

Lifestyles



Your Deal, Mike

There's nothing like a good game of cards to liven up a rock-a-thon. Just before he dozed off, Mike Carr, executive director of the Chamber of Commerce, coerced three of the Senior Citizens Rock 'n' Roll Jamboree participants in playing a game of Go Fish. By the way, he lost to Melody Sims,

Elizabeth Kendrick and Laura Roberts. The jamboree, held Tuesday at the Hereford Senior Citizens Center, benefited the American Heart Association. At final count, the fund-raiser netted \$2,870, according to Ruth Knox, jamboree chairman.

Legislation needed to reduce teen pregnancy

Broad-based health and social legislation is needed so that unplanned teenage pregnancy is no longer a major threat to the future of young Texans, according to the March issue of "Texas Medicine."

Of the 46,987 Texas women aged 19 and younger who gave birth in 1984, a majority were unmarried teenagers.

DATE BOOK

March 26, 1987

Today is the 85th day of 1987 and the 7th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1982, groundbreaking took place in Washington, D.C. for the memorial to honor American soldiers killed in Vietnam.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Robert Frost (1874); Tennessee Williams (1911); William Westmoreland (1914); Sandra Day O'Connor (1930); Erica Jong (1942); Diana Ross (1944).

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Don't be agnostic — be something." — Robert Frost

TODAY'S MOON: Between last quarter (March 22) and new moon (March 29).

The estimated cost of a baby born to a teenage mother will cost the taxpayer \$15,620 by the time the baby reaches age 20, write authors Peggy B. Smith, associate professor, department of obstetrics and gynecology, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, Rep. Lena Guerrero, Austin, and Eliza May, legislative assistant to Rep. Guerrero. The add that babies born to mothers younger than age 14 will cost \$18,089.

While there are social reasons for addressing this problem, often personal attitudes on adolescent sexual activity became an obstacle, according to the official journal of the Texas Medical Association. "Eventually even the most controversial issue, if it attracts significant visibility because of associated public subsidy, will stimulate open debate and subsequent legislation...it appears that the state of Texas is no exception," write the authors.

One strategy recommended by the authors includes serving indigent teens through hospital districts and government health programs that cover indigents. They add that eligibility procedures for pregnant teens would need to be simplified to

encourage enrollment in these programs. Rural Texas also is in great need of reproductive services for teens according to the article. The authors encourage consideration of regionalized grassroots advisory groups in these areas. "This advisory process could bridge public agencies and local entities regarding the sensitive issues of adolescent sexuality," write the authors. "It would be recommended that (school) course work be mandated and that the content be at local discretion and input," they write.

The article notes efforts of other states, such as Wisconsin, which has a law that hold parents financially responsible if their children under age 18 have babies. Child abuse and neglect programs are to be financed through a dedicated percentage of state's marriage license fee. Teen pregnancy prevention programs could be funded through a similar mechanism, add the authors.

Smith, Guerrero, and May conclude that policymakers must deal with adolescent sexuality and pregnancy more proactively. At the same time, careful coordination of existing services is needed so that public funds spent on this problem can be justified, they add.

Ann Landers

Old flame's fire put out

DEAR ANN LANDERS: I have been married for 18 months to a wonderful man. "Tom" has never given me any reason to question his faithfulness.

The problem is a woman he dated long before I came along. He told me their relationship was very intense but he always knew "Debby" was not the woman he wanted to marry.

Debby has called Tom's office several times to ask if he is happy in his marriage. He told her we get along very well and he is thrilled with the way I have changed his life.

Several weeks ago I explained to Tom that her calls are an attempt to get something going again and he should tell her not to call anymore. His response upset me. He said, "I refuse to tell her that. I consider Debby a friend. You have nothing to worry about."

After that disappointing exchange I accepted the fact that I cannot force Tom to do as I wish. I decided to stop pestering him and worry no more.

Now Tom says Debby wants to meet me. I have no interest in meeting this woman and have no idea why she would want to meet me. Tom and I don't have to meet her if I don't feel like it.

