
 Social Security representative at Courthouse, 9:15 a.m.-noon.  
 Deaf Smith Co. Crimestoppers board of directors, HPD rec room, 6 p.m.

### THURSDAY

Noon Lions Club, Community Center, noon.  
 Al-Anon, Nita Lea Community Bldg., 14<sup>th</sup> St. and Avenue H, 5 p.m.  
 Nazarene Kid's Korner, Hereford Church of the Nazarene, 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.  
 Knights of Columbus at KC Hall, 7 p.m.  
 San Jose prayer group, 735 Brevard, 8 p.m.  
 Kiwanis Club, Community Center, noon.  
 TOPS Club No. 941, Community Center, 9:45 a.m.  
 Hereford Toastmasters Club, The Ranch House, 6:30 a.m.  
 Al-Anon, 411 W. First St., 8 p.m.  
 Immunizations against childhood diseases, Texas Department of Health, 300 Witherspoon, 7-11:30 a.m. and 1-5:45 p.m.  
 Merry Mixers Square Dance Club, Community Center, 8 p.m.

pledge and Wayne Winget gave the invocation.  
 Del Toro was toastmaster, Winget was timer, Paula Edwards was AH counter, and Clark Andrews was grammarian. As wordmaster, Daniel Morriset introduced the word "heinous."  
 Topicmaster was Sharon Cramer and topic speakers were David Castillo, Edwards and Norsworthy. Norsworthy was voted best topic speaker.  
 Guests at the meeting were Don Tardy and Adolfo Del Toro.

### FRIDAY

Elketts, 8 p.m.  
 L'Allegria Study Club, 10 a.m.  
 Alpha Iota Mu Chapter, 7:30 p.m.  
 N. Hereford FCE Club, 2:30 p.m.  
 Wythe FCE Club, 2:30 p.m.  
 VFW, VFW Club House in Veterans Park, 7:30 p.m.  
 BPOE Lodge, Elks Hall, 8:30 p.m.  
 Community Duplicate Bridge Club,

## Class of '90 seeking info on 'missing' classmates

The Class of 1990 will have its 10-year class reunion during the week of the Town and Country Jubilee, June 10-17. Several classmates are "missing" and need to contact: Angela Baker, P.O. Box 2167, Hereford, Texas 79045; (806) 363-2253; baker@wrt.net

The following is a list of those "missing" classmates:

Tony Aguilar, Victor Avila, Monica Barrientez, Jennifer Beltran, Cynthia Bosquez, Kenneth Brown, Blas Cantu, Carlos Castaneda, Linda Cera, Jennifer Coberley, Ruth DelToro, Benny Dominguez, William Eberly, Keith Edwards, Angie Favela, Tony Flores, Becky Gaitan, Ben Garcia, Peggy Garcia, Max Griego, Mari Guajardo, Michael Hamilton, Dana Hernandez, David Hernandez, Lisa Hernandez, Martin Hernandez, Johnny Herrera, Susana Herrera.

Leroy Jackson, Stephanie Jarrett, Randy Jones, Lorri Kearns, Michael Kester, Ben Kirklen, Chuck Lemons, Phillip Long, Mike Lopez, Rachel Lopez,

## Legion Auxiliary will host dinner in conjunction with 81st birthday

Members of the American Legion Auxiliary will host a covered dish dinner at 6:30 p.m. on March 14 to begin the observance of the 81<sup>st</sup> birthday of the American Legion.

Members are asked to bring vegetable or salad dishes. Meat, bread, dessert and drinks will be furnished. Following the meal, Earl Stagner, a World War II pilot, will be the guest speaker.

Plans for the dinner were discussed at the recent Auxiliary meeting with Troyce Hanna, president, presiding and conducting the opening ritual.

The secretary was instructed to order poppies for Poppy Day, which will be May 24.

Scholarship chairman, Betty Jo Carlson, reported she had taken scholarship applications to the high school. Students eligible for this scholarship need to pick up an application at the school office.

Plans were announced for the

18<sup>th</sup> District Convention on April 1-2 in Perryton. Delegates elected were Hanna, Patricia Robinson and Nadine Lance. Alternates were Clara Trowbridge, Ruth King and Ella Caudle.

Unit members were urged to respond to the Bakeless Bake

Sale, which is the finance project for the scholarship to be presented to a graduating senior in May.

Legionnaires joined the Auxiliary members for refreshments and fellowship following the meeting. Carlson and Alta Fern Hudson were hostesses.



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<b>THIRD GRADE</b>	Isaiah Aguilar Bailee Barrett Brant Bunch Michael Canada Cason Cole Shelby Easley Ali Foster	<b>FIFTH GRADE</b>	Yesenia Aguilar Hadley Bunch Jordan Duggan Matthew Harris Thomas Hyer John Iler Kayla Landers Casey Page Jeri Porter Jessica Shelton Crystal Torres Nathan Watkins Kaeli Yocum
<b>SEVENTH GRADE</b>	Kimi Artho Brodie Boren Nathan Cole Josh DeAguino Kim Foster Roger Gonzales Haley McCulloch Kristen McGaw Disney Poarch Trinity Power Jennie Roncone Mitchell Sanders Joel Torres Keeton Walden	<b>EIGHTH GRADE</b>	Bryne Huffaker Tyler Teters Chelsea Walker Clarissa Zamora



New members of Hereford Toastmasters are Lisa Rose, left, and Rayn Norsworthy.

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LIFESTYLES



# MINDING YOUR OWN BUSINESS

Don Taylor

## Would of, Could of, Should of...Reflections on Success

Once attended a "success" seminar with an interesting icebreaker. To encourage the attendees to get acquainted, we were all asked to write down our biggest failure and then share it with other members of the group.

The answers included: marrying their high school sweetheart or not marrying their high school sweetheart; investing in a friend's business or not investing in a friend's business; taking a job offer or not taking a job offer; and buying something that went down in value or not buying

something that went up in value.

Most of us have a few regrets from our lifetime of experiences. There are always a few decisions we wish we could make again. I would buy that 1962 Corvette for \$3,400 instead of offering \$2,200. Yes, there are some things we would have done, could have done, or should have done if we only know the outcomes ahead of time.

Unfortunately, we don't get many second chances. Therefore, our best chance for future success is to avoid mistakes. Here are some suggestions I hope will be helpful.

**You'll never be sorry....**

- ...for thinking before taking action.
- ...for listening more, and speaking less.
- ...for loving more, and judging less.
- ...for always doing what is right.
- ...for holding your temper in check.
- ...for helping someone with genuine need.
- ...for the time you spend with your kids.
- ...for ignoring gossip and turning a deaf ear toward rumors.
- ...for the time you spent increasing your knowledge of worthwhile information.
- ...for thanking God for another great day.
- ...for standing up for what you believe.
- ...for taking time to vote.
- ...for forgiving someone who has wronged you.
- ...for rereading a good book.
- ...for standing in a summer shower, getting soaking wet and breathing in the freshest air ever.
- ...for being nice.
- ...for setting high goals and working hard to achieve them.
- ...for showing kindness to someone who can't help you in return.

- ...for not lighting your first cigarette.
- ...for not taking your first drink.
- ...for not doing drugs.
- ...for turning off the TV and using the time in a more productive way.

**You'll never regret...**

- ...keeping your promises.
- ...developing your public speaking skills.
- ...giving every new project your very best effort.
- ...forgetting where you started and concentrating on where you want to go.
- ...using your talents and watching them increase.
- ...paying the price for success. It's so much cheaper than the price of failure.
- ...writing a nice long letter to your Mom.
- ...telling your Dad how much you love him.
- ...being a positive example for your kids.
- ...respecting our flag.
- ...praising someone when praise is due.
- ...finishing what you start.
- ...being faithful to your friends and your spouse.
- ...overlooking a close friend's faults.
- ...having a hobby that doesn't cost much.
- ...saying "I haven't yet," instead of "I can't."
- ...saying "I will," instead of "I should."

Don Taylor is the co-author of *Up Against the Wal-Mart's*. You may write to him in care of *Minding Your own Business*, PO Box 67, Amarillo, TX 79105

SOME BOOKS WORTH READING

# Between the Covers

By Rebecca Walls

Deaf Smith County Public Library

Jim Steiert's program presented last Monday was one I wish all of you could have heard. Once again I am pleased and proud of the talent living within our community. Jim's knowledge of the plants and its natural resources made a fascinating and entertaining evening. If you haven't seen Jim's book "Playas! Jewels of the Plains" you should come to the library and check it out. After seeing the book and its beautiful, heart thrilling photographs and read the fascinating history of the plains area you may want a copy for yourself. Jim has others available.

Don and Judy Minchew were recognized as the Library Family of the Year that same evening. Even though Don and Judy have only lived in Hereford for a short seven years they have both been avid library users and supporters.

The library has helped Don and Judy plan a wedding, locate many relatives through genealogy searches and satisfy many hours of leisure reading. In return, Judy has served as a board member and president of the Friends group. She has also served as our lay representative to the Texas Panhandle Library program. Thanks Don for allowing us to take so much of Judy's time.

