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DeLay calls for freeze on federal regulations

By MICHELLE MITTELSTADT
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) - Congressional Republicans want a six-month freeze on the issuance of new federal regulations while looking for ways to make government red tape less sticky.

House Majority Whip Tom DeLay, who has long advocated regulatory relief, and other reform backers announced Thursday they will introduce legislation seeking the moratorium. The House could vote on the freeze within two weeks, the Texan predicted.

The Clinton administration has expressed its opposition to a regulatory moratorium, saying a blanket ban would be a "blunderbuss that could work in unintended ways."

But Republicans contend the freeze would give Congress time to work out the kinks of regulatory relief without being swamped by hundreds of new regulations.

"On November 8th, the American people sent a message to Washington: They voted for a smaller and less intrusive government," DeLay said at a Capitol news conference. "An

important step toward reaching this goal is curtailing the excesses of federal regulation and red tape that are now estimated to cost the economy over \$500 billion annually."

The federal rule-making process - especially as it affects health, the environment and the workplace - has long been a target of conservatives and small businesses. They argue the rules' costs are ignored by regulators.

DeLay and other lawmakers will offer legislation to limit the cost and scope of new rules while forcing the government to justify new regulations with in-depth economic and scientific analyses.

Critics contend the changes would render federal agencies toothless and deprive the public of needed health, safety and environmental protections.

Only regulations affecting health and safety would be excluded from the freeze, which would be retroactive to Nov. 9th - the day after the election - and continue until July 1st.

"We've got to put some common-sense tests to these regulations," said Texas GOP Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, who co-chairs a GOP

regulatory relief task force. "We have got to say 'Is it more important that we have these regulations or is it important that we have jobs, that people can use their private property as is given them the right to use by the Constitution?'"

The push for congressional action follows the lawmakers' unsuccessful appeal last month to President Clinton for a voluntary freeze.

The administration, while stressing its commitment to cut red tape and avoid imposing unduly burdensome regulations, contends a freeze is too harsh a tool.

"The president clearly wants to work with Republican leaders on the question of regulatory reform," said Lawrence J. Haas, a spokesman for the Office of Management and Budget, which oversees federal rule-making.

"However we have had concerns about an across-the-board moratorium because it is a blunt instrument," Haas added. "It tends not to get at underlying problems; it can cost taxpayers money; and more generally speaking it just has unintended consequences."

Gingrich makes unusual appearance as witness

By DAVE SKIDMORE
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) - On the second day of the new Congress, House Speaker Newt Gingrich offered cooperation to Democrats and challenged lawmakers to "think beyond the norm" in considering the Republican agenda of tax cuts and welfare reform.

After what he called "a very, very positive meeting" with President Clinton at the White House, Gingrich testified Thursday afternoon before the tax-writing House Ways and Means Committee, which will be responsible for drafting the most important elements of the GOP's "Contract With America."

Gingrich used his appearance as a witness - rare for a speaker - to launch the marathon of hearings leading up to the anticipated House

adoption of the contract's 10 bills by mid-April.

"I'm going to do my best to make good things happen for America. I do not want to see a series of partisan battles," the president said.

The speaker, for his part, signaled some flexibility, saying the contract was "open to improvement."

"We don't think we wrote in stone. We think we had in September some good ideas. But that was five months ago. The world changes," he said.

Gingrich tossed out a grab bag of additional ideas, ranging from a fundamental overhaul of Medicare to a tax credit to help poor people buy laptop computers.

He acknowledged the laptop tax credit may be "a nutty idea" but said, "I want to start by getting you to think beyond the norm."

"Maybe we can't do it, but I'll tell you, any signal we can send to the poorest Americans that says, 'We're going into a 21st century ... and so are you' ... begins to change the game," he said.

He called for a "creative and ... cooperative" bipartisan effort to transform Medicare, the federal health insurance program for the elderly, from "a large, clunky, inefficient government system" to "a market-driven system."

He also suggested the earned income tax credit, a program for the working poor, be restructured to more strongly favor married couples over single people. Currently, it offers credits of up to \$2,528 to people with two or more children and up to \$306 for childless people.

Gingrich's testimony came after he, Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan., and other congressional leaders met with Clinton. Afterward, the president said he'd be pleased to sign the first measure making its way through the new GOP-controlled Congress: a bill to place Congress under anti-discrimination and other laws that apply to private businesses.

The bill passed the House 429-0 early Thursday morning. But its progress slowed in the Senate when Democrats tried to attach an amendment prohibiting senators from accepting free meals and other gifts from lobbyists.

Republicans said they feared the gift ban would complicate the compliance bill but promised to consider it later as part of a package of lobbying reforms.

Sisters die in Amarillo fire

AMARILLO, Texas (AP) - Two sisters have been killed and two of their siblings critically hurt in a house fire, officials said.

The blaze, reported around 4:30 p.m. Thursday, apparently started in some bedding on the floor near an open-flame gas heater, according to investigators.

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at the time of the fire.

Amarillo firefighters say neighbors pulled the four children from the burning home. The dead were identified as Mercedes Smith, 4, and Anjelica Smith, 8 months. Hospitalized in critical condition were Marcella Smith, 3, and Robert Smith Jr., 18 months, authorities said.

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Hey, wait for me!

A small calf struggles to keep up with Mamma and Daddy as they push through the snow Thursday night west of Hereford. A winter storm swept across the Panhandle and other parts of Texas during the day, dumping snow and plunging temperatures below freezing and bringing much colder wind chills. Much of the snow was expected to melt off Friday as the sun came out and temperatures soared.

Storm withers away; snow likely to follow in warm air

By The Associated Press

Fear of treacherous overnight conditions across much of Texas proved to be mostly unfounded early today as the National Weather Service downgraded several warnings.

West Texas wasn't as lucky as a vigorous upper-level winter storm pushed into that region and left a fresh layer of snow, sleet and freezing rain.

Any snow or ice remaining on the ground early today was expected to melt in the wake of a rapid statewide warmup. Temperatures were expected to climb into the 50s and 60s across the entire state on Saturday.

Another cold night was in store across the state tonight with readings early Saturday mostly in the 20s and 30s except in South Texas where the mercury is expected to be in the 40s

and 50s.

All precipitation was expected to end by late afternoon today.

The rest of the state escaped the blast of winter air because of a blast of warm, moist air from the Gulf of Mexico.

Just after midnight, official weather watchers in Fort Worth cancelled a winter storm warning for the Red River counties of North Texas because southerly winds helped keep temperatures above freezing.

By dawn today, only Dalhart had a temperature reading below freezing. It was 29 in the northwestern Panhandle city. Readings were in the 30s and 40s in West Texas, the 30s across North Texas and in the 40s and 50s in South Texas. It was 64 at Beaumont.

Light rain and drizzle were the

only moisture being reported.

Southeast Texas was under an early morning flash flood watch because of the threat of a combination of an upper level disturbance moving eastward and a strengthening surface low-pressure system along the coast.

Parts of South Texas had a different type of weather to fear early today - fog.

A dense fog advisory was in effect overnight for all the Coastal Bend counties, including Nueces, Jim Wells, San Patricio, Kleberg, Duval, Live Oak, Bee, Refugio and Aransas.

The visibility reported by the Naval Air Station in Corpus Christi was 2 1/2 miles in fog, and the Naval Air Stations in Kingsville and Alice reported visibilities of only one-half mile.

Jobless rate declines to end year

By ROBERT NAYLOR JR.
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) - The nation's jobless rate edged downward in December to the lowest level in more than four years, demonstrating that job creation remains relatively healthy despite six interest rate increases last year.

The Labor Department said today that the December rate was 5.4 percent, down from 5.6 percent in November and the lowest level since July 1990.

The news was good for the White House, which has been touting President Clinton's success in creating new jobs. But it was likely to be unwelcome on Wall Street, where investors have been concerned that the rate of economic growth could fuel inflation and lower the value of their holdings.

The Labor Department reported also that the nation's nonfarm payrolls grew by an estimated 256,000 in December. That news normally might calm investors since most economists were predicting a higher number. But the November rate was revised sharply upward to 488,000 from the sizable 350,000

initially reported. The revised figure was the highest since October 1987, when 550,000 new jobs were created.

Robust job growth in 1994 was one of the reasons the Federal Reserve pushed up short-term interest rates six times by a total of 2.5 percentage points. While inflation has remained low, economists say the rate of job growth shows the demand for labor is strong enough to push up labor costs, resulting in higher prices for goods and services.

But the report showed little sign of inflation. The average hourly wage rose three cents, about in line with what most economists were expecting. In November, the average hourly wage declined two cents. Wage increases remained relatively low all year.

The Labor Department said 3.5 million new jobs were created in all of 1994, an average of more than 290,000 a month and a 10-year high. It was the most new jobs created since 1988, when nonfarm payrolls grew by 3.9 million jobs.

As expected, service-related industries produced the bulk of the number of new jobs, with that sector growing by 210,000. Employment at

jobs in various levels of government declined by 30,000.

Manufacturing employment rose at the highest rate in nearly five years. The Labor Department said 54,000 new factory jobs were created, the biggest number since February 1990, when 106,000 new positions were added. But the previous high followed a decline of 118,000 in January 1990 and preceded an increase of 25,000 in March 1990.

Manufacturing has been enjoying its best sustained growth since late 1988. Many analysts have predicted for months that the increasing number of hours factory workers were on the job would eventually translate into increased manufacturing hiring. The average manufacturing work week was unchanged after rising for months.

Construction employment did not fare nearly as well, losing 6,000 jobs in the month. Most economists had expected an increase in construction employment because of warmer weather in early December, when the employment survey was taken.

The unemployment rate for blacks dipped below 10 percent for the first time in more than 20 years.

Review shows backgrounds of new Congress

By TIM BOVEE
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) - The typical member of the new U.S. House of Representatives is a man in his early 50s. He was born in the state he now represents. He has a wife, three kids and most likely a law degree.

Oh, yes, and for the first time in 40 years, he's typically a Republican.

The 435 men and women who took

their seats in the House on Wednesday are overwhelmingly well-educated, upper-middle-class white professionals who have much more in common with each other than with their constituents, according to an Associated Press computer-assisted review of their biographies.

The conventional wisdom coming out of this election is that we elected a bunch of citizen legislators," said Norm Ornstein, who studies Congress for the American Enterprise Institute. "It turns out the stereotype was wrong."

Similarities of background cut across party lines. A full 40 percent of House members have law degrees, though slightly more Democrats than Republicans.

