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Greenspan upbeat about condition of economy

By JAMES H. RUBIN
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WASHINGTON (AP) - Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan, delivering an upbeat assessment of the U.S. economy, said today the nation appears to have avoided recession and is headed for faster growth.

Testifying before the Senate Banking Committee and just days before the central bank is to consider action on interest rates, Greenspan said inflation is under control and the latest evidence is "consistent with a firmer pace of economic growth."

He cited a pickup in factory production, modest improvement in the labor market and solid consumer spending as signs the economy is in good shape.

"On the whole, the near-term prospects for the U.S. economy have improved in recent

months," he said.

Greenspan's comments were closely watched by financial markets in anticipation of next Tuesday's meeting of the Federal Reserve's Open Market Committee.

The panel is not expected to cut rates at next week's meeting.

Economists said that Greenspan's comments strengthened their belief that the central bank would not cut rates next week and some analysts said Greenspan's remarks were so favorable that the Fed may remain on the sidelines for the rest of this year.

"Greenspan seems quite happy with the way events are developing," said David Jones, chief economist at Aubrey G. Lanston & Co. in New York. "He was trying to slow the economy to a sustainable growth rate and he feels he has been quite successful."

In his testimony, Greenspan credited the economic slowdown with helping to lower inflationary pressures.

"Inflation risks have receded, and, as a consequence, the threat of severe recession has declined," Greenspan said.

Inflation actually has improved since earlier this year, he continued, and there are no warning signs on the horizon.

The Federal Reserve engineered a series of seven interest-rate increases over a one-year period that ended in February.

Those rate increases slowed growth dramatically this year, raising concerns that the central bank had overdone the credit tightening and might have pushed the economy into recession.

Greenspan himself in June had raised the

possibility of recession in remarks just prior to the Fed's rate cut in July. Since then, a variety of business statistics have pointed toward stronger growth, and Greenspan took note of those today.

Greenspan also urged Congress to cut the deficit, saying reducing federal spending will be good for the economy in the long run.

"I have no doubt that the net result of moving the budget into balance will be a more efficient, more productive U.S. economy," he said, addressing concerns that Congress's zeal for slashing federal spending could harm growth.

Greenspan warned that forecasting is a risky business and there could be some clouds on the horizon.

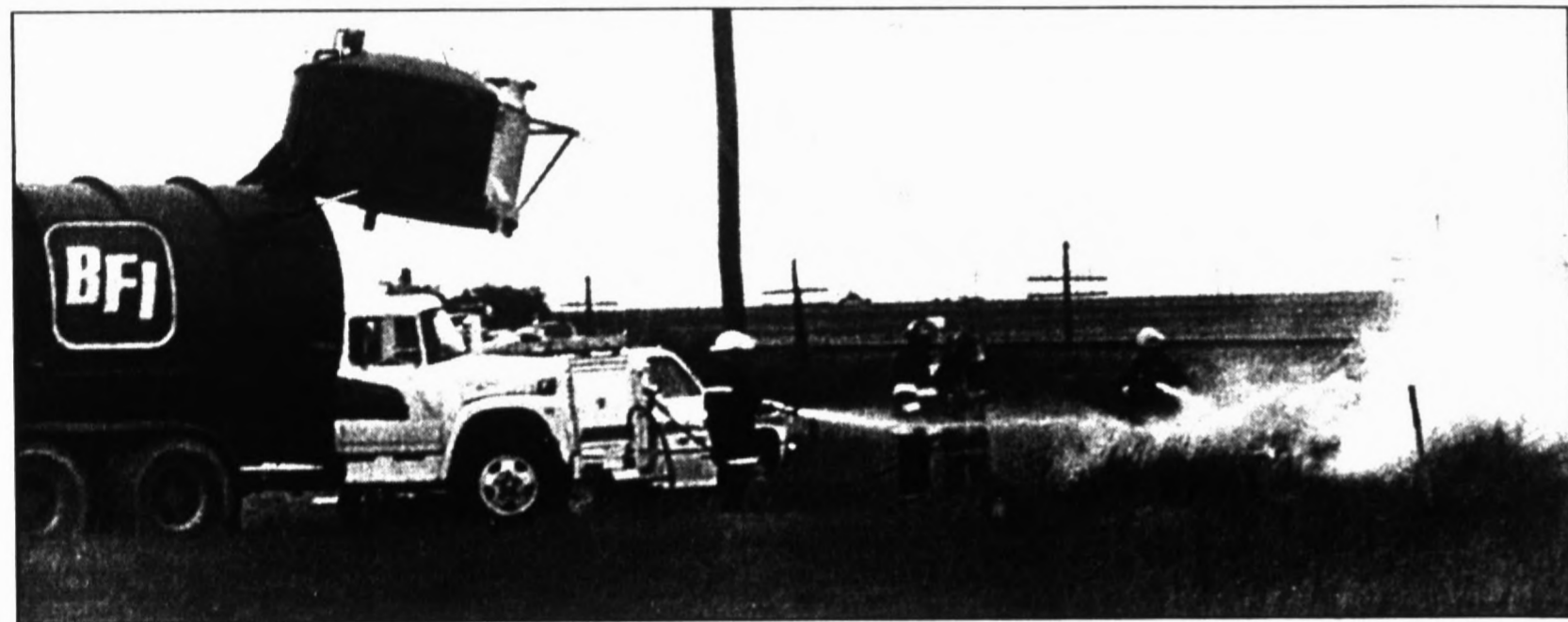
"The outlook is not without concern," he said. "Firms' desired inventory levels are

extremely difficult to gauge and the remaining adjustment process could play out more negatively than we anticipate."

Businesses have reduced inventory growth this year as consumer spending has eased from the booming pace of last year. Analysts said the reduction in stockpiles likely will be completed soon and expect moderate gains in production ahead.

"One could not expect the transition to a more sustainable growth path to be entirely smooth," Greenspan said. "Attempts to control inventories triggered cutbacks in orders and output that, in turn, depressed employment and income in the spring."

The Fed is seeking a growth rate of about 2.5 percent. In the second quarter this year, the economy expanded at less than half that pace - growing at a 1.1 percent annual rate.



Extinguishing the blaze

Firefighters from Hereford and Dawn spray water on a pile of trash that caught fire while being transported in a trash truck owned by BFI Corp. of Amarillo. The fire was reported at U.S.

60 and Country Road CC at 3:26 p.m. The cause of the blaze was unknown. The truck driver discovered the blaze and pushed the trash onto the ground, where firefighters put out the flames.

Cold snap makes farmers fret about damage to cotton

By JEAN PAGEL
Associated Press Writer
LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) - The last day of summer has farmers sweating today over a cold front that could stunt or even kill cotton on the South Plains.

Alarm spread Thursday from the fields to the feed yards with the arrival of light snow and a freeze warning for the Texas Panhandle.

Damage to the nation's top cotton patch was inevitable, agriculture experts said.

"It's a nervous situation," said extension agent Marvin Ensor in Seminole, where farmers were gathered for an annual event celebrating Gaines County's 319,000 acres of cotton. "Our crop needs a good bit more time to mature."

Lubbock meteorologists predicted temperatures would climb to 50 degrees today after an overnight low of 40. The first freeze in Lubbock normally arrives about Oct. 30.

At least three West Texas cities set record low temperatures early today: Amarillo (37), Midland (42) and Wichita Falls (46).

Farmers feared that temperatures below 40 degrees would turn cotton plants' leaves purple and cripple their photosynthesis ability. Temperatures in the 30s can kill the stems and make the bolls unable to open.

A secondary worry across the South Plains - a region that yielded 3 million bales of cotton last year - was rain-induced boll rot.

Early storms Thursday brought Lubbock's rainfall this month to 7.33 inches, compared to an average of 1.80 inches.

The South Plains cotton crop had been looking strong until the cold front hit, feathering Dalhart with snow flurries and a 35-degree chill. McAllen, meanwhile, climbed to 97

degrees in South Texas. Autumn officially arrives Saturday.

Michael Breiting, acting county executive director for the Dallam County Farm Service Agency, worried that wind gusts up to 35 mph in Dalhart would knock down insect-weakened corn stalks.

And Breiting said cattle, too, suffer during extreme weather fluctuations.

"It gives them colds and pneumonia just like people," he said. The change from triple-digit temperatures two weeks ago gave cows no time to grow thick winter hair, said Kris Krahn, market analyst for the Texas Cattle Feeders Association in Amarillo.

Krahn said the frigid rain likely would interrupt the animals' weight gain.

"Cattle can withstand cold, but wet cold is much harder to take," he said.

Local farmers relieved as area dodges freeze

Deaf Smith County farmers breathed a sigh of relief this morning after escaping an early freeze. The temperature dipped to 36 degrees this morning, after a high of only 39 Thursday.

Some damage to cotton crops was still expected as temperatures in the 30s can affect the growth and stop the bolls from opening. Cattle feeders were also concerned about the wet-cold situation.

Clinton calls for 'enormous effort' to link all classrooms to Internet

By TOM RAUM
Associated Press Writer
LOS ANGELES (AP) - President Clinton, going on line and on the air, proposed Thursday that every school in the nation be linked to the computer Internet by 2000. He called for an "enormous effort" like the one mounted to build the nation's rail and highway systems.

Clinton also asserted that his presidency wouldn't be diverted by the attention given to a possible presidential bid by retired Army Gen. Colin Powell. But in a live radio interview with Larry King, Clinton said Powell would make a formidable candidate who had "a very compelling life story."

He wished Powell well on sales of his new book.

Clinton said he hasn't decided yet when he'll formally announce his candidacy - but added that it doesn't matter.

"Everyone knows I intend to run

again. I hope to put it off as long as possible," he said.

On a cross-country, weeklong blitz to raise funds for his re-election campaign, Clinton also reportedly was working on a federal bailout of the Los Angeles County health system, which has been hit with sickouts by clinic nurses and clerical staff protesting planned health care cuts.

A White House official traveling with Clinton said the federal government and Los Angeles County were "close to a deal to bail out the Los Angeles County health system."

"Something will be announced tomorrow," said the official, who spoke Thursday night only on condition of anonymity.

The official declined to confirm a report in Friday editions of the Los Angeles Times that the federal contribution would total \$364 million.

In the face of a \$1.6 billion budget deficit, the county last week issued

pink slips to 4,187 health care workers, demotion notices to 1,009 and transfer notices to 1,543. Layoffs and closings are to take effect Oct. 1.

Clinton put a focus on high-tech education during his 20th visit to California, announcing an initiative for a government-industry venture to link the nation's schools by computer by the end of the century.

Announcing the program at a science museum in San Francisco, Clinton said that developing schoolchildren's computer skills is "just as essential as teaching them to read and write and the new math."

Administration officials said specifics of the plan would be announced later in the fall, but that the overall goal was Internet access for all elementary and high schools.

The program was expected to rely heavily on contributions from the communications, information and computer industries.

Clinton followed up the announce-

ment with the radio interview with King, in which he not only took questions from callers but responded to ones sent to the show - sponsored by the radio network Westwood One - via the Internet.

In his most detailed response to date to a potential presidential candidacy by Powell, Clinton said, "I've worked with him and I like him. I think he's got a very compelling life story... I think his book will do very well."

But he dodged a question on whether he planned to read Powell's autobiography. "I was kind of hoping he'd send me an autographed copy. He hasn't sent one yet."

At heart, Clinton said of Powell, "He's kind of a new Democrat."

"He's a very impressive man. He's gotten a lot of very favorable publicity, most of it well deserved. But I have no control over that. I have to do the job people gave me."

Farm bill defeat puts pressure on panel head

By ROBERT GREENE
AP Farm Writer
WASHINGTON (AP) - Defeat of a farm bill proposal endorsed by House Republican leaders has heightened the pressure on Agriculture Committee Chairman Pat Roberts.

Roberts, R-Kan., can compromise and get the Republican votes needed to move the bill out of committee. That, however, could open the bill to changes on the House floor by serious farm program critics.

Both sides flexed their muscle Thursday, following the first committee meeting on Roberts' measure, which would wean growers off farm payments by dismantling the commodity programs.

The measure would cut the decades-old links between government payments, crop prices and crop production for corn, other feed grains, cotton, rice and wheat.

Farmers instead would get a fixed but declining payment based on their past five years' payments, and would generally be free to plant what they chose. The government would stop forcing growers to idle acres as a

condition for getting payments.

The strong opposition of four Republicans helped sink the proposal, which has the support of GOP leaders. "It is consistent with the goals of the new Republican Congress," said a letter last week from House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga.; Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Texas; and Majority Whip Tom DeLay, R-Texas.

The vote Wednesday may open the door to compromise, said Rep. Larry Combest, R-Texas, one of the four dissenters and co-author of a competing farm bill proposal that builds on traditional programs.

"There is some serious opportunity for discussion," said Combest, who comes from a cotton-growing district. Cotton growers have complained the most about the Roberts proposal, which would take away their elaborate support program.

Combest says the opposition goes beyond cotton, however, noting that the Illinois Farm Bureau and several wheat groups have rejected Roberts' approach.

The proposal by Combest and co-author Rep. Bill Emerson, R-Mo.,

would cut \$13.4 billion over seven years from a projected \$56 billion in farm spending, as would the Roberts bill. It also would give farmers planting flexibility and drive them to depend on markets, rather than the government.

The bill would save money by keeping traditional programs intact but giving growers payments on fewer acres.

Leaders also have to be mindful of next year's election. "It would certainly help if all 70 Republicans from big farm districts came back next year," Combest said.

On the other side are farm program critics from outside the committees.

The same Gingrich-Army-DeLay letter that praised Roberts' bill warned him that whatever comes out of his committee will have to contain "sweeping reforms." If not, the leadership will consider having the farm bill debated on the House floor using an "open rule" that opens it to all kinds of amendments.

Two top farm program critics have already bitten. "Last night's inaction makes clear that the Agriculture Committee will not report sweeping

reform in farm programs," said a letter to Gingrich from Reps. Dick Zimmer, D-N.J., and Charles E. Schumer, D-N.Y.

"We are confident that under an open rule the House will be able to easily surpass the \$13.4 billion deficit reduction goal as stipulated in the budget resolution," they said.

Combest says no one has defined reform, and the Roberts bill certainly isn't what it claims to be.

Combest and other opponents of the Roberts plan face another possibility: having the House Budget Committee write a farm bill for them.

Prison time ordered for Hereford resident

A defendant in 222nd District Court Thursday was ordered to serve prison sentences after pleading guilty to a pair of charges.

Gilberto Montana, 47, will serve concurrent six-year sentences in Texas Department of Criminal Justice institutional division.

He entered guilty pleas to retaliation and burglary of a motor vehicle.

Grand jury indicts 20

Indictments were returned against 20 persons during a session Thursday of the Deaf Smith County Grand Jury.

Names of defendants on seven indictments were not released, pending their arrest.

Felony driving while intoxicated indictments were returned against Juan George Sifuentes, 38, of 512 Knight; Refugio Pena Gamez, 69, of 308 Avenue J, and Joel Sanchez Moreno, 34. They are free on bonds of \$3,000 each.