Meanwhile I am ready to blow my stack. For an old flame whose fire went out long ago, good old Debby is sure making a lot of trouble. What do I do now?—Between a Rock and a Hard Place in Yonkers

DEAR ROCK: Now you do nothing. And I mean zero—zip. That

New Arrivals

Mr. and Mrs. Sid Shaw announce the recent adoption of a baby girl, Stephanie Christine.

She weighed 10 lbs., 2 oz. and is welcomed home by a brother, Scott, age 9.

Adoptive grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Raymond C. White and Mr. L.D. Shaw, all of Hereford.

The "Articles of Confederation and Perpetual Union," adopted in 1777 did not establish a sovereign nation. The colonies, or states, delegated only those powers they could not handle individually, such as waging war, establishing uniform currency and making treaties with foreign nations. Taxes for paying expenses were levied by the states.

gutsy lady has tried her darndest to muscle her way back into your husband's life and your indifference has been a factor in keeping her out.

The fact that your husband refuses to tell her not to call anymore suggests that he enjoys being pursued. When he reports on her phone calls in the future, be noticeably indifferent and slightly bored.

DEAR ANN LANDERS: I have a very good relationship with my hairdresser. He is a fine person, has a terrific sense of humor and happens to be a homosexual.

"Don" has had dinner at my home on occasion and last week I was invited to his apartment to celebrate his 25th birthday. Several of his friends and relations were present. I could not help but notice that his brother is gay and so is his uncle.

Does homosexuality run in families? I have never heard anyone address this subject. How about it, Ann?—Santa Monica Outlook Reader

DEAR SANTA MONICA READER: Many studies have been made in an attempt to establish the fact that homosexuality runs in families. One study by Drs. Richard Piloard and James Weinrich of Boston University found that 22 percent of the brothers of homosexual men were homosexual or bisexual, while only 4 percent of the brothers of heterosexual males were gay.

Since the old theories (strong mother, absent or weak father) have been discredited, it seems more than likely that heredity can be an important factor in the occurrence of homosexuality. (This information appeared in the newsletter by Dean Edell and was attributed to Kaiser General Psychiatry, August, 1986.)

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Memorial service held for Shelton family

Members of the family of Glissie Shelton were guests Tuesday evening as the charter of Hereford Rebekah Lodge No. 228 was draped in a special ceremony in memory of Mrs. Shelton, a long-time member and Past Noble Grand of the lodge.

Regular business was conducted by Noble Grand Jo Irlbeck. Seventy-four visits to the sick, 55 cheer cards, 38 dishes of food and six floral contributions were reported.

Plans were updated for the Mulligan Stew Supper set Saturday, April 4, from 5-8 p.m. at Hereford I.O.O.F. Hall, 205 E. Sixth St. Tickets are available at \$3 per person. The

meal will include stew, cornbread, pie, coffee and tea. Proceeds are used each year for a scholarship fund.

Ursalee Jacobsen gave a full report of Grand Lodge and Rebekah Assembly of Texas in Abilene March 13-18.

Susie Curtsinger was hostess to Faye Brownlow, Thama Pearson, Sadie Shaw, Lydia Hopson, Verna Sowell, Jim Loving, Erma Loving, Shirley Brown, Eunice Boyer, Leona Sowell, Helen Bishop, Gene Bishop, Dorothy Lundry, Tony Irlbeck, Peggy Lemons, Ben Conklin, Anna Conklin, Kee Ruland, Stella Hersey, Irlbeck and Jacobsen.



McGuire to present concert

James Michael McGuire, baritone, will be presenting a program of classical songs during the final concert of the season for members of The Hereford Community Concert Association. The program will be held at 8 p.m. March 31 in the Hereford High School auditorium.

In 1984, McGuire was awarded a grant from the National Institute of Musical Theater and won the first place Schwabacher Memorial Award in the San Francisco Opera Center Auditions.

For those wishing to acquire membership into the association, its annual drive will be conducted from May 4-15.

MODERN SCULPTURE EXHIBITION

DALLAS (AP) — An exhibition of 20th-century sculpture selected from the collection of Patsy and Raymond Nasher will be on view at the Dallas Museum of Art April 5-May 31.

The show will comprise 102 works by 54 artists. Selections from "A Century of Modern Sculpture" will be presented at Washington's National Gallery of Art June 28-Jan. 3, 1988.

