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Congress to ponder balanced budget amendment

By JIM ABRAMS
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WASHINGTON (AP) - Congress is preparing for the final stage in its debate over the balanced budget amendment, and a senior Republican said the drive to change the Constitution could come down to a single vote.

With approval by the Senate Judiciary Committee Wednesday, the amendment requiring a balanced federal budget by 2002 moves to the House and Senate floors. The House is scheduled to open debate first, on Jan. 23.

Republicans saw real hope of quick passage and smooth ratification by the needed three-fourths of state

HISD board told about curriculum

Hereford Independent School District trustees got a crash course in district curriculum during a strategic planning session Wednesday afternoon.

Trustees met for a pizza lunch before spending about two hours listening to assistant superintendents Corky Lockmiller and Nena Veazey and student services director Merlee McWehly brief them on the district's work in that field.

Joining the discussion were other administrators who deal with curriculum issues.

The discussion was held as a special meeting at the request of trustees.

During recent strategic planning sessions, the board set as one of its goals a review of district curriculum. Wednesday's meeting was part of work on that goal.

Before beginning her presentation, Mrs. Veazey told trustees that the overview would be brief, adding that she could speak for about five days just on the subject of school curriculum.

"Your fixing to get a whirlwind tour" of curriculum, she said, noting that "curriculum is learning and teaching."

The administrators reviewed work at each campus in the district, detailing current work and proposed plans for the future.

The plans regarding curriculum are taking from each school's Campus Improvement Plan created annually at the campuses.

The curriculum review was the only item facing trustees and no action was taken by the board.

Defendant fails to return to court trial

The defendant in a 222nd District Court trial failed to return to court Thursday morning for the punishment phase of the trial, after being found guilty Wednesday afternoon.

Judge David Wesley Gulley issued a warrant for arrest of Melinda Simons Bevers George, 23, and raised bond to \$1 million. She previously was free on \$10,000 bond.

George, convicted of delivery of a controlled substance, cocaine, did not appear in court when the punishment phase of the trial was to start at 9:30 a.m. Judge Gulley ordered that the trial continue without her presence and issued the warrant.

Deliberations on punishment began before noon Thursday.

The jury spent about 30 minutes in the guilt-innocence phase of the trial before returning the guilty verdict at 5 p.m. Wednesday.

After the guilty verdict was announced, Judge Gulley recessed court until 9:30 a.m. Thursday for the punishment phase of the trial.

Testimony by prosecution witnesses, including an undercover informant, alleged George passed cocaine to her husband who, in turn, gave it to the informant, Eugene McMorries. An audio tape, recorded from a wire worn by the informant, was played for the jury. McMorries also testified for the state.

No witnesses were called by the defendant's attorney, Rick Keffer of Amarillo. In his summation, Keffer claimed the prosecution's main witness, the informant, "is not reliable."

legislatures. "We have the opportunity now for the first time in history to really pass this amendment," said Sen. Strom Thurmond, R-S.C., who said he'd been promoting a balanced budget for most of his four decades in the Senate.

First, though, Congress has to finish work on another bill that is central to the Republican determination to change the face of government - a bill requiring the federal government to cover the costs of any laws and regulations it imposes on states and localities.

The House takes up the Unfunded Mandates Reform bill today while the Senate, slowed by a Democratic mini-filibuster over Republican attempts to rush the bill to passage, enters its fifth day on the bill with plans for a cloture vote to end debate.

The balanced budget amendment passed the Senate Judiciary Committee 15-3 after an eight-hour debate, but Chairman Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, warned that getting the two-thirds Senate majority, or 67 votes, needed for a constitutional amendment will be far harder.

"If this passes or loses it will probably be by one vote," he said. Hatch said he expected the Senate to debate the amendment for a week to 10 days and that it will be "a whale of a battle."

The Utah senator also gave notice to the House that its version, which includes a provision requiring a three-fifths majority vote for future tax increases, could doom passage of the amendment.

About 20 House supporters of the three-fifths provision met Wednesday to stress that it is needed to stop Congress from raising taxes to meet budget shortfalls. "If the patient has gangrene sometimes you have to amputate," said House Judiciary Committee Chairman Henry Hyde, R-Ill.

The GOP class of 74 freshmen is solidly behind the three-fifths rule, but several lawmakers, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Texas, told them in a private caucus that they should take the version without it if that was the only alternative.

Democrats are divided on the bill, with the Democratic leadership saying that more important than a constitutional amendment is telling the American public exactly what programs must be cut in order to balance the budget.

The Senate Judiciary Committee defeated, 12-5, a proposal by Sen. Russell Feingold, D-Wis., stating that Congress must lay out the details of how it will end deficits by 2002.



Unity Service participants

The Hereford Ministerial Alliance will sponsor a "1995 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Service" at 6 p.m. Sunday in First United Methodist Church, 501 N. Main. The Rev. Otto Schaufele, left, pastor of Christ Church Fellowship, will deliver the message on "Unity." Susie Merrick, right, will appear with the Church of the Nazarene children's choir to provide special music. Jeff Torbert, second from left, and Tom Simons will speak on their work with Promise Keepers and report on recent events of that group. In addition, a nursery will be provided and fellowship and refreshments offered after the service.

Petition opposes listing of Shiner as endangered

Petitions are being circulated in Hereford for residents to sign, registering their opposition to a proposal by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to designate the Arkansas River Shiner as an endangered species.

A hearing on the issue will be held in Amarillo next Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the Texas Agricultural Extension Service District Center, 6500 Amarillo Blvd. West.

Prior to the hearing, 87th District State Rep. David Swinford of Dumas has scheduled a news conference about the USF&WS proposal.

Swinford's news conference will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday in the north meeting hall of the Amarillo Civic Center.

Panhandle legislators are expected to voice their opposition to the federal agency's proposed listing at the preliminary hearing after the news conference.

Hereford City Commission members at their meeting Monday night suggested that citizens be given the opportunity to sign petitions to be forwarded to appropriate authorities.

Opposition to the designation of the Arkansas Shiner as endangered is centered on the impact the ruling would have on use of surface and ground water in the High Plains.

Fires still burning in battered Japan city

By ERIC TALMADGE
Associated Press Writer

KOBE, Japan (AP) - Firefighters, hampered by earthquake-shattered water mains, struggled today to put out fresh fires that swept through the ruins of this once-prosperous city.

Exhausted rescue crews worked around the clock using picks, shovels, crowbars and bare hands to move tons of debris in search of survivors.

National police said 849 people were still missing from Tuesday's quake. The death toll was 3,396 by this afternoon, and more than 16,000 were injured. More than 120,000 people were left homeless.

In Tokyo, the U.S. Embassy said a second American was killed - a female English teacher whose name wasn't released. Another American English teacher - Voni Lynn Wong, 24, of Los Angeles - also died in the quake.

Although it appeared few of those missing would be found alive, a 60-year-old woman was pulled virtually unscathed today from the wreckage of a four-story apartment building, where she had spent 46 hours trapped under the rubble.

"We've been working since last night," said Minoru Okubo, foreman of a 15-member construction crew. "We brought out two dead bodies, and this morning, one woman who was alive. She wasn't badly hurt at all."

The agony of Kobe, a western port city of 1.4 million, was tempered by civic pride among survivors that prevented all but scattered acts of looting. Strangers helped each other, merchants gave away free food, and volunteers joined in rescue efforts.

The National Meteorological Agency recorded nearly 800 aftershocks since the magnitude 7.2 quake. More than 80 of the aftershocks could be felt by humans.

Prime Minister Tomichi Murayama visited the area today and said the destruction "was much

worse than I had expected." He said the top priority was to save any people still alive after more than two days in the ruins.

"This became a disaster that nobody could even imagine," Murayama said.

At one shelter, hungry and frightened survivors wailed in terror after a strong jolt rocked the building before dawn today.

"I was a child when the city was destroyed during the war," said Shigemitsu Okino. "It looked a lot like this. The difference is, we could hear the planes coming, but the earthquake was silent."

Afraid of powerful aftershocks, some shopkeepers piled their wares out on the streets and sold them for a pittance. Some vegetable vendors simply gave food away for free.

Criticism grew that Japanese authorities were unprepared for the disaster despite the country's long experience with earthquakes. Defense officials rushed 7,000 troops to conduct relief operations and placed another 6,000 on standby alert.

In addition, 2,500 police from other regions were in Kyoto prefecture, which includes Kobe, and 2,500 more were to arrive today.

The agriculture ministry was rushing 3,000 tons of rice, 2.3 million loaves of bread and 700,000 boxed lunches to the Kobe area. Some emergency shelters were so short of food that they rationed just one fistful of rice to each refugee.

The government allocated \$1 billion for earthquake relief and rebuilding.

U.S. Air Force planes flew relief supplies to nearby Osaka today, where they were transported by land to Kobe. The shipments included 37,000 blankets for survivors, many of whom have spent two nights in freezing temperatures without heat or electricity.

A Swiss rescue team sent trained dogs to sniff for survivors.

'94 trade deficit on pace to be highest in history

By MARTIN CRUTSINGER
AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) - The nation's trade deficit climbed to \$10.53 billion in November, putting the country on track to suffer its worst trade deficit in history for 1994.

Today's Commerce Department report showed that the deficit in goods and services was up 4.3 percent from October's revised figure of \$10.10 billion as imports set a seventh straight monthly record.

U.S. exports, helped by a surge in commercial aircraft sales, climbed to an all-time high as well of \$61.16 billion, up 2.2 percent from October.

But imports were up an even larger 2.5 percent to \$71.69 billion, boosted in a part by a big jump in oil imports. The trade deficit is the gap between imports and exports.

With just one month to go, America's trade deficit in just goods was running at an annual rate of \$152.5 billion, which would be the worst performance in history, topping the old mark of \$152.1 billion set in 1987.

In another report today, the Labor Department said the number of Americans filing first-time claims for unemployment benefits dropped by a sharp 31,000 last week to 323,000, the lowest figure in three weeks.

In the past month, jobless claims have been exceptionally erratic, first posting big gains and now a big decline. Analysts said the labor market is essentially strong and blamed the large swings on problems in adjusting the figures during the holidays.

The country's worsening trade performance is coming at a time when the Clinton administration has been focusing more than ever before on America's need to be competitive in the global marketplace.

After its tough talk about Japanese trade barriers rattled global financial markets, the administration backed off and took a more conciliatory tone at last week's meeting between President Clinton and Japanese Prime Minister Tomiichi Murayama.

Instead of pressuring Japan to cut market-opening deals as he did at a failed summit a year ago, Clinton sought to emphasize the agreements that have been reached and gently prod the Japanese to be more forthcoming in long-stalled talks on autos and auto parts, which account

for almost two-thirds of the deficit with that country.

For November, the deficit with Japan dropped by 6.9 percent to \$6.19 billion, still the third highest deficit on record for any country. The trade gap with Japan is running at an annual rate of \$65.6 billion, far ahead of the 1993 record of \$59.1 billion.

The second biggest deficit was with China, an imbalance of \$2.89 billion in November. The Chinese trade gap was running at an annual rate of \$30 billion. Those two deficits account for more than half of the total with the world.

The government figures showed that even before Mexico's recent currency crisis, America's trade

performance with that country was deteriorating. The deficit with Mexico jumped to \$378 million, more than a fourfold increase from October as both imports and exports were at record highs.

For November, the \$1.3 billion rise in goods and service exports reflected a big \$661 million jump in sales of commercial aircraft and engines overseas.

On the import side, America's foreign oil bill shot up by 8 percent in November with half the gain reflecting higher prices and half coming from an increased volume. The country imported 7.65 million barrels of crude daily in November at an average price of \$15.31.

Cognac, flowers brought to grave to mark birthday

By SHAWN DONNAN
Associated Press Writer

BALTIMORE (AP) - Like a stately raven out of a misty night, a mysterious stranger wearing a dark coat and fedora swooped down on the grave of Edgar Allan Poe this morning to once again mark the poet's birthday.

Four hours after a midnight dreary, the stranger deposited a half-empty bottle of French cognac and three white roses on Poe's headstone.

"It's just so Poe-esque," said onlooker Chris Densham, a 30-year-old Poe devotee from Toronto, Canada. "It's something he would have written. It's a perfect tribute to this man."

Since 1949, a stranger has marked Poe's Jan. 19, 1809 birth with a half-bottle of Martell cognac and roses.

The wily visitors have remained anonymous even though crowds have sometimes gathered to wait for him. True Poe fans refuse to interfere out of respect, said Jeff Jerome, curator of the Edgar Allan Poe House and

Museum in Baltimore.

The three roses are thought to represent the poet, his wife, and her mother - all of whom are buried in the tiny, brick-walled Westminster Hall cemetery downtown.