I also want to thank all of you library users and supporters for helping us to make the Deaf Smith County Library such a vibrant part of the community.

Now for the new books. *Ghost Moon* by Karen Robards tells the story of Olivia Morrison's return home to the dark secrets of her past. Olivia was raised by her affluent stepfather John Archer. On a lavish estate in Louisiana, Olivia enjoyed the life of privilege until she met, fell in love and ran off with a cowboy. Years later, divorced and with her 8-year-old daughter, Sara, the prodigal daughter returns home. Out of

money, Olivia and Sara can't afford a taxi from the bus station to the estate, so they opt to walk the last few miles. As the mist settles over the area at dusk, Olivia spirits life when she hears the sound of party music. The Archers are known for their parties during this time of the year and hearing the music brings back many fond memories, even though Olivia's mother had drowned in the lake near the

estate many years ago. But tonight she was back home with the only family she knew. Unsure of the reception she will receive, Olivia prepares herself for the worst. As she enters the family estate she sees Big John Archer and is overcome with joy. Big John on the other hand looks at Olivia in horror just before he collapses. What could have caused that look of terror?

Gap Creek by Robert Morgan is an Oprah Book Club selection. Set in the Appalachian high country, Julie Harmon is the oldest daughter in a family of four girls and one boy. Some say Julie works "as hard as a man," so hard that at times she's not sure she can stop. People depend on her to nurse the dying and slaughter hogs. Because people are weak and there is so much to do Julie keeps working. Julie is just a teenager the winter her Pa is

weakened with consumption and her little brother, Masenier, dies in her arms. She and Pa had carried Masenier down the mountain to the doctor but it was too late for the medicine to help. That same year Julie marries Hank and moves down into the valley where "visions visit themselves on her" and con-men and drunks come calling. Julie and Hank struggle to fit into the complex modern world of the 1890s. Always at risk of losing it all, Julie and Hank must fight to survive floods, drifters, disappointments and an ever changing world.

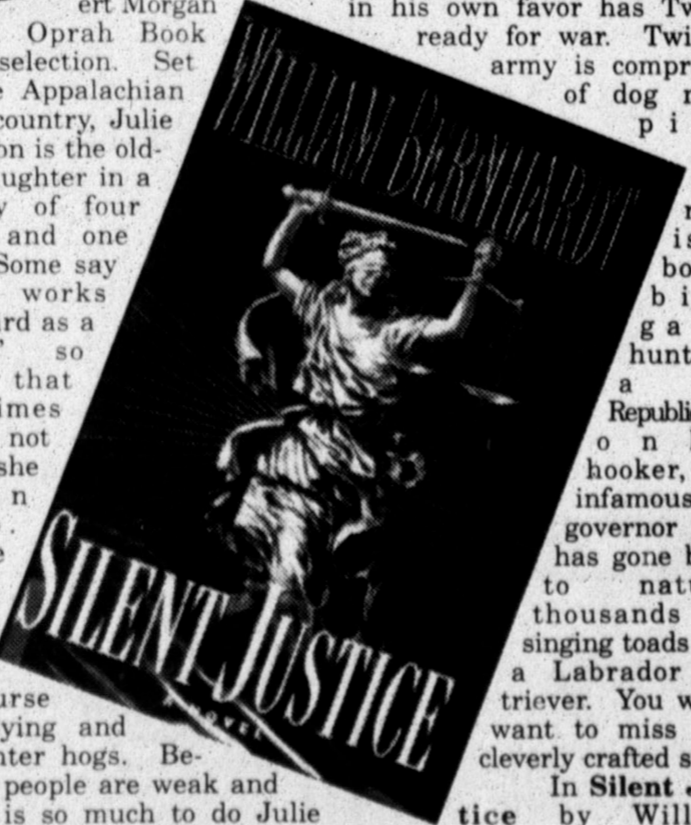
In Carl Hiaasen's *Sick Puppy*, Twilly Spree has dedicated himself to saving Florida's wilderness from destruction. After seeing Palmer Stoa dump a trail of fast food litter out of his Range Rover window, Twilly decides it is time Stoa learns a lesson. Thus Stoa's beloved Range Rover becomes home to a horde of dung beetles. This would have been the end of it had Twilly not learned of Stoa's plans for a pristine Gulf Coast Island. Stoa's ability to politically fix things in his own favor has Twilly ready for war. Twilly's army is comprised of dog napping bogus big game hunters, a Republican only hooker, an infamous ex-governor who has gone back to nature, thousands of singing toads and a Labrador retriever. You won't want to miss this cleverly crafted story. In *Silent Justice* by William Beinhart, attorney Ben Kincaid believes that the

class action suite is a suicide mission. "I think we're doing the right thing here. Not the smart thing. Certainly not the safe thing. But the right thing," says Kincaid. Logic tells him to turn away, but his underdog's heart can not forget the innocent children whose deaths cry out for justice. H.P. Blaylock Industrial Machinery Corporation is

charged with dumping toxic chemicals into the community drinking water. The largest law firm in Tulsa, Raven, Tucker and Tubb, was, at one time, Bens employer - now it's Ben's opposition. As Ben prepares for the legal battle, Blaylock employees find themselves fighting for their lives against a sadistic killer. With each gruesome murder, it be-

comes more evident that there is a connection between Ben's quest for justice and someone else's quest for revenge.

Other titles of interest: *Jacqueline Bouvier Kennedy Onassis: A Life* by Donald Spoto; and *The Vision of Emma Blau* by Ursula Hegi.



# Comics

## The Wizard of Id By Brant Parker & Johnny Hart



## Marvin By Tom Armstrong



## Blondie By Dan Young & Stan Drake



## Beetle Bailey By Mort Walker



## Barney Google and Snuffy Smith By Fred Lasswell



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Cardenas, John

Cepeda, Monica  
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Claudio, Elizabeth  
Condarco, Stefani  
Contreras, Tony  
Coronado, Angela  
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Diaz, Dora-Elia  
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Edwards, Stephen  
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Fixsen, Tiffany  
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Garcia, Daniel  
Garcia, Gerardo  
Garcia, Sabrina  
Garcia, Yvonne  
Gerber, Kali  
Gomez, Astrid  
Gonzales, Sarah  
Granado, Angel  
Gresham, Brandon  
Guzman, Celeste  
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Charest, Erin  
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Mendoza, Daniel  
Nicklaus, Marketta  
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Perez, Jose Antonio  
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Rodriguez, Daisy  
Rodriguez, Linda  
Romero, Rebecca  
Schlaba, Kelley  
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Spain, Kathryn  
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Davison, Kari  
Diaz, Kimberly  
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Esqueda, Kalyan  
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Taylor, Logan  
Vasquez, Gloria  
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Berryman, Amber  
Brown, Bryson  
Butler, Brittany  
Cates, Mitchell  
Culp, Erika  
Dotson, Alex  
Ellis, Mackenzie  
English, Daniel  
Enriquez, Amanda  
Estrada, Jacob  
Glenn, Kendra  
Gonzalez, Elizabeth  
Gonzalez, Mackenzie  
Gonzalez, Ricardo  
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Jackson, Twyla  
King, Ashley  
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Montgomery, Kanen  
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Ramirez, Angelo  
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Richardson, Ryan  
Riley, Amanda  
Rivera, Aimee  
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Soliz, Jocelyn  
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Bass, Stoney  
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Foster, Crystal  
Fuentes, Josh  
Fuentes, Linda  
Garcia, Chris  
Garcia, Dionicia  
Garcia, Selita  
Grajeda, Judith  
Gutierrez, Sasha  
Hamby, Jackie  
Higgins, Kyle  
Jimenez, Betzaira  
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Lucio, Joshua  
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Martinez, Joseph  
Medina, Epi  
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Rios, Daisy  
Rivas, Eric  
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Bell, James  
Cano, Victoria  
Convarrubia, Selena  
DeBord, Tiffany  
Garcia, Christy  
Garcia, Jessica  
Garcia, Oscar  
Gonzales, Mika  
Gonzales, Syndal  
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# FARM & RANCH

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## Producers feel the pinch

By Dianna F. Dandridge  
Hereford Brand Staff Writer

Drivers see it, complain about it, but continue to pump fuel at ever-rising prices into cars, pickups and sports utility vehicles. They may promise themselves they will cut back on excessive driving, but that's about the extent of the changes.

For farmers and producers, though, it's a different story. In producing their crops, farmers need the same amount of fuel when prices are how as they do when prices are low.

In the last few months, farmers have seen the cost of farm diesel increase from 60 cents a gallon last year to \$1.05 this year — a 42.9 percent increase in only 12 months.

High fuel costs, combined with low commodity prices and the high costs of other inputs, is eating into an already thin margin many farmers and producers had allowed themselves.

"The larger producers can manage all right," said Barrin Heiman, manager at Consumers Fuel Co-op. "The smaller guys are really hurting. We see a lot of the farmers only buying just enough to get by. They may be buying only 300-500 gallons instead of filling up those 1,000 gallon tanks."

