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Honoring a hero

Hereford High School basketball star Isaac Walker listens as two Northwest Elementary School students read him a poem using the letters in his last name during a pep rally at the school on Thursday. Watching at right is principal Alice Lockmiller, while on the platform are other members of the Herd team, which was honored by third graders for their successful 22-10 basketball season. Each of the seven classes wrote poems for the players. At the rally, third-grade girls escorted the players to their seats on the stage, then boys read the poems and presented them to the players. After the rally, the students mobbed the players to get autographs from them. The children also gave a cheer for the team.

Congress nears passing bill freezing regulations

WASHINGTON (AP) - Continuing its swipe at the federal bureaucracy, Congress is a step closer to approving a bill that would freeze hundreds of federal regulations for the remainder of the year.

The Senate Governmental Affairs Committee voted 6-5 on Thursday to clear the moratorium bill to the Senate floor, dismissing complaints from Democrats that the freeze is too sweeping and would keep the government from safeguarding health and safety.

"Regulatory costs on Americans are out of control. This acts as a 'time out' from many costly and burdensome regulations while Congress moves to enact comprehensive regulatory reforms," said Sen. William Roth, R-Del., the committee chairman.

The House already has approved a similar bill. It's not immediately known when the full Senate will begin considering the measure, although the issue has been given high priority by Majority Leader Bob Dole of Kansas.

The freeze as approved by the Senate committee would put on hold until the end of the year more than

900 regulations now in the pipeline. Because the moratorium would be retroactive to Nov. 9, it also would reverse scores of regulations that have been issued over the last four months.

Any regulation costing the economy at least \$100 million would be covered.

Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., said that regulatory overkill is "destroying the American family ... the American dream" and that voters who cast ballots for Republicans last November gave a "mandate ... that they want these regulations stopped."

The bill was approved despite solid Democratic opposition in the committee. Repeated attempts by Democrats to narrow the scope of the moratorium were defeated along party-line votes. The panel has eight Republicans and seven Democrats.

The Democrats argued that while some regulations are too costly and burdensome, the freeze would prevent agencies from issuing badly needed health and safety rules as well.

"The bureaucracy is out of control. We've got rules and regulations coming down like a sledgehammer," agreed Sen. Sam

Nunn, D-Ga. But he added, "We're responding in kind. We're legislating with a sledgehammer. ... There are just different people getting hit."

While there are exemptions for rules dealing with imminent threats to health and safety, law enforcement, taxes and military matters, the Democrats maintained the exemptions are so narrow that hundreds of health and safety regulations would be bottled up.

Roth argued that because the bill would still allow regulations responding to "imminent" threats to health and safety, most of the concerns raised by the Democrats were already being addressed.

Amendments that would have exempted regulations involving meat and poultry inspection, the development of new mammography techniques to better detect breast cancer, control of bacteria in drinking water, and storage of nuclear wastes were all defeated in party-line votes.

While turning back most of the Democratic amendments, the committee also:

-Exempted regulations involving hunting, fishing or camping, to assure there will be a duck hunting season next fall.

-Prohibited during the moratorium any regulation that further restricts commercial uses of public lands such as for logging or livestock grazing.

Moses sworn by Gov. Bush as education commissioner

AUSTIN (AP) - Mike Moses has been sworn in as Texas education commissioner by Gov. George W. Bush, who called his appointment "a testimony to the educators of Texas."

Bush, who named Moses on the recommendation of the State Board of Education, said Thursday it was a tribute to state educators that "someone who has spent his entire life as a Texas educator" was picked as commissioner.

Moses has been a Duncannon teacher, Garland principal and

House Republicans offer tax cut package

By ALAN FRAM

Associated Press Writer
WASHINGTON (AP) - House Republicans presented their long-promised tax cut for families, businesses and investors on Thursday, triggering Democratic accusations that the GOP was once again favoring the rich over the poor.

Portraying the measure as a boon to ordinary Americans, House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Bill Archer, R-Texas, unveiled the package in a speech to the conservative Family Research Council in a House office crammed with couples and small children.

"For families and for working Americans, we will bring a new day of hope and opportunity," Archer said.

Despite the pep-rally atmosphere, the bill's introduction ignites what is likely to be one of Congress' fiercest, least predictable battles this year. The political difficulties will be enormous as lawmakers simultaneously try to slash taxes and erase the mammoth budget deficit. The measure's huge price tag alone tells the story: \$189 billion over five years, with a 10-year cost likely to balloon to about \$700 billion.

Democrats immediately pounced,

accusing the GOP of crafting tax cuts that would benefit wealthy families while pursuing reductions in school lunches, heating assistance and other programs that help the poor.

The tax package includes a measure drafted by Texas GOP Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison that would allow homemakers the same Individual Retirement Account deductions as those working outside the home.

Homemakers and their working spouses would be allowed a maximum \$4,000 annual deduction, up from \$2,250. Currently, families with two wage earners are allowed the \$4,000 deduction - meaning that spouses who chose to stay at home are being penalized, Mrs. Hutchison contends.

"I am extremely pleased Rep. Archer included IRA equity in his committee's primary tax legislation," she said.

With some noteworthy exceptions, the measure delivers most of the tax reductions the GOP pledged in its "Contract With America" during last autumn's election campaign. Its cornerstone is a \$500 per child tax credit for families earning \$200,000 annually or less. It also would reduce the capital gains tax rate for

companies and individuals, establish new individual retirement accounts and reduce levies paid by many companies.

Majority Republicans seem certain to push it through the Ways and Means panel next week, and the full House soon afterward. But beyond that, its future is murky.

Not only does a possible veto fight loom with President Clinton, but the legislation's fate in the Senate is shaky because many Republicans there prefer chopping away at the federal deficit to trimming taxes. Balancing the budget would take more than \$1 trillion in spending slashes over the next seven years, a sum budget-cutters have never before approached.

"I put a lot higher priority on deficit reduction than I do on tax cuts," said Senate Finance Committee Chairman Bob Packwood, R-Ore.

House Republicans have vowed to pay for the tax measure by revamping welfare, continuing some restrictions on Medicare and cutting other programs. But they have not specified where most of the savings would come from.

From the White House to Capitol Hill, Democrats attacked.

"The president rejects the idea of targeting the most vulnerable in our society - our children, needy families, the homeless - in order to pay for these tax cuts, especially for tax cuts that are benefiting the wealthiest," said White House Chief of Staff Leon Panetta.

"The Republican extremist express is out of control," said Rep. Sander Levin, D-Mich.

Clinton and House Minority Leader Richard Gephardt, D-Mo., have each presented their own tax-cut plans, much smaller measures than the GOP package and focused more on lower-income people.

But enthusiasm for reducing levies has waned among lawmakers of both parties, particularly Democrats, amid indications that many voters prefer deficit reduction to tax cuts.

Dead body found here; autopsy ordered by JP

An autopsy has been ordered in the death of a man whose body was discovered this morning in his Hereford home.

Police were called to 29 La Villa Street early Friday after the body of Gabriel Lara Lopez, 37, was found by his brothers when they returned home from work.

Justice of the Peace Johnnie Turrentine was called to the scene at 7:30 a.m. She is withholding a ruling in the death pending completion of autopsy reports.

Judge Turrentine said there was no obvious cause of death and Lopez had worked on Thursday as usual.

Lopez, a Mexican national, lived in Hereford from December 1993 to May 1994, then returned last November.

His wife, Maria Mares, lives in Mexico, Mrs. Turrentine said. The police investigation is continuing.

Jobless rate drops, payroll employment up in February

By MARTIN CRUTSINGER

AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) - The nation's unemployment rate improved dramatically last month, falling to 5.4 percent as increased jobs for secretaries, restaurant workers and other service employees jumped by the largest amount in nearly a year.

The Labor Department said today that total payroll employment grew by 318,000 workers in February, the best showing since November, with much of the strength coming in a big jump in business hiring of temporary office workers.

The drop of 0.3 percentage point in the unemployment rate pushed the jobless level back down to a 4-year low. It had been at 5.4 percent in December, but took a sharp spurt upward in January.

Normally such a strong jobs report could send shock waves through Wall Street as investors braced for the possibility that the economic recovery, about to enter its fifth year, is not slowing enough to keep inflation under control.

With the dollar being battered in foreign exchange markets, analysts

speculated that today's report would be read as a favorable sign for markets because it would give the Federal Reserve room to raise interest rates, not only to slow an economy that is growing too rapidly but also to boost the value of the dollar.

The prospect of higher interest rates tends to lift a currency's value because it offers foreigners a greater return on their investments.

Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan held out at least the possibility of higher interest rates in congressional testimony on Wednesday. His remarks helped to halt a four-day slide in dollar that had sent it down to record lows against both the Japanese yen and the German mark.

The 318,000 payroll jobs that were added in February marked the largest single-month increase since 534,000 jobs were added last November. Almost two-thirds of the increase was in service industries, which with a rise of 191,000 jobs enjoyed their biggest gain in nearly a year.

The increase was led by a rise of 73,000 in the business services

industry, primarily firms supplying office temporaries, although demand for computer specialists and engineers was also strong.

Other big gains were posted in employment at restaurants and bars, and retail trade in general.

Manufacturing was also up in February, but the increase of 27,000 workers was the smallest gain since September.

The construction industry actually lost jobs in February, with payroll employment falling by 32,000. Government analysts blamed much of this decline on the return of winter weather after unseasonably warm temperatures had helped boost the January figures.

The return of winter helped boost employment in the recreation industry, offsetting a drop at ski resorts in the previous month.

Hourly earnings were unchanged at \$11.31 in February after jumping by 6-cents-an-hour a month earlier. The length of the average workweek stood at 34.5 hours last month, down 0.4 hours from January.

Man's savings totals \$80,000 -- in pennies

DILLONVALE, Ohio (AP) - Louis Staffilino's savings filled 40 garbage cans, weighed thousands of pounds and took four days to truck to the bank.

The 70-year-old bar owner had been saving pennies for 65 years. By the time he decided to cash them in, he had 8 million of them, or \$80,000 worth.

"I just wanted to turn in my pennies and this just got too big," Staffilino told The Intelligence of Wheeling, W.Va. "Now the whole world knows about it. I just want to be done with it."

Staffilino spent four days in

early December hauling the pennies in a pickup truck to the Steel Valley Bank, where they were tallied and deposited. The bank finally finished counting them last week.

He asked the bank not to disclose his name but later agreed to be interviewed on a television program.

Bank collection manager Ray Amoroso says he has received hundreds of calls from "Canada to Australia to Tokyo, Japan" from people who wanted to know more about Staffilino and his penny stash.

Coming in Sunday's Brand

He has been here less than a year, but Vance Christie has already made an impression on many of the young people he deals with through his job as Assistant Deaf Smith County Extension Agent.

Christie has worked with county 4-H youth on a variety of projects, continuing an interest in 4-H that goes back to his own days of raising project animals in Big Spring.

On Sunday, meet Christie and learn about this young man and his labors here -- including work that has made quite an impression on residents of the Deaf Smith County Youth Home.

Local Roundup

Ticket sales benefit King's Manor

King's Manor Auxiliary will sponsor a St. Patrick's Day benefit party March 17 in the Lamar Room of King's Manor. Two porcelain dolls hand-crafted by Rosalee McGowen (pictured at left) will be given away. Tickets for the dolls are \$2.50 each or five for \$10. The purchase of one ticket provides a chance on both dolls. Also pictured is Auxiliary member, Bea Noland.

Community meeting set

There will be an information meeting for residents of the El Hormiguero and Coronado Acres communities at 3 p.m. Sunday in the San Jose Salon, 735 Brevard. The session will be to begin Spanish- and English-language training in the techniques of community organizing, family goal-setting and small farm management.

Blow wind, blow

March winds will continue blowing from the southwest, 15-25 mph Friday night, and 25-35 mph Saturday. On the heels of a 66-degree high Thursday and an overnight low of 32 degrees, the forecast calls for a low around 40 degrees Saturday morning and a high for the day in the middle 70s, under partly cloudy skies.

