

Lifestyles

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4-H Club elects officers

The Hereford Citizens 4-H Club met recently at the Community Christian School to elect new officers.

Joanna Brumley will serve as president; Amber Brumley vice president; Miriam Wilks, secretary; Karis Blain, reporter; and Jantzen Louder, council delegate.

Following the election of officers, the members watched a video entitled "County Government: The Glue That Holds Us Together."

The club meets from 4:30-5:30 p.m. every second Thursday of the month.

Trial date set for rapper

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Life continues to imitate art for Snoop Doggy Dogg.

A Jan. 13 trial date was set Tuesday for the 23-year-old rapper - whose real name is Calvin Broadus - and two co-defendants charged with murdering a man in a park.

Broadus is accused of driving a Jeep as his bodyguard, McKinley Lee, 24, shot 20-year-old Philip Woldemariam on Aug. 25, 1993. Prosecutors say Sean Abrams, 24, also was in the Jeep.

All three pleaded innocent. Broadus' lawyers say the shooting was self-defense. Prosecutors say it was gang-related.

Broadus and Lee remained free on \$1 million each, while Abrams posted a \$200,000 bond.

The rapper currently appears in the long-form video for his "Murder Was The Case (That They Gave Me)" single.

Make baked potatoes special

By NANCY BYAL

For AP Special Features

Just about everybody knows how to bake potatoes in the microwave oven. Here's an easy way to take baked potatoes a step further. After baking the potatoes, hollow out the shell. Mix the pulp with cheese and seasonings, then restuff and reheat the potatoes in your microwave oven. It's almost as easy as plain baked potatoes, but a whole lot more delicious. Even better - you can stuff these ahead of time and reheat as needed.

Cheesy Stuffed Potatoes

4 medium baking potatoes (6 to 8 ounces each)

3-ounce package cream cheese with chives

1/4 teaspoon onion salt

1/8 teaspoon pepper

Dash garlic powder

2 to 4 tablespoons milk

1/4 cup shredded Cheddar cheese (1 ounce)

Scrub potatoes. Prick several times with a fork. Arrange potatoes on a microwave-safe plate. Cook, uncovered, on 100 percent power (high) for 14 to 17 minutes or until tender, rearranging once. Let stand for 5 minutes.

Meanwhile, place cream cheese in a 1-quart microwave-safe casserole. Cook, uncovered, on high for 15 to 30 seconds or until softened. Stir in onion salt, pepper and garlic powder. Set aside.

Cut a lengthwise slice from the top of each baked potato. Remove the skin from the top slice and put the pulp into a medium mixing bowl. Scoop the pulp from each potato, leaving 1/4-inch-thick shells. Add the

pulp to the mixing bowl. Set the potato shells aside.

Add the cheese mixture to the potato pulp. Beat with an electric mixer on medium speed until smooth, adding enough milk for desired consistency.

Spoon one-fourth of the potato filling into each potato shell. Arrange stuffed potatoes on a microwave-safe plate. Cook, uncovered, on high for

3 to 5 minutes or until heated through, giving the dish a half-turn once. Sprinkle shredded cheese on top. Cook, uncovered, on high for 30 to 60 seconds more or until cheese is melted. Makes 4 servings.

Nutrition facts per serving: 272 cal., 10 g total fat (6 g sat. fat), 32 mg chol., 224 mg sodium, 39 g carbo., 2 g fiber, 8 g pro. Daily Value: 11 percent vit. A, 36 percent vit. C, 8 percent calcium, 20 percent iron.

New officers elected

New officers were named when the Hereford Citizens 4-H Club met recently at the Community Christian School. Serving will be (back row, from left) Jantzen Louder, council delegate; Amber Brumley, vice president; (front row, from left) Karis Blain, reporter; Joanna Brumley, president; and Miriam Wilks, secretary.

Make great lasagna in your microwave

By NANCY BYAL

For AP Special Features

Who says the best lasagna has to slow-bake? These cheesy spirals cook in the microwave oven three times faster than regular lasagna, with the same great flavor. Herbs, ricotta and mozzarella make up the easy cheesy filling, while the chunky tomato sauce boasts fresh basil. (Fresh basil gives the best flavor, but dried basil works OK, too.) Serving lasagna as rolls instead of the traditional layered squares is easier (and prettier) too. Simply spoon some of the sauce onto a dinner plate, top with two lasagna rolls and garnish with a sprig of fresh basil.

Lasagna Spirals

1/2 cup shredded part-skim mozzarella cheese

1/2 cup fat-free or light ricotta cheese

2 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese

1 tablespoon snipped fresh basil or 1 teaspoon dried basil, crushed

1/2 teaspoon dried marjoram, crushed

1 slightly beaten egg white

8 lasagna noodles, cooked and drained

14-1/2-ounce can reduced-sodium stewed tomatoes

1 teaspoon snipped fresh basil or 1/2 teaspoon dried basil, crushed

1/4 teaspoon salt

1 tablespoon water

1 teaspoon cornstarch

Fresh basil (optional)

For filling, in a medium mixing bowl stir together mozzarella cheese, ricotta cheese, Parmesan cheese, 1 tablespoon fresh basil and marjoram. Add egg white; mix well. Spread a rounded tablespoon of filling onto each cooked noodle. Roll up from one end.

For sauce, in a rectangular 3-quart microwave-safe baking dish combine tomatoes, 1 teaspoon fresh teaspoon basil and salt. Cook, uncovered, on high (100 percent power) for 4 to 6 minutes or until bubbly around the edges.

