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Accident scene

A Nebraska man lost his life late Thursday night in this one-vehicle accident west of town on U.S. 60. Russell McCall, 44, of Stuart, Neb., died after he lost control of the grain truck he was driving east on U.S. 60. No other vehicles were involved.

Truck accident near Hereford claims life of Nebraska man

A one-vehicle accident west of Hereford Thursday night claimed the life of a Nebraska man, according to preliminary reports. The Department of Public Safety, which is investigating the accident, reported that Russell McCall, 44, of Stuart, Neb., was driving a grain truck east on U.S. 60 west of town when he apparently lost control of the vehicle shortly before midnight. The truck swerved to the right and straddled a guard rail, sliding about 350 along the bridge guard rail before rolling off into the area beside Tierra

Blanca Creek. The truck exploded on contact. McCall was dead at the scene. Hereford firefighters were called out to extinguish the fire. It was unknown if the truck was loaded or not. It also was not known where he was going or where he had begun his trip. McCall was not wearing a seat belt, but was not thrown from the truck. DPS troopers are continuing their investigation into the incident.

Senate panel dumps House budget, passes \$80.2B plan

By PEGGY FIKAC
Associated Press Writer
AUSTIN (AP) - The Senate Finance Committee has unanimously endorsed a proposed two-year state budget of \$80.2 billion, putting aside a House plan that would spend about \$2.6 billion less.

Education and human services would get more money under the Senate proposal than the House bill. The full Senate is expected to consider the measure Monday. "We paid particular attention to those programs for people who literally cannot help themselves, for instance the multiply handicapped that have to have help," said committee Chairman John Montford, D-Lubbock. "We paid a lot of attention to public and higher education."

"I feel, bottom line, it is a responsible, no-frills budget," he said Thursday. A conference committee was expected to work out differences between the House bill and the one ultimately passed by the Senate.

The Senate proposal represents a \$5.4 billion, or 7.2 percent, funding increase over the current level.

It comprises \$45.5 billion in general revenue funds, which include sales and corporate franchise taxes; \$23.7 billion in federal funds; and \$11 billion from other sources.

The House version comes in under the latest estimate of available

general revenue for the next two years, while the Senate proposal is about \$1.5 billion over that estimate, Montford said. The Senate plan also includes more federal funds that would be leveraged by increased state spending.

Montford said his bill anticipates that the state comptroller's May general revenue estimate will show more money is available. He emphasized that leaders remain committed to a no-new-taxes budget. "We are going in a little long. We understand that. We posture a lot of these issues for conference committee," Montford said. "I am confident that when we get this budget to conference, we will write a bill ... within available revenue."

The final budget figure is expected to be somewhere in between the House and Senate proposals.

Montford noted that the House version also contains an additional \$5 billion "wish list" of items - Article 11 - to be funded if more money becomes available.

"When we ask which body spent the most money, do we get to count Article 11? If we do, we whopped them good," Montford quipped.

The Senate bill proposes spending \$33.4 billion for education, including an 11.2 percent increase for public schools and 4.9 percent increase for higher education.

It would fund a public-education reform bill passed this week by the

Senate, including \$92 million for an increase in the minimum pay scale for teachers and \$270 million toward helping schools build facilities.

The House proposal doesn't include a teacher pay raise and would provide \$170 million for new facilities, giving public education a 9.4 percent increase.

The House version also is about

\$300 million short of what budget writers said colleges and universities need to maintain current services.

In health and human services, the Senate bill proposes \$27 billion, a 12.4 percent increase over the 1994-95 funding level.

Social services advocates praised the higher level in the Senate proposal.

Farmers anxious about dry season

By JEAN PAGEL
Associated Press Writer
LITTLEFIELD, Texas (AP) - The town that bills itself as "Denim Capital of the West" is already a little anxious about this season's cotton crop.

High winds and a prolonged dry spell have stripped the soil of most of its moisture as farmers prepare to plant.

Monty Dozier, in a field last week, dug down about 4 inches before finding damp clods.

"It's very dry," the Lamb County agriculture agent said. "It's got to have water."

Dozier said that dryland farmers in Lamb County, just northwest of Lubbock, haven't bothered to apply fertilizers or herbicides yet on their parched fields.

"It's not too early to give up hope," he said. But "we're starting to get nervous about it."

Where other U.S. cotton growers are keyed by the market prices for their crop, farmers on the South Plains are gripped by drought.

One water district's survey paints a grim picture: The Lubbock region needs as much as 8 inches of rain or irrigation before planting time in April and May.

"The soils have dried out about as dry as they can get," said Wayne Wyatt, manager of the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District. "It's just bad news, is what it is."

Wyatt points to June 1992 as the start of the dry spell that has turned West Texas into a tinderbox and dropped the Ogallala Aquifer 2.15 feet since last year.

So farmers who own irrigation equipment have been spending money to water their fields even before the

seeds hit the dirt to germinate. Farmers who don't irrigate must wait for rain.

Cotton fields yielded 2.8 million bales last year on the South Plains, a region that typically produces about 20 percent of the nation's cotton.

Drought notwithstanding, experts say, other parts of Texas seem poised to pounce on a strong demand and market for cotton.

Carl Anderson, an economist and cotton specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service in College Station, expects farmers in the state to boost this season's cotton fields by about 1 million acres, to 6.5 million acres.

Anderson attributed the acreage increase to a change in a government set-aside program, and per-pound prices 10 cents above last year's market. Farmers in Texas are switching from corn and sorghum - less profitable, costlier to produce - to cotton, Anderson said.

Growers across the country are scrambling to meet export demands; experts think a record U.S. cotton harvest is possible.

"If we have a good crop year, we will flood the market," Anderson said.

Don Ethridge, an agricultural economics professor at Texas Tech University, said farmers anticipate the market will stay at their liking. Prices last month edged above \$1.10 a pound, their highest level since the Civil War.

He said the long-term outlook appears strong and bodes a higher volume of business for ginners and merchandisers.

"Probably many producers will go ahead and maybe invest more money in trying to get a crop in, than they would otherwise," Ethridge said.

Hereford Bull



By Speedy Nieman

That feller on Tierra Blanca Creek says he remembers the good old days when the worst trouble you could get into on a mattress was taking off the tag.

Smoke and mirrors--that's the way to feel younger. Don't smoke and don't look in mirrors.

Daylight Savings Time arrives Sunday, so remember to set your clocks an hour ahead before going to bed Saturday night. We "spring forward" Sunday and "fall back" on the last Sunday in October.

The mother of a small girl was concerned about her child's selfish behavior and gave her a lecture, stressing that we are put in this world to help others.

Her daughter seemed very impressed and sat silently, thinking and scratching her head. At last she

looked up and said, "Mommy?" "Yes, dear," replied her mother. "What I want to know is, what are the others for?"

For the your line dancer friend or wannabee cowboy, you might consider a gift of Eau de Cow-logne.

That's the message that greeted me when I opened a press release this week from some company in Tampa, Fla. What it is, friends, is 3 3/4

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Coming in Sunday's Brand

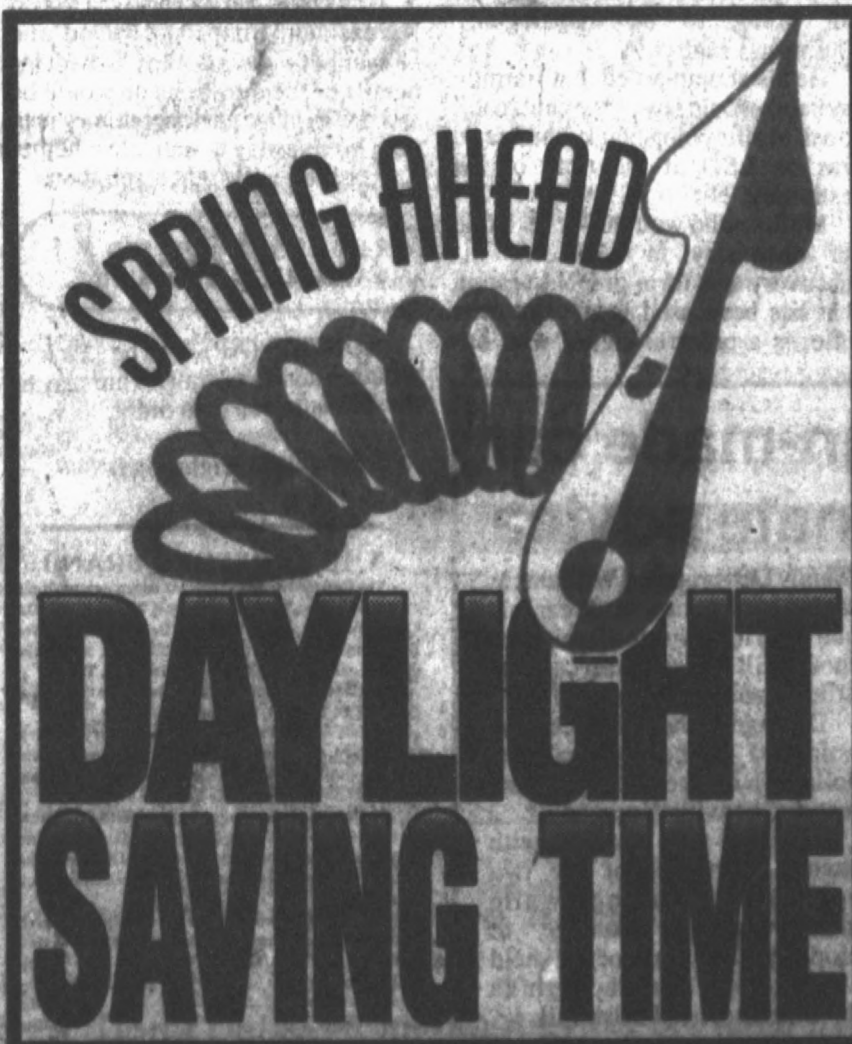
With the arrival of spring and warm weather, the thoughts of some people turn to their homes and what they can do to improve the look -- and value -- of their property.

Home improvement projects can range from a simple paint job to a complete remodeling project that adds space to the home.

Before beginning a home improvement project, check out the special Home Improvement section in Sunday's Hereford Brand.

The section contains a variety of information designed to make your home improvement project easier from start to finish.

Daylight Saving Time starts Sunday



WASHINGTON (AP) - Americans will shortly be able to enjoy more evening tennis, golf or cookouts - thanks to that extra hour of daylight instituted as a wartime measure but now used primarily for recreation.

That's right - it's time to spring forward to Daylight Saving Time.

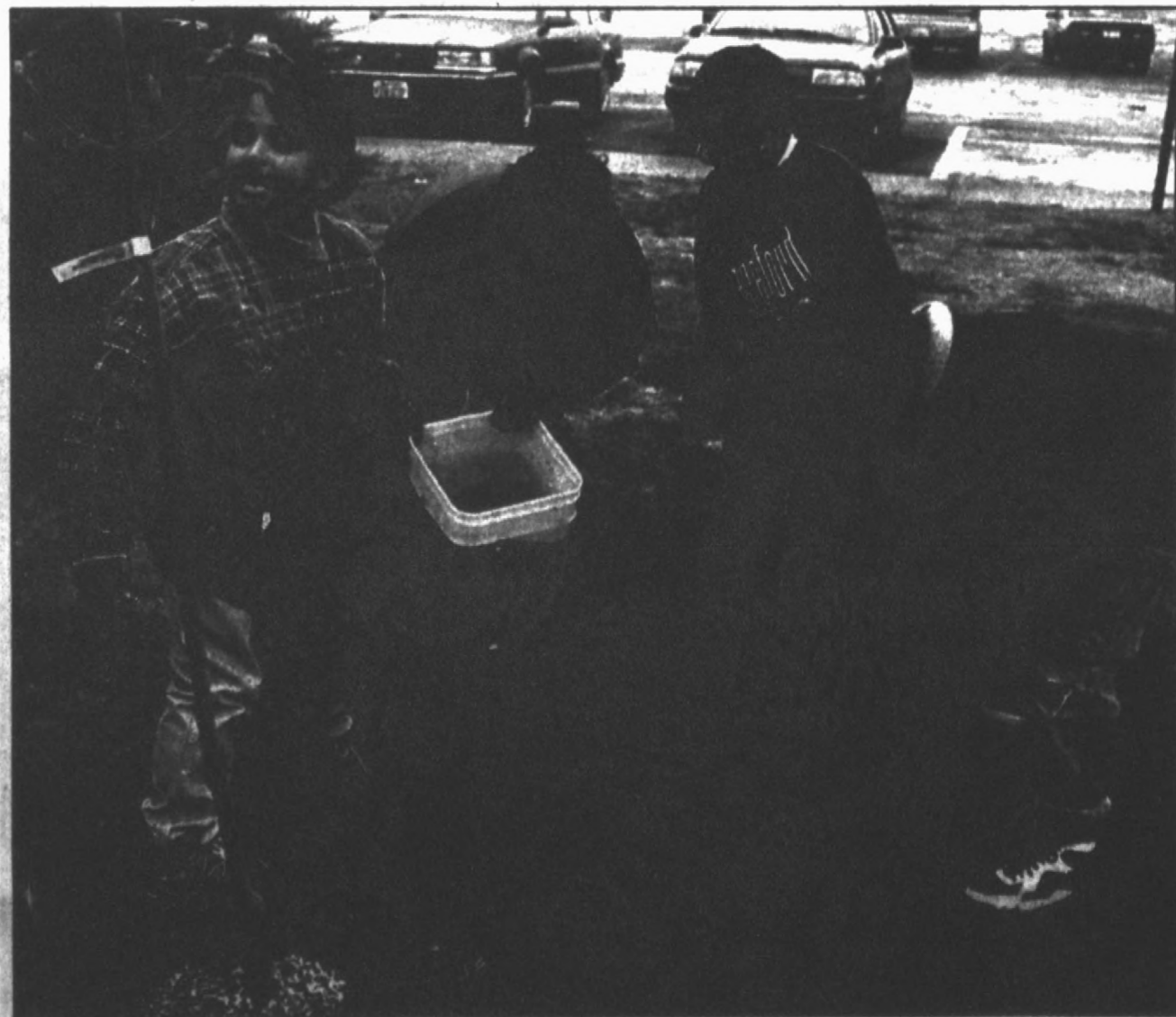
The change takes effect at 2 a.m. Sunday, although most people will set their clocks ahead before retiring on Saturday night.