For instance, nine-tenths of the

House are married. Seven percent are divorced, and nearly 70 percent of the divorced are Democrats.

Altogether, members have more than 1,000 children, more than half born to Republicans. On average, each House family with children has three.

In the workplace, Republicans were more likely to have experience in business. Democrats were more likely to have worked in law enforcement or social services.

Democrats, on average, are slightly older than Republicans - 52 to 50. The median age of all Americans is 33.

There are 28 members old enough to have fought in World War II and just two members from Generation X, the youngest age group.

One-fourth served in the military, split evenly between Democrats and Republicans.

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Two-thirds were born in the states that elected them. Seven, however, were born overseas: Rep. Illeana Ros-Lehtinen, R-Fla., and Lincoln Diaz-Balart, R-Fla., in Cuba; Sam Gejdenson, D-Conn., in Germany; Tom Lantos, D-Calif., in Hungary; Elizabeth Furse, R-Ore., in Kenya;

Peter Hoekstra, R-Mich., in the Netherlands; and Jay Kim, R-Calif., in South Korea.

Democrats are slightly better educated than Republicans. Nearly three-fourths of the Democrats had some post-graduate work in college, compared to three-fifths of Republicans.

Only 2 percent ended their education with a high-school diploma.

Democrats' top colleges were the University of California, Harvard, Georgetown and Texas. Republicans were most partial to Harvard, Michigan, Georgetown and Yale.

The new House also includes former cab driver Luis Gutierrez, D-Ill.; carpenter Bernard Sanders, a Vermont independent; casino manager John Ensign, R-Nev.; gospel music promoter Bill Hefner, D-N.C.; and a riverboat captain - Don Young, R-Alaska.

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Local Roundup

Snow, snow going away

Hereford recorded 1-1/2 inches of snow on Thursday, according to KPAN Radio. That translates to .14 of an inch of moisture. The high for the 24-hour period ending Friday morning was 38 degrees at 5 a.m. Friday. The low for the same period was 22 degrees. For tonight, look for mostly clear skies with a low around 20 degrees. For Saturday, expect partly cloudy skies and a high around 50 degrees. Winds will be from the southwest at 15-25 mph and gusty, with caution advised on area lakes.

Dance scheduled

The Hereford High School senior class will sponsor a school-wide dance on Saturday in the Community Center. The dance will be from 9 p.m. to midnight and is open to all high school students. Cost is \$3 for singles and \$5 for couples. The theme is "Rockin' to the 50s" and students are encouraged to come dressed in 1950s clothing.

Retired employees to meet

The Hereford Retired School Employees Association will hold a meeting at 11:30 a.m. Monday in the Senior Citizens Center. Speaker for the session will be Mayor Bob Josserand, who will deliver a "State of the City" address. All association members are urged to attend and the public is invited to hear Josserand speak.

Child ID program scheduled

Deaf Smith County 4-H'ers will conduct the second day of a Child Identification Project on Saturday at K-Bob's Steakhouse. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Members will take pictures of the children, fingerprint them and record personal information. The session will be from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The project was to begin today from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. The final identification folder will be ready to be picked up in February at K-Bob's. The project is a free program sponsored by the Deaf Smith County 4-H and K-bob's. For more information call Beverly Harder at the County Extension office, 354-3573.

Recycling postponed

The regular recycling day co-sponsored by the Hereford Beautification Alliance and Community Christian School has been postponed. It was originally scheduled for Saturday, but an alternate date will be announced later.

News Digest

World/Nation

BROOKLINE, Mass. - Billy and Jen arrived at their jobs in an abortion clinic from different points in history.

Billy, who is 70, remembers when women commonly performed abortions on themselves with hatpins. Jen, born in 1970, has never known a time when abortions weren't legal.

What both women shared, however, was a sense that they were safe - until a gunman opened fire a week ago in the clinic's waiting room, killing the receptionist and wounding three other people.

NORFOLK, Va. - The man accused of killing two abortion clinic workers released a handwritten statement that was sometimes angry and mauling but mostly rambling and confused - and said nothing about abortion.

John C. Salvi III said he wants to die if he's convicted and become a priest if he isn't. In either case, he wants to tell his story to Barbara Walters.

GROZNY, Russia - Russian fighter jets fly sorties over the capital of rebel Chechnya and hit the presidential palace despite a promise by President Boris Yeltsin to halt air attacks on the city.

WASHINGTON - At least 400,000 elderly and disabled immigrants would be knocked off the welfare rolls under a Republican plan to overhaul the welfare system, a Social Security Administration study says.

State

WASHINGTON - Congressional Republicans want a six-month freeze on the issuance of new federal regulations while looking for ways to make government red tape less sticky. House Majority Whip Tom DeLay, who has long advocated regulatory relief, and other reform backers announced Thursday they will introduce legislation seeking the moratorium.

AUSTIN - State Comptroller John Sharp says his recommendations to reform the welfare system will get recipients back to work. "The problem with the system, not just in Texas, but everywhere, is that the No. 1 goal of the welfare system is to get the checks to people," Sharp said Thursday.

UNDATED - Fear of treacherous overnight conditions across much of Texas appeared to be mostly unfounded early today as the National Weather Service downgraded several warnings.

NEW YORK - Mexico's finance minister scored points with U.S. investors during a confidence-building visit, calming fears that his country doesn't have a handle on the financial crisis that has sent the peso tumbling.

CORPUS CHRISTI - Joyce Brune says her daughter's death after drinking 20 tequila shots is still a lesson for teen-agers even though a verdict against a liquor company has been reversed. The 13th Court of Appeals, based in Corpus Christi, ruled that liquor companies are not liable when people drink too much.

FORT WORTH - Some legal experts are wondering whether an outgoing state district judge may have sidestepped legal precedent by throwing out a drunken driving conviction of a former visiting judge.

SAN ANTONIO - A lawsuit filed by a San Antonio couple alleges they lost a chance to become millionaires because of a mistake made when they bought Lotto Texas tickets for a \$7 million jackpot at a convenience store.

NACOGDOCHES - After a Civil War history lesson and some prodding by the NAACP, city officials have agreed to use a different Confederate flag on the police department logo.

CALEXICO, Calif. - U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno, on a tour of the entire United States-Mexico border, is pledging that even isolated areas will be given enough resources to fight illegal immigration.

PATIENTS IN HOSPITAL

Richard Barrett, Felicita Brown, Inf. Girl Bustos, Maria Bustos, Jacob Enriquez, Teofilo Estrada.

Wilhemine Fetsch, Patricia Fuentes, Guadencio Garcia, Inf. Boy Garcia, Charles Gates, Mike Guerrero, Jewell Hargrave, Illynae Inman, Willie Lamm, Essie Martin, Lula McCabe, Megan Terese Modersitzki, Donnie Owen, Elsa Perales, Manuela Porras, Oran Smith, Mattie Stovall, Virgil Walker.

Lottery

AUSTIN (AP) - The Pick 3 winning numbers drawn Thursday by the Texas Lottery, in order:

6-4-0 (six, four, zero)

Poor management held responsible in state audit report for TAMU woes

By CHIP BROWN
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) - Poor management at Texas A&M has led to increased costs, unlawful activity and ridicule at the nation's third largest university, according to a critical state audit.

"At Texas A&M University, management's override of policies and procedures, laws and channels of communication have eroded the effectiveness of control systems designed to protect resources from misuse and safeguard assets," according to the audit obtained by The Associated Press.

The report by the Office of the State Auditor to be released today by A&M officials at a press conference in College Station is highly critical of school business carried out by former A&M regents Chairman Ross Margraves and former school Vice President Robert Smith.

Smith was found guilty by a Brazos County jury in November of illegally soliciting a trip for his wife from the company awarded a multi-million-dollar contract to run the A&M bookstore. He was fined \$2,750 and given a year's probation for the misdemeanor offense.

Margraves remains under investigation by the Brazos County district attorney's office.

Neither Margraves nor Smith immediately returned telephone messages left at their offices Thursday by the AP. Margraves has repeatedly denied any wrongdoing.

Dick DeGuerin, Smith's attorney said, "What we found, and what the

trial showed is that Robert Smith is a totally honest and dedicated man, who fell victim to politics at Texas A&M. He didn't violate any law. He worked hard and made a lot of money for Texas A&M."

The 60-page audit also outlines how the university should have been aware of a \$200,000 research gift accepted by a distinguished professor as part of a project that he claimed would turn mercury into gold. University officials have said they weren't aware of the intent of the gift.

"This breakdown in controls cost the university money and media attention, causing embarrassment and ridicule," the audit says.

Terri Parker, spokeswoman for the Texas A&M University System, said officials would have no comment on the audit until today's 2 p.m. CST news conference.

"We do not have a copy of the final report and we will comment tomorrow after we have received it," Ms. Parker said.

A&M officials and the audit both say that changes already are underway to tighten controls and accountability at the university. A&M has been scrutinized since the Texas Rangers and FBI began investigating various school business ventures involving Margraves in late 1993.

The probe began after an anonymous letter was circulated to A&M regents accusing Margraves of attempting to benefit personally by privatization of campus operations.

The most critical findings of the audit surround a failed attempt to

develop a \$100 million power plant on the A&M campus.

The audit concludes that a negotiating team led by Margraves and Smith approved several steps in the project, which was to be the most expensive undertaken in the university's history, without the knowledge of the full board of regents.

The project was begun in late 1993 even though top A&M officials hadn't determined how much the plant would cost - estimates ranged from \$75 million to \$120 million; how it would be financed; what the school's true energy needs were; and how they would dispose of excess generated power, according to the audit.

The school had agreed to spend \$250,000 for consulting services in the development of the plant, the audit said. The company chosen to do the consulting work ultimately billed for \$2 million, including \$1 million worth of work performed without an authorizing contract, according to the audit.

The company was also selected in violation of state law and system policy, which requires that contracts for more than \$10,000 be opened for bidding, the audit said.

In July, the A&M regents, without public discussion, scrapped construction of the plant. State authorities are looking into the handling of the project.

"In the absence of an effective contract administration process, contracts have been entered into without

the necessary approval and with no legal review to protect the university's interests," the audit said.

Margraves and Smith also were criticized for taking six trips to New York between May 1990 and July 1993 at the expense of Barnes & Noble Bookstores Inc., which won the contract to operate the A&M bookstore.

The trips totaled \$35,000, \$8,000 of which was spent on four trips that included the men's wives, according to the audit.

Smith's conviction was related to a four-day trip he made with his wife in June 1993.

