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Santa and Sweetheart

Aimee Alley, sweetheart for the Hereford Lions Club, opens her Christmas present from the club while she sits in the lap of Santa Claus. The club held its annual Christmas party on Thursday. Members were entertained during dinner by Susan and Scott Shaw and during the program by Deanne Timberlake. Female members and members' spouses were given baskets containing potpourri as a Christmas gift from the club.

Combest says budget battle a 'classic standoff'

BY SPEEDY NIEMAN
Editor-Publisher
The balanced budget battle in Congress represents "a classic standoff between people who actually want to balance the budget and those who want to use funny numbers and continue the status quo of an overspending federal government," U.S. Rep. Larry Combest stated Thursday.

"There is a lot of rhetoric on the balanced budget amendment, and there are a lot of bald-faced lies," Combest added.

"The president vetoed our plan of reducing spending and cutting taxes, opting for raising taxes and spending more money." Through the debate so far, says the congressman, "all we have heard from the opposition is that Republicans are making massive cuts."

"Only in Washington is an increase called a cut. Our plan calls for slowing government spending. The sacrifice that Americans have to make is to get by on an increase of \$2.5 trillion the next seven years."

Combest says over the past seven years, the federal government spent \$9.48 trillion. "The balanced budget calls for spending \$12 trillion over the next seven years...that is not a cut in spending."

"The president has not come up

with a plan. Our question is: How much more do they want to spend?" asked Combest.

The congressman for the 19th Congressional District made the comments Thursday during a conference telephone call with several West Texas editors and publishers.

"We have a great opportunity to turn things around--if we don't get it done this time, it may be decades before the opportunity appears again," stated Combest.

"I think we are on the brink of one of the greatest, most historic change in our nation's history...I really feel that strongly about it."

Combest said it is the Republicans duty to "make sure the people get the facts and to correct the misinformation. If the people have the facts, I think they will support this balanced budget proposal."

The congressman reported that just this week, one of the largest public opinion polls ever taken on the balanced budget issue shows that 57 percent of the American people embrace Congress' plan to balance the budget, after they know the following seven points:

- The budget can be balanced in (See COMBEST, Page 2)

Pheasant season to begin in Panhandle on Saturday

Pheasant hunting season will begin on Saturday and the Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce is ready to greet the scores of hunters coming to this area in search of game.

Officially, the season will begin Saturday and run through Dec. 24.

According to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, the bag limit is three cocks per day with a possession limit of six birds.

Some county landowners are making their land available for lease by hunters, with the chamber reporting it fields hundreds of inquiries about leases for hunting.

The chamber reports the average hunter spends between \$150 and \$200 per day in addition to the cost of hunting leases while here.

The chamber helps area landown-

ers by putting hunters in contact with people willing to lease land for hunting purposes.

Anyone interested in making land available for lease may contact the chamber at 364-3333.

The state has estimated there is a good pheasant population in Deaf Smith County, with a survey conducted by the Parks and Wildlife Department showing about 18 birds per route along four survey lines in the county.

This is above the Panhandle survey average of 9.8 birds per route.

For more information on pheasant hunting, call Calvin Richardson, wildlife biologist in Lubbock at (806) 746-6106, or Danny Swebston or Gene Miller in Canyon at (806) 655-3782.

Speed limits increase today; U.S. 60 hike to be next week

By GARRY WESNER
Managing Editor

With the turn of a couple of bolts today, a new era of transportation in the Panhandle has begun, as speed limits begin their climb to 70 miles per hour.

The Texas Department of Transportation was scheduled to begin replacing 55 mph speed signs along Interstates 27 and 40 with those allowing top speeds of 70 mph during the day and 65 mph at night.

By next week, Hereford travelers will be allowed to put the pedal to the metal along U.S. 60.

Don Day, area engineer for the Transportation Department in Canyon, said there is more involved in changing speeds than just swapping signs.

But those changes are coming nevertheless.

Day said the 70 mph speed limit will be in place on U.S. 60 next week, although he cautioned that the 70 mph speed will not hold for every inch of the road -- and not for all of the highway outside city limits.

He said one stretch in particular -- U.S. 60 between the Hereford city limits and FM 2943 east of town -- will stay 55 mph because of a high concentration of industrial activity and traffic there.

Motorists traveling the new high-speed highways must be aware, Day said, that they will need to reduce speed when they reach town.

Signs alerting drivers of "Speed Zone Ahead" are being moved farther away from the city limits to give drivers more time to react before slowing down.

And, because speed decreases can only be allowed in 15 mph incre-

ments, the current drop of 55 to 50 to 40 on the east side of Hereford will have to be changed to 70 to 55 to 40, Day said.

Day said the process of determining speeds is being done by employees, because of the time frame involved in getting signs changed.

He said employees are driving all of the more than 4,000 affected miles in the Canyon District -- which includes Randall, Deaf Smith and Armstrong counties -- to get a "feel" for what speeds should be.

In some locations, speeds will have to be decreased according to road conditions.

For travelers wishing to use the higher speeds on other area roads, there will be a bit of a wait.

Day said the department has a four-step priority system for changing speed limits.

The top two priorities -- interstate highways and four-lane divided roads, plus four-lane undivided roads -- are getting attention now.

Later, two-lane undivided roads such as U.S. 385 and State Road 214 in Deaf Smith County, and farm-to-market roads will be addressed.

Day said the two-lane roads will be raised in February 1996, while the farm roads will not be addressed until May 1996.

For the two-lane roads, Day said,

there is more work involved.

He said signs for speed limits, passing zones and speed decreases must be adjusted to allow reaction time for the higher speeds.

Passing zones along two-lane roads will have to be lengthened to allow for increased reaction time and higher speeds, Day said.

In addition, since many of these smaller roads were originally designed to be driven at slower speeds, warning signs and speed decreases will have to be installed at curves.

Even after all the work is done, Day said, there is the possibility that a speed limit increase will be changed later.

"If it looks like we've re-signed something that's not right, we will do a traffic count," he said, and may change the speed again.

Day said work on the speed limit changes began before President Clinton signed into law a measure doing away with the national speed limit.

"We've been working on this about two months," he said, noting that a lot of work has been done driving roads to determine the safest speeds.

"Nearly all the people we have in maintenance right now are working on this," he said.



70 mph in town? Don't count on it!

Just because the speed limits along rural highways in Deaf Smith County are going up, don't think you can zip through the middle of town at 70 mph and get away with it.

Capt. Pat Michael of the Hereford Police Department warns drivers that speed limits are much lower inside the city -- and that the police department is watching out for speeders.

"We haven't been notified of any changes that will be coming," Michael said. "The conditions that are existing in the city have not changed" with the repeal of the national speed limit.

Michael said drivers traveling 70 mph along rural highways will have to get used to the change in speed limit, because dropping from that pace to 45 miles per hour and slower in town will be

a greater decrease over a quicker period of time.

"It'll be that first drop they're not used to," he said.

Ultimately, speed limits along U.S. 60 and U.S. 385 through town are 35 mph -- half the rural highway speed limits after all changes are in place next year.

Don Day, area engineer for the Texas Department of Transportation in Canyon, warns that there are greater dangers in traveling at higher speeds.

"Speed kills -- I don't care what you say. When you add 15 miles to the speed limits, when you hit something, you tear it up worse," Day said.

Michael warned drivers that those additional miles could add up if speeders are caught in the city limits.

"Speed limits are radar enforced," he said.

State parched by dry spell

By JEAN PAGEL

Associated Press Writer
LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) - A statewide dry spell has left cattle pastures parched, trash-burning outlawed and city water in skyrocketing demand.

The Texas Forest Service warns of extreme or high wildfire danger from El Paso to Texarkana.

"We are looking at going into the Christmas holiday with dry grass and fireworks. That's a lot of concern," said Mahlon Hammetter, fire prevention specialist in Lufkin. "We could see the worst fire season in winter in a long time."

The state forest service issued an outdoor-burning moratorium for 19 counties in Northeast Texas. Hammetter said the agency worries about dormant vegetation that could fuel a wildfire.

An "extreme" danger of wildfires exists from Amarillo to Lubbock and El Paso, as well as a corner of Northeast Texas. A "high" danger exists across north and central parts of the state. Houston, Austin and San Antonio fall into a "moderate" danger zone.

Bruce Blalack, water treatment superintendent for the city of Lubbock, said water consumption in this West Texas city is up 350 million gallons just since October.

The National Weather Service here had to search back to Oct. 2 to find the last measurable precipitation - 0.52 of an inch.

Hot and dry weather caused more water use by landscapers and industrial cooling towers, Blalack said.

"We have plenty of water, and we're able to keep up with the demand," he said. "(But) if we have several years of this, it may become a problem."

Most of Texas is just as dry as Lubbock.

"If you were to take a walk-out through those fields, you would see how dry it is just by stepping on the

grass and feeling it crunch," said Randall County Judge Ted Wood, who has curtailed trash burning outside of Canyon.

Wood said he hears a repetitive farm report on the radio: Parched soil, no rain.

Sims tabbed as Realtor of Year

BY SPEEDY NIEMAN
Editor-Publisher

Wayne Sims was recognized as "Realtor of the Year" during the annual Hereford Board of Realtors Installation Banquet Thursday night at Hereford Country Club.

Sims, associated with the Andrews Agency, was cited for outstanding work this year with the board's multiple listing service and dedicated service over the years when Jigger Rowland, retiring president, presented the award.

Realtors, associates and guests saw the installation of Carol Sue LeGate as the new president. Other board officers include Denise Teal, vice president; Glenda Keenan, secretary-treasurer; and directors Justin McBride, Marn Tyler and Ronnie Lance.

Rowland, on handing the president's gavel over to LeGate, said he thought about "sending a survey to members to list all the good things I accomplished as president, but then I realized most of them are honest and that wouldn't work."

Then he looked at total sales of the multiple listing service, said Rowland, and that wasn't too good, either. But he did notice that MLS sales for the first quarter of the year were at the highest total since 1987.

"That proves one thing--attitude does make a difference," said Rowland. "The community was optimistic about a new plant coming to the community. Although nothing really changed but attitude, real estate

sales jumped in the first quarter."

Rowland noted that MLS sales had dropped from a \$6 million total in 1987 to a \$2 to \$4 million total each year since. This year's total--after a \$1.3 million start in the first quarter--stands at \$3.5 million through November.