Those who don't will be an hour late for church or other appointments. It was during World War I that Americans first took this step - only 35 years after agreeing to a national time system.

The summertime shift ahead, begun in 1918, was designed to save fuel by reducing the need for lights in the evening, allowing that energy to be turned to the war effort. It was renewed during World War II and the current system was adopted in 1966 with some modifications since then.

The law does allow some areas to exempt themselves from daylight time, and it isn't observed in Arizona, Hawaii, part of Indiana, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands or American Samoa.

And safety officials are reminding Americans that changing the clocks is also a good reminder to change the batteries in smoke detectors.



Planting a tree

Science students at Shirley Intermediate School on Thursday planted two seedless green ash trees as part of a lesson plan that involved all the classes making compost for the plant. Students used fruit, vegetables, leaves, twigs and Canadian Crawlers to create the compost. Here, students, from left, Albert Cruz, Harvey Martinez, Francisco Castillo and J.J. Quiroz dump the compost from paper-covered buckets into the hole for one tree. Students from all fifth grade classes will monitor the growth of the trees -- which were planted on the north side of the building -- for the rest of the school year.

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Local Roundup

Warm-up forecast

Warmer temperatures and less cloudiness should break out Saturday when the forecast calls for an early-morning low around 30 degrees and an afternoon high in the middle 60s. Wind Saturday will be 10-15 mph, from the northwest. Hereford picked up another .06-inch of rain Thursday, reported KPAN, official weather observer. The recorded high Thursday was 39 degrees and the overnight low, 34 degrees.

Recycling day scheduled

Community School and the Hereford Beautification Alliance will kick off "Hereford-Let's Make it Clean and Green in April" activities on Saturday with their regular monthly recycling day at the St. Anthony's Church parking lot. Items to be collected will be metal, aluminum cans, newspaper, batteries and clear glass. The collection will be from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Also, there will be a tire collection at the same time and location. No tires from agriculture or commercial sources will be accepted.

News Digest

WASHINGTON - The House immigration subcommittee has begun tackling a subject that's sure to spark vigorous debate on Capitol Hill: How to implement a new program to better detect illegal aliens who aren't eligible to work.

AUSTIN - The Senate Finance Committee has unanimously endorsed a proposed two-year state budget of \$80.2 billion, putting aside a House plan that would spend about \$2.6 billion less.

BAYOU VISTA - Tom Hawkins was grieving on the Internet over the deaths of his pet poodles, Missy and Muffin, when he first heard that two renegade police officers may have used a little stray dog for target practice. He recounted the story on the pet bulletin boards of Prodigy and America Online, and what started as an incident that rattled this little bay-side community of 1,200 escalated into international outrage.

AMARILLO - Amarillo will continue to have American Airlines jet service under a deal in which the city will subsidize the carrier by up to \$1.2 million per year.

Police, Emergency Reports

Friday's emergency services reports contained the following information:

HEREFORD POLICE

-- Two children, ages 4 and 3, were discovered wandering the streets without supervision in the area of Hereford Regional Medical Center. A hospital employee found the children and turned them over to police, who located the mother. The incident is being investigated by police.

-- A juvenile male was discovered to have a small quantity of marijuana in his possession while at the Deaf Smith County Youth Home. He was

taken into custody and charges are pending.

-- Phone harassment charges are pending in connection with a recent incident.

-- Burglary of a building was reported in the 100 block of New York Avenue, where two socket sets were taken with a value of \$197.

-- Threatening phone calls were reported by a woman while she was at work. No charges are anticipated at this time.

-- Burglary of a pickup was reported in the 300 block of Avenue I. Taken were a Jenson amplifier and CD player valued at \$600.

-- Criminal mischief was reported in the 200 block of Avenue F, where an item was thrown at a passing vehicle, causing damages estimated at \$50.

-- A 63-year-old male was issued a Class C municipal court summons after allegedly shoplifting an item in the 500 block of North 25 Mile Avenue.

-- Aggravated assault charges are pending against a 15-year-old male in connection with an incident in which a brick was thrown at a school bus which was occupied by a number of children. A glass window was broken but no serious injuries were reported. The suspect was taken into custody.

-- Officers issued 10 traffic citations and one citation for allowing a dog to run loose.

DEAF SMITH SHERIFF
-- An 18-year-old male was arrested for forgery.

-- A 41-year-old male was arrested for surrender of surety (possession of a controlled substance).

FIRE DEPARTMENT
-- Volunteer firefighters were called out at 11:50 p.m. Thursday to a traffic accident one mile west of U.S. 385 on U.S. 60.

EMS
-- Ambulances on Thursday ran on one motor vehicle accident (no patients transported), one medical (no pickup), one transfer to Amarillo, one dead on the scene and one industrial accident.

Hospital Notes

PATIENTS IN HOSPITAL

Elida Alonzo, Inez Cox, Roxanne Garza, Hortencia Gutierrez, Donald D. Henslee, Katherine Hubbard, Elizabeth Hutcherson, Infant boy Hutcherson;

Christina Lozoya, Infant boy Lozoya, Margaret D. McIlvaine, Janice R. Salazar, Grace K. Sanders, Juanita R. Sifuentes and Benny Villarreal.

NEWBORNS

Mr. and Mrs. Felipe Munoz Jr., are parents of a baby boy, Adam Lee Munoz, 7 lbs. 14 1/2 oz., born on March 24.

Mr. and Mrs. Emilio P. Hernandez are parents of a baby boy, Emilio Andrew Hernandez, 6 lbs. 6 oz., born on March 27.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Fuentes are parents of a baby girl, Brooke Eleise Fuentes, 8 lbs. 4 1/2 oz., born on March 28.

Mr. and Mrs. Eli Rodriguez are parents of a baby girl, Iesha Rodriguez, 7 lbs. 10 oz., born on March 28.

Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Avila are parents of a baby boy, Joshua Alexander Avila, 7 lbs. 14 1/4 oz., born on March 28.

BULL

ounces of genuine powdered cow manure in an attractive glass bottle for only \$8.95.

According to instructions, two-stoppers, line dancers, or wallflowers need just add water and smear liberally before going out to rustle.

The gag gift maker proclaims that Eau de Cow-logne is an "elderly new fragrance that Achy Breaky Heart fans won't find at Saks Fifth Avenue perfume counters."

You realize it's a gag gift when you see the company's name: Tongue In Cheek, Inc.

Wow! Why didn't someone in Hereford think of that? We've got plenty of the pure, undiluted, range-inspired raw product all around us! I don't think there'd be much demand for the stuff around here, but if you could peddle it to tourists, you'd get

rich with just a pen or two of cattle!

Have you ever pondered a question of life that is generally accepted on an everyday basis but just doesn't really make sense?

If so, you're not alone. Leland Debusk at The Hood County News in Granbury recently put together a list of questions that may or may not make you wonder:

--If an orange is orange, why isn't a lemon a yellow?

--How come the word "hors d'oeuvres" doesn't sound like it's spelled? It looks like it should be pronounced "horse dough vrees."

--Does non-dairy creamer mean you can't use it at a dairy farm?

--Why is it when you go to yard sales, the yard is never for sale?

--Does registered child care mean

School voucher proposal fails test

Issue expected to come up in education law overhaul

By PEGGY FIKAC
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) - A proposal to allow thousands of disadvantaged students to obtain public money to attend private schools didn't have enough support to pass the House Public Education Committee.

But the panel, acting informally without taking a roll call vote, agreed to other measures Thursday, to increase school choice and loosen state control of public schools.

Committee members also said the proposed pilot program for private school vouchers will come up again when the House debates an education overhaul bill. The choice and control issues are being worked on as part of that bill.

"I expect it to pass on the House floor," said Rep. Kent Grusendorf, R-Arlington. He said committee sentiment was probably 5-4 against vouchers.

His voucher proposal is similar to

one in a bill that passed the Senate Monday.

The pilot program would apply to disadvantaged children, defined as those who qualify for free and reduced-price lunch. Grusendorf said there has been testimony that 32,000 slots would be available in private schools for such children.

The private schools, which could include religious schools, that take vouchers would have to abide by some state regulations, including academic skills testing.

While agreeing to leave the voucher measure out of its rewrite of state education laws, the Public Education Committee, led by Rep. Paul Sadler, D-Henderson, endorsed other proposals for changing the public school system.

Under one proposal, school districts could get home-rule charters, with voter approval, that would free them from all but three areas of regulation: accountability, including

student testing and reporting; state funding law; and federal requirements.

The proposal would allow home-rule school districts to be free of class-size restrictions and the no-pass, no-play rule, which bans failing students from extracurricular activities for a six-week grading period.

But Grusendorf said the home-rule districts still would have to abide by no-pass, no-play as a practical matter.

He said that's because the University Interscholastic League, which oversees athletic and academic competitions between school districts, "is not going to let them compete with the other teams if they don't follow the same rules."

Voicing opposition to the home-rule district idea were Reps. Scott Hochberg, D-Houston, and Christine Hernandez, D-San Antonio. Hochberg said he doesn't disagree with the concept but added, "I have

an increasing respect for the concept of checks and balances" to protect people from "what I fear is the tyranny of the majority."

The proposal backed by the House committee also would allow teachers and parents at school campuses to get charters to design their own programs, such as magnet schools for math or science; and companies to obtain charters to design off-campus school programs.

The committee also informally agreed to a proposal to allow students in low-performing school districts to transfer to an adjoining district. The school district receiving the student would have to give its approval.

The proposal is similar to the present transfer policy, Sadler said, except that currently, the permission of both districts is required.

Sadler said the committee would have a chance to discuss the issues again before the bill is passed for full House consideration, likely in April.



Discussing careers

Potter-artist Rene Heil spreads his clay-covered hands to make a point to a group of Hereford Junior High School students during a half-day "Career Investigation" session at the school. Some 35 speakers representing careers ranging from the arts to the military and from law enforcement to computer technology

spoke to the students about their jobs. The students signed up by team to attend four sessions in the afternoon. Heil spoke about pottery and, from there, other areas of creativity including dance, music, drawing and painting. The program involved all students and was organized by the elective teachers.

Attorneys square off on DNA testimony

By MICHAEL FLEAMAN
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Proving that the battle over DNA evidence in the O.J. Simpson trial won't be for the faint of heart, a prosecutor suggested a defense scientist ought to go to a drug detox center before testifying.

Deputy District Attorney Rockne Harmon delivered his acid-tongued comment about Nobel Prize-winning scientist - and admitted LSD user - Kary Mullis out of the jury's presence Thursday.

Just moments earlier, Harmon was accused of harassing and intimidating scientific witnesses who didn't agree with him.