The trips included airfare, hotels, limousine service and Broadway theater tickets.

A&M officials also were criticized in the audit for failing to ensure that research protocol was followed by distinguished chemistry professor John O'M Bockris.

Bockris accepted \$200,000 for the "Philadelphia Project," which he claimed would turn mercury into gold.

The gift's donor later pleaded guilty to defrauding 380 investors of \$11 million in an unrelated securities scam. The investors named the university in a class-action lawsuit, alleging the donor and his associates diverted their money to A&M and the Philadelphia Project.

"Measures should be taken to ensure that faculty observe accepted research protocol regarding public announcement of their discoveries," the audit said.

Bockris didn't immediately return a telephone call left at his school office Thursday.

Simpson's private life barred now

By MICHAEL FLEEMAN
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) - A judge's ruling restricting the use of some prosecution witnesses could mean that the most torrid details of O.J. Simpson's private life won't surface until late in the trial.

Dealing prosecutors a rare setback Thursday, Superior Court Judge Lance Ito punished them for holding back witness lists they were required to turn over to the defense.

Ito said the witnesses on the late list could not be called to testify until defense lawyers have time to investigate them and prosecutors call the witnesses on a list provided earlier.

The second list was given to the defense Wednesday. The names on it weren't known, but defense attorneys have speculated that it includes many people close to Simpson's slain ex-wife, including Faye Resnick, author of a salacious book that portrays Simpson as an abusive husband.

Other possibilities, according to court papers filed by the defense, include former baseball star Steve Garvey, whose first and second wives knew Nicole Brown Simpson, and Cynthia Shahian, a friend of Ms. Simpson's.

Defense attorneys haven't commented on the witness list since receiving it. Prosecutors insist they don't plan on calling Resnick as a witness.

Law professor Robert Pugsley of Southwestern University said the ruling isn't a fatal blow because prosecutors probably planned to put such witnesses on the stand late in the case so jurors would remember their testimony.

Simpson is charged with murdering Ms. Simpson and her friend Ronald Goldman outside Ms. Simpson's condominium on June 12.

Prosecutors want to introduce evidence that Simpson abused his wife; the defense wants to keep that from the jury.

Ito hasn't ruled on the issue. The decision will be made after a hearing that promises to be so volatile, the jury will be sequestered before it begins.

Ito suggested the domestic violence hearing, which begins Wednesday, might be more wide-ranging than initially thought, covering "two dozen discrete incidents or issues."

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Police, Emergency Reports

Friday's emergency services reports contained the following information:

HEREFORD POLICE

-- Harassment was reported in the 400 block of North 25 Mile Avenue.

-- An incident report was filed in the 300 block of Avenue J where a complainant found some footprints in the snow in the backyard and thought it looked suspicious.

-- Officers issued three traffic citations.

-- There were four minor accidents reported.

DEAF SMITH SHERIFF

-- A 27-year-old male was arrested for violation of probation.

-- A 37-year-old male was arrested on an aggravated sexual assault of a child commitment.

-- A 29-year-old male was arrested for violation of probation and attempted murder.

-- Criminal mischief was reported.

-- An abandoned vehicle was reported.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

-- Firefighters were called out at 3:43 p.m. Thursday to a traffic accident at U.S. 385 and Union, but

no car was located.

EMS

-- Ambulances on Thursday ran on one transfer to Amarillo and one medical call.

Fugitive of the Week

Deaf Smith County Crimestoppers is seeking Carlos Acosta as its Fugitive of the Week for this week.

Acosta, 29, is a Hispanic male, height and weight unknown, who is wanted for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

An arrest warrant is on file with the Deaf Smith County Sheriff's Department and Acosta has been wanted since April 1987.

If you have information about the location of the Fugitive of the Week, you may be eligible for a cash reward by calling Crimestoppers at 364-CLUE.

All callers may choose to remain anonymous.

Children and grandchildren of the Bushes will attend, along with likely 1996 presidential candidate Lamar Alexander, as well as Marilyn Quayle and former Bush staffer Mary Matalin.

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Lifestyles

Ann Landers

Widow feels like 'excess baggage'

DEAR ANN LANDERS: I am a senior citizen and a widow. My husband was an active and beloved member of the community. His funeral last year was one of the best attended in our town. I received a great deal of attention and piles of letters of condolence.

When the holidays rolled around, these same people had their parties and get-togethers. Did they remember to include me? No, they did not. It seems if a woman doesn't have a husband, she is considered excess baggage. I notice this is not true of widowers. They appear to be very much in demand.

Please print my letter, Ann. It might remind your millions of readers that those of us who no longer have mates would dearly love to be included. Thanks for getting the word out.--Forgotten and Lonely

DEAR FORGOTTEN AND LONELY: The word has been out for quite some time, dear. I'm surprised it hasn't reached you.

Unfortunately, the world is not very kind to widows. This is an old story. As I have said many times, don't expect to be included or entertained. It rarely happens.

Plant your own garden. Get involved in community activities. Be visible. Do volunteer work. Look for ways to be of service. The list of organizations that need help is endless. When you think in terms of giving rather than receiving, you will be much happier.

DEAR ANN LANDERS: Recently, I played the Good Samaritan to an injured cockatiel parrot I found in the backyard of my building. I took the bird to the county animal clinic to see if it could be saved.

I was told the bird's wounds were superficial, and it was suggested that I leave the bird overnight and phone in the morning to check its progress. I'm a senior citizen living on a fixed income, but I scraped up \$50 for the deposit for the bird's medical treatment. I just couldn't leave it here to die.

Menus

HEREFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS Breakfast

MONDAY-Blueberry Pancake with sausage on a stick or cereal, buttered toast, mixed fruit, milk

TUESDAY-Breakfast Roll or cereal, buttered toast, orange wedges, milk

WEDNESDAY-Scrambled eggs and buttered toast or cereal, buttered toast, apple juice, milk

THURSDAY-Little Smokies, biscuit and jelly or Cereal, buttered toast, banana, milk

FRIDAY-Cheese toast or cereal, buttered toast, rosy Applesauce, milk.

Lunch

MONDAY-Spaghetti with meat sauce, Cabbage-Apple Salad, green beans, apple crisp, garlic bread, chocolate milk.

TUESDAY-Oven Fried Chicken with gravy, mashed potatoes, green peas, strawberry-apple dessert, whole wheat rolls, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Beef Stew, fried okra, pickle spears, lime sherbet, corn bread, chocolate milk

THURSDAY-Soft Tacos with picante sauce, lettuce and tomatoes, pinto beans, spanish rice, pineapple t.b., cinnamon roll, flour tortillas, milk.

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THURSDAY-Baked chicken, green beans, mashed potatoes, whole wheat roll, mixed fruit, milk.

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REV. TERRY COSBY

First Baptist will welcome new pastor

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The new minister earned his BA degree at Howard Payne University. He received his master of divinity degree in 1980 at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

David Williams, chairman of the deacons, said "First Baptist Church invites interested persons to hear Rev. Cosby present his first sermon as pastor Sunday morning."

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Creating that kind of educational

Names in the news

LONDON (AP) - Queen Elizabeth II's 94-year-old mother is not as shocked by the shenanigans of the young royals as some might think.

She looks the other way, said her retired private secretary, Lord Charteris, in an interview Thursday in the London weekly *The Spectator*.

"The Queen Mother is aware that in her lifetime the Prince and Princess of Wales are going to divorce," he said. "She can and will withstand the shock."

"You don't reach 94 without surviving a number of shocks, and Her Majesty is built of stern stuff.

Probably because she is a bit of an ostrich. ... What she doesn't want to see, she doesn't look at."

As for Prince Andrew's estranged wife, the former Sarah Ferguson, Charteris said: "Quite simply, the Duchess of York is a vulgarian. She is vulgar, vulgar, vulgar and that is that."

Pregnant first-year teacher makes event part of learning experience

By LINDA LEAVELL
Associated Press Writer

ROWLETT, Texas (AP) - Tiny children are throwing their arms around Dana Knox's stomach, telling her how much they missed her and what they got for Christmas.

It's the first day back to kindergarten at Stephens Elementary School and Mrs. Knox is beginning her second semester as a first-year teacher in the Garland Independent School District.

In Mrs. Knox's class, every lesson becomes an event marked with singing, coloring and rituals understood only by 5-year-olds and one bubbly adult. On Tuesday, the pupils seem excited about discussing a new year, clouds, colors and the letter "W."

"I've had (parents) call me several times at home and tell me, 'Dana, you are doing a wonderful job.' ... The first few times that I got those compliments it really made me feel good as a first-year teacher. It's like I told my mom, 'Mother, I'm actually teaching these kids something,'" she said.

None of the rookie educator's enthusiasm has dampened, despite her first pregnancy, which she confides tired her more than she liked during the first trimester.

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climate and incorporating a "teachable moment," such as her pregnancy, are what makes Mrs. Knox a standout first-year teacher, said principal Mike Richey.

"She's taking advantage of something that's happening so they can learn something," he said.

"I feel lucky that I have her. I feel like the kids and the parents are fortunate that I was able to hire Dana because of her attitude," he said. "I don't think that there's any doubt in anybody's mind that Dana cares about children."

He was so confident in her abilities, he made her a "mentor," a teacher who is paired with a rookie. Additionally, she was named a facilitator, a group leader for each grade level for a six-week period.

Those experiences exposed her to something she hadn't learned in her classes at Texas Woman's University: school politics.

Mrs. Knox also encountered trouble with overprotective parents who lingered after class began, waving goodbye and blowing kisses.

"The other day (a) little girl goes, 'Mom, you can go now.' And I was going, 'Yes! I didn't have to say it. The little girl said it for me,'" Mrs. Knox said.

She also heard from her peers who teach first grade and beyond about the pressure to get their pupils to perform well on the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills. In the Garland district, she said, campuses are striving to receive

exemplary ratings from the Texas Education Agency.

To receive the rating, at least 90 percent of all students in specified categories - black, Hispanic, white and economically disadvantaged - must pass each subject area of the TAAS; and the school must have a dropout rate of 1 percent or lower; and an attendance rate of at least 94 percent.

"Teaching the test. That's all they do. And they get little ditto sheets that look just like the test. ... And I'm thinking, 'That's not fun for them.' I couldn't do it," she said. "I guess I think there's too much emphasis on test scores."

She also admits that the paperwork was even more extensive than she imagined.

"The counselor wants you to fill out these papers on this one child and the reading recovery teacher wants you to fill out all these papers ... I wasn't really prepared for that but I'm hanging in there," she said.