News Digest

World/Nation

MEXICO CITY - The government asks Mexicans already reeling from rising prices to swallow a bitter pill of tax hikes, wage restrictions and other austerity measures to help cure the country's worsening economic crisis.

WASHINGTON - The Clinton administration's rescue plan for Mexico's economy is becoming a more tempting target for critics who say it helped launch an international assault on the dollar.

LOS ANGELES - It was a word that a prosecutor once called so vile, so inflammatory, so absolutely degrading that the mostly black O.J. Simpson jury should be kept from hearing it during the trial.

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WASHINGTON - An intense lobbying push over the past week paid off big for the nation's doctors, who persuaded Congress to impose a \$250,000 cap on malpractice awards for pain and suffering.

WASHINGTON - By most measures, these should be salad days for economic policy makers. After posting the strongest growth in a decade, the U.S. economy appears to be slowing to a more moderate pace that will give the recovery a second wind. However, the one blemish on that reasonably benign outlook is the dollar.

WASHINGTON - Virginia Uribe, a Los Angeles counselor, believes U.S. schools are rife with anti-homosexual hostility and ignorance. Margaret White, an Annandale, Va., mother, sees a much different school system, one packed with activists trying to recruit kids to be gay. Caught between such widely different views, U.S. schools are walking a fine line over what to tell students about homosexuality.

ROME - Rome wasn't built in a day. But can the ancient capital get ready by 2000 for what could be a crucial appointment with its future? In five years, or about the time it took to build the Colosseum, as many as 13 million tourists will descend on Rome for celebrations to mark both the Holy Year Jubilee declared by Pope John Paul II and the advent of a new millennium. For many, it's the opportunity of a political lifetime to turn traffic-choked, bureaucracy-strangled Rome into a city that moves and works.

State

BROWNSVILLE - It started with a few bundles of marijuana floated across the Rio Grande: a risky business with many and perilous competitors. A former employee says Juan Garcia Abrego seemed destined to ascend to the top of the bloody trade. "It was a goal that he had to get into this, and he was going to be 'Numero Uno,'" Oscar Lopez Olivares said. "He was going get in and nobody was going to take away his honor."

WASHINGTON - Despite an earful from unhappy lawmakers, the White House is sticking to its plan linking federal funding for border improvements to states' willingness to levy a border crossing fee.

WASHINGTON - The Clinton administration's commitment to spend \$1 billion more on immigration next year is commendable - but fails to address real solutions to illegal immigration, says a group that wants a clampdown on the nation's borders.

AUSTIN - Gov. George W. Bush isn't threatening to call lawmakers into a special session on education. But he says that's an option if lawmakers don't do enough to loosen state control of schools before their 1995 session ends in May.

BROWNSVILLE - Although cleared of charges they beat up a disabled Mexican immigrant, two U.S. Border Patrol agents say they're bitter about their own agency's lack of support in their ordeal.

DALLAS - A high school principal and a top assistant have been suspended after an investigation revealed students were allowed to earn high grades in a teacherless class they did not attend, officials said.

HOUSTON - Two Harris County facilities have agreed to suspend medical experiments on involuntary committed mental health patients until at least Sept. 1, which should give the Legislature time to address the practice.

AUSTIN - A Senate committee has approved legislation that would allow adults to ride motorcycles without helmets. The Senate State Affairs Committee voted 8-5 Thursday to repeal the 1989 state law requiring motorcyclists to wear head protection. It now goes to the full Senate for consideration.

AUSTIN - A state lawmaker has filed a bill to ban electric shock therapy, a procedure strongly endorsed by the state Mental Health and Mental Retardation Department as an effective treatment for depression.

AUSTIN - A Senate committee has voted to fire state Treasurer Martha Whitehead, and she couldn't be more thrilled.

AUSTIN - Texas trucking reform is rolling through the Legislature. The state Senate on Thursday, without objection, approved a bill to overhaul trucking laws to follow a federal mandate for deregulation and strengthen safety enforcement.

AUSTIN - A House committee on Thursday unanimously approved legislation to overhaul the state's welfare system, acting on one of Gov. George W. Bush's top priorities.

AUSTIN - With tempers flaring over a proposal to make racial and gender preferences unconstitutional, a black legislator dressed in the hood and sheet of the Ku Klux Klan.

SPACE CENTER, Houston - Endeavour's seven astronauts today soared into the second half of an astronomy mission planned as NASA's longest shuttle flight to date.

SAN ANTONIO - Estrogen reduced heart deaths by up to 30 percent in older white women who took the drug for at least 10 years, researchers report. Most of the benefits lingered even in women no longer taking estrogen, who still had a 20 percent reduction in heart disease deaths.

HENDERSON - The son of former state Rep. James Earl Mankins reportedly has testified about 20 minutes before the grand jury investigating the 1983 slayings of five people abducted from a Kilgore Kentucky Fried Chicken restaurant, according to a broadcast report.



Tribute to older workers

Mayor Bob Jossierand, seated center, signs a proclamation in recognition of "Hire the Older Worker Week," March 12-18. With the mayor are Green Thumb workers in Hereford and the Senior Community Service Employment Program area supervisor, Mary Ann Resch, right. Standing, from left, are Marchetta Hutcheson, Pat Blakley, Mamie Moton, Frank Garcia, Ruth Rodriguez, Alfred Olivarez and Jim Scott.

Prosecution ploy may open door for defense questioning of detective

By **MICHAEL FLEEMAN**
Associated Press Writer
LOS ANGELES (AP) - It was a word that a prosecutor once called so vile, so inflammatory, so absolutely degrading that the mostly black O.J. Simpson jury should be kept from hearing it during the trial.

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And it was shown by the prosecution, in an effort to defuse defense claims that Fuhrman - one of the most important witnesses of the trial - is a racist who may have planted a bloody glove behind Simpson's mansion.

Although legal analysts praised the prosecution's pre-emptive strike, the tactic came with a risk: It may allow the defense to explore areas in cross-examination that the judge previously ruled were off-limits, such as allegedly racist comments that Fuhrman made in a worker's compensation lawsuit.

"It may well be that the strategy of the prosecution has opened the door totally," said defense attorney F. Lee Bailey, who will cross-examine Fuhrman.

Asked if the cross-examination will be, as Fuhrman's attorney speculated, the greatest character assassination ever mounted, Bailey answered: "Hopefully."

Fuhrman's appearance on the stand was his first since the defense made its accusations last summer. He

appeared calm and confident, although maybe a little uncomfortable, under prosecutor Marcia Clark's gentle questioning. She wasn't interrupted by a single objection from Bailey.

Fuhrman said he was "nervous, reluctant" about testifying. "Since June 13, it seems that I've seen a lot of the evidence ignored and a lot of personal issues come to the forefront," Fuhrman said. "I think that's too bad."

Clark tried to distance Fuhrman from Kathleen Bell, who wrote a letter to defense attorneys claiming she met Fuhrman at a Marine Corps recruiting office and heard him express disgust with interracial couples.

Deputy District Attorney Christopher Darden had argued passionately against allowing the letter to be used as evidence, contending it would inflame the jury, which has eight black members. But Judge Lance Ito ruled that the Bell allegation could be used for cross-examination.

The prosecution decided not to wait.

"It was a calculated gamble, yet they weren't giving away anything that the defense didn't have a right to use already," said Southwestern University law professor Robert Pugsley. "I think that by introducing the topic of race in the outset that Marcia Clark helped to defuse it, and by going to the ... letter went right to the eye of the storm."

Prosecutors projected the letter

onto a courtroom screen. "Officer Ferman went on to say that he would like nothing more than to see all 'niggers' gathered together and killed," the letter said. "He said something about burning them or bombing them."

Fuhrman said the conversation never took place.

"In 1985 and 1986, sir, can you tell us whether you knew someone or met someone by the name of Kathleen Bell?" Clark asked.

"Yes, I can tell you. I did not," Fuhrman said firmly.

He also said he watched CNN's "Larry King Live" show a month ago when Bell appeared and did not recognize her.

Outside court, Bailey said he has a surprise witness who will testify that Bell and Fuhrman were acquainted. Bailey said the woman was present when Bell and Fuhrman were together on an occasion other than the disputed encounter.

At Simpson's preliminary hearing - which came before the defense made their racism allegations - Fuhrman was a star witness. He told how he found one of the most damaging pieces of evidence, a bloody glove lying on a narrow path behind a guest house on Simpson's estate.

He said it appeared to match a glove found at the condominium where Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald Goldman had been found slain several hours earlier.

Helmet law repeal gets committee approval

AUSTIN (AP) - A Senate committee has approved legislation that would allow adults to ride motorcycles without helmets.

The Senate State Affairs Committee voted 8-5 Thursday to repeal the 1989 state law requiring motorcyclists to wear head protection. It now goes to the full Senate for consideration.

Sen. Jerry Patterson, the bill's author, said there is no proof that wearing helmets saves lives.

"I'm a believer in taking away individual liberties if there's a benefit derived," said Patterson, R-Pasadena. "I think frankly that with a helmet on, you may end up with a better-looking corpse, but you're not necessarily saving lives."

Sen. Mario Gallegos disagreed. Gallegos, who worked as a paramedic at Ben Taub Hospital in Houston, said the legislation could cost lives.

"I saw the motorcycle accidents that came in. I've been there and I've seen the hurt that it does to somebody without a helmet," said Gallegos, D-Galena Park.

The bill applies only to bikers age 18 and older. Motorcyclists under 18 still would be required to wear helmets, whether they were operating the bike or just a passenger.

Earlier in the week, the committee heard testimony from a contingent of leather jacket-clad bikers who said helmet laws violate their personal freedoms.

The bikers also said helmets can make riding motorcycles less safe because they impede sight and hearing.

Sen. Jeff Wentworth, R-San Antonio, tried to amend the bill to require motorcyclists who ride without helmets to carry proof that they have health insurance. His proposal failed on an 8-5 vote.

"It just seemed to me that it's not very prudent to ride without a helmet. But if you really want to, you ought to at least be covered by insurance so that the taxpayers are not having to pick up that extra \$10,000," Wentworth said.

"I voted against the bill for the same reason I voted for the bill in 1989 and that is that people that ride without their helmets cost taxpayers tens of thousands of dollars in health care costs that can be avoided if they would simply wear their helmets," he said.

Police, Emergency Reports

Friday's emergency services reports contained the following information:

HEREFORD POLICE

-- A 23-year-old male and a 20-year-old male were arrested for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

-- A vehicle was located in the 400 block of Jack Griffin that, when it was checked, was discovered to have been reported stolen in Amarillo.

-- Disorderly conduct was reported at Columbia and U.S. 385.

-- A structure fire was reported in the 800 block of South Schley.

-- Theft of a ring was reported in the 300 block of Avenue I; and in the 500 block of North 25 Mile Avenue, where a female was accused of taking some hair gel and frizz spray. Charges were filed in the North 25 Mile incident.

-- Reckless damage was reported in the 300 block of Grand.

-- Assault was reported at Union and Avenue K.

-- Domestic disturbance was reported in the 400 block of Barrett.

-- A mental case was reported in the 700 block of Avenue G.

-- Officers issued 14 citations.

DEAF SMITH SHERIFF

-- A 22-year-old male was arrested for DWI.

-- A 17-year-old male was arrested for minor in consumption.

-- A 23-year-old male was arrested for theft by check.

-- A 43-year-old male was arrested for felony DWI.

-- An 18-year-old male was arrested for two counts of violation of probation.

-- A 36-year-old female was arrested for traffic.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

-- Volunteer firefighters were called out at 3:05 a.m. to a wreck on East 15th Street.

EMS

-- Report not available.

Hospital Notes

PATIENTS IN HOSPITAL

Jenee Marie Baros, Richard E. Barrett, David Baulch, Debbie Lee Garza, Infant girl Garza, Deliaann Johnson, Vanessa Madrigal;

Leona Matthews, Francisca Murillo, Donnie Owen, Andrew Ryan Rieves, Eliseo S. Ruiz, Rose Mary Segura and Robena Whatley.