Heiman said the larger producers, who are using the newer, larger tractors are continuing to purchase full loads, but it's because the newer equipment takes so much more to fill up than the older models.

"These farmers are going to discuss it, obviously," said Dean Newberry, manager of the local John Deere Co., Texas Equipment.

"It adds another crunch and it effects their decisions about purchasing newer equipment," Newberry said.

Local bankers also see the problems faced by producers



Consumers Co-op still delivers diesel fuel, just not as much as last year.

and know how seriously the cost of fuel will effect the farmers and the local economy.

"This is, of course, an increase cost of production," said David Barnett, vice president of agricultural lending at FirstBank Southwest. "We have to look at all the inputs, especially at a time when prices are suppressed. This definitely squeezes already tight operating margins. It cuts into some very thin margins that can't really be spared."

Barnett says by itself the increased fuel costs won't be the straw that breaks the farmers' backs, but there will be a lot of farmers who may not be able to survive the combination of high-cost farm diesel/natural gas to run irrigation wells and low commodity prices.

Producers continue to feel the pinch, but they continue

to pursue their chosen occupation.

"We can't quit," said Earnest Brown, a Bootleg farmer. "It's probably gonna kill the American farmer; it's nearly killed agriculture already."

Brown, like many other producers and agribusiness leaders, contributes many of the problems to the importing of foreign fuels and commodities, which are brought in from countries that subsidize their farmers.

"When you consider the cost of putting in a crop, especially the cost of the fuel, it comes out to be a lot of money for \$2 wheat and \$3 corn," Brown said.

"People need to realize that the farm and ranch economy is the key to rural prosperity," Newberry said. "When they suffer, all America suffers."

"Thomas Jefferson said it

best when he said 'As agriculture goes, so goes America.' America can't continue without the American farmer, and we are watching them gradually get pushed out of business."

Heiman says he fully expects the price of farm diesel to go down, but it may not go down in time for spring planting season.

"They (OPEC nations) have a big meeting planned for later this month, but I don't expect to see much of a drop for at least 90 days," Heiman said.

As the producers see the cost of inputs going up they are making the choices in purchasing newer more efficient equipment, which crops to plant and which conservation practices to put into use.

"The newer equipment is bigger, but more efficient than what was in use just 10 years

ago," Newberry said. "But, the producer has to make the decision to for the extra output of the new tractor versus the cost of fuel for the older models."

Newberry continued to say many farmers have abandoned the old methods in an effort to conserve what they can, where they can.

"We're seeing more and more farmers use low till methods farming — leaving

stubble in the fields and planting on top of it. Low till farming reduces the cost of tilling the soil as well as helping to catch whatever moisture falls. It all helps."

"It all goes back to our natural resources and how we use them," Brown said. "All the resources — water, fuel, air, and soil — all have to be used wisely. We can't get it back once it's gone."

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### Tobacco growers seek new uses

LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP) — Kentucky's farmers and politicians like the premise: Perhaps tobacco could be used to make products that are good for you.

Some biotechnology companies think they can do it. And a few Kentucky leaf growers are already producing tobacco destined for the lab, not the warehouse.

The research firms hope their work with tobacco will lead to new vaccines and drugs. Farmers such as Rick Kamuf are eager to find new uses for the crop that brought \$904 million to Kentucky last year, but is withering under a steady assault.

Kamuf uses five of his 5,000 acres near Owensboro to grow leaf for an upstart biotechnology company.

"You hear about all the bad in tobacco," Kamuf said. "This is going to be a crop that's good for health."

### Agriculture turns to the Internet

AMES, Iowa (AP) — Fields of corn and soybeans are being replaced by online auctions and networking as the landscape of American agriculture, leaders of agricultural Web sites say.

"The answer to whether the Internet is going to destroy the family farmer or slow agriculture is no," said Rod Johnson, vice president of business development for Farms.com, a Minnesota-based company that runs an online auction site.

If anything, it will keep small family farms viable by allowing them to tap into niche markets, said Bruce Babcock, director of the Center for Agricultural and Rural Development at Iowa State University.

"In the past new technologies meant fewer farmers," he said. But the Internet "will have an impact, not necessarily an adverse one."

Up to 60 percent of family farms in Iowa already have Internet access, he said.

Denise and Doug Bishop of Manchester have used the Internet to follow prices and weather. Now, they want to go further.

"We could make input purchases online or find bundled services," Doug Bishop, a grain and swine producer, said.

Emerging online companies devoted to agriculture are making that possible. One service of Minnesota-based DirectAg.com, for example, per-

sonalizes markets and weather news according to the subscriber. Another, XSag.com of North Carolina, is an online trade area.

The online boom for agriculture will be driven by those between the ages of 25 and 45, 85 percent of whom already are online, said Kip Pendleton, president and CEO of DirectAg.com.

"They are writing the new rules," he said.

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# Edwards Aquifer Authority begins seeding clouds early

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The Edwards Aquifer Authority is starting cloud-seeding flights earlier this season because of fears of a devastating drought reminiscent of 1996.

"We're trying to do what we can to nudge Mother Nature along," said Greg Ellis, general manager of the authority.

Although aquifer authority officials have no precise estimates on anticipated rainfall increases brought about by cloud-seeding, it is believed the program boosts overall precipitation by about 15 percent, Ellis said.

The aquifer authority launched its cloud-seeding program March 1, compared with a mid-April start last year, its inaugural year. The program will last through September, about two weeks longer than in 1999.

Cloud conditions to date, however, have not been conducive for seeding, so by Wednesday, pilots were still awaiting their first mission of the year.

During a seeding trip, pilots fly a twin-engine Cessna 340

into rain-producing cumulus clouds towering up to 18,000 to 20,000 feet and inject silver iodide flares.

"We don't create precipitation. We just enhance it," said Jason Straub, a meteorologist working with Weather Modification Inc., the company handling the aquifer authority's cloud-seeding program.

The cloud-seeding crew does not fly into severe weather nor does it fly if more than an inch of rain falls over a 24-hour period.

The authority has budgeted \$700,000 for the program this year, of which half can be reimbursed by the Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission. Last year, \$500,000 was budgeted by the authority, and \$443,000 was spent.

The target region covers the Edwards Aquifer counties of Uvalde, Medina, Bexar, Comal and Hays, although seeding may be done over some surrounding counties depending on weather conditions, Ellis said.

The Weather Modification

Inc. crew is based in Hondo, about 40 miles west of San Antonio.

The aquifer is a vast, natural underground water reservoir. It is the source of drinking water for San Antonio and is relied on by farmers and ranchers in Uvalde and Medina counties.

In parts of far West Texas, cloud seeding has a long history. Other regions have begun seeding more recently.

In Laredo, about 145 miles southwest of San Antonio, the Southwest Texas Rain Enhancement Association is about to embark on its 2000 cloud-seeding season over Webb, Zavala, Dimmit and LaSalle counties. The tentative plan is to start seeding April 15 and continue through the rest of the year.

Cloud-seeding efforts were stepped up this year by the Edwards Aquifer Authority because weather conditions and the aquifer's level are mirroring those of early 1996, when there had been little rainfall and the aquifer's level began to drop, Ellis said.

The drought that year resulted in statewide agricultural losses of about \$2.1 billion. A similar amount of agriculture damage occurred with the 1998 drought.

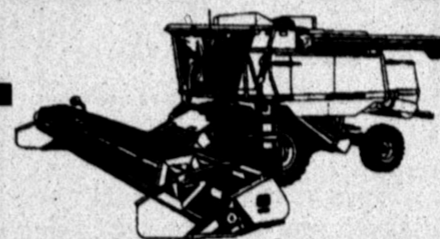
So far this year, San Antonio has received 3.61 inches, down .31 from normal. The annual rainfall total typically is 31 inches in San Antonio,

but the city ended 1999 about 14 inches below normal, according to the National Weather Service.

The aquifer's level was 660.9

feet above sea level Wednesday. Mandatory water conservation measures kick in when the aquifer level dips to 650 feet.

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## New organic rules assure nationwide set standards

WASHINGTON (AP) — New federal rules for organic food will assure consumers that the products are grown and processed to the same standards nationwide. That doesn't mean, however, that organic is better than conventional food, Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman said.

"Just because something is labeled organic does not mean that it is any more superior, any safer or more healthy than conventional food. All food in this country must meet the same high standards of safety, regardless of their classification," Glickman said in releasing the proposed rules Tuesday.

The rules, almost a decade in the making, would bar the use of genetically engineered crops, disease-killing irradiation treatments or industrial sludge as a fertilizer.

Products grown and processed according to the standards and contain at least 95 percent organic ingredients will be allowed to carry a seal of approval that says, "USDA Certified Organic." Foods that are at least 50 percent organic could be labeled "made with" organic ingredients.

The new standards, intended to replace a hodgepodge of state and private rules, also would prohibit the use of antibiotics in livestock production and require the use of organic feed. The rules also restrict the kind of fertilizers, pesticides and food additives that can be used. With a few exceptions, synthetic chemicals would not be allowed.

