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Fresh water district opts for city management



District conducts business

Members of the Deaf Smith County Fresh Water Supply District, seated at table, and an audience listen to remarks by Carol Limaye, far left, during the district's meeting Wednesday afternoon.

Directors, after hearing opinions from San Jose community customers of the water district voted unanimously to enlist the help of the City of Hereford in operating the system.

By GEORGIA TYLER
Staff Writer

Negotiations between the City of Hereford and the Deaf Smith County Fresh Water Supply District No. 1 will be initiated to arrive at an agreement for the city to assume management of water service in the San Jose community.

Directors of DSCFWSD voted unanimously Wednesday for the district's attorney, R.C. Hoelscher, to work with city officials on a contract.

The decision by the board came at the end of an emergency meeting Wednesday afternoon. An informational meeting was held Tuesday evening to allow residents of San Jose to voice their opinions about the district's operations.

During an open forum item on the Wednesday agenda, residents again were given the opportunity to speak.

One of the key issues that arose at both meetings was the amount of money the district holds.

Leticia Carrasco, president of the board, told the audience that four years ago, the district had \$18 in the bank and owed several large bills.

She reported that all bills have been paid and the checking account has a balance in excess of \$3,700. The district also holds a certificate of deposit worth \$4,500.

Deaf Smith County Judge Tom Simons called on the crowd of about 60 persons to "put aside personalities" and accept the city's offer to help by managing the water system.

"Having a reserve is not a bad thing," Simons said, addressing the issue of the money being held by the district. "The city is willing to help and provide good service."

Simons called on the San Jose residents to quit "trying to settle old scores."

On more than one occasion during the Wednesday meeting, what appeared to be arguments broke out between persons speaking Spanish.

Representatives of the Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission, Carol Limaye and Patrick King, spoke during the meeting about concerns raised by customers of the water district.

"In general, it makes a lot of sense to combine a smaller system with a

larger system," said Limaye. "Costs of sampling and treating will go up."

She urged the residents to contract with the city for management and "work on other concerns in your community."

King advised the board "to establish procedures, some mechanism that will resolve complaints." He also suggested that residents attend board meetings and see that the district's directors "are taking care of business."

A resident attending Wednesday's meeting commended the work of the board, saying "we've never had a better water system than we have now. I think they're doing a good job."

The proposal that the City of Hereford assume management also drew support by a member of the audience.

Talking about the city manager, Chester Nolen, the speaker said, "Mr. Nolen is the first person to show an interest. He has worked with this problem. San Jose would benefit."

After hearing comments from those in attendance, directors voted to seek an agreement with the city.

All board members of the water district were present for the meeting. They are Leticia Carrasco, Irene Orta, Jesus Garcia, Josie Trevizo and Isabel Martinez.

1993 ended with jump in economy

WASHINGTON (AP) - The economy grew at a 7 percent annual rate in the final three months of 1993, down a bit from the government's earlier estimate but still a sizzling pace not likely to be duplicated this year.

The seasonally adjusted gain in the gross domestic product announced today by the Commerce Department was 0.5 percent lower than its month-old estimate of 7.5 percent. The GDP is the sum of all goods and services produced in the United States.

Texas population to exceed that of New York sometime during this year

By MICHELLE MITTELSTADT
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) - The exact date can't be pinpointed, but at some point this year Texas will nudge aside New York to become the nation's second most-populous state.

Official population figures won't be released by the Census Bureau until December. But some demographers say Texas is expected to overtake New York by July.

In fact, by some rough estimates, the shift from No. 3 to No. 2 might have taken place in March, putting Texas behind only California in population size.

Texas has far fewer people than California, which in 1993 posted a robust 31,211,000 population count - almost 13.2 million more residents than Texas boasts.

Demographers, who are used to dealing in the fluid world of shifting numbers and trends that are difficult to quantify, are hesitant to point to a specific month when Texas will move to No. 2.

"I think that's a little bit bold to suggest an exact date," state demographer Steve Murdock said Wednesday. "I'd just rather suggest

that some time during 1994 that should occur."

The Texas population stood at 18,031,484 as of last December, just slightly behind the 18,197,154 estimate for New York compiled by the Census Bureau.

Texas is growing at a much faster clip than New York. A comparison of the two states' growth rates between 1992 and 1993 suggests that Texas is gaining an average 29,000 new residents a month versus 7,300 for New York - assuming that current population growth is occurring at a similar pace.

"Given the general overall trends of the two states, it will happen," said Census Bureau demographer Ed Byerly. "Whether it happens this month or next month or takes the better part of a year, it's likely to happen."

The jump in rankings means the promise of more federal money over the long term.

"Of course the bragging rights are very important, but other than that there are various formulas for the distribution of federal money which are tied to population," said Dean Ferguson, a demographer in the Texas comptroller's office. "So, that's

important."

Federal funding is a sore point for many Texas officials. Gov. Ann Richards frequently points out that in 1992 Texas ranked 46th among states when federal funding was considered on a per capita basis. The Texas Office of State-Federal Relations estimates that the state received \$9.9 billion in federal dollars last year.

Added population also brings with it increased representation in Congress. With reapportionment every decade, states gain or lose House seats on the basis of population. In the 1990 reapportionment process, Texas gained three House seats, swelling the state's House delegation to 30. New York lost three seats, for a total of 31.

Population growth also brings new burdens - on education, medical care, infrastructure and a host of other services provided by state and local governments.

"It does mean that the demand for services and so forth go up," said Richards' spokesman Bill Cryer. "So it's definitely a mixed blessing."

For Murdock, the state demographer, Texas' jump to No. 2 is less significant than the overall population

gains made in recent years.

"I don't think there's any magic in the ranking," he said. "I think the more important aspect ... for Texas has not to do with how it does relative to New York but has to do with the re-establishment of fairly substantial rates of population growth in Texas compared to the late 1980s."

The state's growth is due less to people moving to Texas from other states or other countries than it is to natural increase - births to Texas residents. Fifty-five percent of the growth from 1992 to 1993 was due to natural increase, Murdock said.

Couple donates house to Nazarene academy

Nazarene Christian Academy received one of its largest gifts ever this week when Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bradley deeded property valued at approximately \$67,700 to the private school.

John Thames, chairman of the NCA school board, announced the gift during a presentation on campus Monday. Principal Patty Hill, several school board members, and two student representatives from grades 1-7 were present.

Thames said the house, located at 101 N. Texas Ave., will be sold. Proceeds from the sale will be used "to help meet the needs of the school, including a budget deficit," said Thames.

In making the gift, Bradley said he hoped others might consider contributions, or help start an endowment for the school. "The academy plans on adding the eighth grade next year, and I understand this will help in that

area, too."

He added that anyone interested in contributing to the school could contact Thames or the school office. Other board members are Lori Hall, Garth Merrick, Evelyn Taylor, Amy Schumacher, Ed Crawford and Michael Power.

Hill, the school principal, said the gift was "an answer to prayers...it will help some children get a Christian education."

Ag Department urges caution in handling colored Easter eggs

By MARGARET SCHERF
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) - Easter eggs. They're fun, they're colorful, and, according to the government, potentially hazardous.

In a cautionary news release aimed at averting a seasonal spurt of salmonella, the U.S. Department of Agriculture urges would-be Easter egg hunters to treat the eggs with care, making sure the shells of hard-cooked eggs remain intact.

"Eggs, like raw meat and poultry, may contain bacteria. Salmonella enteritidis is of particular concern," said Susan Conley, director of the department's meat and poultry hotline.

"Because of this, consumers should avoid eating raw or undercooked eggs or foods containing them. Raw and cooked eggs should be refrigerated at all times."

If shells are cracked, bacteria from hands or the hiding places could contaminate the interior of the egg.

Wash your hands thoroughly before handling the eggs at every step, including cooking, cooling, dyeing and hiding. Since hard-cooked eggs should not be out of the refrigerator for more than two hours, hide them just before the Easter egg hunt, not the night before.

The eggs should be hidden in places protected from dirt, pets and other sources of bacteria.

Refrigerate the found eggs as soon as the hunt is over and use them within a week.

"Another safe alternative is to use plastic eggs - they can be easily hidden at any time," the department advises.

Here are some other seasonal safety tips:

-Recipes for traditional braided Easter bread often call for dyed, hard-cooked eggs to be pushed into the plaits before or after baking. These eggs should be considered decoration only and not eaten.

-Don't court danger in hollowing fresh eggs by blowing the white and yolk out of the shell before decoration. "There is a risk of ingesting bacteria like Salmonella that could be on the surface of the egg shell or in the raw egg itself," Conley said.

-Take care when preparing meringues using raw egg whites. Meringue shells that have been heated and air-dried are safe if all the moisture has evaporated. Meringues on a pie are safe if heated in a 350-degree oven for at least 20 minutes, and the temperature in the center of the meringue has reached 160 degrees.

-It is wise to find a frosting recipe for bunny-shaped cakes that uses hot syrup and egg white instead of raw egg whites. If the egg-white mixture reaches 160 degrees on a thermometer, it should be safe.

Divinity candy and seven-minute frosting, made by combining hot sugar syrup with beaten egg whites, also are considered safe.

The department also issued this overall safety rule to follow: Refrigerate all meats, eggs and poultry promptly after purchase.

Felony DWI conviction handed down

A defendant in 222nd District Court Wednesday was convicted by a jury of felony driving while intoxicated.

Joel Frausto, 50, exercised the option of punishment determined by District Judge David Wesley Gully. The judge set sentencing for April 27.

A jury for the trial was selected Tuesday afternoon. Testimony began Wednesday morning and concluded in early afternoon.

Jurors retired to deliberate guilt or innocence of the defendant at 2:26 p.m. and returned to the courtroom with their verdict at 3:29 p.m.

Punishment on the conviction may range from 30 days to two years in jail or imprisonment of 60 days to five years. A fine of \$500 to \$2,000 also may be imposed.



Academy receives big contribution

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bradley, left, presented the deed to a house to the Nazarene Christian Academy this week. John Thames, chairman of the NCA school board, accepted the gift as several board members, principal Patty Hill and students from each grade witnessed the special presentation.