The significance of the cognac is unknown. Although Poe was known for bouts of hard drinking, no one knows if he favored cognac.

The author of macabre tales such as "The Raven" and "The Fall of the House of Usher" died in 1849 after he was found deliriously wandering the city's streets.

The bespectacled younger man who left the tribute this morning appears to be replacing an older man who carried out the tradition for many years, Jerome said.

The stranger tipped his hat to the dozen people who waited all night with Jerome in the church adjacent to the cemetery.

"I've seen this tribute for many years," Jerome said, "and it never loses its magic."

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Local Roundup

Test registration scheduled

People no longer enrolled in a Texas public school, but who wish to register for the exit level TAAS test, and all those interested in taking the TEAMS test, may pick up a registration packet at Hereford High School, the district central office or the Region XVI Education Services Center in Amarillo. Test registration forms must be completed and returned in the pre-addressed envelope to be received in Iowa City, Iowa, no later than Feb. 14 to take the spring test. For more information call Sara Pesina at Hereford High School, 363-7620.

Clouds build Friday

Mostly clear weather Thursday night will be replaced by mostly cloudy skies Friday, forecasters report. The low overnight will be 20-25 degrees with light winds. A high in the mid-50s is expected Friday with south winds, 5-15. High temperature in Hereford Wednesday was 46 degrees. Low Thursday morning was a nippy 16 degrees.

News Digest

World/Nation

KOBE, Japan - Flames devour the remains of a shopping arcade in downtown Kobe, but hardened passersby barely look up. With the earthquake death toll topping 3,000, weary workers pull body after body from the rubble. Even now, a few are making it out alive. "We worked all night, and we found a woman - she wasn't badly hurt, just trapped," a rescuer says. The prime minister, whose relief effort is criticized as weak and late, tours the destruction.

LOS ANGELES - The world has heard them. Now the jury will, too. Chilling allegations that O.J. Simpson degraded, stalked and beat his ex-wife for years can be used as evidence in his murder trial, a judge ruled Wednesday.

NEW YORK - Most Americans think O.J. did it - and most don't care much about the case anymore, an Associated Press poll found.

More than half the respondents also said the jury should get a full accounting of O.J. Simpson's alleged history of wife abuse. Six in 10 said Simpson's fame would work in his favor at his trial, but half said the overwhelming media attention would work against him.

WASHINGTON - Congress prepared for the final stage in its debate over the balanced budget amendment, with a senior Republican saying the drive to change the constitution could come down to a single vote.

WASHINGTON - The line-item veto began showing up on White House wish lists when Ulysses S. Grant lived there. Now a Republican Congress may actually grant President Clinton the power to veto specific spending items without rejecting the entire bill that carries them. But not without a struggle.

WASHINGTON - The Clinton administration is headed toward limiting how long government information can be kept secret, but is backing off a plan to force officials to consider the public interest before stamping documents secret.

WASHINGTON - Some of the patients subjected to medical experiments with radioactive plutonium in the 1940s were selected even though they suffered from no chronic or terminal illnesses, government investigators have discovered.

MEXICO CITY - The peso's plunge may have scared away some investors, but it's a windfall for Mexican manufacturers, other investors and tourists whose dollars suddenly go further.

NEW ORLEANS - Celeste Keys, a few hours old, slept quietly in her mother's arms, reunited with the twin brother who was born a record 95 days earlier. Celeste's arms were curled up to her chest; her brother's were straight out front, his fingers spread.

"He always has his hands out," said their mother, Simone Keys. "We just say he's praising God all the time."

The Keys praise God, too - and their doctors, who kept Timothy alive after a difficult, premature birth and then delayed Celeste's birth until she was ready.

State

AUSTIN - In enforcing U.S. immigration policy along the Texas-Mexico border, the watchword should be "respect," say Gov. George W. Bush and the governors of several Mexican states.

Bush met Wednesday with five Mexican state governors, some of whom had attended his inauguration.

DALLAS - A Supreme Court ruling granting the right to sue over shriveling frequent-flyer benefits could unleash a wave of courtroom ire from millions of mile-hoarding travelers, who have hoarded their miles like so many Silas Marners. But they warn that those who feel wronged should not start planning their free vacations just yet. "I think this will be another romp in the financial park for the legal profession, and that'll be the most of it," said Michael Boyd, president of Aviation Systems Research Inc. in Golden, Colo.

WASHINGTON - A Job Corps contractor whose center was the subject of a critical Senate committee hearing circulated a memo to senators questioning the background of a former student before she testified about problems at the center.

AUSTIN - Texas has a new secretary of state: Tony Garza Jr., Gov. George W. Bush's first appointee to state office.

LUBBOCK - Election officials have braced for a record turnout Saturday as voters decide whether to build the Buddy Holly Special Events Center. Allies of the proposed arena say the city's existing coliseum is too small and run-down to accommodate big-name entertainment.

Police, Emergency Reports

Thursday's emergency services reports contained the following information:

HEREFORD POLICE

- A 25-year-old male was arrested on an out-of-town warrant.
- A mental case was reported in the 700 block of Thunderbird.
- Two reports of theft of service were filed in the 300 block of North 25 Mile Avenue.
- Assaults were reported in the 200 block of 16th Street; the 500 block of Blevins; and the 400 block of Avenue H.
- Burglary of a habitation was reported in the 200 block of Schley, where two VCRs were taken.
- Theft of beer was reported in the 900 block of East Park.
- Officers issued 11 traffic citations.
- There was one traffic accident.

DEAF SMITH SHERIFF

- A 24-year-old male was arrested for violation of probation.
- A 29-year-old male was arrested for driving while license suspended.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

- No calls.

EMS

- Ambulances on Wednesday ran on one fire stand-by and two medical runs.

PATIENTS IN HOSPITAL

- Richard Barrett, Adelina Davila, Sandra Davila, Julio Garcia, William LaComb, Hermelinda Longoria, Esmerelda Reyes.
- Donnie Owen, Maria Robinson, Robert Russell, Darlene Mendoza, Beatrice Torres, Hilda Vargas, Martina Ramos, Inf. Girl Ramos, Patricia Serrano, Inf. Girl Serrano.
- Kevin Willier, Bernadine Withar, Ray Reynosa.

Poll shows most Americans believe Simpson guilty, but bored with case

By **MIKE MOKRZYCKI**
Associated Press Writer
NEW YORK (AP) - Most Americans think O.J. did it - and most don't care much about the case anymore, an Associated Press poll found.

More than half the respondents also said the jury should get a full accounting of O.J. Simpson's alleged history of wife abuse. The judge allowed important abuse evidence Wednesday, after the poll was completed.

Six in 10 said Simpson's fame would work in his favor at his trial, and half said the overwhelming media attention would work against him.

The national telephone poll of 1,003 adults was taken Jan. 11-15 by ICR Survey Research Group of Media, Pa., part of AUS Consultants. It has a margin of error of 3 percentage points.

The survey began hours after the court released prosecutors' explosive claims that Simpson abused Nicole Brown Simpson

throughout their 17-year relationship. Simpson is accused of murdering his ex-wife and her friend Ronald Goldman on June 12.

Fourteen percent of the respondents said the murder charges against Simpson definitely are true, 43 percent said they're probably true, 14 percent said they probably weren't true and 4 percent said they definitely aren't true. Twenty-five percent said they didn't know or wouldn't answer.

Simpson was judged a bit more harshly by men than by women. Sixty-one percent of men and 53 percent of women said the charges definitely or probably were true.

The poll also showed that the public's interest in Simpson's case has slid sharply.

An ABC News poll in July found that 60 percent of Americans said they were following the case very closely or somewhat closely. Only 38 percent said the same when asked the identical question in the new AP poll.

Polls by the Times Mirror Center for the People & the Press found that 48 percent of Americans followed the Simpson story "very closely" when it first broke. That proportion dropped to 30 percent in September and 25 percent in October in Times Mirror polls.

In the AP poll, only 9 percent said they are still following the case very closely.

Asked what would better serve justice, 54 percent favored full disclosure to the jury of Simpson's alleged history of wife abuse; 35 percent said the jury should be shielded from abuse allegations that aren't directly related to the slayings.

Women were more inclined than men to favor disclosure of abuse allegations.

On Wednesday, Superior Court Judge Lance Ito ruled that several instances of violence in the Simpsons' marriage can be presented to the jury, including Simpson's no-contest plea to

wife-beating and his 1985 baseball-bat attack on her car.

Sixty-two percent of respondents said Simpson's celebrity as a football star, actor and sports commentator was likely to work in his favor at the trial, but 50 percent said publicity about the case will hurt him.

The poll also found that Americans put faith in DNA test results as evidence in court. With no murder weapon or known eyewitnesses, Simpson prosecutors are relying largely on scientific evidence.

Defense lawyers, in a risky move, announced earlier this month that they wouldn't try to keep the jury from seeing results of genetic tests on blood found at the crime scene and in Simpson's Ford Bronco. Instead, the defense will challenge the credibility of the results, alleging that police were sloppy in gathering and testing blood samples.

Six in 10 poll respondents said DNA results are as just as strong as fingerprint evidence.

First Bush appointee sails by committee

AUSTIN (AP) - Texas has a new secretary of state: Tony Garza Jr., Gov. George W. Bush's first appointee to state office.

"He brings a lot of class to this organization," said Bush.

He administered the oath of office to Garza Wednesday, after his appointment of the former South Texas judge easily won approval from the Democrat-dominated Senate.

"I believe we're going to have a smooth working relationship with the state Senate," said Bush, a Republican.

Garza said he felt "very awed" by his new post, citing Tuesday's inauguration of Bush to succeed Democrat Ann Richards.

"Fundamental to that magic moment when we had this transition

of power, this peaceful exchange of administration, is fair and open and free elections," he told the Senate Nominations Committee during his confirmation hearing, which took less than an hour.

Garza, 35, also will serve as senior adviser to Bush. He already has helped coordinate a meeting between the governor and the governors of Mexican border states.

The Nominations Committee voted unanimously to recommend Senate approval of Garza's appointment to the \$76,967 post. The full Senate then took about five minutes to confirm his nomination, 31-0.

Garza stumbled once during the committee hearing, when Sen. Gonzalo Barrientos asked him what percentage of eligible Texans are registered to vote.

Garza said he didn't have the "exact percentage." He later told reporters, "He caught me a little flat-footed there. ... I blanked on it."

Barrientos, who voted to confirm Garza, said he didn't consider that a major misstep.

"I don't think it's a big deal, but I'm sure he'll study up on that real quick," said Barrientos, D-Austin, the former Nominations chairman. Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock replaced him with a Republican, Sen. Teel Bivins of Amarillo, after Bush's election.

After being sworn in, Garza telephoned a reporter to give the percentage of those registered as 66 percent.

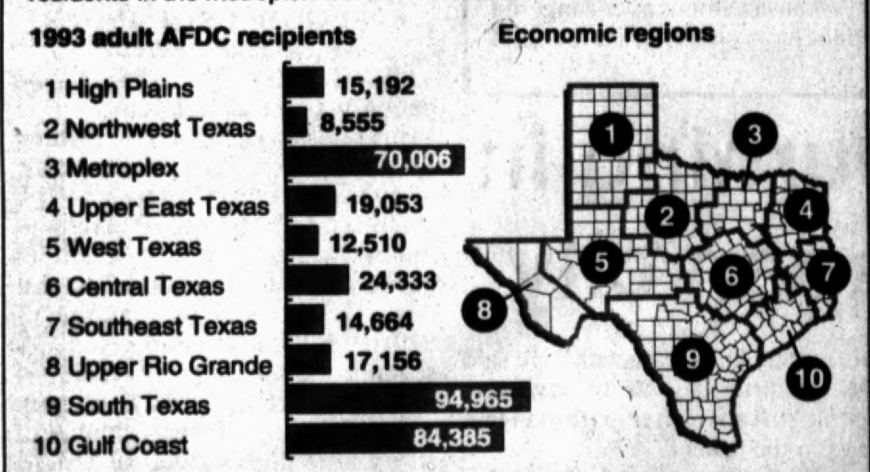
Garza said he wants to evaluate voter registration efforts, step up those that work and look at eliminating those that haven't.

He is the second Hispanic secretary of state, after Roy Barrera, who was appointed by Gov. John Connally in 1968. Garza succeeds Ron Kirk, who plans to run for Dallas mayor.

Keeping an eye on Texas

Texas adults receive AFDC payments

Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) payments totaled 360,819 adults in Texas in 1993. South Texas, which has the highest AFDC participation of any region, saw more than 6 percent of the population receiving AFDC assistance, while just over 3 percent of residents in the Metroplex were on AFDC.