The Agriculture Department first proposed a set of national organic standards in 1997 but withdrew them after farmers and others in the \$6 billion-a-year organic industry strongly objected to allowing biotech

crops, irradiation and sewage sludge.

The proposed rules "will preserve the well-defined production practices that characterize organic agriculture," said Hiu Newcomb, who runs organic vegetable farms in the Washington area.

But the National Food Processors Association said USDA ignored scientific evidence in deciding to block the use of genetically engineered crops or irradiation. Conventional meat and produce can be irradiated to kill harmful bacteria.

"While the public's views are important, rules governing food labeling and food safety must be based on sound science, and sound science cannot be determined by public opinion polling," said Kelly Johnston, a spokeswoman for the group, which represents major food processors and manufacturers.

Sen. Patrick Leahy, who wrote a 1990 law that required USDA to develop the rules, said they should provide a boost to the organic industry, which has already been growing by 20 percent a year. Without such standards, "there are limits to consumer acceptance and export potential," the Vermont Democrat said.

Enforcement of the rules will be left to states and private certifying agencies.

Out of the 10,000 farms nationwide that claim to be organic, only 6,600 are certified by a state or private agency.

USDA will take public comment on the rules from March 13 through June 14 before putting them into effect. Farmers and processors will then be given 18 months to get into compliance.

### Paper company looks for local growers

PORTALES, N.M. -- The Roosevelt County Community Development Corp. is hosting a grower information meeting with Vidion Paper, a tree-free paper company on March 23 at 3 p.m. in the Memorial Building in Portales.

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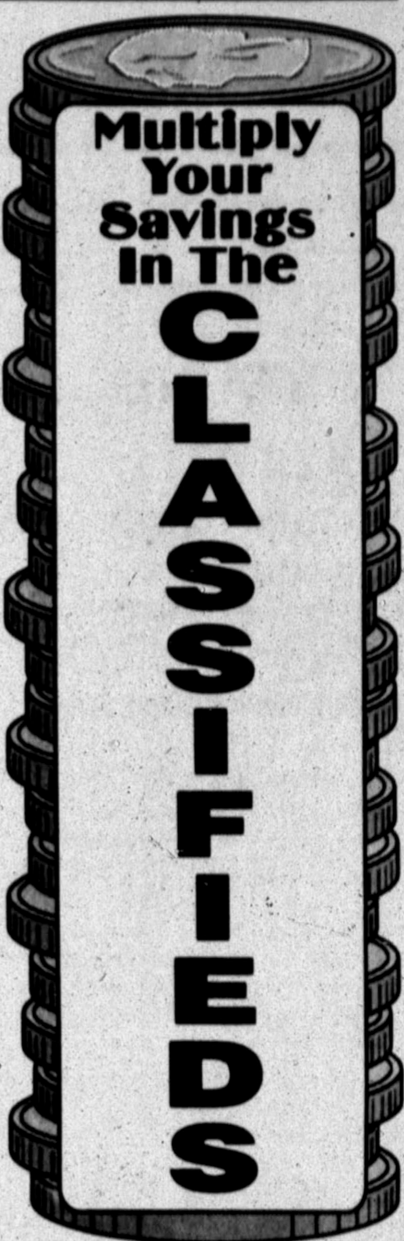
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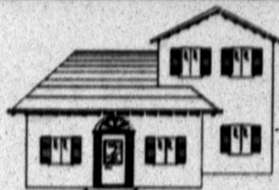
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But this trend hasn't diminished the need for knowledgeable real estate professionals, according to the results from three national surveys.

Online home searchers still seek the services of a Realtor, according to the National Association of Realtors (NAR) Economic Research Group, which surveyed both consumers and Realtors to determine the impact of the Internet on the residential real estate industry.

Three groups — users of Realtor.com, NAR's home-listing Web site; potential homebuyers; and Realtors — were surveyed.

Key findings from the surveys:

- Consumers typically contact Realtors after using a real estate Web site to research properties.
- Fifty-eight percent of all potential homebuyers report using a Realtor as an information source.
- Twenty-three percent of all potential homebuyers have searched for a home online.
- Sixty-three percent of Realtor.com users find that it is at least "very important" for the Realtor to be "Internet-savvy."

Louise Hull, chairman of the Texas Association of Realtors, believes that today's real estate practitioners must be more competent with technology than ever.

"The Internet has upped the ante for real estate professionals seeking to offer the best services," Hull said, adding that many clients like the convenience of communicating with their agents via e-mail, and going to the Web to view photos and descriptions of homes for sale.

One important thing distinguishes what Realtors have to offer from many home-listing sites on the Internet: access to accurate data.

Realtors support proposed legislation in Congress, H.R. 354, to guard against the theft, reuse and distribution of online data. The piracy of real estate information on the Web is a growing problem, because the information quickly becomes outdated and misleading to consumers.

"The vast majority of Realtors participate in multiple listing services, which always provide the most up-to-date information about homes on the market," added Hull.

The Texas Association of Realtors' multiple listing service is Internet-based, and its subscriber listings upload to Realtor.com.

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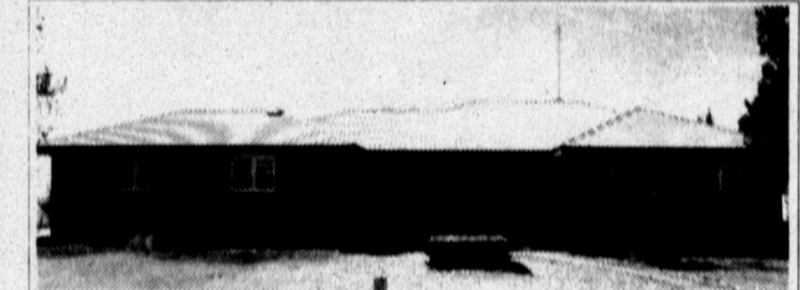
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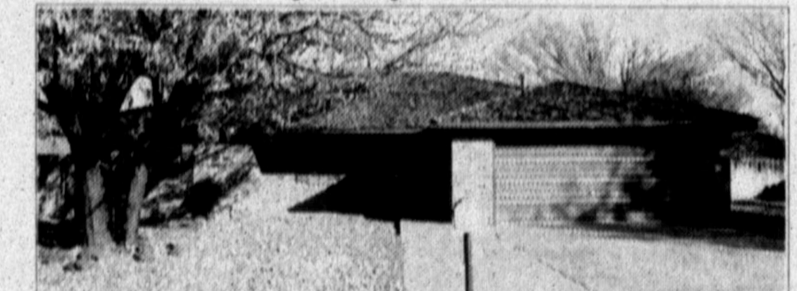
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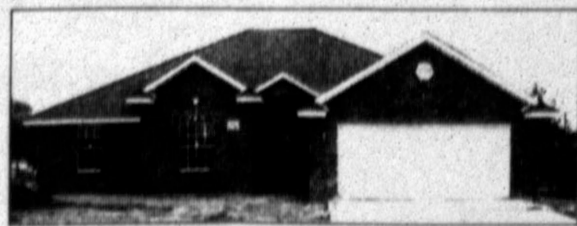
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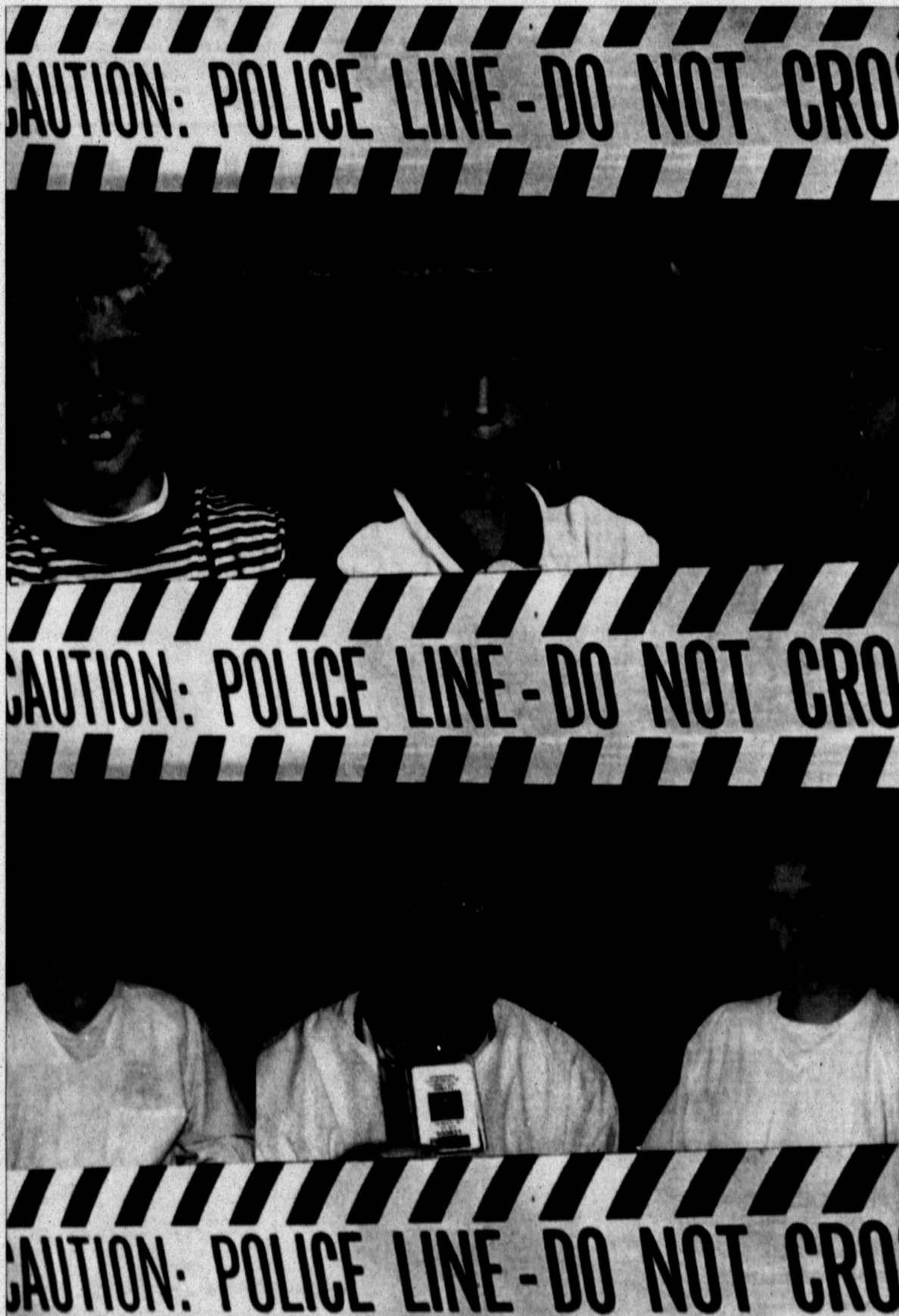
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*Paradise Lost* sequel revisits scene of 1993 child murders