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Local Roundup

Holiday for Good Friday

City of Hereford, Deaf Smith County and Hereford schools will take the day off in observance of Good Friday. However, most state and federal offices will be open Friday.

Youths seek help on projects

Hereford Junior High School students, Justin Landrum, Clay Brown and Kris Friel are scheduled to compete in a state History Fair competition May 6 and 7 in Austin and need community assistance to complete their projects, "Route 66 -- Main Street of America" and "The Dust Bowl Area -- Then and Now." Anyone who lived, worked or traveled on U.S. 66, or who experienced life during the Dust Bowl, is asked to contact the youths to be interviewed for their projects. Contact Landrum at 364-2949, Brown at 578-4507, or Friel at 364-1113 or 364-2000.

Kids to hunt eggs

The Church of the Nazarene will sponsor a citywide Easter egg hunt this Saturday at Whiteface Stadium. The event will kick off at 2 p.m. and is co-sponsored by local businesses which have provide prizes and gift certificates. The hunt is open to children up to grade four with separate hunt areas set aside for toddlers and kindergartners; first and second graders; and third and fourth graders.

News Digest

World/Nation

WASHINGTON - Despite widespread foreign condemnation, the Clinton administration is forging ahead to produce a "hit list" of countries it deems to have erected the most damaging barriers to American products.

WASHINGTON - American telecommunications and computer companies gain access to vast overseas markets in countries such as Russia and other former Communist states under a Clinton administration ruling that eases Cold War restrictions on exports of sensitive U.S. technology.

CAIRO, Egypt - The PLO and Israel reach a compromise on sending an international observer force to the West Bank town of Hebron. The agreement for protection of Palestinians opens the way for resumption of overall peace talks.

WASHINGTON - In the latest scheme to launder food stamps and stay a step ahead of investigators, unscrupulous grocers are banding together to buy the paper coupons from recipients at a discount and then redeem them from the government for full value.

WASHINGTON - A plan offering federal workers up to \$25,000 to resign could mean fewer bosses and less bureaucracy by trimming middle-management positions, unions say.

WASHINGTON - Bell Atlantic Corp. is staking millions on a hunch that consumers will want to order up everything from stock tables to movies on their TV screens without leaving their living rooms.

RAMONA, Calif. - A science project in which a seventh-grader tested gunpowder to learn which type gives a bullet the greatest velocity was tentatively rejected from a science fair for fear others might try this at home.

DAUFUSKIE ISLAND, S.C. - In the quiet glens and sandy lanes of Daufuskie Island, descendants of slaves refer to nearby Hilton Head and its expensive autos, condominiums and manicured golf courses as "the other side."

But "the other side" is upon them. Development is crossing Calibogue Sound.

State

WASHINGTON - The exact date can't be pinpointed, but at some point this year Texas will nudge aside New York to become the nation's second most-populous state.

AUSTIN - Despite winning every presidential election in Mexico since it was founded in 1929, the Institutional Revolutionary Party is not guaranteed victory in this year's race, U.S. Ambassador to Mexico James Jones says.

HARLINGEN - Environmentalists cheered a decision to suspend dredging in the Laguna Madre as an important, although temporary, victory.

HUNTSVILLE - A convicted killer labelled by his prosecutor as a predator on society was put to death early today for killing the husband of a Corpus Christi restaurant manager during a robbery nine years ago.

HUNTSVILLE - Condemned murderer Richard Beavers speaks calmly, laughs easily and said he's prepared for Easter Sunday to be his last day in this life.

DALLAS - FEMA administrator Glenn Garcelon has worked for the federal government for 25 years. But even a \$25,000 payoff wouldn't be enough to get the 47-year-old to retire.

HOUSTON - Millionaire Richard Fisher has been using his own money to help his campaign, but he rejects the notion he is an affluent man trying to buy a U.S. Senate seat.

WASHINGTON - A congressional critic of the superconducting super collider is attacking the Energy Department's decision to give Texas \$6 million to study possible future uses for the failed project's assets.

AUSTIN - Four senators are contending that the state Board of Criminal Justice and its staff didn't have enough time and information before deciding to build a new state jail in East Texas.

AUSTIN - Texas Insurance Commissioner J. Robert Hunter is praising Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas for changing health insurance policies and paying \$450,000 in previously denied claims for newborn babies.

HOUSTON - Louis Farrakhan will not give a speech at Texas Southern University because women would have been allowed to attend, a spokesman for the Nation of Islam leader says.

Police, Sheriff Reports

Thursday's law enforcement activity reports contained the following incident reports:

HEREFORD POLICE

--A domestic disturbance was reported in the 900 block of Lafayette.

--Police investigated reports of criminal mischief at 14th and Irving Streets, the 200 block of Hereford Calle, the 200 block of Avenue I, and the 200 block of Avenue F.

--Officers responded to the 500 block of Brevard Street to investigate a report of domestic disturbance.

--Two burglaries of a motor vehicle were reported in the 700 block of 13th Street.

--An intoxicated subject was reported in the 900 block of 16th Street.

--Officers issued six traffic citations.

--Four traffic accidents without injuries were investigated.

DEAF SMITH SHERIFF

--A 22-year-old female was arrested for violating her probation.

--Deputies arrested a 19-year-old male for violation of probation.

WHERE'S THE FIRE?

--Firemen responded to a grass fire at 6:36 p.m. a mile south of Harrison Highway on State Line Road.

PATIENTS IN HOSPITAL

Howard E. "Jack" Drye, Annalisa Garcia, Robert M. Ginn, Jesus S. Gonzales, Lucy R. Gonzales, Infant boy Hernandez, Letitia Hernandez, Mary Kate Johnson, Edwin Lide, Edna Pederson, John B. Pool, Kim Sanders, Betty M. Walter, Bernadine H. Withar.

Trade barrier 'hit list' being produced

Administration studying countries hurting U.S.

By MARTIN CRUTSINGER
AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) - Despite widespread foreign condemnation, the Clinton administration is forging ahead to produce a "hit list" of countries it deems to have erected the most damaging barriers to American products.

The administration was set to release today a thick report titled "The National Trade Estimates Report on Foreign Trade Barriers."

While this report has come out annually, today's version will be viewed as a much bigger threat by the countries being named.

That's because President Clinton on March 3 decided to re-institute an expired provision of U.S. trade law known as Super 301. It allows the administration to establish a target list of countries considered to have built the most harmful barriers to U.S. goods and set strict negotiating deadlines for dismantling the barriers.

Under the new Super 301, the administration has six months, until

Sept. 30, to decide which countries it will target for the intense negotiations. Those countries will be drawn from today's report.

The market-opening negotiations can stretch over 18 months. But if they fail to produce results, the administration can impose punitive tariffs of up to 100 percent on exports from the offending country, in a sum equal to the amount of sales being lost by American firms.

The United States has left no doubt that a primary target of the exercise is Japan. U.S. Trade Representative Mickey Kantor and others in the administration have stressed repeatedly that the U.S. deficit with Japan, a record \$59.3 billion last year, is unacceptable and must be reduced through lowering of Japanese trade barriers.

Earlier this week, Kantor dismissed a new market-opening offer from Tokyo as failing to present the "concrete steps" the United States is seeking to resolve the dispute.

Last year's trade barriers report listed 44 countries. By far the largest number of trade barrier complaints was lodged against Japan.

The administration reinstated Super 301, the most feared of America's trade weapons, only after market opening talks with Japan collapsed at an acrimonious summit Feb. 11 between Clinton and Japanese Prime Minister Morihiro Hosokawa.

The United States had warned that if the so-called framework talks failed, it would be forced to pursue other options, a threat widely perceived to mean the use of punitive tariffs against Japanese products.

By re-implementing Super 301, the administration has now put forward a timetable for imposing those sanctions, although one with a long lead time.

Japan and other countries have expressed disappointment that Clinton has brought back Super 301 and suggested that if the United States tries to impose trade sanctions, it will bring the matter before the

General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.

At a recent meeting of GATT's governing council, Argentina, Australia, the 12-nation European Union, Hong Kong, Japan, South Korea and Thailand all openly opposed the administration's decision to reinstate Super 301.

Super 301 was in effect only in 1989 and 1990. During that time, the Bush administration brought cases against Japan involving wood products, super computers and satellites and successfully resolved them without having to resort to trade tariffs. It also forced Brazil to drop import licensing requirements the United States believed were being used to block American products. However, it failed to get trade concessions from India.

Congressional supporters said this limited list does not cover all of the achievements of Super 301. They said the Bush administration also achieved significant market-opening gains from South Korea and Taiwan.



Accepting the trophy

Members of the Hereford Junior High School Junior Historians traveled to San Antonio last weekend for the 55th Junior Historians Annual Meeting, where they competed against some 100 junior and senior high school Junior Historians chapters for the Chapter Achievement Award. The HJH club captured a second runner-up trophy. Shown with their award are, from left, Jessica Mejia, club president Heath Henderson and Robin Bell.

Government employees balking at 'buyout' retirement program

By LINDA LEAVELL
Associated Press Writer

DALLAS (AP) - FEMA administrator Glenn Garcelon has worked for the federal government for 25 years. But even a \$25,000 payoff wouldn't be enough to get the 47-year-old to retire.

"I've got no interest in going. I like my job," Garcelon said. "Twenty-five thousand dollars? What's that anymore?"

President Clinton signed legislation Wednesday allowing the government to offer its workers buyouts of up to \$25,000 if they resign or retire. The new law is part of an effort to pare the federal work force by nearly 12 percent over five years.

Garcelon, chief of the Federal Emergency Management Agency's national tele-registration center in Denton, and other federal workers

said the buyout idea is linked to Vice President Al Gore's National Performance Review. The report promised to make government work better and cost less.

David Bary, a spokesman for the Environmental Protection Agency's Region 6 office, said that around the water cooler at his work place, employees have expressed anxiety, interest and even apathy for the program.

He suspected that some of his office's 900 full-time workers likely would be eligible, but "there seems to be at this point more questions about the buyout than there are answers."