NEWBORNS

Mr. and Mrs. Sergio Monzon are parents of a baby girl, Jessica Monzon, 5 lbs. 14 oz., born on Feb. 27.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Enriquez are parents of a baby girl, Britney Marie Enriquez, 7 lbs 8 oz., born on March 3.

Mr. and Mrs. Edil Machado are parents of a baby boy, Oscar Leici Machado, 6 lbs. 9 1/2 oz., born on March 4.

Mr. and Mrs. Luis Aguilar are parents of a baby boy, Antonio Aguilar, 8 lbs. 13 oz., born on March 6.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Garza are parents of a baby girl, Amy Rae Garza, 7 lbs. 2 1/2 oz., born on March 6.

Mr. and Mrs. Dionicio Torres are parents of a baby boy, German Isacc Torres, 8 lbs. 6 3/4 oz., born on March 6.

Mr. and Mrs. Francisco Ramos are parents of a baby girl, Rita Joana Herrera Ramos, 7 lbs. 2 oz., born on March 7.

Economic aid to Mexico blamed for dollar trouble

By **JAMES H. RUBIN**
Associated Press Writer
WASHINGTON (AP) - The Clinton administration's rescue plan for Mexico's economy is becoming a more tempting target for critics who say it helped launch an international assault on the dollar.

Sen. Alfonse D'Amato, R-N.Y., was expected to lead a renewed attack on the administration today as the Senate Banking Committee opened hearings on the \$20 billion U.S. support package for Mexico.

D'Amato, the committee chairman, has charged the plan is a badly flawed bailout that is undermining the United States' ability to defend its own currency.

Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin was to testify, along with Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan, a staunch supporter of the rescue package. Also on the witness list was Greenspan's predecessor, Paul Volcker.

The Mexican peso, which has lost about half its value against the dollar since Dec. 20, tumbled Thursday for the fifth straight day, despite the agreement to rescue Mexico from its financial woes.

The crisis had deepened as President Ernesto Zedillo of Mexico delayed the release of a long-awaited plan for dealing with his nation's problems, but Mexican Treasury Secretary Guillermo Ortiz announced stiff austerity measures late Thursday that he said would be "difficult for all Mexicans."

"The program that the government is presenting today contains measures which, without a doubt, bear high costs for the population. But these costs are lower than those of any other alternative," Ortiz said at a news conference. He predicted the Mexican economy would contract by 2 percent in 1995.

He said the government will raise the sales tax to 15 percent from 10 percent. Gasoline prices will be increased by 35 percent and electricity rates by 20 percent over the year.

The peso will continue to float freely against the dollar, Ortiz said, despite its precipitous decline.

U.S. officials had predicted Zedillo's emergency plan would be very tough, asking huge sacrifices of the Mexican people.

The Clinton administration, meanwhile, is mounting a strong rhetorical defense of the dollar, pledging to do whatever is necessary to protect its premier position on world currency markets.

"This administration from its beginning has been, and remains, fully committed to the sound monetary and fiscal policies necessary for sustained growth, low inflation, a strong and stable dollar and maintenance of the dollar as the world's principal reserve currency," Rubin said Thursday.

But D'Amato and others insist the Mexican aid plan reduces the administration's defense of the dollar to a hollow promise. They note that loans and loan guarantees to Mexico are being provided by the same Treasury Department fund used to defend the dollar.

The White House distributed a document supporting President Clinton's decision to tap the currency stabilization fund.

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Lottery

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

1-8-0 (one, eight, zero)

Lifestyles

Studies show margarine is not safe alternative to butter in diet

By PAUL RAEBURN
AP Science Editor
SAN ANTONIO (AP) - Men who ate six teaspoons of margarine per day had twice the heart disease risk of men who didn't eat any margarine, a study has found.
The study failed to find any harmful effects from the consumption of butter, but researchers said that finding was probably due to the study's limitations.
It was the latest of several studies to point an accusing finger at margarine, which has long been touted as a safer alternative to butter. But not all studies have found margarine to be harmful, and researchers are scrambling to try to resolve what has become a murky issue.

There's one thing they agree on: It's not time to give up on margarine and go back to butter.
The most recent findings were based on information gathered during from 1966-1969 in the Framingham Heart Study, a well-known, decades-long study of residents of the Boston suburb of Framingham.
The risks are probably much lower now because the margarine sticks sold in the 1960s had far higher levels of trans fatty acids than most of the tubs of soft margarine and low-fat

spreads sold today, said one of the new study's authors, Dr. Matthew Gillman, an epidemiologist at Harvard Medical School.
Gillman reported his findings Thursday at the American Heart Association's annual epidemiology meeting.

"This lends some support - but not strong support - to others who have found that margarine can be deleterious," Gillman said. Nevertheless, Gillman said that until more evidence is available, he would recommend that people consume low-fat margarines and spreads instead of butter.

His report drew a flurry of warnings from other researchers, who worried that news of the study might appear to sanction a return to butter.
Even though Gillman's study didn't find any harm from butter, countless studies have shown that saturated fat, such as the fat in butter, is hazardous to the heart.

"The public is getting confused about this," said Kim Gans, a nutritionist and researcher at Memorial Hospital of Rhode Island in Pawtucket. It's too early to say how harmful margarine might be, she said, but the best advice is the old advice: "Decrease all types of fat. Eat less butter, margarine, fried

foods, oils."

It's better to dip bread in olive oil than cover it with either butter or margarine. "When that's not appropriate, choose a margarine that's lower in fat and has a liquid oil as the first ingredient," she said.

Trans fatty acids, the culprit in margarine, are structurally altered fats that arise when liquid oils are hydrogenated, a process that solidifies them so they can be made into margarine.

Gillman studied 865 men ages 45-65 who were part of the Framingham study. From 1966-1969, the men were asked on one occasion what they had eaten in the previous 24 hours. More than half reported that they didn't eat any margarine. The rest reported eating up to 10 teaspoons of margarine in the previous day.

The failure to find a harmful effect of butter could be a statistical fluke arising from the limited information available on the men's diets, Gillman said.

COMICS

STUDENTS!

This is Newspaper in Education Week. Your newspaper can help you learn in many interesting ways. Try one of these ideas with the comics in your newspaper:

Elementary - Comic strip characters can live almost anywhere. Study the comics in your newspaper. Can you find characters who seem to be in any of these places: a big city, a small town, the country, a cave, a dog house, a school, an office?

Secondary - Find your favorite comic strip in today's newspaper and write about the strip in the form of a news story. Be sure your lead paragraph answers the 5 Ws: Who? What? Where? When? Why? Include a headline for your story.

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Week planned to honor staff

March is Mental Retardation Month. ASCI-Hereford, a part of the Amarillo State Center, serves 30 people with mental retardation.
ASCI-Hereford has a director and two support staff who are "Direct Care" staff. "Direct care" refers to staff who spend at least 50 percent of their time working directly with the clients.
The week of March 26-31 has been declared "Direct Care Appreciation Week" by Rick Browder, director of Amarillo State Center.
A number of special activities are currently being planned to express gratitude and appreciation for the high quality of care the direct care staff provide.



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Church News

AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH

Bro. Johnny Griffith invites everyone to Sunday School beginning at 9:45 a.m. and Worship Service at 11 a.m. this Sunday morning.

Wednesday evening prayer service is at 6:30 p.m. with all Mission Activities beginning at 7 p.m. We would also like to invite anyone interested in singing in Choir to come join us for Choir Practice at 7:15 p.m. on Wednesdays.

This Sunday morning at 7:30 a.m. there will be a Brotherhood Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall. All men are encouraged to attend.
Baptist Women will be meeting at 12 noon Tuesday in the Fellowship Hall.

A Sr. Adult Regional Workshop will be held in Amarillo at the First Baptist Church on March 21 beginning at 8:30 a.m. for registration. All Sr. Adults are invited to attend this very informative workshop with the theme of "Seeking the Mind of Christ". Keynote speaker will be Dr. Guy Greenfield who is currently the Director and Counselor for the Family Growth Center here in Hereford. This will be a day of inspiration, learning and fellowship with other Sr. Adults in this part of Texas.
Early registration deadline is March 10, cost \$8. After that date, it will be \$10 at the door.
The Church's annual Children's Bible Drill will be held Sunday evening April 2 beginning at 6 p.m.
Avenue Baptist Church extends a warm welcome to you and your family and invites all who are looking for a church home to come and visit.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Revival Schedule
Sunday, March 19
8 a.m.-Men's Prayer Breakfast, Fellowship Hall. Guest speaker: Rick Hagar.
9:45 a.m.-Sunday School
11 a.m.-Worship
6:30 p.m.-Evening Worship
Monday, March 20
12:30 p.m.-Olde Tyme Gospel Meeting, Senior Citizen's Center.

7 p.m.-Evening Worship
Tuesday, March 21
Noon Meal and Service, Fellowship Hall (\$3 for meal by Lois & Mary)
6 p.m.-Youth Supper
Wednesday, March 22
6 p.m.-Children grades 1-6, Build a giant banana split, Fellowship Hall
7 p.m.-Evening Worship
Cottage Prayer Meetings on Wednesday at 7 p.m. will be the Roger Eades home, 402 Douglas; the John Curtis home, 709 North Miles; Marline Watson's home, 332 Centre; First Baptist Church.

Regularly scheduled Wednesday night activities, including Children's Music and Missions, Youth, and Supper, are canceled for March 15. Please attend one of the Cottage Prayer Meetings.

Notice! Due to spring break next week the Thursday Night Ladies Bible Study will not meet at Marline Watson's this month.

SUMMERFIELD BAPTIST CHURCH

The public is invited to attend all of the church services. Sunday school is held at 10 a.m. and the Sunday worship services are held at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. The Wednesday service is held at 7 p.m.
For more information, call 357-2535.

COUNTRY ROAD CHURCH OF GOD

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.

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.

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Ann Landers

DEAR ANN LANDERS: I learned my lesson the hard way. I won't go into detail, but I hope you will find room in your column for my letter. If I had seen one like it a few years ago, I would not have been such an easy candidate for grief.

You are being played for a fool if:
1. He doesn't see you on a steady basis, and there are several unexplained absences. don't believe what he says. Check it out.

2. He constantly tells you about how women are calling him and hitting on him. Watch out. More than likely, he's the one who is doing the calling and the hitting on.

3. He puts a spin on his past relationships that don't add up. (He is always the one who called it off.)

4. You haven't met his family, his friends or anyone he works with. This is a red flag. He doesn't want you to get involved with people who know about his past or his present.

5. He spends no money on you, tells you what a great cook you are and just loves to have you fix meals or snacks at your house. He also tells you which videos to rent so you can see them together, which is a lot cheaper (for him) than going to a theater.

6. If your heart and your head don't agree, listen to your head. It has a lot more brains in it than your heart.

One more thing. If you live in a southern state, be on the alert. My Romeo has been dumped recently, and he is looking desperately for a replacement. P.S. He is good-looking, dresses well, is smooth and has a fabulous gift of gab. He lies a lot and is awfully good at it because he has

had so much practice. No name or city, please. Just sign this letter -- Badly Burned But Better Off in Dixie

DEAR BURNED: The warning signals you have outlined could apply to women as well as men. Some females out there are just as flaky and irresponsible as men. Thanks for the advice.

DEAR ANN LANDERS: Several years ago, you printed a wonderful definition of success. I put it under plastic and carried it in my wallet. I read it periodically when I needed to reassess my life.

I lost my wallet last week and don't care about the money (about \$100), but I DO care about that clipping. Will you please print it again? -- Lawrence, Kan.