Despite the obstacles, paperwork and emphasis on test scores, Mrs. Knox says she has no regrets. She knows she was prepared for the job - in at least one way.

"Some first-year teachers, when they walk in, they're a nervous wreck to encounter the children, to meet them or get to know them. They're just like, 'Oh gosh, I hope they like me,'" she said. "There was never really doubt in my mind that they wouldn't like me as long as I made learning fun for them."

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Sports

Cowboys installed as 10 1/2-point favorites over Sharpe-less Packers

By ARNIE STAPLETON

AP Sports Writer

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) - Face it, Packers fans, without Sterling Sharpe, who caught four touchdowns against Dallas on Thanksgiving, that 10 1/2-point line might not be so out of line.

Green Bay would become the first NFL team since the 1969 Kansas City Chiefs to win a postseason game as a 10-point or more underdog if they can upset the Cowboys Sunday at Texas Stadium.

On Jan. 11, 1970, the Chiefs shocked the Minnesota Vikings 23-7 in the Super Bowl. The Vikings were 13-point favorites.

Packers defensive end Reggie White doesn't have to look that far back to bring to mind an example of the unexpected.

Nobody thought White could play against the Cowboys on Thanksgiving, just four days after he had suffered apparent ligament damage in his left elbow and was thought to be out for weeks.

Dallas rookie tackle Larry Allen prepared to face backup Don Davey, but when he looked up, there was White, his elbow braced and heavily taped.

The NFL's career sacks leader, bum arm and all, turned Allen into a

6-foot-3, 325-pound rag doll on his first pass rush.

"It was pretty embarrassing," Allen said. "He was injured, but he hurled me back toward the quarterback with just one arm. I saw it later on film, too. It was pretty amazing."

"I was laughing about it yesterday," Dallas coach Barry Switzer said, "watching a tape of that game and watching Reggie play with one arm."

White was at the top of his considerable form. In a magnificent first half, he had a sack, he had hurries, he had knockdowns. He even forced backup quarterback Jason Garrett into an intentional grounding.

Allen recovered in the second half and Garrett led the Cowboys to a 42-31 victory.

Afterwards, White said he had prayed before going to sleep and when he woke up, the swelling around his injured elbow was dramatically reduced.

"It wasn't a recovery," he said. "It was a healing."

Dallas halfback Emmitt Smith said he'll never count out White again.

"You're talking about a one-man wrecking crew," said Smith, who doesn't have to look back to November to see a miraculous

performance by White and his teammates.

He's been watching tape all week of the Packers' 16-12 playoff victory over Detroit, when White helped hold Barry Sanders, the NFL's leading rusher, to minus-1 yard on 13 carries.

"I was shocked, very surprised," Smith said. "I didn't think anyone could hold Barry Sanders to less than a yard."

"They just caused havoc. They were always in the backfield. Really limited the directions he could go. They were swarming all around," Smith said.

"They basically got up in Detroit's hip pocket and just basically stole all their money. Just robbed them."

White said Smith will be another big challenge for the Packers.

"Emmitt has a way of fooling you," White said. "You think you have him tackled and he slips out of it."

"I don't know what it is and I can't explain it, but when you wrap him up he has a way of making you think he's going down and he'll come right out of that tackle," White said.

"It will be important for us to get the similar type of push we got last week, get him in the backfield instead of letting him hit the line."

White said he doesn't believe the

oddsmakers who say his season will end Sunday because quarterback Brett Favre is on a such a roll.

Favre, the second-rated passer in the NFL behind San Francisco's Steve Young, threw for 3,882 yards and a team-record 33 touchdowns and was intercepted just 14 times, 10 fewer than last year, when he led the NFL.

Even when you subtract Sharpe's 1,119 yards and team-record 18 touchdown receptions, Favre still threw for 2,763 yards and 15 touchdowns.

Sharpe is out for the season with a neck injury, and the Cowboys have quarterback Troy Aikman back.

But White said the Packers will have a shot Sunday if they can duplicate last week's effort, when they froze Sanders and controlled the clock for 37 minutes.

"When you've got your quarterback going good, it gives everybody confidence," White said.

Still, the Packers realize they're facing long odds.

"I think we've improved our team, but we took a kick in the pants here when we lost Sterling Sharpe," general manager Ron Wolf said. "I think we're a better team than we were last year, but when you play in these situations you can't lose a player of that caliber."

Irvin looks for a productive Dallas offense in Sunday's game in Texas Stadium which begins at 11:30 a.m. CST.

"We'll be running the same plays but we'll be running them better," Irvin said. "We don't mind if other teams know what we are doing. We can still beat anybody if we just do it right."

Irvin said the Cowboys don't need a Jimmy Johnson guaranteeing victory to get the team pumped up.

"We're just promising a victory to ourselves," Irvin said. "Nobody needs any speeches. We know what's at stake. We don't want to look back

with any regrets."

Irvin said it was ridiculous to blame new offensive coordinator Ernie Zampese for a dropoff in the Cowboys production.

Zampese replaced Norv Turner, who left to coach the Washington Redskins. Turner learned offensive football from Zampese when both were with the Los Angeles Rams.

"Ernie has been great," Irvin said. "He's as intelligent a football person as you're ever going to meet. How long has he been in the NFL? Two hundred years? Don't worry about us. We've been just fine under Ernie."

Kotite rides coaching carousel

By BARRY WILNER
AP Football Writer

If you're not dizzy from all the recent coaching machinations in the NFL, just wait. There's more to come.

The Carolina Panthers still don't have a coach, although Steelers defensive coordinator Dom Capers will be offered the job once Pittsburgh's playoff run ends. Neither do the Philadelphia Eagles - at least until Dick Vermeil makes his return official.

Seattle and Denver both want University of Miami coach Dennis Erickson, and are interested in 49ers offensive coordinator Mike Shanahan, too. Sam Wyche's situation in Tampa Bay is uncertain, pending the sale of the Buccaneers. Nobody knows if Chuck Knox will accompany the Rams to St. Louis - or be back with them if they stay in Anaheim.

Less than two weeks into the offseason, four coaches have lost their jobs. One of them, Rich Kotite, resurfaced Thursday with the New York Jets, replacing Pete Carroll. Erickson is the top candidate to replace Tom Flores in Seattle or

Wade Phillips in Denver, which should make for an interesting AFC West tug of war.

Kotite's judgment might have been clouded by finding another job so quickly.

"To have the opportunity with the players here to succeed, it's hard to explain," Kotite said. "You're in the best facility and city in the whole NFL."

Hiring Kotite was owner Leon Hess' doing. The 80-year-old Hess decided in December, while the Jets were in the midst of a five-game slide to 6-10, that Carroll must go after one season.

"I don't think hiring Carroll was a mistake," Hess said. "Management decided it needed a change. I supported it. This time, I took it upon myself. This is my decision. The buck stops with me."

"I'm one of the fans who has been disappointed for 25 years. Let's make a change. If it's wrong, it's my fault."

Kotite was the first coach fired in the offseason. When owner Jeff Lurie bought the team, he naturally wanted his own coaching staff. Anything short of a Super Bowl appearance

wouldn't have saved Kotite.

Lurie has turned to Philadelphia's past. Vermeil, 57-51-0 while coaching the Eagles from 1976-82 - they made the Super Bowl in 1980 - cited burnout when he left. But after a dozen years in the broadcast booth, his coaching spirit apparently has been rekindled, and he's expected to return to the Eagles' job in the next few days.

Jeff Fisher was rehired in Houston on Thursday, even though he went 1-5 after replacing Jack Pardee.

"I'm very excited about the opportunity," said Fisher, at 36 the youngest coach in the league.

Wayne Fontes has won quite a few games, two NFC Central titles and one wild-card playoff berth in his six full seasons in Detroit. He was rewarded with a 2-year contract extension.

"I'm like Lazarus," Fontes said. "I keep rising from the dead."

Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones rolled over coach Barry Switzer's contract, meaning five years still remain on the deal.

"That should say something about the job I believe Barry has done," Jones said.

Baseball players' union declares all 835 players to be free agents

NEW YORK (AP) - If the baseball union has its way, 835 additional players will be declared free agents by either an arbitrator or a court.

Union head Donald Fehr sent a letter to management lawyer Chuck O'Connor on Thursday saying the uniform players' contracts offered Dec. 23 are defective because they contained new provisions.

Union lawyer Eugene Orza, who drafted the letter, said if the union files a grievance and owners refuse to let arbitrator George Nicolau hear the case, the union could either file another unfair labor practice charge or sue the owners.

"They can resist all they want," he said. "The cases will be litigated in some fashion."

In Washington, White House chief of staff Leon Panetta said President Clinton will be briefed on the strike shortly and will "try to bring whatever kind of influence he can."

"He's very concerned that this is an issue that needs to be resolved, and resolved for the American people and

those that are interested in the sport," Panetta said.

Fehr, who spent Wednesday in Washington updating Labor Secretary Robert Reich, said existing player contracts require owners to offer players the same contract language specified in the expired collective bargaining agreement.

In a second argument, the union claimed clubs no longer can renew contracts. When players and clubs haven't agreed to contracts by March 1, clubs had the right to automatically renew contracts during the following 10 days.

"The only consistency I found among the owners," said agent Dick Moss, who won the free agency case as the union's general counsel, "is that the owners always seem to follow the advice of their lawyers, and the advice of their lawyers leads to the most litigation, the most income for the lawyers. They haven't figured that out yet. It's incredible to me."

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Herd travels to Dumas

Despite snowy weather the past few days, all basketball games involving Hereford teams will be played this weekend. Boys' Athletic Director Danny Haney said.

The Herd's doubleheader Friday night in Dumas will be played as scheduled: girls at 6; boys at 7:30. Junior varsity contests will be played in reverse order: boys at 6; girls at 7:30.

Hereford will host three sub-varsity games Saturday. The sophomore boys will play Plainview at 10 a.m. in the Hereford Junior High gym, and the freshman boys will take on Caprock in Whiteface gym, with the A team playing at 10 a.m. and the B team at 11:30.

The freshman girls will go to Amarillo to play Caprock at 10 a.m. HJH teams resume their schedules Monday. The HJH girls host Valleyview, with games at 5:30 and 6:45 in the HJH gym, while the boys play at Valleyview.

Bob Mathias, later a member of Congress, won the Olympic decathlon in 1948 and again in 1952.

Don Meredith, later a pro star and television commentator, carried the ball 267 times as a quarterback at SMU.