James Willie Vaughn, 36, of Dimmitt, was named on two indictments, felony DWI and theft over \$1,500 but under \$20,000. He

is in jail in lieu of bond.

An indictment for possession of a controlled substance, cocaine, names two defendants, Henry Garcia Jr., 18, of 200 Whiteface, and Jose Adjuntas-Leon, 23, of Amarillo. Each has posted bond of \$5,000.

Isabel Ornelas Jr., also known as Abel Ornelas Jr., 20, of 101 Columbus, was indicted for places weapons prohibited. He is in jail in lieu of bond.

An indictment for bail jumping and failure to appear was handed down against Carlos Munoz Sr., 27

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Coming in Sunday's Brand

As a student at Hereford High School, Rhonda Stephan had no formal art training until her senior year.

But now, Rhonda Childress and her art have hit the big time, thanks to a book Mrs. Childress recently illustrated.

Mrs. Childress was chosen to draw the pictures for a children's book written by a Pennsylvania school girl and has seen those drawings reproduced in the volume.

On Sunday, Lifestyles Editor Becky Camp visits with Rhonda Stephan Childress and talks about art, her interest in drawing and the book she illustrated.

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Local Roundup

Warm-up due Saturday

Only three degrees separated the high temperature Thursday from the low recorded Friday morning. KPAN Radio reports a 39-degree high and 36-degree low along with .03-inch of moisture in rain and sleet. A warming trend is expected with the low Friday night dipping to 40 degrees and a high Saturday around 70 degrees. Winds will be from the south, 5-15 mph Friday night, and 10-20 mph Saturday.

News Digest

World/Nation

WASHINGTON - House Democrats, angry over Republican Medicare proposals, arranged unorthodox, unofficial hearings on the Capitol lawn today to attack the newly released GOP plan for revamping health insurance for the elderly.

LOS ANGELES - By stripping O.J. Simpson of his all-or-nothing verdict strategy, the judge added an option that might appeal to fence-sitting jurors and shorten deliberations.

Under instructions the judge plans to give them today, jurors may convict Simpson of second-degree murder, a lesser charge that requires less evidence and carries a penalty with less prison time than the more serious first-degree murder charge.

WASHINGTON - Chemicals from one cigarette stimulate a rapid flow of signals in the brain that unleashes a craving for another in an unending circle of addiction, new research shows.

CHICAGO - Being overweight may not only hurt your heart, set you up for diabetes and send you to an early grave, it could also blind you, a study suggests. The most overweight men in the study were about twice as likely to develop cataracts as the leanest men, researchers said after tracking more than 17,700 doctors ages 40 to 84 for just over five years.

WASHINGTON - Publisher Steve Forbes is launching a nationwide TV campaign trying to persuade Republican voters to support his plan to "scrap the tax code" and vote for him for president.

BANJA LUKA, Bosnia-Herzegovina - Government and Croatian troops have turned their attacks from Banja Luka eastward to Doboj, a key Serb rail and road junction about 40 miles away.

Instead of trying to capture Banja Luka, the anti-Serb forces appear to be trying to isolate the northwestern Serb stronghold by cutting a corridor that runs from rebel-held territory in the east.

State

HARLINGEN - One of the worst cotton seasons in Rio Grande Valley history has ended, and the final numbers are even more dismal than initially projected.

LUBBOCK - The last day of summer has farmers sweating today over a cold front that could stunt or even kill cotton on the South Plains.

SILSBEE - Even as the nine adolescents were escorted to jail, they continued to snicker about fatally beating a prize quarter horse and brag about their arrest at junior high school, police say. A "mob mentality" may have possessed the youths to chase Mr. Wilson Boy and thrash it with sticks until it died, Hardin County Sheriff H.R. "Mike" Holzapfel said Thursday.

HOUSTON - Attorney General Dan Morales says there's no reason to believe violent crime will escalate in the Mexican border states because Texans soon will be able to legally carry concealed guns.

SAN ANTONIO - The military should scrap overall censorship and replace it with mutually agreed-upon guidelines that give reporters broad access to the battlefield without review of their reports, according to a published report.

AUSTIN - The next gubernatorial election is three years away, but two high-profile potential contenders already are sniping at each other. In one corner is Republican Gov. George W. Bush, fresh from a successful first legislative session. He hasn't said whether he'll seek a second term. In the other is state Comptroller John Sharp, a Democratic heavyweight often mentioned as a possible gubernatorial candidate.

AUSTIN - Two weeks after learning his wife had received six months deferred adjudication and a \$2,000 fine in a separate criminal case, former state Rep. Lane Denton of Waco learned he was going to jail.

DALLAS - Remembering broken Balkan ceasefire promises, the Navy secretary says U.S. armed forces stand ready to help NATO allies keep the heat on Serbian rebels until lasting peace is achieved.

Police, Emergency Reports

Emergency services report for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. Friday contained the following information.

HEREFORD POLICE

A 19-year-old male was arrested for domestic violence.

A mental case was reported in the 800 block of Blevins.

Assault was reported in the 200 block of Irving; and two cases in the 200 block of Avenue F.

Theft of beer was reported in the 300 block of North 25 Mile Avenue.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 300 block of Avenue I, where a vehicle roof was scratched; and in the

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of Hereford. He is in jail in lieu of bond.

Ricardo Macias, 32, of 831 Irving, indicted for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, is free on bond of \$5,000.

A Clovis, N.M., man, Armando Garcia, 28, in jail in lieu of bond. He was indicted for theft over \$750 and under \$2,000.

Luis Palomares, 18, of 301 S. Texas, was indicted for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. He has posted \$5,000 bond.

Also indicted for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, Verline Vera, 25, of Amarillo, is free on \$5,000 bond.

Gilberto Cano, 20, of Amistad Apartments, No. 9, is in jail in lieu of bond. He was indicted for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

An indictment for tampering with government records was returned against Guadalupe Sanchez Montes, 23, of 416 Avenue C. He posted bond of \$2,500.

400 block of Avenue F, where a residence window was broken. Officers issued 17 citations.

There were two minor accidents reported with no injuries.

DEAF SMITH SHERIFF

A 35-year-old male was arrested on a warrant for theft over \$20.

A 21-year-old male was arrested on a warrant for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

A 49-year-old male was arrested on a warrant for driving while license suspended.

A 20-year-old male was arrested on a warrant for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

A 22-year-old male was arrested for driving while license suspended and failure to maintain financial responsibility.

Domestic disturbance was reported.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Volunteer firefighters were called out at 3:26 p.m. to a trash truck fire 10 miles east on U.S. 60.

Firefighters were called out at 8:48 p.m. to a cotton burr fire one mile south on FM 2943.

EMS

Ambulances ran on one fire stand-by.

PATIENTS IN HOSPITAL

Esabel Christina Cantu, Infant girl Cantu, Blandina Dorado, Brinda Enriquez, Infant boy Enriquez, Julie Gonzales;

Doris Kerr, Angela Diann Lee, Jo Anne Mondragon, Mary Jane Nunez, Ana Lucia Oliva, Infant boy Oliva;

Eldon Owens, Rosalinda C. Rincon, Martina Rojas, Infant girl Rojas, Joyce Thomas and Betty J. Watkins.

Obituaries



LILLIE V. CLARK STAGNER

Sept. 21, 1995
Lillie V. Clark Stagner, 83, of Hereford, died Thursday at Hereford Regional Medical Center.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday in First Baptist Church with the Rev. Terry Cosby, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Rest Lawn Memorial Park Cemetery, under direction of Gilliland-Watson Funeral Home.

Mrs. Stagner was born in Lipscomb County and married Owen J. Stagner in 1932 in Beaver, Okla. He died in 1993. A resident of Hereford since 1932, she was a retired school teacher. Mrs. Stagner was a member of First Baptist Church for 65 years and taught in the Sunday School for most of those years.

Survivors are a son, N. Wayne Stagner of Santa Rosa, Cal.; a daughter, Donna Parrott of Knoxville, Tenn.; a sister, Dorothy Whitaker of Hedley, four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

The family has suggested that memorials be directed to First Baptist Church.

MARIA H. FIGUEROA

Sept. 20, 1995
Maria H. Figueroa, 70, of Hereford, died Wednesday in St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo.

Rosary will be recited at 7:30 p.m. Friday in Gilliland-Watson Rose Chapel. Services will be held Monday, at a time to be announced, in San Jose Catholic Church, with burial in St. Anthony's Cemetery, by Gilliland-Watson Funeral Home.

Mrs. Figueroa was born in Brownwood and married Alfredo Figueroa in 1942. He died in 1991. She came to Hereford from Midland in 1964. She was a member of San Jose Catholic Church.

Survivors are four sons, Joe Figueroa of Haltom City, Jesus Manuel Figueroa of Hereford and Alfredo Figueroa Jr. and Ricky Mendoza, both of Hereford; seven daughters, Bertha Figueroa of Colorado, Annalisa Townsend of California, and Stephanie Ramirez, Mary Shows, Hortencia Estrada, Rosa Figueroa and Dolores Ramirez, all of Hereford, 30 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

Judge's ruling gives jury option of guilt on second degree murder

By MICHAEL FLEEMAN

Associated Press Writer
LOS ANGELES (AP) - Stripping O.J. Simpson of his all-or-nothing verdict strategy, the judge added an option that allows jurors to convict him in the slayings even if they find he didn't plan them.

In a major setback for the defense, Judge Lance Ito decided Thursday that jurors can convict Simpson of second-degree murder, a lesser charge that requires less evidence and carries a penalty with less prison time than the more serious first-degree murder charge.

The ruling means jurors can find Simpson guilty of murder without finding that the killings of ex-wife Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald Goldman were premeditated. Ito said jurors can consider the lesser charge because Goldman showed up at Ms. Simpson's condo "by sheer chance."

"It's a big deal," said Loyola University law Professor Stan Goldman. "I think the defense obviously loses a very clever weapon - the argument that you have to prove that (Simpson) planned it ... and

Governor, comptroller having words over Medicaid overhaul

By PEGGY FIKAC

Associated Press Writer
AUSTIN (AP) - The next gubernatorial election is three years away, but two high-profile potential contenders already are sniping at each other.

In one corner is Republican Gov. George W. Bush, fresh from a successful first legislative session. He hasn't said whether he'll seek a second term.

In the other is state Comptroller John Sharp, a Democratic heavyweight often mentioned as a possible gubernatorial candidate. He's been coy about his political plans.

The fight is over the effect on Texas of a congressional overhaul of Medicaid.

When comptroller's office spokesman Chuck McDonald - who previously worked for defeated Democratic Gov. Ann Richards - criticized a Medicaid plan unveiled by U.S. House Republicans, Bush sent a sharp letter.

"The reason I write to you is that this is the second time in a week that Mr. McDonald has been publicly engaged in this process," said the letter to Sharp from Bush, who has called the Medicaid proposal a good start.

Bush's letter continued, "Last week, it was brought to my attention by a fellow governor that Mr.

McDonald was on location of the Republican governor's meeting and was speaking negatively about my efforts to help Texas.

"I am concerned about the mixed messages being sent. Does he speak for you? If so, perhaps you and I should visit so I can bring you up to date on my discussions with leaders of the House and Senate," Bush wrote.

The governor said if Sharp's office is talking with federal leaders concerning Medicaid and other budgetary matters, "your representatives should let my office know of their activities."

"The world is changing and these are difficult times. I am working hard to mitigate these risks for Texas and feel we can succeed if we are united and coordinated," wrote Bush, who forwarded copies of the letter to Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock and House Speaker Pete Laney.

Sharp didn't back off in a Thursday response to the governor, also sending copies to Bullock and Laney.

The comptroller said that McDonald does speak for him, "and I believe he has accurately reported the effect that this latest block grant proposal would have on Texas taxpayers. I suggest that any personal ill will you harbor toward Mr. McDonald is for you and him to

resolve."

Sharp said that as Texas' chief fiscal officer, he brought to the attention of Bush and state lawmakers "the gross disparity for Texas proposed in various block grant formulas."

The comptroller said that while he supports a block-grant system, the proposed legislation wouldn't give Texas a fair share of federal funds.

"As you know, I have been asked to endorse this so-called compromise," Sharp wrote of the House Republicans' plan. "However, I will not take part in a cynical game of deception that tells Texans we slew the federal dragon when all we did was clip its fingernails."

"It may be tempting to say that the current plan proposed by House Republicans corrects funding inequities for Texas. Tempting, but untrue," wrote Sharp. He called the proposal "an unmitigated disaster for Texas."

The comptroller said he has applauded Republican U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison of Texas for working to convince other members of Congress of the need to overhaul federal block grant formulas.

"For the one-hundredth time, this is not about personalities, Republicans or Democrats," Sharp wrote. "This is about Texas and our duty to settle only for fairness for our state."

Time Warner negotiates deal to buy Turner television empire

By SKIP WOLLENBERG

AP Business Writer
NEW YORK (AP) - Time Warner Inc. reached agreement today to buy Ted Turner's cable television empire, a deal that keeps Time Warner in first place among the world's media and entertainment giants.

Time agreed to swap newly issued stock valued at about \$7.5 billion for all of Atlanta-based Turner Broadcasting System Inc.'s shares, the companies announced. That is down from an estimated \$8 billion when the talks first were disclosed Aug. 30, reflecting a decline in the value of Time Warner stock since then.

It is the third mammoth deal to reshape the media and entertainment landscape in two months.

Time Warner gets cable TV assets like Cable News Network and the Cartoon Network in the deal, while adding the industry's charismatic pioneer as a major shareholder and vice chairman of the combined company.

Time Warner Chairman Gerald Levin is hoping the deal will provide new ways for his publishing, music and filmed entertainment combine, known for Time magazine, Madonna, HBO and the "Batman" movies, to

grow and compete for talent and customers around the world.

The deal was approved today in meeting of both companies' boards following marathon sessions on Thursday. It still requires approval from regulators and shareholders.

The combined company will generate more than \$18.7 billion in revenue a year and keep Time Warner's ranking intact as the biggest media and entertainment company in the world.

Walt Disney Co. had threatened to take that crown with its recent deal to buy Capital Cities/ABC Inc. and create a company generating about \$16.4 billion a year in revenue. That deal hasn't closed yet.

The other big media merger announced recently came Aug. 1, when Westinghouse Electric Corp. said it had agreed to buy CBS Inc. for \$5.4 billion in cash.

Levin and Turner have been discussing a deal for more than a month and first disclosed the talks at the end of August.

The negotiators had to overcome numerous hurdles in satisfying the diverse group of cable industry owners with stakes in Turner.

Chief among those was John

Malone, the chief executive of Tele-Communications Inc., the nation's biggest cable system operator.

TCI controls 21 percent of Turner, has three seats on its board and effective power to veto any major Turner deals.

Time Warner will pay 0.75 of a share of newly-issued Time Warner stock for each of Turner's Class A and B shares. Owners of Class C shares of Turner stock, including Malone's TCI, will get a slightly larger 0.8 of a share of Time Warner stock for each of those shares.