Under the bill, a federal worker who has completed 12 months of continuous service could take severance pay or a lump sum of \$25,000 - whichever is less - upon leaving the government.

Garcelon said he suspected that the \$25,000 might help sway those employees "who are kind of perched on the edge" about retirement. But younger workers or those new to government service probably would not be interested.

"Suffice it to say that (for) anybody with any reasonable amount of service, the \$25,000 would be less than the severance," he said.

Agriculture employees said they doubted the law would have much effect in West Texas.

"I don't know how much mileage we're going to have," said Alan Mackey, county executive director of the Agriculture Stabilization and Conservation Service in Lubbock. "A lot of employees were interested early in the fiscal year, but most of the interest has dwindled."

Bill Finch, district conservationist for the Soil Conservation Service, said he expects most employees who take the offer will be higher-paid veterans.

Obituaries

L.W. "Pete" DENTON
March 30, 1994

L.W. "Pete" Denton, 72, of Hereford died Wednesday.

Services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday in Central Church of Christ with Denzil Pulliam and Roger Wilcox officiating. Burial will be in West Park Cemetery, by Gililand-Watson Funeral Home.

Mr. Denton was born at Buffalo Gap and came to Hereford from Portland, Ore., in 1950. He married Mary Turner in 1942 in Ackerly. A member of Central Church of Christ, Mr. Denton worked as a carpenter out of McCaslin Lumber Company for 34 years before retiring.

Survivors are his wife; a daughter, Jana Trent of Colleyville; a brother, Clyde Denton of Big Spring; three sisters, Ruby Bulger of Norman, Okla., Marie Farrari of Lake Kiowa and Dorothy Worthan of Hobbs,

N.M., and three grandchildren.

The family has requested that memorials be directed to Hereford Senior Citizens or High Plains Children's Home in Amarillo.

CLETA MAE REEVES
March 29, 1994

Cleta Mae Reeves, 75, of Hereford, died Tuesday.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday in Central Church of Christ with Denzil Pulliam officiating. Burial will be in West Park Cemetery.

Mrs. Reeves was born at Lockney and came to Deaf Smith County in 1935 from New Mexico. She married Irvin Reeves in Hereford on Feb. 2, 1935. She was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors are her husband; a daughter, Kay N. Reeves of Irving; two sons, Glen Reeves of Denton and Tommy Reeves of Dry Prong, La., and four grandchildren.

TEXAS LOTTERY

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

Lottery officials estimate the jackpot for Saturday night's game will be \$10 million.

The numbers drawn Wednesday night from a field of 50 were: 38, 13, 26, 16, 9, 36.



AUSTIN (AP) - Here are the Lotto Texas Pick 3 winning numbers drawn Wednesday by the Texas Lottery:

8-1-3 (eight, one, three)

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Lifestyles

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UIL contestants honored

Four Hereford High School students received a one rating in a Class II division during the recent UIL competition held at West Texas A&M University. HHS students honored were, from left, Anna Witkowski, French horn; Retha Treadway, clarinet; Darrin Gilley, trumpet; and Leslie Poarch, trumpet. Mere Denton, playing the flute, was in Class III.

DEAR ANN LANDERS: It is my unpleasant task to inform you that you have been chosen to receive the Broken Record Rumpie Award for perpetuating negative stereotypes about fat people. The reason you have been selected is because of your insistence on using that tired phrase "killing yourself with a knife and a fork." Abundantly yours -- Lee Martindale, publisher/editor, Rump Parliament magazine, Dallas

DEAR LEE MARTINDALE: You can be sure I shall treasure this symbol of recognition, along with a few others I have received over the years. I am placing it in my refrigerator, next to the hot fudge sauce and whipped cream topping.

I shall, however, continue to remind my readers that excess weight is unsightly and unhealthy and can rob one of some precious years.

DEAR ANN LANDERS: I'm a single parent with a 9-year-old daughter. I am also an only child. Three years ago, my parents split up. They had been married for 40 years when my father started to see a much younger woman who was married and had a 13-year-old son.

Mom was devastated and is still angry. She has told me repeatedly that my daughter and I should have nothing to do with my father because of what he did to her. She claims we are not showing her the proper respect if we continue to see Dad when his girlfriend is around.

Ann, I love my father, and my daughter loves her grandpa. I don't believe my mother has the right to tell me when we can and cannot visit him. My daughter enjoys being at Dad's home, and she is friends with his girlfriend's son. I intend to continue seeing him, whether his girlfriend is visiting or not.

The problem is that we have to lie to my mother when she asks questions about where we have been. I hate the fact that I am teaching my daughter to lie. Mom and I have had many arguments over this, and there have been times when we haven't spoken for several days. I need your help--Tired of fibbing in N.J.

DEAR TIRED: It's time you grew up and issued your declaration of independence. Stop lying, and tell your mother the truth. Don't be apologetic. Ignore her anger and accusations. When she sees that you can no longer be manipulated, she will leave you alone.

DEAR ANN LANDERS: This is for "Near the Boiling Point," who thought she had to answer nosy, insensitive questions about her divorce and why her ex-husband had custody of the children.

I happen to be a single, adoptive mother of a 13-year-old girl. Dozens of strangers seem to believe it is perfectly OK to ask intensely personal questions such as "Where's the child's father?"

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Magic Johnson knows that every time people see him, they think about AIDS, and that's OK.

"I'm at peace with myself," Johnson said recently. "I enjoy being the messenger for God in terms of letting people know about HIV and AIDS."

Johnson is trying to convince people to take precautions against HIV - especially heterosexuals, who make up the fastest-growing group of people coming down with the disease.

Johnson is infected with the human immunodeficiency virus, but does not yet have AIDS.

Meanwhile, the three-time NBA most valuable player continues to play ball as much as he can, in part to show people that he's still healthy.

"When they see you running up and down the court, they see you're living on," Johnson said. "The toughest thing is, people don't understand I'm all right."

Hints from Heloise

Dear Heloise: We would like to compliment you for the advice given in your syndicated column published in the Washington Post regarding precautions in the enjoyment and use of the home fireplace. We applaud your efforts to promote safety in the home.

In support of your efforts, we would like to point out an additional precautionary measure regarding fireplace safety that needs to be emphasized—the safe and proper disposal of fireplace ashes.

Please warn your readers that they should never use combustible containers, such as a paper grocery bag or a cardboard box, when cleaning out a fireplace or stove, and when discarding the container of ashes even though they have been burned out for three or four days and appear to be cold and completely harmless.

The crux of the problem is that the seemingly cold ashes still contain dormant "hot" embers that are just waiting for the proper mixture of air and fuel to break into flames and spread from the paper bag to other materials and rapidly engulf the home with deadly smoke, heat and flames.

The paper grocery bag is most often used since it will stay open and upright even when laid on its side, making it all too convenient to shovel the ashes from the fireplace into the bag.

The danger is of the same magnitude when a plastic bag, box or other combustible container is used to remove ashes.

The recommended method for the safe disposal of fireplace and stove ashes is to use a heavy gauge metal container (such as a metal trash can) that has a tight-fitting heavy gauge metal cover and to store this container outside the building. — Stephen L. Smith, Deputy Chief, Fire Prevention Division, Fairfax, Va.

Thank you for writing! So many times people think they know better and later find out those "dead" ashes have caused a major fire. Readers, please take heed! — Heloise



Pilot of the Month

The Hereford Pilot Club recently honored Yvonne Simpson with the Pilot Club of the Month plaque for February. She was recognized for her work on the club's recent fundraiser, a Mexican stack supper. Presenting her with a plaque was Pilot Club President Anna Solomon, at left.

Students participate in fair

Ten students from Shirley Intermediate School recently competed in the High Plains Regional Science Fair in Amarillo.

Participating were fourth graders, Sean Bradley, Marylisa Cadena and Wesley Reinart; fifth graders, Jerad Johnson, David Maldonado, Thomas Maldonado and Daniel Valdez; and sixth graders, Kylee Auckerman, Justin Carroll and Sarah Freethy. The students competed against

over 300 students from across the region. While every student who entered the fair brought home participation ribbons, Jerad Johnson brought home a second place ribbon in the zoology category and David Maldonado captured a third place ribbon in the earth and space sciences category.

All the students reported seeing very interesting projects and that the fair was a unique learning experience.

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Sports

Switzer moves into Cowboys job

By DENNE H. FREEMAN
AP Sports Writer
IRVING, Texas (AP) - Barry Switzer moved today into the same office at Valley Ranch where Jimmy Johnson had once replaced Tom Landry, hoping he has as many Super Bowl trophies in his future as they did.

The first priority for the former Oklahoma coach was to meet players on the roster of the back-to-back Super Bowl champion Dallas Cowboys, including such free agents as center Mark Stepnoski, fullback Daryl Johnston, wide receiver Alvin Harper and offensive linemen Nate Newton and Kevin Gogan.

The second priority is to familiarize himself with the NFL where he's never coached.

"There's a lot going on and the draft is on April 24," Switzer said. "I'm going to try to learn as much as I can as quickly as I can."

Switzer said he was "tanned, rested and ready" after five years away from football. He faces a challenge of matching two Super Bowls each won by Johnson and Landry.

Switzer said he plans to do it Johnson's way.

"There won't be any changes," said the 56-year-old Switzer. "I hope the Cowboys don't change. Jimmy and I are a lot alike. We've always been motivated and able to communicate to our teams. I just hope I can be compared to what Jimmy did."

He'll also be cashing checks similar to the one's Johnson got. Switzer signed a five-year, \$5 million deal that includes an annual "five-year rollover" clause allowing

him to renegotiate and possibly extend his term, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported in its Thursday editions.

Switzer, in one of his Sooner pep rally moods, said "I've been watching the Super Bowl and wishing I was there. I want to be there baby. I want to take this bunch there. Just give us a little time to get it together."

With that he grabbed owner Jerry Jones around the shoulders and shook him.

Jones, who played under Switzer as a freshman at Arkansas, didn't divulge the details of his contract other than to say "I'm very committed to Barry Switzer."