"This is the sort of thing we mean," said defense attorney Peter Neufeld, springing from his chair and pointing at Harmon.

Judge Lance Ito warned, "Mr. Harmon, I don't need to hear these things."

Mullis wasn't in court and messages left on his home answering machine were not returned late Thursday.

The sparring was part of a hearing in which Simpson's attorneys argued they had the right to resurrect a challenge of critical DNA evidence.

They also asked Ito to stop

prosecutors from waging personal attacks on witnesses like Mullis. Ito said he would rule Monday.

The hearing set the stage for the next phase of the trial, which could begin as early as today with testimony from police technicians who collected blood and other evidence from Simpson's house and Bronco and the crime scene.

Simpson, 47, is charged with slaying to death his ex-wife Nicole Brown Simpson and her friend Ronald Goldman outside Ms. Simpson's condominium.

Prosecutors said they plan to haul an airport trash can into court, along with a new witness to suggest Simpson disposed of something before leaving town the night of the murders, according to a court transcript released Thursday.

Deputy District Marcia Clark said a witness had come forward who saw Simpson standing by a trash can at Los Angeles International Airport before his late-night flight to Chicago on June 12.

"This witness will state that he saw Mr. Simpson reach down, then reach back up and go into his bag and zip it up," Clark said at a sidebar conference Wednesday.

"The trash can is coming, too," she added.

The witness's name was not released and Clark did not elaborate. Prosecutors also didn't say when they might produce the witness or the can.

Prosecutors are suggesting that two pieces of luggage Simpson loaded at his home are missing and that he discarded potentially incriminating evidence at the airport.

The promise of entering a garbage can into evidence served as an appropriate precursor to the afternoon DNA hearing, which was decidedly dry.

Defense expert William Thompson lambasted Harmon for trying to terrorize scientists who disagree with prosecution theories on DNA analysis and asked the judge to limit questions that prosecutors would be allowed to ask.

"We ask that you provide assurance to our experts that they are not going to be disparaged," Thompson said.

He also complained that Harmon probably would have "the chutzpah" to ask Mullis point-blank whether he was on LSD at the time of his testimony.

Mullis, who won the Nobel Prize for chemistry in 1993 for his discovery of a form of DNA testing that has been used in the Simpson case, is a colorful figure who has

admitted using LSD as a graduate student at the University of California, Berkeley.

Harmon then went to the podium and suggested "perhaps it would be in the best interest of the defense" if it put Mullis "in a detox center for a period of time."

Meanwhile, only one witness testified Thursday - Susan Silva, a Westec Security Inc. employee who explained the workings of the alarm system at Simpson's estate.

The prosecution wanted to show jurors that Simpson would have set off an alarm if he tried to enter his home through the garage or laundry room the night of the murders. He had to use the front door, Silva's diagram showed, and prosecutors suggested he may have dropped a bloody glove while circling the property to reach that door.

Prosecutors had sought to call Robert Kardashian, Simpson's friend and lawyer, but his attorney asked for details of the questions he would be asked. The judge gave the attorney until next Wednesday to indicate whether Kardashian will fight a subpoena.

Lottery

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

6-8-1 (eight, eight, one)

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Driver's foreign-made car offers unfortunate advice

NATCHITOCHEES, La. (AP) - When Simpson Williams Jr.'s foreign car told him to kill an American-made car, the untimely target was a Chevrolet sedan owned by the Natchitoches Police Department.

Williams, 42, from Houston, lost control of his Mercedes Benz on Tuesday night and it struck a pole and fence, police said. When a patrol car arrived to investigate, Williams began hitting the squad car several times, ramming it into a yard and garage, police said. Officers Brad Walker and

Johnny Lewis quoted Williams as saying his German-made car told him to do it, saying his foreign car should kill an American car. The officers were uninjured.

Damage to the police car was estimated in the thousands of dollars, with the right side and rear end heavily damaged.

Williams was charged with attempted murder of the two policemen, driving while intoxicated and damage to property. He was being held without bond Thursday night in the Natchitoches Parish Jail.

Lifestyles

Ann Landers

DEAR ANN LANDERS: You recently printed a letter listing the warning signs of a potential batterer. I wish I had seen that list before becoming involved with my ex-fiance, Mr. Wrong. May I please add some truth to the warning signs?

1. Controlling behavior: The most widely used statements for behavior restriction are "I know what's best for you" and "I know what you want (or need)." The reality is that no one knows what is best for another adult. Unless I tell you what I want or need, how could you possibly know?

2. Blames others for his problems: Common statements are "Look what you made me do" and "If you hadn't done that, none of this would have happened." When someone does something to you, you must decide how you will react. When Mr. Wrong and I had arguments, he would smother me with a pillow or choke me to get me to be quiet. I had to keep reminding myself that it was not my fault that we disagreed. It was not my fault that he lost control of himself. I am responsible for my behavior, and he is responsible for his.

3. Playful use of force in sex: This usually includes demand. Mr. Wrong used to say that sex was one of my "wifely duties." There is no law requiring a woman to have sex if she doesn't want to. Participating in sex is not one of the wedding vows. Sex must always be by mutual agreement. Forced sex is called rape.

4. Past history of battering: Excuses include the classic, "If you hadn't provoked me..." The truth is that he chose to hit, push, kick, slap or punch you. You did not make him do this. Most importantly, if he hit you once, he will most certainly hit you again. Count on it.

5. Verbal abuse: This was Mr. Wrong's specialty. If someone deliberately hurts your feelings by word or deed, it is abuse, even if it is

as simple as "You look fat in that outfit."

6. Threats of violence: Threats are wrong because they are almost always precursors to the deed. If he threatens you, leave him before he does it.

7. Use of force during an argument: Most women feel, as I did, that if they haven't been hit, they have not been physically abused. Restraining someone is also physical abuse. Pushing and shoving are physical abuse. Any time he lays a hand on you in anger, he is abusing you.

Ann, please tell your readers that abuse and battery take a toll on one's physical, emotional and spiritual energy. It is simple to decide that you no longer want to be abused. It is easy to say no. We say this word all the time. Unfortunately, we find it especially difficult to say no to those we love and those we fear.

The solution is to practice Zero Tolerance. If you feel threatened or have been physically violated in any way, get out of the relationship. Tell yourself, "I don't deserve this, and I'm not going to take it anymore."

I thought it would be very difficult to leave Mr. Wrong. I worried about what others would say. I worried that he would retaliate if I left him. I loved this man, and part of me always will. However, I don't love anyone more than I love my life, health and sanity. All you have to do is decide that today you will be free. You can then be sure that tomorrow will be better.—Shreveport, La.

DEAR LA.: Well said. Thank you for the courage and strength you have given millions of women today.

What's the truth about pot, cocaine, LSD, PCP, crack, speed and downers? "The Lowdown on Dope" has up-to-the-minute information on drugs. Send a self-addressed, long, business-size envelope and a check or money order for \$3.75 (this includes postage and handling) to: Lowdown, c/o Ann Landers, P.O. Box 11562, Chicago, Ill. 60611-0562. (In Canada, send \$4.55.)

Dealing with loss is topic of seminar

The American Cancer Society will hold a Life After Loss Seminar during the month of April at the American Cancer Society office in Amarillo. Sessions will be held on consecutive Monday evenings, April 3, 10, 17 and 24 from 5:30-7 p.m.

The American Cancer Society offers this seminar and support group, without charge, to anyone who has experienced the death of a loved one within the past two years, regardless of the cause of the loved one's death.

Dealing with the death of a loved one is one of life's most difficult and stressful experiences. Often people feel lonely and confused because friends and family expect them to be over the death, yet their grieving continues. People may feel angry, guilty or depressed.

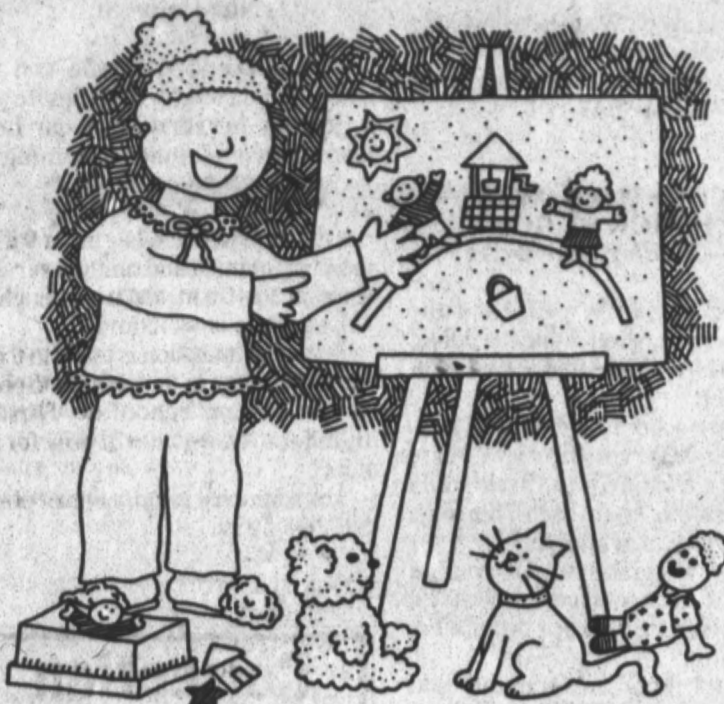
Many people find it helps to meet

with others who understand. That includes others who are dealing with the death of a loved one, and professional counselors experienced in helping people work through their grief.

In the safe and supportive atmosphere of a small group, Life After Loss offers the opportunity to talk about experiences and hear from others in similar circumstances. Participants can begin to understand the grief process, their emotions, and how to deal with them. They can get ideas that may help them day-to-day, week-to-week, and long term.

For more information contact the American Cancer Society at 806-353-4306. It is recommended that participants plan to attend all the sessions to receive full benefit of the program.

Illustrated by David L. Ruchelle



Felt story board will enhance imagination

Do-it-yourself storytelling is a terrific way to let kids' imagination come out to play. Your children can share their creativity using this inexpensive felt story board you make together. When the story board is complete, the kids will enjoy creating their own characters and props, which will adhere to the board as they spin a tale.

To make the story board, cut a piece of sturdy cardboard from a cardboard box. (Ask for a discarded box from your grocery store.) Cover one side of the cardboard with a piece of flannel or felt and glue it in place.

Before you make characters and props, talk about the story your children have in mind and help them determine what figures are needed. Beginners often feel confident telling memorized stories and rhymes, such as "The Three Bears" and "Five Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed."

Your older children may enjoy telling stories of the spring season, such as celebrations and traditions of Easter and/or Passover.

Use a black marker to draw the characters and props on nonfusible interfacing (available by the yard at fabric stores). The interfacing will adhere to the story board. Color the figures with crayon or colored markers. Cut them out with scissors. For a personalized story, cut out snapshots of your children, friends, pets, etc. and glue trimmed interfacing to the back. Magazine pictures work well too. Store the figures in a shoe box or a zipper-style plastic bag.

When it's story time, set the story board on a big easel or prop it on the kitchen table. Help the kids arrange the figures to make it easy to add or take them away from the board as the story unfolds.

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LULAC plans Cinco de Mayo

There will be a League of United Latin American Citizens fellowship on Sunday from 1-3 p.m. at 118 San Obregon.

All persons interested in the Cinco de Mayo celebration are urged to attend.

Names in the News

RADNOR, Pa. (AP)—Fed up with sex and violence on the TV talk shows? How about "Teenagers Who Die for Love" and "What to do When Your Uncle Kills Your Dad and Marries Your Mom?"

Tabloid television doesn't have anything on William Shakespeare and his works, such as "Romeo and Juliet" and "Hamlet," Maury Povich says.

"Shakespeare used all the themes tabloid TV touches," the talk show host tells TV Guide in its April 1 issue. "Shakespeare might have been thought of as the Ricki Lake of his era."

Menus

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WEDNESDAY—Scrambled eggs, buttered toast or cereal, buttered toast, grape juice, milk.

THURSDAY—Breakfast pizza or cereal, buttered toast, sliced peaches, chocolate milk.

FRIDAY—Texas style cinnamon toast or cereal, buttered toast, banana, milk.

Lunch

MONDAY—Breaded steak patty with gravy, mashed potatoes, green peas, hot peach cobbler, whole wheat rolls and butter, chocolate milk.

TUESDAY—Kitchen made pizza, creamy cole slaw, seasoned corn, fruited gelatin with topping, milk.