In a cup stir together water and cornstarch; stir into tomato mixture. Cook, uncovered, on high for 4 to 6 minutes more or until thickened and bubbly, stirring after every minute until thickened, then after every 30 seconds.

Place lasagna rolls, seam side down, in the sauce in the baking dish. Cover and cook on high for 3 to 5 minutes or until heated through, turning once.

To serve, spoon sauce onto four dinner plates; top with two roll-ups. If desired, garnish with additional fresh basil. Makes 4 main-dish servings.

Nutrition facts per serving: 278 cal., 4 g total fat, (2 g sat. fat), 13 mg chol., 337 mg sodium, 45 g carbo., 2 g fiber, 16 g pro.



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Sports

Herd faces district showdown with Borger

By JAY PEDEN
Sports Editor

This is the week that should start to separate the pretenders from the contenders in the District 1-4A football race, as the district's top four teams face each other.

When Randall hosts Pampa Friday in Kimbrough Stadium in Canyon, Randall could all but clinch a district

title with a win. Randall is 3-0 in district and 7-0 overall, with wins over Hereford, Borger and Canyon. Pampa (2-0, 5-1) has wins over Caprock and Canyon.

Whiteface Stadium in Hereford will host what is essentially an elimination game when the Borger Bulldogs (2-1, 5-2) take on the Herd (1-1, 3-3) at 7:30 p.m. Friday. The

winner still will be very much in the playoff race. The loser won't be absolutely eliminated from the playoff race, but it would need an unlikely string of events to come back and get a playoff spot from a tie-breaker.

Borger' offense is the most prolific in the district; it averages 397 yards per game. That's 37 more per game than second-place Hereford.

"Offensively, they've got a great running back in Cornell Jones, a great quarterback in Toby Guest and a great receiver in Tim Baker," Hereford coach Danny Haney said. "Those are their go-to people, and they'll try to keep you off-balance with their fullback, (Jack) Mustard."

Jones was the sophomore tailback who rushed for over 1,400 yards last year. He led Borger to a 45-28 win over the Herd last year in Hereford, running for 271 yards and four

touchdowns, including scoring dashes of 62, 72 and 80 yards.

Jones has 851 rushing yards this year, putting him second in the district behind Randall's D'mitri McFarland (1,077), despite missing a game and a half. Jones has rushed for eight touchdowns, and he's also a receiving threat, with 13 catches for 207 yards and three more TD's.

Guest and Baker lead the district in their respective specialties. Baker has 28 catches for 628 yards for five touchdowns, leading the district in all three categories. Guest has passed for 1,290 yards on 73-of-140 passing, with 12 TDs and 7 interceptions. All of those figures except the interceptions lead the district.

"Guest is a very good quarterback, a very accurate passer," Haney said, adding that Guest is also a good runner. "He'll play-action fake to Jones, and he'll put the ball around (Baker) where he can catch it."

Hereford quarterback Michael Brown is second in passing with 725 yards. He's hit 40-of-83 attempts for seven TDs with six interceptions. Michael Brown is sixth in the district with 525 rushing yards, while Herd tailback Marquise Brown is seventh with 493 yards. Both have five rushing touchdowns.

Borger also boast a strong defense, which has held opponents to 244 yards per game.

"Defensively, they're anchored by (tackle) Sam Camel, at 6-2, 240 pounds, and linebacker Jeff Burney," Haney said. "Their secondary has great speed. They run to the football well. They've got a tall free safety, Chad Rives."

Chad Rives is the son of Borger assistant coach Don Rives, who is the twin brother of Hereford resident Ron Rives.

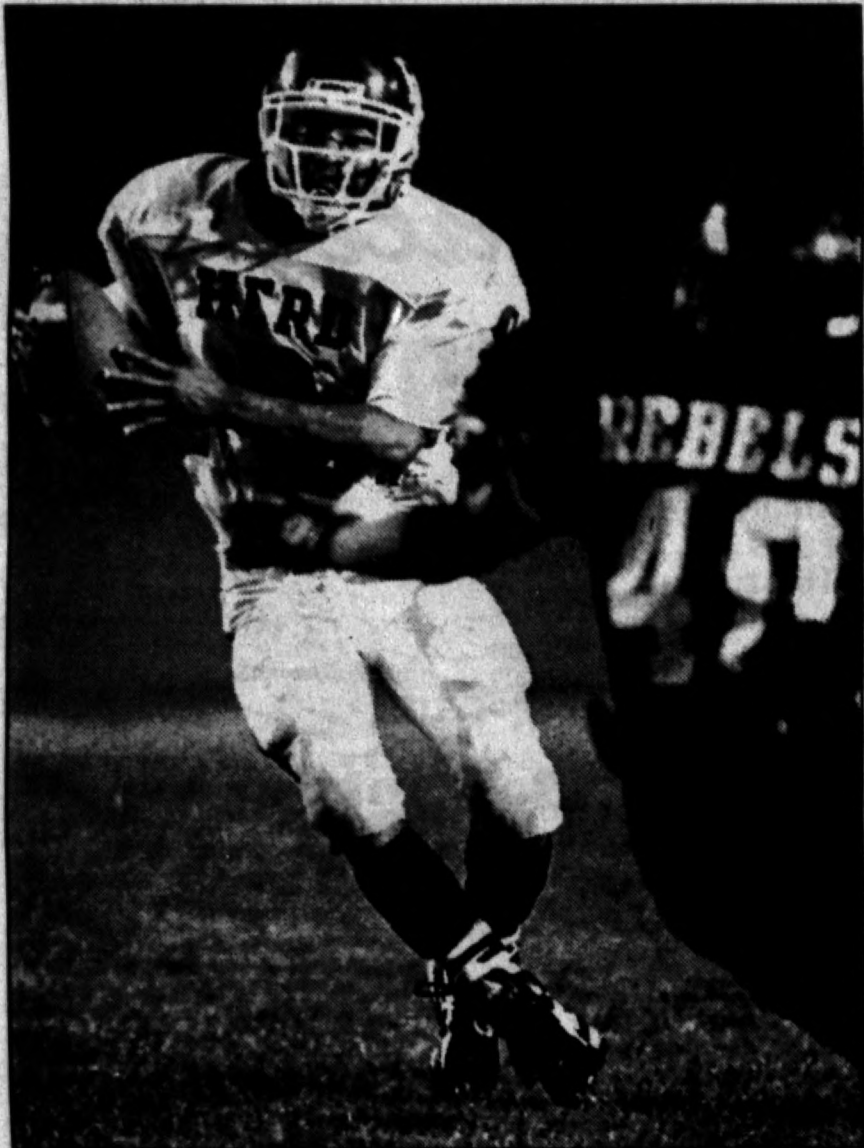
"Borger overall is the most talented team we've faced, offensively and defensively," Haney said.