LeGate presented Rowland with a plaque for his services as president this year. Musical entertainment for the banquet was provided by Natalie Sims. Janie Shed of Pampa, regional vice president for the Texas Association of Realtors, installed the new officers.



Realtor of Year named

Wayne Sims, left, was recognized as Realtor of the Year during the Hereford Board of Realtors installation banquet Thursday night at Hereford Country Club. Carol Sue LeGate, center, is the new board president, succeeding Jigger Rowland, right.

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\$1 million to St. Jude donated anonymously

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) - Two-year-old Jacob Kerwell, his head bald from leukemia treatments, was having fun checking out the TV cameras.

Yet all the fuss about a \$1 million gift meant little to him. To his mother, it meant everything.

Someone, somewhere had taken a McDonald's peel-off game piece worth \$1 million, put it in a plain white envelope and sent it to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

"The generosity is overwhelming," Trudy Kerwell, of Ottawa, Ill., said after retrieving her son, who had wandered up to the podium as executives of the Memphis hospital were announcing the gift Thursday.

"I would like to thank the person who did this. Without such generosity none of this would be here," she said.

St. Jude executive Richard Shadyac called the donation "a holiday miracle."

The gift was the largest anonymous donation to the hospital in the 23 years since it was founded by comedian Danny Thomas.

The hospital, an international leader in the treatment of catastrophic childhood diseases, depends heavily on donations and takes in patients regardless of their ability to pay, even covering their family's living expenses while they're in Memphis.

The money will go into a general fund for treatment and research.

Game rules bar the legal transfer of winning pieces from one person to another. But McDonald's agreed to make good - 20 annual payments of \$50,000 each.

McDonald's spokesman Fred Tillman said the company has no way of knowing where the winning piece was handed out or who got it. The envelope was postmarked Dallas and had no return address.

Game pieces are given out at McDonald's restaurants throughout the country and also are included in newspaper inserts. The winner was one of only three such pieces distributed nationwide, and the odds of finding one are more than 200 million to 1.



DWI enforcement honored

The Hereford Police Department and the Deaf Smith Sheriff's Department were honored on Thursday by U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm's office for their work in enforcing DWI laws. Hans Klingler, second from right, was here to present certificates to Sheriff Joe C. Brown, second from left, and police Capt. Pat Michael, right. Joining them was Ira Purdy, president of MADD-Amarillo. Klingler also presented a letter from Gramm praising the coordinated efforts of government, law enforcement, the private sector and citizens groups to keep Hereford streets free of drunk drivers.

Report shows jobless rate edged higher in November

By MARTIN CRUTSINGER
AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) - The nation's unemployment rate edged up to 5.6 percent in November, the same level it has been for much of the year, as auto factories and other manufacturing industries continued to shed jobs.

The Labor Department said today that the nation's businesses added 166,000 jobs to their payrolls last month, the biggest increase since August. However, 70,000 of those jobs were due to special factors that did not reflect underlying strength in the labor market, officials said.

In another economic report, the Commerce Department said today that sales of new homes dropped for the third straight month, falling by 2.7 percent in October, as sales in the Northeast dropped to their lowest level in 13 years.

The 0.1 percentage point increase in the overall jobless rate returned the unemployment level to where it had been in September. After posting sharp declines due to strong growth in early 1994, the jobless rate has been hovering around the 5.6 percent mark for the past 12 months.

While the nation's 4-year-old recovery has pushed the jobless rate down to a level that many economists believe represents full employment, the Clinton administration has so far gotten little political credit for the improvement. Analysts said many Americans are unhappy about sluggish income growth and fear that corporate downsizing could put their jobs at risk.

Financial markets reacted favorably to today's unemployment report with stronger demand for bonds pushing the yield on the benchmark 30-year Treasury down to 6.03 percent.

Many analysts said that weakness in the November unemployment, combined with a string of other weak economic statistics, would give the Federal Reserve the reasons it needs to cut interest rates further.

"This report is an open invitation for the Federal Reserve to ease policy if it feels that the budget negotiations will permit it," said Robert Dederick, economic consultant at Northern Trust Co. in Chicago. "The unemployment report certainly suggests that the economy could use a little shot of Geritol."

Fed policy-makers will hold their last meeting of the year on Dec. 19 and markets have been rallying of late on the hope that further rate cuts are in the offing.

The November unemployment report showed that the nation's manufacturing sector lost 32,000 jobs with most of the losses concentrated at auto plants, where workers were laid off as automakers were forced to idle plants temporarily to work down excessive supplies of unsold cars.

Katherine G. Abraham, head of the Bureau of Labor Statistics, said that since March, the manufacturing industry has lost 220,000 jobs.

Local Roundup

Br-r-r-r, it's cold

Mild weather began fading Thursday when the thermometer topped out at 45 degrees. The low Friday morning was 34 degrees and the mercury climbed to 46 degrees before beginning the plunge that may not stop until dropping to a five-10 degree range Saturday morning. A few flurries under cloudy skies may appear overnight and wind will be from the northeast, 10-20 mph. Saturday will be mostly cloudy with flurries again possible. The temperature is expected to reach a high of only 30 degrees. Wind will be from the southeast to south, 15-25 mph and gusty.

Post office hours extended

Hereford Postmaster Charles Britten has announced that the post office will be open all day for two Saturdays for Christmas mailing. The office will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. this weekend and on Dec. 16. It will be closed from noon to 1 p.m. both days.

Pheasant hunter's breakfast set

The Knights of Columbus will host a pheasant hunter's breakfast on Saturday in the KofC Hall on Country Club Drive. It will be held from 5:30 a.m. to 7:30 a.m. Cost to attend is a donation to the group. The meal will be a traditional breakfast. For more information call Dwight Jesko at 289-5588 or Jim Hund at 258-7787 for more information.

Police, Emergency Reports

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

HEREFORD POLICE

A 19-year-old male was arrested in the 200 block of Avenue D for misdemeanor warrants.

A 42-year-old male was arrested in the 300 block of East Park Avenue for traffic offenses.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 700 block of La Plata Drive.

An unspecified incident was reported in the 100 block of East Third.

Death by natural causes was reported in the 200 block of

Greenwood.

One minor traffic accident was reported in the 200 block of Avenue F.

Officers issued eight parking citations.

Officers issued 29 other citations.

DEAF SMITH SHERIFF

A 39-year-old male was arrested for theft over \$20.

A 46-year-old male was arrested for criminal non-support.

Burglary was reported.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

No calls.

EMS

Ambulances ran on one dead on scene and one medical run.

Obituaries



STELLA WESTER

Dec. 7, 1995

Stella Gatewood Jones Wester, 86, died Thursday at her home in Hereford.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday in Central Church of Christ with Tom Bailey officiating. Burial will be in West Park Cemetery, by

Gilliland-Watson Funeral Home.

Mrs. Wester was born in Glen Rose and married Earl Jones in 1928. He died in 1943. She married Harold Wester in 1946 and came to Hereford from Amarillo in 1947. Mr. Wester died in 1991. She was a retired teacher and belonged to Central Church of Christ. A son, Terry Mack Jones, died in 1943.

Survivors are two sons, Stuart Carrol Jones of Lubbock and Barry Lynn Jones of Hereford; five daughters, Bettye June Powell of Hereford, Dolores Jean Amour of Rancho Palo Verde, Cal., Louise Riggs of Pilot Point, Mildred Bryan of Valencia, Cal., and Sandra Cotton of Mineral Wells; a brother, L.C. Gatewood of Leavenworth, Kan.; three sisters, Willowdyne Brooks of Hereford, Velma Birchfield of Dimmitt and Althea Owens of Fort Worth; 16 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

The family has suggested that memorials be directed to Amarillo Children's Home.

Jackson's sister insists singer seeking attention

By ROBIN EISNER
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK (AP) - Michael Jackson's collapse during a rehearsal may have been caused by an irregular heartbeat, a potentially serious condition that slows blood flow through the body, his doctors said.

Jackson remained in serious but stable condition at Beth Israel Medical Center North in Manhattan. His estranged sister La Toya said the fainting spell was "a little scheme" to get attention, the Daily News reported today.

The pop superstar was being treated for dehydration, gastroenteritis and heart, kidney and liver irregularities caused by an electrolyte imbalance, his doctors, Allan Metzger and William Alleyn, said. Jackson, 37, will "require several days of critical care, monitoring and treatment," his medical team said Thursday in a statement. His collapse Wednesday on stage at the Beacon Theater forced

indefinite postponement of a much-hyped HBO special, "Michael Jackson: One Night Only," which promoters had hoped would reach a worldwide audience of 250 million.

The self-proclaimed King of Pop was to perform tonight and Saturday night at the 1,500-seat Beacon. HBO had planned to tape the two shows for Sunday's telecast.

At the hospital, Jackson's private second-floor room got a makeover with some of his favorite posters since no flowers are allowed in the intensive care unit, where patients often are on oxygen.

Giant framed posters of Shirley Temple, Clark Gable, Mickey Mouse and Topo Gigio were delivered to the hospital Thursday afternoon.

His wife, Lisa Marie Presley, visited him, and his mother, Katherine, younger sister Janet and older sister Rebbie were also seen at the hospital. None of them spoke to reporters.

COMBEST

7 years by slowing total government spending 12 trillion dollars, rather than 13 trillion dollars.

--Congress increases Medicare spending 6.4 percent every year over the next 7 years to prevent its bankruptcy.

--Seniors would pay only \$4 per month more than what the president proposed last year.

--Couples could get the 4500 per child tax credit if they make less than \$100,000 annually and single adults with less than \$75,000 salaries.

--There are no changes in Social Security.

--States get funding to run welfare from the federal government and will limit the amount of time someone can continue on welfare.

--Federal funding for student loans increases. Interest does not accrue until immediately after the graduation.

Combest said he feels the American people will see this balanced budget plan as a fair and painless way to deal with the problem.



New Realtor officers

New officers installed at the Hereford Board of Realtors banquet Thursday night included, left to right: Denise Teal, vice president; and directors Juston McBride and Marn Tyler. Not pictured are Glenda Keenan, secretary, and director Ronnie Lance.

PATIENTS IN HOSPITAL

Betty Ellis, Manuci Hinojosa, Doris Kerr, Elsie Loveland, Stannie Orsak, Francisca Ortiz, Denise Rios, Infant boy Rios, Monica Tijerina and Paulina Trevino.