DEAR LAWRENCE: You bet. It was written in 1904 by Bessie Anderson Stanley. Here it is:

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by Bessie Anderson Stanley
He has achieved success who has lived well, laughed often and loved much; who has enjoyed the trust of pure women, the respect of intelligent men and the love of little children; who has filled his niche and accomplished his task; who has left the world better than he found it, whether by an improved poppy, a perfect poem or a rescued soul; who has never lacked appreciation of earth's beauty or failed to express it; who has always looked for the best in others and given them the best he had; whose life was an inspiration; whose memory a benediction.

Gem of the Day: Wonderful memories must be planned for in advance.

Menus

HEREFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

SPRING BREAK

ST. ANTHONY'S SCHOOL

SPRING BREAK

Meeting planned for class reunion

The Hereford High School class of 1970 will have a class reunion planning meeting on Monday at 7:30 p.m. at the Sirloin Stockade.

Plans will be made for the 25th class reunion to be held in August. Contact Paul Hamilton at 364-3940 or Gilbert Oarellano at 364-6891 with any questions.

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SAN JOSE CATHOLIC CHURCH

On Saturday, April 8, San Jose Church will hold its second Annual Parish Auction. Parishioners are asked to donate items of quality and condition for this fundraiser. All consignments will be auctioned off to the public by Brice Busby, an experienced auctioneer from Hereford.

Persons may bring auction items by the parish office beginning on Thursday, April 6. In addition to items donated by parishioners and the public, the church pews in the mission church in the Labor Camp will be auctioned as well as a property lot located on Mable Street. For more information, please contact the auction coordinators: Shaun Reece at 364-7190 (work) or Lydia Villanueva at 364-1094.

Thursday evenings during Lent will be a time of spiritual renewal for San Jose parish. Stations of the Cross will be held at 6:30 p.m. outside, if the weather permits. A visiting priest will preside and preach at the 7 p.m. liturgy. The priest will also give a brief talk at the Charismatic Prayer Meeting at 7:45 p.m. Plan to spend this extra time together as a church and receive spiritual food for the Lent-Easter journey.

On Friday, March 17, 7 p.m. the T.Y.M. will be presenting their Annual Talent Show at San Jose Hall. We are still taking contestants. Call Deacon Jessie Guerrero at San Jose parish office 364-5053.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The men of FUMC would like to invite other men of the community to be a part of the Methodist Men's monthly breakfast which will be at Fellowship Hall, Sunday morning at 8 a.m. Pancakes, sausage, hot coffee and juice will be served. There will be a program and devotional. Please come and be a part of this great fellowship.

Sunday School will be at 9:30 a.m. followed by the morning worship service at 10:45 a.m. Dr. Ed Williamson's sermon will be "Jesus: Christians Must Let Go To Win" taken from the scripture of Luke 9:23-27. The Sanctuary Choir will sing "Mockness and Majesty" and the offertory will be "O Master Let Me Walk With Thee" played by Evelyn Hacker and Nancy Denison. Evening worship will be at 6 p.m.

TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH

This has been The Week of Prayer for Home Missions in our church. Which is also known as Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. We invite everyone to come worship with us Sunday as this will be our Ingathering day for Home Missions. Our usual services are Sunday School and Bible Study at 9:45 a.m. with the morning worship at 11.

Our Ingathering will be in the morning worship. Pastor, H. Wyatt Bartlett will be doing the preaching. He has been sharing some of the things he saw and experienced in the Holy Land.

At 6 p.m. the MASTERLIFE study will continue. The evening service is at 7. The pastor will be preaching.

The mid-week prayer meeting will be March 15 at which time we will also have our monthly business meeting.

CHRIST'S CHURCH FELLOWSHIP

REJOICE IN THE LORD. AGAIN I WILL SAY REJOICE! Our prayer for you is that God's GRACE AND BEST BLESSINGS may attend you. Worship with your church family this Sunday.

Christ's Church Fellowship at 401 West Park Avenue has classes for all ages which begin at 9:30 a.m. Morning worship is at 10:45 with KIDS church for ages 4 through 6th grade. KIDS CHURCH is directed by Shelly McCracken and will begin a new unit Sunday called BOOMBOX. Teen youth group meets at 6 p.m.

Ladies' PRECEPT TRAINING in Revelation is Monday at 7 p.m. and Wednesday at 9:45 a.m. PRAYER TIME is at 7 p.m. Wednesday.

CHRISTIAN YOUTH CLUB is after school on Wednesday at 5 p.m. for grades one through six.

Pastor Otto Schaufele will preach on the topic of ASKING FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT from Luke 11:11-13.

WESTWAY BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastor Ray Sanders and the congregation of Westway Baptist Church would like to extend a personal invitation to everyone to come and join us this Sunday for morning worship. Sunday school is at 9:45 a.m. Worship is at 11 a.m.

A nursery is provided. Come and join us as we study God's word and grow together.

FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD 606 E. 15th St.



MARK FLEMING

Hereford First Assembly of God at 606 E. 15th St. will host revival services with Evangelist Mark Fleming, beginning this Sunday through March 17.

Service times are Sunday at 10:45 a.m., Sunday evening at 6 and nightly thereafter at 7:30 p.m.

Rev. Fleming is an accomplished recording artist as well as a dynamic Bible preacher.

The public is cordially invited to attend according to Pastor Mike Matheny.

ST. ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

It is time to be working on Country Store craft items again. If you are making something for the raffle or have an item to donate, please let us know what it is for advance publicity. Jan Reeve, 364-7200 or Laurie Paetzold at 364-1961.

Donations of money, hogs or brisquets are being sought as well. Please call Dennis or Shelly at 364-5432, Gerald or Wanda at 364-9406 or Colby Kriegshauser at 364-3484.

Friday children's liturgies will be celebrated back in the church again beginning this Friday, and after Spring Break.

You are invited to Blanche Marnell's 80th birthday party Sunday from 2-4 p.m. in the Antonian Room. No gifts please.

You are invited to the 25th wedding anniversary dance celebration for Vernon and Mary Vasek Wilhelm, Saturday evening at St. Ann's Parish Family Center in Canyon. Music by "Bottom Line".

Parish advisory board minutes for February are available at church doors.

Jason Carnahan will soon begin a project for an Eagle Scout badge which will enhance the beauty of our grounds by putting a two-level planter base for flowers and shrubs at the foot of the St. Anthony statue in front of the church. To do this, he is seeking donations and volunteer labor in cement work or bricklaying. If you can help him call Annette at the church office, 364-6150.

ST. THOMAS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

"Disciplines of the Spirit: 2. Simplicity" continues a series of Lenten sermons by The Rev. Charles Wilson on the Second Sunday in Lent. The Holy Eucharist is celebrated at 11 a.m. and will begin with Penitential Order I and the Decalogue.

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. A soup supper and brief program will follow. On March 22 there will be a Passover Seder Meal.

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 VISN Network on the Faith and Values channel. "Cain and Abel" is the topic this Sunday. The Sunday Church School continues a six week mission study on the Church in West Africa.

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

Pastor Ted Taylor and congregation offer a cordial invitation for you to join us in Morning Worship this Sunday at 10:30. The sermon deals with faith. "Characters of the Cross, The Faith of Mary". Habakkuk 3:17-19.

The Gideons International, a non-profit organization, is generously supported by pastors and churches, who realize that distributing God's Holy Word around the world, winning others for Christ. Speaker Cecil Oglesby will give us some insight Sunday.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Hey Kids! This is Game Sunday with Pastor Carol. Come and join her and see what her "Game Plan" is. The theme is "What would it take for you to make a 'Deal'?"

N.K.K.: Ah! Ah! Spring Break. Nazarene Kids Korner will be closed March 15 & 17 for Spring Break. Wednesday, March 22 get your practice swings in so we can go golfing. March 24 we'll learn all about baby animals for Movie Day.

TEENS: Teen Care Groups Sunday nights 6 p.m. at Jim Pope's house, 107 Centre, or room 205 at Nazarene Academy, and Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. We cordially invite you to join us for fellowship and learning.

March 12 will again be time for another great dinner sponsored by the Teens, so get your hunger together, folks, for a tasty baked potato, salad and a "smorgasbord" of desserts. ADULT: W.O.W.'s topic this

month is "Domestic Violence". Come March 27 at 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the Nazarene Church and learn the facts about the truth as Melba Goforth, of Hereford Outreach of Domestic Violence Services, shares her knowledge on this subject. The chances are it will touch your life in some way.

Women of Worth Ministry's 5th Anniversary Conference is coming up May 18-20, featuring Florence Littauer and Pat Wellman. For registration and information call 364-8303 or 364-5701.

SUNDAY SCHOOL FEATURE: "Preparing Your Teen for Sexuality". All parents of teenagers need to see this important video series. This class, for parents of teens, is led by Mike and Amy Schumacher and meets in Jacob's Well, upstairs in N.C.A. building.

We extend a special invitation to you to attend the Tuesday morning Bible Study with teacher Susie Merrick. She will be teaching on the revealing book of Revelation.

Ladies! Put on those sneakers and get to the Ladies Exercise Class now in progress on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 5'15 p.m. in the gym. Just wear something comfortable. Contact Cathy Bunch for further information.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES: Bible Study - 9:30 a.m. Sunday: Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m. Evening Worship - 6 p.m. Wednesday - all services at 7 p.m. Kids Fall Program Teen "Club Paradise" Adult Bible Study

FELLOWSHIP OF BELIEVERS

If you do not have a church home or if you are looking for a unique 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.

CALVARY WORSHIP CENTER 105 S. Main

Pastor Vincent Sandlin and congregatoin would like to extend a friendly welcome to everyone to come and worship with us this Sunday.

We have two services on Sunday. The morning worship is at 10 and evening fellowship at 6. A nursery is provided.

Bible study on Wednesday evening at 7 is led by Brother Vince.

For additional information or prayer call 364-1757.

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.

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.

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.

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Sports

Guzman excels at Hoop Shoot

Valerie Guzman of Hereford finished second in the state competition of the Elks Hoop Shoot, held Saturday in Houston.

Guzman tied for first in the girls' 12-13-year-old division. Two shootoff sessions were needed until Guzman bowed out. The girl who Guzman lost to is a four-time state champion and was a national runner-up last year, according to Elks spokesman Ray Reddinger.

Kevin King and Jarrett Maes, also of Hereford, competed in Houston but didn't place. King, Maes and Guzman all won their divisions at the district competition held in January in Amarillo.

Hoop Shoot competition started with 260,000 kids in Texas alone, which was whittled to 60 at the state tournament.

Hereford baseball squad to host twinbill Saturday

The Hereford baseball team will play a doubleheader against two different Amarillo teams Saturday at Whiteface Field. The Herd (2-2) will take on Amarillo High at 1 p.m., then play Palo Duro at about 3. Saturday's games will be the Herd's first since Feb. 27, when Hereford beat Lubbock High in Lubbock.

All of Hereford's spring sports teams will be competing somewhere this weekend. Four teams are competing in events today and Saturday: girls' track in Tulia; boys' track in Odessa; girls' golf in Andrews; and boys' golf in San Angelo.

The Herd tennis team is playing in a four-team tournament today at the Amarillo Tennis Center. While the varsity plays in Amarillo, the junior varsity tennis team is hosting a tournament today at Whiteface Courts. Depending on circumstances, the tournament may continue Saturday. The JV teams that will compete are Hereford, Borger, Plainview and Dimmitt.

The Hereford JV baseball team will play three games in Amarillo this weekend: at Caprock at 4:30 today and at Palo Duro for a doubleheader Saturday, with the first game starting at 1 p.m.

Freshmen and sophomore golfers, both boys and girls, will play in a tournament Saturday in Tulia.

Anderson stops Wichita Falls; Sudan advances to title game

By The Associated Press

Kris Clack scored 27 and William Stringfellow added 16 as Austin Anderson earned a return trip to the Class 4A championship game with a 77-57 victory against Wichita Falls Thursday in Austin.

Anderson (35-1), which lost in last year's final on a last-second shot by Plainview, used its height advantage and balanced scoring to create matchup problems for Wichita Falls (24-8), led by Hugh Breland's 18 points. Wichita Falls beat Hereford in the regional semifinals Feb. 28.