TCI will also get extended agreements to carry Turner cable networks as part of the deal as well the right to buy TBS's interest in SportsSouth, a regional sports cable network.

Shareholders of Time Warner may not like the dilution of their holdings that will result by issuing up to 178 million new shares required for the deal.

Malone agreed to place the roughly 9 percent stake that his company will own into a trust that lets Time Warner keep the voting power.

Some critics say they suspect federal regulators will not like seeing the biggest cable system operator owning a stake in the second-biggest cable system operator, Time Warner.

The deal also creates a potentially combustible mix of top executive talent. Turner will get authority to oversee HBO, the pay television service that has been overseen for years by Michael Fuchs.

Time Warner will also continue to labor under a huge \$15 billion debt left over from the deal that combined Time Inc. with Warner Communications Inc. six years ago.

TCI and Time Warner had obtained their stakes in Turner Broadcasting in 1987 when the cable industry saved the cable company from financial disaster in the wake of its purchase of the MGM film and TV library. They also got the right to veto major deals involving Turner.

While Turner was criticized for paying too much at the time, the MGM deal helped him create popular channels like TNT and the Cartoon Network that are now being expanded internationally.

There are obvious opportunities for cooperation in the combined company. Cable News Network could draw on news gathering resources of Time magazine. Fortune and Money magazines could be useful allies as CNN develops its planned new financial cable TV service.

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Ann Landers

Appreciate parents while you have them

DEAR ANN LANDERS: This is the second year my father, brothers, sisters and I have gotten together to give my mother flowers for her birthday. The only thing missing is my mother. She died in January of 1994.

Mom gave endlessly to family, friends and neighbors. I wish I could turn the clock back and give her a fraction of what she gave to me. I guess I was so busy being a wife and mother, I didn't pay much attention to being a daughter.

Every day, I ask myself, "Why didn't I make an effort when Mom was alive to make her life easier?" It's too late for me to start over with my mother, but I urge every daughter or son to take a minute to phone or drop a note to say, "I love you, and I appreciate the sacrifices you made for me when I was growing up."

Pick a day to cook supper for your parents or take them out to dinner. Don't wait for a birthday or anniversary. There is no load of laundry that can't wait to be washed, no sink of dishes that won't be there when you return.

We have our parents for too short a time after we reach adulthood. Live your life in a way that will leave few regrets. I'm sorry I didn't. -- Slow Learner in South Carolina

DEAR SLOW LEARNER: Your letter is sure to hit a lot of raw nerves out there. May I add a thought? Children tend to treat their parents the same way they see their grandparents treated. What goes around comes around.

DEAR ANN LANDERS: On the outside chance that your readers aren't tired of hearing about roosters that crow early in the morning, here is one more rooster story with a bit of history thrown in.

In 1960, a few months before the end of President Eisenhower's administration, I was U.S. ambassador to Uruguay. We received the news that President Eisenhower wanted to visit the capitals of Brazil, Uruguay, Chile and Argentina, and that he would be in Montevideo, Uruguay, for about 24 hours, staying overnight at the embassy residence.

Detailed arrangements for the brief visit were carefully made. One problem remained, however. Not far from the embassy residence lived a man who had a very noisy rooster that crowed unfailingly at the crack of dawn. We were perplexed. What could we do to avoid having the president disturbed so early in the morning?

The embassy chauffeur proved to be as clever as he was amiable. He called on the owner of the rooster and asked if he might borrow the bird and keep it at his own residence the night President Eisenhower was in Uruguay.

The rooster's owner was flattered to have been asked to do a favor for the president's chauffeur and consented at once. P.S. The presidential visit was a huge success. -- Robert F. Woodward, Washington, D.C.

DEAR MR. AMBASSADOR: What a pleasant ending! I feared something like chicken soup.

My own dear mother loved the sound of a rooster crowing at dawn and purchased one from a farmer. She kept it under the back porch. Our neighbors on Jackson Street in Sioux City did not appreciate being awakened at dawn, so the rooster had to go back to the farm after three days. My twin and I cried.

Gem of the Day: Whenever you see very small print anywhere, be sure to read it, even if it means getting out a magnifying glass. That's the part they don't want you to know.

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Rebekah Lodge holds meeting

Hereford Rebekah Lodge #228 met Tuesday evening with 12 members present.

Noble grand Nelma Sowell presided as reports were made and new business discussed.

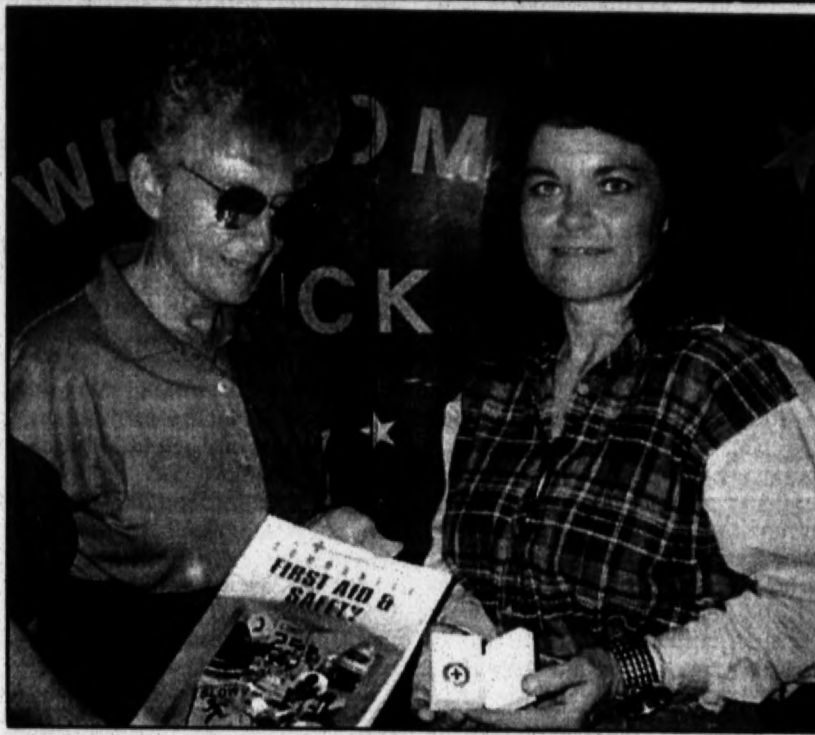
Twenty-one visits to the sick, 31 cheer cards, two dishes of food and 13 flowers and memorials were recorded.

The annual chili supper was tentatively set for Oct. 21.

Members will be attending the 100th anniversary of Amarillo I.O.O.F. #410 on Oct. 14.

Frankie Ruland served as hostess to Dorothy Lundry, Irene Merritt, Peggy Lemons, Ursalee Jacobsen, Jessie Matthews, Lucille Lindeman, Leona Sowell, Rosalie Northcutt, Tony Irlbeck, Susie Curtisinger and Sowell.

Traveling to Friona for I.O.O.F. Circle meeting recently were Ben and Anna Conklin, Frankie Ruland, Tony Irlbeck, Roberta Artho, Nelma Sowell and Dennis Brillhart.



Receives nurse's badge

Karen Fangman, R.N., right, was presented her Red Cross nurse's badge by Betty Henson, Tri County Chapter manager. Red Cross nurses have a proud and distinguished history. They continually endeavor to expand Red Cross services to help meet the health needs of the nation. A copy of the Red Cross First Aid and Safety book was given to the library at Shirley School where Fangman is school nurse.

Menus

HEREFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Breakfast

MONDAY-Blueberry pancake with sausage on a stick with syrup; or cereal, buttered toast, mixed fruit, milk.

TUESDAY-Hash browns, Texas toast and jelly; or cereal, buttered toast, orange smiles, chocolate milk.

WEDNESDAY-Mini corn dogs with syrup; or cereal, buttered toast, rosy applesauce, milk.

THURSDAY-Scrambled eggs, buttered toast and jelly; or cereal, buttered toast, grape juice, chocolate milk.

FRIDAY-Breakfast pizza pocket; or cereal, buttered toast, banana, milk.

Lunch

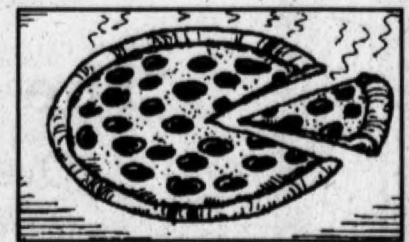
MONDAY-Chicken nuggets with gravy, fluffy potatoes, green beans, pear delite, peanut butter bar, whole wheat roll and butter, chocolate milk.

TUESDAY-Soft tacos with picante sauce, lettuce and tomatoes, seasoned pinto beans, Spanish rice, pineapple T.B., cinnamon roll, flour tortillas, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Turkey and dressing casserole with gravy, candied yams, green peas, cranberry sauce, fruit salad, hot rolls with butter, chocolate milk.

THURSDAY-French bread pizza, garden salad with dressing, mini corn-on-the-cob, watermelon, milk.

FRIDAY-Rib-a-que on bun, baked beans, tator tots with catsup, fresh fruit, oatmeal raisin cookie, bun, chocolate milk.



Pizza pie is in fact redundant since pizza is the Italian word for pie.

ST. ANTHONY'S SCHOOL

MONDAY-Spaghetti with meat sauce, green beans, toast, pumpkin cake, milk.

TUESDAY-Chili mac, mixed vegetables, hot rolls, pear halves, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Soft tacos, pinto beans, lettuce and tomato, cinnamon roll, milk.

THURSDAY-Chicken pot pie, yams, biscuit, apricots, milk.

FRIDAY-Grilled cheese sandwich, vegetable soup, pickle slices, cowboy bread, milk.

Membership committee for Xi Epsilon holds rush party

Xi Epsilon Alpha met Sept. 19 in the Hereford Community Center for a fall Rush Party held by the membership committee.

Decorations reflected a zoo theme with palm trees and balloon animals. Committee members dressed as animals and members and guests participated in animal related games.

Refreshments of popcorn, cotton candy, animal cookies, lemonade and iced tea were served.

Guests were Melissa Clark, Kim Lawlis, Kelly Phelps and Michael Brisendine. Members present were Diane Beavers, Holly Bixler, Sharon Bodner, Denise Hafliger, Dee Hamilton, Deann Harris, Melinda Henson, Peggy Hyer, Sheri Jones, Carol Kelley, Ruby Lee, Connie Matthews, Brenda Ramey, Ruby Sanders, Susan Shaw and Melinda Whitfill.

Henson presented the program on "Famous Quotations." She spoke about famous quotes that relate to our lives today and quizzed members about the source of each quote.

President Sanders presided over the business meeting. Thank you's were extended to secret sisters for gifts received.

The next meeting will be Oct. 3. Bixler will give the program on "What Beta Sigma Phi Means to Me." Lee will be co-hostess.

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La Plata Club begins new year

A new year for La Plata Study Club began Sept. 19 in the home of Ludie Greeson.

Members present were served an Italian meal by the yearbook committee consisting of Greeson, Audine Dettman and Rosemary Shook.

Greeson presented each member with a new yearbook for 1995-96.

Members present were Nelda Fortenberry, Betty Mercer, Avis White, Lois Mitchell, Bonna Duke, Dorothy Ott, Mozelle Neill, Margaret Schroeter, Dorothea Prowell, Yvonne Simpson, Betty Taylor, Greeson, Dettman and Shook.

Hints from Heloise

Dear Heloise: As a lover of cats, I tired quickly of constantly having to purchase those flimsy plastic scoopers.

I purchased a metal cooking spoon with holes in it. I have been using it for two years! — Debra Bergert, Massillon, Ohio

You're right, this is a good money-saving way to keep the same super scooper spoon for quite a while. Thanks for taking the time to drop us a note.

Cats can bring such fun to your life; however, they do need special care, so I have compiled a pamphlet full of great information every cat owner should have. To receive a copy, please send \$2 and a long, self-addressed, stamped (65 cents) envelope to: Heloise/Cat, PO Box 795001, San Antonio TX 78279-5001. — Heloise

COSMETIC MONEY-SAVER

Dear Heloise: Makeup in a glass bottle, which needs shaking before each use, won't transfer into the cap and dry out if before shaking you remove the cap and cover the opening with your thumb.

Also, when nearly empty, store upside down between uses so remaining contents will drain towards the opening, allowing use of every drop. — Lola Wheeler, Jackson, Mo.

REPOTTING HINT

Dear Heloise: When repotting a

household plant, rather than using rocks on the bottom, I use those packing peanuts.

It works great! And it is a way to recycle them. — Denise Rubner, Arlington, Iowa

COUPON HINT

Dear Heloise: Last week in our Sunday paper in your column a reader expressed that she was always losing her coupons at the bottom of her bag while shopping. This may be a help for her dilemma.

I save all my used envelopes for scratch paper. I use one for writing my store list on the back and tucking any coupons that I need for that trip to the store inside the envelope.

This way, I have list and coupons together when I get to the grocery store, no matter how many other stops I make beforehand. — Ruth Nash, Brookeville, Md.

PARSLEY

Dear Heloise: I buy a great deal of parsley, and to keep it fresh I put about 1/2 inch of water in a jar and make sure the stems are in the water. — Dorothy Saytos, St. Augustine, Fla.

Send a money- or time-saving hint to Heloise, PO Box 795000, San Antonio TX 78279-5000 or fax it to 210-HELOISE. I can't answer your letter personally but will use the best hints received in my column.

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Church News

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

"There's No Place Like Home" is the title of the Rev. J. Jeremy M. Grant's sermon for the Sunday morning worship service. The Old Testament scripture is Psalm 90:1,2, the New Testament is John 14:23,24. The 24th is "Bring a Friend to Church" Sunday. There will be a reception for our guests following worship service. Worship begins at 10:30 a.m.

Sunday School for all ages begins at 9:30 a.m. The class "What It Means to Be Presbyterian" for those considering membership or wishing to deepen their understanding of being a Presbyterian will meet upstairs in the library at 9:30 a.m. on Sundays. This class will be led by Grant.

Fellowship Time meets between services from 10-10:30 a.m.

The Youth Groups will meet Sunday 7-9 p.m.

The mid-week Bible Study lead by Dwight Joiner meets 6:30-7:30 p.m. on Wednesdays. Dwight invites everyone to come and bring their questions about our faith and the scriptures to this class.

World Communion Sunday is Oct. 1. Plan to join us as we partake of the Lord's Supper with our Christian brothers and sisters around the world.

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday School is at 10 a.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church. We have classes for all ages. Our adult Bible class will continue to study the book of Romans.

Morning worship is at 11. The special emphasis for the day is the Texas District. The title of the sermon, taken from 1 Kings 8:56-61, will be "Texas District Sunday."