Of small children

Watch aspartame intake

Parents who are worried about their small children eating too much sugar should also be concerned about their intake of the sugar-substitute aspartame.

"Many mothers are giving aspartame-sweetened drinks to small children to cut down on sugar," says Mary Kinney Sweeten, a nutritionist with the Texas A&M University Agricultural Extension Services.

According to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), 23 milligrams of aspartame per pound per day is an acceptable daily intake for both children and adults.

Sweeten says this amounts to 920 milligrams for a 40 pound child. Five 8-ounce glasses of powdered aspartame-sweetened drink mixes in one day would contain that amount of the sweetener.

"As families eat more diet foods and aspartame is added to more products, it's possible that the amount consumed by some children could exceed an acceptable daily intake of the sweetener," cautions the nutritionist.

Aspartame is sold under the brand names Equal and Nutrasweet and is used in gelatin and pudding mixes, dry cereals, instant coffees and teas,

dairy toppings for dining table use, desserts, dessert toppings, powdered beverage mixes and chewing gum, in addition to carbonated beverages.

Last year the FDA approved the use of aspartame in four new food categories—frozen novelties, frozen and refrigerated juices, ready-to-serve tea and breath mints, she says. Other categories still awaiting FDA approval include bulk frozen desserts, frozen cheesecake, yogurt, flavored milk, wine coolers, fruit spreads and syrups.

"Parents who are concerned about their children getting too much aspartame can still help them avoid excessive sugar," Sweeten maintains.

"Try substituting nutritious drinks, such as fruit juice, milk and even water," she suggests. "Rather than aspartame-sweetened breakfast cereals or desserts, try low-sugar varieties of both. In home-prepared recipes, cut down on the amount of sugar used."

Aspartame was approved by the Food and Drug Administration in 1981 after reports of extensive studies established its safety. The FDA says it has received few complaints about any adverse effects of aspartame in children, she notes.

Planning Information Tea

A Rush Information Tea will be held Sunday at 3 p.m. in the First Baptist Church parlor. Hosted by the Hereford Panhellenic Association, the annual event provides information to senior girls who plan to attend college and welcomes their mothers. At left is Camille Williamson,

president of the Hereford Panhellenic Association, discussing details of the tea with rush and recommendation chairman Ange Lauderback. All area alumnae are invited to attend the tea as well as the 2:30 p.m. alumnae meeting preceding the event.

Senior girls, mothers invited to annual tea

The Hereford Panhellenic Association will be hosting its annual rush information tea on Sunday, at 3 p.m. in the First Baptist Church parlor.

Area alumnae are invited to also attend a meeting set for 2:30 p.m. preceding the tea.

All senior girls who plan to attend college and their mothers are invited to attend.

The tea will be informative, providing girls with information about sororities and how they can register for rush. College girls who are in sororities will be available to answer questions, to speak on sisterhood, scholarship, finances, and extracurricular activities of sororities.

Attending the tea does not obligate a girl to register for rush, but will provide valuable information so that she can make the right decision about going through rush.

The Hereford Panhellenic Association was organized in 1977 to help educate the Hereford area college-bound girls about sororities and to help them join the sorority of their choice through the recommendation of local women.

Approximately 50 local women belong to the Hereford Panhellenic Association, representing 14 national Greek letter sororities from 11 colleges and universities in four states.

One meeting is held annually with a business meeting before the tea. Any woman holding membership in a Greek letter sorority is invited to join.

The 1987 officers are: Camille Williamson, president; Susan Perrin, vice-president; Judy McCarter, secretary-treasurer; and Ange Lauderback, rush and recommendation chairman.

NEW YORK (AP) — What is the generally accepted definition of blindness?

A person is considered blind if his visual acuity does not exceed 20-200 in the better eye with correcting lenses, or if his visual field is less than an angle of 20 degrees.

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DR. GOTT Side effects of medication

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT — I take hydrochlorothiazide for hypertension. I've read that one of the side effects could be irregular heart rhythm, which I have. What options do I have?