Lottery

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

8-2-5 (eight, two, five)

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Lifestyles

Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum organizes XIT exhibit

The Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum and the Capitol Complex Visitors Center are organizing an exhibit concerning the history of the XIT Ranch.

The Museum, the largest history museum in Texas, is located on the campus of West Texas A&M University in Canyon. The Visitors Center is located in the restored Old General Land Office Building near

the Texas Capitol in Austin.

The exhibit will open at the Capitol Complex Visitors Center on Jan. 21, 1997, and remain on display there through June 14, 1997.

The display will open at the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum on July 15, 1997, and continue through Dec. 31, 1997.

A traveling version of the exhibit

will be available in 1998 for display in smaller museums, libraries, and other cultural institutions around the state.

The XIT Ranch resulted from the exchange of 3,000,000 acres of public lands -- located in ten counties of the Texas Panhandle -- for the construction of the present Texas Capitol during the 1880s.

Taylor, Babcock and Company of Chicago obtained the contract to build the Capitol in 1882. The firm included John V. Farwell and Charles

B. Farwell, millionaire brothers who owned the largest wholesale dry goods firm in Chicago.

In order to raise money to complete the Texas Capitol and to develop the lands into the XIT Ranch, the Farwell brothers and their partners -- better known as the Capitol Syndicate -- established the Capitol Freehold Land and Investment Company, Limited in England in 1885.

Using the Capitol lands as collateral, the London-based

company sold bonds to raise money for the Capitol and ranch projects.

In order to pay off the bonds, the British company began selling the XIT lands in 1901 to other ranchers and farmers. The XIT Ranch continued in operation until 1912 when the last cattle were sold and the remaining lands leased to the buyers of the livestock.

The London company was liquidated three years later. The Farwells then established a trust which managed the remaining property until its sale in the 1950s.

The XIT exhibit will include documents, photographs, and artifacts relating to the history of the XIT Ranch. A short video in the exhibit will trace the history of the ranch and the British company.

Portions of the exhibit will concern the geography of the area, the laws providing for the exchange of the land for a new Capitol, the surveying of the lands, the construction of the Capitol, the development and operation of the XIT Ranch, and the

sale of the XIT lands.

The exhibit and the video will spotlight the activities of John V. Farwell and his brother Charles B. Farwell. Descendants of the two brothers live all over the United States today.

A nephew of the brothers, Charles Henry Farwell, ran a Hereford and Angus cattle breeding operation for them in Iowa during the 1880s. Charles H. Farwell moved to Channing in 1896. A number of his descendants reside in Texas, including some in Amarillo, Houston, Dallas, San Antonio and Fort Worth.

Grants and donations will provide funding for the exhibit. Documents, photographs, and artifacts relating to the XIT Ranch and the Texas Capitol are being sought for the exhibit by Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum.

Anyone having such materials and willing to loan or donate such items for the exhibit should contact Dr. Bill Green, curator of history, WTAMU Box 967, Canyon, TX 79016, or call 806-656-2264.

Ann Landers

DEAR ANN LANDERS: I am sending you one of your columns that has yellowed with age, but I think it is very timely. Would you reprint it? It needs to be repeated over and over. -- Retired Schoolteacher in Corpus Christi, Texas

DEAR TEXAS: I like it better than I did when I first ran it. Thanks!

DEAR ANN: Because of my husband's business, I am subjected to the cocktail circuit more than I want to be. It seems the principal topic for discussion is "cur crazy, mixed-up kids."

Those who have no nutty offspring to talk about feel strangely deprived. Here is a superb recipe for creating one. After observing several nieces and nephews, as well as the progeny of my friends, I can attest to its authenticity:

START WITH ONE CHILD. ADD A LITTLE HOT AIR. -- Two hours of "When I was your age" will get a rise out of him.

STIR IN SOME SARCASM. -- It will bring out the bitter flavor.

FILL WITH BAD EXAMPLES. -- preferably your own. Instruct the child how to lie about his age so you can sneak him into the movie at half price. Take "souvenirs" from restaurants and hotels. Towels are nice. Pillow cases are better.

SEASON WITH INDIFFERENCE. -- Most families have a lot of "I don't give a damn what you do so long as you don't bother me" lying around.

SIFT IN SOME INDECISION. -- Not being able to decide what you stand for will give your child that subtle, no-texture, no-substance look.

ADD A DASH OF ALCOHOL. -- Drink in front of them, behind them and all around them. They will then get the impression it's a normal and natural part of life. And be sure they see you take a belt when the going

gets tough. In a crisis, say, "Jeez, I need a drink!" They will then get the idea that the way to deal with a problem is by getting bombed.

TOSS IN A FEW PILLS. -- This will teach your children there are chemical solutions to all problems. They should get the idea early in life that nobody has to suffer because there is a capsule or a tablet made to order that can protect them against any kind of disappointment, failure or discomfort.

LET SIMMER UNTIL READY TO BOIL. -- Ignore all symptoms of your child's anger, anxiety or fears. If you pretend they don't exist, they will disappear.

BEAT REGULARLY. -- It's your job to see that the children shape up. Reasoning takes too long, and sometimes, they don't know what you're talking about. (Too young or too stupid.) A crack across the mouth is easily understood.

BAKE IN THE HEAT OF YOUR OWN TEMPER. -- Being screamed at will give a child that "fresh" quality. It will also make HIM a screamer, which will make him very popular with his peers, teachers, colleagues and bosses.

OMIT GOD. -- Teach your kid early that sleeping or golf or tennis is more important than going to a place of worship. On special occasions (severe illness or death), you may have to mention God, but don't overdo it. God is to be used only in case of an emergency.

If you follow these instructions, you are sure to have a Problem Child of your very own to discuss at cocktail parties -- just like everyone else. -- I Prefer Plain Cooking Myself.

DEAR COOKIES: Now that's what I call a dynamite recipe. I hope nobody tries it because there are already too many unhappy, maladjusted children out there.

Menus

HEREFORD PUBLIC SCHOOL

Breakfast

MONDAY-Pancakes with syrup; or cereal, buttered toast, fruit cocktail, milk.

TUESDAY-Scrambled eggs, buttered toast and jelly; or cereal, buttered toast, orange-pineapple juice, chocolate milk.

WEDNESDAY-Sausage patty, biscuit and jelly; or cereal, buttered toast, orange smiles, milk.

THURSDAY-Banana "elfin" bread loaf; or cereal, buttered toast, diced peaches, chocolate milk.

FRIDAY-Cheese toast; or cereal, buttered toast, banana, milk.

Lunch

MONDAY-Steak fingers with gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot peach cobbler, whole wheat rolls and butter, chocolate milk.

TUESDAY-Stromboli, tator tots with catsup, seasoned corn, strawberry apple dessert, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Chili with beans,

creamy cole slaw, breaded okra, orange fruit juice cup, cornbread and butter, chocolate milk.

THURSDAY-Sliced turkey with dressing and gravy, candied yams, green peas, cranberry sauce, fruit salad, whole wheat rolls and butter, milk.

FRIDAY-Hamburger, burger salad, crispy coated fries with catsup, apple wedges, oatmeal raisin cookies, chocolate milk.

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Dr. William Green, left, curator of history at the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum and William Montague Ferry from Nashville, Tenn., grandson of John V. Farwell, one of the founders of the XIT Ranch, look at papers donated to the PPHM in the late 1920s by Farwell's family.

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Sports

Herd cagers roll in 1-27 tourney

By JAY PEDEN
Sports Editor

The Hereford boys' and girls' basketball teams rolled through the first and second rounds of the 1-27 Tournament, winning four games Thursday by a combined 124 points.

The Lady Whitefaces kept their record perfect at 9-0 with a pair of blowout victories: 76-35 over Lockney and 56-31 over Muleshoe.

The Herd boys improved to 4-6 with an easy win over Lockney, 84-37, and a not-so-easy win over New Deal, 67-56.

All four games were played at New Deal. The tournament also uses two other sites: Hale Center and Abernathy.

Both of Hereford's teams were to play semifinal games today in Abernathy. The girls were to face Class A Nazareth at 3 p.m., and the boys were to face Estacado at 4:30. Estacado defeated Hereford 67-54 on Nov. 28.

The only close game for either Hereford team was the boys' 11-point win over New Deal, a Class 2A team which came into the game with a 10-0 record.

New Deal led 19-18 at the end of one quarter and 38-35 at halftime. Hereford was able to pull ahead 49-46 by the end of the third quarter, then the Herd pulled away a little in the fourth.

Post Michael High led the Herd with 32 points.

"He dominated the game inside,"

coach Randy Dean said. "The guards did a good job of feeding the post men. They did a good job of getting him the ball in position where he could take it strong to the basket and score."

It wasn't that New Deal had nothing but small players, Dean said; the big points were just products of execution. Another post, Todd Dudley, was the Herd's second-leading scorer with 14 points, and Isaac Walker also was in double figures with 10.

"We found something that would work, and everybody did a good job of staying with it and executing," Dean said.

New Deal ripped the nets in the first half with 18-of-26 shooting, so Hereford made some defensive adjustments at halftime.

"We took away what they were hurting us with," Dean said. "In the first half they were getting penetration, and they were making, it seemed like, every shot they took. In the second half we changed where we were picking them up on defense. We stopped their penetrating, and as the score indicated, it influenced what they were able to do."

The girls came out hot in both games and never slowed down.

"Our kids came out fired up, because they wanted to take care of business," Herd girls' coach Eddie Fortenberry said.

The girls won all eight quarters they played. They led Lockney 41-21 at halftime, then outscored Fortenberry's former team 19-2 in the third quarter.

"Lockney was getting frustrated," he said. "They started shooting threes and they didn't go in. We were pulling down rebounds and going down and scoring."

Fortenberry said he thought Lockney had only one offensive rebound all game.

Hereford led Muleshoe 12-7 after one quarter, 29-17 at the half and 38-23 after three quarters. The quick Lady Whitefaces hurt the big Lady Mules with a press.

"They had big players, but they don't have the ball-handlers," Fortenberry said.

HERD SCORING

Boys vs. Lockney: Isaac Walker, 18; Nicholas Tarr, 14; Todd Dudley, 12; Michael High, 10; Johnathan Keenan, 7; Brian Torres, 6; Ronald Torres, 6; C.J. Kuback, 6; Cory Schumacher, 3; Bryant McNutt, 2.