Haney shared what the Herd would have to do to win the showdown.

"From a defensive standpoint, we've got to make them drive the ball," he said. "We can't give up the big play, because once they get rolling that way, they're hard to stop."

We've got to make them continue to snap the ball, to give them an

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Ready for Borger

Hereford quarterback Michael Brown will lead the Herd into a big District 1-4A football game against the Borger Bulldogs at 7:30 p.m. Friday in Whiteface Stadium.

'Dogs picked by 3

Hereford will be a three-point underdog to Borger, according to the Harris Rating System, when the Herd and Bulldogs meet at 7:30 p.m. Friday in Whiteface Stadium.

Hereford dropped to 68 from 62 in Harris' Class 4A rankings as a few teams passed the Herd during its off-week. Hereford's power rating stayed at 185.

Borger is ranked 51st with a rating of 188.

Pampa is the top-ranked team in District 1-4A, at 30th with a power rating 194. The other teams in 1-4A are: Randall, 42nd at 191; Canyon, 125th at 173; Dumas, 157th at 162; and Caprock, 170th at 157. There are 187 teams in Class 4A.

In the other big game in 1-4A, Harris picks Pampa by 3 over Randall at Randall. Harris picks Canyon by 11 at Dumas.

Stephenville is ranked first in Class 4A at 213. Sweetwater is the top-ranked team from West Texas, at 21st and 197. Other 4A teams from

West Texas are: Estacado, 28th at 194; San Angelo Lake View, 33rd at 193; Snyder, 52nd at 188; Frenship, 57th at 186; Develland, 58th at 186; Big Spring, 79th at 182; Monahans, 97th at 179; Andrews, 112th at 177; El Paso Parkland, 148th at 166; Lamesa, 151st at 164; El Paso High, 154th at 164; El Paso High, 156th at 163; Pecos, 161st at 161; Canutillo, 167th at 158; and Fort Stockton, 182nd at 148.

In other games involving area teams, Harris picks: Amarillo High by 22 over Palo Duro; Plainview by 12 over Tascosa; Monterey by 17 over Coronado; Snyder by 17 at Lamesa; Estacado by 6 at Levelland; Sweetwater by 7 at Frenship; River Road by 12 over Dalhart; Friona by 2 at Dimmitt; Littlefield by 9 over Shallowater; Canadian by 15 at Memphis; Nazareth by 10 over Claude; and Vega by 3 over Farwell.

Harris calls the Stratford-West Texas High game even.

District 1-4A

Football standings

	District	Overall
Randall	3 0	7 0
Pampa	2 0	5 1
Borger	2 1	5 2
Hereford	1 1	3 3
Canyon	1 2	4 3
Dumas	0 2	2 4
Caprock	0 3	1 6