SOURCES: John Sharp, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts; U.S. Bureau of the Census; Texas Department of Human Services and U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Weakened peso affects positively manufacturing, export business

By **SARA SILVER**
Associated Press Writer

MEXICO CITY (AP) - The crisis that weakened the peso by more than a third may have scared some investors away from Mexico, but it is a windfall for manufacturers and other investors.

It is especially good news for exporters, whose costs fell along with the peso, while their sales on the world market - in dollars, which are now worth more pesos - were unaffected.

"Anyone manufacturing in Mexico has been affected positively," said Richard Kidney, of El Paso-based Quality Manufacturing Services Inc.

HSB company reports income

First Financial Bankshares, Inc. Tuesday reported net income of \$3,506,000, or 70 cents per share, for the fourth quarter of 1994, bringing net income for the year ended Dec. 31, 1994, to \$13,112,000, or \$2.62 per share.

This compares to operating earnings of \$3,028,000, or 61 cents a share, for the fourth quarter of 1993 and \$12,725,000, or \$2.56 per share, for the year 1993. These amounts were restated to reflect the company's 1994 merger of Southwest Bank of San Angelo under the pooling of interest accounting method.

"The company enjoyed a good fourth quarter and a modest three

percent increase in net income for 1994, said Kenneth T. Murphy, chairman and chief executive officer. Assets of the company totaled \$1.013 billion at Dec. 31, 1944, compared to \$1.018 billion as restated for the prior year. Shareholders' equity at yearend totaled \$103.9 million, up from \$96.7 million the year before.

First Financial Bankshares is the parent company of seven affiliated banks, including First National of Abilene, Hereford State Bank, First National of Sweetwater, Eastland National Bank, First National in Cleburne, Stephenville Bank & Trust, and Southwest Bank of San Angelo.

make it cheaper to purchase more local supplies.

"This opens up the possibility of sourcing materials like steel from Mexican producers," he said.

Mexico's evaporating foreign reserves and abrupt abandonment of policies propping up the value of the peso on Dec. 20 set off a flight of stock investments and made Wall Street suddenly leery of Mexican stocks, which had been flying high in recent years.

But investing directly in Mexican industry has become a potentially attractive option.

"Those planning to invest are finding their dollars go 30 percent further," said Dean International's Conde. "This could actually boost U.S. corporate investment in Mexico."

The surprise drop in local costs should also boost Mexican exports, whose growth under NAFTA did not match that of its imports from the United States.

The government hopes the increased exports, combined with a cut in now-expensive imports, will help trim the trade deficit.

Several of Mexico's manufacturing giants are predicting their products will fare better on the world market because of the lower peso.

TAMSA, which makes steel tubing used in oil and gas production, announced that the peso devaluation should enhance its ability to compete in export markets.

Consumers benefit in number of cattle

DENVER (AP) - Cattle numbers are nearing a nine-year high, which could mean lower prices for consumers and more bad news for cattle ranchers this year.

The Denver-based National Cattlemen's Association predicts beef production will be 3 percent higher this year than in 1994, which was the highest level since 1986.

"Because price is inversely related to supply, consumers can expect lower beef prices in 1995," said economist Chuck Lambert, adding that the trend could continue into 1997.

Cattle numbers are estimated at 104 million this year, up from 102 million in 1994, Lambert said. The number should reach 107 million by 1997.

The prediction comes as cattle ranchers are trying to recover from "tremendous losses" in 1994, incurred primarily at the feedlots, said Bob Drake, president-elect of the cattlemen's association.

"Many, many pens were losing \$200 a head," the Davis, Okla., rancher said. "Multiply that times

200 and you get an idea of what those folks were losing."

The cow-calf segment was hurt in the fall when few cattle were sold, he said.

"We had some pretty drastic falls in late September through October," Drake said. "With a 500-pound calf, you could just knock off \$100 and that is your profit margin."

One bright spot for the industry is the easing of trade barriers, which will allow more beef to be shipped to Europe, Japan and Mexico. "The increase in exports will certainly have a stabilizing effect on domestic prices," Drake said.

The industry also is developing healthier products to compete with poultry and pork.

"This is where poultry and pork have really shined over the beef industry," the rancher said. "We're playing catch-up and working on this more."

"Too many of us, me included, are convinced that if you want beef, all we have to do is put it out there for you, but everyone is a little more health-conscious these days."

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Texas Lottery

By The Associated Press

No tickets correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said. The jackpot was worth \$4 million.

The numbers drawn Wednesday night from a field of 50 were: 15, 24, 31, 42, 43, and 49.

Lottery officials estimate the jackpot for Saturday night's game will be \$10 million.

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

3-1-9 (three, one, nine)

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Lifestyles

Batterman celebrates 80th birthday Sunday Christian craftsmen create furniture to support modest lifestyle of group

Mrs. LaVada Batterman will be honored on her 80th birthday with an open house on Jan. 22 at 519 Westhaven from 2-4 p.m.

Mrs. Batterman moved to Hereford from Nebraska with her husband Andrew S. Batterman and family in 1948. They farmed north of Hereford and Mr. Batterman did custom work until his death in 1988.

She worked at K-Bob's as a waitress for 15 years, retiring in 1986.

Hosts for the occasion are children Juanita and Jimmy Plunk, Little Elm; Fred and Betty Batterman, Dimmitt; Bob and Joanne Batterman, Ogallala, Neb.; Gene and Helmi Batterman, Hereford; Linda and Ralph Phillips, Amarillo; and Sandra Kincaid, Ponca City, Okla.

Friends are invited to enjoy this



LAVADA BATTERMAN happy occasion with members of the family. They request no gifts.

By JAMIE McILVAIN
The McAllen Monitor
ALAMO, Texas - The woodshop may not look like much.

The floor is dirt. A gas barbecue grill serves as a makeshift heater. A tree bursts through the roof.

But here in this rustic workplace seven miles north of the Rio Grande River, the craftsmen labor to help the poor.

The men and women who work in this wood shop call themselves the Bethany Craftsmen Furniture Makers.

For more than 20 years, they have been shaping slabs and trunks of Aspen pine into tables and chairs to finance their way of life as Christians.

The craftsmen live modestly - in trailers and small, wood-frame houses linked by dirt roads on a 15-acre compound. Forty-five people, including children, live together on this Christian settlement.

The compound serves as a community center for residents of the substandard rural subdivisions, or colonias, that line Tower Road.

About 100 students, from kindergarten to 10th grade, attend the tuition-free Bethany Christian School. Children without Medicaid receive health care on Thursdays, at a pediatrics clinic sponsored by The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio.

Canned goods from the Food Bank of the Rio Grande Valley are doled out to needy, local families. God is praised during Sunday morning worship services.

"We believe that the Lord wants us to really reach out to the poor," Pastor Mattie Baumgartner said. "That's our whole focus - outreach."

But to pay for it all, the furniture must be made.

Each month, Bethany craftsmen turn out about 20 chairs and three tables to be sold in Texas, Utah, Georgia and Colorado.

About half the proceeds support those who live in Bethany Community. The other half is used to keep the business going.

Some of the furniture winds up at the King Ranch Saddle Shop in Kingsville. Other pieces head to Santa Fe Furnishings in San Antonio's Ingram Park Mall.

Zapotec Art Southwest Spirit in Houston also carries the furniture, as well as Eclectic in Austin and Santa Fe Dallas in Mesquite.

The hand-made furniture - fit for a California hacienda or a Santa Fe

art gallery - doesn't come cheap.

A "wiggewood" bar stool, with a cowhide or basket-weave leather seat, sells for \$262.50 at the Bethany Shop and Retail Outlet in Alamo. A five-foot round table costs \$750. The outlet is located on the compound, 2.7 Mile South Alamo Road.

"We serve the poor, but we charge for the furniture," Baumgartner said. "None of the people that come to our church could ever afford the furniture. We can't afford it ourselves."

However, others are willing to pay the price, said Cindy Holland, owner of Santa Fe Furnishings in San Antonio.

"We sell all types of furniture, and I can honestly say that theirs is the number one thing we sell," she said.

Holland said typical buyers are middle- to upper-class residents of San Antonio who are furnishing a South Texas ranch, or a southwestern or contemporary-style Alamo City home.

The craftsmen work in two styles: wiggewood and lodge pole. They also do custom work.

Wiggewood chairs, with seats of wood or leather, resemble traditional, strait-back chairs. But the vertical slats of wood that make up these chair backs are wavy, providing an artistic flair.

Using a pattern, craftsmen trace the wavy bars onto a slab of pine. They cut out the bars with a band saw. The bars then are pressed against a whirling wheel for contouring.

Holes are drilled to fit the pieces together, and the pieces are assembled with glue and nails. The chairs are then stained with color - usually whitewash or an almond shade called natural.

"We try to keep everything uniform," chief craftsmen Rudy Gomez, 40, said. "You put your pattern on top of the wood and mark it out. It goes to the band saw section. And then there's a lot of sanding."

For a lodge pole bed, bark is stripped off tree trunks and a draw knife is used to shape the wood. Holes are drilled and the pieces are glued and nailed together.

"We try to make it look rustic," Gomez said, pointing to a queen-size lodge pole canopy bed whose posts stand 7-1/2-feet tall. "This is like a tree - all I did was take the bark off. People like it."

Gomez recalled a Colorado mountain

home to which he once delivered a bed.

"You knew the bed would fit right in it," he said. "It looked kind of lodge-like."

About 10 people work as craftsmen. Some of them are recent immigrants from Mexico and Central America who receive training at Bethany Community as carpenters before moving on to jobs in furniture factories across the nation.

The women who teach at Bethany Christian School become furniture makers, too, in the summer when school is out.

Baumgartner and Gomez dream of building up their business so they can expand operations to a Bethany church

in Nuevo Progreso, Tamaulipas, Mexico, where jobs are hard to come by, they say.

Ron McCall, resource development director for the Food Bank of the Rio Grande Valley, said Bethany's furniture-making enterprise is among the most innovative ways of fund-raising he has ever seen among nonprofit agencies.

"It shows that they are doing all they can to be self-supportive," McCall said. "That says a lot about them - that they are digging in and saying, 'We're going to do the best we can do with what we have.' It's a real grassroots effort."

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Ann Landers

DEAR ANN LANDERS: Your response to "Infuriated in Pittsburgh," who wrote about frivolous lawsuits, missed the mark.

I am the woman in California who sued her employer for assault and battery over exposure to secondhand smoke. As a result of working in a smoke-filled environment, I developed a permanent, disabling lung disease.

Rather than heed my requests and those of my doctors, my employer suggested that I wear a mask to work. I was laughed at and ridiculed and had smoke blown in my face--all while in such obvious respiratory distress that I frequently had to leave the office after only 10 minutes.

Exposure to secondhand smoke is NOT frivolous, Ann, nor is it necessary. It kills 53,000 Americans each year and disables many more. Secondhand smoke sends thousands of children to hospital emergency rooms every year with life-threatening asthma attacks.

People with respiratory disease are denied the right to enjoy public places such as restaurants, bars, theaters, nightclubs and bowling alleys if cigarette smoke is present.

Maybe if more people filed claims such as mine, we would see a lot less lighting up in public places. We would also be demonstrating to our children that smoking is definitely NOT cool. If logging the courts until insurance carriers refuse to offer coverage to places that allow smoking is what it takes to save lives, then I am proud to be first in line.--Andrea Portenier, Los Angeles

DEAR ANDREA: Thank you for having the courage to file a suit. There is plenty of evidence that non-smokers who live with smokers are indeed at risk.

We are now going to have a much more difficult time passing legislation that will protect us against secondhand smoke due to the Republican landslide. Our champion, Rep. Henry Waxman, former chairman of the House Sub-Committee on Health and

Environment, will most likely be replaced by a congressman who will be much more friendly to the tobacco industry. And this is only the beginning, folks.

DEAR ANN LANDERS: I'm a single woman, age 37, slim and attractive enough to be asked out frequently. Friends tell me I'm fun to be with and a good listener. I earn over \$60,000 a year.

My problem? I decided 10 years ago to save sex for marriage, and every man I have dated has lost interest when I've told him. I recently dated a man for a year. I was affectionate and caring and openly expressed my strong attraction to him. I drove an hour almost every weekend to join him and his two children at softball practice, miniature golf, etc. But he was very unhappy that I wouldn't sleep with him, and after a year, he lost all interest in me.