Boys vs. New Deal: High, 32; Dudley, 14; Walker, 10; Brian Torres, 4; Keenan, 4; Schumacher, 3.

Girls vs. Lockney: Heather Hodges, 15; Katie Betzen, 14; Tarneth Holmes, 12; Mindi Davis, 8; Kari Barrett, 6; Misti Davis, 6; Julie Cole, 5; Julie Rampley, 5; Brittney Binder, 5.

Girls vs. Muleshoe: Rampley, 10; Betzen, 9; Binder, 7; Barrett, 7; Misti Davis, 7; Mindi Davis, 6; Holmes, 6; Hodges, 2; Cole, 2.



Williams shoots

Bethany Williams of the Hereford seventh grade girls' B team puts up a shot over a Westover player Thursday night in Whiteface Gym. The Hereford team won that game, 23-16, and beat Borger 25-20 on the opening night of the Hereford Invitational.

7th B win 2 in tourney

The seventh grade B team got off to a good start in the Hereford Invitational junior high basketball tournament, winning its first two games in pool play Thursday.

They defeated Borger 25-20 in overtime, then whipped Westover, 23-16. Bethany Williams and Keshia Thomas each scored seven points against Borger, while Williams, Ashley Bridge and Crystal Reese each had six points against Westover.

The eighth grade B team split their

first two games in pool play. They defeated Borger, 24-15, then lost to Valleyview, 24-22. Leslie Torres led Hereford with eight points in each game. Janet Blakely also scored eight points against Valleyview.

For B teams, the tournament consists entirely of pool play, with four games. In other eighth B games, it was Canyon 22, Dumas 19 and Borger 28, Dumas 25. In other seventh B games it was Canyon 41, Dumas 11 and Borger 25, Dumas 13.

"A" teams play in pools of three teams, then get seeded into championship brackets. Each of Hereford's A teams lost its only game Thursday.

The eighth grade A team was edged by Borger, 28-27. Valeric Guzman scored 12 for Hereford and Tori Walker added nine.

The seventh grade A team lost 40-17 to Borger. Pam Klein led Hereford with four points.

The tournament was to continue today with six games in the Hereford Junior High gym at 4 p.m., 5:15 and 6:30. Hereford's seventh grade A was to play at 4 and the eighth A was to play at 5:15.

The tournament will continue at 8:30 a.m. Saturday and finish with championship matches at 5:15 p.m.

Purcella places fifth in go-round

LAS VEGAS (AP) - Results Thursday after the seventh round of the Finals Rodeo:

Team roping-1, Tee Woolman, Llano, Texas-Rich Skelton, Llano, Texas, 4.1 seconds, \$7,920 each. 2, Jake Barnes, Cave Creek, Ariz.-Clay O'Brien Cooper, Gilbert, Ariz., 4.5, \$5,940. 3, Kermit Maass, Snook, Texas-Tyler Magnus, Manor, Texas, 4.6, \$3,960. 4, Wes Moore, Modesto, Calif.-Cameron Moore, Red Crest, Calif., 4.7, \$1,980. 5, Steve Purcella, Hereford, Texas-Steve Northcott, Odessa, Texas, 4.8, \$669. 6, Kevin Stewart, Glenrose, Texas-Martin Lucero, Villanueva, N.M., 5.0, \$431.

Standings
(after seven rounds)

Team roping-1, Kermit Maass, Snook, Texas-Tyler Magnus, Manor, Texas, 44.1 seconds in seven rounds. 2, Matt Tyler, Corsicana, Texas-Cody Cowden, Le Grand, Calif., 45.3. 3, Kevin Stewart, Glenrose, Texas-Martin Lucero, Villanueva, N.M., 52.2.

World Standings

All-around cowboy-1, Joe Beaver, Huntsville, Texas, \$117,495. 2, Tee Woolman, Llano, Texas, \$91,170. 3, Mike Beers, Powell Butte, Ore., \$78,894. 4, Butch Myers, Athens, Texas, \$77,350. 5, Roy Cooper, Childress, Texas, \$75,035.

Team roping (Heading)-1, Bobby Hurley, Ceres, Calif., \$73,342. 2, Doyle Gellerman, Nampa, Idaho, \$68,950. 3, Steve Purcella, Hereford, Texas, \$68,047. 4, Matt Tyler, Corsicana, Texas, \$59,767. 5, Kermit Maass, Snook, Texas, \$59,147.

Post Michael High led the Herd with 32 points.

"He dominated the game inside,"

Ohio State RB George claims Maxwell Award

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. (AP) - Eddie George had his mind on a bigger prize when he collected two of the nation's most prestigious college football awards.

The sleek Ohio State running back, one of three top contenders for the Heisman Trophy, received the Maxwell and Doak Walker awards Thursday night before a national television audience on ESPN.

In winning the Maxwell, he beat out his two top contenders for the Heisman - Florida's Danny Wuerffel and Tommie Frazier of Nebraska.

Was he thinking ahead to Saturday? "Oh, yeah, let's get it on now," he said.

The 6-foot-3, 227-pound senior is bidding to become Ohio State's first Heisman Trophy recipient since two-time winner Archie Griffin in 1974-75.

George scored 24 touchdowns and set school records for rushing yardage (1,826) and single-game yardage (314

against Illinois) in leading his team to a 10-1 record and a Citrus Bowl matchup against Tennessee.

Wuerffel got the night's top quarterback honor, the Davey O'Brien Award.

Frazier did not receive any of the nine awards handed out during the Home Depot College Football Awards Show. But he expressed optimism about the Heisman. "I think I've got a good chance for it," he said.

Northwestern's Gary Barnett was named the College Football Coach of the Year Award for marching his team through the Big Ten into the Rose Bowl.

Wuerffel beat out Frazier and Peyton Manning of Tennessee for the O'Brien Trophy.

Northwestern linebacker Pat Fitzgerald took the Chuck Bednarik Award as defensive player of the year, winning over Simon Rice and Kevin Hardy, both of Illinois.

Fitzgerald, who received the trophy on crutches because of an injured knee that will keep him out of the Rose Bowl, said his team "formed a great chemistry and attitude. We just play hard and have a lot of fun."

Ohio State's Terry Glenn won the Fred Biletnikoff Award as top receiver. He set school records for single-season TD catches (17) and yardage (1,316).

Jonathan Ogden of UCLA, a 6-foot-8, 310-pound senior and top NFL prospect, received the Outland Trophy as the nation's best interior lineman.

Receiving the Jim Thorpe Award as the best defensive back was Greg Myers of Colorado State, also a finalist last year.

7th grade boys win in Canyon

The Hereford Junior High boys' basketball teams started play in a tournament Thursday in Canyon. Both of the Hereford's seventh grade teams won their openers.

The seventh A team drummed Dimmitt, 71-13. Cody Hodges led Hereford with 20 points, Slade Hodges scored 17, Chayse Rives had 14 and Israel Martinez chipped in nine. They'll play against Westover at 1 p.m. Saturday.

The seventh B team got by Plainview, 35-31, as J.P. Holman scored eight points. They'll play Canyon at 11:30 a.m. Saturday.

Results of the eighth grade games were not reported.

NCA cagers fall

The Nazarene Christian Academy basketball teams lost a pair of games to Trinity Fellowship in Amarillo.

The NCA girls fell 41-10. Denae Brinkman led NCA with five points.

The NCA boys lost 53-20. Joe Mac Boggeman led the team with nine points.

NCA's next games are against Bible Heritage at 4:30 p.m. Monday at NCA.

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Nuggets' Abdul-Rauf rips Jazz for 51 points

By The Associated Press
Mahmoud Abdul-Rauf hadn't scored 51 points in a game since high school - when he was known as Chris Jackson.

"In high school, I had 55 points once," Abdul-Rauf said Thursday night after leading the Denver Nuggets to a 124-119 victory over the Utah Jazz.

He set a career high for himself and an NBA high for this season,

surpassing the 44 by Charlotte's Larry Johnson.

"I just went out and tried to be a little more aggressive offensively," he said. "I was surprised I was open a lot."

Abdul-Rauf scored his last four points in the final 28 seconds, including a 17-footer with 27.5 seconds left to give Denver a 119-114 lead. Utah, closed to 119-117 on Jeff

Hornacek's 3-pointer with 15.1 seconds remaining before Dikembe Mutombo, Jalen Rose and Abdul-Rauf made free throws.

"We're an unselfish team. Abdul-Rauf had the hot hand and they just got him the ball," said Denver coach Bernie Bickerstaff, whose team won its third straight and for the first time in seven games at Utah. "He was in a zone, and when you get him

going like that, you just turn him loose."

Karl Malone led Utah with 27 points and 22 rebounds, but he was just 9-for-28 from the field.

"I know I had a lot of open shots that I just didn't make," Malone said.

In other NBA games, Detroit beat Vancouver 93-84, Portland stopped Toronto 96-88, San Antonio defeated Atlanta 104-102 and Milwaukee beat the Los Angeles Clippers 112-103.

Pistons 93, Grizzlies 84

Allan Houston had 20 points and Grant Hill added 19 points and 12 rebounds for Detroit, which sent Vancouver to its 17th consecutive loss - three short of the NBA single-season record.

Detroit, which took a 23-3 lead, ended a 17-game losing streak on the road.

Blazers 96, Raptors 88

Clifford Robinson scored 15 of his 24 points in the fourth quarter at Portland.

The Trail Blazers overcame Toronto's seven-point halftime lead and went ahead 67-62 after three quarters. Rod Strickland scored 12 points in the third period, when the Raptors scored just 10 points.

Spurs 104, Hawks 102

David Robinson scored 31 points,

including two key free throws with eight seconds left, as visiting San Antonio won its fifth straight. Atlanta lost its fourth straight.

Doc Rivers made a 13-foot jumper with 26 seconds to play, his only points of the game, to give the Spurs a 101-100 lead.

The Hawks wasted a 28-point performance by Matt Bullard, who had scored only 18 points this season coming in. He tied his career high.

Bucks 112, Clippers 103

Vin Baker scored a career-high 32 points and grabbed 15 rebounds and Glenn Robinson added 23 points to lead Milwaukee past visiting Los Angeles.