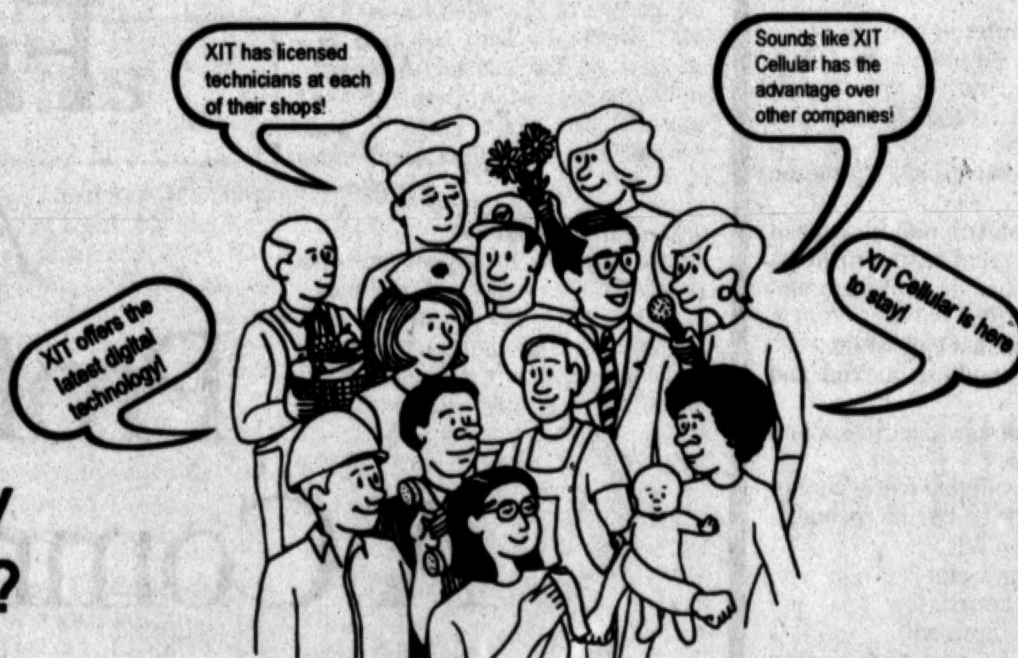
Last week's games

Randall 28, Canyon 0
Pampa 55, Caprock 6
Borger 56, Dumas 21
Hereford was idle

Friday's games, 7:30 p.m.

Borger at Hereford
Pampa at Randall
Canyon at Dumas
Caprock is idle

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Oilers' offense struggles with or without tight end

By MICHAEL A. LUTZ
AP Sports Writer
HOUSTON (AP) - The Houston Oilers are having enough problems making one offense work this season - two is even more difficult to handle.

The Oilers still operate mainly from the run-and-shoot, but their intent since minicamp was to blend a tight end alignment into the offensive package. Fans are wondering why it's taken so long for it to get done.

Tight end Pat Carter was used more extensively in the last game, but they still lost to the Cleveland Browns 11-8, dropping to 1-5 for the first time since 1986.

"It's difficult having more than one offense," starter Cody Carlson said. "Maybe we should have seen early that we would struggle offensively because we did in the preseason."

The Oilers have ranked among the top offensive teams in recent years and advanced to the playoffs seven straight years, the longest current string in the NFL.

But the slump has grown to alarming proportions this season. They are seventh in the AFC and 16th in the NFL in total offense.

"We ran the run-and-shoot early because we didn't have time to be proficient in all areas of the offense," Carlson said. "It's the one I'd run in the past and I was more comfortable with."

Carter, who signed this season for \$750,000 to catch more passes and be a larger part of the offense, has caught only two passes. The added protection from his blocking hasn't kept the Oilers from allowing the most sacks in the NFL.

Coach Jack Pardee acknowledges there is added learning, especially for the line, that goes with the tight end's presence in the game.

"When the tight end is in there, it changes the schemes and the other 10

guys have to adjust to him being in there," Pardee said.

The Oilers' offensive line has suffered from the retirement of guard Mike Munchak and the free agency loss of guard Doug Dawson.

Dawson's replacement, Kevin Donnalley, may miss Monday night's game against Philadelphia because of a dislocated right thumb.

No. 3 quarterback Billy Joe Tolleriver, whose fourth-quarter touchdown pass kept the Oilers from being shut out against Cleveland, strongly favors the run-and-shoot.

He is experienced in the four wide receivers' alignment from playing for the Atlanta Falcons.

"I believe in the run-and-shoot offense," Tolleriver said. "This team has been in the top five for as long as I can remember. The two keys are protection and the quarterback."

Tolleriver said he'd leave it to the coaching staff to decide on the offense.

"When you're 1-5, you are always searching for something that will spark the team," Tolleriver said.

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Oates condifent in taking reins as Rangers' skipper

By DENNE H. FREEMAN
AP Sports Writer
ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) - Johnny Oates thinks big. He talked World Series on his first day on the job with the Texas Rangers.

"Our goal is to win the World Series next year," Oates said. "I think we have enough talent here to do it."

Oates knows pitching and defense. He will be tested to the limit in teaching those skills to the Rangers.

"I think Texas is very close to being a winner," Oates said Wednesday after being hired as manager and signing a two-year contract. "I know I was certainly intimidated at times just watching them take batting practice. But there is more to baseball than just offense."

Oates, 48, fired as manager of the Baltimore Orioles in September, replaces Kevin Kennedy, who was fired by new general manager Doug Melvin last week. Kennedy beat out Oates for the Boston Red Sox manager's job.

Melvin replaced Tom Grube, who transformed the Rangers into a power-hitting team that was last in the major leagues in defense. The pitching staff gave up more than five runs a game.

"What this ball club needed was a manager that had experience and also had a winning percentage of managing in the big leagues," Melvin said at a news conference. "The man to my right here, Johnny Oates,

brings both of those qualities to the ballclub."

Oates, 48, becomes the fourth Rangers manager in 29 months and the 14th full-time manager in club history. He is the first with previous major league experience since Darrell Johnson served as interim manager for Don Zimmer at the end of the 1982 season.

"I think one of the big reasons I was hired was because of my experience," Oates said. "I learned a lot at Baltimore. I was driven to be better, and I developed a thick skin. I'm thankful for my new start. The atmosphere here is great."

Oates said he isn't overly concerned by the poor Texas pitching staff.

"What is important is attitude," he said. "The better defense you have, the better pitching you will have and the less offense you will need. We can learn to play defense and to pitch. We have a chance to be very good."

Oates was fired as Orioles manager after Baltimore came in second in the AL East at 63-49. Oates finished with three consecutive winning seasons and a 291-270 record overall.

Oates' 237-199 record for the last three seasons is third best in the American League for that span. Chicago's Gene Lamont (247-190) and Toronto's Cito Gaston (246-193) rank ahead of Oates.