*Paradise Lost 2: Revelations*, airing Monday on HBO, raises questions as it retraces the blood-soaked ground of the murders of three 8-year-old boys, (top row, l-r) Steven Branch, Christopher Byers and Michael Moore, in Arkansas, but doesn't assert the innocence of the trio, (bottom row, l-r) Jessie Misskelley, Damien Echols and Jason Baldwin, convicted of the murders.

By John Crook

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The small town of West Memphis, Ark., hasn't been the same since May 1993, when three 8-year-olds, Steven Branch, Christopher Byers and Michael Moore, were found brutally murdered.

In March of the following year, three teen-agers, Damien Echols, Jason Baldwin and Jessie Misskelley, were found guilty of the killings. Their trial and eventual conviction formed the basis for *Paradise Lost: The Child Murders at Robin Hood Hills*, an emotionally intense documentary that won an Emmy and a Peabody following its 1996 screening on HBO.

Filmmakers Joe Berlinger and Bruce Sinofsky update that controversial case in *Paradise Lost 2: Revelations*, an equally upsetting two-hour plus documentary premiering Monday, March 13, on HBO.

A lot has happened since the first film, although all three convicted boys, now no longer teens, remain behind bars. Their alleged ringleader, 24-year-old Echols, has been on death row for five years, and his appeals for a new trial thus far have failed.

After *Paradise Lost* aired, however, an L.A.-based group called the Free the West Memphis Three Support Fund formed among concerned individuals. The group raised funds to hire a criminal profiler and other experts brought in for the defense, in hopes of getting Echols a new trial that will take a fresh look at the evidence.

That's a point that bears underscoring: While the original *Paradise Lost* understandably ruffled feathers among those who believe that Echols and his two friends committed the murders, neither of the two films flatly asserts that the boys are innocent.

"We like to let viewers make up their own minds," Berlinger says, "and all I'm saying is that if I had been in that courtroom, I would not have been able to vote guilty based on the evidence presented."

During the case, the prosecution asserted that the crimes took place in the ravine where the bodies were found, yet no blood, fingerprints or any other evidence was found there.

Advocates fighting to get a new trial for the three young men argue that the circumstantial evidence against the trio was no stronger than that against other suspects, including John Mark Byers, the stepfather of one of the murdered boys. It is Byers, in fact, who becomes the dominant figure in the second film, a bizarre, larger-than-life character who has to be seen to be believed.

While he passed a polygraph test concerning the murders, many still regard him with suspicion. His flamboyant and theatrical behavior in the new film won't do much to dispel those suspicions, but he is an absolutely fascinating study in contradictions. What's more, he absolutely relishes being on camera (Byers was paid an honorarium to participate).

"I don't think I'll ever find anyone else who is as interesting to film ... and who loved the camera as much as he did," Berlinger says. "You have to ask yourself, even though he is mugging for the camera, is this a real portrait?"

"I say it is, because in the processing of that mugging, he unwittingly reveals a lot about himself. What it means you can decide for yourself. I have filmed many people in many situations and, filmically speaking, I have never been so entranced by somebody."

Sinofsky says he privately thinks Echols faces an uphill battle to get a new trial. "If I were Damien and his family, I'd try to be realistic," he says.

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THE WORD "CARTOON" WAS NOT USED TO MEAN A FUNNY OR SATIRICAL DRAWING UNTIL THE MID-19TH CENTURY. BEFORE THAT TIME, IT MEANT A FULL-SIZE PRELIMINARY DRAWING OF A WORK OF ART.

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EVERY YEAR, ABOUT 20,000 ORGAN TRANSPLANTS TAKE PLACE WORLDWIDE.

**A**

**Abandoned and Deceived** (1995) Lori Loughlin, Brian Kerwin. A woman is left with little choice but to fight the system when the state refuses to help her collect child support. 2:00. ● March 13 2pm.

**Absence of Malice** ★★★½ (1981) Paul Newman, Sally Field. A federal investigator uses an overzealous newshound to implicate an innocent man in the disappearance of a labor boss. (In Stereo) (CC) 2:30. ● March 14 12:30pm.

**Adam's Rib** ★★★★★ (1949) Katharine Hepburn, Spencer Tracy. A courtroom battle wreaks havoc with a lawyer's previously happy marriage to her district-attorney husband. (CC) 2:00. ● March 15 9pm.

**The Addams Family** ★★½ (1991) Anjelica Huston, Raul Julia. Long-lost Uncle Fester returns home under suspicious circumstances in this big-screen adaptation of the cult TV series. (CC) 2:00. ● March 12 2pm.

**The Adventures of Robin Hood** ★★★★★ (1938) Errol Flynn, Olivia de Havilland. Sherwood Forest's legendary swashbuckler leads his Merry Men in a battle to restore King Richard to the English throne. (CC) (DVS) 2:00. ● March 18 5pm.

**The Alamo** ★★½ (1960) John Wayne, Richard Widmark. Vastly outnumbered troops fight to the death against Santa Anna's army as Texas battles for freedom from Mexico. 3:30. ● March 12 3:30pm.

**Albino Alligator** ★★½ (1996) Matt Dillon, Faye Dunaway. Three fugitives mistakenly think they are the quarry when federal agents surround the bar in which they are hiding. 2:00. ● March 12 9am.

**All the Brothers Were Valiant** ★★½ (1953) Robert Taylor, Stewart Granger. Tensions rise between two brothers after one leaves the family whaling business to satisfy his thirst for adventure. (CC) 1:45. ● March 16 3:15pm.

**An American in Paris** ★★★★★ (1951) Gene Kelly, Leslie Caron. The music of George and Ira Gershwin underscores this tale of an artist caught between two women in postwar Paris. (CC) (DVS) 2:00. ● March 13 11pm.

**American Ninja 4: The Annihilation** ★½ (1991) Michael Dudikoff, David Bradley. Two martial artists take their anti-terrorist training into battle to save American hostages from evil ninjas. 2:00. ● March 13 9pm; 14 12pm.

**The Americanization of Emily** ★★★★★ (1964) Julie Andrews, James Garner. A World War II soldier who claims cowardice finds himself in danger when he is ordered to Normandy. (CC) 2:00. ● March 12 5am.

**And the Band Played On** ★★★ (1993) Matthew Modine, Alan Alda. Fear, official indifference and medical rivalries threaten a young doctor's search for answers to the AIDS epidemic. 2:00. ● March 12 11pm.

**And the Sea Will Tell** ★★½ (1991) Richard Crenna, Rachel Ward. A fact-based account of a double murder in the South Pacific and the sensational courtroom trial that followed. 4:00. ● March 18 5pm.

**Angels With Dirty Faces** ★★★ (1938) James Cagney, Pat O'Brien. A parish priest tries to discourage the Dead End Kids from idolizing a neighborhood gangster. 2:00. ● March 17 7am.

**Annie Hall** ★★★★★ (1977) Woody Allen, Diane Keaton. A comedy writer and an aspiring songstress share their neuroses during the course of an on-again, off-again romance. (CC) 1:45. ● March 18 11pm.