Second year confirmation class will be on Wednesday at 3:45 p.m. First year confirmation class will be at 7 p.m. on Wednesday.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

"Untangling the Puzzle of Men and Women" will be the title of Dr. Ed Williamson's sermon at the Sunday morning service. The scripture will be taken from Genesis 2:15-25. The Sunshine Choir will sing "I Am a Child of God." "Jesus Loves Me" will be sung by both the Carol Choir and Sanctuary Choir and "Christ the King" will be sung by the Sanctuary Choir with Christy Henson, flutist.

Dr. Williamson and the congregation of FUMC invite you to attend Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. and morning worship at 10:45.

The youth will meet at 8:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall for breakfast and again at 4:30 p.m. for their youth activities.

The evening worship service is at 6.

CHRIST'S CHURCH FELLOWSHIP

Christ's Church Fellowship at 401 West Park Avenue will meet at 9:45 a.m. for Sunday School classes. A well-supervised nursery is available for all services.

Morning worship will be at 10:45. KIDS CHURCH is provided for all children 1st through 6th grades.

Women's PRECEPT ministry studying the book of Revelation meets Monday evenings at 7 and Wednesday mornings at 10.

The teens of the church invite other teens to meet with them at 7 p.m. on Wednesday evening.

Prayer and praise services are at 7 p.m. on Wednesday.

The church is observing a 30-day period of prayer and asking members to set aside days of fasting each week as we seek God's direction for the church.

Pastor Otto Schaufele will continue preaching Sunday on the Life of Jesus from the Gospel of Mark.

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.

SAN JOSE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sign up for our church directory after each mass. We will start taking pictures on Sept. 29-Oct. 1. Persons who wish to be in our directory, but cannot get out of the house because of illness, please contact the church office at 364-5053 and someone will go to your house and take your picture. If for some reason you do not want to have your address and phone number printed in the directory, please let us know by calling the church office.

The San Jose Prayer group will have a Charismatic Day of Renewal on Oct. 1 at San Jose Church. Guest speaker will be Fr. Ramiro Trejo, pastor of Sacred Heart Church in Memphis. Come and rejoice with us.

On Wednesday at 7 p.m. the T.Y.M. will come together for a Youth Worship. This will be the fourth time that the San Jose youth have come together this month. T.Y.M. is open for any teen. Fellowship at San Jose Hall after every Wednesday's Youth Worship. Mini-courses will begin as soon as the San Jose religious building is ready.

TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH

The pastor, H. Wyatt Bartlett, and the congregation of the Temple Baptist Church, 700 Avenue K, invite everyone to come to church with them Sunday morning.

Sunday School begins at 9:45 a.m. and morning worship service is at 11. The pastor will preach at the morning service.

In the evening at 6 we will begin showing the "Jesus" video. This film has been shown by missionaries all over the world to millions of people in more than 200 languages. Sunday night at 7 we will have Ray and Arliss Steward as guest speakers to share with us their Partnership mission to Kenya, Africa.

Next week we will have our mid-week prayer service on Wednesday at 7 p.m. and the choir will meet at 7:45 p.m.

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.

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.

FELLOWSHIP OF BELIEVERS

The Fellowship of Believers invites you to attend services this Sunday.

Our open-forum discussion class begins at 9:30 a.m. It is currently being led by Guy Greenfield. Worship service is at 10:30 a.m. Doug Manning will be the speaker.

Classes for children are at 9:30 a.m. and are available through elementary ages. Nursery facilities are available during the worship service.

Teens are meeting at the church at 7 p.m. on Wednesday nights. Please feel free to attend if you are interested in being a part of this youth group.

If you need transportation to the church services, please call 364-0359.

DAWN BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastor David White and the congregation of Dawn Baptist Church welcome all to join them for worship on Sunday.

Bible Study is at 9:50 a.m., morning worship is at 11 and evening worship is at 6.

Wednesday prayer and devotional time is at 8 p.m. during the summer.

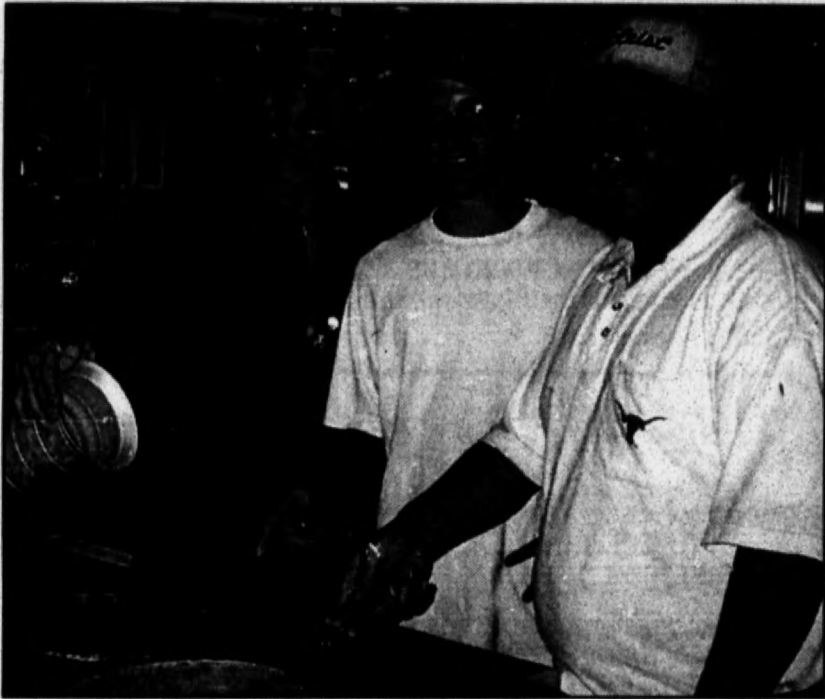
ST. ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sixteen parishioners have committed their time and energy as Ministers to the Homebound. You are invited to a meeting Sunday following the 9 a.m. liturgy in the teacher's lounge. Anyone else interested is invited.

Hospitality Hour begins again one Sunday a month, between liturgies in the cafeteria. The first Hospitality Hour for this fall is Oct. 1. Come because there will be introductions of new parish members registered with us since last spring.

Problem Pregnancy Center will hold a garage sale Oct. 20-21. Save your good, used stuff for this garage sale.

There will be an important parent orientation meeting for sacramental preparation on Oct. 4 at 7 p.m. in the school cafeteria. This is for any parents of children who need to celebrate Reconciliation, Confirmation, or Eucharist, ages 2nd grade and up. There



Preparing pancakes

St. Anthony's Catholic Youth Organization members, from left, David Farr, Greg Reinart and Tom Munoz, "practice" preparing pancakes for the breakfast the CYO will sponsor Sunday from 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Tickets will be available at the door for the breakfast of pancakes, eggs, ham and fruit. The drawing for the winner of the "Cowboy Weekend Package" will be held during the breakfast. Proceeds will be used for scholarships and CYO activities.

ST. THOMAS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

"This Transitory Life" is the title of the sermon by The Very Rev. Charles A. Wilson on the Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost. The Holy Eucharist is celebrated at 11 a.m. and there is a coffee hour after the service.

Christian Education for all ages is at 9:30 a.m. each Sunday. Children and youth meet in the Sunday School room in the Education Wing for "Living the Good News," based on the Sunday Bible readings in the liturgy. The Adult Class meets in the church parlor for "Faces of Faith," videos of interviews with leading figures in the religious field. This Sunday we will watch an interview with Cassandra Thomas, social psychologist and spokesperson on issues of sexual violence. Discussion will follow.

The regular Wednesday Public Service of Healing is at 7 p.m. with the Litany of Healing, the Laying-on-of-Hands with Holy Unction, and Holy Communion. We will use the proper collect, psalm and lessons for St. Michael and All Angels.

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.

The deadline for the monthly newsletter, CREDO, is Wednesday, Sept. 27 at 7 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

World Missions Conference will be Nov. 5-8.

Guest speakers will be: Sunday a.m.-Ron Nolen, state worker; Sunday p.m.-Anjannette Franklin, Home Mission Board (Utah); Monday p.m.-Preston Bennett, Foreign Mission Board (Japan); Tuesday p.m.-James Crawford, Foreign Mission Board (Venezuela); and Wednesday p.m.-Jack Albright, Home Mission Board (Kansas).

will be at \$10 fee for book-materials. Babysitting will be available.

FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH

"Armageddon: The Final Battle" will be the title of Pastor Gaston's third message in the Bible Prophecy series on Sunday night at 6.

Following the Sunday morning service, there will be a Food and Fellowship with a covered dish meal in the fellowship hall. And following the evening service, there will be a volleyball tournament.

On Tuesday morning, Women's Ministries will meet for a Bible study on "The Fruit of the Spirit," followed by a luncheon.

Royal Rangers and Missionettes, scouting programs for boys and girls, will meet a 7 p.m. Tuesday.

During the evening service on Wednesday at 7 p.m., the Youth Service will be held in the fellowship hall.

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

Rev. Ted Taylor and congregation cordially invite you to join us in praise, worship and study of God's Word. Sunday's sermon is titled "Love Lets Go."

There will be a Men's Fellowship Breakfast on Saturday at 7 a.m., with an all-church work day following. Everyone is encouraged to come and "fix up" and "clean up" the church building and grounds.

On Sunday at 5 p.m. there will be a "Care 'N Share" meeting in the Pastor's office, for those who are interested in being on a team of phone callers who will keep in touch with those in need. There will also be a Church membership Meeting at 5 p.m. in the NCA Library for all those interested in joining the church.

The ladies ministry, Women of Worth, presents the Annual Fall Retreat with Sheila Cooley as special guest speaker. Her message will be on "The Blood Covenant." This Oct. 6-7 retreat is for women of all ages and the cost is \$35 for adults and \$25 for teens and will be held at Prayer Town located near Boy's Ranch.

Pastor Carol invites all kids to join her for Children's Church on Sunday morning. There are many needs being met in this special ministry for children.

Please contact Pastor Jim, 364-8303, if any teen would like to be a part of our "Solid Rock Youth Ministry" or Fall Care Groups.

Wednesday will be Whale Day and Friday will be Movie Day at Nazarene Kid's Korner. All kids are welcome to come and share with us. Call Eleise at 364-8161.

Everyone is invited to these service times: Sundays--9:30 a.m. Bible studies; 10:30 a.m. worship; 6 p.m. evening prayer meeting, "Weigh Down Workshop", Heavenbound Children's Choir, and Teen Care Groups. Wednesdays--7 p.m. adult Bible study, children's "Kid Venture", and "Solid Rock" youth ministry.

TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH

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

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

For additional information, call 364-3487.

SUMMERFIELD BAPTIST CHURCH

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

For more information, call 357-2535.

WESTWAY BAPTIST CHURCH

We welcome you to come be part of a country church that preaches God's word. We need teachers and workers so if you are looking for a place to serve the Lord we need you to come be a part of our services.

We are having good services three times a week. Sunday school is at 9:45 a.m. with Sunday morning worship at 11, Sunday evening worship at 6:30 and Wednesday evening service at 7.

A nursery is provided at all services.

Ray Sanders is the pastor and Ronny Sanders is the song leader.

GOOD NEWS CHURCH

909 Union St.
Pastor David Alvarado and congregation invite you to Sunday morning services.

Los Truenos De Tejas will be in concert on Sept. 24 at 9 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

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Sarah Josepha Hale, the most famous magazine editor in the U.S. during the 1800s was instrumental in persuading President Lincoln to make Thanksgiving a national holiday and was also the author of "Mary Had A Little Lamb."

FBI agent claims evidence would exonerate him

By PETE YOST
Associated Press Writer
WASHINGTON (AP) - Declaring he wants to lift "the cloud that's been placed over me" because of Ruby

Ridge, the FBI's former deputy director says the Justice Department is withholding evidence that would exonerate him.
Larry Potts testified to a Senate

panel Thursday that he gave FBI snipers permission to shoot at armed adults but never told them that they "should" do so.
Contradicting another key witness,

Potts said the head of the FBI's Hostage Rescue Team, Richard Rogers, approved the unique shoot-on-sight rule at the Idaho homestead of white separatist Randy Weaver.
The FBI's field commander at Ruby Ridge, Eugene Glenn, testified Wednesday that it was Potts who gave the approval - which was followed hours later by the shooting death of Weaver's wife, Vicki. Rogers refused to testify.

"My world has been turned upside down by a series of events that were both unexpected and, I believe, unfair," Potts said of the 11-day standoff that resulted in the shooting deaths of Mrs. Weaver, the couple's 14-year-old son, Sam, and Deputy U.S. Marshal William Degan.
As Potts answered questions about the shoot-on-sight order, another question arose.

Amendment privilege against self-incrimination, Potts said he welcomed the opportunity to testify in hopes that it could "assist me in lifting the cloud that's been placed over me."
Coulson testified that FBI agents in Idaho had proposed drastic action that Coulson rejected.

Dixie Dog brings memories of other times in West Texas

By STEVE O'NEIL
Lubbock Avalanche-Journal
TAHOKA, Texas - It's a few minutes after noon and Tahoka's Dixie Dog Drive In is starting to hop. The phone is ringing, and hamburgers are crackling and popping on the grill.

whole lot better," Tidmore said. When pressed further, Tidmore explains that the Dixie Dog is a hotdog on a stick plunged into a sweet batter and then tossed in a fryer. No cornmeal in this mix, thank you.

opened at 6 a.m., "to give the coffee drinkers a place to go."
And like other Dixie Dog towns, the one in Spur is all the rage when area graduates return to visit. "They don't want you to change a thing," Howell said. "Of course, they only return once a year."

In addition to the batter-dipped dogs, the Spur Dixie Dog serves a wide variety of food, including chicken-fried steaks and hamburger steaks. In fact, the only thing any of the Dixie Dogs have in common now is the catchy name and the official batter.

Potts said his contemporaneous notes showing the limitation to the "can" language "are in the possession of the Department of Justice, which has refused to make them available to me or my attorney."
"I am confident these notes will fully corroborate my testimony," said Potts.

Coulson said a proposed operations plan from on-scene FBI officials "greatly offended me" because it contemplated an armored vehicle destroying part of the Weaver camp compound. It did not include a plan for negotiated settlement and "could have had disastrous consequences in terms of loss of life," said Coulson.

Mario Chapa, whose family owns the restaurant, hangs up the phone. "For J.W. add another burger and add another order of onion rings," he shouts as he walks to the front of the restaurant to take someone's order.

"They certainly are popular," said Tidmore, who sells about 75 or 100 of the dipped dogs per day. "I'll have people order 20 at a time and feed their families with them."

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A former Justice Department official said he recalled being told by Potts or his top aide, Danny Coulson, early in the 1992 siege that Sam Weaver had been shot. That conflicts with a Justice Department task force report that found that the shooting of Sam Weaver wasn't known until the third day of the standoff when the teen-ager's body was found.

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plan... the focus of this hearing today might well be on why the FBI directed armor against the cabin of Randy Weaver and injected tear gas into it without ever negotiating with him," said Coulson.

White sacks, brimming with orders, appear on the takeout counter. Soon a gaggle of pickup trucks and family cars flood to the drive-up window to pick up lunch. Just another busy day at the small-town restaurant. And yet the popular eatery represents something more than a good place to grab a bite to eat.