Oates wouldn't comment on his dispute with Orioles management other than to say: "There was no

problem. It turned out to be one of my best years in baseball. I grew a lot."

The move to Texas reunites Oates and Melvin, whose relationship began with the New York Yankees in 1980. Melvin was a batting-practice pitcher and scouting-report coordinator, and Oates was playing out his career as a switch-hitting catcher.

Melvin, as Baltimore's assistant general manager, hired Oates as manager with Class AAA Rochester in 1988. Oates joined Baltimore's major league staff a year later and replaced Frank Robinson as manager during the 1991 season. Oates had a 54-71 record that season, his only losing mark in seven years of managing at all levels.

Oates became the front-runner for the Texas job after Phil Regan took his old job at Baltimore.

Oates said although he and Melvin are friends "I have to win or our friendship is not going to mean anything."

Oates and Melvin began an immediate review of the roster.

The Rangers' new coaching staff also will bear a Baltimore flavor. Jerry Naron is expected to accompany Oates as the third-base coach. Former Baltimore minor league instructor Moe Drabowsky is a leading candidate to become pitching coach. Drabowsky was the Chicago Cubs' pitching coach this season.

Melvin also has interviewed Colorado minor league manager Rudy Jaramillo, a former hitting instructor in the Rangers' organization, for a position as hitting coach.

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opportunity of a bad play—a turnover, or whatever—or to force a punt.

"Offensively, we've got to be able to take advantage of the opportunities we have to score. We've got to do a good job...in the red zone, of getting the ball in. (Also) we've got to move the chains, keep the ball and keep their offense off the field."

"Most importantly—and this goes for the whole team: offense, defense and special teams—we've got to battle them," Haneý said. "We've got to root hog and die every down."

Injury report: Junior defensive tackle Michael Kriegshauser twisted his knee and suffered ligament damage in practice the week of the Dumas game. Haneý said they'd just have to wait and see how he's doing Friday.

Series history: Hereford and Borger have met 22 times since 1929, when Hereford won the first meeting, 7-2 in Hereford.

In all, Hereford has won 16 of the 22 meetings. Hereford had a 10-game

winning streak from 1979-92, but Borger snapped it last year with a 45-28 win in Hereford.

Players of the (two) Week(s) ago: Honored for their play against Dumas were receiver Wade Backus, safety David Vermillion and special-teamer Harvey Martinez.

The junior varsity player of the week two weeks ago was offensive tackle Brack Bryant. Defensive end Louis Hernandez was honored for the sophomore team.

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Private collection agency tracks down deadbeat dads

EDITOR'S NOTE - An estimated \$14 billion is owed to 9 million children by divorced spouses behind in their child-support payments, officials say. Now private collection agencies are tracking down downbeat dads that have eluded government agencies. But, like bounty hunters, they expect to be rewarded.

By **ROBERT WELLER**
Associated Press Writer

Rebecca Morrck of Grand Junction, Colo., grew so frustrated over her husband not paying support for their three children that she set up her own collection agency.

In business less than a year, her company called Trak-Ex is working on \$1 million in collections, taking a 25 percent commission.

Now when a deadbeat dad tells her the check is in the mail, "It's in the mail," she says.

"I do it to help the mothers," Morrck said. "I've been there and I know they need help. My real goal is to mend relationships. If these men are paying, maybe they'll see their children and be the father their children need."

Charlie Drake of San Antonio, Texas, who believes he "gave birth to the industry" in 1988, says his Children's Support Services gets more than 50 percent of the money it goes after.

Government agencies were only able to collect from deadbeat dads or moms 19 percent of the time in 1993.

"They create excellent laws, but they don't use them," Drake says.

Congress passed a law in 1992 making it a federal crime to cross state lines to avoid paying child support, but a recent check showed only five people had been prosecuted. An estimated \$14 billion is owed to 9 million children, officials say.

Private companies have moved in to fill the gap. Some have slick recordings on 800 numbers promising "extraordinarily high success" rates in "each and every state."

At least two states, Mississippi and Utah, have hired private agencies to help them collect.

"Government can't do everything. We could use their help," says Kathy Stumm, director of Colorado's Child Support Enforcement Division.

Richard Casey Hoffman, a former assistant Texas attorney general and now president of Child Support Enforcement of Austin, says the government should focus on welfare cases.

"Incredible as it may sound, Ivana Trump would be eligible for free services in 35 of the 50 states and pay only a token fee in the other 15," Hoffman says.

Drake says there are 49 companies in a national association of companies that collect child support at offices in 29 states.

Most require a small application fee, ranging from \$25-\$35, and charge a 25 percent commission if they are successful. The agencies don't take welfare cases because money collected would be taken by the states to recover welfare costs.

Investigators don't like to talk in detail about how they get their information, speaking only in general terms about having access to databases such as credit reports.

"A lot of the time you get a lot of information from relatives and neighbors," Morrck says. She might call and ask what they see in the deadbeat's driveway.

Many times the deadbeats are there for the picking if local authorities will budge from their offices. She recently called police in Michigan about a deadbeat and was told they had already checked. Morrck says she gave them his address and he was in jail in 24 hours.

Most of her clients, like Jesse Opp of Wichita, Kan., live in other states.

"She did a really good job," Opp says. "I've finally gotten somewhere. He was years behind. I had been trying to go through the courts but they are so backlogged it takes them a year to even get going."

Dan Price, who has been in the collection agency business in Casper, Wyo., for 25 years and in child-support collections for three, doesn't believe private agencies will eliminate the problem. He says he has had so much trouble getting cooperation from authorities that he no longer solicits new child-support clients.