I'm very discouraged. I've begun to question my worth as a valued companion. Am I doomed to loneliness because I want to wait? Has our society really become so expectant of premarital sex that men now overlook the qualities they used to search for in a woman? What do you and your readers say?--Chaste in Boston

DEAR CHASTE IN BOSTON: I admire your adherence to high moral standards, but I am puzzled by something. You dated the gentleman for a year. He seemed like the perfect companion, and you got along very well with his children. Why, when you told him you were holding out for marriage, didn't he ask you to marry him? Frankly, I don't get it.

Ann Landers' booklet, "Nuggets and Doozies," has everything from the outrageously funny to the poignantly insightful. Send a self-addressed, long, business-size envelope and a check or money order for \$5.25 (this includes postage and handling) to: Nuggets, c/o Ann Landers, P.O. Box 11562, Chicago, Ill. 60611-0562. (In Canada, send \$6.25.)

Brandon Short on dean's list

Brandon Short from Hereford has been named to the Dean's Honor List for the fall 1994 semester at South Plains College in Levelland.

Students named to the Dean's Honor List must maintain at least a 3.25 grade point average while carrying the minimum fulltime load of 12 semester hours.

"We are very proud of the students names to SPC's honor lists," said Dr. James Taylor, Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs. "They are to be commended for their hard work and dedication to their studies."

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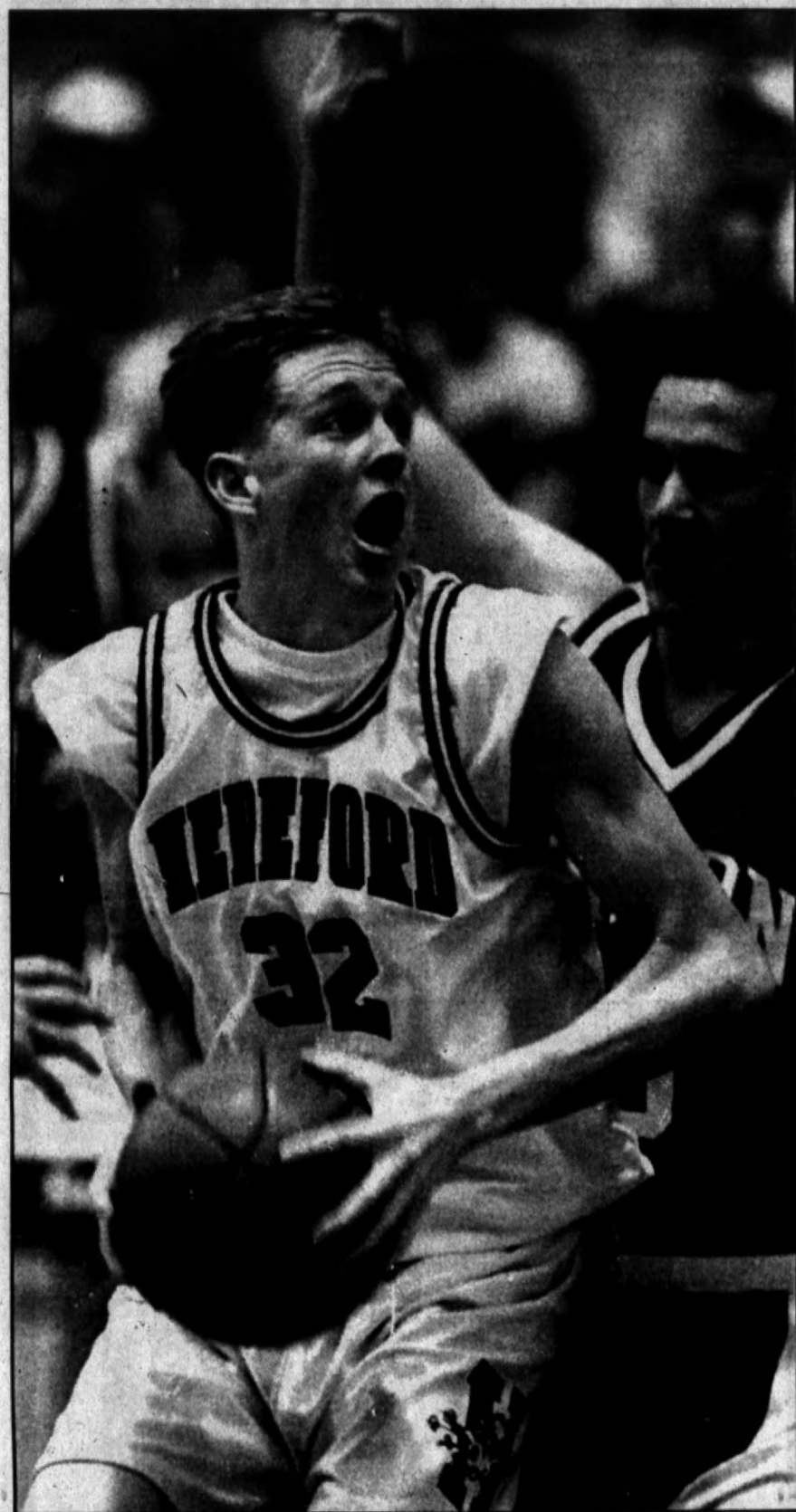
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Sports

Herd invades Pampa with district lead at stake



Leading the Herd

Hereford's Benton Buckley, shown posting up against Canyon, will take his 19.1 points per game and lead the Herd into Pampa for a District 1-4A basketball showdown. Hereford paces the district with a 4-0 record, 15-6 overall, while defending champion Pampa is second at 4-1 and 18-6.

Agassi wins in Australia

By DENNIS PASSA
Associated Press Writer
MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) - Andre Agassi, fast becoming a crowd favorite in his first Australian Open, routed French qualifier Jerome Golmard 6-2, 6-3, 6-1 today to advance to the third round.

Agassi, who will play Canada's Greg Rusedski on Saturday, was

greeted by one sign that said "C'mon, Andre, c'mon," which harkened to the "C'mon, Aussie, c'mon," slogan and song common at cricket and rugby matches.

Up 3-0 in the final set, Agassi blasted a 125 mph serve that just missed long. He lifted the sleeve of his multi-colored striped shirt over his right bicep and flexed it Popeye-like to the amused spectators.

"What a great reception," said Agassi, seeded second behind Pete Sampras. "I'm having the best time here. I'd love to win every Grand Slam that I can, and I'd love to win here."

Patrick McEnroe, who upset second-seeded Boris Becker in the first round, beat Britain's Jeremy Bates 6-3, 7-5, 6-3. McEnroe was treated for heat exhaustion after the match as the temperature soared into the 90s.

"It was the first really hot day, and a lot of the guys were struggling a bit," McEnroe said of his spectator-jammed Court 6 match at the National Tennis Center. "I felt the sun just beating on me."

The heat didn't bother Aaron Krickstein, who has survived far greater obstacles in his dozen years on the men's tour.

By JAY PEDEN
Sports Editor

The Pampa Harvesters—a perennial power in boys' basketball—on Friday will find themselves in the unusual position of playing a district showdown and coming in as the second-place team facing the undefeated district leader.

The Hereford Whitefaces find themselves in the unusual position of being that team.

Hereford, which had its open spot in the schedule Tuesday, is 4-0 in District 1-4A and 15-6 overall. Pampa is 4-1 and 18-6. They meet at 7:30 p.m. Friday in the Pampa High School gym.

The difference in the teams' league records is Canyon. The Eagles lost to Hereford, 79-78, in overtime Jan. 3, then came back in their next game to upset Pampa, 66-55.

Friday's doubleheader starts at 6 p.m. with the girls' game. It is a rematch of the district opener Dec. 12 in Hereford, which the Lady Whitefaces won, 56-35. Hereford is 3-3 in district and 15-8 overall; Pampa is 1-5 and 5-16.

The spotlight will shine on the boys, though. Pampa will be trying to defend its District 1-4A crown as well as its reputation. The Herd will be trying to take a major step towards its first playoff appearance since the 1976-77 season.

Beating Pampa might also be a first. In an informal survey of Athletic Director Danny Haney, former AD Don Cumpton and former basketball coach Cuby Kitchens, none could recall Hereford beating Pampa in boys' basketball. Hereford and Pampa have been in the same district since 1986.

The Herd goes into the game having won six in a row and 12 of its last 14.

"We've been playing with a lot of confidence," Herd coach Randy Dean said. "We ought to feel good about going in and playing them. It's the kind of game you put the uniform on for. It's why you get into athletics."

Pampa's strength is its quickness and its press defense.

"They thrive on the press," Dean said. "They force lots of turnovers, in bunches."

The Harvesters pressed Caprock to death Tuesday, winning 106-44. (Hereford beat Caprock 72-69 the Friday before.) Dean attended the Caprock-Pampa game, and he said Hereford won't use the same strategy as Caprock.

"What we saw was the way you cannot play against Pampa," Dean said. "Caprock tried to force the ball up the floor against the press, and they had turnover after turnover. We'll need to attack the press more under control."

Pampa's top players are 5-foot-10-inch guard Rayford Young, 5-11 guard Duane Nickleberry and 6-1 forward Coy Laury. Dean describes them simply: "Quick, quick, quick." Both guards are good outside shooters, Dean said, while Young is Pampa's best three-point shooter.

One thing Pampa doesn't have is a true center.

"Because of not having the big guy inside, they try to spread you out on offense and use their quickness to beat you to the basket," Dean said.

Benton Buckley is Hereford's leading scorer at 19.1 points per game. The Herd has two other players

averaging double figures: Isaac Walker at 11.8 and Michael Brown at 10.8. Walker also is pulling down 6.5 rebounds per game.

Junior varsity games also will be played Friday in Pampa: the boys at 6 p.m.; the girls at 7:30. There will be no sophomore boys game Friday.

The freshman boys' teams will host Canyon Saturday in Whiteface Gym. The B game will be played at 10 a.m., and the A game will follow at 11:30.

The freshman girls will play at Canyon at 10 a.m. Saturday.

On Monday, the freshman girls will host Dumas at 6 p.m., and the junior high boys teams will host Borger, with games starting at 5:30 and 6:45. The freshman boys play at Dumas, and the junior high girls will play at Borger. The seventh grade girls will also play their district tournament starting today in Pampa.

The Hereford sophomore boys' team beat Amarillo High 54-40 Monday in Whiteface Gym. Trip Robison led Hereford with 21 points, and Rob Reinauer scored 12.

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49ers' Plummer eager to face old teammates

By DENNIS GEORGATOS
AP Sports Writer

SANTA CLARA, Calif. (AP) - Gary Plummer left San Diego for the San Francisco 49ers convinced it was his best chance for a Super Bowl ring. Now, the only remaining obstacle to his goal is his old team.

"It's the ultimate for me," said Plummer, who spent eight years with the Chargers and maintains an offseason home in San Diego. "Not only to be making it to the Super Bowl, but to also end up playing the Chargers."

So far, Plummer is 1-0 against his former team. He and the 49ers beat San Diego 38-15 on Dec. 11, and the 49ers are heavily favored in the Jan. 29 Super Bowl at Miami.

"It was a very emotional game at Jack Murphy Stadium, probably as excited as I'd ever been for a game," said Plummer, a community activist in San Diego who was one of the team's most popular players during his stay with the club.

"I can't imagine being more excited for the Super Bowl. Yet, I do have that extra incentive to prove that I made the right decision," said Plummer, a run-stuffing linebacker who came to San Francisco to be part of the 49ers' free agent-fortified defense.

In a good-natured boast after last month's win at San Diego, Plummer declared he couldn't wait to come back home after San Francisco's season ended so he could show off a Super Bowl ring to neighbors, friends and former teammates.

San Diego reached its first Super Bowl with an AFC title win at Pittsburgh, while San Francisco earned a fifth try for the Vince Lombardi Trophy by beating two-time Super Bowl defending champion Dallas in the NFC title game.

"It was less enjoyable to win the NFC championship, for me personally, because what I started thinking about right away was there was absolutely no way I could move back to San Diego if I don't go back there with a Super Bowl ring," Plummer said. "I'd probably make my home in the Bay area. I don't know if I could face those guys day in day out after talking the talk and not being able to walk the walk."

At the same time, Plummer said he doesn't think it's going to be easy. And he said it would be a mistake to read too much into the 49ers' 23-point regular-season win over the Chargers. San Francisco is anywhere from a 17-point to 20-point Super Bowl favorite.

"They are a lot healthier," Plummer said. "They didn't have one of their starting guards, their starting H-back and their starting tight end, all of whom are extremely important in their running game. They are back to full strength in that regard, and that has been the strength of the Chargers, what got them out to a 6-0 start."