WEDNESDAY—Hamburger,

burger salad, potato rounds with catsup, fresh fruit choices, peanut butter cookie, bun, chocolate milk.

THURSDAY—Nacho grande with picante sauce, lettuce with tomato bits, seasoned pinto beans, Spanish rice, pineapple T.B., cinnamon roll, corn tortillas, milk.

FRIDAY—Fish strips with tartar sauce, macaroni and cheese, blackeyed peas, carrot stix, orange cream bar, cornbread and butter, chocolate milk.

ST. ANTHONY'S SCHOOL

MONDAY—Chili beans, french fries, rice, cornbread, butterscotch bar, milk.

TUESDAY—Turkey pot pie, yams, biscuit, jello, milk.

WEDNESDAY—Stuffed baked potato, mixed vegetables, blackeyed peas, hot rolls, apricots, milk.

THURSDAY—Turkey-dressing-gravy, green beans, hot rolls, mixed fruit, milk.

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Church News

WESTWAY BAPTIST CHURCH
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Sunday school is at 9:45 a.m.
Worship service is at 11 a.m.
A nursery is provided.
Music is led by Ronny Sanders.
The pastor is Ray Sanders.

AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH
This Sunday during morning worship the Lord's Supper will be observed. Sunday school is at 9:45 a.m. and worship at 11 a.m.
There will be a Deacons meeting at 5 p.m. The evening worship is at 6.
There will be an RA Road Rally Friday and Saturday beginning at 6 p.m. They will meet at High Plains camp ground.
GA sleepover/bookstudy will be held at the church starting at 7 p.m. Friday.
Wednesday night prayer meeting is held at 6:30.

The pastor, Johnny Griffith, and members of Avenue Baptist invite all of you who don't have a church home to worship with them.

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
Pastor Ted Taylor and congregation offer a cordial invitation for you to join us in morning worship. The sermon will be "Characters of the Cross".
Children's Church: This is Sword Sunday. You must bring your Bible to participate.

N.K.K. Wednesday will be Animal Day and Friday will be Movie Day.
Teens: Teen Care Groups meet on Sunday nights at 6 p.m. in Jim Pope's house, 107 Centre or in room 205 at the Nazarene Academy. "Club Paradise" meets on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. in the Nazarene gym.
Men's Fellowship Breakfast will be Saturday at 7 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All men are invited to come and be a part.

If you are interested in helping with Blue Water Gardens Ministry, meet with us this Sunday at 5:15 p.m. in the NCA Library.
W.O.W. Prayer Brunch will be April 8 at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.
Church softball teams are forming for this season. If you would like to play contact the church office 364-8303. Games will be played at 6:30 and 7:30 on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays.

ST. THOMAS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH
"Disciplines of the Spirit: 3. Sorrow" is the title of the sermon by The Rev. Charles A. Wilson on the Fifth Sunday in Lent. The Holy Eucharist is celebrated at 11 a.m., beginning with the Penitential Order and An Exhortation. There is a coffee hour after the service.
The regular Wednesday Public Service of Healing is at 7 p.m. with the Litany of Healing, the Laying-on-of-Hands with Holy Unction, and Holy Communion. We will observe the propers for Wednesday in the Fifth Week of Lent.
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. The Adult Class continues a series of videos/discussions called "Great Figures of the Bible" from the VISA Network on the Faith and Values channel. "Agony and Power: The Story of Moses" is the topic Sunday. The Sunday Church School continues with its mission study on the Church in West Africa.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
"Back to Genesis" will be presented at Cal Farley Coliseum, Amarillo Civic Center on April 21 & 22.
"The Leading Edge", an interactive Sunday school leadership training program will be led by Marilyn Leasure on April 8 9 a.m. to noon in the Fellowship Hall. Please register by April 5.
Attention Adult 6, 7 and 8!!!
No matter what month your birthday is you will be an honored guest at our Birthday Party this Sunday. Just come to Fellowship hall and we will have a great meal and program furnished by the Sr. Adult Committee.
Women on Missions Group will meet Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall for a missions program led by Lolita Vinson. We will also honor our past WMU ladies who are inactive due to health reasons.
Lola Curtininger needs packaged cookies and pre-washed Kool-Aid for the Prison Door Ministry before April 7 when she will be going to Pecos

for a Crusade.
There will be a Sunday School Council meeting this Sunday at Kinsey Parlor.

ST. ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
Congratulations to Brent Berend, second place winner, 13-year-old division, K of C State Free-Throw Tournament.
Medical ethics will be addressed by Msgr. William Broussard of the T.C.C. April 29 at the DeFalco Retreat Center from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Cost is \$10.50 which includes lunch. Call church office if interested.
Want to play softball this summer in the YMCA Church League? Call Johnny Dan Alaniz at 364-8162 or David Perez at 364-7015 before April 13.

St. Anthony School enrollment for 95-96. Early registration continues to April 3.
Stations of the Cross will begin Friday evening. All are invited to set aside time for this traditional Lenten exercise.

TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH
We know that you will set your clock ahead this Saturday night so you will be on time to Sunday School and Church. We at the Temple Baptist Church, 700 Avenue K, invite you to join us in worship this Sunday.
Our Sunday School and Bible Study begins at 9:45 a.m. with the morning worship service at 11. In our morning service, we are celebrating the ordinance of baptism and also the Lord's Supper. The pastor, H. Wyatt Bartlett, will be leading in both observances.

The Masterlife study will be at 6 p.m. with Brother Jim Bozeman teaching. We are nearly through with our study but would invite everyone to come join us.
At 7 p.m. will be our evening service with the pastor preaching. Our mid-week prayer service will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday evening.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Daylight Savings Time begins Sunday, therefore, please set your clocks appropriately and not be late for Sunday School which begins at 9:30 a.m. At the 10:45 a.m. worship service, Dr. Ed Williamson will preach from Genesis 19:24-29 and his sermon is entitled "Turn Your Face to the Good". The anthem will be "Agnus Dei" by the Sanctuary Choir and the offertory will be "Sweet Beulah Land" by the Praise Singers. One Great Hour of Sharing will be the recipient of the special offering taken during worship.
The youth of the church will be going bowling in Amarillo from 4-8 p.m. They will need to bring money for bowling and food.
Evening worship is at 6 p.m.
Remember to keep in mind the Holy Week activities which include Palm/Confirmation Sunday with a covered-dish lunch following the service. There will be the "last Supper-Living Picture" at 7 p.m. on Pal Sunday. A communion service is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Maundy Thursday. A Sunrise Service for San Pablo and First Church is to be held East Morning at San Pablo, 220 Kibbe, followed by regular Sunday School and morning worship at each church.

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
Sunday will be a very special day in Immanuel Lutheran Church. We are celebrating "Friendship Sunday".

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We would like to invite everyone to come to this celebration. "New Things" will be the sermon title, and it will be based on the text from Isaiah 43:16-21. Morning Worship will be at 11 a.m. We are extending a special invitation to all to attend, and we are asking all of our members to be present for this important day.
The morning worship service will be followed by a friendship meal. During the worship service we will have the Sacraments of Holy Baptism and Holy Communion.
Sunday school is at 10 a.m. We have classes for all ages. Our Adult Bible class will be studying the Pastoral epistles, with the days lesson being taken from I Timothy 1 and 2.
Next Wednesday evening at 7:30 we will have confirmation exam as a part of the Vespers service. We have three confirmands who will be examined. After the Vespers service, there will be a special time of fellowship with refreshments being served.
On April 9 during our regular worship service, our three young people will be confirmed. We will have a fellowship meal following the worship service, and the confirmands will be honored during this meal. Following, this we will have our quarterly voter's meeting.

CHRIST'S CHURCH FELLOWSHIP
"Christ in the Passover", a 45 minute presentation, will be offered for the community on April 6 at 7 p.m. by Dr. Carlos Morgenfeld, an Argentine physician who represents Jews for Jesus.
Christ's Church Fellowship at 401 West Park invites you to participate with us in the week's ministry:
9:30 a.m. Sunday-Bible classes (Nursery provided)
10:45 a.m. Sunday-Adult Worship and KIDS CHURCH
6 p.m. Sunday-Teens meet in Youth Wing
7 p.m. Monday-Women's PRECEPTS (Studying Revelation)
9:45 a.m. Wednesday-Women's PRECEPTS
5 p.m. Wednesday-Christian Youth Club (1st thru 6th grades)
7 p.m. Wednesday-Prayer Service for everyone.
Pastor Otto Schaufele will be preaching on the "Exodus Narrative" using I Corinthians 10:1-13 as a text.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
The Reverend B.J. Stribling, retired pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Canyon, will be the guest preacher for the 10:30 a.m. Sunday worship service. The title of his sermon is "An Act of Glory". The Scripture is John 12:20-33. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be served.
Anyone wishing to donate an Easter lily for the Easter Sunday service, please notify the church secretary. The lilies will be \$7.25 each.
Sunday School for all ages begins at 9:30 a.m. Irene Boardman is teaching the adult class.
Enjoy a bit of refreshments and meeting with friendly people at Fellowship Time which meets in the large Fellowship Hall Sunday 10:10-10:30 a.m.
The Youth groups will meet from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Sundays. Youth fellowship is from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

CALVARY WORSHIP CENTER
105 S. Main
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.

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.

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.

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 Ladies Prayer Group meets on Tuesday at 9:30 a.m.
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.

worship experience, you are invited to visit the Fellowship of Believers. Open forum study class is led by Doug Manning at 9:30 a.m. and worship service is at 10:30 a.m. Doug Manning will speak this Sunday at the the worship service.
Nursery facilities are available.
Free taxi service is available on request by calling 364-0359.

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.

COUNTRY ROAD CHURCH OF GOD
401 Country Club Drive
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.
A nursery is available.
Pastor Wiggins said, "If you are needing a place to worship, come be with us. We are here for those who are hurting."
Our 24 hour information and prayer line is 364-5390.

GOOD NEWS CHURCH
909 Union St.
Pastor David Alvarado and the Good News congregation invite you to join us in worship of our Lord Jesus Christ on Sunday morning.
Our early service begins at 9 a.m. and is in Spanish and our late service begins at 10:40 a.m. and it is in English.
Everyone is welcome!
A special invitation is made to those needing healing in their bodies to come to our Healing School on Tuesday nights at 8 where we will pray for the sick.
For additional information or prayer call 364-5239.

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Sports



Basketball champs

The Wolverines chewed up their opponents, 40-29, in the championship game of the Hereford YMCA's 13-under boys' basketball league. The Wolverines are (front row, left to right) Dustin White, Brent Schoenberger, Tino Murillo, Kane White, (back row) Slade Hodges, Guy Irish, David Williams, coach Steve Hodges and Cody Hodges.

Players won't party at Final Four

By STEVE WILSTEIN
AP Sports Writer
SEATTLE (AP) - The Final Four is party time for everyone but the players.
They came trooping off their jets Thursday. From Oklahoma State, Arkansas, North Carolina and UCLA came giants listening to music through headsets, already tuning out any distractions.
The games are the thing, and the only team that will celebrate in Seattle is the one that wins Saturday and Monday night.
"Welcome Final Four Players," read signs on topless bars and waterfront markets. Those places shouldn't count too heavily on the players for business.
"Today we're not going to do any sightseeing because it's been kind of a tiring trip and we're going to practice here in a few minutes," Oklahoma State coach Eddie Sutton said in the lobby of the team hotel in suburban Bellevue. "Tomorrow I think we'll try to let them see some of the sights."

Some of the sights might mean the Space Needle, with a ride on the monorail, and maybe a ferry ride. But between practice and interviews, sleep and more practice, the players know they're here pretty much on a business trip. And the business is basketball.
Sutton had considered putting his team in a hotel other than the one designated by the NCAA, saying he was concerned about the hoopla that surrounds the Final Four. But he decided his senior-laden team was mature enough to keep its focus.
"I think that's where discipline comes in and managing your time," he said. "We tell all our players there's a time to work and a time to study and a time to practice basketball. We're going to try to do that here."
Oklahoma State has the formidable task of slowing down the spitters of No. 1 UCLA, while defending NCAA champion Arkansas is preparing to play North Carolina after a perilous journey through the regionals.