**Another Woman's Husband** (2000) Lisa Rinna, Gal O'Grady. The bond of friendship between two women threatens to become unraveled after one reveals an intimate detail. (CC) 2:00. ● March 12 5pm; 16 8pm; 18 3pm.

**B**

**Bachelor in Paradise** ★★★ (1961) Bob Hope, Lana Turner. A bachelor samples life in suburbia amid a whirlwind of supermarkets, babies and washing machines. 2:00. ● March 16 9:30am.

**Back to the Future** ★★½ (1985) Michael J. Fox, Christopher Lloyd. A modern-day teen-ager is transported back to the 1950s, where he encounters the teens who will become his parents. 2:35. ● March 13 10pm.

**Back to the Future Part II** ★★★★★ (1989) Michael J. Fox, Christopher Lloyd. A teen-ager and a wacky inventor travel both forward and backward in time to alter a disastrous series of events. (CC) 2:30. ● March 18 4pm, 9pm.

**Back to the Future Part III** ★★★★★ (1990) Michael J. Fox, Christopher Lloyd. The final chapter in the time-traveling trilogy finds Marty McFly and Doc Brown tangle with a villainous gunslinger. (CC) 2:30. ● March 18 6:30pm, 11:30pm.

**Backfire** ★★ (1987) Karen Allen, Keith Carradine. A woman scheming to drive her husband to his grave begins experiencing the same terrors she had planned for him. 2:00. ● March 12 2:30am.

**Bad Day at Black Rock** ★★½ (1955) Spencer Tracy, Robert Ryan. A stranger incurs the wrath of racists when he arrives with a medal for a fallen Japanese-American war hero's family. 1:45. ● March 16 1:05am.

**The Band Wagon** ★★★★★ (1953) Fred Astaire, Cyd Charisse. Vincente Minnelli directed this tale of an aging movie star who agrees to trip the light fantastic on Broadway. (CC) 2:00. ● March 14 1am.

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## Verb Search

There are 14 verbs hidden throughout the scrambled puzzle below. See how many you can find and circle. The words go horizontally and vertically, backwards and forwards.

- BESTOW
- CATCH
- DRINK
- ENVELOP
- GIVE
- HANDLE
- LINGER
- PERSUADE
- PREPARE
- SKIP
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- STUTTER
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TUESDAY

MARCH 14

Grid of TV programs for Tuesday, March 14, from 7 AM to 12 PM. Shows include Barney, Sesame Street, Arthur, Dragon, and various news and sports programs.

TUESDAY

MARCH 14

Grid of TV programs for Tuesday, March 14, from 12:30 PM to 5:30 PM. Shows include Body Elec, Treasures, Fine Art, Noddy, Reading, Arthur, and various movies.

TUESDAY

MARCH 14

Grid of TV programs for Tuesday, March 14, from 6 PM to 11 PM. Shows include Newshour, Boss?, Ent. Tonight, 3rd Rock, God, Devil, Will & Grace, and various news and sports programs.

The Greatest Story Ever Told \*\*\* (1965) Max von Sydow, Dorothy McGuire. From his humble beginnings in Bethlehem to his death on the cross, Christ's life is recounted. 4:00. (C) March 18 7pm.

Jaws III \*\* 1/2 (1983) Dennis Quaid, Bess Armstrong. Florida's Sea World comes under attack when a giant great white shark arrives on the scene looking for its baby. 2:05. (C) March 15 9:30pm; 16 10am.

The Hindenburg \*\* 1/2 (1975) George C. Scott, Anne Bancroft. An agent searches for a conspirator he believes is plotting to destroy a dirigible during a trans-Atlantic crossing. 2:15. (C) March 12 1:15am.

Jaws the Revenge \*\* 1/2 (1987) Lorraine Gary, Lance Guest. While staying in Bermuda, Ellen Brody becomes convinced that the shark that killed her son is now after her. 2:00. (C) March 15 11:35pm; 16 12pm.

The Human Comedy \*\*\* (1943) Mickey Rooney, Frank Morgan. A teen-ager tackles life's responsibilities in small-town California during World War II. (CC) 2:00. (C) March 16 5:30am.

Jaws 2 \*\* 1/2 (1978) Roy Scheider, Lorraine Gary. Another man-eating great white shark resurfaces off the coast of Amity. 2:30. (C) March 15 7pm; 16 1:35am.

The Hunt for Red October \*\*\* 1/2 (1990) Sean Connery, Alec Baldwin. Soviet and American forces give chase when the captain of a Soviet nuclear submarine sets a course for the Maine coast. 3:00. (C) March 16 9:35pm.

Jimmy Hollywood \*\* (1994) Joe Peasi, Christian Slater. An aspiring actor and his dull-witted buddy appoint themselves vigilantes dedicated to making Hollywood a safer place. (In Stereo) (CC) 2:30. (C) March 16 1:30am.

The Huntress (2000) Annette O'Toole, Craig T. Nelson. The widow of renowned bounty hunter Ralph Thorson joins forces with her daughter to find her husband's killer. (In Stereo) (CC) 2:00. (C) March 18 10:30am.

Joan of Paris \*\*\* 1/2 (1942) Michele Morgan, Paul Henreid. A devoted French girl puts her life on the line so that British pilots may escape the grip of the Gestapo. 2:00. (C) March 17 1:30pm.

Ice Angel (2000) Nicholle Tom, Thomas Calabro. Following his untimely death, a hockey player is reborn in the body of a teen-age female figure skater. (In Stereo) (CC) 2:00. (C) March 14 7pm; 17 5pm.

Judgment at Nuremberg \*\*\*\* (1961) Spencer Tracy, Burt Lancaster. Stanley Kramer's Oscar-winning account of the postwar courtroom proceedings against Nazi war criminals in 1948 Germany. 3:15. (C) March 12 12:15pm.

I'll Cry Tomorrow \*\*\* (1955) Susan Hayward, Richard Conte. An autobiographical story of Lillian Roth's decline into alcoholism and her slow journey back to health. (CC) 2:00. (C) March 14 5:15am.

Killer Klowns From Outer Space \*\* 1/2 (1988) Grant Cramer, Suzanne Snyder. Two teen-agers attempt to warn their neighbors that the clowns that have appeared in town are actually alien invaders. (In Stereo) (CC) 2:00. (C) March 18 2:30pm.

In the Heat of the Night \*\*\*\* (1967) Sidney Poitier, Rod Steiger. Tensions rise when a black detective from Philadelphia arrives in a small Mississippi town to help solve a murder case. 2:30. (C) March 12 11pm.

King Solomon's Mines \*\*\* 1/2 (1950) Stewart Granger, Deborah Kerr. A hunter guides a party through darkest Africa in search of a woman's husband and a fabled diamond mine. (CC) 2:00. (C) March 13 5pm.

Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade \*\*\* 1/2 (1989) Harrison Ford, Sean Connery. The globe-trotting archaeologist goes to Nazi-era Europe to find his dad, who vanished on a quest for the Holy Grail. (In Stereo) (CC) 2:30. (C) March 17 8pm; 18 5:30pm.

Kiss Me Kate \*\*\* (1953) Kathryn Grayson, Howard Keel. This musical version of "The Taming of the Shrew" finds the formerly married stars battling as much off stage as on. (CC) 2:00. (C) March 13 1pm.

Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom \*\*\* (1984) Harrison Ford, Kate Capshaw. This prequel to "Raiders of the Lost Ark" pits Indy against an East Indian cult for possession of sacred stones. (In Stereo) (CC) 2:30. (C) March 16 8pm; 17 12:30pm; 18 3pm.

A Kiss So Deadly (1996) Dedee Pfeiffer, Charles Shaughnessy. A young woman discovers her college roommate's killer may be closer to home than she thinks. (CC) 2:00. (C) March 17 8pm.

Interiors \*\*\*\* (1978) Diane Keaton, Geraldine Page. Impending divorce and varied psychological conflicts separate the members of an affluent family. 2:00. (C) March 17 11:30pm.

L Lean on Me \*\* 1/2 (1989) Morgan Freeman, Robert Guillaume. A principal cleans up a drug-infested New Jersey high school with his own brand of enforced discipline. (In Stereo) 2:00. (C) March 12 2pm.

It Lives Again \*\* 1/2 (1978) Frederic Forrest, Kathleen Lloyd. The father of a monstrous baby attempts to warn expectant parents of the possible danger in their future. 2:00. (C) March 12 2:30am.

Licence to Kill \*\*\* (1989) Timothy Dalton, Carey Lowell. James Bond quits Her Majesty's Secret Service to launch a one-man assault against the drug lord who maimed his friend. 3:00. (C) March 12 1:35pm.

It Should Happen to You \*\*\* (1954) Judy Holiday, Jack Lemmon. A model gains instant fame by broadcasting her name on several billboards around New York. 1:30. (C) March 13 5am.

The Life of Emile Zola \*\*\* (1937) Paul Muni, Gale Sondergaard. An Oscar for best picture went to this account of the French writer's crusade to clear Capt. Dreyfus of treason. (CC) 2:00. (C) March 17 4am.