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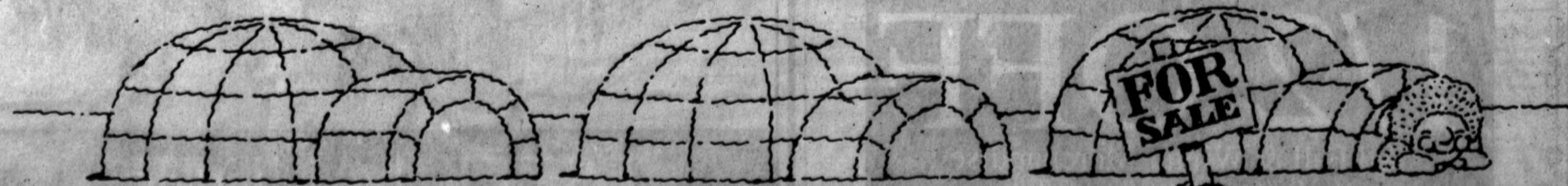
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'Horns, Raiders roll to SWC wins

By JAIME ARON
AP Sports Writer

Despite losses in their South-west Conference openers, Texas and Texas Tech are showing they won't be left out of the league race.

Tom Penders had his Longhorns running Wednesday night and they left Southern Methodist in the starting gate, handing the Mustangs their second-worst loss in school history and worst-ever at home 100-59.

Jason Sasser helped Tech end eight years of frustration at Hofheinz Pavilion as he scored 16 second-half points to catapult the Red Raiders to an 84-66 victory over Houston.

With their victories, Tech and Texas are 2-1 in league play and join Texas Christian in a three-way tie for second in the SWC behind Rice. The Owls are 3-0 after beating Texas A&M 66-62 Tuesday night.

TCU dropped into that tie Wednesday night by losing 98-90 to Baylor.

But the story of the night was Texas' eruption against an SMU squad that already had set the dubious Moody blowout record earlier this season with a 97-58 pasting by Kansas.

The Mustangs simply withered under the hot shooting of UT guards Terrence Rencher (22 points), Reggie Freeman (19 points, four 3-pointers) and Roderick Anderson (17 points), and the Ponies couldn't handle Texas' fullcourt press.

Texas (9-3) used its tenacious defense to trigger a 17-0 run as it built a 51-23 halftime lead.

"We got our press going early and SMU didn't have a chance," said Tremaine Wingfield, who had 15 points.

Jabari Hearn, who made five 3-pointers, was SMU's top scorer with 19 points followed by Jemeil Rich who added 12.

The Mustangs (4-10, 1-2) had 27 turnovers and shot only 37 percent from the field.

The Red Raiders (7-6) won on the Cougars' home court for the first time since a 92-91 double-overtime victory during the 1985-86 season and ended a current six-game losing streak.

Things began poorly for Tech as Sasser scored only six first-half points and Houston (3-12, 0-3) took a 32-29 lead 6:38 before halftime.

Then the Red Raiders went on a 16-6 run to lead 45-38 at intermission, followed by an 11-0 second-half charge that blew the game open.

"I just put up two quick fouls so I had to sit on the bench (in the first half)," said Sasser, who had 22 points and 10 rebounds. "I came out in the second half and felt confident that I could score."

Mark Davis and Lance Hughes each scored 19 points for Tech, which shot a season-high 59.6 percent from the field.

Hughes was the most accurate of all, hitting all seven field goals, including all three 3-pointers he tried.

"I think I went out knowing I was kind of hot," Hughes said.

TCU (10-5) has been held in the conference race by Kurt Thomas, but the talented senior was ejected with 7:54 left for elbowing Rodrick Miller in the mouth after Miller fouled him from behind on a dunk attempt.

"I was off balance," Thomas said. "I didn't even see him. I was just trying to catch myself from falling."

Thomas left with 20 points and 13 rebounds, but he was needed down the stretch when the Bears (6-9, 1-2) held off a late Horned Frog surge.

Audre Branch led Baylor with six 3-pointers and 27 points. David Hamilton added 25.

Jazz threatens road-win record

By The Associated Press

The four-game road trip that began disastrously ended perfectly for the Utah Jazz.

After losing starting center Felton Spencer for the season at Boston, the Jazz went on to win that game and three more, extending their road winning streak to 14. With a 99-86 victory over Detroit on Wednesday night, Utah is two games shy of matching the 1971-72 Lakers' NBA record string.

But tying the Lakers, who won 16 straight road games during their incredible 33-game victory run, will be tough. Utah will have to win at Seattle and at Houston later this month to do it.

Beating a Pistons team that had only nine healthy players was hard enough for the Jazz, who needed a 17-point third quarter from Karl Malone to break the game open.

"It's tough to win like this on the road, because you can't play great every night," said Malone, who finished with 31 points and 11 rebounds.

In other games, it was Miami 121, Boston 93; Charlotte 111, San Antonio 110; Philadelphia 92, Atlanta 80; Indiana 106, the Los Angeles Lakers 105; Orlando 108, Dallas 97; Milwaukee 97, Chicago 93; the Los Angeles Clippers 92, Cleveland 83.

A 14-2 run in the third quarter put Utah ahead by 15 with 5:24 left in the period. Joe Dumars scored five straight points to help the Pistons get to 78-69 early in the fourth, but Jamie Watson and Antoine Carr ended their hopes with back-to-back three-point plays.

"It looked to me like we respected the Jazz a little too much," Pistons coach Don Chaney said. "They are a very good team, and I understand that, but we have got to compete."

Jeff Humeck added 14 points, and John Stockton had 11 points and eight assists.

Rafael Addison led the Pistons with a career-high 23 points, while Dumars had 20 and reserve Allan Houston 17.

The Pistons dressed only nine players for the game. Among the injured are No. 2 scorer Grant Hill, Oliver Miller, Mark Macon, Lindsey

Hunter, Mark West and Negele Knight.

Heat 121, Celtics 93

Miami returned from a 1-5 road trip to hand Boston its worst loss of the season.

Kevin Willis had 25 points and 18 rebounds for the Heat, which shot 58 percent for the game and never trailed. Glen Rice added 20 points and Billy Owens 18.

Dino Radja led the Celtics with 25 points, and Sherman Douglas had 19. The Celtics were hurt by 19 turnovers, while Miami committed only seven.

76ers 92, Hawks 80

Philadelphia broke a nine-game losing streak by starting fast and finishing strong at Atlanta.

The 76ers took control with runs of 17-2 in the first quarter and 16-2 in the second. The Hawks closed within six points three times in the final period, but got no closer.

Clarence Weatherspoon scored 26 points and Dana Barros 24 for Philadelphia, which won for the first time since a 101-94 decision at Portland on Dec. 26.

Steve Smith paced Atlanta with 16 points.

Pacers 106, Lakers 105

Derrick McKey hit the winning basket with 39 seconds left and scored a season-high 24 to help Indiana hold off Los Angeles.

The visiting Lakers, who trailed by 11 with 8:39 to go, rallied to take their only lead of the night on a 3-pointer by Nick Van Exel, who finished with 30 points.

Reggie Miller scored 19 for Indiana, including four 3-pointers. The Pacers played without center Rik Smits, who had the flu.

Bucks 97, Bulls 93

Milwaukee got 24 points from rookie Glenn Robinson and 23 from Vin Baker to snap a 16-game losing streak at Chicago.

Todd Day added 19 points for the Bucks, who last won there in 1988.

Steve Kerr had a season-high 19 points for Chicago, which lost its fourth straight. Toni Kukoc added 16 and Scottie Pippen 15.

Hornets 111, Spurs 110

Larry Johnson's layup with 14 seconds left gave Charlotte its ninth victory in 10 games.

The Hornets blew a 22-point lead in the second half to fall behind 110-109 before Johnson, who had 24 points, made his basket. Alonzo Mourning then blocked a shot by David Robinson, who scored 42, to preserve the win.

Magic 108, Mavericks 97

Shaquille O'Neal registered his fifth 40-point game this season, scoring 42 to lead Orlando at Dallas.

O'Neal overpowered the smaller Mavericks inside, converting 10 of his first 11 shots and 17 of 25 overall as the Magic won its ninth game in the last 10 outings.

Jamal Mashburn scored 29 points to lead the Mavericks, who lost for the third time in their last four games. Jim Jackson added 23 points and Popeye Jones had 10 points and 19 rebounds for Dallas.

Clippers 92, Cavaliers 83

Los Angeles broke a six-game losing streak by beating Cleveland, which has suddenly hit a skid of its own.

Malik Sealy scored seven of his 20 points in the fourth quarter to help fuel the Clippers' third victory in 16 games.

Chris Mills scored 19 points for the punchless Cavaliers, who have lost five of eight following their club record-tying 11-game winning streak. The Central Division leaders have dropped back-to-back games on the road and fell into a tie with Charlotte for the Central Division lead.

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No. 3 Tar Heels hold off Cavaliers

By The Associated Press

The Virginia Cavaliers, impressive away from home this season, saw their road run end in a building where they have never had any success.

Third-ranked North Carolina held off No. 18 Virginia 79-76 Wednesday night, the Tar Heels' 14th straight victory over the Cavaliers in Chapel Hill and their 10th in as many meetings in the Dean Smith Center.

The two teams came in with consecutive Atlantic Coast Conference road victories over Florida State, North Carolina State and Duke, with an impressive defensive home win over Clemson thrown in.

"I think they had begun to get a little cocky, and we definitely didn't want them to come into our house and feel like they were going to sneak a victory from us," North Carolina forward Jerry Stackhouse said. "We were definitely keyed up for this game."

The Tar Heels (13-1, 4-1) led by 14 points midway through the second half, but the Cavaliers (10-4, 4-1) trailed just 78-76 with 25 seconds to play. Pearce Landry's free throw made it a three-point game, and Virginia was unable to connect on three shots in the final seconds, the last a 3-pointer by Harold Deane with five seconds to play.

"A 3-point loss to Carolina - we felt we should have won the basketball game. That's the bottom line," Virginia forward Junior Burrough said. "You don't go out to play good, you don't go out to have moral victories in the ACC."

In other games involving ranked teams Wednesday night it was No. 5 Kentucky 82, Mississippi 65; No. 7 Kansas 78, Kansas State 74; No. 9 Arkansas 84, Georgia 82; No. 12 Michigan State 93, Northwestern 56; No. 14 Iowa State 70, Creighton 52; No. 16 Missouri 86, Jackson State 72;

and No. 24 Florida 71, South Carolina 59.

The victory gave North Carolina, which missed four of eight free throws in the final minute, a 6-0 mark against ranked teams this season and Dean Smith's 62-16 record against Virginia.

Donald Williams led the Tar Heels with a season-high 23 points and Rasheed Wallace added 21. Stackhouse, the ACC's leading scorer at 21.5 per game, was held to a season-low eight points. He finished 2-for-13 from the field.

Burrough scored 18 of his 22 points in the second half and tied his career high with 14 rebounds. Deane finished with 20 points.

No. 5 Kentucky 82, Mississippi 65
Rodrick Rhodes had 23 points and Tony Delk 18 as the Wildcats (11-2, 5-0 Southeastern Conference) pulled away late for the victory at The Pyramid in Memphis, Tenn.

Kentucky, which missed its first 13 3-point attempts and finished 3-for-16 from beyond the arc, used an 11-3 run for a 64-52 lead with 6:14 left. Anthony Boone had 15 points to lead the Rebels (5-9, 1-4), who led 34-33 at halftime.

No. 7 Kansas 78, Kansas St. 74
Sean Pearson scored all 14 of his points in the second half, including the decisive 3-pointer that gave the Jayhawks (12-2, 2-1 Big Eight) a 74-69 lead with 2:22 to play.

Belvis Noland had a career-high 23 points for the visiting Wildcats (10-6, 1-3) including the basket that made it 69-69 with three minutes to play as Kansas State erased a 10-point second-half deficit. Kansas State committed 23 turnovers, while the Jayhawks had 20.

No. 9 Arkansas 84, Georgia 82
Scotty Thurman made three free throws in the final 30 seconds and

finished with 21 points as the Razorbacks (14-3, 3-2 SEC) remained unbeaten at Walton Arena.

Thurman missed a free throw with 8.2 seconds left, but Georgia (11-4, 2-3) missed badly on a final heave at the buzzer. The Razorbacks, who were led by Corliss Williamson's 22 points, had a 10-point lead with 11 minutes to play. The Bulldogs closed within one twice as Curtis Carrington scored 13 of his 15 points in the second half.

No. 12 Michigan St. 93, Northwestern 56

Shawn Respert scored 16 points to move into second place on Michigan State's career scoring list. He is 116 points behind Steve Smith, who finished his career with 2,263. The Spartans, who lead the Big Ten in shooting percentage and are seventh nationally, shot 60 percent for the game and were led by Eric Snow's 21 points. Kenneth Lee led the visiting Wildcats (4-9, 0-4) with 17 points.