Saturday's championship game between Anderson and Port Arthur Lincoln, a 61-52 winner over Lancaster Thursday, will be a rematch of last year's semifinal won by Anderson.

Clack ignited a 12-3 run with a 3-point play and Josh Millberger capped the stretch with a 3-pointer as Austin Anderson went up 18-9 with 7:41 left in the second quarter. The Trojans were never threatened after that.

In the other semifinal, Steve Jackson scored 21 and Keith Harris added 20 as perennial powerhouse Lincoln defeated Lancaster.

Lincoln (34-3) is seeking its seventh title in 10 tournament appearances.

Lancaster, led by Lèvonis Miller with 14 points and eight rebounds, finished the season 28-8 after making its third state tourney appearance.

Trailing 56-45 with 2:23 left, the Tigers attempted to get back into the game by fouling Lincoln. The Bumblebees missed the front ends of five separate one-and-one free throw attempts in the final two minutes, but Lancaster struggled to get rebounds and could get no closer than 58-52

with 33 seconds left.

Lincoln simply had too much firepower for the Tigers. Harris, who is 6-7 and has signed with Tulane, was unstoppable down low, finishing 9-of-11 from the field while grabbing eight rebounds.

Class 3A Semifinals
Madisonville 77, Seminole 65
Clarksville 72, Rockdale 62

Brandon Gilbert scored 28 points and helped ignite a decisive fourth quarter run as Madisonville came back to defeat Seminole.

Madisonville (34-3), making its third state tournament appearance, will face Clarksville (33-2) in Saturday's championship game.

Seminole (33-5), led by 6-foot-10 Clancy Hall's 18 points, never trailed in the second half and had just taken its biggest lead, 60-53, with 6:29 left in the game, before Gilbert, a 6-7 junior, heated up for Madisonville.

Gilbert, who had 17 points in the first half, struggled in the second half before scoring five straight points and igniting a run that would help Madisonville outscore Seminole 24-5 over the final 6:12.

Seminole was forced to play without Hall, who had four fouls, through much of the decisive spurt and committed nine turnovers in the fourth quarter that Madisonville converted into 14 points.

In the other semifinal, Zed Page scored 20 points and Rodney Ganes added 18 as Clarksville defeated Rockdale.

Clarksville (33-2) is making its fourth state tournament appearance.

Rockdale (23-14) was led by Jermaine Robertson and P.J. Williams, each with 16 points.

Class A Semifinals
Calvert 76, Robert Lee 74
Sudan 89, Avinger 67

Terrell Hart scored 20 and hit four free throws in the final minute as Calvert made a decisive run in the fourth quarter and then held on to defeat Robert Lee.

Calvert (33-4) trailed nearly the entire game before opening up a 13-2 run at the outset of the fourth quarter, taking a 67-57 lead with 5:32 to play.

Robert Lee (29-5) answered with a 14-5 run highlighted by eight points from Lee McCown and a 3-pointer by Aaron Hood as the Steers pulled within 72-71 with 1:37 left.

But Hart hit both ends of a one-and-one free throw attempt with 54.3 seconds left, then hit another free throw with 45.1 ticks to go and still another with 42 seconds to play as Calvert grabbed a series of rebounds after his missed foul shots and took a 76-71 lead.

In the other semifinal, Jarrod Fisher scored 30 points and grabbed nine rebounds as hot-shooting Sudan defeated Avinger.

Sudan (31-2), which hit 61 percent from the field, is making its second state tournament appearance and will play in Saturday's championship game against Calvert (33-4).

Avinger (32-6) was led by 6-foot-4 Courtney Dowell, who was unstoppable in the first half while slashing by Sudan defenders for 16 of his 23 points.

After leading 38-35 at halftime, Sudan took control of the game in the third quarter. Fisher scored six points and Jerimi Bourland added five as the Hornets outscored Avinger 17-9 in the period and went up 55-44.

Dowell was shut down during Sudan's decisive third-quarter run.



Local celebrities

Members of the Hereford High School basketball team are surrounded by Northwest Elementary School students seeking autographs following a pep rally for the team on Thursday. The team was honored for their 22-10 team with personalized poems that were read to players and presented to them.

Cocaine may have contributed to death of Celtics' star Lewis

By JIMMY GOLEN
AP Sports Writer

BOSTON (AP) - He lived a clean life, by all accounts, the kind of athlete who deserved the admiration of his fans. Gentlemanly when on the court, generous when off it, Reggie Lewis was an honored Boston Celtics captain.

That image was tainted Thursday by a published report examining whether cocaine use contributed to the heart condition that killed Lewis.

Friends and family angrily denounced the Wall Street Journal story, and the Celtics threatened to sue the paper and reporter Ron Suskind for \$100 million. After practice at the Brandeis University gym where Lewis collapsed and died in 1993, Celtics players said they don't believe their former captain used drugs.

"I think it's ridiculous that anyone would even associate him with that," forward Dominique Wilkins said. "The guy is passed more than two years. I think we should let him rest in peace."

Asked whether there was anyone who less fit the drug-user profile, forward Rick Fox cocked his head back pensively and said, "Probably not."

"I was going to say God," he said. "But, no."

Lewis was a hero in Boston and his hometown of Baltimore, where he would distribute free turkeys on Thanksgiving and Christmas. A telethon has been scheduled March 21 to raise money for the foundation formed by Lewis' widow to continue his work for the poor.

The next night, the Celtics will retire his uniform number on what Mayor Tom Menino has proclaimed "Reggie Lewis Day."

"I've never seen him do any drugs. There's no one else who's seen him do any drugs. Stuff like that that you can't hide from your teammates," said Celtics guard Dee Brown, a close friend who stencils "Reggie" on the heels of his basketball shoes. "He had a heart problem. Period."

Any proceeds from the libel lawsuit would go to the Reggie Lewis Foundation, Celtics chairman Paul Gaston said.

"To me, this story is an example of gutless journalism, yellow journalism, based completely on a disregard for the truth," Gaston said.

And worse, he said.

"I quite frankly think it (the article) was racist," Gaston said. "When a black athlete dies, people do not believe that it isn't either guns or drugs."

Paul E. Steiger, the Journal's managing editor, stood by the story. "We remain confident that the article was fair and accurate," he said.

The report quoted several doctors who doubted the official autopsy finding that a virus that can cause the common cold led to the heart damage that eventually killed Lewis. Instead, the doctors said, one possibility leading to his condition was cocaine use.

But Lewis refused to be tested for drugs and denied ever using them, they said. After his death, a lawyer for the Lewis family threatened to sue the city of Boston if anything in the preliminary autopsy mentioned drug use, the Journal said.

Lewis' widow, Donna Harris-Lewis, denied that he refused to take a drug test.

"Reggie did not use drugs. Period," she said at the news conference in the Celtics' offices.

"He was a model citizen. He was kind and caring and this is the way I'll remember him. And I encourage everybody to do the same."

Questions from the Journal prompted the state's Office of Public Safety, which oversees the medical examiner, to re-examine Lewis' file several weeks ago. There was no reason to doubt the cause of death that was listed, according to a statement issued from the office.

Lewis, 27, collapsed during a game against the Charlotte Hornets in April 1993. After a team of doctors assembled by the Celtics warned that his career was in jeopardy, Lewis transferred to another hospital and sought a second opinion.

"Cocaine was a central, explosive issue for the doctors, the Lewis family, the Celtics and the pathologists who conducted his ... 1993 autopsy," the article said, "an issue that became untouchable because Mr. Lewis was a basketball superstar."

Dr. Richard Evans, the state's chief medical examiner, said any claim attributing the scarring on Lewis' heart to cocaine use is "a garbage diagnosis."

"You can't just look at a slide of someone's heart and examine that slide and do scientific tests on that piece of tissue and say, 'This is definitely the diagnosis,'" he said. "That's something where you have to have a history to back it up, that so-and-so used cocaine and so much and so often and for so many years."

The article said Lewis' family and the team would collect upwards of \$15 million in insurance - but not if there was a drug link. The Journal quoted a doctor who consulted on the autopsy as saying that a lawyer for Lewis' family threatened to sue if anything came out about drugs.

WT AD in trouble for peeping

AMARILLO, Texas (AP) - Police have cited West Texas A&M University Athletics Director Michael Chandler for disorderly conduct for looking in the dorm-room window of a freshman football player.

Meri Lyn Odell of the University Police Department said officers filed the case Thursday with Randall County Justice of the Peace E. Jay Hail. The Class C misdemeanor is punishable by a fine up to \$500.

Chandler, after questioning by

university police, acknowledged looking into the windows of some male athletes early Tuesday to monitor their conduct. The university is located at Canyon, 10 miles south of Amarillo.

Chandler said he had good intentions but realized his behavior was a mistake.

The athletics director said he did not initially consider the action an invasion of privacy.

WT Interim President Russell

Long said he asked Chandler to take vacation time beginning immediately. Long planned to meet with him after spring break to "discuss his future with the university."

"It's obvious that improper behavior took place," Long said Thursday, "but until I get all of the information I need, I'm not ready yet to decide on a course of action."

Chandler said he had 10 days to appear before the justice. He had not decided how to plead.

Jordan may return to NBA Owners prepare new offer

By JIM LITKE
AP Sports Writer

CHICAGO (AP) - Michael Jordan's quest to make the big leagues is about to become reality. The twist is he'll get there by returning to the game he dominated instead of the one he dabbled in, a source told The Associated Press.

"He's done with baseball," the source said. "He's going to play basketball."

Chicago White Sox minor leaguer Charles Poe is quoted in the Chicago Sun-Times today as saying Jordan said goodbye to his baseball teammates last week in Sarasota, Fla.

"I was begging him to come back," Poe said. "He said, 'I love you all, but I've got to move on.' He said he was done with baseball. I asked him if he was sure, and he said,

"Yeah, I'm not coming back."

Jordan practiced with the Chicago Bulls for a third straight session earlier Thursday, fueling speculation that a return to the NBA and the team he led to three consecutive championships was imminent.

"It sounds good - a guy retires for a year and a half, comes back ... it could go on and on if you win," former teammate B.J. Armstrong said. "Quite a story."

But a source close to Jordan, speaking on the condition he not be identified, said it was more than a story.

He said the three-time MVP, who retired suddenly about a month before the 1993-94 season, had not settled on an exact timetable for his return. Though his baseball career has kept him in shape, Jordan wants to

improve his overall conditioning and hone his shooting touch before deciding on an exact return date.

"It won't be tonight, tomorrow or the next day," the source said. "But it will be soon ... He's going to take a couple of weeks to tune up."

Jordan was reported to be in Phoenix today for a charity event. Jerry Reinsdorf, owner of both the Bulls and Chicago White Sox, has a home in the area.

NBA spokesman John Maroon said

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Cougars upset TCU; Raiders destroy SMU

By DENNE H. FREEMAN
AP Sports Writer

DALLAS (AP) - Strange things usually happen in the Southwest Conference basketball tournament and nothing could have been more unusual than Houston shocking the Texas Christian Horned Frogs.

The Frogs had blasted the Cougars twice during the regular season but couldn't do it when it counted Thursday.

Willie Byrd and Damon Jones hit critical free throws in the last 17 seconds and Tim Moore scored 19 points and hauled down 15 rebounds as the sixth-seeded Cougars rallied from a 14-point deficit to shock the third-seeded Horned Frogs 80-77.

Houston will play Texas Tech, a 92-54 winner over Southern Methodist, at 8 p.m. today.

Texas, which got a first round bye, meets Rice at 6 p.m. The Owls followed the career-high 30 points by Tommy McGhee to an 84-75 victory over Texas A&M.

Lance Hughes, who led Tech with 18 points, said the Cougars scare the Red Raiders.

"Houston matches up with us real well," Hughes said. "It should be a great game."

SMU was never in the game against Tech. SMU coach John Shumate said "they whipped us in every aspect of the game. It was embarrassing."