The Arkansas Razorbacks arrived in a subdued mood, a huge contrast from their jaunty walk into the Final Four a year ago after a brilliant season. This year's team has scars from six losses and the narrow escapes it made.
"It's a totally different feeling," Arkansas coach Nolan Richardson said after the team arrived at its hotel. "Our guys are much more low key. There's not all the jumping up and down."
"We know it's another day at the office. We hope we're not treating this game any differently than any game we play on the road."
With each of the four regional games a down-to-the-wire affair, it would seem Arkansas might be relieved just to be here.
Not this team. After all, Arkansas is the defending champion, a team that returned all five starters and was just about everybody's pick as No. 1 when the season began.
"Right now, with what has happened to us, we don't just want to get there," Richardson said,

"because, let's face it, if we don't complete the round, the media and everybody else... would say that we didn't have a successful team."
That's the kind of pressure the Razorbacks have been under all season, and they haven't always handled it well. It started with a season-opening 104-80 loss at Massachusetts, a nationally televised rout that knocked Arkansas out of the top spot for good.
"Everybody is expecting for us to go undefeated, I suppose, and everybody is expecting for us to win by a large margin," Richardson said. "That's because we have created a monster, and now we have to feed that monster. Sometimes you run out of food."
Jim Harrick of top-ranked UCLA is the lone Final Four rookie among the coaches.
"From my standpoint, we don't change anything we do," he said. "It's one of the biggest social events in America, but I don't think the teams are involved in the social part of it."

Baseball awaits decision of judge

By RONALD BLUM
AP Sports Writer
NEW YORK (AP) - The baseball strike could end - if U.S. District Judge Sonia Sotomayor issues an injunction against owners.
Just two days before the scheduled season opener and the start of replacement baseball, Sotomayor was scheduled to conduct a hearing today on the National Labor Relations Board's request for a preliminary injunction that would restore salary arbitration and free-agent bidding.
There was no indication if she would rule today. Players already have voted to end the 232-day strike if the injunction is issued. Owners could lock them out, but it appeared that wouldn't happen.
"If the injunction stays and the players do again state their willingness to go back to work, then I hope they won't be locked out," President Clinton said.
Players, in a bid for a settlement, moved closer to the owners' position with a new proposal Thursday. But it was still uncertain whether the season would start this weekend with replacement players - or if at all.
"We believe, perhaps at long last, we are moving forward," union head Donald Fehr said after presenting a new offer to acting commissioner Bud Selig. "Issues are coming to closure. We are isolating areas of difference, or should be."
Earlier in the day, owners formally approved using replacement players in a 26-2 vote, with only Baltimore and Toronto opposed. New York Yankees owner George Steinbrenner voted against replacements in an initial roll call, then changed to vote for them at the end of the conference call.
But with the court hearing and more bargaining ahead, teams won't sue if replacement ball would start as scheduled.


"Right now, it's 50-50," Boston Red Sox chief executive officer John Harrington said.
Asked how long the uncertainty could go on, Harrington replied: "How 'bout 8:03 p.m. (Sunday). First pitch."
Selig did not appear quite as optimistic as Fehr and immediately returned home to Milwaukee. Selig said he will call Fehr today.
"These things are not answered easily," Selig said.
While the negotiators were meeting, Selig faxed Fehr an unusual letter. Selig said the teams "accept the union's unconditional offer to return to work," but then said the clubs didn't intend to restore free-agent bidding or salary arbitration.
The union's new proposal called for a 25-percent luxury tax on the portions of payrolls above \$50 million, 123 percent of the 1994 average, down from \$54 million and 133 percent in their previous plan on March 4.

Management is asking for a 50 percent luxury tax on the portions of payrolls above \$44 million, which was 108 percent of the average last year.
The owners' plan would have caused 11 teams to pay last year, with Detroit the most at \$6.4 million. The union's plan would have caused six to pay in 1994 - up from one in the March 4 plan. Detroit would have paid \$1.7 million.
While the owners' plan would have raised \$33 million in taxes last year, the union's would have raised \$4.7 million.
Owners, who would commit about \$22 million in bonuses to the replacements if the season starts Sunday, said Thursday all games with replacements will count in the standings.
With the Orioles still refusing to field replacements, the American League directed the Chicago White Sox and Texas not to travel to Baltimore next week for their

scheduled games at Camden Yards and told the replacement umpires - the regulars are locked out - not to show up.
AL president Gene Budig said he will hold a news conference Sunday to announce his decision on the fate of the team and of Cal Ripken's consecutive games streak.
Owners have agreed to keep basically unchanged the current system of free agency and salary arbitration from the expired collective bargaining agreement. The sides remain apart on the teams' demand for a luxury tax that would slow salary growth.

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Herd's game postponed until Monday

The twice-postponed baseball game between Dumas and Hereford has been postponed again. Now it will be played--weather permitting--at 4:30 p.m. Monday at Whiteface Field, boys' athletic director Danny Haney announced.
The game was originally scheduled for Tuesday and reset first for Thursday, then for Friday.
Hereford is 1-1 in District 1-4A and 4-9 overall. Dumas is 1-0 in district and 12-2 overall.
Although the rain stopped the baseball, it only delayed golf for about an hour. Pitman Municipal Golf Course is hosting a District 1-4A round for girls today, and the teams were able to tee off just before 10 a.m., Pitman pro Dave Kaesheimer said.
The Herd baseball team is scheduled to play another game at 1 p.m. Saturday in Pampa. That game was still going to be played as scheduled as of noon Friday. Pampa is 1-1 in district and 5-6 overall.
Hereford's track teams were unlikely to be affected by the weather, Haney said. The boys are competing in the Amarillo Relays Friday and Saturday, while the girls are in Levelland for a Saturday meet.
The Herd tennis team is playing in a tournament in Abilene Friday and Saturday.


Hereford to host Special Olympics

Eleven teams, representing eight Panhandle cities, will participate in the Special Olympics to be staged Saturday at Whiteface Stadium.
Returning to Hereford after an absence of several years, the Special Olympics is devoted athletes with mental handicaps. Some also are physically disabled.
The event is sponsored by the Hereford Rotary Club with a big assist from individuals and community groups.
More than 20 civic and business organizations have contributed supplies or funds for the Special Olympics, reported Don Cumpton, Rotary Club member who is serving as director of the Olympics.
Athletes participating in the track and field events range in age from eight to over 30.
Three teams will come from Amarillo, the Hot Shots, Trackers and Shakers. Other entries are the Pampa Hustlers and Specials, Borger Bullets, Canyon Eagles, Dumas All Stars, Fritch Achievers, Tulia Hornets and Hereford Whitefaces.
An opening ceremony, beginning with a parade of athletes, will start the day's activities at 9:30 a.m. in Whiteface Stadium.
Participants in the opening ceremonies, all Hereford Special Olympics athletes, include April Smith, giving the invocation; Norma Torres, leading the pledge to the U.S. flag; Camille Lance, leading the Special Olympics oath, and Rene Ruiz, lighting the torch.
At the conclusion of the ceremonies, Deaf Smith County Judge Tom Simons will declare the games open for competition.
Field events will be held from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. During the afternoon, beginning at 12:30 p.m., track competition will be held.
A complimentary lunch will be served in the Hereford Junior High cafeteria for visiting teams and coaches as well as workers in the Special Olympics.
Besides Rotary Club members, the Special Olympics staff will include members of the Hereford High School Key Club and Keywanettes.
The games committee includes Club President Johnnie Turrentine, Kyla Flores and Danny Haney. Haney also will serve as referee.
Spectators at the Special Olympics are not just invited, but encouraged, pointed out Turrentine.
"The athletes really love to have people in the stands cheering," she said.
There is no admission charge. A concession stand will be open to serve soft drinks and snacks, said the club president.

Season Opener golf tourney held

The foursome of Anthony Gale, Ted Hoelscher, Meredith Ireland and Earl Stagner won the Season Opener Golf Tournament held Saturday at Pitman Municipal Golf Course.
They shot a 65 in the scramble and won in a scorecard playoff. Also shooting a 65 was the fivesome of Don Leverett, Dave McDonald, Sherry Sargent, Wendell Burdine and Jerry Walker.
In third place at 66 were Wayne Boren, Mel Charest, Rhea Scott and Robert Kitchin.
Closest to the pin for the women was Brenda Ellfrost on No. 10. For the men it was Jerry Walker on No. 14.

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The Lady Bulls trampled the Untouchables, 19-6, for the championship of the Hereford YMCA's 10-under girls' basketball league. The Lady Bulls are (front row, left to right) Shanequa Gonzales, Rebecca Fry, Heather Brown, (back row) Ashley Carroll, Kerri Flood, coach Grady Brown, Carlie Henson, and Celeste Guzman.

7,000 fans mark Dome's 30 years

By MICHAEL A. LUTZ
AP Sports Writer
HOUSTON (AP) - The Astrodome, with a long history of hosting offbeat events, tried something new Thursday night: replacement baseball with the Astros and Yankees re-enacting the first indoor game played 30 years ago.
But the stadium that draws huge crowds for tractor pulls and bloodless bullfights couldn't attract much interest in make-believe baseball.
Mickey Mantle hit the Dome's first home run but refused to throw out the first pitch for Thursday's replacement game that drew about 7,000 fans, although the announced

figure was 9,525 tickets sold.
Juan Guerrero drove in four runs, including two in a seven-run fifth inning, and Craig McMurtry pitched five strong innings, leading the Astros to a 10-1 victory.
New York helped the Astros' big inning with two wild pitches, a passed ball and three errors.
Despite the victory, Astros manager Terry Collins' optimism has finally expired. He never expected to be starting the season with replacements.
"I'm all through being optimistic," Collins said. "I'm sorry but it's out of my hands. I talked to some of the guys in New York (Astros

players) and told them, 'Call me when it's over.' I see no reason to be optimistic."
Even a spruced-up Astrodome that included a freshly painted outfield fence outlined by a bank of flowers couldn't brighten Collins.
"I'm just going to get these guys as ready to play as possible," Collins said.
Players arrived early to get acclimated to playing indoors. They gawked at the spacious Astrodome and marveled at the plush lockerroom.
"I think we need to calm them down a little but I don't know how," Collins said.

Disappointing Warriors eliminated from playoffs

By The Associated Press
With Chris Webber, Chris Mullin, Tim Hardaway and more, the Golden State Warriors began the season as a team that some thought could challenge for the NBA championship in a couple of years.
By the time they were eliminated from playoff contention Thursday night, with more than three weeks still left in the season, they were frustrated and their coach was angry.
"It made me feel bad watching that," interim coach Bob Lanier said after a 108-80 loss to Atlanta.
"Like I told them, 'You all ought to just hand in your paychecks because nobody out there earned a dime, except for Woody (David Wood) running out there with a sore hip,'" he said. "They've got to look inside themselves. You all see it, the fans see it and they know it."

At 22-48 and with the fifth-worst record in the league, a lot has gone wrong for the Warriors.
Webber was traded away early in the season after a feud with coach Don Nelson. Later, Nelson resigned under pressure and was replaced by Lanier.
Mullin was injured and missed most of the season. Tom Gugliotta, acquired in the deal that sent Webber to Washington, was traded away to Minnesota.
After their latest loss, Lanier let his players know how disappointed he was with them. So did the booing crowd at the Oakland Coliseum.
"That's their prerogative. We would boo, too," Mullin said. "We're not happy with that's going on either."
"We could be playing anybody

and it's going to be a tough game for us, playoff team or non-playoff team. We're not in a position to get pumped up for one and not pumped for another because who we have we beaten? We struggle with everybody."
Mullin and Latrell Sprewell, the Warriors' top scoring threats, combined for only 10 points on 9-for-29 shooting. Golden State missed its first 11 3-point shots.
Grant Long scored 21 points for the Hawks and Mookie Blaylock had 12 assists.
Bulls 100, Celtics 82
Michael Jordan followed up his 55-point performance with 23 points, 11 rebounds and six assists as Chicago beat Boston.
The host Bulls broke open the game with 15-2 run in the third quarter. Chicago won for the 12th time in 16 games and pulled within a game of Cleveland for the fifth playoff spot in the Eastern Conference.
Toni Kukoc, struggling since Jordan joined the team six games ago, had a career-high 11 assists, 14 points and 10 rebounds.
The Celtics missed 14 of 37 free throws. Eric Montross was 0-for-8 from the foul line.
Rockets 108, Clippers 96
Clyde Drexler had 41 points and a career-high 18 rebounds as Houston sent Los Angeles to its eighth straight loss.
Drexler's 3-pointer started an 11-0 run that helped the visiting Rockets break away from a tie early in the fourth quarter.
Drexler, whose previous career best was 17 rebounds, tied a season

high for points. He also scored 41 against the Clippers on Nov. 5 when he played for Portland.
Pete Chilcutt, subbing for Hakeem Olajuwon, had 10 points and 11 rebounds. Both Olajuwon and Vernon Maxwell have missed two games because of anemia.
Lamond Murray had 26 points for Los Angeles.
Suns 113, Kings 96
Phoenix stopped its longest losing streak of the season at three behind Charles Barkley's 27 points. The Suns reached the 50-win mark for the seventh straight season.
The visiting Suns used a 10-0 burst midway through the fourth quarter for a 94-82 lead.
Mitch Richmond scored 32 points for Sacramento. The Kings had 22 turnovers to only eight for Phoenix. Trail Blazers 106, Nets 103
Coach P.J. Carlesimo won his first game at the Meadowlands since leaving Seton Hall for the NBA.
Derrick Coleman scored 32 points for New Jersey. He left the game with five seconds remaining because of an injured left wrist.
Portland made a late 13-0 run to help stop a season-high four-game losing streak. Cliff Robinson scored 22 points for the Trail Blazers. Mavericks 125, Hornets 107
Dallas won its sixth straight game, its longest streak since 1990, behind Popeye Jones' 22 points and 11 rebounds.
The Mavericks have won nine of 10 and are within two games of Sacramento for the eighth and final playoff spot in the West.
Hersey Hawkins scored a season-high 31 points for host Charlotte.