Johnny Newman and Benoit Benjamin each had 19 points for the Bucks, who have won three of four.

Newman had 10 points in the third quarter to help the Bucks maintain their 58-45 halftime lead.

Vaughn leads Kansas past Rice

By MICHAEL A. LUTZ
AP Sports Writer
HOUSTON (AP) - Kansas' leading scorer didn't take a shot in the first half, and the Jayhawks missed 15 of 23 free throws.

But Jacque Vaughn made up for his lack of scoring by tying for a career-high 13 assists Thursday night, and that was good enough to beat Rice 83-63. It also put an end to a disturbing trend - being unable to win the next game after achieving the nation's No. 1 ranking.

Oklahoma last season, Kansas State in 1994 and Long Beach State in 1993 beat the Jayhawks in the next game after becoming No. 1.

Vaughn wanted to make certain it didn't happen again.

"I was here for those last three and I didn't want to be part of a fourth one," Vaughn said. "It was on my mind early in the game. We weren't shooting well in the first half, but we played good defense."

The Jayhawks ended their No. 1 jinx first with defense and then with offense.

The Jayhawks were much quicker than Rice and destroyed the Owls' efforts to work their offense. Guard

Tommy McGhee was Rice's only consistent scorer with 23 points, but even he was frustrated.

"Kansas played very good defense," McGhee said. "They made it hard to get into our offense. Despite their defense though, there were some positives. We played through our adversity. We didn't give in and fold up."

In the only other games involving Top 25 teams, No. 13 North Carolina won 85-74 over Georgia and No. 17 Cincinnati routed North Carolina-Wilmington 82-47.

Kansas hit only 36 percent of its free throws, but freshman Paul Pierce scored 13 points to lead the Jayhawks. Scot Pollard had 12, Raef LaFrentz 11 and Vaughn 10 in the balanced attack.

"At least we won the game," Kansas coach Roy Williams said. "This was a step in the right direction, a step we needed to take. It wasn't the best we can play by any means."

Kansas held a 36-27 halftime lead and scored the first eight points of the second half to take command.

"We found out what it's like to play the No. 1 team," Rice coach

Willis Wilson said. "They play with a lot of intensity. They look like the team's Bobby Knight used to put on the court with all the pressure."

Rice shot 49 percent from the field, the 35th consecutive Kansas opponent to shoot under 50 percent.

"Rice really got into the game," Kansas freshman T.J. Pugh said. "They were up because they were playing the No. 1 team with television and a packed house. They played well in the first half and made a game of it."

The Jayhawks convinced Shaun Igo.

"If they can beat us more than 20 points on our own court, they're No. 1 in my mind," Igo said. "We made mistakes and they capitalized. We made them make mistakes too, but we didn't capitalize."

No. 13 North Carolina 85, Georgia 74

Jeff McInnis scored 14 of his 21 points after returning from a first-half fall, and the Tar Heels survived a 31-point performance by Katu Davis for visiting Georgia.

The Bulldogs (3-1) shot 29 percent in the first half and trailed by 17 at

M's send Tino Martinez to Yanks

By RONALD BLUM
AP Sports Writer
NEW YORK (AP) - Tino Martinez and Manny Ramirez struck it rich, and Jose Canseco added millions more to his bank account.

Forced to make decisions by a free-agent deadline, teams signed 22 players Thursday to \$64.03 million in base salaries. The Indians alone lavished \$20.6 million on five players.

Cleveland, which already has sold out all seats for home games next season, agreed to a \$10.15 million, four-year contract with Ramirez. The Indians signed first baseman Julio Franco for \$5 million for two years, gave designated hitter Eddie Murray \$2 million for 1996 and gave pitcher Orel Hershiser a \$2.7 million extension for 1997. They also agreed to a \$400,000 minor-league contract with infielder Alvaro Espinoza.

"Of all the clubs in baseball at this time we feel we are extremely fortunate to have such stability and continuity in our team," Cleveland general manager John Hart said. "Last year was very special and we

want to continue that."

The New York Yankees' five-man deal with Seattle became final when Martinez agreed to a \$20.25 million, five-year contract. Martinez not only celebrated his 28th birthday on Thursday, but also the birth of his daughter, Victoria, his third child.

"My head is spinning," Martinez said. "This is probably one of the greatest days of my life."

Seattle sent reliever Jeff Nelson and minor league pitcher Jim McEir to New York with Martinez for pitcher Sterling Hitchcock and third baseman Russ Davis. The Mariners, who last week dealt third baseman Mike Blowers to Los Angeles, couldn't afford to keep their first baseman, who had a \$1 million salary this year and was eligible for arbitration.

"While all of us here wish we could keep the entire club intact, it is just not possible under the current economic system," Seattle general manager Woody Woodward said.

Canseco and the Red Sox seemingly extended the midnight EST deadline by a few extra minutes

before agreeing to a \$9 million, two-year deal with \$1 million a season in performance bonuses.

Canseco, who finished a \$23.5 million, five-year contract, gets \$4.5 million in each of the next two seasons. Boston has an option for 1998 at his 1997 earnings, making the deal potentially worth \$16.5 million for three seasons.

Seventeen free agents were offered salary arbitration by their former teams: California pitcher Jim Abbott, Toronto second baseman Roberto Alomar, Houston second baseman Craig Biggio, Florida outfielder Andre Dawson, Angels pitcher Chuck Finley, California outfielder Dave Gallagher, Cincinnati outfielder Ron Gant and Boston pitcher Eric Hanson.

Also, St. Louis reliever Tom Henke, New York Yankees pitcher Rick Honeycutt, Toronto pitcher Al Leiter, Yankees first baseman Don Mattingly, Kansas City pitcher Jeff Montgomery, Chicago Cubs pitcher Jaime Navarro, San Diego second baseman Jody Reed, Texas pitcher Kenny Rogers and Atlanta outfielder Dwight Smith.

They have until Dec. 19 to accept or reject the offers and may negotiate with their old clubs through Jan. 8. The 59 players not offered arbitration can't sign with their old teams again until May 1. Other teams can sign them starting today without having to give up draft picks as compensation.

Among that group were pitchers Jack McDowell and Tom Gordon, shortstop Shawn Dunston, outfielders Rickey Henderson and Roberto Kelly and catcher Benito Santiago.

Among players finding new teams, center fielder Otis Nixon agreed to a \$4.4 million, two-year contract with Toronto.

Sanders not earning his pay

By DENNE H. FREEMAN
AP Sports Writer
IRVING, Texas (AP) - Deion Sanders is making more than \$250,000 per quarter playing for the Dallas Cowboys this season, but owner Jerry Jones has yet to see a dramatic return for his dollar.

In fact, the Cowboys are 3-2 with the multimillionaire on the team.

But Sunday, Sanders could be much more in evidence, since the Cowboys have threatened to unleash him offensively against the Philadelphia Eagles.

So far, Sanders has two interceptions but none returned for touch-

downs. He's made no punt returns for yardage and has one kickoff return for 15 yards.

Sanders has had problems fitting in with the Cowboys' defensive scheme, and last Sunday cost Dallas a touchdown in the 24-17 loss to the Washington Redskins when he lined up on the wrong man.

Because of ankle problems, Sanders has been used sparingly on offense. He's caught one pass for 6 yards.

In practice, he has been working 80 percent of the time with the offense.

"I think you'll see Deion soon on

offense," fullback Daryl Johnston said. "He's very talented and the defense has to honor his threat when he comes into the game. It would help the rest of our offense."

When Michael Irvin is double covered by teams such as San Francisco and Washington, Troy Aikman has had problems getting the ball to the other wide receivers, Kevin Williams and Corey Fleming.

"Our offensive staff feels like we can play him hopefully 15 to 20 snaps a game," Dallas coach Barry Switzer said. "I'm not saying that we'll be at that this season. We're talking about in the future."

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Church News

SAN JOSE CATHOLIC CHURCH
 Make plans to attend mass as a family and truly receive tidings of great joy on Christmas Day. Christmas liturgies are as follows: Sunday, regular masses 9 a.m., Spanish and 11:30 a.m., English; Christmas Eve 9 p.m. and 11 p.m.; Christmas Day 9 a.m.

Our parish is celebrating the tradition of Las Posadas, which will begin Dec. 16 and continue until Christmas Eve. Children in grades K-6 are encouraged to participate and learn about the gift of our Mexican heritage. Posadas will be held at 7 p.m. each evening at different houses except for the last one which will be held at the church at 6:30 p.m.

Eucharist and Lectors training will be held Wednesday. All who are presently serving and those who want to serve must attend. Eucharist Ministers meet from 7-8 p.m. and the Lectors from 8:15-9:15 p.m.

The San Jose T.Y.M. will go to the Annual Christmas Concert at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Amarillo. All teenagers who are planning to attend must get permission forms from Deacon Jessie Guerrero.

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
 Sunday School is at 10 a.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church. We have classes for all ages. If you need a ride, please let us know at 364-1667 or 364-1668.

Our Adult Bible class will continue the study of the book of Romans. Morning worship is at 11. "Needed Gifts for the UNA SANCTA" is the theme, and the text is Romans 15:4-13.

Immediately following the morning service, we will have our Christmas fellowship meal. The turkey and ham for this fellowship is coming to us compliments of Lutheran Brotherhood, Llano Estacado branch. We are inviting all who would like to participate in this to be present.

Our mid-week service is on Wednesday evening at 7:30. During Advent, we will look at Jesus through the eyes of some of the people who were at the Manger. This week, we will be looking at Jesus through the eyes of Mary.

Second year confirmation class will not meet this week. First year confirmation class will follow our worship service.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
 "Never Say 'Impossible'" will be the title of Dr. Ed Williamson's sermon at the Sunday morning service. The scripture will be taken from Mark 1:1-4. This sermon is the second in a series of four to be preached for Advent. The anthem, "Listen, Shepherds, Listen", will be sung by the Carol Choir. The Sanctuary Choir will sing "Angels We Have Heard on High" for the offertory and the postlude will be sung by the Jubilate Ringers. Everyone is asked to remain for the ringing of the postlude.

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

Methodist Men will meet at 8 a.m. in Fellowship Hall for their monthly meeting. All men of the church are invited to a delicious breakfast and program to follow.