Janie \*\* (1944) Joyce Reynolds, Edward Arnold. Against her father's wishes, a headstrong teen-ager looks for romance with a soldier at a nearby Army base. 2:00. (C) March 18 8am.

Lilies of the Field \*\*\* (1963) Sidney Poitier, Lila Skala. A former soldier teaches English to a group of French nuns while helping them build a church. 2:00. (C) March 13 1:30am.

TUESDAY



French Stewart provides the voice of Bob in the new animated series God, the Devil and Bob, airing Tuesdays on NBC.







SATURDAY

MARCH 18

Table of Saturday TV schedule from 7 AM to 12 PM. Includes shows like Earth, Mary Kate, Couch, Timon, Fam. Mat., Pepper Ann, Saturday Early Show, Rangers, Outdoors, and various movies.

SATURDAY

MARCH 18

Table of Saturday TV schedule from 12:30 to 5:30. Includes shows like Old House, S Club 7, Movie: Up and Away, Senior PGA Golf, College Basketball, Auto Racing, and various movies.

SATURDAY

MARCH 18

Table of Saturday TV schedule from 6 PM to 11 PM. Includes shows like Museum, News, Basketball, Xena: Warrior Princess, and various movies.

Starman \*\*\* (1984) Jeff Bridges, Karen Allen. An alien and the widow of the man he is impersonating flee government agents as they journey to reach his spaceship. (In Stereo) (CC) 2:30. [E] March 13 12:30pm.

Tollbooth \*\*\* (1994) Fairuz Balk, Lenny Von Dohlen. A young woman cares for her mentally ill mother and dreams about her long-lost father's return. (In Stereo) 2:00. [E] March 15 2am.

Stay the Night (1992) Barbara Hershey, Jane Alexander. A manipulative Georgia woman tricks her teen-age lover into murdering her husband. Based on a true story. 4:00. [E] March 15 12pm.

Tombstone \*\*\* (1993) Kurt Russell, Val Kilmer. Wyatt Earp and his close friend Doc Holiday join forces to break the Clanton gang's lawless grip on Tombstone, Ariz. (In Stereo) (CC) 2:00. [E] March 16 7pm.

Step Lively \*\*\* (1944) Frank Sinatra, Gloria De Haven. An aspiring playwright comes to the aid of an incompetent producer scrambling to stage his next musical. 1:30. [E] March 15 11:45am.

Too Young to Kiss \*\*\* (1951) June Allyson, Van Johnson. A French pianist pretends to be a 13-year-old piano prodigy. 1:30. [E] March 13 9:30am.

Stranger in My Home (1997) Veronica Hamel, Joe Penny. A high-profile attorney suspects that the drifter she recently defended in court may be her long-lost younger brother. 2:00. [E] March 16 12pm.

Torpedo Run \*\*\* (1958) Glenn Ford, Ernest Borgnine. A personal vendetta leads a World War II submarine commander on a relentless quest to sink a Japanese aircraft carrier. 2:05. [E] March 15 1pm.

The Strip \*\*\* (1951) Mickey Rooney, Sally Forrest. An ex-GI fulfills his dream of being a drummer in civilian life, only to find himself pressed into service as a bookie. (CC) 1:30. [E] March 14 10:30am.

Total Recall \*\*\* (1990) Arnold Schwarzenegger, Rachel Ticotin. Recurring nightmares of the planet Mars lead a confused earthling into the center of an intergalactic conspiracy. 2:30. [E] March 16 7:05pm.

Surf Ninjas \*\*\* (1993) Ernie Reyes Jr., Rob Schneider. Two California surfers must overthrow a dictator after discovering they are the long-lost princes of an obscure nation. 2:00. [E] March 12 12:30am, 6am.

The Train \*\*\* (1965) Burt Lancaster, Paul Scofield. A French rail inspector attempts to prevent the Nazis from smuggling a shipment of France's plundered art treasures. 2:15. [E] March 12 10am.

Terms of Endearment \*\*\*\* (1983) Shirley MacLaine, Debra Winger. An Oscar-winning chronicle of 30 years in the often turbulent relationship between a mother and daughter. 2:45. [E] March 14 12:35am.

Trapped in Space \*\* (1995) Jack Wagner, Kay Lenz. Crewmembers must resort to suicide or murder when a meteor strike leaves their spaceship without enough oxygen for all. (In Stereo) (CC) 2:00. [E] March 12 2am.

That Uncertain Feeling \*\*\* (1941) Merle Oberon, Melvyn Douglas. A husband and wife's once-happy marriage begins to disintegrate when a crazy concert pianist moves into their home. 1:30. [E] March 12 3:30am.

Troublesome Creek: A Midwestern \*\*\* (1996) An Iowa family makes preparations to save its farm when the new owners of a local bank demand payment of their loan. (In Stereo) (CC) (DVS) 1:30. [E] March 14 2am.

The Thing Called Love \*\*\* (1993) River Phoenix, Samantha Mathis. Romance follows a young woman's quest for country music fame and fortune in Nashville, Tenn. (In Stereo) (CC) 2:30. [E] March 17 1:30am.

True Grit \*\*\* (1969) John Wayne, Glen Campbell, John Wayne. An Oscar as Rooster Cogburn, a lawyer recruited by a teen seeking revenge on her father's murderer. 2:50. [E] March 17 12:35am.

Thirty Seconds Over Tokyo \*\*\* (1944) Spencer Tracy, Van Johnson. Gen. Jimmy Doolittle prepares American bombers for retaliatory attacks against Japan. (CC) 2:30. [E] March 15 6:15am.

The Ultimate Lie (1996) Kristin Davis, Blair Brown. A man has a rude awakening when he secretly sends for a call girl and his own teen-age daughter answers his summons. (CC) 2:00. [E] March 16 2pm.

This Boy's Life \*\*\* (1993) Robert De Niro, Ellen Barkin. In 1950s Seattle, a rebellious youth locks horns with his new stepfather. Based on Tobias Wolff's book. 2:25. [E] March 16 9:05pm; 17 10am.

Uncle Buck \*\* (1989) John Candy, Amy Madigan. A bumbling relative gets the chance to redeem himself when he's called upon to look after his brother's three children. (In Stereo) (CC) 2:00. [E] March 17 10:30pm.

3 Ninjas Knuckle Up \*\* (1995) Victor Wong, Charles Napier. Three young martial artists kick up a storm on behalf of American Indians whose land is being poisoned by toxic waste. (In Stereo) 2:00. [E] March 16 1pm.

Vegas Vacation \*\*\* (1997) Chevy Chase, Beverly D'Angelo. Gambling, goodfellas and Wayne Newton await the Griswolds during an ill-fated family excursion in Las Vegas. (In Stereo) (CC) 2:00. [E] March 15 8pm.

Timestalkers \*\* (1987) William Devane, Lauren Hutton. A 20th-century professor and the daughter of a 26th-century scientist track a time-traveling fugitive. (CC) 2:00. [E] March 18 2pm.

The Toast of New Orleans \*\* (1950) Kathryn Grayson, Mario Lanza. An opera star and her manager promote a talented fisherman until he also becomes a singing sensation. 1:45. [E] March 16 11:30am.

Tobruk \*\*\* (1967) Rock Hudson, George Peppard. During WWII, the Allies plan a mission to destroy Rommel's fuel supply in the Sahara. 2:00. [E] March 12 2pm; 13 3am.

Victory \*\* (1981) Sylvester Stallone, Michael Caine. During World War II, Allied POWs engage in a soccer match with the German National Team in Paris. 2:30. [E] March 12 11am.

A View to a Kill \*\*\* (1985) Roger Moore, Christopher Walken. James Bond goes up against a genetically superior industrialist with plans to become czar of the computer industry. 2:55. [E] March 12 10:40am.

SATURDAY



Clues related to a troubled teen-ager's disappearance lead to a nightclub and a cult in The Pretender, starring Andrea Parker, Saturday on NBC.



**W**

**Wargames** ★★★ (1983) *Matthew Broderick, Dabney Coleman*. A teen computer whiz unwittingly challenges the Defense Department's war-simulations computer to a game of nuclear war. 2:20. ● March 17 11:40pm.

**Waterloo Bridge** ★★★ (1940) *Vivien Leigh, Robert Taylor*. An ill-fated affair develops between an aspiring ballet dancer and a British soldier in World War I London. 2:00. ● March 16 5pm.

**Wes Craven's New Nightmare** ★★½ (1994) *Robert Englund, Heather Langenkamp*. Razor-fingered fiend Freddy Krueger slices his way into the dreams of the filmmakers who created him. 2:30. ● March 17 10:15pm; 18 11am.

**White Palace** ★★★ (1990) *Susan Sarandon, James Spader*. Worlds collide when a yuppie widower and an older fast-food waitress become unlikely lovers. (CC) 2:05. ● March 16 7pm, 11:30pm.

**White Squall** ★★ (1996) *Jeff Bridges, Caroline Goodall*. A ship's captain finds his reputation called into question after he and his teen-age students encounter tragedy at sea. (In Stereo) (CC) 3:00. ● March 18 7pm.