Switzer will retain every coach on Johnson's staff including offensive coordinator Ernie Zampese and defensive coordinator Butch Davis.

"It's the greatest coaching staff in the NFL," Switzer said. "I competed against some of them. I just ask them to give me a chance. Just let me garner their respect."

At times Switzer acted a little overwhelmed at being with the Cowboys.

"I never thought I would have an opportunity," he said. "I thought my time had passed."

When Jones mentioned Switzer's name in a bar during a tirade against Johnson at Orlando last week, it infuriated Johnson to the point of seeking a break from Jones.

Jones and Switzer had trouble getting their stories straight on when Jones first called Switzer. Switzer said "I got a call last week from Jerry asking me if I wanted to coach."

Jones had said his first contact was

on Monday when the hassle with Johnson was boiling. Jones backtracked to say he called Switzer last week "to avoid embarrassment about mentioning his name."

Johnson visited Valley Ranch early Wednesday then left, leaving the packing to secretary Barbara Goodman. Johnson later called the accounting department to see if his multi-million dollar check had been cut.

A source said "It wasn't. Coach Johnson will probably get it tomorrow."

Switzer gave his pledge of allegiance to Jones, who has felt he hasn't been given enough credit for the two Super Bowl titles.

"I give my commitment of loyalty, excellence and commitment to make it the best," said Switzer, looking Jones in the eye.

Jones said: "I feel we have one of the most talented teams that there is the NFL, if not the most talented team, and one of the best that has ever been put together. I feel very confident that the continuity can be kept in place and be motivated with the new head coach of the Dallas Cowboys, Barry Switzer."

There were mixed reactions from the players but running back Emmitt Smith and quarterback Troy Aikman signed on with Switzer.

"I think Barry is an outstanding coach and the transition should be smooth," said Aikman, who played one year for Switzer at Oklahoma before going to UCLA because the Sooners wouldn't pass. "I believe he will do a good job. He's keep the same staff. We're keeping the same offense

and defense. I think we'll be comfortable with what he's trying to do."

Aikman said he felt grateful to Switzer in college because "he was very helpful getting me to a university (UCLA) to do what I do best."

Aikman transferred to UCLA in 1985 and later became the Cowboy's No. 1 draft pick.

Smith, who had said on Saturday "if you fire Jimmy, you fire me," had calmed down after talking to Johnson.

"I talked to Jimmy and he was very positive and upbeat," Smith said. "He said Jerry treated him well with his contract. If Jimmy is satisfied I'm satisfied."

"There is no need for me to moan and groan. I have to make the best of the situation and keep moving."

Smith said he had never met Switzer. "I understand he's a player's coach and you don't have too many like that," Smith said.

Smith joked about Switzer running the Wishbone-T at Oklahoma. "I think Barry knows the Wishbone won't work on the NFL," Smith said.

Wide receiver Michael Irvin, who had said earlier "hell no" when asked if he would play for Switzer, was back at Valley Ranch slamming doors and declining interviews.

Smith said "he'll learn to deal with it."

Switzer led the Sooners to three national titles and 12 Big Eight championships in 16 seasons at Oklahoma. He finished with a 157-29-4 record, the best among all active coaches, and ranks fourth in career winning percentage at .837.

Switzer left Oklahoma in 1989 amid several scandals involving arrests of his players.

"I get to work with 50 professionals now," Switzer said. "I don't miss the hassles with the NCAA and recruiting."

Pitman to host district round

The Hereford girls' golf team can take a couple of steps this week toward another trip to the regional golf tournament, as the team plays district rounds today in Dumas and Friday in Hereford.

The boys' team takes a break from district play to compete in the Amarillo Relays Friday and Saturday. They'll play at Amarillo Country Club Friday, teeing off at 8 a.m., and at Tascosa Country Club on Saturday.

Both the boys' and girls' track teams will be together at a Friday-only track meet in Levelland.

The baseball and tennis teams are off this weekend. Hereford will host two sub-varsity events today: a boys' junior high track meet at 4 p.m. at Whiteface Stadium and a junior varsity baseball game against the Dimmitt JV at 4:30 at Whiteface Field.

Going into today's district round in Dumas, the Hereford girls' golf team stood second. Borger led the field with a two-round total of 756 to Hereford's 798. Both Pampa and Dumas are within striking distance at 816 and 841, respectively. Following them are Hereford B at 863, Pampa B at 903, Randall at 963, and Caprock at 1,077.

Before today, two rounds had been played with four left.

Hereford's players will tee off starting at 12:30 p.m., in staggered starts, all from No. 1 at Pitman Municipal Golf Course. Each Hereford player will be in a foursome with one each from Pampa, Dumas and Borger.

The first B team player will tee off at 1:05 p.m. B team players will be paired up with Pampa B, Randall and Caprock.

Register for Kids Inc Saturday

Saturday is the last chance to sign up for Kids Inc. baseball or softball this summer. Each child must bring a copy of his birth certificate to prove age.

Boys aged 6-13 and girls aged 5-16 can register from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Hereford Community Center. The fee of \$35 is due at registration. Boys who are 13 years old must pay \$45 for the Babe Ruth league.

Switzer's, Jones' stories don't jibe

IRVING, Texas (AP) - Barry Switzer was so excited to be named the coach of the Dallas Cowboys that he may have let slip a big secret.

Early in Wednesday's news conference announcing his hiring, Switzer freely admitted that team owner Jerry Jones called him about the job last week. That's no big deal unless you remember Jimmy Johnson was the team's coach then.

"I was so fortunate to be lying on the couch last week for that phone call," Switzer said. "I answered the phone and it was Jerry Jones."

"Barry," he said, "two questions: Do you still want to coach? And would you like to possibly think

about coaching the Dallas Cowboys?"

Switzer obviously has been on Jones' mind for about a week. The owner mentioned Switzer last week during a barroom blasting of Johnson at the NFL meeting in Orlando, Fla., the first time replacing Johnson was made public.

Shortly after Switzer's surprising comment, Jones tried jogging his new employee's memory by stepping in and giving a rambling excuse as to why Switzer was confused about when the call was made.

"That's not the case," Jones said. "Basically, I spoke of Barry last week at the league meetings. I wanted to meet with Jimmy Monday. I didn't actually talk to Barry until Monday."

"I wanted to speak with Jimmy. I gave Barry a call and told him I know his name had been brought up. I hoped I hadn't embarrassed him. He said, 'Jimmy, you have honored me and you have complimented me.' That's when I wanted to inquire about his interest.

"We had met about a year ago in Oklahoma City and had briefly talked. He invited me over to visit some people and it was very apparent to me then that his enthusiasm and charisma and that charm and that drive was very special. ...

"I visited with him Monday and he said 'call me if you need me.' Jimmy and I resolved and mutually agreed as to what we would do, then I gave him a call."

A few questions later, Switzer was asked when Jones called him about the possible vacancy.

"I can't remember exactly," he said with a smile to a chorus of laughs. "It happened obviously after the publicity had been in the paper."

"I wondered if Jerry was serious and would think that maybe, if there was a problem, he would seriously consider me. I always thought that he might have because our relationship had spanned quite a few decades. "He called, he inquired and this is the result of that."

Cowboys may trade Everett

IRVING, Texas (AP) - Lost amid all the coaching controversy surrounding the Dallas Cowboys is their hunt to field a team this season.

Several key free agents are still on the market and the departure of several others has left the team with some holes to fill.

The Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported Thursday that owner Jerry Jones is close to making his first move in the post-Jimmy Johnson era by trading Pro Bowl safety Thomas Everett to either Tampa Bay or Philadelphia.

Sources told the newspaper the Cowboys are trying to get a second-round draft pick from either the Buccaneers or the Eagles in exchange for Everett.

The Cowboys might settle for something lower, as the Eagles and Buccaneers are offering mid-round picks because of concerns about Everett's health.

Everett, expected to undergo knee and shoulder surgeries this off-season, told teammates Wednesday that he expects to be a Tampa Bay Buccaneer next season.

He's scheduled to make \$690,000 next season, which may be too much for the Cowboys as they try to find enough money to sign several of their free agents.

Everett also is expendable because the Cowboys have safeties James Washington and Darren Woodson under contract.

Holyfield vows to go 'through' his next opponent, not 'around'

HOUSTON (AP) - Heavyweight Evander Holyfield says he isn't taking next month's title defense against Michael Moorer lightly, but the WBA and IBF champion clearly has his eye on a bigger prize.

"I still have a goal - to be the undisputed champion of the world again," Holyfield said Wednesday during a break from training for the April 22 bout against Moorer at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas.

"What's first is Michael Moorer, and I have to take this fight very seriously and go through Michael Moorer and not around him."

If Holyfield can get past the 26-year-old Moorer he is hoping to unify the heavyweight crown this fall against WBC champion Lennox Lewis.

"If everything goes OK, which I think it will (against Moorer), then he'll go right to Lewis," said Shelly Finkel, Holyfield's manager. "But right now, we're just taking it one fight at a time."

The Holyfield camp didn't want to fight Moorer, the No. 1 contender

in both the WBA and IBF. They wanted him to step aside to allow a Holyfield-Lewis bout, but the two boxing associations insisted on the mandatory title defense.

Moorer, a lefthander with a 34-0 record and 30 knockouts, said last month that he wouldn't have conceded his right to fight Holyfield even if the WBA and IBF had allowed it.

He had stepped aside so that Holyfield could become a champion again by winning his rematch with Riddick Bowe on a majority decision last Nov. 6.

Finkel and trainer Don Turner, who took over last month after Holyfield split with veteran trainer Emanuel Steward over money, said they've never seen the heavyweight in better mental and physical shape for a fight.

"He's feeling great. He looks great. Relaxed," Finkel said. "I told him last night, 'This seems like the calmest camp you've had.'"

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Final Four: Reputations on line for ACC, SEC

By TOM FOREMAN Jr.
AP Sports Writer
RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) - The Atlantic Coast Conference has always been known as a basketball league, but has two football titles to brag about, too.