Three other Tech players were in double figures as the Red Raiders notched their 19th win of the year.

TCU finished the season at 16-11 while the Cougars improved to 9-18. The Frogs thrashed the Cougars 106-92 and 106-95 during the regular season.

TCU coach Billy Tubbs said he wasn't sure you could call it an upset.

"I don't know that this was an upset," he said. "Houston is good enough to win this tournament. The second half was the worst we have played in a long time. Houston made the plays. They played well in the second half and deserved to win."

Byrd made three free throws and Jones added another when TCU was trying to get back into the game.

Kurt Thomas, the nation's leading rebounder and scorer, scored 26 points and had 20 rebounds for TCU but his 9-for-19 free throw shooting hurt the Horned Frogs, who had 23 turnovers which led to 24 points.

Jesse Drain and Jones each scored 14 points for Houston while James Turner and Mike Thoele added 14 each for the favored Frogs.

Houston coach Alvin Brooks said the Cougars decided to rotate players guarding Thomas in an attempt to wear him down.

"It was our best defensive performance of the year," Brooks said. "The last time we played Thomas he scored 43 against us. We did a good job of pressuring the ball and clogging up the passing lanes."

He said he was happy his team didn't panic when it fell behind early.

"I just told them to relax and get the jitters out," Brooks said. "We haven't beaten TCU in a while. But it's tough to beat a team three consecutive times in one season."

TCU coach Billy Tubbs concurred.

"It is hard to beat a team three times particularly if your offense disappears like it did for us," Tubbs said. "It was the worst second half we played in a long, long time."

Asked if he was pleased with Thomas' game, Tubbs shot back "not at all. He missed a lot of free throws."

Rice coach Willis Wilson said the Owls were going to try a different game plan against Texas which has beaten Rice twice this year, including a 108-74 loss on March 4.

"We have nothing to lose," Wilson said. "We know how good they are. This time we're going to try to take the game to them instead of them taking the game to us."

UMass tramples Temple, wins A-10

By The Associated Press
Four years, four Atlantic 10 tournament titles, four regular-season crowns. Coach John Calipari thinks that makes eighth-ranked Massachusetts a No. 1 seed in the NCAA tournament.

"If we're not a No. 1 seed, I don't know what a No. 1 seed looks like," Calipari said. "We are a No. 1 seed even if we aren't when they make the announcement Sunday. We did everything we were asked to do."

The Minutemen beat Temple 63-44 Thursday night in the championship game of the Atlantic 10 tournament. The only team to have a longer run as conference double champion was North Carolina State, which won both in the Southern Conference from 1947-51.

"This was a terrific effort by a

good basketball team," Calipari said.

In other games involving ranked teams, it was No. 1 UCLA 86, Oregon State 67; No. 14 Purdue 72, Minnesota 59; No. 20 Alabama 55, Tennessee 43; No. 22 Utah 72, San Diego State 63, and No. 25 Oregon 81, Southern Cal 77.

No. 1 UCLA 86, Oregon St. 67

In Los Angeles, Ed O'Bannon scored 21 points as No. 1 UCLA clinched the Pac-10 Conference title outright with its 12th straight victory. The Bruins (24-2, 15-2) won their first conference championship since 1992 and prevented No. 12 Arizona (23-2, 13-4) from tying for the crown.

No. 14 Purdue 72, Minnesota 59

In Minneapolis, Cuonzo Martin scored 26 points and keyed a

second-half surge as Purdue clinched at least a share of the Big Ten title.

Purdue (23-6, 14-3), which won its seventh straight game, has a one-game lead over Michigan State with one game to go in conference play.

Michigan State is at home against Wisconsin on Saturday, while the Boilermakers play host to Michigan.

Martin, the Big Ten Player of the Week after consecutive 29-point games against Iowa and Illinois, scored seven straight points for Purdue midway through the second half as the Boilermakers forged a 47-41 lead and began to break the game open.

15 points as No. 20 Alabama (21-8) beat Tennessee 55-43 in the first round of the Southeastern Conference tournament at Atlanta. Tennessee cut a nine-point Alabama lead to 26-24 in the first half but could get no closer.

"A lot of people might think that this was an ugly win," Alabama coach David Hobbs said. "As far as we are concerned, there are no ugly wins. The bottom line is the final score."

The victory sends the Crimson Tide into tonight's quarterfinal against Georgia.

No. 22 Utah 72, San Diego St. 63

In Albuquerque, WAC player of the year Keith Van Horn scored 23 points and Brandon Jesse added 21, lifting Utah (25-5) into the WAC semifinals.

The Aztecs led Utah 38-37 four minutes into the second half before the Utes assembled a 13-6 run over the next 5:11 to pull ahead. Utah led 57-50 with 7:24 left after Jesse sank two free throws.

The Aztecs scored the next four points to pull within 57-54, but a series of trips down the floor resulted in missed 3-pointers. Van Horn, while double-teamed, scored in the paint and Australian Ben Melmeth hit a free throw to spark a 7-0 run that put the game out of reach.

No. 25 Oregon 81, Southern Cal 77

Kenya Wilkins sank all eight of his free throws in the final 46 seconds as the Ducks held off Southern Cal, which has lost 13 in a row. Wilkins led all scorers with 23 points and Orlando Williams added 17 for the Ducks (19-7, 11-6 Pac-10).

Elliott's tip-in lifts Spurs

By CHUCK MELVIN
AP Sports Writer

CLEVELAND (AP) - To Sean Elliott, one second seemed like plenty of time.

"You know, if you have .5 seconds, you have to tip it in. With a full second, you can turn and shoot," Elliott said Thursday night after his layup on an inbounds play at the buzzer gave the San Antonio Spurs yet another close win, 100-98 over the Cleveland Cavaliers.

The Spurs, winners of nine of their last 10 games, have won nine straight games decided by three points or less. Cleveland has lost five of its last six games.

In other games Thursday, it was Portland 99, Miami 90; Charlotte 112, Seattle 99 and Indiana 109, Sacramento 94.

David Robinson scored 26, Elliott 19 and Avery Johnson and Vinny Del Negro 16 each for the Spurs. Dennis Rodman grabbed 10 rebounds, nearly eight under his average, but got the biggest one of the game when he ran down Terrell Brandon's missed shot with one second to play.

The Spurs called a timeout and coach Bob Hill then drew up what proved to be the winning play. Using Chuck Person as a decoy, San Antonio was able to distract Cleveland's Chris Mills away from Elliott for a split second.

Doc Rivers, inbound from halfcourt, whistled a pass to Elliott to the right of the lane, and Elliott whirled and laid the ball off the backboard as the horn sounded.

JORDAN

there would be no league obstacles to Jordan rejoining the Bulls.

The Bulls have not addressed questions about his return and it was unclear how he would fit under the team's salary cap. Jordan has two years remaining on a contract reportedly paying him \$4 million a year. His agent, David Falk, was out of his Washington office and was not returning telephone calls.

"There are still a few pieces to fall into place," the source said.

"He won't rush back to improve the (team's) playoff position. It doesn't matter to him as much whether they play the No. 1 or 2 seed as whether he's in real good shape."

After the Bulls' two-hour practice, Jordan drove off in his Range Rover without comment. And spokesmen for the Bulls, the Chicago White Sox and Jordan's agent said no announcement was forthcoming, although ESPN also reported Thursday that Jordan was returning.

Bulls coach Phil Jackson said he and Jordan had discussed a return to basketball about the time training camp opened last fall.

"He and I spoke about this possibility happening last September and October. It's a reality ... but it's still not a reality. So we're not pinning any hopes and we're not trying to throw up a balloon or a kite that's not ready to fly."

"It couldn't have worked more perfectly," Hill said. "You have to switch in that situation, and as soon as Sean's man (Mills) stepped up, it opened Sean up. Doc made a great pass."

"In the timeout, we decided to come out and take the delay of game right away," Mills said. "As soon as the official handed him the ball, we were going to step out of bounds and get a feel for what they were going to do. Then we were going to have Michael Cage guard the inbounds pass. We never got around to it. It was just a mental lapse by the team."

Brandon, who was guarding Rivers, drifted toward the corner to cut off one passing lane but made no apparent attempt to draw a delay.

"It was just a breakdown," Cavs coach Mike Fratello said. "I'd rather not get into the X's and O's of it."

Brandon missed his first seven shots but came back to lead Cleveland with 24 points. Tony Campbell scored 21 off the bench, and Tyrone Hill held his own against Rodman on the boards, collecting 10 rebounds while scoring 17 points.

"We really didn't play well," Bob Hill said. "The important thing was we got our hands on that last ball, and we executed perfectly. Funny thing, before the game I said we had to score 100 points to win. I mean, we had to score 100. It was a good night for me, I guess."

Trail Blazers 99, Heat 90

At Miami, Otis Thorpe had his highest point total as a member of the Trail Blazers, getting 22 points as

while several players expressed a desire to see Jordan come back, former Bulls assistant coach John Bach said he would be setting himself up for a big fall.

"I'll be very disappointed if he tries to come back," said Bach, now an assistant with the Charlotte Hornets. "He has to try to return as the greatest player in the game. He was the top scorer, he was the top player, he won three championships. What else could he do?"

At Sacramento, Calif., Reggie Miller scored 30 points, including six 3-pointers, as Indiana notched its sixth straight win over struggling Sacramento.

Derrick McKey added 21 points and Rik Smits had 19 points and 12 rebounds for the Pacers, who never trailed in the second half.

Mitch Richmond scored 21 points for Sacramento, which has lost nine of its last 10 games and now leads the Denver Nuggets by only 2 1/2 games in the race for the eighth and final Western Conference playoff spot.



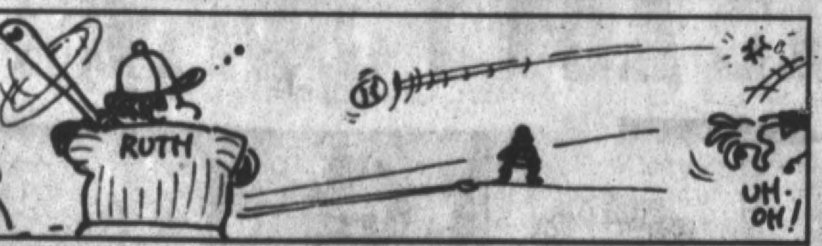
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You and your taxes, 1994

Be sure to check: rules on IRS deductions rewritten

By DAVE SKIDMORE
Associated Press Writer
WASHINGTON (AP) - If you like to do your own taxes, deductions are one of the things that make life worth living. Finding and using them offer a quiet satisfaction.

On the other hand, if you hate to do your taxes (the category that fits most of us), deductions and the fiendishly complex rules on their use can reduce you to a hair-pulling, shrieking mess.

Effective this year, the rules for some of the most popular deductions have been rewritten, many as a result of President Clinton's first budget, passed by Congress in August 1993.

You'll want to check for rule changes on deductions for moving expenses, mortgage points, business meals, club dues, charitable contributions and health insurance for the self-employed.

But like about seven of 10 taxpayers, you may find you don't

have to worry about the nuances of any one deduction because it's to your advantage to take the standard deduction, rather than itemize.

The standard deduction for married couples filing a joint return and qualifying widows and widowers is \$6,350 this year. For single people, it's \$3,800; heads of household, \$5,600, and married people filing separate returns, \$3,175.

If either you or your spouse were age 65 or older on Jan. 1 or were blind at the end of 1994, check your instruction booklet (page 38 of 1040A or page 23 of 1040, or see Publication 501.) You're eligible for a bigger standard deduction.

As a general rule, you should itemize, using Schedule A of Form 1040, if your itemized deductions total more than your standard deduction. Some deductions may be limited if your income was more than \$111,800 (\$55,900 married filing separately).