UMYM will meet at 4:30 p.m. for "Youth Adventures Live" Christmas party. An exciting program is planned and everyone needs to bring a gift for the gift exchange. On Wednesday night the youth will go to Amarillo for the "Living Christmas Tree". Junior and senior highs will leave from the church at 4:45 p.m.

Evening worship is at 6 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.

CHRIST'S CHURCH FELLOWSHIP
 Christ's Church Fellowship will have the following ministries this Sunday: 9:30 a.m. -- Choir rehearsal; 9:45 a.m. -- Sunday School classes for all ages. All adult classes will be studying "Experiencing God"; 10:45 a.m. -- Morning worship in the sanctuary and K.I.D.S. Church in the Fellowship hall for 4-year-olds through 6th grade.

Wednesday's activities are as follows: 9:30 a.m. -- Women's PRECEPTS Bible study on the book of Revelation; 5:30 to 6:45 p.m. -- Supper served for \$3.25 per plate; 6:45 to 8 p.m. -- Teens; 7 to 8 p.m. -- Children's classes (Whirley Birds and Jet Cadets for grades 1 through 6); 6 to 7 p.m. -- Choir and music practice; 7 to 8 p.m. -- Adult teaching and prayer in the sanctuary.

Pastor Otto Schaufele will preach from March 6:53-7:30 on the subject of "Tradition."

There will be a holiday Gifts and Goodies sale in the Friendship Court on Saturday from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
 During the evening worship Sunday the Praise Choir will present "In Adoration of the King of Kings."

The internationally acclaimed African Children's Choir will perform in Pleasant Valley Baptist Church in Amarillo on Dec. 27 at 7 p.m. There is no admission charge and tickets are not required. A free-will offering will be taken.

Sunday School at First Baptist begins at 9:45 a.m. Worship services are at 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday evening the Children's Choir and Acteens meet from 6-6:50. Prayer meeting is at 6:15 p.m. Youth meet from 7-8 p.m. and R.A.'s G.A.'s and Mission Friends meet at 7 p.m. The Praise Choir practices from 7:10-8:10 p.m.

ST. ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
 The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be Dec. 20 at 7 p.m. in the church.

The scripture-based weight loss program "Weigh Down" is now forming a third class, to begin meeting Jan. 11 at 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. If you'd like to join, call Karla at 364-6254.

An exercise class will begin in January on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 5-6 p.m. if there is enough interest expressed. Call Cookie Tarr at 364-4243 if you are interested.

Choir practice for Christmas liturgies is Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the church.

Men's Advent scripture sharing session meets on Tuesday morning at 7 in the Antonian Room.

Knights of Columbus and their families are invited to a Christmas social Monday at 7 p.m. in the KC Hall. Hamburgers will be served and Santa will be there for the kids.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
 The Rev. J. Jeremy M. Grant has titled his sermon for the Sunday morning worship service "The Advent of Imagination." The Gospel lesson is Matthew 3:1-12. The Old Testament scripture is Isaiah 11:1-9. The service begins at 10:30 a.m.

Sunday School for all ages begins at 9:30 a.m. A nursery is provided. Fellowship Time is from 10:10-10:30 a.m. Come, meet with a group of friendly people while enjoying light refreshments before worship service.

Choir practice for the Christmas service will be Sunday at 1 p.m. Anyone wishing to sing with the choir, please attend.

Kit and Jeremy Grant are holding an open house from 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Sunday in the Manse, 138 Liveoak. Come and enjoy the celebration of Christ's family. Bask in and share the warmth of our season of joy.

There will be no Youth Group meetings until Dec. 17. Prayer Group will meet at 5:30 p.m. Sunday.

On Wednesday, the Advent Prayer Group will meet at 6:30 p.m. and choir practice will begin at 7:30 p.m.

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

Rev. Taylor and congregation welcome you to join us at 10:30 a.m. Sunday to share in praise and worship and the Word of God. Pastor Ted's sermon will be "This Christmas Give Your Offenses to Go!" taken from



Bazaar is Saturday
 Donnie O'Rand, left, and Pat Schaufele work to finalize preparations for the Gifts and Goodies Bazaar to be held from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday in the Friendship Court of Christ's Church Fellowship. The church is located at 401 W. Park Ave.

Ezekiel 18:30.
 This will be Children's Sunday. The children will lead in praise and worship in this family service.

A progressive junior high Christmas party will be held from 6 p.m.-11 p.m. Dec. 16 starting at Jim's house.

Our nursery will have a birthday party for baby Jesus from 9:30 a.m.-12 noon on Dec. 17. Please help our nursery-aged children celebrate baby Jesus' birthday by donating a gift wrapped toy for use in the nursery. Please contact Deann Harris at 364-0100 for more information.

Susie Merrick's Bible study class meets each Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

Bible Club is held on Wednesday mornings at 7 in the high school gymnasium and Thursday mornings at 7:20 at the junior high.

CENTRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST

We would like to thank Hereford for coming as our visitors last Sunday. We had a great turn-out and you honored us with your presence. A great number stayed for lunch which was rated superior by all who ate.

Our Gospel Meeting was also a big success. The highlight was our noon services. We had a great number that came and ate together and then listened to God's Word proclaimed. Thanks to all who worked so hard to make the meeting a success.

Central has again been selected to provide the Christmas program for the prison in Amarillo. We will go over after morning services Sunday. The Elders and Deacons will meet Monday at 7 p.m.

The youth of the congregation will

begin to prepare to the Top of Texas Bible Bowl. It will cover Matthew 1-14. Let's prepare and win it again. We will begin meeting Wednesdays at 6 p.m.

Come worship with us as we continually return "Back to the Bible." Come investigate and study with us.

ST. THOMAS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH
 "With an Eye to the Future: The God of Hope" is the title of the sermon by The Very Rev. Charles A. Wilson on The Second Sunday of Advent. The Holy Eucharist is celebrated at 11 a.m. and there is a coffee time 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. On Sunday, the Adult Class will begin a four part series, "Before Death Happens," videos and discussion on preparing for a holy death, including the practical decisions that must be made. Materials for planning all funeral arrangements will be available.

The regular Wednesday Public Service of Healing is at 7 p.m. with the Litany of Healing and the Daily Office of Evening Prayer conducted by St. Thomas' Lay Readers. The proper collect, psalm and readings will be for Wednesday in the Second Week of Advent.

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 Arlene Wilson in Amarillo at 353-1734.

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 at Westway Baptist Church welcome one and all to join our services.

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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.

The winter schedule of services is as follows.

Sunday school begins at 10 a.m. and the Sunday worship services are held at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Services are conducted at 6 p.m. each Wednesday. Thursday night prayer service begins at 6 p.m.

Ladies ministry is the second and fourth Tuesday of every month at 9 a.m.

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

Our 24 hour information and prayer line is 364-5390.

CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY CHURCH

Pastor Don Cherry and the church congregation invite the public to attend all services at the church

located on S. Main St.
 We have dismissed Sunday school for the time being and changed our Sunday morning worship service time to 10:30. The Sunday evening service will remain the same (6 p.m.) as will the Wednesday night service at 7. For additional information, call 364-5874.

GOOD NEWS CHURCH

400 N. 25 Mile Ave. Sugarland Mall
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Sunday services are at 10 a.m. and Wednesday services are at 7 p.m. If you have any questions or you need prayer, please call Pastor David Alvarado at 364-5239. God bless you.

FELLOWSHIP OF BELIEVERS

The Fellowship of Believers invites you to attend services this Sunday. The Bible study class begins at 9:30 a.m. and is being led by Guy Greenfield. Doug Manning will be the speaker at the 10:30 a.m. worship service.

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Abilene man resurrects Frankenstein music

By RICHARD HORN
Abilene Reporter-News
ABILENE, Texas - First, a little horror story.

Bill Whitaker is half-lost in one of the world's largest cities in the dead of winter '94.

He's in the wrong hotel and the phones don't work. It's frigid and creepy outside. Nobody speaks English. Somehow he's supposed to locate two people he's never met so they can all make Frankenstein music together.

Exhausted, he plops on his bed in his tiny room of the depressing Hotel Belgrade, and mutters to his wife, Ann, "What the hell am I doing in Moscow?"

He should know. He got himself into this.

Whitaker, 41, one-time reporter, entertainment editor and now front-page columnist for the Abilene Reporter-News, enjoys many things, as anyone who's heard his distinctive cackling can attest.

Among his passions are classical music, film scores and films themselves, from wondrous classics to oddball accidents. He knows this stuff in exacting and occasionally bizarre detail.

It was this passion that led him to inspire an international record company to reconstruct and give full orchestral life to the magnificent forgotten score to one unforgettably mediocre movie, "House of Frankenstein."

The 1944 Universal film, a Boris Karloff-Lon Chaney Jr. flick about a homicidal hunchback, a brain-swapping mad scientist and, of course, the Frankenstein monster, was years ago a staple of afternoon and late-night TV. It still sells to baby-boom video buyers.

"It's not 'All Quiet on the Western Front,'" Whitaker readily

admits. "It's not even 'Bride of Frankenstein.' The plot was wild, but whoever they hired to write the music was going to have all kinds of opportunities to come up with all kinds of different motifs and romantic shadings."

And the composer, the late Hans Salter, took full advantage, turning out "A" music for a "B" film. Salter's score, Whitaker says, is a perfect example of a lost golden age of Hollywood film music.

By Christmas, the gorgeous, soaring score will be released on CD by Marco Polo, a Hong Kong-based label known for its eclectic mix of classics and fringe, but challenging, musical projects.

A companion CD, featuring suites from the same era's "Son of Frankenstein," "The Wolf Man" and "The Invisible Man Returns," will be released at the same time.

Both CDs will feature in-depth liner notes researched and written by Whitaker, as well as old movie stills he collected during a trip to Los Angeles for encounters with, among other things, Academy Award winner Rick Baker's exacting replica of the original Frankenstein laboratory.

First, though, he had to get out of that gloomy Russian hotel.

Moscow had no phone books, at least not at the Whitakers' hotel. So they used an American travel guide to eventually track down their American hosts, who were amazed the two West Texans had managed, and were even inclined, to negotiate the red tape and Russian weather.

On their own the Whitakers traveled through what Bill describes as icy streets lined with burned-out buildings, many of which looked like the House of Frankenstein.

The recording took place at Mosfilm Studios, a huge, gloomy, mausoleum-like structure. And there

they finally found the young and professional Moscow Symphony Orchestra bringing Frankenstein back to life.