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Spurs knock off Jazz; Rockets whip Mavs

By The Associated Press
With Houston, San Antonio and Utah all playing well, the Midwest has been mighty.

Division rivals San Antonio and Utah both entered their Thursday night matchup having won nine of their last 10, and the Rockets were riding a five-game winning streak when they won 108-99 at Dallas.

Utah's home court might have been the difference in the Spurs' 104-103 victory. Lately, it's been more of a disadvantage for the Jazz than an advantage.

"I thought the Spurs came in here with the idea that this was the biggest game they've played," said Utah coach Jerry Sloan, whose team has lost five of seven home games while

the Jazz had an 11-game road winning streak. "As a result, they won the game. They played a lot more aggressive than we did."

David Robinson scored 11 of his 25 points in the fourth quarter. Dennis Rodman had 18 rebounds, and after Karl Malone helped bring Utah within six points with 3:25 to play, made two crucial stops on the Jazz forward in the final 1:40.

A basket by Malone with 1:15 to play cut the Spurs' lead to 101-98. After Robinson was called for an offensive foul, Rodman challenged Malone on his next drive, and he missed.

Robinson made a free throw with 16 seconds to play, then Utah's John Stockton missed two of three free

throws after being fouled behind the 3-point line with 8 seconds left, sealing the Spurs' win.

Rockets 108, Mavericks 99

Hakeem Olajuwon scored 33 points, continuing a torrid streak in which he's averaged more than 35 points in the past five games.

Vernon Maxwell scored 16 points and Mario Elie 15 for Houston, which regained first place in the Midwest Division after Utah's loss to San Antonio.

Jim Jackson led Dallas with 26 points, while Roy Tarpley had 19 points and 13 rebounds. Jamal Mashburn added 17 points for the Mavericks, who dropped below .500 for the first time this season.

Heat 114, Timberwolves 91

Billy Owens had 19 points, 10 rebounds and 10 assists for Miami, and Minnesota failed to score 100 points for the 12th straight game.

Glen Rice scored 24 for the Heat, who maintained a double-digit lead after the middle of the second quarter. Matt Geiger added 22, and Kevin Willis had 17 points and 19 rebounds.

Isaiah Rider scored 23 to pace the visiting Timberwolves. Minnesota rookie Donyell Marshall returned to action after missing six games with a sprained right ankle. He played five minutes and didn't score.

Clippers 95, 76ers 93

Los Angeles got its fifth victory of the season when Loy Vaught broke

a tie with a jumper with 8.6 seconds left.

Vaught finished with 25 points. Tony Massenburg added 18 points for the Clippers, who are 5-25.

Dana Barros scored 26 points and Clarence Weatherspoon added 22 for the visiting 76ers, who have lost four in a row and nine of 11.

Clippers coach Bill Fitch became the fifth NBA coach with 850 career wins, joining Red Auerbach, Lenny Wilkens, Jack Ramsay and Dick Motta.

Bucks 111, Warriors 103

Golden State lost for the 18th time in 21 games as Todd Day had 27 points and Eric Murdock 21 for Milwaukee.

Glenn Robinson had 19 points for the visiting Bucks. Vin Baker had 18 points and 16 rebounds, his 18th double-double in 29 games this season.

Tim Hardaway led the Warriors with 26 points, including a career-high seven 3-pointers that tied Chris Mullin's team record.

The Warriors were without leading scorer Latrell Sprewell, suspended for one game for missing practice.

Kings 94, Pistons 88

Sacramento scored 16 consecutive points in the fourth quarter to send Detroit to its seventh straight loss.

Rookie forward Brian Grant had a career-high 24 points and 13 rebounds.

Oregon pulls off upset of second-ranked UCLA

By The Associated Press
UCLA held the No. 1 spot in the college basketball poll for just one week last season. Looks like the Bruins won't even get a shot at being on top that long this time.

The second-ranked Bruins became the third member of the poll's top three to lose in two days when they fell 82-72 at Oregon on Thursday night. No. 1 North Carolina and No. 3 Arkansas both lost Wednesday night to set the stage for the Bruins' climb to No. 1 if they could sweep the Oregon schools on the road.

No dice.

"We didn't care anything about North Carolina," UCLA's Ed O'Bannon said. "That's clear across the country. We wanted to go out and beat Oregon."

Orlando Williams had 18 points to lead the Ducks (9-1), off to their best start in 20 years, to their second straight win over UCLA.

"It certainly should give us some confidence that if we play hard and smart, we can beat almost anybody," Oregon coach Jerry Green said. "We're not going to go away. I hope we're here to stay. I don't think anybody is laughing at us anymore."

In other games involving ranked teams on Thursday night it was No. 4 Massachusetts 80, Saint Louis 74; No. 6 Connecticut 102, Hartford 77; No. 15 Arizona State 53, No. 9 Arizona 52; Washington State 83, No. 17 California 71; No. 20 New Mexico State 98, Long Beach State 78; and No. 23 Stanford 65, Washington 51.

Oregon outscored UCLA 14-3 over the final 4:33, and the Bruins (6-1) didn't have a field goal in the last 4:51. That run included four free throws with 37 seconds left after UCLA coach Jim Harrick was called for two technical fouls and ejected from the game. Harrick bumped referee Steve Wilson during the

dispute over a travelling call against Tyus Edney.

The free throws gave the Ducks a 79-71 lead and ended any chance for a Bruins comeback, but Harrick didn't think he cost his team the game.

"Heaven sakes no, gracious sakes no," he said when asked if he wanted the technical.

O'Bannon agreed.

"The technicals didn't do anything," he said. "We should have been up by 40 points at that time."

Oregon had a 45-37 edge in rebounding, 25-10 on the offensive end, and forced UCLA into 21 turnovers.

"They just completely outplayed us in every phase of the game," Harrick said, "especially the rebounding."

O'Bannon and Edney each had 18 points for the Bruins, who lost 80-79 to the Ducks in the final game of the

regular season last year.

"Both times we played like we were a high school team," O'Bannon said. "We didn't play hard. We didn't play together. We didn't crash like we usually do. We didn't do nothing, same as last year."

No. 4 Massachusetts 80,

Saint Louis 74

The Minutemen (7-1) appear to be next in line for the No. 1 spot, a post they held for one week earlier in the season.

Lou Roe had 29 points and eight rebounds as Massachusetts snapped Saint Louis' 22-game home winning streak despite not having starting center Marcus Camby, who didn't make the trip after being told of the death of his grandmother.

Mike Williams added 18 points for Massachusetts, which held the Billikens (8-1) to 36 percent shooting, their worst mark of the season. Erwin Claggett had 18 points to lead Saint

Louis, which closed the gap with a late 3-point barrage.

No. 6 Connecticut 102, Hartford 77

Ray Allen had 20 points and Travis Knight 16 as the Huskies (9-0) won their eighth straight over Hartford, the last five by 25 points or more.

Connecticut went on a 23-7 run midway through the first half for a 49-28 lead and coasted to the on-campus victory. Harun Ramey had 20 points to lead the Hawks (2-6).

No. 15 Arizona St. 53,

No. 9 Arizona 52

Ron Riley's lane jumper with 1:34 to play accounted for the final points of the game, giving Arizona State (10-2) the lead for good.

Riley finished with 19 points for the Sun Devils, who lost 14 of their previous 16 to the Wildcats (9-3). Arizona's Damon Stoudamire appeared to give Arizona the lead with five

seconds left in the Pac-10 opener for both teams, but the Wildcats had called a timeout, and the 3-pointer didn't count.

Arizona's Reggie Geary was tied up in the lane on the final possession, and time expired. Ben Davis led Arizona with 15 points while Stoudamire finished with five, well below his 20.9 average.

No. 20 New Mexico St. 98,

Long Beach St. 78

The Aggies (10-3, 1-1 Big West) closed the game with a 22-10 run over the final 3:51 to win at Long Beach State for the first time since 1991.

Keith Kohlson had 16 points to lead the Aggies, who lost to UC Santa Barbara in their last game. James Cotton, returning from an ankle injury he suffered Nov. 18, had 14 points in 29 minutes as the 49ers (4-3, 0-1) lost for the first time in their new building, The Pyramid.

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Church News

SAN JOSE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Congratulations to the Roy Rodriguez family who reside at 507 Mable Street in Hereford. They were the winners of Christmas Basket Raffle drawing that was held on Jan 1. Thanks to all who support this fundraiser which netted \$900 for the parish Building Fund.

On Sunday evening there will be Evening Prayer for the Feast of the Epiphany at 7:00 in the church. After the service, there will be a reception in the parish rectory to honor all parish choirs for their dedication and work the past 12 months. Come celebrate the close of the Christmas season!

On Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the salon, there will be an Adult Formation Session. Continuing the Church History theme begun in September, this session will focus on "the Protestant Reformation of the 1500's and the Evangelization of the New World". Father Darryl will present the session in English and Deacon Jessie Guerrero in Spanish. All parishioners are strongly encouraged to come and learn about how so many Christian denominations came to be. Parents of children and teenagers who wish to receive sacraments during the Easter season are also required to attend. Please bring along baptismal certificates for your children or teenagers if you have not done so.

On Sunday afternoon at 3:30 p.m. in the salon, Father Darryl will be hosting a meeting with residents who live in the Hormiguero and Coronado Acres communities and who own small parcels of land. Father Darryl is working on a grant proposal with the Campaign for Human Development to provide training in Spanish and English for small farm management, family goal-setting and community organizing. Deacon Dario Rendon, who has worked on similar grants in the Lubbock area, will be present to assist us in exploring the possibilities.

ST. THOMAS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

"People in Expectation" is the title of the sermon by the Rev. Charles A. Wilson on Jan. 8, which is the First Sunday after the Epiphany and the feast of the Baptism of our Lord Jesus Christ. Holy Baptism and the Holy Eucharist will be celebrated at 11 a.m. and there will be a coffee hour after the service with the traditional Epiphany cake and ring and the crowning of the Epiphany King or Queen.

The regular Wednesday Public Service of Healing is at 7 p.m. with the Litany of Healing and the Daily Office of Evening Prayer conducted by St. Thomas' Lay Readers. Father Wilson will be at the annual Province VII Small Church Clergy Conference at the Bishop Quartermann Conference Center in Amarillo from Monday dinner through Thursday breakfast.

Intercessory prayer requests from the community are most welcome. To have them included in the Prayers of the People at all services, please call 364-0146 and leave a message. In case of emergency or to make appointments for personal conferences, please call Father Wilson in Amarillo at 353-1734.