The Dixie Dog Drive Ins were the brain child of an entrepreneur who sought to build a fast-food empire, beginning some time around the early 1950s.

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"At one time there were about 85 Dixie Dog Drive Ins scattered all over this area," said James Tidmore, who runs the Dixie Dog Drive Inn in Wolforth. "Over the years, though, most of them shut down."

Hooper remembers the fellow's name as Monte Davis, but didn't know much more about his background. Other Dixie Dog owners in West Texas often remembered when their Dixie Dog opened, but not much else.

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Ralph Hooper, who sells the trademarked Dixie Dog batter mix out of Albuquerque, N.M., estimates there are about a dozen of the drive-up restaurants left throughout West Texas.

While the origins are fuzzy, the charm that the drive-ins add to their towns is unmistakable.
Veda and Joe Howell have owned the Spur Dixie Dog since 1987.

"I don't know what the deal is with those," Chapa said, referring to the cheese-covered tots. "But people really go for them."
Lunch and dinner are popular times at the Tahoka Dixie Dog, as are the times following football games. And homecoming?

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So what is a Dixie Dog anyway? "It's like a Superdog, but only a

Keeping the Dixie Dog open has taken on added importance as other area restaurants have closed, Howell adds. Recently, the Howells have

"Oh yeah, all the old students come by," Chapa said. "Many of them grew up knowing the Dixie Dog - it's just part of the town."

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Energas posts larger budget

LUBBOCK -- Energas Co. has announced that its capital budget will be increased by about \$25.7 million for the 1996 fiscal year, which begins Oct. 1.

"The capital expenditures are planned to enhance the efficiency of our system, provide additional safety and to extend service to accommodate new customer growth," said Gene Ehler, company president.

The majority of the budget is targeted for system improvements, replacements and extending service to new customers.

Other district capital amounts are: Amarillo, \$4.9 million; Big Spring, \$1 million; Littlefield, \$1.9 million; Lubbock, \$4.4 million; Midland, \$3.3 million; Odessa, \$3.1 million; Pampa, \$700,000; and Plainview \$2.1 million.

Included in the capital budget is approximately \$1.4 million for the Hereford district office.

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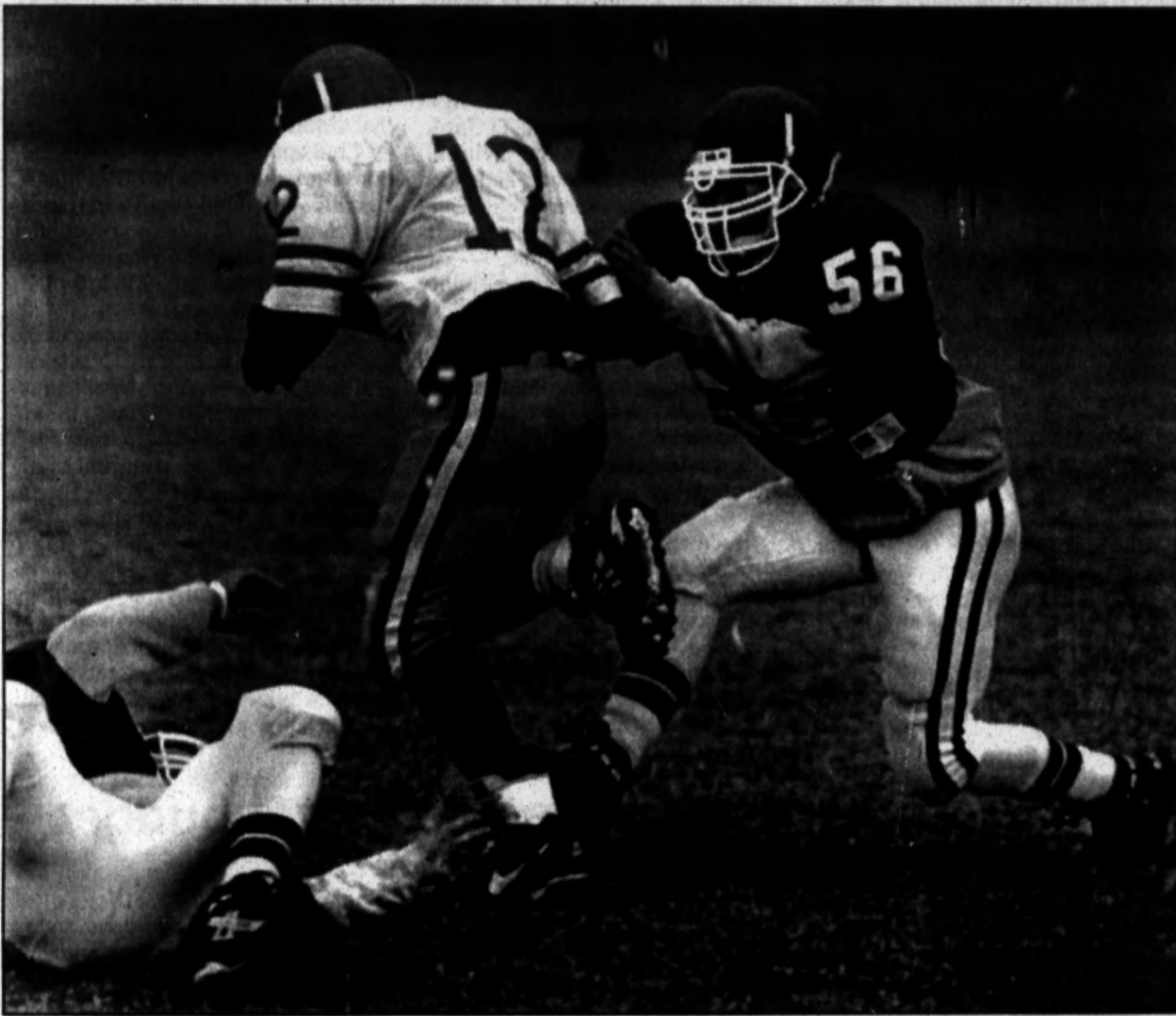
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Sports



Hit him hard

Jeff Higgins (56) of the Hereford junior varsity football team reaches out to tackle a Coronado ballcarrier as another Herd player on the ground goes after his ankles. Coronado defeated the Herd JV 20-0 Thursday in Hereford.

A&M must survive Buffaloes

By KEVIN O'HANLON
Associated Press Writer

It's 932 miles from College Station, Texas, to the Fiesta Bowl in Tempe, Ariz., where this season's likely national championship football game will be played Jan. 2.

That is, of course, unless you're third-ranked Texas A&M, which has to make an extra 821-mile jaunt to Boulder, Colo., this Saturday before it can begin thinking about a trip to Tempe.

In the shadows of the Rocky Mountains, the Aggies have a mountainous roadblock to their national title hopes in the form of No. 7 Colorado.

The Buffaloes. Big Buffaloes. Mean Buffaloes. Fast Buffaloes. Unbeaten Buffaloes.

A victory Saturday could poise A&M for a run to the summit. A loss will make A&M's title dreams thinner than the mile-high air at Folsom Field.

A&M coach R.C. Slocum said his team has been able to handle the avalanche of pre-game media attention and will perform well.

"We've had a more intense workout atmosphere this week. I think that's positive," he said. "I'm glad the players have a sense that this is an important ballgame."

The game will be televised regionally at 2:30 p.m. CDT on ABC.

Except Texas Tech, which is idle, the rest of the SWC also is on the road this weekend. No. 13 Texas is at No. 21 Notre Dame (nationally televised on NBC beginning at 11:30 a.m.); Baylor visits North Carolina State; Southern Methodist travels to Wisconsin; Houston is at Kansas; No. 18 LSU hosts Rice; and Texas

Christian visits Vanderbilt.

The Colorado game will be a showcase for Aggies tailback Leeland McElroy.

McElroy has rushed for an average of 172.5 yards and gained an average 322 all-purpose yards per game this season.

He also ranks first in the nation in scoring, with 42 points, even though the Aggies have played only two games and most other teams have played three.

Colorado's hopes rest on the shoulders of quarterback Koy Detmer, a redshirt junior under the tutelage of new head coach Rick Neuheisel.

In Colorado's three victories - 43-7 over Wisconsin; 42-14 over Colorado State; and 66-14 over Northeast Louisiana - Detmer has thrown for 948 yards and eight touchdowns. He has completed more than 70 percent of his passes (54-77) and thrown just one interception.

Slocum said he doesn't expect the thin air at Colorado, which has been known to wear down some teams, to be a factor with the Aggies.

He also said he doesn't think he has a coaching edge just because Neuheisel is a rookie coach.

"I've been very impressed with Rick Neuheisel. He went out first of all and hired some very experienced coaches that have been around the block," Slocum said. "I think both teams will be well-coached."

The team that gets the best play from its quarterback likely will win, Slocum said.

"I wouldn't see any bigger burden on (A&M quarterback) Corey" Pullig, he said. "When you play this

kind of game, the quarterback has to play well. So much depends on the execution factor. Any time you play a big game, a good team...everybody has to do their part. Our defense has to keep them from making big plays on us, our offense has to try to minimize turnovers."

Colorado is a four-point favorite. A&M hasn't beaten a Top 10 team since 1989, and hasn't defeated a Top 10 team away from home since 1979.

Texas coach John Mackovic says his team is looking forward to taking heat from the Fighting Irish in the cooler weather expected in South Bend, Ind., on Saturday. The high temperature is expected to be in the 50s.

"That might be a welcome relief for some of our guys," he said. "We've been playing in 100-degree heat."

The Longhorns will play without defensive end Tony Brackens, who is recovering from a fractured left tibia he suffered last week against Pittsburgh.

The 6-4, 242-pound junior has been fitted with a leg brace but is not expected to play for two to four weeks.

"Were not in a position where we can make a lot of changes" on defense because of Brackens' absence, Mackovic said.

Mackovic said he'll depend on junior defensive linemen Brian Vasek (6-5, 250), Shane Rink (6-2, 257) and Stonie Clark (6-1, 318) and freshman Chris Akins (6-2, 310) to help hold the defense together against the Irish.

Slocum said A&M and Texas have the chance to disprove critics who have said in recent years the SWC can't compete against top-ranked, outside competition.

"We've had some opportunities (in the past) to really make bold statements, and in a lot of cases we've not done that as a league," he said. "I would feel very good if Texas won up there and we won."

Coronado trips Herd JV

Thursday was a cold day for football in Hereford, especially with no wins to warm the Herd players.

Coronado teams made the trip from Lubbock and claimed two wins, beating the Herd junior varsity 20-0 and the Herd sophomores 58-24. Hereford also lost a freshman game played here, 22-12 to Pampa.

In the JV game played on the frozen tundra of the south field, Coronado got one touchdown each from its special teams, offense and defense.

The JV Mustangs returned the opening kickoff 80 yards for a touchdown and converted for a 8-0 lead. In the second quarter, a Herd fumble set up a 14-yard TD run for Coronado to make it 14-0. Early in the second half, Coronado returned an interception 60 yards for its third score.

Both teams were plagued with turnovers, but Herd coach Ron Young wouldn't blame it on the weather.

"It was a lack of concentration, a lack of intensity," he said. "Those are things we have to take care of, and we haven't taken care of it."

The turnovers kept Hereford from having a chance to score, and turnovers kept Coronado from scoring more. The Hereford defense also had to respond to several challenges after turnovers.

"A lot of people stood up and played (well)," coach Chris Christopher said. "Coronado got a first down here and a first down there, but (the defense) rose up and played."

Francisco Vasquez intercepted a pass for Hereford. The fumble recoveries were too numerous to count.

The score was a little deceiving in the Herd sophomores' 58-24 loss to Coronado, coach Charlie Garza said.

"We played half a game - we were down 35-6 at the half," Garza said. "At one point it was 40-24. We had the ball and didn't convert, but we had them on their heels. We came out in the second half and really played well. (Coronado) had two defensive touchdowns in the second half when we were trying to make plays (to get back in the game)."

All of Hereford's points were scored by Henry Hernandez, who opened the scoring with an 80-yard fumble return for a touchdown.

On the first play of the second half, Hernandez ran 80 yards for a touchdown. Later he ran for short TDs, one set up by a long pass from Jeremy Urbanczyk to Rodney Gomez and one set up by Hernandez' own 40-yard run.

The Pampa freshmen scored first on the Herd freshmen, and Hereford never caught up.

Pampa scored and got the two-point conversion, so when Hereford scored later in the first quarter and the run failed, Pampa led 8-6. In the second quarter, Pampa scored, then Hereford scored, but neither got the conversion, so Pampa led 14-12. Pampa iced the win with a TD in the fourth quarter.

Thomas Suarez scored both TDs for Hereford: a four-yard run in the first quarter and a 70-yard run in the second quarter.

There was no B game played.

Herd spikers to host River Road

The Hereford volleyball team takes a break from the District 1-4A schedule Saturday, but the team will try to stay hot against River Road at 2 p.m. in Whiteface Gym.

Hereford (15-3) has won six matches in a row, including its first three district matches. The open spot in the district schedule hits Hereford Saturday, and Class 3A River Road (4-10) was recruited to fill the void.

The junior varsity match will start at 2 p.m., and the varsity match will begin about 20 minutes after the JV team are through.

It was stated incorrectly in Wednesday's Brand that the match would be played at River Road. The Brand regrets the error.

The Hereford tennis team took a giant step towards a regional tournament berth with a win over Borger Saturday. The next step would be a win over Canyon this Saturday.

The team match starts at 1 p.m.

A win by Hereford would practically clinch a regional berth for Hereford. Even though Hereford would only be halfway through the district schedule, the Herd would have wins over two of the three toughest opponents (Dumas is the other).

The Hereford cross country team will run in a meet in Amarillo Saturday, starting at 9:30 a.m.

A change in the schedule was

announced this week by coach Martha Emerson. Instead of running in Floydada Sept. 30, the Hereford team will run in a meet in Dumas that Saturday.

The eighth grade volleyball teams from Hereford Junior High will compete in a tournament in Borger Saturday. All HJH volleyball teams will host Canyon Monday, with games starting at 5:30 and 6:45 p.m.

The freshmen volleyball team will play at Canyon at 6 p.m. Monday.

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Coronado is favored by 3 over Hereford

The Hereford football team will be a three-point underdog, according to the Harris Rating System, when the Herd meets Lubbock Coronado at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Jones Stadium in Lubbock.

Hereford (1-1) is ranked 64th in Class 4A with a power rating of 188. Coronado (1-1) is ranked 97th in Class 5A, with a rating of 191.

In other games involving area teams, the Harris system picks: Randall by five over Tascosa; Pampa by 10 at Plainview; Frenship by 13 at Caprock; Borger by 19 over River Road; Perryton by one at Dumas; Odessa Permian by 12 at Amarillo High; Dimmitt by five over Tulia; Vega by one over Boys Ranch; and Friona by seven over Springlake-Earth.