The Southeastern Conference has a football-only reputation, but that league has a pair of teams in the 1994 Final Four.

In one of Saturday's semifinals, the two leagues whose identities are getting more and more blurred will square off. Duke, regular-season leaders in the ACC, will play Florida, challengers for the SEC title, in the second game of the doubleheader at the Charlotte Coliseum.

Arkansas, the other SEC team, plays Arizona to start the next-to-last round of college basketball this season.

With its consistency of appearances in the NCAA tournament, the ACC has crowned Georgia Tech and Florida State as national collegiate football champions in the last five years. The SEC is always in the hunt for the national football championship, which Alabama took in 1992.

It was an ACC defector, Duke football coach Steve Spurrier, who enlivened Florida football, while basketball barely got into the back seat. Lon Kruger replaced Norm Sloan, yet one more refugee from the ACC, and lifted the basketball team

from controversy to respectability. "The people here are enjoying the success of the basketball team a great deal," Kruger said during a national telephone conference call. "I think people at the University of Florida and fans are very much accustomed and comfortable to teams doing very well. They are used to winning national championships and competing for national championships."

Spurrier's team is still looking for one, however. Kruger's search continues this weekend, and he expects the same type of enthusiasm in Charlotte that he might find at Florida Field.

"They know how to act. Perhaps they hadn't known for sure, relative to basketball," he said.

Also, it was suggested that the SEC wouldn't have a good basketball year. After Arkansas and Kentucky, maybe the conference wouldn't make a good showing. It sent four teams into the 64-team field and two are left. Five ACC teams started the hunt and only Duke is still standing.

If the SEC is down, at least it's one up on the ACC. "I really never heard a lot of comments about the SEC being down. I think maybe there's not as much awareness about the young basketball players that we've got in our league," Kruger said. "I think within the

league, we were extremely proud and feel that we very definitely have very good basketball players and outstanding coaches in the league."

Nolan Richardson expects to hear "Whoooooo, Pig! Soooey!" not only from the Razorback fans, but maybe from the Florida fans who might want to express some league pride. A by-product of that coalition might be an Arkansas-Florida title game Monday night.

"I can certainly see where the SEC is one of the most athletic basketball leagues, and I should hope that our fans are in support of the conference," Richardson said. "I certainly am in support of the conference. I just hope that it turns out that way."

Arizona's brethren in the Pac-10 took early hits in the NCAA tournament. Most notable among them was Tulsa's first-round shocker over UCLA. California was upset by Wisconsin-Green Bay, and Washington State was an opening-round loser to surprising Boston College.

Arizona coach Lute Olson says if the Gators do reach the final, Kruger might finally get some overdue recognition.

"I don't think that Lon has been given the credit he deserves for the kind of job he's done," Olson said. "Maybe he has in Florida, but nationally you really haven't seen

much about it. But I think he's to be congratulated."

Duke wasn't expected to be in Charlotte. This was to be North Carolina's stage, since the Tar Heels were a preseason favorite for repeating as national champions.

Boston College took care of the Tar Heels after beating the Cougars in the first round. Virginia lost to Arizona

and Wake Forest was beaten by Kansas, both in round two. Maryland was the biggest surprise, reaching the Midwest Regional semifinals before falling to Michigan.

While he considers Charlotte a Tar Heel outpost in terms of fan support, Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski is pleased with what his team has done since losing in the semifinals of the ACC tournament in the same building.

However, he is carrying the ACC flag by himself.

"A lot of how you get to the Final Four is who you're matched up against," Krzyzewski said. "Certainly, there are some teams not in the Final Four probably better than us ... at least talent-wise."

"The fact is, there are a number of them in the SEC, just like there are a number of them in the ACC."

Celtics clinch losing home record

By ROB GLOSTER
AP Sports Writer
BOSTON (AP) - The Boston Celtics, already assured of their first losing record in 15 years, now have clinched a below-.500 record at home for the first time since the 1969-70 season.

Boston lost 103-99 Wednesday night to the Indiana Pacers, who have won 20 of 29 games as they battle New Jersey and Miami for the sixth playoff spot in the Eastern Conference.

Rik Smits had 21 points and five teammates also scored in double figures for the Pacers, who won at Boston Garden for the first time since Nov. 24, 1990.

In other games, it was New Jersey 111, Miami 101 and Houston 114, Golden State 104.

About the only thing left for the Celtics to avoid is their all-time record for futility. The 16-time NBA champions have had only seven losing seasons in their history, with a worst of .324 (22-46) in 1949-50.

The current team has a 25-43 record with 14 games remaining. That's a winning percentage of .367, tied for third worst in franchise history. If they win at least two of their remaining games, the Celtics will avoid falling below the mark of

the 1949-50 team.

"I've watched Boston play, and they certainly aren't the team they were in the past," said Indiana coach Larry Brown, who got his 700th pro coaching victory. That total includes 230 wins in the ABA.

Antonio Davis and Reggie Miller had 16 points each for Indiana, which ended a four-game road losing streak. Dale Davis added 13 points and 20 rebounds for the Pacers, who faced their biggest challenge after the game.

The Pacers found only one shower in the visitors' locker room at ancient Boston Garden was working, and it had ice-cold water.

"It's freezing. That's a damn shame," snapped Byron Scott, preparing to head out into a wintry night of 39 degrees and chilling winds.

The Celtics are 14-21 at home with six games remaining. Their last losing record at home was 24 years ago, and they have only three other losing home records in club history.

Rick Fox had 28 points and 11 rebounds for Boston, which has lost five straight at Boston Garden. Dino Radja added 23 points, Jimmy Oliver had 16 and Kevin Gamble 15.

Rockets 114, Warriors 104
At Oakland, Calif., the Houston

Rockets found a way to win without Hakeem Olajuwon for the second night in a row.

On Tuesday night, Olajuwon was serving a one-game suspension. On Wednesday night, he was in foul trouble. The Rockets' guards stepped in, with Vernon Maxwell scoring 28 points and Kenny Smith 25.

Keith Jennings' 3-pointer cut Houston's lead to 89-86 with 7:47 left, but that was as close as the Warriors would get.

Nets 111, Heat 101

Kenny Anderson scored nine points in a 21-7 spurt at the end of the third quarter and the Nets moved ahead of slumping Miami in the standings by handing the Heat their sixth straight loss.

The victory was a season-high eighth straight at home for New Jersey (37-32).

Miami had to play without Rony Seikaly, who was sidelined for the second straight game with a sprained ankle. With him out, New Jersey held a 71-42 rebounding advantage.

Derrick Coleman led the Nets with 25 points and 11 rebounds and Kenny Anderson had 19 points and 13 assists.

Villanova catches up for NIT title

By CHRIS SHERIDAN
AP Sports Writer
NEW YORK (AP) - Poise, composure and resiliency are supposed to be the characteristics of veteran teams, not underclassmen-dominated squads like Villanova.

In the NIT championship game, that generalization collapsed just like Vanderbilt did.

Despite using just seven players - three sophomores, two freshmen and two juniors - the Wildcats came from behind to beat a much more experienced Vanderbilt team 80-73 Wednesday night.

"They're a hungry team," Vanderbilt coach Jan van Brada Koff said after his team blew a 15-point halftime lead and let Villanova become the 15th school to win both an NCAA and NIT championship.

The Wildcats (20-12), who posted the school's first 20-win season since 1987-88 and completed a stunning turnaround from last season's 8-19 record, did it with an intense second half in which they shot 61 percent overall and 67 percent from 3-point range.

"These guys have been messing me up all year," coach Steve Lappas said. "Despite their age, they respond under adverse conditions. Being

young is one thing, but being composed is another. These guys surprised even me."

Vanderbilt (20-12) led 41-26 at halftime and had Villanova looking ragged, but the Wildcats opened the second half with a 30-16 run in the first 10:50 to draw within one, then held Vanderbilt to just three points in the final four minutes after the game was tied 70-70.

Jonathan Haynes, a junior, scored 19 points, including a 3-pointer with 3:22 left that gave Villanova the lead for good, 73-70. Sophomore Kerry Kittles had 18 and Eric Eberz, also a sophomore, added 16.

For Vanderbilt, ex-Duke guard Billy McCaffrey scored just five points in his final college game, 16 below his average. He was hampered by a sprained thumb.

Vanderbilt shot just 32 percent in the second half, and it would have been worse if not for point guard Frank Seckar. He scored a career-high 30 and made his first seven 3-pointers, keeping Vanderbilt in the game by scoring 20 of their 32 second-half points.

"I was fortunate enough to come off screens and be open and knock them down. This was a tough loss, but we have some guys coming back and

a lot to build on," Seckar said.

In the first half, it looked like the Commodores would run away with the game.

But the Wildcats came out fired-up in the second half, and Kittles gave Villanova its first lead since the first five minutes by making a running 10-footer in the lane with 8:23 left for a 58-57 advantage.

Seckar, making 3-pointers from all angles, broke a 60-60 tie 1:22 later with his sixth of the game, and after Villanova got within one on its next possession, Seckar connected again from behind the line.

But Haynes made a 3 with 4:45 left to cut the deficit to one, and Kittles tied it at 70-42 seconds later with an NBA-range trey.

After Haynes' third 3-pointer of the half gave Villanova the lead, one foul shot by Alvin Williams and two by Ron Wilson gave Villanova a 76-70 lead. Seckar hit another 3-pointer with 15.1 seconds left, making it 76-73, but Eberz made two free throws with 13 seconds left and Williams scored a breakaway layup with three seconds left to wrap it up.

In the consolation game, Doremus Bennerman scored 51 points as Siena (25-8) beat Kansas State (20-14) 92-79.

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Mets trade loss-burdened Young to Cubs

By The Associated Press
The Chicago Cubs are hoping a change of scenery might mean a change of luck for Anthony Young. Young, whose record 27-game losing streak symbolized the New York Mets' sorry season last year, was traded to the Cubs Wednesday for shortstop Jose Vizcaino. The Cubs also got minor league pitcher Otis Smith.