There is Christian Education each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. Children and youth meet in the Sunday School room in the Education wing. The Adult Class begins a series of videos/discussions called "Issues and Ethics" from the VISION Network on the Faith and Values Channel. The Adult Class meets in the church parlor.

What is 'degradable'? Test your environmental IQ with this quiz

What do the words "degradable" and "recycling" mean to you? The Plastic Bag Association recently asked 200 consumers what they knew about commonly used environmental terms like these. The survey found that consumers' environmental I.Q. with the following questions:

1) True or false: Donating an old coat to charity is an example of recycling.

2) True or false: "Source reduction" means using less material to produce a package.

3) Which of the following products can be considered degradable: banana, aluminum can, paper bag, plastic bottle.

4) Which is an example of recycling:

-A plastic dry cleaning bag used to protect out-of-season clothes, or -A plastic grocery bag turned into plastic lumber?

5) True or False: A rubber tire used as a playground swing is an example of "recycled content."

CHRIST'S CHURCH FELLOWSHIP

Christ's Church Fellowship at 401 West Park Avenue will meet for Sunday School classes at 9:30 Sunday morning with worship following at 10:45. Youth and men's ministries meet at 6 p.m.

Women's PRECEPTS MINISTRIES meet Monday at 7 p.m. and Wednesday at 9:30 a.m.

K.I.D.S. Church will resume Sunday, but C Y C will not resume until next week on Jan. 18. Wednesday evening prayer time will be at 7:00.

January issues of THE CHRISTIAN READER and CHARISMA/CHRISTIAN LIFE magazines are available for \$1.50 per copy, and UPPER ROOM daily devotional booklets are available for Jan./Feb. DISCOVERY, the Creation/Science magazine for children is up for subscription renewal.

ST. ANTHONY'S CHURCH

Baptism Preparation classes for January will be in South Room #6, at 7 p.m. on Jan. 18.

Institute for Pastoral Ministry second semester (Feb.-May) will focus on the study of "The Christian Faith". Enrollment is open to all laypersons; everyone is encouraged to attend. Two 12-hour sessions will present The Creed and The Church. There is a \$20 book fee. It will be held at St. Anthony's. Registration/Orientation will be at the Catholic Student Center, Canyon, 9-11:30 a.m., January 14. Call Fr. Robert Busch, 806-655-4345 if you have any questions.

A Natural Family Planning class will begin Saturday afternoon, January 14, at St. Mary's Cana House, Amarillo. For more information contact Gerald and Denise Marnell at 289-5355.

The stage curtain is beginning to show serious wear and tear. Please keep children off the stage during all parish activities.

Vatican Catholic Art calendars are available for each parish family at the church entrances.

Please keep Sr. Aquinas in your prayers as she lays in a coma.

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday school is at 10 a.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church. We have classes for all ages. Rides are available if needed. If you need a ride, our number is 364-1667 or 364-1668. The Adult Bible class will meet in the sanctuary and will continue to study the book of Proverbs.

Morning worship is at 11:00. The title of the sermon for this Sunday is "The Eighth of January" and it is taken from Acts 10:34-38.

Our quarterly votives' meeting and fellowship meal will be immediately after church. Some of the issues to be decided will be nomination of a candidate for Synodical president, setting of a schedule for the Lent and Easter season, and for Confirmation.

WESTWAY BAPTIST CHURCH

We are located 7 miles west of Hereford.

Sunday school starts at 10 a.m. followed by the church service at 11 a.m.

Come worship with us.

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

Pastor Ted Taylor and congregation invite you to come this Sunday at 10:30 a.m. and hear evangelist Jon Randles. He is a "Promise Keeper" speaker. Jon will be our speaker for the revival. As you know, revival doesn't come just because a speaker comes. Revival happens in our hearts as we come before the Lord and seek Him. Make plans to be here during this revival. Jon Randles is a tremendous speaker and your family will surely be blessed through this time together. Tuesday is Children's Night and Wednesday is Teen Night. We will begin Sunday 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. and, nightly at 7 p.m. through the 11th.

Upcoming Event: Promise Keeper Rally--Jon Randles will be with us one extra night for a community-wide rally for all Christian men. The rally will be held at the HISD Administration Building at 7 p.m. on Thursday. Let's bring a little of the Boulder and Dallas Conference to Hereford.

It's time to get your family back in Sunday morning Bible study. New classes are beginning for everyone and all interests. Bring your family and get involved. Classes for the young through senior adults.

Bible study begins at 9:30 a.m., Sunday morning worship at 10:30 and Sunday evening worship at 6:00.

Wednesday evening services include Kids Fall Program, Teen "Club Paradise" and Adult Bible Study. All services start at 7 p.m.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Worship at First UMC, Jan. 8, will start with an 8 a.m. breakfast with Methodist Men in Fellowship Hall. Bill McCuaig, camp director at Ceta Canyon will be the guest speaker. We urge all men of the church and visitors to be present for this special meeting.

Sunday school will be at 9:30 a.m. and morning worship at 10:45. Dr. Ed Williamson's message is entitled "Jesus: As a Boy With Vision." The Scripture will be taken from Luke 2:41-52. The Sanctuary Choir will perform "Sing to God" as the anthem. Eric Gilley will play a trumpet solo entitled "The Glory of the Lord" as the offertory.

Evening worship service will be at 6:00.

Coming events include an Eagle Scout Rank awarding, Jan. 7 at 1 p.m. for D.J. Warrick in Fellowship Hall. Wilma Goettisch will have her 80th birthday celebration on Jan. 8 at 2 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. The Confirmation Class will have an introduction meeting and meal in Ward Parlor at 4 p.m. on Jan 8. There will also be a Children's Epiphany Party on Jan. 8 at 5 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

The men of the church and Hereford community are encouraged to attend the Promise Keepers Rally set for Jan. 12 at 7 p.m. in the HISD Administration Building. The speaker will be Jon Randles.

CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY CHURCH

Pastor Don Cherry and the church congregation invite the public to attend all services at the church located on S. Main St.

We have dismissed Sunday school for the time being and changed our Sunday morning worship service time to 10:30. The Sunday evening service will remain the same (6 p.m.) as will the Wednesday night service at 7.

For additional information, call 364-5874.

Answers

1) False. It's an example of "reuse."

2) True.

3) A banana and a paper bag.

4) A plastic bag turned into plastic lumber. The other example demonstrates reuse.

5) False. This is also an example of reuse.

Consumers are striving to do the right thing when it comes to the environment, but they're having a hard time digesting the alphabet soup of environmental terms that are often used without explanation," says Len Levy, president of PBA.

PBA's survey, designed to evaluate consumers' understanding of commonly used environmental terms, revealed the following misconceptions:

* Sixty percent of respondents believe that donating an old coat to charity is an example of "recycling."

* Fifty percent think that rubber tires used as playground swings

TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH

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

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

For additional information, call 364-3487.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Reverend Lanny Wheeler, Chaplain at King's Manor Methodist Home, will be the guest preacher for the Sunday worship service. The title of his sermon is "The Journey - the Choice". The Scripture lessons are Deuteronomy 30:15-20 and Matthew 7:13-14. The service begins at 10:30 a.m.

Sunday school for all ages begins at 9:30 a.m. Fellowship Time meets between services from 10:10-10:30 a.m. Come meet with others for fellowship and enjoy light refreshments.

The Youth Groups will meet Sunday evening.

Prayer Group meets at 6 p.m. Monday at the church.

The Women's Luncheon will be held Jan. 11 at noon. All women of the church are invited to bring a covered dish and join in the fellowship and good food. Working women whose lunch hour permits are welcome to come without bringing a dish. Husbands are also invited.

CENTRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Old man winter has come in with the New Year. As 95 begins it is an exciting time. We look forward with hope to the opportunities to serve the Lord.

Sunday afternoon we will be going to the prison in Amarillo. Sunday evening services will be our special singing night.

Sunday morning our lesson will be on singing and why we worship the way we do. Our Bible classes are in full swing. Come join us.

The Elders and Deacons will meet Monday at 7 p.m.

We would encourage everyone to watch the "Amazing Grace Bible Class" on channel 4 Sunday morning at 7:30. Also "In Search of God's Way" on Sunday night at 10:30 on channel 8.

COMMUNITY CHURCH

Pastor Dorman Duggan and the church congregation would like to extend a warm welcome to everyone to come and worship with them Sunday morning.

Sunday school for all ages begins at 9:30 a.m. and the morning worship service starts at 10:30. A nursery is provided.

The Wednesday schedule includes children's church, youth groups, and prayer time, all beginning at 7 p.m.

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

SUMMERFIELD BAPTIST CHURCH

The public is invited to attend all of the church services. Sunday school is held at 10 a.m. and the Sunday worship services are held at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. The Wednesday service is held at 7 p.m.

For more information, call 357-2535.

COUNTRY ROAD CHURCH OF GOD

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Pastor Woody Wiggins and the church congregation invite the public to attend all services and activities at the church.

Sunday school begins at 10 a.m. and the Sunday worship services are held at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Bible study is conducted at 7 p.m. each Thursday.

Pastor Wiggins said, "If you are needing a place to worship, come be with us. We are here for those who are hurting."

FELLOWSHIP OF BELIEVERS

We invite anyone looking for a church home to come and visit with us.

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Study brings fame to scientist seeking water answers

By JAY THOMAS REX
Temple Daily Telegram
TEXAS - Everyone, Andy Warhol said, "will be world-famous for 15 minutes." Applying science to the preservation of Texas' precious ground water earned William A. Dugas his 15 minutes.

Maybe more.

Dugas, whose specialty at the Blackland Research Center is agricultural meteorology, said he used up his 15 minutes recently with an experiment that had "immediate impact on the regulatory and political world, here and now."

Dugas' research dealt with the effect of weeds - specifically trees - on water regimes in specific regions of Texas. The experiment involved taking measurements of water runoff on land, then removing trees - mesquite in one area, cedar in another - and remeasuring the runoff to

determine the effect of the tree removal.

The study showed that the removal of mesquite trees had no significant effect on the water supply, but the effect of the removal of cedars was dramatic - 60,000 gallons of water saved for every acre of cedars cut for every year.

The four-year study that Dugas is spearheading, funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture Soil Conservation Service through the Blackland Research Center, could enrich the embattled Edwards Aquifer in South Texas by millions of gallons of water a year.