Harris calls Canyon's game at Lubbock High a toss-up.

Palo Duro started the year with a 37-0 loss to Odessa High, then followed that up with a 54-7 loss to Hereford. PD faces powerful Midland Lee this week. Harris picks Lee by 32 points on the road.

Boniol's job not in jeopardy

By CHARLES RICHARDS
Associated Press Writer

IRVING, Texas (AP) - Chris Boniol won't lose his job as the Dallas Cowboys' placekicker for missing an extra point and a field goal attempt from point-blank range last week.

"He had a bad game, no doubt about it, but you don't get rid of a player for one game, especially since we still got the victory," head coach Barry Switzer said in a midweek look back at the Cowboys' 23-17 overtime victory Sunday night over the Minnesota Vikings.

Dallas won the flip in overtime, and Emmitt Smith ran 31 yards for a touchdown on the Cowboys' first possession.

Switzer admitted afterward that he was trying to get the team into field goal range. If Switzer was uneasy about that prospect, so must have been Boniol.

"When Emmitt scored, I'm sure you could have heard Chris yelling," Switzer said.

Last season, after a preseason in which he was 5-of-6 on field goal attempts and 7-of-7 on extra points, Boniol kicked four field goals in his NFL debut, helping Dallas beat the Pittsburgh Steelers 26-9.

In fact, he was 9-for-9 before he finally missed a field goal. He was 16-of-19 from inside 40 yards. For

the season, he led all NFL rookies in scoring and field goals. He finished 22-of-29 on field goal attempts and a perfect 48-of-48 on extra points.

The 5-11, 160-pound Boniol missed the first three preseason games this year with pulled quadriceps in his right leg, and the Cowboys kept another kicker, Jon Baker, on the roster for kickoffs. On Tuesday, they cut Baker.

On Sunday, the Cowboys host the Cardinals.

Kicking coach Steve Hoffman said he hopes allowing Boniol to kick off, as he did last season, will improve his performance across the board.

"I think this might help Chris, who was handling this fine, mentally. But it probably helps any kicker to know he's the only guy," Hoffman said.

Special teams coach Joe Avezzano agrees.

"Chris is a pretty level-headed young man, and like all of us, he does better when he has confidence in himself and when the people around him have confidence in him," Avezzano said.

Baker was kept on the roster for his ability to kick the ball into the end zone, but despite a hang time of four seconds on 12 of his 16 kickoffs in the first three games, only one got to the end zone.

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Steve Hodges (second from left) of the Hereford Sports Association hands a check to Hereford girls' athletic director Brenda Reeh. The donation will be used to buy new pads under the basketball goals and a new banner for the scorer's table in Whiteface Gym. Also pictured are other officers of the HSA: (from left) Karen Marsh, Doug Rampley, Burl Miller and Cindy Cassels.

Dodgers fail to gain on Rockies

By The Associated Press
A loss to San Francisco didn't cost the Colorado Rockies their 1-1/2-game lead in the NL West.
"I'd rather win than praying for losses. We can't expect the Dodgers to lose night after night," Rockies manager Don Baylor said Thursday night after the Giants beat the Rockies 5-3.
Los Angeles lost 5-1 at home to San Diego. Houston, which was idle, closed within a half-game of the Dodgers in the wild-card race.
Players on both the Dodgers and Rockies are looking ahead to next Monday, when Colorado begins a three-game series in Los Angeles.
"I think it's going to come down to that series with us," Dodgers second baseman Delino DeShields said. "Maybe that's the way it's going to end up. Maybe that's the way it's supposed to be."
In other NL games, Atlanta beat New York 3-0, Philadelphia beat Florida 3-1 and Pittsburgh beat Chicago 4-3.
At Candlestick Park, Barry Bonds and Glenallen Hill hit two-run homers. Sergio Valdez (4-4) allowed three runs and seven hits in seven innings, and Rod Beck pitched the ninth for his 31st save.
Joe Grahe (4-3), making his first start since July 17, allowed five runs

and nine hits in four innings for Colorado.
Rockies players took solace that the Dodgers fell behind early.
"Of course it feels good when you see them losing. I think everyone is taking a glance up there," Eric Young said. "But we have to do our job. If anything, we should look up there and see the Dodgers losing and be inspired to do our job better."
Padres 5, Dodgers 1
Melvin Nieves homered, doubled and singled for visiting San Diego.
Andy Ashby (11-10) held Los Angeles to one unearned run and nine hits in 8-2/3 innings before Trevor Hoffman got the final out for his 27th save.
Nieves scored the Padres' first run, doubling in the second off Tom Candiotti (7-13). The Padres made it 3-1 in the third on an RBI double by Scott Livingston and Nieves' run-scoring single. Nieves greeted reliever Pedro Astacio with a leadoff homer in the sixth inning.
Braves 3, Mets 0
Greg Maddux became the major leagues' first 18-game winner, allowing five hits in eight innings at Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium.
Maddux (18-2) struck out nine and walked none before Mark Wohlers finished with a perfect ninth for his

25th save. Maddux lowered his ERA to 1.68.
Maddux also went 2-for-3, lifting his batting average from .121 to .145. He keyed Atlanta's three-run third inning with a double off Dave Telgheder (1-2).
Phillies 3, Marlins 1
Michael Mimbs (9-6), winning as a starter for the first time in two months, allowed one run in 7 2-3 innings.
Steve Frey relieved with the bases loaded and one out in the ninth and induced Quilvio Veras to hit into a double play. It was Frey's first save in exactly two years, since he got one for California.
Willie Banks (2-6) gave up three runs and six hits in 5 2-3 innings for the visiting Marlins.
Pirates 4, Cubs 3
Denny Neagle (13-7) allowed seven hits in seven innings for his second consecutive win after going five weeks without a victory. He struck out seven, walked none and retired his last 10 batters.
Midre Cummings broke a 2-2 tie at Wrigley Field with a two-run, two-out single in the sixth inning.
Dan Miceli pitched the ninth for his 21st save. Steve Trachsel (6-13) gave up four runs - three unearned - and eight hits in six innings.

Astros aim for playoff spot

By MICHAEL A. LUTZ
AP Sports Writer
HOUSTON (AP) - The Houston Astros are beginning to talk like a playoff team. They have 10 games to become one.
"Everything gets magnified now," pitcher Doug Drabek said. "Offense, defense, pitching, everything. All the games are important now. But we can't go out and try to force victories. We've just got to relax and play our game."
Manager Terry Collins is trying to put a season of injuries and frustration behind him for one focused push to get the Houston Astros into the NL playoffs as the first-ever wild card entry.
It's been a long run of disappointment and second-guessing, of trades and losing streaks and encouraging comebacks until finally, here they are facing 10 games that will determine whether they advance or go home.
"I think we're in good shape. We're playing for something and the attitude is upbeat," Collins said.
Veteran Milt Thompson thinks the Astros have been winning lately because they're relaxed.
"I think the thing to do is keep them loose," Thompson said. "You've got to be loose and relaxed to play your best. You look around this clubhouse, I think they're loose. That's been a factor around here lately.
"Everybody wants to be in the playoffs. I've been there. A lot of these guys haven't and they have to

realize that this could be their only chance."
The Astros are in the midst of their final homestand of the season, beginning tonight with three games against the St. Louis Cardinals followed by three games against Pittsburgh.
They'll close out the season on the road with four games at Chicago. Only then will Collins look up to see where the Astros are headed.
"We're all done watching the scoreboard," Collins said. "If we win, it will be because we went out and won our games. We'll keep ourselves in the hunt. It won't be anyone else."
There are plenty of reasons for the Astros being out of contention.

Jeff Bagwell, last year's NL MVP, missed August with a broken hand. Derek Bell, the club's leading hitter, was lost for the season following surgery on his left leg.
Closer John Hudek, an All-Star last season, pitched in only 19 games before being lost for the season with a circulation blockage in his right arm.
Rookie center fielder Brian Hunter, expected to have an outstanding season, missed 18 games with a broken hand. Shortstop Orlando Miller has missed four weeks with a sprained knee and catcher Rick Wilkins missed two months following back surgery after being obtained from the Chicago Cubs.

Sierra's shot boosts Yankees

By The Associated Press
Ruben Sierra, who has accounted for a few runs with an iron glove this season, can produce with his bat, too.
Sierra, New York's designated hitter Thursday night, hit a three-run homer during a five-run uprising in the eighth inning to spark the Yankees to a 6-4 victory over Toronto. New York pulled within a half-game of idle Seattle and California in the American League wild-card race.
"I wasn't thinking home run, I was just trying to get a hit," Sierra said. "I was thinking about getting the rally going."
In other games on a brief AL schedule, it was Minnesota 5, Kansas City 2; Chicago 5, Milwaukee 1; and Baltimore 13, Detroit 1.
The combined official AL attendance was 60,517, a figure based on ticket sales only. Kansas City announced 12,623, but had barely 1,000 in the park. Chicago had about 3,000, but announced 15,325.
The Yankees improved to 72-64, a half-game below the 72-63 records of California and Seattle, but it may have been costly. Starter Jack McDowell left after five innings with a recurrence of a back strain.
"Sept. 30 in Toronto is probably the next time you'll see Jack McDowell on the mound," Yankees manager Buck Showalter said.
"It's not magically disappearing in four days," McDowell said, "so maybe if we double it up, I don't know. I've never had anything like this, so we'll see how it goes."
McDowell gave up seven hits and trailed 4-1 when he left.

Steve Howe (6-3) pitched two-thirds of an inning to get the victory, and John Wetteland pitched the ninth for his 27th save.
John Olerud drove in three runs for Toronto and Shawn Green contributed three doubles, one of them driving in a run.
Twins 5, Royals 2
At Kansas City, Marty Cordova scored twice and drove in a run as Minnesota virtually ended Kansas City's bid for a wild-card spot. The Royals fell four games back of California and Seattle in the wild-card chase with nine games remaining.
Brad Radke (11-13) allowed eight hits in his second complete game of the season. Rich Becker's diving catch in center field started a double play that ended a potential Kansas City rally in the third.

White Sox 5, Brewers 1
Alex Fernandez (11-8) struck out seven and walked none, taking 2:18 to complete a five-hitter on a wet and windy night in Chicago.
Milwaukee, loser of 18 of the last 23, took a 1-0 lead in the first when White Sox center fielder Lance Johnson missed John Jaha's liner for a three-base error, allowing B.J. Surhoff, who had singled, to score.
Ozzie Guillen, Tim Lincecum and Dave Martinez singled to make it 1-1 in the third. Ray Durham scored on Mike LaValliere's two-out double in the fourth as Chicago went ahead 2-1 off Bob Scanlan (4-6).
Orioles 13, Tigers 1
At Detroit, Cal Ripken supplied a three-run double during an eight-run uprising in the seventh and Mike Mussina became the winningest pitcher in the American League with his 17th victory.

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Research seeks to find why some person-pet relationships don't work

By DENIS M. SEARLES
Associated Press Reporter
FORT COLLINS, Colo. (AP) - With up to 10 million unwanted dogs and cats euthanized in this country each year, researchers are trying to find out what makes an unsuccessful pet owner.

"What causes the breakdown in the human-animal bond? Psychological problems? Social problems? Mental stress?" asked Dr. Mo Salman of the Colorado State University Veterinary School, who is coordinating the yearlong study by the National Council on Pet Population Study and Policy.

"We hear stories like this: 'I work 10 hours a day, I'm single, I go home and the dog wants to play with me but I'm tired so we'd better put the dog in the pound,'" Salman said.

There is the college student who adopts a kitten at the start of a semester and then gets rid of it at semester break.

There is the cute little German shepherd puppy that grows too big for a one-bedroom apartment.

And so the sad euthanasia sessions go on routinely at thousands of animal shelters across the nation, the dead pups and kittens, the older dogs and cats, all carefully stacked in still rows for final disposal by cremation or in landfills. The annual cost runs to \$125 million or more.

"By my observations, some people take these animals almost like they would buy a piece of furniture ... and in the end, like a chair, replace it with another," when its first charm wears off, Salman said.

The council conducting the study is funded by 10 major animal groups,

including the American Animal Hospital Association, American Humane Association, American Kennel Club, American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and the American Veterinary Medical Association.

The study, which will cost at least \$200,000, will be finished by next March. Results should be available in July 1996.

Carol Moulton, council president and associate director of the Englewood, Colo.-based American Humane Association's animal protection division, said the study will:

-Survey selected animal shelters to determine how many animals enter the shelters and how many of them are adopted or euthanized.

-Establish an accurate national baseline of numbers of animals euthanized annually. The best numbers today range from 5 million to 10 million. Cost estimates for euthanasia range from \$25 to \$45 per animal.

-Interview people at the shelters as they turn in their animals to try to learn what makes an unsuccessful pet relationship.

"Traditionally, it's been looked at as an animal problem - they shed too much, bark too much, are not housebroken and are too much trouble. But you know people who have pets that do some or all of those and they would never consider giving up their pets," Moulton said.

Interviewers at the study shelters will attempt to put 58 questions to people dropping off their pets.

A similar questionnaire will be mailed to 80,000 pet owners in hopes

of assembling a profile of people who keep their pets. Salman hopes to develop a questionnaire for potential pet owners to determine whether they are likely to give up their pets later.

Salman said pet suppliers could look at the completed questionnaire and possibly tell a prospective pet buyer: "We identify you as a high-risk owner of a pet. Therefore, you have to satisfy the following criteria or you cannot have the pet."

He made an analogy with blood donors:

"In the 1980s, anybody could donate blood. Currently, when you try to donate blood, they will ask you certain questions and then may classify you as a high risk in transmitting certain pathogenic agents ... and they will say 'Sorry, we can't accept your blood.'"

Just what intervention methods would be employed for pets has not been determined, he said.

Salman said he hopes the study's findings will educate people about their obligation to their pets.

"It is all part of the family value, how we are raised and live in the family group," Salman said. "The more we break these ties, the more we break our bond with the animals. It is the same thing."