Drake is more optimistic. "We've just had a record-breaking month," he says.

Drake says new legislation in Maine and South Dakota that allows authorities to take driver's licenses away from deadbeats will help.

And it can be very satisfying. Hoffman recalls a Texas deadbeat who moved to Colorado and set up his answering machine to play "All My Exes Live in Texas." Once tracked down, he skipped back to Texas.

But Hoffman's staff nailed him. "We took great delight because he was such a wise guy."

Multi-colored hosiery is 'hot' for the fall

By **FRANCINE PARNES**
For AP Special Features

Hosiery manufacturers are going to all lengths and creating a full spectrum of color to turn out fashionable legs for fall and winter.

Black opaque tights remain au courant, though they look newest with white patent leather Mary Janes. And flesh-toned stockings, the cornerstone of the hosiery market, are regaining a toehold as fashion. They even out the skin tone and provide a layer of warmth missing from the bare-legged looks on the fall fashion runways.

"Black hose are always a popular choice with women, but this season the sheer leg looks newer and fresher," says Aurrice Duke of Hanes. "It's keeping in sync with the trend in ready-to-wear. It's time to dress up the leg again."

Maybe. But there's a lot of competition.

Trouser socks are being worn with more than long pants. They're shown with short skirts and high heels, as well. Never mind that only the nubile should dare to wear them, lacy white cotton anklets, schoolgirl knee-socks and bad-girl thigh-highs are very much in vogue.

"Black is the best-selling color for thigh-highs due to the fall trend of black and white," says Gayle Goodman, marketing director for Hot Sox in New York. "The colors are suited to the schoolgirl look, such as a jumper with man-tailored shirt."

All lengths of socks work with A-line minis and high-heeled loafers or black patent Mary Janes. But they work best if you are below voting age - and they are layered over sheer stockings or white tights.

Donna Karan Hosiery attached a sheer control-top panty to black opaque thigh-highs, about \$12.

"It gives you the look of a thigh-high with the comfort of pantyhose," says the designer. "So even while you have that fashion look, you're not exposing yourself."

E.G. Smith for Hanes created tights in bright red or green trompe l'oeil over-the-knee socks. The sock part is opaque, the top portion sheer. They're about \$11 a pair.

Over-the-knee socks are campy on their own, a bit more conservative than thigh-highs. They look charming with chunky Mary Janes, and Goodman says you don't have to have perfect legs to wear them.

"When you wear heavy knit or sweater-rib over-the-knee socks, they're meant to be layered over tights as a cold-weather look," she says. "So you're not really going out with bare legs in the dead of winter."

Although some designers showed bare legs and wool coats on the fall runways, there are plenty of toasty alternatives. Donna Karan and Richard Tyler for Anne Klein cozier up to leg warmers, while Isaac Mizrahi and Karl Lagerfeld for Chanel came up with leg warmers that actually are shoes.

Now about those flesh-color sheers.

Whether you call them fashion-forward or retro, they provide a quiet alternative to Ralph Lauren's plaid pantyhose, Calvin Klein's argyle tights and racing stripe thigh-highs from Hot Sox.

Donna Karan says nude stockings feel right with her knee-length hemlines.

"When I was at the White House recently," she said, "almost everyone in the fashion industry was in head-to-toe black. There was a heaviness to it."

"The nude hose looks more modern. There's a lightness to the bareness."

In shades of buff, bare and natural, they're \$9 to \$15 a pair retail.

"It's a bareness that's like a makeup, a natural foundation that evens out the skin tones," Karan says. "And it really complements the glamour of black high-heel pumps."

Ann Landers

DEAR ANN LANDERS: My wife and I have been married for 13 years and have three young children.

Five months ago, my wife's unmarried sister, "Beverly," who is two years younger, move din "temporarily" so sh could save enough money to buy a car (she said). Beverly lived with her parents (for free) for several years, until her father said, "Enough". She then moved into an apartment but couldn't keep up with the rent, which is how we got roped in.

This college-educated sister works part-time for one of her girlfriends. She doesn't leave for work until 11 a.m. and returns to our house at 4 p.m., just in time to watch "Jeopardy." She pays no rent, buys no groceries and does absolutely no housekeeping. My wife cooks for the family (and for Beverly) when she comes home from work. While my wife cooks, I do other household duties. Beverly watches television. She has no car and borrows my wife's car to visit friends, go shopping or go to church.

I've tried to be tolerant, but this situation is getting my goat. If Beverly were ill, I would not complain. Am I wrong to expect a healthy, able-bodied woman to pitch in and shoulder some responsibilities?

I believe my sister-in-law will continue to be financially dependent on her family for as long as she can get away with it. My father-in-law had the right idea when he kicked her out. My wife doesn't want to discuss the situation. Am I wrong to complain? I'd like your opinion.

Please reply in the paper, but don't identify my city or state. Sign me--Fed to the Teeth in the Golden West

DEAR FED: Your wife is doing

Beverly no favor by permitting her to be a permanent freeloader. She is, in fact, contributing to her deterioration.

The biggest favor your wife could do for her sister would be to give her 30 days' notice to get out and stand on her own two feet. I hope you will insist on it.

DEAR ANN LANDERS: I am getting married this winter. However, my fiance and I live together and already have everything that we need.