**Who Framed Roger Rabbit** ★★★★★ (1988) *Bob Hoskins, Christopher Lloyd*. In a world where cartoons coexist with humans, a private eye tries to clear a long-eared fugitive of murder charges. 2:05. ● March 18 2am.

**Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?** ★★★★★ (1966) *Elizabeth Taylor, Richard Burton*. A casual get-together between two university professors and their wives explodes in a night of psychological furor. 2:15. ● March 16 11:15pm.

**Wildcats** ★★ (1986) *Goldie Hawn, James Keach*. A track coach's dream of coaching high-school football comes true when she wins the post at an inner-city school. 2:15. ● March 18 9:30pm.

**Woman of the Year** ★★★½ (1942) *Spencer Tracy, Katharine Hepburn*. The marriage between a political reporter and a sportswriter is strained by their devotion to their jobs. (CC) 2:00. ● March 15 11pm.

**The Wrath** ★★½ (1986) *Charlie Sheen, Nick Cassavetes*. A teen killed by a gang of punks returns from the dead in a supercharged car and begins to eliminate them one by one. 2:00. ● March 18 12pm.

**Y**

**Yankee Doodle Dandy** ★★★★★ (1942) *James Cagney, Joan Leslie*. Oscar-winning biography of George M. Cohan, the songwriting patriot who became a show business legend. (CC) (DVB) 2:30. ● March 18 12:30pm.

**Young Bess** ★★½ (1953) *Jean Simmons, Stewart Granger*. England's future queen finds a tragic romance in this fictionalized account of the early years in Elizabeth I's life. (CC) 2:00. ● March 18 3pm.

**SOAP TALK**

**Ryan and Gillian may reunite on AMC**

**By Candace Havens**  
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Could Ryan and Gillian Andrassy Lavery (Cameron Mathison, Esta TerBlanche) find their way back to each other on *All My Children*?

The departure of actor Michael Lowry, who plays Gillian's new husband, Dr. Joseph "Jake" Martin Jr., may leave the door open for a Gillian and Ryan reunion.

"I would like the characters to get back together," Mathison says. "I love working with Esta, and I love our chemistry. I think the fans feel the same way. We will have to wait and see what happens."

For several months, the writers played with a relationship between Ryan and Hayley Vaughn (Kelly Ripa).

Mathison is great friends with Ripa and her husband, Mark Consuelos (Mateo Santos), which made the kissing scenes difficult.

"I'm very comfortable with Kelly — she is a good friend," Mathison says. "The trick is to stay focused because this is my good friend's wife. It can be a little awkward. If I know he's in the studio, I have trouble focusing."

"Sometimes I catch myself thinking, 'No tongue! No tongue!' which is not the right thing to be thinking. Thankfully, they are both very cool about it."

**Dear Candace:** I would like to voice my opinion about Victor Newman (Eric Braeden) on *The Young and the Restless*.

I love the show and his character very much. But this guy is a multimillionaire. When he made his trip to New Mexico, he slept on someone else's couch. Hello! What is wrong with this picture? Can't he afford a good hotel room?

Now that he is separated from Nikki (Melody Thomas Scott), he could buy himself another penthouse. Why should he play house with Diane Jenkins Richards Newman (Alex Donnelley) to get his old place back? Genoa City is big and it also has hotels.

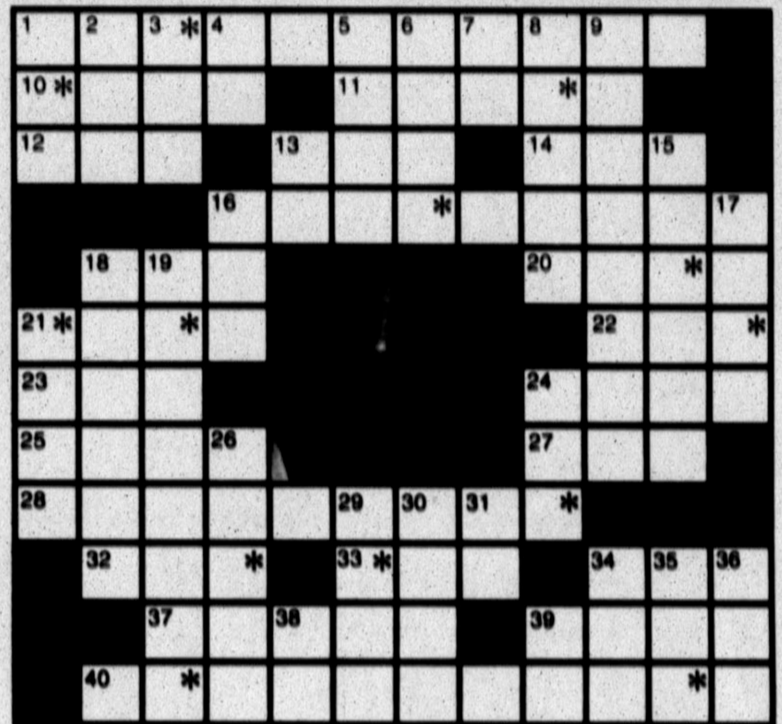
I have a great respect for this show, but there seems to be a lot of holes lately. —Cherrie Ann, Brooklyn, N.Y.

**Dear Reader:** Victor could afford to live anywhere in the world.

Perhaps the writers are a little hazy on what to do with him.

Send questions of general interest to Candace Havens, Soap Talk, TVData Features Syndicate, 333 Glen St., Glens Falls, NY 12801, or e-mail to soaptalk@tvdata.com. Only questions selected for this column will be answered. Personal replies cannot be sent.

**TV CROSSWORD**



The identity of the featured celebrity is found within the answers in the puzzle. To take the TV Challenge, unscramble the letters noted with asterisks within the puzzle.

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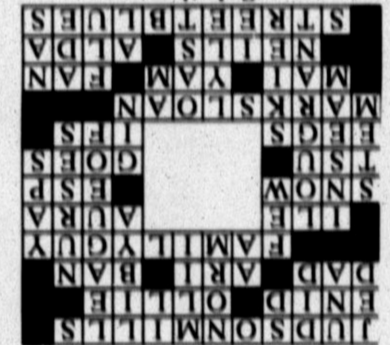
- Gage's portrayal on *Walker, Texas Ranger* (2)
- \_\_\_ *Is Sleeping*; '90 Judge Reinhold film
- Laurel's pal
- Major* \_\_\_ (1989-93)
- Jackie's O
- Secret rival
- Animated domestic farce (2)
- Ending for project or percent
- Invisible emanation
- \_\_\_ *Job*; '72 Jean-Claude Killy movie
- 1958 Vincent Price anthology series
- Nashville sch.
- Life \_\_\_ On* (1989-93)
- Diagnostic tests, for short
- Suppositions
- Role on *Diagnosis Murder* (2)
- \_\_\_ tai
- Underground edible
- The \_\_\_*; 1996 Robert De Niro film
- Diamond and others
- '74 best actor in a comedy series Emmy winner
- Hill \_\_\_* (1981-87)

**DOWN**

- Role on *The Beverly Hillbillies*
- Actress O'Connor
- What We \_\_\_ That Night*; '99 Rick Schroder TV movie
- Cheryl Ladd's state of birth: abbr.
- Series for Laurie Metcalf
- Mid-11th-century year
- Setting for *Roseanne*: abbr.
- Chad's neighbor
- A \_\_\_ *Their Own*; '93 Tracy Nelson sitcom

- Self-help org.
- '91-'94 Mary Jo Keenen sitcom
- A \_\_\_ *Good Men*; '92 Tom Cruise film
- Sharp barks
- Tailor's measure
- '77-'82 newspaper drama series (2)
- Part of a flower
- Triumphant card player's cry
- Picabo Street, for one
- \_\_\_ Lovett
- Hot spot
- I \_\_\_ a Dancer*; '73 film about Nureyev
- Reason to call in sick
- Squeezer's product
- Emerald Point* \_\_\_ ('83-'84)
- Common Latin abbr.
- Tipper's other half

**Solution Sidney Pottler**



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**TRIVIA**

**Jason Behr** (*Roswell*) is a very athletic actor. The Minnesota native is a certified ski instructor and plays golf and basketball.

**TRIVIA**

**Cynthia Watros** (*Titus*) is a soap opera veteran. She even won a Day-time Emmy in 1998 for her work on *The Guiding Light*.

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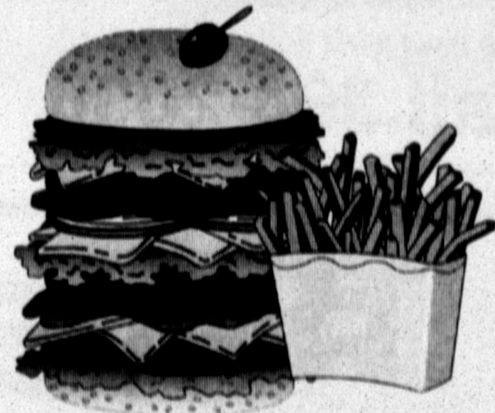
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