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Area museums highlight history of towns

By CATHY FRYE
Lubbock Avalanche-Journal
TULIA, Texas - "Find the past here."
So proclaims a sign that hangs just outside the Swisher County Museum, which is located in one of downtown Tulia's brick buildings. Inside, visitors leisurely browse through tattered bits of this South Plains town's ranching and farming history. Tiny signs above the cowboy paraphernalia describe the hardships of early pioneers.
"(This museum) was the dream of a lot of the older people here," said Billie Sue Gaylor, the museum's director. "But we have a lot of out-of-town and out-of-state visitors."
Swisher County, with 8,133 residents, is only one of the many small, rural counties in this part of Texas. Such counties are composed of sparsely populated towns, such as Lockney, Floydada, Ralls and Hale Center to name a few, where many of the residents are descendants of the Plains' first settlers.
But these small-town museums, with their hodge-podge collections and charmingly haphazard displays, now are of interest to Texans hailing from Corpus Christi to Dallas.
"Maybe it's the downtown, down-home, rural welcomes," Ms. Gaylor muses. "Or maybe they're drawn here because we're smaller, and

we're just a little closer to the culture of it."
Or perhaps it is because such museums offer what big-city ones can't - personal accounts from people who still live where their ancestors once did, said Nancy Marble, president of the Floyd County Historical Museum's board of directors.
"I think you'll find that rural county museums are almost unique in the sense that no two of them are alike," she explained.
But a renewed interest in antiques and other "old things" is what brings visitors from all over the state to Ralls, a city of 2,500, said Georgia Enipp, the executive director at the Ralls Historical Museum.
"We get quite a few out-of-towners," she said proudly. "You'd be surprised by the number who see signs on the highway."
Some visitors come to look up their ancestors or to trace their family histories, she said, describing one man's excitement at finding his relatives' belongings on display.
"It just thrilled him to know that they had left this, that or the other. He was just tickled to death," Ms. Enipp said.
The Ralls museum was created by descendants of John R. Ralls, who founded the town. It is housed in the largest of more than two blocks of

business houses built by Ralls.
When entering the Ralls museum, the first thing most visitors see is a china platter that belonged to Aunt Hank Smith. Next, they'll see a history detailing John Ralls' influence here and a display case full of Santa Fe Railroad memorabilia.
Most of the rural museums around here get their display items from families who want to ensure that others will remember the contributions made by various ancestors.
"(A museum) is the best way to preserve that history," Ms. Enipp explained, adding that the Ralls museum has been around since 1970.
And it is true that the stories, romances and tragedies of many settlers are carefully detailed in these houses of history.
There is, for example, "A Romance at Old Emma," an early settlement in Crosby County.
Visitors to the Ralls museum can read about how a young man threatened with "galloping consumption" moved here and fell in love with an "Incomparable Lady."
"Katherine went with me on this 60-mile ride - she carried a pistol, too, 'cause we were not then married yet," the young pioneer wrote.
An accompanying photo shows a striking young woman wearing a cowboy hat and the above-mentioned menacing pistol strapped around her waist with a heavy leather strap.
Upstairs, several rooms have been decorated to resemble an old home, general store, doctor's office and beauty parlor. A musty odor hovers as visitors traipse through a long hallway, peering into each room. Items on display in these rooms include braided rugs, an old cook stove and a permanent wave machine that was once a part of what appears to have been a rather painful beauty process. And in the general store, six long shelves hold everything from old medicine bottles to yellowing flour sacks.
Maintaining a museum such as the one at Ralls isn't always easy, most directors said. Most rely on grants,

Ms. Enipp said, adding, "That's what really keeps it going."
But sometimes, smaller museums must struggle to get by financially, and, as Ms. Gaylor put it, "You're just hanging on by your fingernails most of the time."
Unlike the looming museums found in large cities, memberships and donations don't provide the needed funds, both women said.
And it is usually possible to pay only one full-time worker, Ms. Gaylor said. Mainly, these museums rely on volunteers.
The Floyd County Historical Museum has only two part-time workers and is open only in the afternoons. Other smaller museums also must limit

their hours of operation - some are open during very specific hours and others by appointment only.
"It's been a volunteer effort from the very beginning," Marble said.
Floyd County's museum, located in Floydada, is housed in one of the city's earliest brick buildings. Its hardwood floors creak as visitors slowly make their way to each display.
Accompanying the protesting floor is the soothing voice of Evelyn Queen, an 84-year-old hostess at the museum. Ms. Queen has a story for each item on display, every photo hung from wooden walls. One benefit to visiting these tiny museums is the personalized attention visitors receive. Employees like Ms. Queen turn tours into

fascinating story-telling sessions.
An avid history buff, Ms. Queen enjoys her job at the museum and nothing pleases her more than to spend an afternoon regaling visitors with tales of long-gone days.
"I love history, so I really love for people to come in," she said, as the interview ended, only to reopen when Ms. Queen realized she had not yet described the tragic history of an early Floyd County settlement called Della Plain.
Her eyes widened and her voice dropped another octave as she began.
"Oh, it is the saddest story ..."
Distributed by The Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) - Cybill Shepherd says there is life after 40. For one thing, there's great, er, sex.
"They used to say 35 was a woman's sexual prime," the 44-year-old actress said in the Jan. 20 issue of Entertainment Weekly. "Listen, 40 is when it really starts to get good. Oh, honey!"
In her new CBS sitcom, "Cybill," which is loosely modeled on Shepherd's real life, she plays an actress who is also a single mother with two daughters by different fathers. The twice-divorced Shepherd, co-executive producer of the

show, has a 15-year-old daughter by her first husband and 7-year-old twins by her second.
"My age is the best time it is to be a woman," she said. "It used to be middle-aged women just seemed to vanish. Look at me."
The former "Moonlighting" star lives with 46-year-old musician Robert Martin, whom she met when he joined her cabaret singing tour.
He who receives a benefit with gratitude repays the first installment on his debt. -Lucius Annaeus Seneca

Television

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2	Movie: Dark Horse	(1992) Ed Begley Jr., Mimi Rogers	Movie: Dragnet	Jack Webb *** 1/2	Movie: Higher Ground	(1988) John Denver, Meg Wittner	News	Ent. Tonight	Mad You	Friends	Seinfeld	Mad You	ER
3	MacNeil/Lehrer Newshour	Around the World	Mystery!	Movie: Play Misty for Me	(1971) Clint Eastwood ***	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News
4	Boss?	Boss?	NBA Basketball	New York Knicks at Houston Rockets	Movie: Six Degrees of Separation	Stockard Channing	Movie: Born Yesterday	Melanie Griffith	Movie: Consenting Adults	News	News	News	News
5	News	Wh. Fortune	My So-Called Life	Matlock	Day One	Invitation to Life	Stage Door	Cap-News	Midpoint	News	News	News	News
6	Lifestyle	Faith in Free	Joy-Music	Campbells	Spirituality of Captivity	News	Night Court	Simon & Simon	News	News	News	News	News
7	Love Con.	Jeffersons	Movie: Haulin' with the Homeboys	(1991) *** 1/2	News	48 Hours	Star Trek: Next Gener.	Star Trek: Next Gener.	M*A*S*H	News	News	News	News
8	News	Coach	Due South	Eye to Eye	Star Trek: Deep Space 9	Star Trek: Next Gener.	Star Trek: Next Gener.	Star Trek: Next Gener.	M*A*S*H	News	News	News	News
9	Roseanne	M*A*S*H	Martin	Single	New York Undercover	College Basketball UCLA at Arizona	Sportsctr.	Sportsctr.	Stallion	News	News	News	News
10	Sportsctr.	College Basketball	Louisville at North Carolina-Charlotte	College Basketball UCLA at Arizona	Movie: Honeymoon	Movie: Six Degrees of Separation	Stockard Channing	Movie: Born Yesterday	Melanie Griffith	Movie: Consenting Adults	News	News	News
11	Waltons	Shade	Shade	Rescue 911	700 Club	Movie: Weekend at Bernie's II	PG	Movie: Night of the Running Man	R	Comedy	Inside the NFL	News	News
12	Movie: Remains-Day	Movie: Fearless	(1993) Jeff Bridges, Isabella Rossellini *** R	(20) Movie: Poetic Justice	*** 1/2 R	Movie: Remains-Day	Movie: Fearless	(1993) Jeff Bridges, Isabella Rossellini *** R	(20) Movie: Poetic Justice	*** 1/2 R	News	News	News
13	American	News	Loretta Lynn & Friends	Music City Tonight	Club Dance	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News
14	Bay, 2000	Next Step	Mysterious	Magical	Movie Magic	Know Zone	Beyond 2000	Mysterious	Magical	Movie Magic	News	News	News
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16	Design. W.	Design. W.	Unsolved Mysteries	Movie: In Self Defense	(1987) Linda Purl ***	Unsolved Mysteries	Unsolved Mysteries	Unsolved Mysteries	Unsolved Mysteries	Unsolved Mysteries	Unsolved Mysteries	Unsolved Mysteries	Unsolved Mysteries
17	Press Box	Sportsstalk	NBA Basketball	New York Knicks at Houston Rockets	NBA Action	Award	Press Box	Press Box	Press Box	Press Box	Press Box	Press Box	Press Box
18	In the Heat of the Night	Lonesome Dove	Movie: The Letter	Bette Davis *** 1/2	Movie: Perry Mason	Glass Coffin	Movie: Huck	Movie: Huck	Movie: Huck	Movie: Huck	Movie: Huck	Movie: Huck	Movie: Huck
19	Doug	Looney	Jeannie	Bewitched	I Love Lucy	M.T. Moore	Taxi	Taxi	Newhart	Van Dyke	Dragnet	Dragnet	Dragnet
20	Wings	Wings	Murder, She Wrote	Movie: First Blood	(1982) Sylvester Stallone ***	Tekwar	Tekwar	Tekwar	Tekwar	Tekwar	Tekwar	Tekwar	Tekwar
21	Volver a Empezar	Agujetas Rosa	Marimar	Bienvenidos	Bienvenidos	Bienvenidos	Bienvenidos	Bienvenidos	Bienvenidos	Bienvenidos	Bienvenidos	Bienvenidos	Bienvenidos
22	Secrets of Technology	Great Battles of Civil War	Battles	Warriors	Ancient World	Great Battles of Civil War	Battles	Battles	Battles	Battles	Battles	Battles	Battles
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Comics

The Wizard of Id

by Brant Parker & Johnny Hart

IN THE EVENT OF MY DEATH, I'D LIKE TO DONATE MY ORGANS. VERY GOOD...

...LET'S START WITH YOUR LIVER... WHERE WOULD YOU LIKE THAT SENT?

THE NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE.

Marvin

By Tom Armstrong

WHAT'LL IT BE, MARVIN... REGULAR OR UNLEADED?

FORTIFIED WITH IRON AND MINERALS. FORMULA.

BLONDIE

by Dean Young & Stan Drake

WHAT'S SPICY CHICKEN THIS? SPICY CHICKEN... TRY ONE. WOW! THEY'RE REALLY HOT AND SPICY! I NEED A COLD DRINK.

AH! THAT'S BETTER... MY MOUTH WAS BURNING.

NOW MY MOUTH IS SO COLD I NEED ANOTHER WING. THE PROBLEM'S GOING TO BE BREAKING THE CYCLE.

BEETLE BAILEY

By Mort Walker

ALL YOU CAN EAT #5. ALL YOU CAN EAT #5. OUT OF BUSINESS.

Barney Google and Snuffy Smith

By Fred Lasswell

NOW!! TO WARM UP SNUFFY'S BODACIOUS CHILI!!!

Bareroot roses being planted in the Sun Belt

By JAMES E. WALTERS
PHOENIX (AP) - Bareroot roses already are being planted in the Sun Belt.

Although that may sound bizarre in areas where winter's worst is still likely, it is a reminder to check timing everywhere and, if you've moved, to double-check techniques for the new place.

Mid-December through January, for example, is the best planting time for new roses in the Phoenix area. The idea is to get the roots established before really hot weather hits.

Where climate is agreeable, good buys will be available now on bareroot fruit, flowering and shade trees as well as roses. And if it's not bareroot time where you live, it's worth checking to find out when it will be.

The rewards can be as much as 75 percent savings on the same plant purchased in a nursery container later in the year. It gets better: Since you control the growing medium, the roots will grow into only one type of soil - what you provide.

Most gardeners understand that plants depend on the growing medium to provide the anchor, water and nutrients. Likewise, they understand the idea of fast- or slow-draining soil.