"A month ago, I was in my Andy Warhol phase where we all have 15 minutes of fame in our life," Dugas said. "There was a lot of publicity about the study because of the litigation about the Edwards Aquifer and endangered species and (the

Blackland Research study) sits in the middle of all that."

Water availability in areas supplied by the Edwards Aquifer has become an issue spurring debate among landowners of property over the aquifer and users of the municipal supply - including all of San Antonio. The debate has accelerated into lawsuits, legislative battles and calls for a state constitutional amendment to resolve the war over what is normally considered an abundant natural resource.

"There's an important political question in South Texas about water and availability, especially surrounding the Edwards Aquifer. How much water is there and who gets to use it?" Dugas said. "There are segments of the economy in South Texas that are concerned that the amount of water they've had to use historically will be reduced, especially for

irrigated agriculture."

"It's extremely relevant to San Antonio because they get all their water from the Edwards Aquifer," said Ralph Hicks, research assistant at Blacklands. "Every drop that San Antonio uses comes from the Edwards Aquifer and there are a lot of irrigated farms in Uvalde and Medina County that get water from the aquifer also."

Dugas thinks the results of his study could answer the aquifer's problem without the lawsuits or legislation.

"These results perhaps provide an alternative to what has been discussed so far. What they have been doing so far is to portion out a supply of water," Dugas said. "These results suggest that you might be able to increase the supply and that's a discussion that hasn't gone on to any significant extent up until now."

"Eighty percent of Edwards Aquifer recharge comes from the area that we are studying," Hicks said. "So it's immediately important right there."

The study concludes that by merely chopping down the right trees in the proper places, additional water may be available.

"The explanation is that (cedar) trees use large amounts of water and when you remove those trees, you don't save all of that water, but you save some of it," Dugas said. "It's pretty straightforward that sometimes when you cut trees you save water. But it doesn't happen in every case."

What is important to Dugas and those who depend on the aquifer is that, through the first three years of his study in Uvalde County, his results have concluded that cutting the trees has decreased evaporation by 10 to 15 percent.

"What that means is that there was more water available to either run off the surface or drop into the soil," Dugas said. "That's the only two places it could go. Both of those would increase the recharge into the Edwards Aquifer, which is the sole source of water for San Antonio."

Dugas began the experiment in 1991 with two equal 40-acre plots of land.

"We made measurements of how much rain fell and how much water evaporated off of these two areas before we did anything," Dugas said. "They were essentially identical when we got there. At the end of the second year, we went into one of the boxes and we hand cut all the cedar trees on that box. We didn't disturb anything else."

"We then continued to make measurements of the rainfall and how much evaporated from these two areas. The evaporation from the area without the cedar trees decreased approximately 10 to 15 percent."

The reduction in the evaporation caused by the cedar trees recharges the aquifer at a faster pace, Dugas said.

The same process has not proven as productive in other areas, however.

Prior to the Uvalde County study, Dugas and his team of Blackland researchers performed the same experiment in North Texas, but used mesquite trees instead of cedar.

"Up there we cut the trees, but we didn't save any water," Dugas said. "The reason was, in North Texas, we have a very large response of grasses. The grasses grew better because the soil was deeper. The land was not nearly as sloped as it is in South Texas, either."

"The reason we think that we have seen a savings in South Texas is because the soil is very shallow and the surface is made up of fractured limestone, or broken-up rocks. So when the water gets into the soil in South Texas, it tends to drop right through and not be held in the profile to then be used by grasses."

Dugas is weary of a notion that he is advocating the demolition of all cedar in South Texas.

"This practice is only appropriate for certain types of landscape and with certain kinds of cedar trees," Dugas said. "You wouldn't do this on sites with very steep slopes, nor would you do this on sites that have old cedar trees."

"So, it's not every cedar tree in the Hill Country we're talking about."

(See STUDY, Page 12)

Comptroller insists recommendations will work

By SCOTT ROTHSCHILD
Associated Press Writer
AUSTIN (AP) - State Comptroller John Sharp says his recommendations to reform the welfare system will get recipients back to work.

"The problem with the system, not just in Texas, but everywhere, is that the No. 1 goal of the welfare system is to get the checks to people," Sharp said Thursday.

Proposals by Sharp for welfare reform

AUSTIN (AP) - Here is a description of the welfare system in Texas and proposals by State Comptroller John Sharp to change it:

Texas Welfare

- In the 1994-95 budget cycle, Texas will spend \$18.6 billion in state and federal funds for Medicaid.

- In 1993, Texas' Aid to Families with Dependent Children payments totaled \$533.5 million.

- In 1993, more than 2.6 million Texans received food stamps valued at \$2.2 billion.

- To initially qualify for minimum benefits, a single parent with two children may earn no more than \$402 per month in Texas, as compared with \$778 on average nationwide.

- In fiscal year 1994, an average of 277,000 families, or 781,500 persons per month, received AFDC grants and related benefits in Texas.

- The typical AFDC head of household is a single, 30-year-old female with 12 or fewer years of schooling, no current employment and no additional sources of outside income.

- The typical AFDC family - a mother and two children - received a maximum AFDC grant of \$188 per month, or about \$2,250 annually, less than 20 percent of the poverty level. Texas' monthly AFDC grant is the nation's third lowest after Mississippi and Tennessee.

- AFDC families automatically qualify for food stamps and Medicaid benefits.

He said the welfare system should get "people to the point where they can get off of welfare."

The plan calls for a 24-month limit on people receiving cash assistance from the state, requiring mothers who have additional children while on welfare to identify the father, and revoking state driver's and occupational licenses of fathers who are delinquent in child support payments.

Texas' monthly AFDC grant - the state's major cash assistance program

for the poor - is the third lowest in the nation.

Sharp's 188-page report will be forwarded to the Legislature. Last year, Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock asked Sharp to study Texas' welfare system.

Bullock said Sharp's review, combined with an earlier report by state Sen. Judith Zaffirini, D-Laredo, on Medicaid needs, demonstrates that

- The typical Texas welfare family received benefits totaling \$778 per month: \$188 in AFDC payments; \$286 in Medicaid; and \$304 in food stamps.

Sharp's Proposals

- Establish a pilot project of 10,000 AFDC recipients and limit them to a total of 24 months of payments over a lifetime.

- Require mothers who have additional children to identify the father.

- Use automated fingerprint imaging to stop welfare fraud.

- Require non-custodial parents to attend job training and education classes.

- Remove rules that discourage marriage for low-income couples.

- Increase child support enforcement.

- Cut the bureaucracy and streamline eligibility at health care sites.

- Transfer eligible AFDC recipients to Social Security Income and Social Security Disability Insurance.

- Increase local control and flexibility of health and human service providers.

- Expand use of electronic benefits transfers to cut fraud, improve service, and save money.

- Use JOBS education, training, and employment funds to help teen parents stay in school and become self-sufficient.

Congress must overhaul the welfare system.

Many of the proposals would require a waiver of federal law, state legislation or both, Sharp said. If Congress reforms the welfare system, Sharp said his recommendations could still be implemented.

One of his main recommendations would limit AFDC benefits to 24 months for "employable recipients." Sharp has proposed testing that concept in 10,000 cases out of the approximately 275,000 AFDC families in Texas.

A report by the Texas Department of Human Services indicates that 51 percent of those on AFDC in 1993 had been on the program for more than two years. Twenty-five percent had received benefits for at least five years.

While limiting AFDC benefits,

Sharp also recommends flexibility in helping a person make the transition from welfare to work.

Under his plan, Medicaid benefits could be extended for several months when welfare recipients become employed so that if one of their children becomes ill they don't have to return to welfare to get health care.

Republican Gov.-elect George W. Bush was pleased with the report. He said many of the Democratic comptroller's proposals were similar to ones he made during the campaign.

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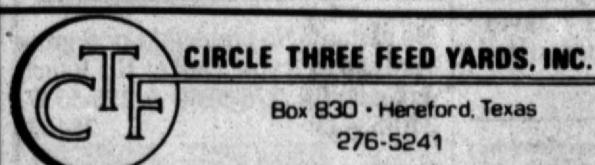


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Blount's humor aids in recovery from crash

By DeANN SMITH
Longview News-Journal

LONGVIEW, Texas - R.E. "Peppy" Blount is a former Texas legislator, University of Texas football standout, and World War II bomber pilot, but his biggest accomplishment has been his recovery from a devastating car crash last May.

"I am just thankful to be here now," the 70-year-old Longview attorney says. "My doctors say I am a miracle."

All 54 doctors. The former state legislator required that many to aid in his recovery from a May 27 collision that crushed his aorta, fractured nine ribs, put a steel rod in his leg and left him with 40 stitches in his face.

Blount, a former end for the Longhorns, said the Aggies may have claimed some of his top teeth, but it took the dash of his car to knock out the lower ones. Blount says his next major project is to have his lower mouth reconstructed.

"One person asked me, 'What are you going to do since you bought Good Shepherd Hospital,'" said Blount who, who spent 68 days at the hospital. "I have had every therapy Good Shepherd offers."

He now has therapy three times a week, and hopes to soon walk on his own. "I have gone from the wheelchair to the walker to the cane," he said.

He even jokes of playing at UT

next year as a running back because he says he will be an expert at weaving. "I have checked and found I have one more year of eligibility," Blount said in a warning to Texas A&M.

Blount, a native of Big Spring, represented six West Texas counties, including his home town and the San Angelo area, in the state House for three terms, 1947-1952, while he was a student at UT. He was the youngest to serve in the House.

He recalls one of his successful pieces of legislation grew out of his own experience as a football player.

In 1947, Texas and Oklahoma were tied with seconds left in the first half, Blount said. The clock ran out, but the Longhorns received an extra play because the Sooners had too many men on the field.

Texas scored a touchdown, and OU fans rained glass bottle down on the Longhorns as they headed to the locker room. Blount said it was quite a dangerous experience. He says he is still surprised a player was not seriously hurt at the Cotton Bowl.

"I went back to the Legislature and we passed the law prohibiting bottles in the stands. It was selfish and self-serving on my part. I had to play 'em up there again the next year," Blount said, laughing.

Blount's characteristic humor has aided him through his therapy sessions that he said at times have been very trying physically. He also credits prayers, a fine medical team and the strength of his wife as being keys in his recovery.

Blount's active life also has included serving as county judge and as a longtime master of ceremonies for the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

"I have never thought of myself as over 45 years old. I have been going 90 miles per hour all of my life - but not literally," Blount said.