UMass assistant to head UNLV hoops

LAS VEGAS (AP) - To Billy Bayno, it was an opportunity too great for an aspiring young basketball coach to pass up.
The Massachusetts assistant brushed aside years of turmoil at UNLV on Thursday, taking the job as coach of the Runnin' Rebels and vowing to restore the once-vaunted program to national prowess.
"All I looked at was the positives

that occurred in the past, the great teams, the great coaches," Bayno said. "I grew up watching UNLV basketball. Every time I watched them play, their hearts and souls were left on the courts. They were the hardest playing team in the country."
The 32-year-old Bayno became the third head basketball coach at UNLV in the last three years, the second in only five months.

It is the first head-coaching job for Bayno, who promised to work to return the beleaguered UNLV program to the prominence it once held under former coach Jerry Tarkanian.
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Conquistadores, not Pilgrims, celebrated first Thanksgiving

El Pasoans take their history seriously. They insist the Spanish, not the Pilgrims, observed the First Thanksgiving. The first Plymouth Thanksgiving occurred in 1621, but the El Paso Thanksgiving took place 23 years earlier — long before the Mayflower reached Plymouth Rock.

It's hard to believe that controversy would arise nearly 400 years after Gaspar Perez de Villagra documented the journey of Spanish settlers looking to colonize a "new" Mexico. Villagra recorded the hardships of the journey and events that became the first thanksgiving celebration in the New World. Juan de Oñate and his travelers crossed the Rio Grande near El Paso on April 20, 1598, and feasted in thanksgiving. The notes were written in the form of an epic poem and were published in 1610.

Oñate led a troupe of 400 men, some with families, from Santa Barbara, Mexico, across the Chihuahuan Desert. The group was en route to establish a permanent settlement. They were accompanied by a herd of livestock and supplies that were specifically for the settlement in Santa Fe. With their supply of food and water depleted, the settlers were forced to rely on roots, berries, and the water of cacti and other plants. After traveling four days without a drop of water, the settlers dragged their weary bodies through the burning sands. On the morning of the fifth day the exhausted and feeble explorers rejoiced at the sight of water in the distance — the Rio Grande.

Stumbling forward in anticipation of quenching their thirsts, the troupe, including the livestock, plunged themselves into the river and drank until they could drink no more. For a moment they forgot all of their misfortunes and enjoyed the pleasures that had been long denied.

Oñate and his company were greeted by Manso Indians who offered them fish as a sign of friendship. Together they gave thanks and

celebrated with a magnificent feast of fish, geese, and duck. Oñate ordered that a chapel be built for the priests to celebrate Mass. Several of the soldiers put on a play that is said to have been the first theatrical performance in America. Villagra notes that Oñate performed *La Toma*, or The Taking, of the newfound land for the Spanish crown.

El Paso's Thanksgiving, held the last weekend of April, does not take place on the same day as the Plymouth Thanksgiving, leaving controversy as to who hosted the "First" Thanksgiving. Texans work hard at ensuring their Spanish ancestors' rightful page in the history books, but not surprisingly, Plymouth locals dispute the notion.

Several years ago, in an effort to set the record straight, a group from the El Paso Mission Trail Association took their case straight to Massachusetts. El Pasoans, dressed as conquistadores and Spanish settlers, rode proudly into Plymouth on horseback to challenge locals dressed as Pilgrims. The Pilgrims immediately "arrested" the Spaniards for their "blasphemy." A mock trial ensued and the Texans passionately argued their case. A Massachusetts judge found the evidence to be inconclusive, but wisely ordered the Pilgrims to visit El Paso's First Thanksgiving to find out more about the true history behind Thanksgiving.

El Pasoans celebrate the First Thanksgiving every year on the last Saturday and Sunday in April at the Chamizal National Memorial Park. Up to ten thousand people attend and all are invited to join in on the festivities. Of course, Pilgrims are welcome too. In 1998 the 400th anniversary of the first Thanksgiving will be celebrated. The planning process for this historical spectacular is already under way.

When you take part in this festive occasion do not expect to find any turkey, dressing, or football games on TV, but you will need to

pack yourself a picnic. Picnickers watch as actors and actresses dressed in elaborate 16th century attire reenact the wearisome journey that Oñate and his troupe endured. The performance will whisk you back in time as you watch the conquistadores with their plumed helmets and armored bodies, friars dressed in their long robes, and women and children leading mules act out the original drama that became Villagra's epic poem.

Activities during the two-day commemoration also include an array of interesting and educational events for the entire family. The morning begins with theater showings followed by an afternoon of blacksmith demonstrations, horse-shoeing demonstrations, and horse-drawn trolley rides. The outdoor stages will be filled with lively dancing and music and beautiful costumes that exhibit the Spanish culture. Children will enjoy the hands-on exhibit of the types of animals that were present at the first Thanksgiving. These same activities will be repeated on Sunday afternoon.

On Sunday morning you may choose to start your day by attending a Mass at the San Elizario Presidio Chapel commemorating the Spanish crown's New World claims in 1598. Set aside time to see the reenactment of the hardships and trials that Oñate and his group endured. This presentation is just one of several different performances that can be seen on Sunday afternoon.

You will realize a new piece of history that is a long-established fact to many Texans when you visit El Paso's First Thanksgiving celebration. Load up the picnic basket and experience the Spaniards' contributions to America during this week-end full of spectacular events. The history that lies behind the Lone Star state's culture is another reason why we say, "Texas. It's Like A Whole Other Country."

Who really celebrated the first Thanksgiving?

Get the El Pasoan's story at the Oñate first Thanksgiving Festival in El Paso during April. Enjoy a weekend of history and fun complete with 16th century costumes, exhibits, demonstrations, music, and dance.

Organic gardening still used today

By GEORGE BRIA
POUND RIDGE, N.Y. (AP) - You'd have to be a Rip Van Winkle not to have heard of organic gardening 25 years after Earth Day. Many Americans continue to tend their gardens the old way because it's easier and faster.

The alarm and concern manifested in rallies by hundreds of thousands of people on April 22, 1970, have had significant effects over the years. Manufacturers now strictly regulate chemical products. Sales of organic materials and appliances are increasing. And many people practice a blend of synthetic and organic gardening, and conservation of resources.

Children are exposed to ecology early. As part of Earth Day anniversary observances the New York Botanical Garden is promoting its Family Garden, where children will be able to examine tadpoles, explore a meadow and dig in the earth.

Purely organic gardening means using fertilizers of animal or vegetable matter, like manure or decomposed leaves, and no synthetic pesticides, herbicides or fertilizers. Plants don't care whether they get their nutrients organically or

synthetically, but ecologists are concerned about synthetic residuals.

In an E-mail interview, Joshua Siskin, who teaches adult gardening classes at the University of California at Los Angeles, sees organic techniques as "very popular" with serious gardeners. However, he adds, they are less so "with the home gardener primarily interested in maintaining a perfect lawn, who continues to use synthetic chemicals."

That's certainly true in Pound Ridge, my own village, which happens to be the home of a current icon of the ecological movement, Sarah Stein. In her acclaimed book "Noah's Garden," Ms. Stein revivits about keeping the lawn "permanently in intensive care," lamenting the effects of petrochemicals on other plants and insects.

A check at the local hardware store shows lawn care chemicals selling as well as ever. And lawns hereabouts don't seem to be getting smaller to make way for meadow, as Stein and others advocate.

The scene may depend on where you live. Frederic Golden, public affairs officer of the University of California at Santa Barbara, notes "a

new appreciation of appropriate planting." "No longer do exiled Easterners and Midwesterners who flock here insist on thirsty blue grass lawns," Golden said via E-mail. "Instead, they're going heavily into low-water succulents and similar plantings, as well as such conservation techniques as drip irrigation."

For those using chemicals, the products now on the market are deemed safer than when Rachel Carson raised the alarm about DDT in 1962 in her classic book "Silent Spring." DDT has since been banned for most uses in America. The current products need government approval, and it has become increasingly difficult to get a chemical registered.

Even if the chemicals are safer, errors arise in applying them. Martin Vaughan, a biologist at the Rochester (N.Y.) Institute of Technology, said in a telephone interview, "Some people don't measure carefully or their machinery is inaccurately calibrated." He said manufacturers are aware of this and are trying to make the safest possible product.

Personality determines ability to make friends

By MIA B. MOODY
Waco Tribune-Herald
WACO, Texas - Remember the shy kid who never talked to anyone on the playground? Or the bossy girl everybody hated?

For most children, friendships usually come naturally, but some children never quite catch on to the art of making friends.

This inability to make friends may stem from personality types, said Kristi SoRelle, a clinical social worker with Waco Psychological Associates. For example, children who talk too much or too loudly often have trouble making friends.

"There are times when kids may be drawn to that child initially, but after a certain point kids will tire and withdraw from relationships where there's not that give and take," said SoRelle who offers friendship skills groups for children.

On the opposite end of the spectrum, children who don't talk enough or are socially withdrawn may have trouble making friends. These children are often mistaken for being snobs, said SoRelle.

Parents may really have to watch children who are meek because they may be drawn into negative activities because they don't feel comfortable speaking up for themselves, she said. They may lose their own sense of self in relationships with other people.

Then there's the child who laughs excessively or is silly at the wrong time. This child may have trouble making friends because he or she appears not to be in touch with reality, said SoRelle.

"They may have a hard time reading social cues," she said. "For example, they may stand too close to

people or touch people too much."

Then there are those children who attract friends like a magnet. Members of the "in crowd" also have certain characteristics, according to Richard Lavoie, executive director of Riverview School in East Sandwich, Mass. They include:

- Children who are friendly and smile and laugh a lot. They usually greet others, extend invitations and converse, or respond back and forth in a conversation.

- Children who take part in give and take relationships. They are more likely to share with other children and give compliments.

- Appearance also plays a role, but children don't have to be the best-looking kid in the class to make friends. Children are attracted to their peers who practice good hygiene and grooming.

Some parents may say, "Who cares whether my child makes friends or not?" But SoRelle believes friendships serve a two-fold purpose for children: they give them companionship and teach them life-long skills of cooperation, sharing and negotiation.