Whitaker had been invited to the session by the professionals he insists did all the important work, Los Angeles film composers John Morgan and Bill Stromberg.

Morgan had painstakingly reconstructed Salter's lost music from a three-line piano score. He and Stromberg, who conducted, then drew passionate performances from Russian musicians who had never seen nor heard of the movies, and certainly were unaccustomed to film cue titles like "Gruesome Twosome Escape" and "Liquefying Brains."

Whitaker, who suggested the project several months earlier during an interview with Morgan for a film soundtrack magazine, figured he'd simply sit in the background, watching and listening. And that was fine with him.

"Obviously, I was elated beyond words," he said. "I mean, how often can you hear such soaring music performed, and at your personal request, by the Moscow Symphony Orchestra?"

But Morgan had other plans. None of the Americans spoke Russian. The musicians kept mixing up the sheet music, sometimes playing the wrong movement from the wrong film at the wrong time. They also had trouble comprehending what Hollywood horrors the music was trying to convey.

So Whitaker, who had little formal musical training, was enlisted to help in the week-long project.

"He wandered around the orchestra," Morgan said, "helping them keep the music straight and providing great moral support."

Some of the musicians, Whitaker said, even thought he was the composer. "I kept running around in a panic," he laughed.

But it was a happy panic, recalled Ann, a writer and Abilene High English teacher who kept a journal of their Moscow experiences.

"It was like the dream of a lifetime for him," she said. "They'd start up that Universal theme and I just felt like crying because I could see the elation on his face."

But Whitaker, as is his habit, also saw the humor in the whole enterprise-Moscow, dead of winter, Frankenstein and a world-class orchestra playing background music to wolf man attacks and random strangulations. Total strangeness.

Another little horror story; Bill Whitaker's most embarrassing moment from a haphazard musical education:

At Ohio State University, while his classmates were into mid-70s rock 'n' roll, Whitaker could be found in another basement - this one under the OSU music library. There he found a treasure - thousands of classical recordings and their scores.

"It was a dank, creepy place but that's where I'd listen to all this wonderful music I had missed out on," he said. "It was great, just fantastic. I was a weird kid."

Despite his love of music, he was in journalism school. He took a couple of music courses and over the years he's tried his hand at viola, classical guitar and piano. But he insists he played all of them "awfully."

After graduating, Whitaker was hired as a news reporter in Abilene, where he earned chances to review the occasional movie and Abilene Philharmonic concert. He obviously knew what he was doing, so eventually he was named entertainment editor.

But he was blunt, especially when reviewing a less-than-inspiring performance of a piece he adored. After one such performance he

wrote: "It sounded like the strings were still attached to the cat and the horns were underwater, and if there'd been a drain in the middle of the orchestra the music would have gone down in shame."

He got hate mail. But he kept the job several years before moving to city editor and, six years ago, front-page columnist.

It wasn't until Abilene, when he started reviewing movie after movie, that Whitaker developed his love of film music. He kept exploring the form, and last year began submitting pieces to magazines devoted to film soundtracks.

He first spoke to Morgan in late 1993, when he interviewed him by telephone for one such writing project. Morgan had just helped prepare a few selections from Salter's "House of Frankenstein" for Marco Polo. But the released performance left much to be desired. The conductor and orchestra didn't seem to understand Salter's work.

So Whitaker suggested Salter, who'd fled Nazi Germany and built himself a distinguished but unappreciated career in Hollywood, deserved a full tribute. It was just a thought, and presumably a ridiculous one, Whitaker remembers.

But Morgan readily agreed and suggested Whitaker contact the president of the Marco Polo label.

"It's always good coming from a fan, someone who wants to hear it, because it represents a commercial interest," Morgan said. "It was better coming from him, instead of just being something I wanted to do."

So Whitaker sent his suggestion to the label president and within a short time the project was approved.

Morgan set to work preparing the music, keeping in contact with Whitaker. Morgan deemed Whitaker's knowledge of the film, the

score and the composer impressive, so he asked him to do the liner notes.

"Most of the people who really know film music really know that and nothing else, they don't know who Mahler or Bartok is," Morgan said. "But Bill has a well-rounded education in music and a great ear. And he knows a lot of oddball recordings."

Whitaker's task included the trip to Los Angeles for research. He managed to arrange a rare visit to Dr. Frankenstein's "lab," part of an incredible private collection owned by reclusive, Oscar-winning makeup expert Rick Baker, whose work includes "An American Werewolf in London" and "Ed Wood."

Baker even snapped a photo of Whitaker and the composers looking over the Hans Salter score, with a brain-in-a-jar in the foreground and the Frankenstein monster himself leering over their shoulders. The photo is being used in the "House of Frankenstein" album.

Salter, whom Whitaker had interviewed several times before the project, was pleased with the first "House of Frankenstein" recording, despite its limitations. Unfortunately, he died at age 98, several months before the Moscow recording sessions rendered more complete, faithful interpretations.

"He'd been ignored so many years, he was just glad to see something was happening," Whitaker said.

Whitaker's used to the question: "Bill, is anyone really going to BUY this Frankenstein thing?"

Both he and Morgan believe many will. Marco Polo has been advertising the albums since last summer, Whitaker said, and its 800 number already has received more inquiries about the upcoming Frankenstein albums than any other album.

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KING JOASH AND CERTAIN PRINCES OF JUDAH HAD CONSPIRED TO STOP ZECHARIAH FROM PREACHING AGAINST THE IDOLATRY BEING PRACTICED, BUT ZECHARIAH HAS APPEARED IN THE TEMPLE TO SPEAK, AND NOW....

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'Insurance cop' strikes fair balance on needs of consumers, carriers

By JUAN B. ELIZONDO Jr., Associated Press Writer
AUSTIN (AP) - Elton Bomer's got a finger on your wallet.
He's not a thief, and he's not a banker. And unless you're his neighbor, a friend or family, you probably don't know the tall, thin, gray-haired Texan.
But the former businessman and Democratic state lawmaker has a big hand in deciding how you spend a good portion of your income.
Bomer, pronounced BO-mer, is the state's top insurance cop.
He knows how much insurance rates cost across the state. He tells insurance companies how they should treat Texans. And he acts as Republican Gov. George W. Bush's top advisor on insurance issues.

They might complain that allowing higher deductible policies give insurers an advantage. But he said the move would attract more insurers, giving consumers the benefit of more competition.
"I try to steer a middle course where I can allow the industry to make a reasonable profit, to allow the industry to want to do business in our state, while at the same time giving a good, reasonable break to the consumer," he said.

John Hildrith, head of Consumers Union in Austin, said Bomer has made decisions that will both help and hurt consumers.
"I think he has clearly been responsive to the desires of the person who put him in office," Hildrith said. "The industry supported Gov. Bush, and he promised them he would be responsive to their desire."
Hildrith said Bomer has not done everything for insurers, but tends to lean in their direction.

"We are not surprised by his record at the Department of Insurance," Hildrith said. "He stated from day one that he intended to be more responsive to the industry.... But he has certainly treated Consumers Union fairly in terms of our involvement and he has done some things that have been quite good for consumers."

Bush tapped Bomer in February for the job overseeing nearly 900 employees and a \$43 million budget at the Department of Insurance. He says he has been working hard at the nearly thankless job ever since.
"I really can't make everybody happy," Bomer said, referring to Texans who want lower insurance premiums, insurers who want fewer rules and lawmakers who want their next telephone call to be something other than an insurance complaint.
"What I can do is make everybody understand that they have been treated fairly. That is really the only agenda I have," Bomer said. "I think I understand the needs of consumers. But I understand also the needs of companies to survive. The business is very, very complex. It's more complex than I thought."

Bomer also has added more communities into a pool for catastrophic insurance coverage and is considering a system of credits and surcharges on homeowners policies based on roof types. Bomer said homeowners would get lower premiums for purchasing homes with more hail-resistant roofs, and would be charged extra on their policies for having less resistant roofs.
Bomer said some consumer groups

Jerry Johns, head of the Southwest Insurance Information Service, said he thinks Bomer has struck a fair balance between insurers and consumers.
"From our perspective, fairness is the most important thing: fairness for the consumers and fairness for the industry," said Johns, whose group represents most of the state's property insurance companies. "The sense that I get from Commissioner Bomer is

"He seems very detail oriented," Barnett said. When Jones first started, "he started keeping records on his own progress of how fast he was going, his own time sheet on himself. I think that's excellent."
Barnett said because the U.S. Post Office is an equal opportunity employer, it wasn't significant Jones is the first black postmaster of Penwell.
"We get all different shapes, sizes and colors of people," he said.
And from time to time, snakes. Jones places a higher value on his customers.
"They all treat me nice," he says. "It's a real good community. I wouldn't mind living out here. Get a trailer off back in here somewhere - course, the wind might blow it over."

them much more cognizant of what a mega-catastrophe could do to a company's well-being."
The commissioner said he has to find ways to make the Texas market more attractive so that more companies are willing to do business here.
One thing he has done is to allow insurers to sell homeowners policies with higher deductibles. He said that makes insurance more affordable for some people and more attractive for insurers to sell.
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By DANA BARTHOLOMEW
The Odessa American
PENWELL, Texas - He's self-starting, punctual to a fault; he wears the Stars and Stripes and wears a smile, rain or shine.
He's Tommy J. Jones, the new postmaster of Penwell, officially sworn in on Wednesday.
What Jones didn't realize when he stepped into the job last August was that he would have to cater to the numerous snakes in his district.
Jones, 52, lives in Odessa. So he wasn't exactly prepared for the slew of customers marching into his roughly 15-by-25 cinder block post office shaking rattlesnake trophies like babies waving rattles.
"They tell you about the snakes in this part of the country," he says, pulling from a drawer a half-dozen rattles, only one-third his collection.
One customer told him he could bring in a Penwell rattler, the entire snake as soon as the reptile finished eating the rabbit.
"He didn't want to interrupt his dinner," said Jones, who never saw the results of ravisher or the ravished. Jones is typical of many rural Texas postmasters in that he must run a tight ship in a small shop. He's also the first black postmaster of Penwell.
"You don't see many black postmasters in this part of the country," he says.
"I think it's an improvement."