Stratified soils and those composed of layers with different textures also can lead to serious drainage problems. Water does not generally drain easily from a layer of one

texture to a layer of another.

If soil has a coarse layer above a fine one, water accumulates above the fine-textured layer, and only drains slowly into it. This leaves the coarse layer saturated for an extended period.

Conversely, a fine soil layer above a coarse one also leads to the saturation of the fine soil layer until the water moves into the coarse layer. Such layered saturation is known as a perched water table.

When planting from a container or even when balled-and-burlapped, it is not possible to avoid different kinds of soil. Bareroot plantings eliminate the problem.

Certain basics must be followed.

The roots should appear plump and fresh. Soak them overnight in water before planting. Dig the hole deep enough so the roots will fit without cramping. Do not overwater. Feeder roots can't develop in too-wet soil.

You have to have more roots than tops. Otherwise, once it gets hot the roots can't absorb enough water to supply the tops.

Spring often is considered ideal for planting new roses; however, other times may be more appropriate, depending on where you live.

EDITOR'S NOTE - James Walters worked for the AP as a reporter and editor from 1947 until he retired in 1984.

Hints from Heloise

Dear Heloise: When I am marking my calendar for the new year, I highlight birthdays using different colors for people at work, family and friends. I also highlight special events and things to do on certain days. This way, when I look at the new month, I can spot what is going on and how to plan my card sending.

I really enjoy your column and get plenty of good ideas to use. — Gwen Morgan, Houston, Texas

Handy idea! I'm sure others will find this a great way to keep track of friends' and relatives' birthdays.

Dear Readers: The next three hints are recycle and reuse goodies! — Heloise

JUNK-MAIL USE

Dear Heloise: If you routinely throw away junk mail, you may be missing out on enclosed coins, pens, address labels or greeting cards. If you don't want the cards, you can clip the backs off and use them for scratch paper.

Sometimes the letters they send are blank on one side and they can be used for writing out first drafts of things you're going to type out later.

And while they invariably tell you more than you'd ever want to know about the organization behind the mailing, sometimes the letters make interesting reading. — Alan Wood, Pompton Plains, N.J.

CARPET SCRAP

Dear Heloise: In response to your question, "How do you pull off a quick morning exit?" mentioned in the Columbus Dispatch, I would like to share the following:

During the winter months at night, my husband places a piece of carpet over the windshield (soft side against the window) to keep the frost and ice away. In the morning before leaving for work, he removes the carpet, saving time by not having to scrape the windows. — Patricia Hunter, Columbus, Ohio

PLASTIC BAGS

Dear Heloise: Saving plastic bags from whatever source — bread, sandwich wrappers, produce bags and even plastic grocery bags — takes up too much room.

I use an empty tissue-paper box and stuff the bags in one at a time. You can fit about 100 produce- and bakery-type bags into one box and they come out one at a time when needed.

I use the bags for goopy garbage — especially when cleaning the refrigerator — picking up litter and as a pooper scooper when walking my dogs. — Kelli Stokes, Everett, Wash.

LINGERIE BAG

Dear Heloise: When the zipper or fasteners break on the small net bags that you use when you wash delicates or hosiery, they can be kept

in use by lacing a long shoestring through the top and tying a knot to secure it. This will work just as well and stay tied through the washing. — Mary Bem, Nassau Bay, Texas

PROTECTING PLANTS

Dear Heloise: An easy way to protect tender plants from a late-spring freeze is to use the wire tomato cages and then slip an old pillowcase over the frame.

I had a stack of cages left from my summer gardening and was glad to find a useful way to recycle old pillowcases.

This method is quick and easy and it kept me from breaking the slender branches and foliage. I use the cages on both potted plants that are going to remain outdoors and on the less-hardy specimens in the beds. What's more, they are easy to remove after the freeze danger is past. — Pamela de la Fuente, Houston, Texas

HANGING DIAPER HOLDER

Dear Heloise: Staying warm during the winter can be difficult, especially if gloves and hats and scarves are always lost.

I use my kids' old hanging diaper holder (the cloth diaper bag with a hanger in it) to help keep items together: I hang it on the rack with the coats, and we just toss our gloves, hats and scarves in the bag. We haven't lost any of them yet.

When the time comes that we no longer need it, I just store it in the closet until the next winter. — Julie Clark, Lancaster, Ohio

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

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Hatley presents program at La Madre Mia meeting

The La Madre Mia Study Club met Jan. 12 in the home of Linda Cumpston, with Barbara Manning serving as co-hostess.

Mike Hatley, executive director of the Economic Development Board, explained the purpose of the board and gave a report on the board's involvement in the selection of Hereford as the site of a new plant for Premium Standard Farms.

Hatley described the many economic benefits the city can expect when the plant opens.

The club heard a report about the success of the Christmas Tour of Homes. Part of the money raised by the tour was sent to the Christmas Stocking Fund and the United Way. The remainder will be dispersed at a later date.

Volunteers were recruited to drive the residents of King's Manor shopping during the month of February.

The next meeting will be hosted by Merle Clark on Jan. 26.

Members attending were Ruth Black, Clark, Cumpston, Kay Hall, Betty Lady, Georgia Sparks, Betty Taylor, Marline Watson, Nicky Walsler, Judy Williams, Manning, Glenda Marcum, Gladys Merritt, Bettye Owen, Lucy Rogers, Tricia Sims and Mysedia Smith.

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Cattlegirls attend meeting at Hereford Country Club

The Hereford Cattlegirls met for their monthly meeting at the Hereford Country Club on Jan. 17, with Connie Banks presiding, and selected the Honorary Cowbelle of the Year. The gentleman will be honored at the February meeting.

The members were reminded of the upcoming Hereford Young Farmers Stock Show at which the Cattlegirls will present the First Year Showmanship Award to an entrant who will be showing an animal for the first time.

Charlene Sanders gave an update on beef gift certificate sales and

Marty McElhaney gave a report on the balanced budget amendment.

One guest, Shelley Menke, was introduced.

Members attending were Brenda Johnson, Donna Manion, Jackie Murphey, Sandy Josseland, Leslie Easley, Banks, Crystal Smith, Nancy Josseland, McElhaney, Loraine Anthony, Teena Hughes, Charmayne Klett, Christie Josseland, Sanders, Linda Fitzgerald, Linda Gilbert and Jan Page.

The next meeting will be Feb. 21 at K-Bobs Steak House and will feature a Valentine theme.

Names in the News

NEW YORK (AP) - Rapper Tupac Shakur is still \$1 million shy of getting out of jail.

Shakur, awaiting sentencing on a sex abuse conviction, is in the hospital ward at Riker's Island recovering from gunshot wounds inflicted during a street robbery.

On Tuesday, a judge refused a request by Shakur's attorney, Michael Warren, to lower the rapper's \$3 million bail. Warren said he had raised \$2 million.

Shakur, 23, and his road manager, Charles Fuller, 24, were convicted Dec. 1 of abusing a 20-year-old woman. They were acquitted of weapons and more serious sodomy charges.

Each faces up to seven years in prison. No sentencing date has been set.

Fuller is free on \$350,000 bail.

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) - The only scene Wolfgang Puck wants to steal is the after-Oscars party scene - he's been cast as chef for the Academy's annual Governors Ball.

"The Academy is in favor of parties on Oscar night.... At the same time, we want our own party to be the

No. 1, national 'A' party," said Alan Bergman, ball chairman for the Academy of Motion Pictures Arts and Sciences.

Bergman hopes hiring the famed restaurateur to keep the official function from being eclipsed by other parties that try to lure Hollywood's elite.

For years superagent Irving "Swifty" Lazar's annual Spago bash was the primo post-Oscar destination. But after Lazar's 1993 death, Puck closed his Sunset Boulevard eatery on Oscar night and the A-list bashes shifted elsewhere.

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Roseanne has been ordered to stay in bed.

Roseanne's doctor has advised her to stay in bed during the early stages of the pregnancy, her publicist, Kevin Campbell, said Tuesday. The baby is due in July or August.

There was discussion of shooting Roseanne's scenes from bed during this week's taping of ABC-TV's "Roseanne," but Campbell said a decision hasn't been made.

Roseanne, 42, underwent in-vitro fertilization in November and later bared her bandaged belly on "Late Night With David Letterman."

Garden club tours museum

The home of Doris Bryant was the site of the Jan. 13 meeting for the Garden Beautiful Club. Audine Dettman served as co-hostess.

Vada Axe, president, opened the meeting with the poem "Then and Now."

Louise Axe presented the program on tips for spring gardening.

The club voted to host the birthday party at Westgate Nursing Home on Jan. 19.

After refreshments were served, Lois Gilliland conducted a tour of the Hereford museum.

Members present were Bryant, Dettman, Marguerite Cole, Louise Axe, Louise Streun, Thelma Axe, Leona Andrews, Vada Axe, Dorothy Noland, Jeanne Dowell, Jerry Jackson and Bessie Story.

Guest speaker for the Feb. 3 meeting will be Cindy Miller.

FINAL PUBLIC HEARING

Texas Community Development Program

Deaf Smith County will hold a final public hearing on January 24, 1995, at 5:00 P.M. at the Deaf Smith County Courthouse in regard to the water and sewer facilities project recently completed with a Texas Community Development Program (TCDP) grant. Topics to be discussed will include the specific program improvements completed and the costs associated with the TCDP and Deaf Smith County. Citizens will be given an opportunity at this time to make comments concerning the project. Handicapped citizens needing assistance to attend this hearing should contact Judge Tom Simons at the County Courthouse (364-1451).

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'85 Chevy Stepside, 305 Very sharp, '93 Chevy Conversion Van, loaded, need to sell. After 5 p.m. 364-4594 or 364-7506. 28535

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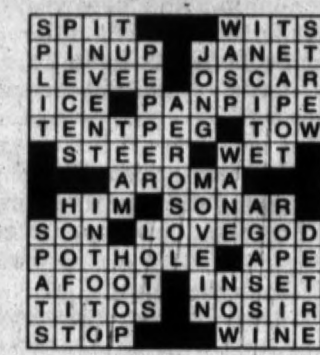
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1 Bridge coup
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24 Sows' mates
25 They have ears
27 Actor Wallach
28 Tends to the turkey
29 Sawbucks
32 Octopus feature
36 "Cheers" barkeep
39 Not my
40 Future oaks
41 Bungles
42 Annoying
43 Fall tool

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1 One-armed bandit feature
2 Not recorded
3 Hymn end
4 Horror movie regular
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6 Jitterbug's kin
7 Eggs, to Caesar
8 Catch
9 Historic time
11 Used up
15 Corral
17 Pretzel additive
18 Gawp
19 Famed loch
20 Assist
21 Song-writer Porter
22 Dean of "Lois and Clark"
25 Bulb unit
26 Gold taster
28 McCoy's nickname
30 Baby deliverer Lobos
31 Bit of change
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38 Rock's



Yesterday's Answer

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January 19, 1995
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Holy Spirit, You who make me see everything and who show me the way to reach my idea. You who give me the Divine Gift to forgive and forget the wrong that is done to me, and you who are in all instances of my life with me. I, in this short dialogue want to thank you for everything and confirm once more that I never want to be separated from You, no matter how great the material desires may be. I want to be with You and my loved ones in Your perpetual glory. Amen, Thank You for Your love towards me and my loved ones. (Grace obtained).



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WASHINGTON (AP) - The world's sweet tooth for American candy is getting sweeter.

With demand in developing countries soaring, U.S. candy exports have nearly doubled since 1990 and the Agriculture Department forecasts they will approach \$1 billion by 2000.

In 1994, overseas sales pushed candy exports over the half-billion-dollar mark, with expectations that the final figure for the year will be \$530 million, according to USDA's Foreign Agriculture Service.

For 12 straight years, this industry has had record exports, but they still account for just 11 percent of the \$5 billion in world candy exports. The European Union is the largest candy exporter, with 40 percent of the global market, FAS said.

Most U.S. growth in this area is expected in sales to East Asia and Central and South America, mainly because rising incomes are expanding the middle classes in these regions and fueling demand for higher-quality Western sweets.

Chocolate candies account for nearly three-fourths of total U.S. candy exports, but both chocolate and non-chocolate candy exports have been growing rapidly, the agency said.

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CATTLE-FEEDER (CME)	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Jan	72.00	72.00	72.00	72.00	72.00	72.00	72.00	72.00	72.00	72.00
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Nov	72.00	72.00	72.00	72.00	72.00	72.00	72.00	72.00	72.00	72.00
Dec	72.00	72.00	72.00	72.00	72.00	72.00	72.00	72.00	72.00	72.00

GRAIN FUTURES

CORN (CBOT)	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
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Dec	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00

METAL FUTURES

GOLD (COMEX)	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
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FUTURES OPTIONS

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The Hereford Brand

364-2030

Pecan crop varies from excellent to terrible

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — As the pecan harvest winds down in Texas, pecan producers are reporting a year of extremes in yield and quality, the Texas Agricultural Extension Service reports.