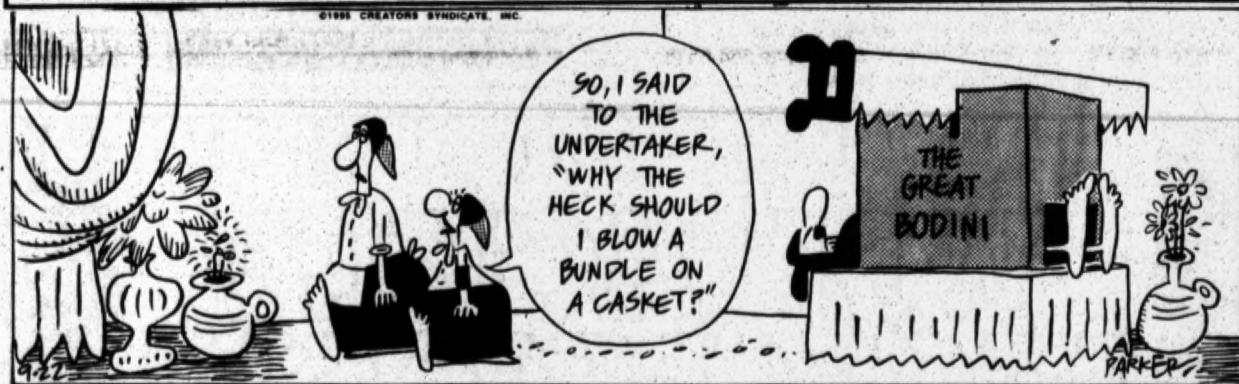


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6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM
(5:35) Movie: King of the Wind 'PG'	Movie: Breaking Free Jeremy London.	Major League Baseball California Angels at Texas Rangers	Paul McCartney: Get Back	Ringo Starr	News	Ent. Tonight	Major League Baseball California Angels at Texas Rangers	News	(:35) Tonight Show	
MacNeil/Lehrer Newshour	Wash. Week	Wall St.	Listening to Children: A Moral Journey	Camp	Wait for God	Previews	Husy Lewis			
Griffith	Griffith	(:05) Movie: Weird Science (1985), Kelly LeBrock **	(:15) Movie: Gotchal (1985) Anthony Edwards. **	Blues	News	Wh. Fortune	Fam. Mat.	Boy-World	Step-Step	Mr. Cooper
News	Wh. Fortune	Fam. Mat.	Boy-World	Step-Step	Mr. Cooper	20/20	News	Selinfeld	(:05) Blitz	
Families	Man Alive	Life Choices	Heart-Matter	Motherhood Begins at 50	Family Enrichment Series	Gospel	Cap. News	Lawson Live		
Fam. Mat.	Jeffersons	Hercules-Jmys.	Xena: Warrior Princess	News	Night Court	Simon & Simon				
News	Home Imp.	Dweese	Bonnie Hunt	Picket Fences	American Gothic	News	(:35) Late Show			
Roseanne	Simpsons	Strange Luck	X-Files	Star Trek: Voyager	M*A*S*H	Cops	Wanted			
Sportscenter	Up Close Special	Boxing	Rescue 911	700 Club	Sportscenter	Baseball				
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Movie: Phila. Exp. 2	Movie: In the Army Now Pauly Shore. **	(:35) Movie: Stripes (1981) Bill Murray, Harold Ramis. **	Full Frontal	Movie						
inside the NFL	Movie: The Running Man ** 1/2 'R'	(:40) Movie: True Lies Arnold Schwarzenegger. *** 'R'	Comedy							
(5:00) Movie: Explorers	Movie: A Passion to Kill Scott Bakula. 'R'	(:40) Movie: The Pelican Brief Julia Roberts. *** 'PG-13'	Movie:							
Club Dance	News	Championship Rodeo	Music City Tonight	News	Club Dance	Rodeo				
Bay, 2000	Next Step	Shipwrecks	Pirates	Survival	Armor	Hunters	Survival			
Rockford Files	Biography	Investigative Reports	Ancient Mysteries	Law & Order	Biography					
Comish	Barbara Walters	Movie: A Cry for Help: The Tracey Thurman Story ***	Designing	Designing	World-to-Us					
Pennant	Press Box	Rodeo	Boxing Prime Championship Series	Press Box	Golf Texas	Sports Look				
In the Heat of the Night	Movie: Close Encounters of the Third Kind (1977) Richard Dreyfuss. ****	Movie: The Thing (1951) ***								
Doug	Clarissa	Munsters	Jeanette	I Love Lucy	Bewitched	M.T. Moore	Taxi	Kotter	Van Dyke	Newhart
Wings	Wings	Murder, She Wrote	Movie: Shattered Image (1994) Bo Derek. **	Ryder Cup	Movie: Malibu Bikini					
Caminos Cruzados	La Duna	Pellicula		Noticiero	P. Impacto					
Day the Universe Changed	Miracle Planet	Miracle Planet	Miracle Planet	Miracle Planet						
Cartoon Planet	Garfield	Scoboscr	Flintstones	Jetsons	(:10) Bugs & Daffy Tonight	Space G	Moxy	Joale-Cats		

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 23

7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30	12 PM
Pony Tales	Care Bears	C. Brown	Quack	Movie: Dragonworld Sam Mackenzie.	Disney	Five Mile Creek	Danger Bay			
Ryder Cup Golf Third Day	College Football									
Psychology	Psychology	Wash. Week	Wall St.	Quilting '90s	Sewing	Lap Quilting	Sewing	Cooking	Garden	Gourmet
(:05) Cartoon Planet	(:05) WCW Pro Wrestling	(:05) National Geographic Explorer	(:05) Movie: Gotchal (1985) **							
Madeline	Free Willy	George Of	Bump	Fudge	Reboot	Bugs & T.	Bugs & T.	Mess	Weekend	Emer. Call
Peppermint	Family	Prime Time Playhouse	Sunshine	Gerbert	Just Kids	Kingdom	Pet Care	Plant Groom	Lifestyle	
Farm Report	Business	News	Turtles	The Mask	Turtles	Felix the Cat	Santo-Bug	Beakman	Football	Football
Garfield	Timon	News	Turtles	The Mask	Turtles	Felix the Cat	Santo-Bug	Beakman	Football	Football
Sandiego	Rangers	Rider	Eek!stravag	Spider-Man	Tick	X-Men	Life-Louie	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.
Hunter	Hunting	Country	Outdoor	Shooter	Outdoors	NASCAR	College Gameday	College Football		
Madeline	Wish Kid	Mario	I'm Telling	Masters	My Dog	Big Jake	Racing	Bonanza	Chaparral	
Movie: The Skateboard Kid * 'PG'	(:20) Movie: It Could Happen to You 'PG'	Ready-Not	Depress!	Chris Cross	Ready-Not					
Smoggies!	White Fang	Movie: Micki & Maude (1984) Dudley Moore, Amy Irving.	Inside the NFL	Movie: Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan William Shatner.	Movie: Fraternity Row Peter Fox. 'PG'	(:45) Movie: Warriors of Atlantis Doug McClure. 'PG'				
(Off Air)	Auto Racing	NASCAR Grand National - Ford Credit 300	Outdoors	Fishing	In-Fish	Fishin'	Bill Dance			
Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Wildlife	Nature	Pet Con.	Animals	Sanctuaries	Himalayas	American Coast to Coast	Wings	
Movie: The Happening	Wildlife Mysteries	Am. Justice	Am. Justice	Crime Science	20th Century	Investigat				
Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Talk It Over	Handmad	Living	Our Home	Spanser	
Fishing	Hunting	Fishin'	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	TBA	Football	SEC TV Weekly	College Football		
Hondo	How the West Was Won	Wild, Wild West	Movie: The Defiant Ones (1958) *** 1/2							
Doug	Rugrats	Muppets	Muppets	Gumby	Alvin Show	Salute	Hey Dude	My Brother	Looney	
Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	CNet	World Wrestling Mania	WildC.A.T.S.	Exosquad	Highlander	WildC.A.T.S.	Movie:	
Lente Loco	Cantinfias	La Hora de los Tigritos	El Club de Gaby	Johnny Canales	Super Sabado Sensacional					
Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Chocolate	Kitchen	Crafts & Co.	Carlo Cooks	Burger	Caprials	Great Inns	Romantic	Crafts & Co.
Tom and Jerry	Moxy	Augie Dog	Josie-Cats	Imposs-EI.	ButchCass	Ban. Splits	(:10) Super Adventures			

12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30
Zorro	Adventures of Gallagher	SpinMarty	Movie: The Biscuit Eater Earl Holliman.	Movie: Son of Flubber Fred MacMurray. ** 1/2 'G'						
(11:30) College Football Texas at Notre Dame	Ryder Cup Golf Third Day	News								
Old House	Woodshop	Hometime	New Garden	Many Quilts	Glass	Cars	American Experience	Club Date		
Movie: Weir Science (1985), Kelly LeBrock **	(:05) Movie: Better Off Dead (1985) John Cusack. **	(:05) WCW Saturday Night								
Movie: Moonstruck (1987) Cher, Nicolas Cage. *** 1/2	College Football Regional Coverage - Teams to Be Announced									
Alive!	Parenting	Families	Nature of Things	American Family	Crossroads	Gospel	Max Glick	Hallelujah!		
Hercules	(:15) Major League Baseball Pittsburgh Pirates at Chicago Cubs	Tenth Inning	Rat Patrol	Highlander: The Series						
(12:00) College Football Baylor at North Carolina State	Night Court	To Be Announced	Empty Nest	CBS News						
Paid Prog.	Movie: Guilty by Suspicion (1991) Robert De Niro. ***	Land's End								
College Football: Big Ten Game - Teams TBA	Scoreboard	Auto Racing	Auto Racing	Davis Cup Tennis: Semifinal Round - Sweden at U.S.						
Chaparral	Young Riders	Riflemen	Riflemen	Big Valley	Bonanza	Bonanza				
Movie: Josh and S.A.M.	(:40) Movie: For Keeps Molly Ringwald. ** 1/2 'PG-13'	(:20) Movie: Blind Date Bruce Willis. ***	Movie: It Could Happen							
Movie: Double Blast Linda Blair. ** 1/2 'PG'	Movie: Truman (1995) Gary Sinise, Dana Scarwid.	Movie: The Butcher's Wife								
Movie: Strictly Business ** 1/2 'PG-13'	Movie: Leap of Faith Steve Martin. ** 1/2	(:45) Movie: Wyatt Earp (1994) Kevin Costner, Dennis Quaid. 'PG-13'								
Outdoors	NHRA	Racing	Motorcycle Racing	Pro-Celebrity Rodeo	Video Session	Stardom				
Wings	Challenge	Beyond 2000	Movie Magic	Know Zone	Next Step	Invention	Hunters			
Investigat	American Justice	Movie: Sherlock Holmes in New York (1976) ** 1/2	America's Castles	Home Again	Home Again					
Spenser	L.A. Law	Unsolved Mysteries	Movie: Babies (1990) Lindsay Wagner, Dinah Manoff. **	Movie: Stranger In...						
(11:30) College Football Kentucky at South Carolina	On Tour	Fame	National In-Line Skating	Football	Basketball					
Movie: (:05) Movie: The Pride and the Passion (1957) Cary Grant, Frank Sinatra. ** 1/2	Bugs Bunny	Scoby Doo	Flintstones	Bugs Bunny						
Looney	You Do	Crazy Kids	Walnerville	Freshmen	Double Dare	New Land	Clarissa	Doug	Rocko's Life	
(12:00) Movie: Till Death Us Do Part	Movie: The Colony (1995) John Ritter, Hal Linden.	Movie: Shattered Image (1994) Bo Derek. **								
SuperSab.	Onda Max	Caliente	Control	Movie: La Furia de un Gallo (1993) Fernando Alameda.	Camara	Notic. Uni.				
Kitchen	Carlo Cooks	Caprials	Chocolate	YanCooks	Homebodies	Furniture	Renovation	Home Pro	Hometime	Hometime
Adventures	SWAT Kats	Fantastic 4	G-Force	Jonny Q.	Droopy	Droopy	Droopy	Droopy	Droopy	Droopy

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Movie: Doctor Dolittle (1967) Rex Harrison, Samantha Eggar. ** 1/2 'G'	Movie: Swiss Family Robinson (1960) John Mills, Dorothy McGuire. 'G'	Twist								
Highlander: The Series	JAG	Movie: Run Silent, Run Deep (1958) Clark Gable. ***	Red Shoe							
Thinking	McLaughlin	Russn. Odyssey	Lawrence Welk Show	Austin City Limits	Man Born	Keeping Up	Cheff			
(:05) Major League Baseball Montreal Expos at Atlanta Braves	Movie: The Great Mom Swap (1995) Valerie Harper.	News	Outer Limits							
News	Wh. Fortune	Fozworthy	Maybe-Time	Movie: The Great Mom Swap (1995) Valerie Harper.	News	Outer Limits				
Take Two	Center St.	Father Murphy	Common Sense Religion	Family Showcase	Straight Talk From Teens	High Places				
Fam. Mat.	Riches	Major League Baseball Chicago White Sox at Minnesota Twins	News	Movie: Deliverance (1972)						
News	Hard Copy	Medicine Woman	Touched by an Angel	Walker, Texas Ranger	News	Empty Nest	Space Pct.			
Cowboys	Fresh Pr.	Martin	Preston	Cops	Wanted	Land's End				
Scoreboard	College Football Teams to Be Announced	Scoreboard	Sportscenter	Baseball						
Big Valley	Movie: Legend of the Lost (1957) John Wayne, Sophia Loren. ** 1/2	Movie: Run Silent, Run Deep (1958) Clark Gable. ***	Red Shoe							
Movie: It Could Happen	Movie: Color of Night (1994) Bruce Willis, Jane March. ** 1/2 'R'	Roger Corman Presents	Red Shoe							
Movie: The Butcher's Wife	Movie: Milk Money (1994) Melanie Griffith, Ed Harris. ** 1/2	Comedy Hour	Movie: Sugar Hill Wesley Snipes. ** 1/2 'R'							
(3:45) Movie: Wyatt Earp	Movie: Woman of Desire Bo Derek. * 'R'	Movie: Hard to Kill Steven Seagal. ** 'R'	Movie: Backstreet Justice							
Talent Roundup	Opry	Grand Opry	Statter Bros.	Yesteryear	Opry	Grand Opry	Statter Bros.			
Survival	Armor	Mysterious Monsters	Justice Files	Mysterious Monsters						
Ancient Mysteries	Biography This Week	Movie: The Killing Fields (1984) Sam Waterston, Haig S. Ng. *** 1/2	Bio-Week							
Movie: Stranger in...	Movie: Hostage Flight (1985) Ned Beatty. **	Comish	World-to-Us	Girls' Night	Nite Caller					
Basketball	Sportstalk	Softball	Fast Pitch	Football	College Football Southern California at Arizona</					

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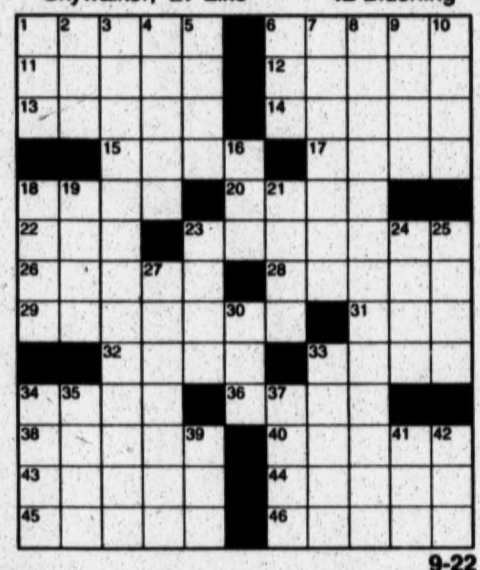
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Lola Faye Veazey
District Clerk, Deaf Smith County Texas
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True progress quietly and persistently moves along without notice.
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Death of Selena sparks surge in look-alike contests for kids

Contest-rigging, rumors, feuds mar phenomenon

By FERNANDO DEL VALLE
Valley Morning Star

HARLINGEN, Texas - The death of Selena has created an unexpected phenomenon - now it seems every little girl wants to be like the Queen of Tejano music.