Here's an overview of deductions:

- MEDICAL AND DENTAL EXPENSES: You can deduct out-of-pocket medical and dental expenses and health insurance premiums for yourself, your spouse and your dependents. But you can deduct only the amount that exceeds 7.5 percent of your adjusted gross income (line 32 of Form 1040). Also, you can't deduct health insurance premiums if they've already been shielded from tax through an employer-sponsored cafeteria plan. Premium payments listed in box 1 of your Form W-2 it weren't shielded and can be deducted.

Deductible expenses include hospital, doctor and dental fees; prescription drugs including insulin and birth control pills, and certain home renovations such as the addition of a wheelchair ramp or removal of lead-based paint.

Non-deductible expenses include

the cost of health club membership, smoking cessation and weight loss programs, funerals, any illegal operation or treatment, non-prescription medicine and surgery for purely cosmetic purposes. Publication 502 has the details.

- TAXES: State income taxes and local real estate taxes are deductible. Annual personal property taxes, such as those charged on cars and boats, also are deductible if based on the value of the vehicle but not deductible if based on weight. Enter them on a new line 7 on Schedule A. Sales taxes on personal (as opposed to business) purchases aren't deductible, neither are trash pickup fees, water and sewer bills and fees and fines.

- INTEREST: You generally can deduct all of your home mortgage interest if the loan totaled \$1 million or less and was used to buy, build or improve your home. You also may be able to deduct interest on home equity loans, for other purposes, of up to

\$100,000. If any of your loans were taken out on or before Oct. 13, 1987, you might be able to deduct more.

Most lenders will send you a Form 1098 detailing how much you paid in 1994. See Publication 936 for more information.

You can deduct "points" - advance interest - you paid to buy a home, if charging points is the general practice of lenders in your area. The IRS said last year that you can also deduct points paid on your behalf by the seller of the home you purchased. However, points paid to refinance a mortgage must be deducted over the life of the loan, unless part of the proceeds were used to improve your main home.

Personal interest isn't deductible. But interest incurred for investment purposes, such as on a margin account at a stock broker, is deductible. Publication 550 explains.

- MOVING EXPENSES: The rules have been rewritten for this year. To qualify, your new workplace must be at least 50 miles farther from your old home than your old job was. That's up from 35 miles. You no longer can deduct certain costs related to selling your old home and buying a new one; amounts you pay for meals while moving; travel expenses, meals and lodging for pre-move house-hunting trips, and meals and lodging while living in temporary quarters near your new job. If your employer reimburses you for those expenses, it counts as income and should be included on your W-2.

Also, moving expenses for 1994 are now subtracted from income on the front of Form 1040, line 24. Previously, you had to itemize on Schedule A to take the deduction. You'll need Form 4782, from your employer, and Form 3903. See Publication 521.

- JOB EXPENSES AND MISCELLANEOUS: You can deduct a variety of expenses that, when combined, exceed 2 percent of your adjusted gross income. These include: unreimbursed employee expenses for travel, education, professional publications and tools; union dues; tax-preparation fees (on a new line 21 of Schedule A), and safe-deposit box rental.

In a change, club dues are no longer deductible as a business expense, although the IRS will make an exception for dues paid to public service clubs such as the Rotary, Kiwanis and Lions.

The deduction for business meals and entertainment expenses has been cut to 50 percent of what you paid, down from 80 percent last year.

For job expenses, you may need to fill out Form 2106. A new and simpler 12-line Form 2106-EZ is available and should make life a bit simpler for an estimated 3 million taxpayers. See Publication 529.

Who must file? Income determines

By DAVE SKIDMORE
Associated Press Writer
WASHINGTON (AP) - Sometimes the toughest part of doing your taxes is figuring out whether you have to file in the first place and, if you do, determining which form to use.

Whether or not you have to file depends on the interaction of many factors, including your income, age, marital status, whether you have children and whether you're someone else's dependent.

Keep in mind that even if you're not required to file, you may want to anyway to claim the earned income credit or get a refund of any amount withheld from your wages.

Publication 501 has all the details, but here are the basic filing thresholds:

- SINGLE: \$6,250 in gross income if younger than 65 on Jan. 1, 1995, and \$7,200 if 65 or older. This includes divorced, legally separated and many widowed people.

- HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD: \$8,050 if younger than 65 and \$9,000 if 65 or older. This status, which carries a lower tax rate than single status, is for unmarried people who

provide a home for an unmarried child or grandchild or a dependent married child or grandchild, parent, grandparent, aunt, uncle, niece, nephew or most in-laws but not a cousin. Their parent need not live with them but any other relative must. Some married people who lived apart from their spouse during the last six months of 1994 also are eligible.

- MARRIED, FILING JOINTLY: \$11,250 if both spouses are younger than 65, \$12,000 if one spouse is 65 or older and \$12,750 if both spouses are 65 or older. If you file jointly but did not live together at the end of the year, the threshold is \$2,450.

- MARRIED, FILING SEPARATELY: \$2,450, any age.

- QUALIFYING WIDOW or widower with dependent child: \$8,800 if younger than 65, \$9,550 if 65 or older. To qualify, your spouse must have died in 1992 or 1993, you must not have remarried in 1994 and you must have paid over half the cost of keeping up a home for yourself and a dependent child who lived with you all year.

- DEPENDENTS: The thresholds

are lower for dependents and vary depending on marital status, whether or not the dependent is blind or 65 or older and on the type of income involved, earned or unearned.

Children younger than 14 don't have to file separately if their parents include their income in their own by using Form 8814.

The child's income must have come entirely from interest and dividends, the income must be less than \$5,000 and the child must have had no tax withheld from income and made no estimated tax payments.

This could be an expensive option, though, because with a few exceptions the child's earnings will be taxed at the parents' top rate. That could be as high as 39.6 percent; most children who are taxed normally pay a top rate of 15 percent.

Once you've determined you must file, you need to choose a form. The basic form for all taxpayers is the 1040. But there are two simpler alternatives - the 1040A and 1040EZ - for people who don't itemize deductions and whose income was

less than \$50,000 after subtracting their exemption and standard deduction.

To use the 1040EZ, you must have no dependents and your filing status must be single or married filing jointly. Also, you must be younger than 65 and not blind, you must have had no more than \$400 of interest income, and the rest of your income must come entirely from wages, salaries, tips and scholarships.

You can use the 1040EZ to claim the earned income credit if you did not have a qualifying child. You can't use it if you received advance earned income credit payments through your employer.

The 1040A allows more income sources than the 1040EZ, adding to the list: pensions, Social Security benefits, Individual Retirement Account payments, unemployment compensation, interest in excess of \$400 and dividends.

Unlike the 1040EZ, the 1040A allows you to deduct IRA contributions, claim the credit for child care expenses and the credit for the elderly and disabled.

- CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS: Contributions of money or property to qualified charities are deductible. These include churches and synagogues; non-profit schools and hospitals; groups like the Salvation Army, Red Cross, Goodwill Industries and scouting organizations. Expenses you incur when serving as a volunteer may also be deductible.

You can't deduct the value of blood you donate or contributions to individuals, lobbying or political groups, or contributions made in exchange for raffle and lottery tickets.


A new law requires you to obtain a written acknowledgment for all charitable contributions of \$250 or more. A canceled check isn't good enough.

If you get something in exchange for a contribution, such as dinner or a sweat shirt, the value must be subtracted from the amount of the contribution. If your contribution was more than \$75, the new rules require the charitable organization to give you a statement stating the value of the goods or services you received.

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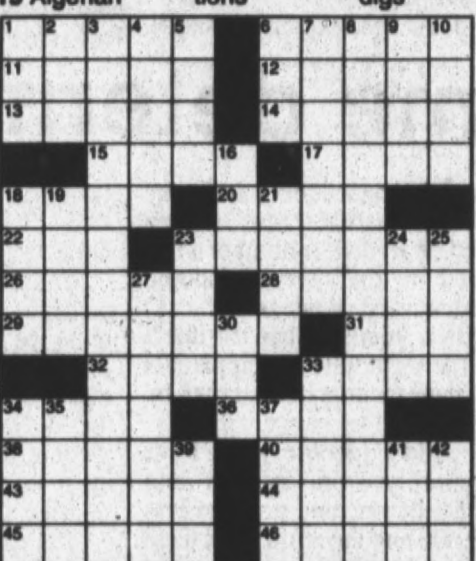
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Catholic nun's philosophy stands her in good stead in her vocation

By **TIM KORTE**
Associated Press Writer
ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) - When she started her religious career, Sister Nancy Kazik never intended to make a run at the male hierarchy that dominates the Roman Catholic Church.

One year ago, she was appointed vice chancellor for the Archdiocese of Santa Fe, a high point in her 39-year vocation.

"I think climbing the ladder is a male image," she says. "My attitude is that whatever job there is, I will do the best I can."

Last fall, the nation's Catholic bishops voted to encourage women to enter the upper ranks of church theologians, administrators and canon lawyers. Women are being urged to pursue roles long reserved for men.

Kazik, 59, earned a master's degree in theology - from Seattle University in 1971, as religious sisters began to take up academic challenges outlined in Vatican II.

A Milwaukee native, Kazik joined the Sisters of St. Francis of Assisi in 1953 after high school at St. Mary's Academy. She has held teaching and administrative posts in the Midwest, California, Colorado and New Mexico.

Kazik says her philosophy remains that service to the church is paramount, for both men and women. High-ranking church jobs need good people, she says, and women should help in whatever way they feel called.

"As long as the pope has issued the directive that there will be no ordination for women, it seems

senseless to pursue the issue," Kazik says. "It's better to look at what can be done, instead of worrying about what can't be done."

In their statement affirming women in hierarchy, the bishops cited a National Pastoral Life Center study showing that women hold 85 percent of parish ministry positions open to non-clergy. Girls are active as altar servers at parishes nationwide.

Kazik says both signs are promising.

She says women should consider careers as parish administrators, faculty members at Catholic colleges and executives at Catholic hospitals. Catholic women in law school should consider working for the poor, she says.

"It's not a matter of taking a back seat to men, or of doing what the priest says I should do," she says. "Instead, if I have these gifts, I need to let the priest know about them."

Archbishop Michael Sheehan created the vice chancellor's post to address dozens of civil lawsuits filed in recent years alleging sexual abuse by former priests.

As the settlements of the sexual abuse lawsuits reach into the millions of dollars, Kazik has demonstrated an ability to get tough with lawyers and insurance executives.

Albuquerque attorney Bruce Pasternack, representing several clients alleging abuse, calls Kazik "a mean-spirited person" because she terminated medication and therapy payments last year for one of his clients.

The archdiocese had been providing funds for the plaintiff's treatment, even though the church never conceded abuse occurred. A judge ruled in that case that the statute of limitations had expired, releasing the church from liability.

Kazik says the archdiocese is trying to be "compassionate and caring" in handling the lawsuits, but says she would make similar decisions again.

"We have a policy and we follow that policy," she says. "Some people think the church has an unending source of funds, but that's not true. ... I have to be accountable and use

the money for the purposes intended."

As a young nun, Kazik says she never imagined she would work with lawyers. Inspired to join her order by the nuns who taught at her school, she wanted to become an educator.

She says she hopes to be a role model for Catholic women and girls. She says her job involves a mission.

"I think it's important for men to understand how women think and react, especially now that the clergy ... are working together with women on many issues," she says. "Women must also know how men think."

U.S. House agrees on malpractice limits

WASHINGTON (AP) - In a long-sought victory for the nation's doctors, the Republican-controlled House voted Thursday night to limit pain and suffering damages in medical malpractice cases to \$250,000.

On a 247-171 vote, lawmakers voted to include the ceiling as part of a broader bill to impose a nationwide ceiling on punitive damages in product liability lawsuits. Final passage of the bill was expected Friday.

Supporters hailed the malpractice measure as a linchpin to reforming the nation's health care system and

holding down increases in medical costs. Opponents decried it as a further victimization of patients and relatives already wronged.

The American Medical Association, which represents thousands of physicians, and lobbied intensively over the last few days to have the provision include the ceiling on malpractice damages in the Republicans' broader package of legislation to discourage all kinds of lawsuits.