Young, 28, was 1-16 last season for a team that went 59-103. His lone victory ended the longest losing

streak in major league history. Though Young is just 5-35 lifetime, his ERA is a not-too-terrible 3.82. Often last year, he was hurt by errors and misplays on the worst team in the majors.

There was talk this spring that the Mets would trade Young to California for first baseman J.T. Snow. When that deal did not develop, Young was ready to begin the season as the Mets' No. 3 starter.

"It was a shock to me," Young said.

Young could be used in the rotation or middle relief by the Cubs. Chicago opens the season at home against the Mets on Monday.

Vizcaino, 26, was one of four shortstops in the Cubs' camp, along with Shawn Dunston, Rey Sanchez and Jose Hernandez. Vizcaino hit .353 this spring after batting .287 for Chicago last season in 151 games.

The Mets tried to make several trades for shortstops in the off-season, but missed out on

Dunston, Felix Fermin, Omar Vizquel and Mark Lewis, among others.

Dodgers 4, Yankees 1
At Vero Beach, Fla., Mike Piazza hit his ninth homer of the spring and Chan Ho Park pitched four effective innings for Los Angeles.

Braves 3, Marlins 0
At Melbourne, Fla., Greg Maddux raised his spring record to 5-0 by pitching three shutout innings for Atlanta.

Red Sox 1, Cardinals 0
At Fort Myers, Fla., Roger Clemens prepared for his seventh straight opening day start by pitching six shutout innings for Boston.

Rangers 7, Twins 0
At Port Charlotte, Fla., opening day starter Kevin Brown pitched five scoreless innings and Jose Canseco and Dean Palmer hit home runs for Texas.

Mariners 7, Cubs 2
At Peoria, Ariz., Jay Buhner hit two home runs, including a grand slam.

Blue Jays 1, Tigers 0
At Dunedin, Fla., Juan Guzman pitched six scoreless innings and Roberto Alomar hit an RBI single in the eighth inning for Toronto.

Pirates 1, Phillies 0
At Bradenton, Fla., Jay Bell

homered off Doug Jones in the eighth inning and Pittsburgh won its sixth straight game.

Indians 6, Reds 5
At Plant City, Fla., an error by Cincinnati shortstop Barry Larkin enabled Cleveland to rally for four runs in the eighth inning.

Athletics 3, Rockies 1
At Phoenix, Mike Aldrete hit an RBI double during a three-run sixth inning for Oakland.

Royals 8, Astros 5
At Haines City, Fla., Dave Henderson hit his fourth homer of the spring and two singles for Kansas City.

Baseball owners reluctant to talk

PHOENIX (AP) - The head of the baseball players' union compared the plodding contract discussions between owners and players to a horse race.

"So far what we've done is have two meetings about when to fire the starting gun," said Donald Fehr.

Fehr commented after a meeting Wednesday night, the second such discussion in a month between players and a union representative following a 13-1/2-month break.

Players, fearful owners will

impose a salary cap after this season, are considering whether to strike during the second half of the season. Owners, who say they will suffer large losses this season but offer no public proof, have pledged not to lock out players in 1994.

Talks resumed March 7 in Tampa, Fla.

"This was almost identical to what we heard in Florida," Fehr said. "The only advantage of this meeting is that additional players got to hear it directly."

No date has been set for the next meeting. The two sides are hammering out a confidentiality agreement so that numbers can be discussed, said Richard Ravitch, the owners' representative.

Ravitch said the players didn't exactly embrace his outlined proposal.

"They see no reason to change," Ravitch said after the session at an airport hotel, attended by about 50 players. "They like the current system."

Fehr said players are considering introducing their own proposal - something he said they haven't done so far as a courtesy to the owners. The union is upset at the pace of negotiations, which came to a halt last year while Ravitch forged a revenue-sharing agreement among the clubs.

The revenue sharing, agreed to in January, is contingent on a salary cap. Players aren't likely to agree to that unless their will is broken during a strike.

Ravitch said baseball owners simply want cost certainty. He said the salary cap and revenue sharing would be good for the players - especially those who aren't under large contracts.

Jordan sent to Double A

SARASOTA, Fla. (AP) - Michael Jordan has been assigned to the Class AA Birmingham Barons, the Chicago White Sox announced today.

Jordan was 0-for-3 with a walk Wednesday for Birmingham, the Southern Association team he said he expected to play for.

But Jordan will play April 7 in the Windy City Classic, Chicago's annual intra-city matchup between the White Sox and Cubs, said Sox general manager Ron Schueler. That means he will miss Birmingham's home opener on the same date, but he will report in time for the Barons' game

April 8, the White Sox said.

Jordan was 4-for-22 in minor-league games this spring after going 3-for-20 in 13 games with the White Sox.

"I think I'm improving," Jordan said Wednesday as he discussed where in the minors he might play.

He said Birmingham would be "a good start for me."

He drew a walk and stole second Wednesday against Boston's Class AA New Britain team, again sliding head first to protect a tender right knee.

Television

THURSDAY		MARCH 31								
6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM
Paula Abdul	Backstage	Ducks	Movie: Son of Paleface	Bob Hope	***½	(35) Movie: Tracks of Glory	Phil Morris			
News	Cops	Mad-Yu	Wings	Seinfeld	Frasier	Dateline	News	(35) Tonight Show		
MacNeil/Lehrer Newshour	Old House	Cooking	Mystery!	Healing and the Mind	Computer	Charlie Rose				
Andy Griffith	B. Hillbillies	(05) Movie: Ironclads	(1991) Virginia Madsen	***½	(05) Movie: Conagher	(1991) Sam Elliott, Katharine Ross	***			
News	Wh. Fortune	Byrds of Paradise	Matlock	Primetime Live	News	(35) Cheers	Ent. Tonight			
Lifestyle	Angels	Joy-Music	People	VISN Showcase	Invitation to Life	Stage Door	Cap-News	Take 2		
Design. W.	Jeffersons	Midnight Run	News	Night Court	Highlander: The Series	News	Golden Girls	Late Show		
News	Married...	Medicine Woman	Eye to Eye	Traps	News	Star Trek	M*A*S*H	Star Trek		
Roseanne	Murphy B.	Simpsons	Sinbad	In Color	Herman	Star Trek: Next Gener.	M*A*S*H	Star Trek		
Sportscenter: Final Four	Skiing	Boxing	Aaron Davis vs. Tony Marshall	Baseball	Sportsctr.	Up Close				
Waltons	Jesus of Nazareth	700 Club	Bordertown	Big Jake						
Movie: Iron Eagle	Louis Gossett Jr.	*** PG-13	Movie: When Harry Met Sally	**** R	(35) Movie: In the Heat of Passion	R	Movie:			
(5:30) Movie: Never Say Never	Again Sean Connery	Movie: Alien Intruder	Billy Dee Williams	Comedy	Movie: Boomerang	Eddie Murphy	R			
Movie: ***½ Leap of Faith	Movie: Forever Young	Mel Gibson	*** PG	Movie: Single White Female	Bridget Fonda	***½ R	Movie:			
Club Dance	News	Barb. Mandrell	Music City Tonight	Club Dance	News	Mandrell				
Beyond 2000	Powers	Pacific	Movie	Machine	Challenge	Powers	Heston-Bifica	Movie		
In Search Of	Real West	Linda McCartney	Beatrix Potter: Artist	Charlton Heston-Bifica	Real West					
Unsolved Mysteries	Sisters	Movie: Broken Angel	(1987) William Shatner	***	Unsolved Mysteries	Mysteries				
Fishing	Fishing	College Hockey	NCAA Division I Semifinal - Teams to Be Announced	Pro Beach Volleyball	AVP					
Bugs Bunny's All-Stars	NBA Basketball	Cleveland Cavaliers at San Antonio Spurs	(20) Movie: Whose Life is It Anyway?	(1981) ***						
Doug	Bullwinkle	Partridge	Work	I Love Lucy	Newhart	M.T. Moore	M.T. Moore	Van Dyke	Get Smart	Dragnet
Wings	Wings	Case Closed	Movie: Illicit Behavior	(1991) Robert Davi	***	Wings	Wings	Quantum		
Dos Mujeres, un Camino	Mas Alla del Puente	Clarisa	No te	Bienvenidos	Notici.Uni.	Movie: Cielito Lindo	(1956)			
Home Pro	Hometime	Jesus Lived	Castles	Battles	This Century	Jesus Lived	Castles			
Jonny Quest	Dark Water	Flintstones	Jetsons	Bugs & Daffy		Toon Heads	Ban. Spits	Top Cat		

Comics

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NOT YET

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THAT DEPENDS

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GOOD GUESS

BEETLE BAILEY By Mort Walker

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HE'S AROUND THE CORNER DIGGING A DITCH...

...YOU CAN'T MISS HIM

Barney Google and Snuffy Smith By Fred Lasswell

LUKEY!! HOW'S ELVINE??

SHE'S ON TH'MEND!!