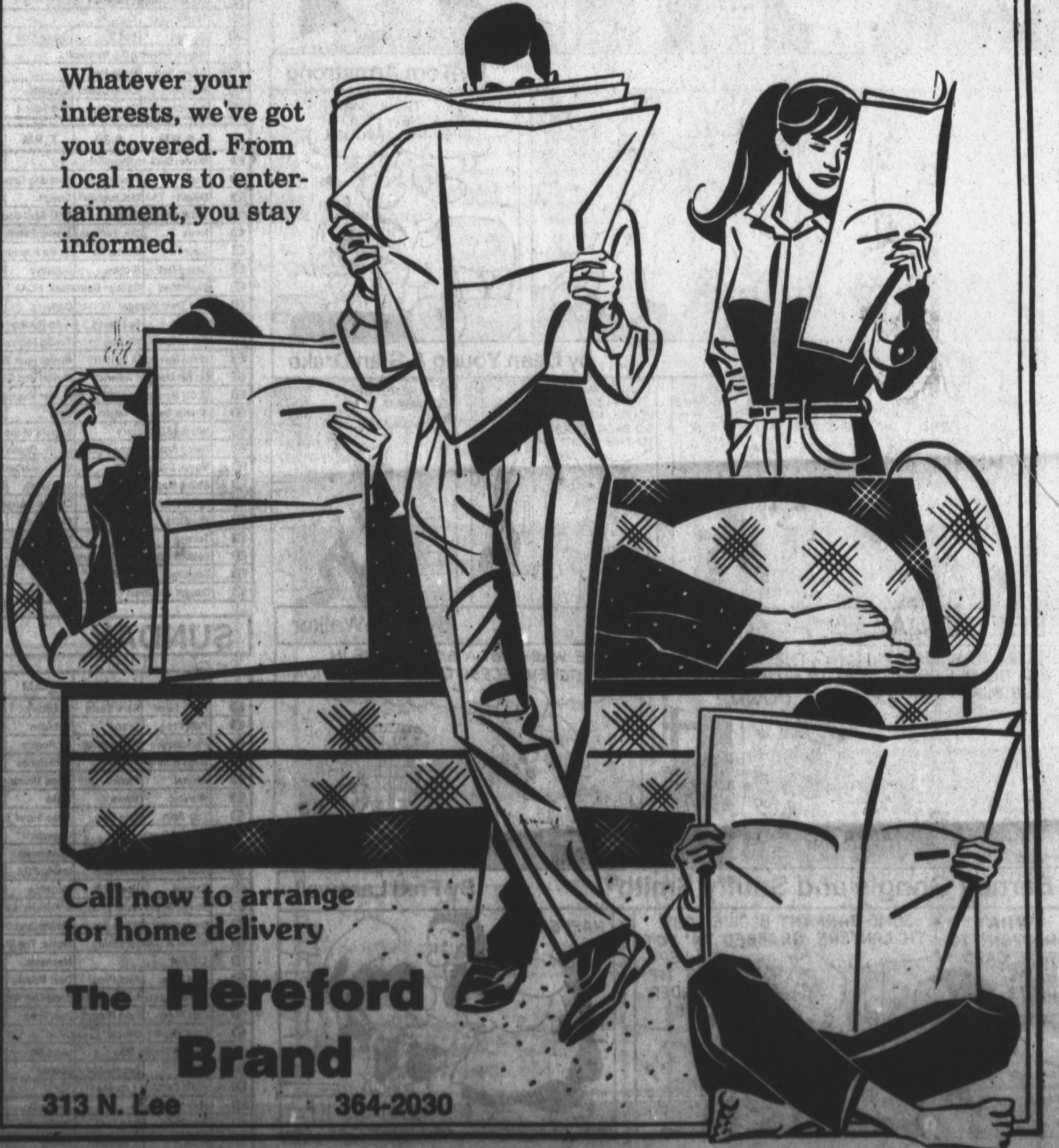
As children get older, they need friends for more than just play, she said. They need someone they can trust and look to when they need to share problems, viewpoints and secrets.

Not every child is going to be the class president, but it is important for parents to help their children work on social skills, especially if there appears to be a problem.

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1994 Income Tax filing

Earned Income Credit aids working poor with tax break

By DAVE SKIDMORE Associated Press Writer WASHINGTON (AP) - The federal earned income credit program has nearly \$21 billion available for the working poor this year, and for the first time, you don't need to have a child to qualify.

As before, workers with one or more children will be the primary beneficiaries of the program.

But now, thanks to changes in the 1993 budget law, a credit of up to \$306 also is available to childless people.

Two additional supplemental credits available previously have been discontinued this year. One helped families who had a new baby in the previous year and the other partly offset the cost of buying health insurance for children.

To compensate for the discontinued credits, the maximum basic credit for families with children has been substantially increased: \$2,038 for one child and \$2,528 for two or more children, up from \$1,434 and \$1,511 last year. And the amount you can earn and still be eligible has increased.

Begun in 1975 to keep poor working families off the welfare rolls, the earned income credit provided an estimated \$15 billion to 14.9 million families last year.

This year, with the addition of childless recipients, nearly 19.5 million families and individuals are expected to claim \$20.8 billion.

Even if your tax liability is less than the maximum credit for which you qualify, the government will send a check for the difference.

With no children, the maximum credit is reached when income hits \$4,000 and starts declining when income reaches \$5,000, hitting zero when income hits \$9,000.

With one child, the maximum credit is reached when income hits

\$7,750 and starts declining when income reaches \$11,000, hitting zero when income hits \$23,755.

With two or more children, the maximum credit is reached when income hits \$8,400 and starts declining when income reaches \$11,000, hitting zero when income hits \$25,296.

Any credit you receive won't be used in determining your eligibility for Aid to Families with Dependent Children, Medicaid, Supplemental Security Income, food stamps and low-income housing.

Your tax return's instructions booklet has a series of questions to determine if you're eligible, plus a worksheet for determining the credit. Publication 596 has the rules in detail, but here are the basics:

First, you must put down a Social Security number for every person on your return who was age 1 or older at the end of the year. If you don't, processing of your return will be delayed. If you need to get a number, apply by filing Form SS-5 with the Social Security Administration. It takes about two weeks to get one.

Childless people can take the credit on forms 1040EZ, 1040A and 1040. You must be at least 25 years old but younger than 65. If you're married, either you or your spouse must be between those ages. You can't be a dependent on someone else's return and you must have lived in the United States for more than half of 1994.

If you have a child, you can't use Form 1040EZ. Attach Schedule EIC to your return, either Form 1040A or Form 1040.

To qualify, your child must be younger than 19 at the end of the year, younger than 24 and a full-time student, or any age and permanently and totally disabled. The child must be your own son or daughter, an adopted child, grandchild or stepchild

and must have lived with you in the United States for at least half the year. Foster children qualify if they lived with you all year.

People who are married but file separate returns can't take the credit.

Here's how to calculate your income for the purpose of determining the amount of your credit.

1. Add any taxable earned income such as wages and tips to nontaxable earned income such as contributions to a 401(k) savings plan, military housing allowance and child-care benefits provided by your employer. Subtract any taxable scholarship or fellowship grant not reported on Form W-2.

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If Step 2 is \$5,000 or more with no child or \$11,000 or more with a child, then look up the credit in the table for the amounts found in Step 1 and Step 2. The smaller figure is your credit.

The Internal Revenue Service is promoting an advance payment feature that allows people with children to receive a part of their earned income credit every time they get paid instead of waiting until the end of the year. File a Form W-5 with your employer.



Nearly all the ancient Greek painting that has survived appears on pottery.

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Comic strip panels for 'Beetle Bailey' showing a man and a woman in a kitchen.

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Comic strip panels for 'Barney Google and Snuffy Smith' showing two men in a room.

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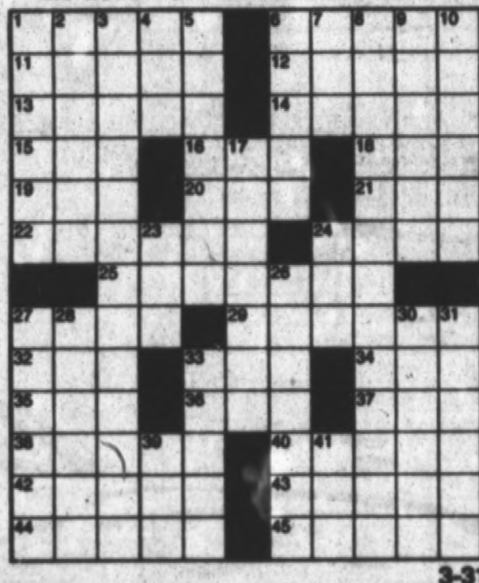
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NO. PR 4124

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Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of **Mary Bezner Kocan, Deceased**, were issued on October 21, 1994 in Docket No. PR 4124, pending in the County Court in and for Deaf Smith County, Texas to **Frank J. Bezner, Jr.**, whose mailing address is:

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Clergymen have their own ideas on cause, effect of seven-month-long baseball strike

By **DAVID BRIGGS**
AP Religion Writer
They do not feed the hungry or clothe the naked. No one will go without medical care because professional baseball players are on strike.

As opening day approaches with little hope for a settlement, there is a sense of loss in the hearts of many Americans for whom baseball is more than a game.

"I don't think it's purely romantic nonsense to say that the owners and the players are the custodians of a great piece of America's cultural heritage," said **George Weigel**, director of the Ethics and Public Policy Center in Washington. "I think the responsibility of both the union and owners is larger than their own economic self-interest."

Deciding who is at fault in the more than 7-month-old baseball strike is no simple call for theologians.

If the natural impulse of religious groups is on behalf of organized labor the multimillion-dollar salaries of some players makes it hard to sympathize with them.

"These are basically two cartel operators who are trying to decide who gets the cartel," **Weigel** said.

"What's happening today seems to be an exercise of greed on both sides," agreed **David Kirkwood Hart**, a professor of business ethics at Brigham Young University.

The sense of the transcendent beauty of the game described by the

character played by **James Earl Jones** in the movie "Field of Dreams" is not evident in many of today's players, **Hart** said.

"There's no sense among ballplayers today that they belong to something that has a history, and that history has an honor to it," he said.

He said baseball owners appear to have "taken something that is more than a business and trivialized it down to a business."

One leading Catholic who helped develop the church's teaching on labor issues is inclined to be more sympathetic to the players.

"My own impression is the owners are determined to break the union," **Monsignor George Higgins** said.

How can a religiously based ethic help solve the strike?

Rabbi James Rudin, director of interreligious affairs for the American Jewish Committee, uses his own work as a model.

The first step, he said, is for both sides to stop "demonizing" one another.

Then, players and owners should try to build mutual understanding and somehow work to find the middle ground between compassion and justice where a settlement that is fair to both sides can be found, **Rudin** said.

Players and owners need look no farther than their own game for such "great transcendent values" as teamwork and sacrifice, **Rudin** added.

Right now, he said, "I think they're both obviously so committed with so much anger ... on both sides

that if I was counseling them I'd say, 'You're destroying yourselves.'"

Higgins also would warn the custodians of baseball not to count on the eternal good will of fans to forever preserve baseball as the national pastime.

If the strike goes on much longer, he said, "The great American myth could be rather brittle."

And that would be a major loss, religious leaders said, particularly to the many Americans who have come to think of baseball as a little piece of heaven on Earth.

"Maybe James Earl Jones had it right in 'Field of Dreams,'" **Hart** said. "Baseball is just not another business. It means more to the American people."

Contract will give entire country chance to hear blues musicians

By **JOEL STASHENKO**
Associated Press Writer

Who can blame **R.L. Burnside** for sitting down when he plays the blues? "I'm 68 years old," **Burnside** said in a deep-voiced drawl. "I done stood up and played long enough. It's time to sit down."

Thanks in part to a new distribution deal between powerful **Capricorn Records** and tiny **Fat Possum records** of Oxford, Miss., the idiosyncratic blues of **Burnside**, his friend **Junior Kimbrough**, **Cedell Davis** and other musicians from the hill country of northern Mississippi is available to record-buyers throughout the United States.

Being a full-time musician, especially one who is starting to get national attention, is a far sight better to **Burnside** than being a sharecropper, which he was for most of his life.

Burnside learned his musical craft in part from the great Mississippi musician **Fred McDowell**, a neighbor back in the hill country, and he recorded a bit in the late 1960s. But for years, **Burnside** put food on the table by playing in juke joints and by farming. Often he did both on the same, grueling days.

"I did that a lot of times - coming home at daylight after playing all night and there'd be a man waiting on me so's we could get out on the cotton picker," he said. "Now I can play the blues and when I want to rest, I can rest."

Mississippi always has been fertile ground for the blues. Natives of the state comprise virtually all of the seminal figures of what Americans have come to know as the Delta blues: **Robert Johnson**, **Muddy Waters**, **B.B. King**, **John Lee Hooker**, **Howlin' Wolf**, **Willie Dixon**, **James Cotton**, **Otis Rush** and **Fenton Robinson**, among many others.

But virtually all those artists went north to make their mark playing an urbanized, electrified form of the blues they learned in the lowlands around the Mississippi River.

In the dusty, rolling farmland in the northern part of Mississippi, meanwhile, a different kind of blues has endured at bars, roadside juke joints and fish fries.

"People had assumed that all the great Delta blues artists had moved to Chicago," said **Jim O'Neal**, owner of the small-label **Rooster Blues**. "But I had been coming down here

since the early '70s and checking out what was in the juke joints and I could see who was playing and who hadn't been recorded."

The blues of the Mississippi hills remains rawer than that which evolved in the north in the 1940s and '50s.