The Penwell office sits 15 miles east of Odessa, a few blocks south of Interstate 20. Nearby is the Penwell drag strip and a heap of discarded oil tanks. Every few minutes a truck rumbles through belching its air brakes.
"Careful of the windy door," warns a sign beneath "Penwell, Texas, 79766."
It's a solitary but important post, a hub for community identity and the repository of 59 occupied mail boxes, mostly businesses.
The rock lyrics "left a good job in the city" blares from Jones' radio. But Jones, a veteran of the Odessa post office after 26 years, relishes his new responsibility.
"I think it's real good; I think it's a blessing having a postmaster job," he says. "The good thing about it is you can't put your mistakes on somebody else; when something isn't done right, it's going to be on you."
Each day Jones, who once had seven employees working under him as a building maintenance supervisor, feverishly works to some internal clock. Raise the flag at 7:45 a.m. Check the thermometer for the National Weather Service. Box the mail by 8:30. Blaze through the morning customers. Take care of loose ends. Lock the doors at 4 and be down the road at precisely 4:15 p.m.

And as Jones says, "As long as you run it right, you have no problems."
Jones, with a wife and six children, supplements his income with after-hours and weekend car sales at a lot he owns in Odessa.
Mark Barnett, manager of post office operations, is Jones' boss. The U.S. Post Office values predictability and good service, he said, and Jones is well-suited for the job.

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Tiny college finds new life in education for immigrants

Students are serious about classes designed to provide foundation for future careers

EDITOR'S NOTE - Some ridicule immigrants, some exploit them. At Mercy College, they educate them. This tiny school's tentacles of knowledge now reach into neighborhoods all over New York. And the quality of Mercy is not strained; its professors have walked in immigrant shoes themselves.

By **SIOBHAN McDONOUGH**
Associated Press Writer
NEW YORK (AP) - "Coming to America was exciting at first," said Ruslan Koss. "Then the reality set in. One day I was a veterinarian; the next, I was working in a warehouse selling auto parts."

The reality is a fundamental fact of immigration.

Koss immigrated to Brooklyn four years ago from Odessa, his home in the Ukraine where he was educated. At 27, he's a bit old for a college student on the American educational track, but that is what he is.

He's in his third year at the Brooklyn extension center of Mercy College, one of a number of highly educated immigrants who have chosen to swallow hard, struggle hard and study hard to make a new life in the United States. He now has every expectation of running his own veterinary hospital.

Mercy College, which began as a tiny Catholic school for women a half-century ago, has itself found a new life.

It moved into the forefront of higher education for immigrants during the influx of expatriate Cubans in the 1960s, became a nondenominational independent college in the '70s and has become a bulwark of adjustment for the tidal wave of immigration of the '90s.

From its original campus in nearby Dobbs Ferry it has added two more suburban campuses and established eight extension centers scattered throughout New York's urban neighborhoods. They accommodate

an array of nationalities from every continent. Mercy's "nontraditional" college students, as they are called, now number 700, half the enrollment.

"We come from places where we had to fight for everything," says Eva Spinelli. "We grew up learning how to survive on ice."

Spinelli is Mercy's program director. Like most of the faculty, she can readily identify with her deracinated students. At age 21, Spinelli, like Koss, fled the Ukraine. That was in 1945; she was later reunited with her parents in New York. Even without knowing English she managed to get hired as a lab technician at a hospital. There, she says, she acquired two things that enabled her to make it in the United States: English and a husband.

"Having freedom is a great responsibility," Spinelli says. "If you choose to live in America, you have to learn it."

Spinelli speaks a half-dozen languages. One thing she regrets, she says, is that her own three children speak only English.

"We want our students and their children to retain their native language while learning English. Who knows how valuable it might be 10 or 12 years from now if an American could speak, say, Russian as well as English."

Spinelli says Mercy makes a continuing effort to recruit faculty members who are immigrants, went on to get their degree, or degrees, and have firsthand knowledge of what the students are going through.

"It's amazing to me that I'm teaching people who've lived through some of the most terrifying events in history," says Stark Whitley, a history lecturer - amazing, because Whitley, who was educated at Columbia University in New York City and Johns Hopkins University

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in Baltimore, teaches Introduction to European History.

At the extension center in Brooklyn, it is evident that they are icily serious about getting an education. You will rarely see a slouched, daydreaming student.

Just minutes after eight buses go roaring up to Public School No. 62, hundreds of students disembark, frantically grab their schedules and head to class. At 7:30 p.m., the frenzy of arrival abruptly subsides. The subdued hallways lead to classrooms where something explosively inspirational is in progress.

Four nights a week, about 350 immigrants descend on the Brooklyn extension center to learn English and other essentials - how to fill out a lease, a resume, a job application.

Most of them, roughly 250, are Russian. About 60 are Polish and 40 Dominican. Most come directly from their daytime jobs. Some commute 90 miles. Few will allow themselves to feel tired; their minds are on learning a new alphabet and conjugating verbs.

The first semester or two are spent learning English as a second language. That done, they go on to regular college courses: sociology, psychology, accounting, computers. They also attend lectures on American culture and American medicine.

"This is about becoming Americanized, reclaiming our

identities," says Faelya Shleyfman, a former medical researcher in Kiev, Ukraine.

Inside the 42 classrooms are others like Shleyfman and Koss: highly educated individuals who had respectable careers in their native countries. A pastiche of educators, economists, doctors, musicians, lawyers and business people once preoccupied with their professional agendas are now sitting in front of a chalkboard reciting their ABCs.

Their backgrounds vary, but they all share a determination to survive.

Almost all of those attending the Brooklyn extension center are reminded of that responsibility each time they occupy the classrooms their children, nephews, nieces, or grandchildren attend during the day.

Although they are glad to be far from their troubled homelands, they're also fraught with stories of personal pain. They are frightened about what the future holds for them.

"The prospects are grim," Spinelli says. "They aren't given a chance to get established. They're discouraged. Before they were just frustrated. But this is the first year I've seen the students depressed."

The reason, she said, is because of uncertainty about the future of welfare and educational aid.

The tuition at the three main campuses is \$3,300; at an extension center, \$2,200. The flat fee is the

same whether they take 12 credits or 18.

"They are required to work 52 hours every two weeks to qualify for welfare," she said. "For many who have families, it's too much. They're discouraged. They aren't able to get established."

"Many of them feel they'll be on welfare forever if they can't get the knowledge to get a good job."

"This program is unique because it's designed so people can get off welfare. We went into the neighborhood, accommodated them by busing them to the extension center so they can get here. And we give them courses that are associated with how to survive in America and teach them English."

Most students pay out-of-pocket or with a grant from the government. Often the college itself makes grants, especially if a student works toward a bachelor's degree after receiving an associate degree. Some take a break from their studies for a semester to save money. But most return to complete their course work, Spinelli says.

Regardless of the language difficulties and cultural adjustments, many who've instructed the students say they will make it because they need to.

"They're here more for their children's sake. They want to expand their opportunities," says Gloria

Yulansky Catanzako, a teacher.

"They realize there is no future for their kids if they aren't willing to learn this culture and language."

Catanzako helps students read rental and car-sale ads, fill out leases, job applications, health benefits forms and advises them on job searches.

She says for many of these people who are from countries where the governments told them what to do, education is providing them greater independence. "Here they learn how to empower themselves."

For many, Mercy is more than an academic institution.

Ida Berezovskaya and Florida Khutorotzkaya, both in their 60s, hadn't seen each other since they were teen-agers in Kiev. It wasn't until they were sitting next to each other in English class that they began swapping stories about their families and discovered they were second cousins.

"I'm very happy," says Berezovskaya, throwing her arms around Khutorotzkaya.

Veterinarian Koss cites reasons for joy that are not so earthy, but certainly down-to-earth:

"I know in America there's equal opportunity, he said. "If you work hard, you can get whatever you want. That's something new to us immigrants. That gives us hope."

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Sketch artist collects rave reviews for help in tracking down criminals

By **DOMINGO RAMIREZ JR.**
Fort Worth Star-Telegram
HASLET, Texas - Catching a criminal with a pencil is a tough job. But Tina Scholl says she has captured more felons with a pencil than she ever did with a gun.

Area police officials say Scholl, a former patrol officer, is one of the best police sketch artists in the state. The FBI, the U.S. Postal Service and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms have called on the Haslet resident for help in capturing bank robbers and kidnapers.

"She's topnotch," said Hurst Detective Dan Smith, who has enlisted Scholl's help tracking rapists and armed robbers for at least 15 years.

Scholl "has that technique to listen to someone's description and get it down. And she also has compassion for the victims and witnesses," Smith said.

Haltom City Police Chief Andy Burt agreed. "She's made herself available to police agencies on nights and weekends," Burt said. "And that's from someone whose full-time job isn't being a police sketch artist. She's clearly that dedicated."

Scholl, owner of Creative Forms, an interior-exterior decorations business, contracts her artistic skills on a part-time basis to law enforcement agencies.

"I'd say we've managed to find at least 90 percent of the people I've

drawn," said Scholl, who has been drawing suspects for 20 years. "But the credit goes to the victims and witnesses. If it wasn't for their ability to describe someone's facial features, we wouldn't have caught anyone."

Scholl said she always had a passion for drawing faces, but because she believed artists "starve to death," she got a job as a Southlake dispatcher in the early 1970s.

Within a few years, Scholl joined the Colleyville Police Department as a patrol officer.

"There was a girl who was being stalked," Scholl said. "She was depressed and very frightened because (the stalker) was loose. I just had to do something to help her, so I drew a sketch of him. We eventually caught him."

That was the springboard for the hundreds of sketches Scholl has drawn for local, state and federal law enforcement agencies. To improve her work, she has taken college courses on art, interviewing and psychology.

Scholl spends at least two hours with victims and witnesses, and on occasion takes an entire day.

"The hardest thing," Scholl said,

A man never goes so far as when he does not know whither he is going.

—Oliver Cromwell

"is they give me a description of a vicious, mean facial expression. That may be what they looked like at the time, but I need what they look like in a normal situation."

"If it's a rape victim, the last thing I draw is the eyes. That could be the first time since the attack that they have come face to face with what happened."

After an arrest, Scholl said, she requests a photograph of the suspect to compare with her sketch to

enhance her skill for the next assignment.

Computers and composite drawing kits have added to the tools of a police sketch artist, but police officials say they will never replace the artists.

"A computer will never replace her," Smith said. "It can never do what an artist can do."

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