FRIDAY APRIL 1

7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30	12 PM
Fraggle	Pooh Corner	Umbrella	Dumbo	Tracks	Care Bears	Gummi B.	Lunch Box	Easter	Easter	Movie:
Today				Jenny Jones		Geraldo	Jane Whitney	Our Lives		
TimeGrow	TimeGrow	Business	Business	Lamb Chop	Barney	Sesame Street	Mr Rogers	Station	Texas Ed.	
Gilligan	Bewitched	Happy Days	3's Co.	Little House on the Prairie	(05) Matlock	(05) Perry Mason	Baseball			
Good Morning America				Donahue	Regis & Kathie	Little House on the Prairie	News			
Worship	Insights	Teaching	Daily Mass	Life	Just for Us	Cope	How Can I Live?	Worship:		
Garfield	Bozo		Andy Griffith	Can We Shop	People Ct.	People Ct.	Geraldo	News		
(6:00) This Morning	Vicki			Ricki Lake	Price is Right	Young and the Restless	News			
Rangers	Melodies	Bonkers	Tale Spin	700 Club	K. Copeland	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Can-Shop	
Sportsctr.	Sportsctr.	Fitness Pros	Getting Fit	In Motion	Bodyshape	Sportsctr.	Sportsctr.	Sportsctr.	Tennis	
Babar	Rupert	Waltons		700 Club		Health Club	Make Deal	Shuffle	Triv. Pura	
Movie: Dr. Ehrlich's Magic Bullet	Edward G. Robinson	Movie: Convicts	Robert Duval	** NR	(35) Movie: The Barkleys of Broadway	Fred Astaire				
White Fang	Encyclopd.	Movie: Amazons	Tamara Dobson	**	(45) Movie: Batman Returns	(1992) Michael Keaton, Michelle Pfeiffer	Movie:			
Movie: (45) Movie: I Was a Male War Bride	Cary Grant	***	Movie: Staying Alive	John Travolta	'PG'	(15) Movie: Darling	Laurence Harvey			
(Off Air)	VideoMorning					Crafts	Country	Cookin'		
Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Something	Adam Smith	Home	Great Chefs	Cuisine	Graham K.	Cholesterol	Easy	Home
In Search Of	Columbo					Mrs. Columbo	Police Story	Rockford		
Workout	Gourmet	Your Baby	Baby Knows	Movie: Perfect People	(1988) Perry King	***½	Gourmet	Ullman	Supermkt.	
Outdoors	Go Fishing	Trails	Get Fit	Cable Health Club	Major League Baseball's Greatest Games	Winterball				
Bugs Bunny	Pink Panther			Yogi Bear	Bunch	Jetsons	Bugs Bunny	Charlie's Angels	CHiPs	
Muppets	Alvin Show	Elephant	Dream Hour	Eureka's Castle	Muppets	Gnome	Cappelli	Riding Hood	Eureka	
Turtles	Ghostbust.	Ghostbust.	Easter	Ten of Us	MacGyver	Quantum Leap	Murder, She Wrote			
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Magic Box	Kitty Cats	Bookmice	Join In!	Zoobilee	Iris the Prof.	Magic Box	Kitty Cats	Cookbook	Kitchen	Laurie
(5:00) Morning Crew				Smurfs	Smurfs	Snorks	Shirtheles	Puppies	Richie Rich	Bear Bunch

Birthday celebration set Saturday

Former Hereford resident, Winnie Kerr Wiseman of Amarillo, will be honored on her 90th birthday during a special celebration planned from 2-4:30 p.m. Saturday in the party room of Amarillo's River Falls Apartments, 6040 Bellpre.

Mrs. Wiseman, who resided in Hereford for more than 20 years, was married to M.H. (Hap) Wiseman. She was a member of several local clubs and was active in the community.

The birthday celebration will be hosted by her son and his wife, Bob and Theresa Malone, and her sister, Lorene Howard.

For those who cannot attend the reception, the family requests that birthday cards be sent to the following address: 6040 Bellpre, River Falls Apartments #308, Amarillo, Texas 79109.



Students to compete at state

Hereford High School students who received a one rating in a Class I band solo during the recent UIL contest held at West Texas A&M University included (from left) Cady Auckerman, tuba; Scott Shaw, tuba and violin; Lori Crofford, bass clarinet; Amy Liscano, clarinet; Michelle Emerson, marimba; and Kyle Goldsmith, snare. Not pictured is Eric Gilley who played the trumpet. These students will be competing at the state competition June 1 in Austin.

Keep those preschoolers occupied

When stormy weather keeps your preschoolers indoors, here's a list of "boredom busters" to stir up some creative fun on a dull afternoon.

-Thumb through photo albums and shoe boxes with your children and look for their baby pictures. Enjoy telling anecdotes about the kids when they were babies. Show your children your baby pictures, too.

-Unravel a ball of string and wind it through your house, then tell your children to follow it from the starting point to a surprise snack at the end. For an extra challenge, have the kids crawl on their knees over walk backwards. (Rollup the string when finished.)

-Gather a dozen small, familiar items such as a rubber ball, comb, sponge, sheet of tissue paper, apple, grate, etc. and place them in a paper bag. Ask your child to put his/her hand in the bag and try to identify each item one at a time without looking.

-Go on a "geometry safari" in your house and categorize objects by their shape. For example, the sofa pillow may be a square, the clock a circle, the lamp shade a triangle, the switch plate a rectangle, etc. But what's the telephone?

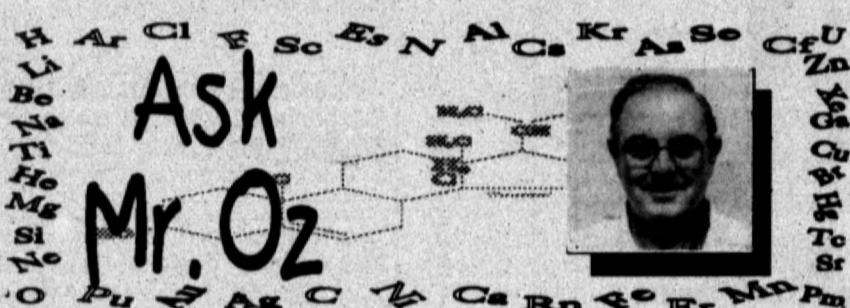
-Choose a favorite storybook or two from the bookshelf. Read the first half aloud and create a different ending together.

-Hide a ticking kitchen timer and send your kids on a mission to find it before it goes off!

-At bedtime, ask your children what they did today that they are proud of. For example, "I put my boots on myself today" or "I made a birthday card for Grandpa."

-Pray for a sunny day tomorrow!

South African Prime Minister Hendrik Verwoerd was stabbed to death in 1966 during a parliamentary session in Cape Town.



QUESTION: What is the difference between crawfish and crawdads?

ANSWER: There is no difference. This animal also carries common names like crayfish and mudbug. The crayfish, one of the arthropods, belongs to a class of animals called crustaceans, along with crabs, lobsters, shrimps, pill bugs, sow bugs, water fleas and barnacles.

The crayfish lives in fresh water and, like many of its marine (seawater) relatives, is an important food source for other animals, including humans.

It has two main body regions: the 13-segment cephalothorax and the six-segment abdomen.

The first region includes the sensory organs called antennae, eyes, a pair of pincers for protection and attack, four pairs of walking legs, mouthparts and a protective shield called a carapace. The rear region contains the muscles normally eaten by humans. It also has small appendages underneath to hold the eggs and young. The flipper at the very end allow the crayfish to move backward, particularly when escaping predators.

The female stores sperm received from the male until she is ready to lay her eggs. The 200-400 eggs she releases are fertilized as they leave the body and adhere to the bottom of the abdomen like clumps of grapes.

After about five weeks, the offspring hatch and remain attached to the abdomen for about a month, or

until after their second molt.

The young continue to molt about every two weeks. Molting, or shedding its skeleton, is the only way it has to grow. After molting, it takes in extra water, puffing up its body. This stretches the new shell until it hardens, thus providing growth room until the next molt. An adult crayfish molts about twice each year.

Crayfish can regrow any severed appendage like a pincer or leg. This process, called regeneration, takes place slowly during each molt. After several molts, the original size is finally reached and regrowth is completed.

Some species dwell in 18-40 inch burrows dug into the mud. Other species prefer to live under rocks or debris at the bottoms of lakes, ponds, ditches and slow-moving waters.

The demand for crayfish as a human food source has resulted in many farmers establishing crawdad farms. Rice farmers, in particular, rotate crawfish farming with rice to increase their income. The estimated value of the crawfish crop each year is nearing \$2 million.

Crawdads provide an excellent dish, whether boiled or prepared as a gumbo. Cajuns in particular take to "crawfish boils" like Texans take to barbecues. Though eating boiled crayfish can be messy, this critter provides a delicious cuisine. Gumbo can be eaten without bibs and provides a treat matched only by your other favorite dishes.

President William McKinley was shot Sept. 6, 1901, by anarchist Leon Czolgosz at the Pan-American Exposition in Buffalo, N.Y. McKinley died eight days later. Czolgosz was executed in Auburn, N.Y., the following October.

England's Queen Elizabeth I was born in Greenwich, England, in 1533.

Mobile mammography unit to be in Hereford Friday

The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and High Plains Baptist Hospital Mobile Mammography Unit will be in Hereford from 10 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. Friday at South Plains Health Care Providers, Inc., 603 E. Park.

The screening program in Hereford is co-sponsored by Hereford Regional Medical Center. Exams are done by appointment only. For information or to schedule an appointment call 1-800-377-HOPE.

The total cost of the screening is \$70. This includes the x-ray, physical breast exam and the radiology fee for reading the mammogram. Funding has been provided by the Texas Department of Health to allow for free breast screenings for women who qualify.

The major goal of the clinic is the early detection of breast cancer. The clinic provides low cost screening which includes a breast exam by a registered nurse trained in breast cancer detection, teaching of breast self-examination and a mammogram.