The songs seem to creak and lurch to a start and, once they get going, the musicians sometimes sound like they may fall apart at any moment. Yet the sound somehow meshes into a mysterious, hypnotic groove, carried along by slapping, scatter shot drumming, chiming guitar lines and powerful, often unintelligible vocals.

Burnside calls it simply "old blues."

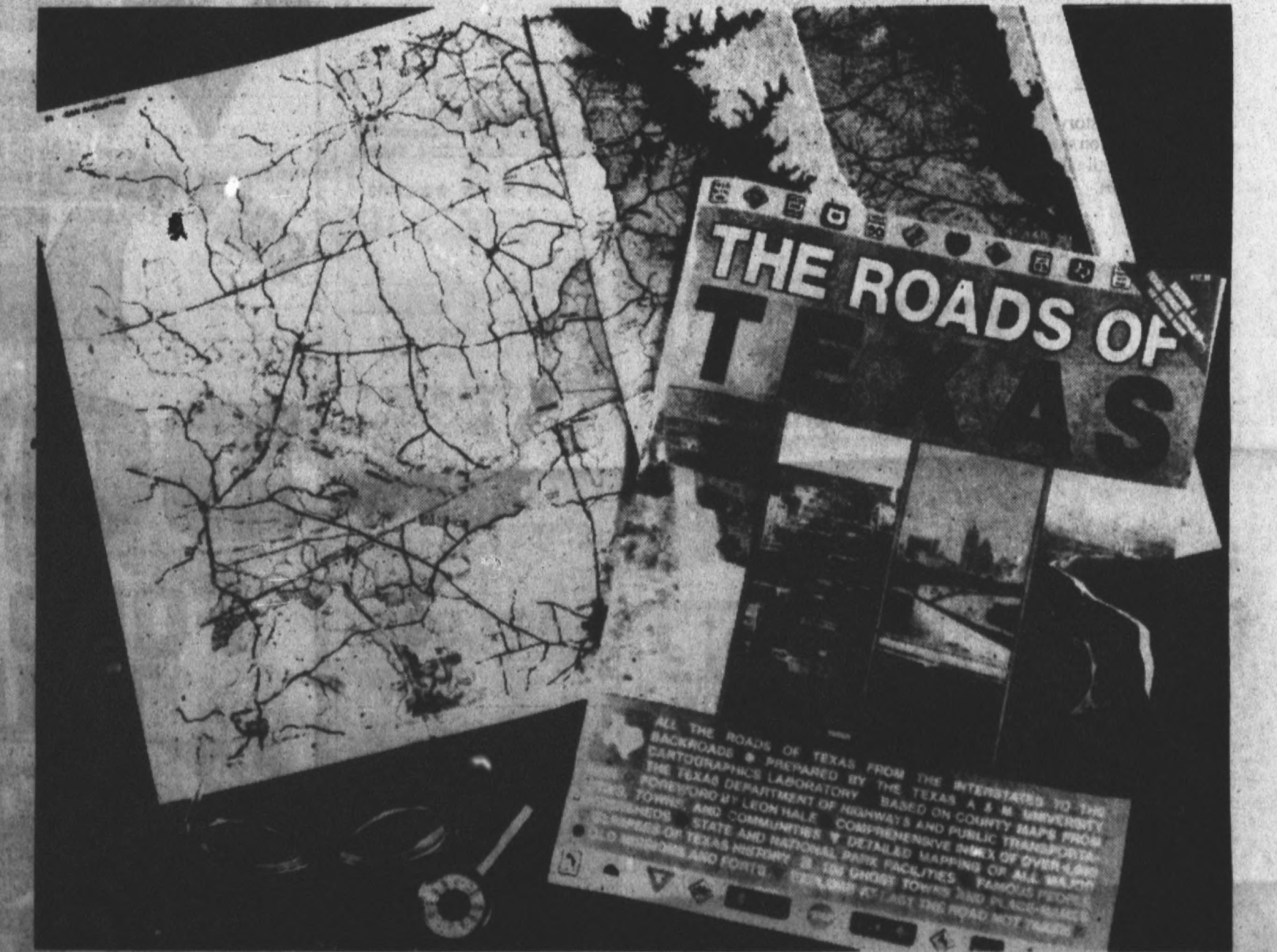


The roller skate was invented about 1760 by **Joseph Merlin**, a Belgian musician.

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Guitar-maker's shop tucked away on alley in Alpine

World class instruments attract famous performers to Michael Stevens

By KEELY COUGHLAN
The Odessa American
ALPINE, Texas - Only a single, small quarter note betrays the anonymity of the red alley door.

Inside the crowded studio, Michael Stevens crafts high-strung performance art.

Guitars, Mandolins.
The Cadillacs of their breed, handcrafted from start to finish.

The kinds that have graced the hands of Stevie Ray and Jimmie Vaughn, Eric Johnson and Eric Clapton, Rick Thompson of Black Crowes fame and George Strait bandmember Rick McCrae.

Famous guitarists from Japan, including Kazumi Watanabe, and from all over the United States still beat a path to Stevens' door.

"I started out in art school. I wanted to be the new Andrew Wyeth," Stevens said. "Then along came Jamie (Wyeth)."

Stevens started out in the rodeo program at Texas Christian University in the mid-1960s, and spent a few summers as a deckhand for Cactus Oil in Midland, before drifting into the cosmic cowboy scene.

Somehow, he ended up fixing a friend's guitar while in the process

of learning to play. Before long, Stevens and Larry Jameson had formed Guitar Resurrection in Berkeley, Calif., in the late 1960s.

His favorite model, the guitar Stevens is known for, is simply the "LJ": named after his buddy Jameson, who died of cancer.

"In high school, my biggest interest was wood shop and mechanical drawing," Stevens said.

"It just sort of evolved. I didn't plan any of it. I didn't play guitar until I was 20. One by one, it had a domino effect."

Stevens joined a Berkeley band, The Lynch Mob, named after member Jim Lynch, who now works for the Smithsonian. He moved to Weatherford in 1973, where he trained horses.

He moved to Austin in late 1979, where he was the first recorded bass player for the Austin Lounge Lizards.

He began doing custom work for Fender, a leading guitar manufacturer, in Austin in 1986; a year later, he began working at the Fender factory in southern California, where he became the first Fender employee to

actually sign the guitars he made. Stevens doesn't do much name dropping - except to explain what he's doing or the kind of sound a guitar produces. When an eager visitor asks him if he really did make guitars for Clapton, Stevens brushes it aside: "I built a Stratocaster for him when I worked at Fender."

He's never actually seen one of his guitars smashed. And musicians rarely harm the guitars they actually play. But there was that Jimmy Page concert when Stevens was still working for Fender.

Stevens became animated when he described what he witnessed on stage only a few feet away.

He recalled that he and his wife Alice were seated near the stage as guests of Page, who had recently received one of Stevens' custom-made guitars.

"He just got disgusted and threw one of my guitars across the stage. It just skipped across the stage, like this," Stevens said, pantomiming the guitar's bumpy skid.

"Alice had to hold me back in my seat. I thought, 'Well, if it was a Gibson, it would have broken.'"

"I found out later that he had a bad

roadie who wasn't stringing the guitar right," Stevens said. "Later, I got a nice letter from (Page), saying how much he liked the guitar."

Stevens does very little repair work now, unless he can use it to train his assistant, South Plains College student King Rhiley. But he is rebuilding a guitar for Junior Brown, whom Stevens calls a great guitarist.

"He's somewhere between Hendrix and Ernest Tubb. He wears a Robert Hall suit and a starched tie," Stevens said. "This is a great guitar, a double-neck guitar."

He's worked in his tool-strewn Alpine studio for more than four years and is on an advisory board for South Plains College's string and fette instrument repair technology program, part of the Levelland school's creative arts program which focuses on all aspects of country and bluegrass music from performance and recording to making and repairing instruments.

"I'd like to get a program going here (at Sul Ross State University) in connection with cowboy poetry and country music," Stevens said.

Rhiley learns the trade as he works alongside Stevens, sanding and staining the expensive woods, setting inlay and bindings.

The two carefully insert red abalone inlays into a mahogany body; later, they add pearl stripes in the frets.

The studio is stocked with guitar bodies and blocks of wood waiting to be carved and crafted with power tools: blond mahogany, big leaf maple blocks for tops, sugar, quilted and rock maples for the necks.

Each guitar requires hours of sanding, staining and polishing. Jars of stains, dripping in yellows, reds and browns, line cupboard shelves in the entryway. Rhiley holds up miniature Q-tips ordered from Japan to be used in cleaning and staining.

A yellow-brown stain brings out the shimmer in the tiger-striped or quilted grains of the wood.

Humidity control is the most important factor in building guitars, Stevens said. He keeps his shop's humidity set at 45 percent year-round.

"The rest of it's irrelevant, how

hot or cold it gets. Only the humidity matters," Stevens said.

Stevens also is working to fulfill his own dream: owning and operating a small bass guitar factory located in Alpine. He's picked out a site and hopes to open a 2,000-square foot factory in about three years, working with the Small Business Development Center at Sul Ross.

Stevens hopes to hire "a dedicated crew of about eight to 12 employees" for his factory. The factory would produce basic basses with bodies that produce a traditional sound, but wouldn't have fancy inlays and bindings.

He won't give up his custom work. Stevens intends to keep designing his own guitars.

"I just think I've got a way to build a better mousetrap," he said.

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Federal Reserve starts education program to inform public on government insurance

By JOHN D. McCLAIN
Associated Press Writer
WASHINGTON (AP) - Before buying investment products such as mutual funds from a bank, retirees and those about to retire might well listen to what the Federal Reserve has to say.

The central bank is kicking off a nationwide education program designed to make sure consumers understand that bank investment products, which also include annuities and municipal securities, are not government-insured.

Surveys have shown that many consumers are not aware that those products are not insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp.

The Fed is holding a series of free seminars, entitled "Mutual Funds: Understand the Risks," for retirees

and those planning for retirement. The 12 Federal Reserve regional banks across the country will sponsor the seminars.

The Fed's Maureen English explained that older persons are being targeted initially because they are a "very prime group" for switching their savings in a changing interest-rate environment to try to insure high yields on their investments.

"They would be the first group really working to try to protect their income stream," said English, assistant director of the division of consumer and community affairs. "If CD interest rates go down, they would look elsewhere."

In addition to the opportunity to ask questions, the seminars will offer written materials, including brochures

on how to read a prospectus, which describes a mutual fund and its goals, and tips for investors.

"Consumers that have information have power," she said. "The important thing is that consumers know they can get information and assimilate it and make responsible choices."

Attendees will not receive any advice about specific funds or other investments.

English said the education program, which was developed in cooperation with the American Association of Retired Persons, eventually will be available to the general public.

It's the latest attempt by government banking regulators to make sure that consumers realize their risks up front. Banks already are required to disclose information about their products to consumers.

Older citizens attending the first seminars will be told the FDIC does insure, up to \$100,000, traditional deposits such as checking and savings accounts and time deposits including CDs.

The program will make clear the

government does not insure other investment products.

"Don't make the mistake of assuming everything sold at a bank is protected by FDIC insurance," attendees will be told. "Annuities, mutual funds and other securities are not."

Nor are banks themselves responsible for investment products they sell.

"This means that if you invest \$1,000 in mutual funds and it turns out to be an unwise investment and you end up with only \$500 of your original investment, the bank is not responsible for reimbursing you for that loss," those attending will be told.

The "core message," English said, is that "everything you buy at a bank is not insured."

English emphasized the Fed message is not intended to disadvantage banks.

Retirees and those planning on retirement will be told that funds invested in bank products are no safer or riskier than funds invested through brokers or other investment companies.

Names in the News

RADNOR, Pa. (AP) - Bo doesn't know the meaning of "off-season."

Two-sport star Bo Jackson has signed up with the William Morris Agency and is open for business, he says in the April 1 issue of TV Guide.

Jackson, a free agent with the California Angels, is turning his sights toward Hollywood because he's tired of waiting for the baseball strike to end.

The former Los Angeles Raider, who had a TV role as a nanny on "Diagnosis Murder," says he isn't kidding himself about his talent off the playing fields.

"Bo doesn't know acting," Jackson said, "but he's learning."

JACKSON, Tenn. (AP) - Even after years of successful acting, black actors are still limited in the roles they are offered on television, says actor Tim Reid.

"I'm still stereotyped," said Reid, who plays the single father of twins in the ABC sitcom, "Sister, Sister." Reid, 50, said his success with roles in "WKRP in Cincinnati," and "Simon & Simon," have helped him overcome roadblocks set up by TV executives.

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