Selena look-alike contests are springing up all over South Texas, packing in contestants and their parents who seem more than eager to assume the role of Abe Quintanilla, Selena's manager-father.

The craze has even spread to fast food restaurants, where crowds of spectators clutch burgers before parades of young girls strutting on makeshift stages in skimpy halter tops, tight Lycra pants and stars in their eyes.

Now the rivalries are sparking feuds so fierce that they're making some girls cry.

"It's a phenomenon," said Rick Chapa, the general manager of Checkers Drive-In and the idea man behind one of the latest Harlingen contests. "Everybody is still into Selena and they go all-out when it has to do with her. The people just love it."

But the ferocity of the competition has ugly rumors flying.

"It's bad," pouted April Lizcano of Harlingen, who at 8 is a veteran among the pack of little Selenas.

At one school, girls are blabbing about a look-alike who they claim got spanked by her mother because she didn't win a contest.

"It's rude," 9-year-old Becky Meza said of the backstabbing.

It has become so rude that Becky won't be working the contest circuit anymore, said her father, Joe Meza.

"We decided to keep her out of it because of the experiences we've had," he said.

The copycat contests are so competitive that some parents are even claiming their daughters bear features similar to those of Selena's.

The lips. The eyes. The, uh, well... "She has the behind," said Alma Loya of Primera, mother of 10-year-old Lilly. "She doesn't need pads."

Now groups of look-alikes and their parents have charged that some contests have been rigged so that a favored girl could win. In some cases, Selena look-alikes were sabotaged by other contestants' friends and families, parents claim. Other Selena imitators were shouted down with yells of "stage-hogger."

"It's getting out of hand," said Anna Zamora, April's mom. "Parents

should support one another instead of saying my daughter's better than yours."

But some girls and their parents have become obsessed with winning, Loya said.

"There's a lot of jealousy out there," she said.

At one contest, someone even stole Lilly's song list, Loya said.

But the shenanigans can't stop Lilly, who says she told Selena that she would carry on if anything happened to her idol.

"We don't push her," Lilly's father, Gabriel Loya said. "She does it on her own. But we tell her if she wants to perform, she's got to practice."

The phenomenon may seem bizarre to someone who stumbles upon one of the look-alike contests.

But for the most part, it's healthy, said Juanita E. Garza, a professor of history at the University of Texas-Pan American.

"Selena personified Mexican-American values and I think that's what the community is really celebrating," Garza said.

And Lilly's not the only one flaunting Selena-like features.

"Her features will be the new trend to how young women look," Garza said. "I'm starting to see that big lips are in."

Parents' involvement in their daughters' lives exemplify traditional Hispanic values, Garza said.

"One criticism of the Hispanic community by the larger community has been that there is too much of family ties or connection, that children stay close to the family," she said. "We don't find this a negative thing. We think this is a strength. And Selena certainly proved she could succeed and still stay within the family."

Selena has helped instill pride in young people, Garza said.

"Usually young kids ignore Spanish language music and concentrate on English language music and everything representative of U.S. culture," she said. "Now the kids are going back and forth to both cultures and retaining much of the culture through Selena's music."

April Lizcano is also learning about herself.

"I've learned the competition is tough and I'm not always going to win," she said.

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Feb	44.25	45.00	44.50	44.75	44.75
Mar	44.25	45.00	44.50	44.75	44.75
Apr	44.25	45.00	44.50	44.75	44.75
May	44.25	45.00	44.50	44.75	44.75

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Month	Open	High	Low	Close	Settle
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Feb	2.10	2.15	2.05	2.12	2.12
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Month	Open	High	Low	Close	Settle
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Jan	1.20	1.25	1.15	1.22	1.22
Feb	1.20	1.25	1.15	1.22	1.22
Mar	1.20	1.25	1.15	1.22	1.22
Apr	1.20	1.25	1.15	1.22	1.22
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Ten years after earthquake, Mexico City still suffering

Some victims remain homeless, living in shelters, while government builds housing

EDITOR'S NOTE - One of history's most devastating earthquakes rocked Mexico City 10 years ago, leaving at least 6,000 dead. After a decade, some survivors remain homeless, many remain bitter. The landscape is still scarred, political aftershocks still felt. Lessons from the seismic zone.

By JOHN RICE

Associated Press Writer
MEXICO CITY (AP) - At 7:19 a.m. on Sept. 19, 1985, the ancient

apartment complex where some 60,000 people live, Dr. Cuauhtemoc Abarca says he is still waiting for the government to finish making the rebuilt apartments there safe. He says at least seven of the large structures still remain dangerously tilted.

Abarca, as do other victims, recalls the day of the quake with chilling clarity.

He and a friend were warming up for a run early that autumn morning when the earth began to shake with

working its way beneath the North American plate of the Earth's crust.

"The system has not recovered," Dehesa says. "Really, the most damaged structure was that called the PRI," the Institutional Revolutionary Party which has governed since 1929.

Much of the city is built atop the muddy beds of drained lakes. Coastal quakes can send out waves, like deadly seismic music in the mud, that create long, rolling tremors. The Disaster Center's Meli compares them to "a waltz," in contrast to the sharp shocks of the shallow, slip-fault quakes in California.

Valdez says the waves that reach Mexico City through the soggy clays 100- to 200-foot deep resonate naturally, like struck crystal, at a frequency of about two seconds.

There's the rub. Buildings of about 10 stories also resonate at that frequency.

Most of the gravest disasters in 1985 occurred in just such mid-sized buildings. Taller buildings, often better built, swayed horrifyingly but stayed erect.

The lesson led officials to impose stricter building codes in the vulnerable areas - a fact that Meli noted has changed the face of the

After the quake perhaps a million or more survivors joined the hunt for bodies, many risking their lives in the treacherous rains, others bringing food and water to the searchers.

But the government, Dehesa

The resilient PRI won the 1994 presidential election, but it appears now more vulnerable than ever. In 10 state elections this year, held during an economic crisis, it has been outpolled in total by an opposition party.

earthquakes are probably inevitable and possibly "devastating." But he says that because of lessons learned from the '85 quake, "We have a better capacity to respond than before."

City officials now meet weekly to plan for emergencies. Telephone exchanges have been decentralized to avoid the collapse of communications that occurred in 1985. A controversial quake warning system is being developed.

Many today say the quake was a turning point in their lives. Alvarado's involvement led him into political action. Abarca abandoned a career as a government medical administrator to work in neighborhood organizations.

"We are never going to forget," says Abarca, speaking for millions of Mexicans. "We could say that we were one thing before that moment and another after that moment."

"The great error . . . was not to speak to people with the truth, or to try to hide what cannot be hidden." -- City official

recalls, seemed feckless, indifferent, insisting that the city was returning to normal even as tens of thousands hunted for signs of life in the ruins.

The ruins exposed tales of horror: Corrupt construction and inspection of official buildings; tortured prisoners in the rubble of a city prison; garment workers crushed in overcrowded sweatshops.

Dr. Abarca and others say they saw at least a few soldiers or policemen looting homes.

Almost the first response of security officials was to cordon off the destruction zones - creating confrontations with desperate, would-be rescuers.

"The great error . . . was not to speak to people with the truth, or to try to hide what cannot be hidden," says Carlos Sainz, director of the city Civil Protection Department, created only after the quake.

Sainz says the truth is that Mexico City is in a seismic zone where

"They told us it would be for a little time, one year, two years. For how many years now?" -- Mexico City mother

labeled beneath one of the world's great cities began to quiver like a bowl of jelly - rocking to the rhythm of an earthquake 250 miles away on the Pacific coast.

Maria de la Luz Calderon rode the seismic waves that rolled through her apartment building. She watched the walls crack, the ceiling break and like uncounted others she fled to the streets.

A decade later, she remains there more or less, living in a camp of tin shelters with other quake victims, staying with six children in a 13-by-13-foot metal room divided into two rooms with a piece of cloth, sharing kitchens and bathrooms with about 30 other families.

The quake - by the most conservative estimates - killed at least 6,000 people and destroyed thousands of buildings, including major sections of three large hospitals, and it still scars Mexico City's landscape.

The memory of sudden death and common heroism still haunts the lives of the nearly 20 million people who live in this volcano-ringed basin. "The earthquake has not ended," says German Dehesa, a playwright and a columnist for the Mexico City daily Reforma.

Calderon and a few hundred more still await the housing that nearly 40,000 other earthquake victims have already found.

"They told us it would be for a little time, one year, two years," she says as her children watch television while finishing a meal of stuffed chiles. "For how many years, now?"

City officials, she says, "promised us many things, none of which they have complied with."

The residents of the camp behind the chained gates of a hurricane fence on Pena y Pena Street have now been offered apartments in the distant south of the city.

But they say bankers are demanding a downpayment of about \$875 and a salary at least triple the \$2.80 minimum daily wage that many of them earn.

Teresa Mogollan, another victim, says the bank told her that at 63 she was a year too old to qualify for financing. "It is not my fault that in 10 years they didn't find me a house," she says.

The working-class neighborhood around Pena y Pena is a collection of cheap new apartments, built to replace those that collapsed or were damaged.

Not far to the west, in the government-built Tlatelolco

a dull deep sound "like a kind of turbine" and then the noise of breaking glass. He says he thought at first that somebody was throwing plates from a window.

When he turned to look at the 15-story Nuevo Leon building, the size of an ocean liner, 20 feet away, "I began to see an image as if the Nuevo Leon was a paper model, that a gigantic, invisible hand was crushing it."

A cloud of dust enveloped him. "When I could see, I thought my eyes were fooling me, that it wasn't true. And I ran to touch, to see if I could really touch what I was seeing ...

"But when we were touching the fallen walls of the Nuevo Leon, we began to hear the cries of the survivors."

A little park with a concrete sundial now stands where the building stood and perhaps 1,000 died.

Many new little parks and parking lots now dot Mexico City. Some buildings today show new steel bracing, some are still being rebuilt. Others, which had seemingly survived untouched, may hold future peril.

Roberto Meli, director of the federal Center for Disaster Protection which was founded after the quake, says that some quake-damaged buildings were poorly reinforced, and adds ominously:

"The next temblor will be in charge of identifying where things were badly done."

Most of the weakened buildings are privately owned. While thousands of public buildings, schools and hospitals were reinforced, some public buildings also remain questionable. For example, engineers say the tower of the national railway company was never upgraded to standards. City officials say perhaps 2,000 decrepit buildings throughout the city remain risky.

For scientists as well as engineers the great quake served as a backyard proving ground.

"The city is a laboratory for the movement of soils," says Carlos Valdez, director of the Institute of Geophysics at the National Autonomous University here.

Though no major fault lines run through this mountain valley metropolis, he says, Mexico City is peculiarly vulnerable to quakes hundreds of miles away. Valdez explains that along Mexico's Pacific coastline the Cocos plate is steadily

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city, pushing much new development to the safer west and south.

If the 1985 quake were repeated, Meli said, "We would surely see damage ... but the damage would be much less, several times less, than in 1985."

Seismologists have recorded more than 26,000 quakes of varying sizes over the past 20 years in Mexico. Quakes larger than the 7.1 temblor that rocked San Francisco in 1989 are not uncommon; historical records show 44 estimated at 7.5 or greater.

But scientists estimate that in the past seven centuries Mexico City has been shaken by only eight quakes of magnitude 8 or greater. Valdez believes a quake of that size so soon after 1985 is unlikely.

Seismologists such as Valdez are especially worried by a 60-mile-long zone along the coast between Acapulco and Zihuatanejo that seems overdue. It generated four quakes of magnitude 7 or more around the turn of the century, but none since 1911. Valdez says that may indicate a building up of subterranean pressures.

For many here, like playwright Dehesa, the great quake shook their faith in government as much as it did the city.

"I was indignant," recalls Francisco Alvarado, "because the government, instead of helping the population, sent the police and army to set up cordons." Alvarado is a member of the Mexico City Assembly for the opposition Democratic Revolution Party.

"They were making calls on the radio for us not to leave our houses ... Like thousands of other people, I ignored the government's instructions because we knew there were thousands of people suffering ... and we had to do something to rescue those people."

Abarca recalls: "We didn't have any equipment. We didn't even have sticks, picks, gloves, nothing." Yet, he says, volunteers at the Nuevo Leon building pulled at least 150 survivors from the ruins the first day. It was three days before giant government cranes arrived from the Gulf Coast to lift the fallen concrete slabs.

Analysts say anger over the government's performance after the quake of '85 might have had a political aftershock in the election of '88. In the presidential balloting that year, the government's computers mysteriously failed with an opposition candidate leading.

Grandparents acting as parents need help

By KIM I. MILLS

Associated Press Writer
WASHINGTON (AP) - Rose Queen spent five years and all her savings to be appointed legal guardian of her grandson, now 6, because his mother cannot raise him.

Without that legal standing, Queen said she could not carry him on her health insurance or even have him treated at the hospital.

"Is the system designed to help you or to burden you in your best efforts?" she asked Thursday. "Doesn't anybody know that I'm the one standing between him and an institution?"

Queen's complaints were echoed by other grandparents who are acting as parents to their grandchildren, and several child welfare experts who spoke at a forum on Capitol Hill, sponsored by the House Older Americans Caucus.

The 1990 census found 3.2 million U.S. households where grandparents were present, said Sylvie de Toledo, author of the book "Grandparents as Parents: A Survival Guide for Raising a Second Family." Of those, nearly 1 million households had no parents present, she said.

Mary K. Bissell, director of the Kinship Care Project of the Legal Aid Society of the District of Columbia, estimated that one in 20 American children is growing up in a household

headed by grandparents, other relatives, friends or neighbors - a phenomenon that has been dubbed "kinship care."

"Grandparents and other kinship care-givers have been called the 'silent saviors' because they have taken up where parents, the community and the government left off," Bissell said. "Despite their financial and emotional commitment to the children under their care, these grandparent care-givers face a variety of unnecessary hardships."

Because many grandparents do not have legal custody of the grandchildren they are raising, they can't enroll them in school or qualify for welfare or foster care funding. Many are evicted from public and senior citizen housing because their grandchildren are not considered legal tenants. In many states, grandparents cannot authorize basic medical care, including check-ups and vaccinations, for their grandchildren.

And to top it off, these grandparents forgo their dreams of a comfortable retirement.

Rep. Ron Wyden, D-Ore., co-chair of the caucus, has introduced a bill that would allow states to use federal foster care money to provide assistance to relatives other than parents who are raising children.

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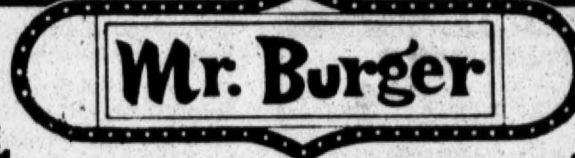
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