David Vestal, Eastland County extension agent, said the pecan harvest in his area varied from good to excellent. With an estimated yield of 400 pounds per acre, about 3,200 acres of pecan orchards were harvested. Most producers are happy with the excellent quality of the fruit, he added.

"The numbers did vary throughout the county and we are not sure if it had to do with good management practices or luck," Vestal said.

He said wet weather was more of a problem than the dry conditions from last summer's drought.

"We could handle the dry conditions because we did get a sporadic rain or two over the summer," he said. "The rainy weather was the biggest problem because when the leaves stay wet for even a few hours, disease problems crop up."

Many producers had a few scab problems on the trees, which lowered the number of pecans harvested. Vestal added that the early freeze in 1993 also played a factor in the crop's development.

"When an early freeze kills the leaves on trees, it usually takes a few years for them to fully recover," he said.

While producers are happy with the yields and quality, Vestal noted that the numbers could have been higher. However, producers across the county anticipate next year's crop to improve as pecan trees recover fully from the 1993 freeze.

Not all parts of Central Texas had a large pecan harvest though.

Truman Lamb Jr., Freestone County extension agent, said the best word to describe his county's pecan

crop would be "terrible."

"Many producers have stopped tending to the orchards because they look so bad," Lamb said. "The rainy weather was just too much for us."

Lamb said disease posed a problem for producers and that many are deciding to not harvest their crop.

Producers in the Rolling Plains are still keeping busy combatting the weather and its effects on wheat production.

Scott Durham, district extension director in Vernon, said that with cotton harvest near completion, many producers are concentrating on wheat production.

"Growth for our wheat has been very slow this year," Durham said. "A lot of the wheat is stressed due to lack of moisture."

Mild temperatures also have increased insect activity and any problems associated with that, he added.

Unseasonably warm weather is posing problems in other areas of Texas, with crops in the Coastal region also having problems.

Lin Wilson, district extension director in Corpus Christi, said that while insects have not been their main concern, disease problems are.

"The humid weather has increased rust problems for a number of oat fields," Wilson said. "If it wasn't for this new problem, everything would be making excellent growth."

Wilson hopes a cold front brings cooler temperatures to his area soon to help alleviate any disease problems that could surface.

He may get his wish this week.

Dr. Michael Flynn, meteorologist at the National Weather Service Agricultural Service Center in College Station, said a cold front and surge of Canadian air will result in a chance for snow in the High Plains on Wednesday.

"Mixed precipitation is possible for the rest of West Texas and

northern Rolling Plains," Flynn said. "Showers and thunderstorms will prevail over central and eastern areas of the state through Wednesday."

Temperatures should be below normal across Texas the latter half of the week. Rain may return to the southern part of the state this weekend.

The following specific livestock, crop and weather conditions were reported by district extension directors:

PANHANDLE: Soil moisture short. Pastures, ranges need rain. Preparing land for spring planting. Wheat progressing; needs moisture. Cattle in good condition; supplemental feeding continues.

SOUTH PLAINS: Soil moisture very short to short. Pastures, ranges in fair to good condition. Cotton harvest

near completion. Wheat needs moisture. Supplemental feeding for cattle continues.

ROLLING PLAINS: Soil moisture short to adequate. Pastures, ranges in fair to good condition. Cotton harvest near completion. Wheat progressing; excess moisture. Livestock in good condition; supplemental feeding continues.

NORTH TEXAS: Soil moisture surplus to adequate. Pastures, ranges in poor to good condition. Harvesting pecans. Wheat progressing. Wet conditions stopping field activity. Pruning peach trees. Cattle in fair condition.

EAST TEXAS: Soil moisture adequate to surplus. Pastures, ranges in fair to good condition. Rye grass, clover progressing. Preparing land for spring planting. Pruning pecan trees.

Supplemental feeding for cattle continues.

FAR WEST TEXAS: Soil moisture very short to adequate. Pastures, ranges in fair to good condition. Pecan harvest near completion. Preparing land for spring planting. Irrigating onions. Cutting, baling hay. Cattle in fair condition.

WEST CENTRAL TEXAS: Soil moisture adequate. Pastures, ranges improving with rain. Pecan harvest near completion. Small grains, wheat progressing. Livestock in good condition; low market.

CENTRAL TEXAS: Soil moisture adequate. Pastures, ranges in fair to good condition. Pecan harvest complete; poor quality. Planting vegetables. Preparing land for spring planting.

SOUTHEAST TEXAS: Soil moisture surplus. Pastures, ranges in fair to good

condition. Wet conditions stopping field activities. Cattle in fair condition; limited grazing.

SOUTHWEST TEXAS: Soil moisture surplus to adequate. Pastures, ranges need moisture. Harvesting cabbage, green onions, spinach. Winter pastures progressing. Preparing land for spring planting. Cattle in good condition.

COASTAL BEND: Soil moisture adequate. Pastures, ranges progressing. Humid conditions damaging oat fields. Preparing land for spring planting. Planting early pecan, fruit trees. Cattle in good condition.

SOUTH TEXAS: Soil moisture short to adequate. Pastures, ranges in fair to good condition. Sugarcane, citrus harvests continue. Wet conditions slowing vegetable harvest. Cattle in good condition.

Barber shop is oasis in world of change

By BRENT ZWERNEMAN
Bryan-College Station Eagle
BRYAN, Texas - Time stands still in a little shop on Bryan's Main Street, where the barbers call you Mr. Smith or whatever your name is, and if you happen to be a stranger they'll just call you "Mister" until they know your name.

"We're probably one of the last places in town to have one of these," says Nap Cole, pointing to an old black dial telephone.

It's not that Cole, owner and barber of the City Barber Shop at 107 S. Main St., couldn't afford a touch-tone phone, it just somehow wouldn't be right.

The barber shop opened in 1938 and Cole is only its third owner. He bought the place in 1983.

The barbers and their customers take pride in its timelessness, because in a world and community of change, it's the way things used to be.

"You couldn't stir people with a stick on the sidewalk in those days," says Tom Dodson, pointing out the window. Across the street, a pigeon rests on a ledge of the old, quiet Queen Theatre.

Dodson, a barber at the shop 20 years who cut hair in College Station

for 20 years prior to that, continues to look out the window and remembers another time.

"You would see your neighbors on the streets," he says. "You would park and walk the streets and see neighbors you hadn't seen in two or three weeks."

"That's what they used to do in those days."

What with the telephones, televisions and shopping malls, things aren't the same, Dodson says.

"That's just the changing of the times," Cole offers.

Both agree things will never be the same downtown, even with restoration of some of the old buildings.

On this particularly cold January day, Cole backs up to the gray Dearborn gas heater and warms his backside.

"I get up early every morning just to come here and stand by this," he says.

Not even central heat can match this feeling of warmth, he adds.

"This fire, you can back up to it and you know you are warm then."

Anyone famous ever visit here? Dodson takes down a black-and-white photo of himself and entertainer

Lyle Lovett, standing outside the barber shop door.

"He made a video outside here in '89 or '90," Dodson says. "That was before he met Miss Julie."

Julia Roberts, the famous actress, is now Lovett's wife.

Over near the front, J.T. Hedge busily shines a boot.

"I've been here off and on 28 years," he says. "My dad Jessie Head shined at this shop 42 years."

A mirror on the wall by him reads, "Go to the church of your choice next Sunday," and proclaims, "Posted in the Interest of a Better Community."

Acme Glass Company made the piece in the early 1950s, Cole says.

Near the back a bone-dry fountain juts from the wall.

A wooden keg used to sit above it where the ice man would drop blocks of ice, Cole says.

"That way you would have cold water," he says.

A 12-foot broom sits in the back, serving no other purpose than being an oddity and an antique.

"This is the broom you sweep off the ceiling with," Cole says as he dusts the only visible remnant of the

original pressed tin in the place - in the back room.

The ceiling has been lowered since the 1950s, Cole says.

Other relics are a 1920 cash register, an old scissors sharpener on a back shelf, a big red chair from the LaSalle Hotel and a picture of downtown Bryan dated 1910.

"Most everything in here is for show," Cole says of his mini-museum.

Two old men stand by the cash register, their necks freshly shaved.

Frank Kubin, Texas A&M University Class of 1939, tells of the days he used to catch a train for a nickel in College Station and ride it to Bryan, where he would watch Tom Mix westerns.

But that was the past and here in the present Kubin says his wife is waiting for him with a list of chores.

He's reminded it's cold outside and he may not get to do them.

"There's plenty of work to do on the inside," he says before walking out the door and into the cold, to the laughter and nods of those still feeling the warmth of the barber shop.

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Incorporation offers variety of benefits to South Texas area

By CAITLIN FRANCKE
The (McAllen) Monitor
SULLIVAN CITY, Texas - Despite its name, Sullivan City has a way to go before it becomes a city in the legal sense.

But a determined group in this town of 2,430 people is pushing to incorporate. Sullivan City is Hidalgo County's westernmost town, and some residents here say they are tired of being the end of the line, literally and figuratively.

"We're out in the booties and we don't have protection from anyone," said Ginger Villareal, the 32-year-old University of Texas-Pan American senior who is spearheading the move to incorporate.

Villareal said concerns include the lack of a police department, no recreational areas for youth and limited services such as water and sewer.

"We have small businesses that pay taxes to the state and somebody else is getting (the money)," Ms. Villareal said.

About 40 people have attended three town meetings in the past few months organized by Ms. Villareal and nine other committee members.

This week, the group will begin circulating a petition door to door, hoping to collect the required 65 signatures to call for an incorporation election. The petition will be delivered to Hidalgo County Judge J. Edgar Ruiz, who can authorize the election, in which all community residents vote.

Zaragoza Flores, chairperson of the administrative committee, said some residents are hesitant about having to pay additional taxes. Still, he is confident Sullivan City one day will be a city.

"If we incorporate, we're going to have to pay taxes in Edinburg, La Joya (school tax) and here," Flores said. "That's going to be a triple whammy."

Flores said committee members will try to include the nearby town of Cuevitas in their incorporation effort, but leave nearby Los Ebanos out. State law requires a small city incorporation to include fewer than 5,000 people and a four square mile area, according to Flores, a retired Army sergeant.

Jose Villalon, owner of Sullivan City Drive-Inn on Expressway 83, said increased police protection is vital as the community continues to grow.

In 1961, only 60 families lived in Sullivan City, he said. Since then, that number has climbed to more than 500 families.

Sullivan City has more residents than nearby Palmview, which has its own police department. The neighboring city of La Joya has 2,696 inhabitants - roughly 200 more than Sullivan City.

"We have no police protection. We belong to the county, but they never show up," Villalon said. "There are many juveniles that are causing so much damage."

A sheriff's deputy is on duty in Sullivan City only on weekdays, but responds to weekend calls. Reserve deputy constables who once patrolled the area in county cars recently were ordered to stop because of liability issues.

Villalon said businesses such as H.E.B. and Wal-Mart have shown interest in moving to town, but say without adequate services such as water, police and fire departments, they can't move in.

"A lot of companies have been checking us out, but they all say the same thing - 'You have to be a city,'" he said.

La Joya Water Supply Corporation, which services the area, does not provide fire hydrants.

La Joya Mayor Rodolfo Farias said he supports the residents' moves, as long as they are aware of the responsibilities that come with being a city.

Many cities in western Hidalgo County have incorporated in recent years in order to access federal funds, Farias said.

"Everybody wants their piece of the pie," Farias said.

Other towns in this remote part of the county moved toward independence because they felt they were being ignored.

"It is a community up there completely forgotten by everyone else," Farias said.

Rosa Vasquez, who owns a beauty salon off Expressway 83 in Sullivan City, said the benefits of becoming a city - such as trash collection and zoning regulations - outweigh the taxes required to run it.

"How can the taxes be so high that we can't pay them?" Vasquez said. "If we were a city, all the houses would be clean."

LONDON (AP) - A man born without eyes pronounced Princess Diana "the prettiest woman I have ever seen" after touching her face Tuesday.

The princess was on a visit to see Ability, formerly the Royal School for the Blind in Surrey, when Chris Anderson, 22, asked if he could "see" her face with his hands.

"She said she didn't mind," said Anderson, who broke with protocol that forbids touching members of the royal family unless they extend a hand first. "She had very small features and felt very smooth - she has got a nice face."

The Royal School for the Blind was the first charity to which Diana gave her royal patronage, and it remains one of her favorites.



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