But his law career and MDA work came to a screeching halt when he was traveling to Jefferson for a hearing that Friday morning in May. Blount said "Wham" is all he remembers from the collision.

When he regained consciousness, Blount said he asked a passerby to cut a hole in his throat because he was suffocating. And he asked authorities to call his wife, Eva Jean.

After surviving World War II, Blount was not too worried about dying. "You just don't give up," he said.

In the first few hours while in the emergency room, Blount was conscious and cracked jokes with the doctors and nurses, Eva Jean Blount said. But after surgery, Blount says he was "out of it" for about six weeks.

Cards and telephone calls from well-wishers such as former UT teammate Tom Landry and U.S. Rep. Ralph Hall poured in. The Blounts just recently finished reading all of the hundreds of cards.

"This has been one of the most humbling experiences in my life to know that many people care about me. It is just overwhelming," a teary-eyed Blount said.

The accident won't change how he lives, Blount said. But the experience has enhanced and strengthened the priorities in his life, which he said are God, family and friends.

"I am just grateful for every day. It makes you appreciate life more," he said.

He recently sold his cows and said he has plenty of hay available. Blount misses his law practice, but does not know yet if he will return.

"I just tell him to think of how far he has come," said Eva Jean Blount.

"The Lord willing, I am going to make it," Blount said.

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Conventional wisdom said retirees wouldn't take bait

But developers provided amenities that lured residents from all parts of U.S.

By MARLA DIAL

Associated Press Writer

SUN CITY, Ariz. (AP) - In 1960, few people were sure the idea would work.

Popular theory had it that retired people would never move away from their families and friends to live in a community for senior citizens, Jane Freeman recalled.

Today, the memory brings a slight grin to her face.

Sun City is not only celebrating its 35th anniversary in January but is the model upon which a growing number of retirement communities are based.

Freeman, a volunteer at the Sun Cities Area Historical Society and co-author of a book written for the city's 25th anniversary, knows what makes the concept work.

"People stay active out here," she said, holding a directory listing reams

of recreation opportunities. "I think that's why we have a tendency to live longer."

This Del Webb Corp. development about 10 miles west of Phoenix wasn't quite the first of its sort, Freeman said.

Elmer Johns, a builder from Lakewood, Calif., developed nearby Youngtown in 1954, but the project never really got off the ground. Freeman believes it was because developers didn't pay enough attention to recreation.

"It didn't provide a lifestyle," agreed Phil Dion, Del Webb chairman and chief executive officer.

Dion said Webb and his colleagues improved on the idea by building golf courses and shopping centers to

attract residents before the first homes were sold.

"Del Webb did a marvelous job when he planned this out," said AnnRose Hering, who moved here three years ago from Illinois. "He was way ahead of his time."

Sun City's wide streets, lined with orange trees, bear witness to that planning. It is difficult to find a stick out of place on either the immaculate, curving thoroughfares or the all-weather, low-maintenance yards filled with rocks, saguaro cacti and palm trees. Everything here is tailored for residents' convenience.

"It's utopia," said Hering, who stopped to chat with friends at the Sundial Recreation Center before heading in to a water aerobics class. "There's not one thing that has been left out."

At the Sundial - one of seven

multimillion-dollar recreation centers here - residents can participate in everything from swimming and weight training to sewing, ceramics or art classes. The building also houses a mineral museum, photo lab and shuffleboard facilities.

Eleven golf courses have been built over the years, and designers are making each one tougher as they find retirees are better golfers than they first thought.

Golf carts are a common sight in carports and on the roads, where they're legal transportation.

"You can do as little as you want to, you can do as much as you want to," said Louise Meyer, who moved to Sun City in 1971. "That's the life here. It keeps us moving, keeps us young."

Del Webb officials say they market a lifestyle as well as homes.

The idea is increasing in popularity but proved intriguing even in 1960, with more than 100,000 people visiting Sun City within three days of its opening.

The corporation sold 1,050 homes that year; the prices were around \$8,500. A simple, 660-square-foot home of pink cinder block on Oakmont Drive was the first to be occupied. It now houses the historical society.

Today, Sun City has about 45,000 residents; an additional 25,000 live in Sun City West, 14 miles northwest of Phoenix, which opened in 1978. Beginning prices for typical ranch-style homes are about \$100,000.

Del Webb Corp. has opened additional Sun Cities in Tucson; Las Vegas, Nev.; Palm Springs and Roseville, Calif., since 1987. It's now

opening a new Sun City near Hilton Head, S.C., and has plans to break ground in Georgetown, Texas, by mid-1995.

The "active adult" communities are proving a lucrative business. Del Webb's profit for the year ending June

30, 1994, was \$17 million, on revenue of \$510 million. Corporate officials say 80 percent of the money came from Sun City operations.

The aging of the baby boom generation set off industry growth in the 1980s. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, 31.8 million Americans were 65 or older in 1991, and the number will grow to 56.6 million by 2010.

Officials also say Americans are retiring earlier with higher incomes and living longer.

Del Webb capitalizes on such demographics to market the Sun Cities, which are off limits to permanent residents younger than 18. At least one household member must be 55 or older to purchase a home.

Many residents say they are too occupied to miss the cross section of society they left behind in places like Minnesota, Wisconsin and Illinois.

"I'm racing into the sunset, but when the end comes, I won't even know it because I'm keeping so busy," said Fern Overlook, a Sun City resident since 1986. "They say it adds 10 years to your life."

Arizona success prompted company to branch out in retirement building

By BRUCE SMITH

Associated Press Writer

BLUFFTON, S.C. (AP) - Dozens of workers scurry under gray skies on a site edged with tall slash pines as the largest residential development in South Carolina history, Sun City-Hilton Head, rises from the coastal lowlands.

Sun City-Hilton Head, Del Webb Corp.'s first retirement community in the East, will have 8,600 homes and is expected to bring about 20,000 people to the area within two decades.

In effect, the Arizona company is creating South Carolina's newest city about two-thirds the size of Hilton Head on 5,700 acres. The \$1.3-billion development is on the mainland about

a dozen miles from the resort island.

"We're selling a lifestyle here. You get a whole community, not just a house in a subdivision," general manager Dennis Wilkins said. He previously managed Sun City-Tucson, one of six Del Webb retirement communities in the West.

The centerpiece will be a multimillion-dollar town square with recreational offerings from bocci to ballroom dancing, putting greens to pools. Plans call for three 18-hole golf courses.

"There are a lot of people on the East Coast who know Del Webb but they may not understand what a Sun City is," Wilkins said. "It's an active adult community, not a convalescent center."

Webb, who died 20 years ago, was an internationally known builder and one-time owner of the New York Yankees whose company also built the Flamingo Hotel in Las Vegas, Anaheim Stadium and Madison Square Garden.

The first day sales opened at Sun City-Hilton Head last November, 25 homes worth \$4.1 million were sold. Since Del Webb selected the South Carolina site a year ago, there have been 9,000 inquiries.

"We've been looking for the right community and this fit," said Mervin Wallace. He and his wife bought a house on opening day. "I play a lot of golf and my wife's an avid bridge player," he said.

The couple had retired to Florida from the Northeast but wanted to

move closer to their children who live in South Carolina, Georgia and Virginia.

Sun City-Hilton Head's first-day sales did not approach the 237 homes sold the first weekend when the first Sun City opened in Arizona 35 years ago. But the concept of production housing is new to South Carolina.

Del Webb sells the lot, then builds the house for prices ranging from \$90,000 to \$200,000, although bigger lots and added amenities can raise the price. Buyers select a lot, pick out a house from a number of floor plans and choose their fixtures. It's one-stop shopping.

Workers are busy now on model homes and the 14,000-square-foot sales center. When construction reaches full speed, 30 subcontractors will start each day on two homes, which take about three months to complete.

At least one resident of each home must be older than 55.

Officials estimate that the development will mean 1,900 new and spinoff jobs. When complete, residents will pump an estimated \$1 billion a year into the economy.

However, the burgeoning growth brings concern in an area of scattered farms and small hamlets nestled off meandering tidal marshes, though just a few miles from Interstate 95.

Developers have announced plans for a nearby golf course community and a mall. The Beaufort County Council has slapped a six-month moratorium on new building permits for the area. It wants time to hire additional planners and review new development plans.

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Lawsuit claims error in lottery purchases

SAN ANTONIO (AP) - A lawsuit filed by a San Antonio couple alleges they lost a chance to become millionaires because of a mistake made when they bought Lotto Texas tickets for a \$7 million jackpot at a convenience store.

Harold and Rebecca Kinnard claim in a lawsuit filed earlier this week that a mistake by the wife of convenience store clerk kept them from sharing the jackpot with another winner.

The lawsuit was filed against Circle K Corp. under the Deceptive Trade Practices act, the first time such a claim has been brought in Texas, according to lawyer Paul D. Rich, who represents the couple.

"There is no case law in Texas on how to handle such an error," Rich told the San Antonio Express-News Thursday.

Circle K Corp. spokeswoman Ann Vry said the company would not comment until it is served with the lawsuit.

Harold Kinnard said he and his wife have played the lottery since it began and the drawing for Jan. 2, 1993 was no different.

"We were religious about it until this happened," Kinnard said.

The lawsuit alleges Mrs. Kinnard went to the store ready to play a total of four playslips with 20 sets of numbers.

The woman behind the counter at the store was actually a clerk's wife and not the clerk, according to the suit.

The Kinnards say the woman took

all four playslips, but instead of running each one through, they say she inadvertently ran one of the slips through twice and forgot to register both.

Mrs. Kinnard did not check the numbers before leaving the store, Rich said. The winning numbers were on the unregistered slip, they allege.

That night, the couple thought they were rich when one set of numbers they had chosen matched the winning numbers: 5, 14, 19, 20, 42 and 45.

When the Kinnards realized their mistake, Mrs. Kinnard returned immediately to the store but was told nothing could be done.

Rich, who says he has the playslips and lottery tickets from the Kinnards, said he believed the couple in part because there would be no purpose in the same person playing the same numbers twice in one lottery game.

LAS VEGAS (AP) - Wayne Newton is back in business on the Las Vegas Strip.

The singer was a Las Vegas mainstay for years but has stuck mostly to Branson, Mo., in recent months.

Terms of Newton's contract with Luxor were not released. Newton testified last month in a bankruptcy hearing that he will be paid \$325,000 a week for a 12-week engagement.

A bankruptcy judge approved a plan last month to pay Newton's creditors about 10 percent of \$22 million owed.

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the wrong numbers, ran them through twice and forgot to register both.

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