Would it be proper etiquette to register at a travel agency for the honeymoon, or at a realtor for a down payment on a house, instead of the local department store? If so, how should that be worded in the invitations?--Baffled Bride in Michigan

DEAR BRIDE: No mention of a gift should EVER appear on a wedding invitation. Have the kind of honeymoon you can afford. If you can't manage the down payment on a house, keep renting and start saving.

DEAR ANN LANDERS: On the subject of palm reading, I submit the following:

The custom of decorating engagement and wedding rings with gems began about 1200.

When I was in my mid-20s, married, with three children, a palm reader told me that I would be married five times and be the father of five children.

I am now 73 and have had four marriages and five children. I should add that I am hoping my current romance ends in a fifth marriage. I make no claims for palmistry, but as a longtime reader, I wanted to relate my own experience. I'm convinced there's something to it.--R.W.K., Out West

DEAR R.W.K.: If you throw enough darts, you're bound to hit a bull's eye sooner or later. And now, what about the other predictions the fortune teller mentioned that did NOT come true? Do you recall them?

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Year after flood, molds extensive, unhealthy

By ED SCHAFER
Associated Press Writer
ST. LOUIS (AP) — A year after the waters from the Great Flood of 1993 receded, scientists have found extensive and unhealthy mold contamination in water-damaged houses, even in those almost completely rebuilt.

That contamination could lead to allergic reactions now and in the future, say researchers called in by the Missouri Department of Health. "What we're finding is that flooding can lead to problems over and above simple water damage," said Dr. H. James Wedner, chief of clinical allergy at the medical school

at Washington University in St. Louis. Although flooding occurs somewhere in the United States each year, scientists only now are beginning to study the resulting mold growth and whether the fungi affect the health of occupants who return to live or work in flood-damaged buildings.

The new findings may affect future flood victims' decisions whether to return home and, if they choose to rebuild, the cleanup procedures they use.

As might be expected, Wedner said, the more severe the flood damage, the more extensive the mold contamination. Adding to the problem, he said, was the frequent recommendation by government inspectors that residents board up their homes to prevent looting.

"That essentially created an incubator for mold to grow in," Wedner said.

Many other factors also were involved, said immunobiologist Anu Dixit, principal investigator. So far, she's examined 20 buildings that had been under as much as 12 feet of water for up to six weeks.

"How long people waited after the

water went down made a difference, too," she said. "Some of them didn't have a chance to dry out completely. And there is a big difference in mold counts between homes that were reconstructed all at once and those in which repairs were done a little at a time, as their owners could afford it."

The homes studied so far are in the Chesterfield Valley, Ste. Genevieve, Imperial, Lemay, Valley Park, St. Charles County and West Alton. Dixit said she'll soon examine about 20 homes along the Missouri River in the western part of the state.

Dixit, Wedner and biologist Walter H. Lewis reported their initial findings in August at the Fifth International Conference of the Association of Aerobiology in India and in March at the American Academy of Allergy and Immunology meeting in Anaheim, Calif.

Early surveys of the flood-damaged buildings found intense mold growth on wallpaper and dry-wall, insulation, framing, carpets and furniture, the investigators said. High levels were found of such indoor molds as Aspergillus and Penicillium, which are highly allergenic.

Mold allergies can cause wheezing, asthma, chest tightness, sneezing,

coughing and a runny nose. Such allergic reactions are common in the Midwest during the warmer months because of outdoor molds. But indoor molds can cause problems all year long.

Mold counts above 3,000 spores per cubic meter are considered severe enough to cause allergic reactions and asthma attacks in people sensitive to the fungi.

The homeowners participated in the study on the condition that their names not be released, but Wedner said he had treated one of them earlier this year for a severe allergic reaction to mold.

In July 1993, the man's home was under 4 feet of water from a creek that in drier times was 200 feet away.

When he went back into the home to clean up in January, the homeowner began to have trouble breathing and broke out in hives over much of his body. His wife drove him to the hospital, where Wedner gave him medication to counter the allergic reaction.

When Wedner went to the couple's house later, he found a mold spores count of 70,000 per cubic meter, far more than enough to trigger a severe reaction in many people.

The researchers said that in tests on buildings on which no cleanup had occurred mold levels ranged from 13,600 to 453,740. Homes in which some debris, such as water-soaked carpets and drywall, had been removed still had mold counts ranging from 23,400 to 77,574.

Complete gutting of homes followed by treating the remaining wood frame with bleach was only partially effective in eliminating mold growth, they said. In one such home, where mold had grown through a repainted wall, the

scientists found a mold count of 77,000 spores per cubic meter.

Homes that had been cleaned, treated with bleach and rebuilt commonly had mold counts of at least 7,700.

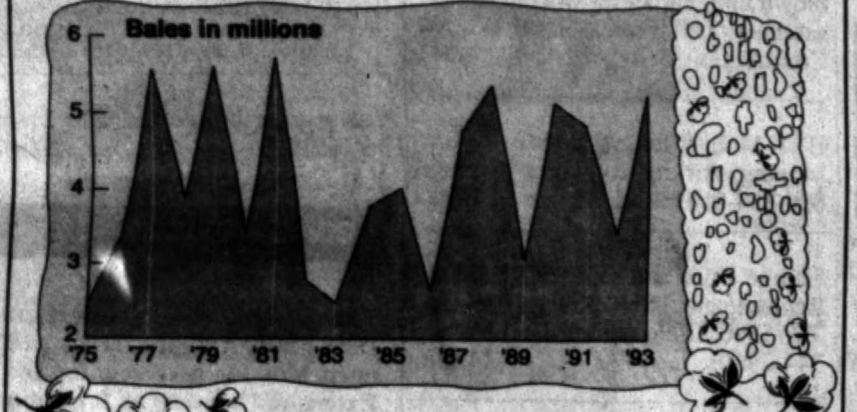
The researchers also found that, even after some residents decontaminated their homes with bleach and then did extensive reconstruction, they fostered new mold growth by trying to save personal belongings or favorite pieces of furniture that had been saturated by floodwaters. Such items are ideal breeding grounds for mold.