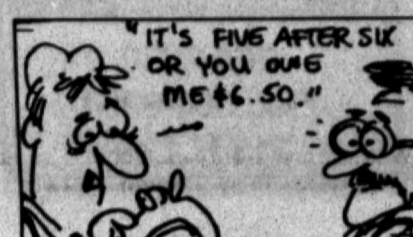
Currently, the most effective method known to win the battle against breast cancer is early detection. Early detection is best done by following the guidelines

recommended by the American Cancer Society for breast cancer screening for women who have no signs or symptoms of breast cancer. The guidelines are:

1. Learn and perform breast self examinations every month.
2. Have a physical examination every year.
3. Have a mammogram according to recommendations by age:

AGE

- 40--one baseline mammogram
- 40-49--a mammogram every 1-2 years
- 50 and over--yearly mammograms



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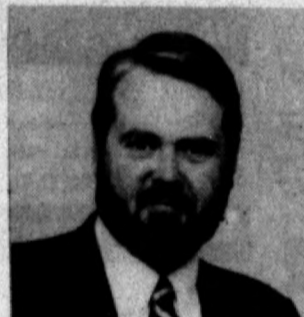
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Garage Sale 409 Country Club Drive Thursday & Friday 8-5. 26175

Garage Sale 510 Ave. J Friday 8am-5pm, and Saturday 8am-1pm. Lots of childme and adult clothing - all sizes. Some furniture, 2 infant bicycle seats, 2 chests, and lots of misc. 26183

Garage Sale storage building on Austin Road and South Main behind Allsup, Saturday, 8:30a.m.-? No early lookers. Moving, everything must go. Refrigerator, evaporative air conditioner, nice bunk bed, chest of drawers, dresser, TV, Queen Bed 26189

Garage Sale Friday-Saturday, 9-5; 207 Beach. 26191

Baby stroller, boys clothes, bowling balls, bags, shoes, w-m; ladies clothes size 12; Thursday 4 p.m.-7p.m.; Friday 8-6; Saturday 8-noon. 134 Ironwood. 26193

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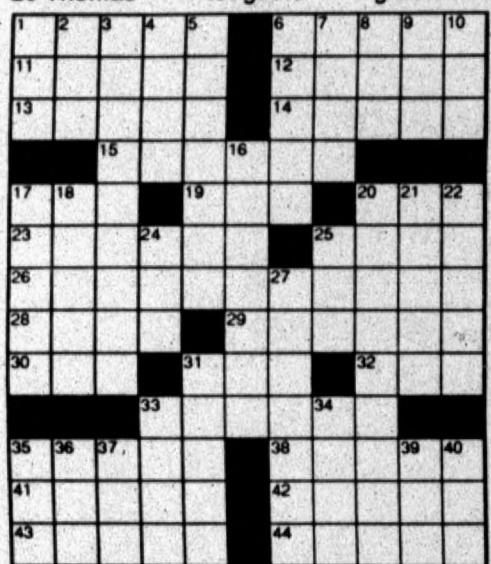
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1040EZ form now can be used by couples

WASHINGTON (AP) - There is an extra line on the one-page Form 1040EZ this year and it could make taxes simpler for a few million people.

The new line allows a user to check whether filing status is single or joint - reflecting the fact that 1040EZ is available for the first time

to many married couples. It still has only 10 numbered lines, compared with 33 for Form 1040A and 65 for Form 1040.

All three basic forms have been changed this year to show that the presidential-campaign checkoff has been tripled. Form 1040 has a new line to allow higher-income people

whose taxes were raised retroactively to delay paying part of the increase.

But in most respects the forms are the same as last year. So are the rules for deciding which form to use, except on 1040EZ. Here they are:

1040EZ: You and your spouse must be under 65 and not blind, and claim no dependents or tax credits.

Both spouses must file on the same return. Your 1993 taxable income - after subtracting personal exemptions and the standard deduction - must have been less than \$50,000. You may have had up to \$400 of taxable interest, but the rest of your income had to be from wages, tips and taxable scholarships. You may not

use 1040EZ if you or your spouse worked for more than one employer last year and had wages over \$57,600.

If you file 1040EZ, you don't have to worry about any accompanying schedules or specialized forms.

1040A: This form may be used for any filing status: single, joint, married filing separately, head of household or qualifying widow. But taxable income must have been under \$50,000 and consisted of wages, tips, scholarships, interest, dividends, unemployment compensation, pensions, Social Security or withdrawals from Individual Retirement Accounts. You may not use 1040A if you claim adjustments for alimony paid or self-employment health insurance premiums.

Any of four separate schedules may be filed with 1040A: Schedule 1 to report interest and dividends; Schedule 2 for the child-care credit or to report employer-financed dependent care; Schedule 3 for the credit for the elderly or disabled, and Schedule EIC for the earned-income credit.

1040: If you had income that cannot be reported on 1040A, file 1040. This includes farm earnings, capital gains, barter income, self-employment earnings, prizes and state and local income tax refunds.

You have your choice of dozens of specialized forms and schedules to file with 1040. Among them:

- Schedule A, itemized deductions.
- Schedule B, dividends and taxable interest.
- Schedule C, profit or loss from a business in which you are the sole proprietor.
- Schedule C-EZ, (a shorter Schedule C), for gross business profits of \$25,000 or less, expenses of \$2,000 or less, no inventory and

no employees.

- Schedule D, capital gains and losses.
- Schedule E, profits and losses from rentals, royalties and partnerships.
- Schedule EIC, earned-income credit.
- Schedule F, farm income and expenses.
- Schedule SE, for calculating the self-employment tax for Social Security and Medicare owed by anyone with a profit of at least \$400 from self-employment.
- Schedule R, credit for the elderly or disabled.

- Form 1040X, if you have to correct your return after you file.

- Form 2106, employee business expenses.
- Form 2119, reporting the sale of your principal home.
- Form 2441, claiming the dependent-care credit or employer-paid child care.
- Form 3903, claiming a deduction for job-related moving expenses.
- Form 4684, deductions for losses caused by theft or fire and other casualties.

- Form 4868, to get an automatic four-month extension of filing time.

- Form 4952, for determining the deduction allowed for interest paid on money borrowed to make investments.

- Form 6251, for calculating whether you have to pay the alternative minimum tax.

- Form 8615, for computing the "kiddie tax" - the tax liability of a child under age 14 who had investment income over \$1,200 last year.

Earned-income credit a tax break that rewards non-welfare families

By JIM LUTHER
AP Tax Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) - The earned-income credit for working families is like no other tax break. It can more than wipe out the federal tax liability of those who qualify.

The credit, which was enacted to reward low-income families for staying off the welfare rolls, can be worth as much as \$2,364, although most who qualify will get less. The unique part is that if your tax liability is less than the maximum credit for which you qualify, the government will send a check for the difference.

On 1993 tax returns, some credit is available to families with income

as high as \$23,049. The maximum benefit is reached when earnings reach \$7,750; once income hits \$12,200, the credit starts declining.

About 14 million families claim the credit, but many of them are unaware they can get the money a little at a time in their paychecks, rather than waiting until they file their tax returns. Periodic payments are applied for by filing form W-5 with the employer.

The new tax law expands and simplifies the credit and offers some benefit for the first time to some workers who have no children. Those changes took effect on Jan. 1 and will be reflected on returns filed a year

from now.

For 1993 returns, the earned-income credit is actually three separate benefits: the basic credit, an additional break for families who had a new baby last year, and a supplemental credit to help offset health insurance coverage for children.

The benefits are claimed on Schedule EIC that is filed with either Form 1040 or 1040A. If you qualify for the credit but don't trust your arithmetic, the Internal Revenue Service will do the calculations so long as you fill in the front of Schedule EIC. That includes:

- Your name and Social Security number.
- The name, year of birth and Social Security number of any child for whom you are claiming the credit, and the number of months that child lived with you in 1993.

- The type and amount of any nontaxable earned income - such as contributions to a 401(k) savings plan and military housing allowances - received last year.

- The premium you paid for health insurance for one or more children. The IRS will do the rest.

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Social Security recipients face no retroactive tax hike

By JIM LUTHER
AP Tax Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) - Note to Social Security recipients: Relax. There is NO retroactive tax increase on your benefits.

Although Congress last year raised taxes for about 13 percent of Social Security recipients, the increase only took effect Jan. 1 and will be accounted for on returns filed a year from now. By contrast, an increase in income-tax rates paid by high earners was imposed retroactively for all of 1993.

Only the 22 percent of Social Security recipients with the highest incomes will have to pay income tax on any benefits received last year. Those are single people whose incomes, including half their Social Security, exceeded \$25,000 and couples above \$32,000 filing joint returns.

If your only income was from Social Security, none of your benefit is taxable.

But if you had a company pension, withdrawals from an Individual Retirement Account, interest, wages or other income, here is how to determine whether some of your benefits will be taxed:

1. Add all the taxable income items you listed on the front of your tax return, except Social Security. Subtract any adjustments, such as IRA contributions, alimony paid and half your self-employment tax. Add any tax-exempt interest and half your 1993 Social Security benefits.

2. Compare this new total with your "base amount." That is \$32,000 for a married couple filing a joint return; zero for a married person filing separately who lived with a spouse at any time in 1993, and \$25,000 for all other filers.

If the total in Step 1 is less than the base amount, none of your Social Security benefits is taxable. If step 1 is larger, you pay tax on the smaller of:

- Half your Social Security, or
- Half the difference between Step 1 and your base amount.

Examples:
A single woman had wages, tips and taxable interest of \$18,000. Her Social Security benefits totaled \$4,500. Adding half the benefits (\$2,250) results in a figure of \$20,250. Since that is less than the

\$25,000 base amount for a single person, none of her Social Security is taxable.

A couple had wages, capital gains and business income totaling \$54,000. They had a \$920 adjustment for half their self-employment tax and \$6,000 for alimony paid. They received \$1,200 interest from tax-free bonds and \$11,000 from Social Security. The sum of their adjusted income (\$47,080), tax-free interest and half their Social Security is \$53,780.

Subtracting the \$32,000 base amount leaves \$21,780. Half that would be \$10,890 so the couple pays tax on half (\$5,500) of their benefits.

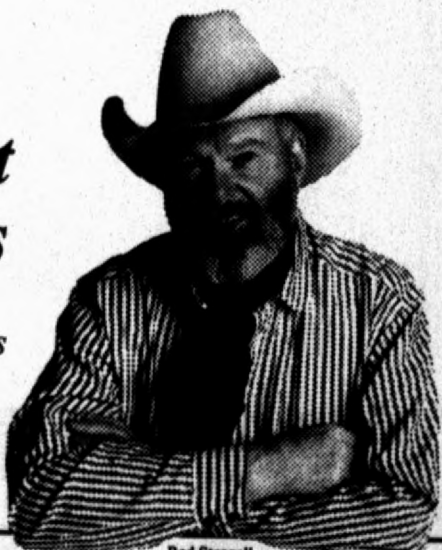
The taxable amount is entered on Line 21b of Form 1040 or on Line 13b of 1040A. If any part of your Social Security is taxable, you may not use Form 1040EZ.

You should receive by Feb. 1 a Form SSA-1099, showing the benefits you were paid in 1993.

A railroad retiree should receive instead Form RRB-1099. Tier 1 railroad retirement benefits are subject to the same calculations as Social Security benefits.

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