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Louisiana has dubious honor: 'most dangerous' state in U.S.

LAWRENCE, Kan. (AP) - For the second year in a row, Louisiana has been designated the most dangerous state in the country by a company specializing in state and city statistical rankings.

Louisiana's ranking was based on 14 factors, including violent crime rates and the percent of a state's population that is in prison, according to the survey by Morgan Quitno Press.

Maine was named the country's safest state, edging out last year's winner, Vermont, Scott Morgan, president of Lawrence-based Morgan Quitno, said Thursday.

"Louisiana is a wonderfully diverse and interesting state, a great place to have fun," Morgan said. "But unfortunately, it is also still a great place for crime."

"Maine may not have Mardi Gras, but it can take great pride in being this year's safest state," he added.

Louisiana was followed, in order, by Maryland, Nevada, Florida and Illinois as the most dangerous states.

On the other side, Vermont was ranked 49th, West Virginia 48th, New Hampshire 47th and North Dakota 46th.

The 14 factors used to rate the states were taken from the second edition of "Crime State Rankings 1995," a volume of crime statistics that ranks the 50 states in 470 crime-related categories.

"By formulating these rankings based on objective numbers, we are trying to bring about a constructive discussion on this country's crime problem," Morgan said. "We want to shed light on what is all too often a purely emotional debate."

The list was determined by ranking each state on all 14 categories, then averaging those rankings.

The 14 factors, all using 1993 figures unless noted otherwise, were: crime rate; violent crime rate; murder rate; rape rate; robbery rate; aggravated assault rate; property crime rate; percent change in crime rate from 1989 to 1993; percent change in violent crime rate from 1989 to 1993; state prisoner incarceration rate in 1994; reported arrests of youths 17 years and younger as a percent of all arrests; reported arrests of youths 17 years and younger for violent crime as a percent of all arrests; state-local

government expenditures for police protection as a percent of all direct expenditures in 1992; and full-time officers in law-enforcement agencies per 10,000 population.

Morgan Quitno said it used a higher rate of police officers per 10,000 population as a negative factor because "the worst option is to spend resources on police and still have a high crime rate."

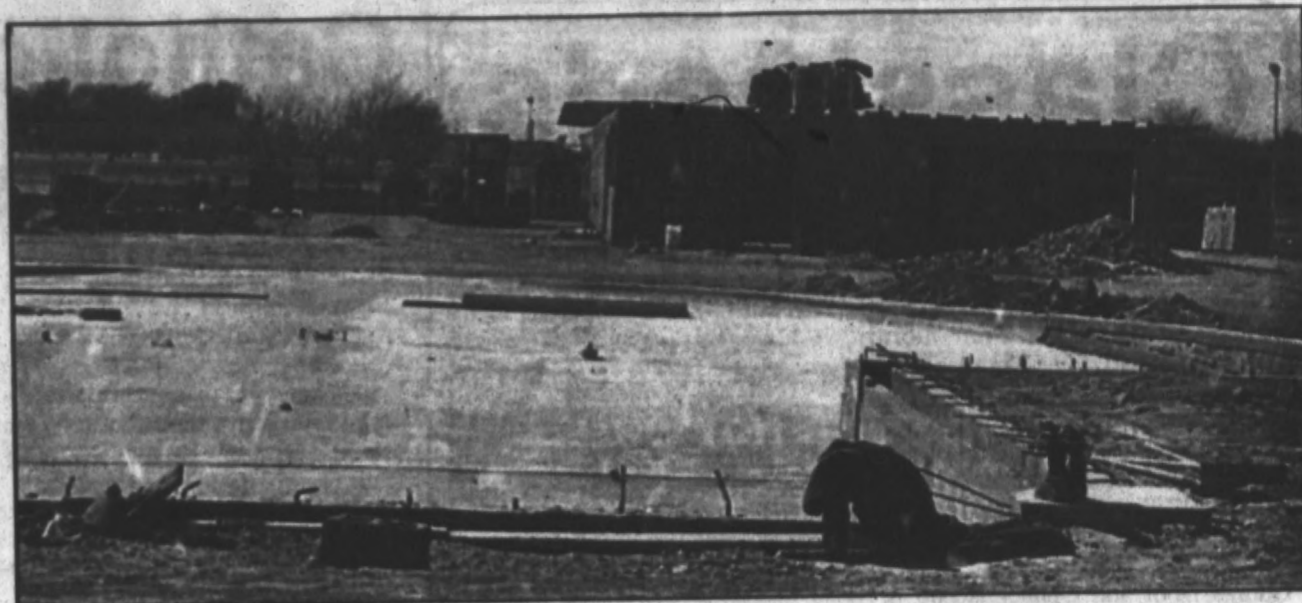
"This does not mean that police are doing a bad job, only that police alone are not able to solve a crime problem," the study said.

Rankings in latest survey

LAWRENCE, Kan. (AP) - Here are the rankings for the "most dangerous" states in the country, with the 1994 ranking following the state name, as compiled by Morgan Quitno Press:

1. Louisiana 1
2. Maryland 2
3. Nevada 7
4. Florida 5
5. Illinois 4
6. Texas 3
7. Arizona 9
8. California 6
9. New Mexico 13
10. South Carolina 10
11. New York 8
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24. Oregon 27
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27. Washington 26
28. Massachusetts 29
29. Ohio 23
30. Hawaii 28
31. Indiana 25
32. Virginia 38
33. Utah 35
34. Wisconsin 33
35. Idaho 39
36. Connecticut 31
37. South Dakota 43
38. Montana 37
39. Pennsylvania 41
40. Wyoming 40
41. Rhode Island 36
42. Minnesota 34
43. Nebraska 44
44. Kentucky 42
45. Iowa 48
46. North Dakota 47
47. New Hampshire 45
48. West Virginia 46
49. Vermont 50
50. Maine 49



Leisure pool, bath house

Construction at the new Aquatic Center includes the new leisure pool, seen looking across from the three-foot deep end, and a new bath house, shown in background. The bath house features 10 showers on the girls side and a group shower on the boys side, as well as showers and toilet facilities on both sides for handicapped swimmers. The leisure pool will have a frog slides -- already on site and ready for installation -- a 134-foot slide and a mushroom-shaped waterfall which will be installed in the center of the shallow area.

Vermont residents get report annually on activities of towns

By CHRISTOPHER GRAFF
Associated Press Writer
MONTPELIER, Vt. (AP) - It's the ultimate in accountability.

Each spring, towns across Vermont, no matter how tiny, send their residents detailed reports that account for births, deaths, marriages and every penny spent.

"By the end of 1994 the new copier had produced in excess of 184,500 copies since its purchase in June," officials reported in Vernon, a village of 1,850 near the Massachusetts line.

Woodford, population 331, listed the \$69.20 that it spent on flowers next to its \$24.91 in cleaning supplies.

Halifax reported three marriages, three births and five deaths among its 588 residents last year, and a \$150 tab for dog disposal.

The news from Stratton, pop. 121? "The year ended with another successful Town Christmas party." The town clerk added, "We are hoping for fresh ideas for next year."

Since 1865, state law has required each town to provide voters an annual report on the community's finances, in time for the annual March town meeting at which a local budget is adopted for the coming year.

Some towns send out a bare-bones, dollars-and-cents document while others publish an in-depth glossy report that rivals the best of the corporate world.

Local officials are so proud of their efforts that the University of Vermont sponsors a competition to

determine which report is the best. Judging is in late summer.

"This is the major document of the year for a town," said Paul Gillies, a former deputy secretary of state.

"This is how you justify that you have spent the money right, that you've done a good job and are planning for the future."

One of the more popular items are the delinquent taxpayer lists, which residents eagerly scan to see which neighbors have been branded with the scarlet "D."

Gillies, an expert in Vermont's local histories, said the original town reports of the late 1800s make fascinating reading.

"Town officials back then were very meticulous in their accounting of every penny that was spent. You find listings of how much was spent to buy a rake or how much was spent on nails or screws," he said.

"You still find that today. Officials trying to account for every dollar."

Hispanic community joins forces with City of San Antonio in project

By MIKE GREENBERG
San Antonio Express-News
SAN ANTONIO - They don't build theaters like the Alameda any more.

The Alameda's exuberant, richly detailed architecture and interiors are a far cry from the utilitarian boxes that pass as theaters today, but that's just part of the story.

The other part is that this is a very well-built structure, and one that has seen remarkably little damage in its 46 years.

The city of San Antonio purchased the Alameda, once the premiere Spanish-language movie palace in the nation, and the attached Casa de Mexico office building last month for \$952,000.

At the same time, local Hispanic civic leaders announced the creation of a non-profit foundation, called Centro Alameda, to raise money to renovate the theater. The foundation would operate the theater on a lease from the city, which would use the office space to house city departments.

A tour of the facility with Centro Alameda chairman Henry Munoz, city architect Tim Palomera and architectural historian Stephanie Cocke revealed that the building is in generally good shape, despite the need for some expensive repairs and improvements.

The architect was a San Antonio native, N. Straus Nayfach, who died of a heart attack at age 40, nine months before the theater opened in March 1949. His widow, Charlotte Garson, still lives in San Antonio.

Nayfach's design, inspired by a theater in Mexico City, deftly blends the optimistic Moderne style with Mexican tradition.

The former can be seen in the sumptuous curves of the proscenium arch, the restroom walls and the mezzanine overlooking the lobby; the recessed lighting everywhere; the swirling design of the terrazzo at the entrance; and the use of up-to-date materials such as aluminum for sculptural elements and Plexiglas for stair railings.

Mexico is represented by colorful glazed tile highlights - most splendidly in drinking-fountain niches, but also on baseboards and half-walls.

Most of the architectural detail remains intact. Even the wide expanses of plaster - the base for Pedro Teran's phosphorescent murals

of Texas and Mexican history in the auditorium - show no cracks, though small patches have suffered water leaks.

Palomera thinks the linoleum tile flooring in the lobby may cover a terrazzo original. The lobby concession stand is new and will be removed, Palomera said.

The stair and balcony railings in the lobby are Plexiglas sheets framed in aluminum and internally illuminated to highlight incised drawings of South Texas plant life.

Outside, sculptural aluminum decorative panels are missing from one of the pilasters, but at least some of the missing panels are in storage in a dressing room.

Some square panels of pale green Vitrolite (a brand of tinted plate glass cladding) are missing from under the marquee, and that product no longer is made. It violates modern building codes because of the danger from breakage.

The balcony has been partitioned into two small theaters, but this change is reversible.

In the current configuration, the theater's acoustics are clean but dry and a tad harsh. A full acoustic evaluation will have to await removal of the balcony partitions.

Munoz said Centro Alameda is committed to retaining a first-class acoustician.

Some work will be required to meet accessibility standards of the Americans with Disabilities Act. There are restrooms in the basement and on the mezzanine, but none on the main floor.

The main floor and mezzanine lobbies are small for a theater seating 2,500 people. Palomera notes street-level lease space could be used for lobby expansion or a concession area.

The main problem to be solved is the stage. Though it was the cat's meow when it was built and adequate to the needs of vaudeville, the stage is far too shallow - about 20 feet - for modern production standards for full-scale theater, dance and opera. The dressing rooms, along a corridor at the west end of the stage house, also fall short of modern standards.

But the city's purchase of a 65-car parking lot behind the theater preserves the possibility of building a new stage house of ample size behind the existing proscenium.

A new state-of-the-art stage house would be a big-ticket item, well beyond the estimated \$3 million cost to restore

and renovate the existing structure. Munoz said, however, that a new stage house is likely to be a long-term goal of Centro Alameda.

In the attached office space, the original terrazzo flooring and ceramic tile details are believed to remain intact under recently installed carpeting and wall coverings. The office space is usable now; it's 50 percent leased.

One hidden gem in the office space is at the southwest corner of the second floor - a small meeting-recital room with a raised stage, a continuous band of mirrors in dark oak frames and, at first impression, lively acoustics.

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