Also, the investigators said, they found persistent mold problems along concrete basement walls. The walls, which may retain moisture, sustain mold growth that can prove difficult to eliminate.

Keeping an eye on Texas

Texas is knee-high in cotton

Cotton has been a major crop in Texas for more than a century. Despite dramatic ups and downs, Texas continues to lead all states in cotton production. Today the annual Texas cotton harvest amounts to more than a quarter of total production in the United States.



SOURCES: John Sharp, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, Texas Agricultural Statistics Service and the 1992-93 Texas Almanac.

Amarillo couple notes 75 years of marriage

By RICK STORM
Amarillo Globe-News
AMARILLO, Texas — On Oct. 30, 1919, Juan and Manuela Escoto became man and wife in Amarillo. And though Juan moves a bit slower these days and Manuela sits in a wheelchair, the couple say their love gets stronger every day.

Family and friends gathered at the Alamo Center recently to mark the couple's coming 75th wedding anniversary. The Rev. Leroy Mathiesen, bishop of the Catholic Diocese, was on hand to offer a blessing and a prayer for Juan and Manuela.

"It was wonderful when I was able to witness Juan and Manuela's 70th anniversary," Mathiesen said. "But a 75th anniversary is something I've never had the honor of attending."

Amarillo Mayor Kel Seliger presented them with a plaque of appreciation from the city of Amarillo.

Manuela, 94, first caught young Juan's eye in 1916 at Guanajuato, Mexico, where both were born. It is located about 130 miles northwest of Mexico City. Both moved to Amarillo in 1917.

Juan, 93, started working in 1917 as a maintenance worker for the Rock Island Railroad. The newlyweds lived in company housing.

Those were days of sweat and elbow grease.

"It was much harder work in those days, but \$1.10 per day was good money," Juan said. "We worked 10 hours per day, six days a week."

Juan went to work for the Santa Fe railroad in 1918, where he was a maintenance worker and later a mechanic. Juan retired from Santa Fe in 1966.

"In those days we used the steam locomotives," Juan said. "Most of our cargo was coal, cattle, wheat and chickens."

Juan also worked at carpentry on the side to support his family. The pioneer pair moved to Stratford in 1936 and returned to Amarillo in 1941.

"In the 1930s you could see the dust just roll in like a blanket," Juan said, turning his hands over and over. "It would get to where you could not see your own hand two feet from your face."

In 1943, Juan and his oldest sons, Antonio and Adolfo, realized a dream when they built the house where Juan and Manuela raised their six children and still live in today.

In the late 1940s, Juan and seven others founded Alamo Center, and with lumber donated by Santa Fe, volunteers built the center.

Juan is the sole survivor of the eight center founders, and he still serves as the center's president.

"The Hispanic people didn't have a place to gather in those days, so we wanted to build a place for people to gather," Juan said.

Today, the Alamo Center serves the community with programs in nutrition, food assistance, weatherization for homes, information referral, energy assistance and transportation.

Juan found another love in music, and he played tradition Mexican music on the guitar, fiddle, bass and mandolin with the Rancho Grande Boys.

Juan said the switch from steam to diesel seemed like quite a jump at the time, but the world now moves faster.

One thing has not changed for Juan, through the Dust Bowl days along with the Great Depression of the 1930s and the long, hard days of work. "I love her more than ever," he said, squeezing Manuela's hand.

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Public access service is announced by TEC

Texas Employment Commission officials have announced that the agency's computerized public access service, hi-TEC, is now available via the Internet.

TEC Chairman Eddie Cavazos, whose office developed and maintains the automated bulletin board system, said the Internet connection gives TEC an opportunity to showcase Texas' strong economic climate and help attract new business to the state. The service also becomes Internet's first access to America's Job Bank, a nationwide database of public and private job openings.

"One of TEC's key strategies for becoming more proactive has been to create new avenues for public access," Cavazos said. "The hi-TEC service has quickly developed into an important access point to TEC. In its first year of operation, it received over 75,000 calls and provided over 20,000 computer-hours of service. The new internet connection provides a cost-effective opportunity to show the world that Texas is a great place to live and do business."

Hi-TEC provides information to the public about job openings, TEC's employment services, labor market statistics, Texas labor laws and job opportunities throughout the state. In addition to America's Job Bank, hi-

TEC provides access to the Governor's Job Bank, a database of Texas state agency job postings.

"Callers can search for jobs in Texas and all over the country, 24 hours a day," Cavazos said. "Employers can learn how TEC can help them find qualified employees, which areas of the state have large labor pools and about their employment obligations under Texas law. As we move closer to the 21st century, I expect this system to become an integral part of TEC services."

Internet users should telnet to hi-tec.tec.state.tx.us to access hi-TEC. Others callers can access hi-TEC by setting their communications software to No Parity, 8 databits, 1 stopbit, Full Duplex (N,8,1,F), and dialing (512) 475-4893. Outside Austin, individual long-distance providers will charge a toll for completing the call. The State Comptroller's bulletin board, toll-free at 1-800-227-8392, can connect callers within the state to hi-TEC at no charge.

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