DEAR READER — Hydrochlorothiazide, a kidney stimulant that lowers blood pressure, also can cause an excessive loss of potassium in the urine. If this mineral is not replaced in the diet (or by pills), patients taking the medicine may become potassium-deficient. This can lead to heart irregularity. Low blood potassium can also lead to digitalis-toxicity in patients who take digitalis along with hydrochlorothiazide.

I do not know whether your irregular heartbeat is normal or is due to the medication's effects. Check with your doctor. You need a blood-potassium determination.

If your blood-potassium level is low, you have several options. One is to add potassium-rich foods (such as orange juice, bananas, apricots and prunes) to your diet. You also might consider taking potassium supplements in pill or liquid form. Your doctor might choose to treat you with a combination diuretic that contains a potassium-sparing drug.

Finally, ask your doctor to consider changing your medicine for hypertension. Several that are now available do not affect potassium and may help prevent irregular heartbeat.

DEAR DR. GOTT — Both my boys had ear infections, on separate occasions. One was given amoxicillin and one got Septra. Within seven days,

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Lawyers agreed to pay secretary \$265,000 after Bakker affair

FORT MILL, S.C. (AP) — PTL lawyers agreed to pay \$265,000 to the woman whose sexual liaison with Jim Bakker led to his resignation, a newspaper said today as the ministry's new board gathered to decide PTL's future.

Leaders of Bakker's denomination, the Assemblies of God, meanwhile, were to meet again today in Springfield, Mo., to weigh misconduct charges against him.

The Rev. Jerry Falwell, who succeeded Bakker as chairman of the 500,000-member PTL, said the eight board members may offer their own resignations today at their first meeting.

"We may walk in there and find it's intolerable, unsolvable, that our presence is not going to provide anything positive and therefore there is no need for us to stay," Falwell told reporters in Cocoa Beach, Fla.

The board includes the Rev. Richard Dortch, who had been executive director and is now the organization's president and host of the ministry's "PTL Club" television show, and former U.S. Interior Secretary James Watt.

In its report, The Charlotte (N.C.) Observer said a \$150,000 fund was set up from which Jessica Hahn received monthly payments of \$800 to \$1,200, in addition to a \$115,000 payment to her representatives in February 1985.

Ms. Hahn, who had a sexual encounter with Bakker seven years ago, would get the entire \$150,000 after 20 years if she did not sue Bakker or reveal the liaison, unidentified sources told The Observer.

The newspaper said the fund has operated since spring 1985, with Ms. Hahn receiving \$10,045 that year. The \$150,000 was deposited in the Bank of Los Angeles, the newspaper said, citing legal documents.

Earlier, The Observer reported the \$115,000 payment, of which about \$20,000 went to Ms. Hahn directly. The rest was used to pay legal and other expenses, an unidentified source told the newspaper.

The paper said the fund is based on a trust arrangement, apparently never signed, that was part of an agreement reached after meetings involving Dortch, PTL's attorneys and Ms. Hahn's representative.

A retired California Superior Court judge, Charles Woodmansee, acted as mediator, the newspaper said. He approved the settlement's terms after an informal hearing at which Ms. Hahn spoke.

"The judge talked to me and asked me what I wanted to do, asked me if it was all right if they set it up like this," Ms. Hahn said. "Nobody put a gun — the judge said how do I feel about this deal?"

Bakker, who remained in seclusion in Palm Springs, Calif., with his wife, Tammy Faye, resigned as chairman a week ago today, saying it was the only way to stop a "diabolical plot" by another evangelist to seize his \$172 million empire.

Bakker's attorney later identified the evangelist as Jimmy Swaggart. Swaggart denied trying to bring down PTL but admitted telling Assemblies of God leaders what he knew about Bakker's sexual encounter with Ms. Hahn.

Bakker also claimed he was

blackmailed into paying \$115,000 for the one-time sexual encounter with Ms. Hahn. But California lawyer John Stewart, who represented the 27-year-old West Babylon, N.Y., woman, said it actually was a financial settlement "requested by PTL as an alternative to meeting with Christian leaders to discuss the allegations."

Stewart, who is co-host of a Christian radio program called "The Bible Answer Man," and attorney Paul Roper of Anaheim, Calif., said Ms. Hahn claimed Bakker pressured her into having sex with him.

Stewart said the settlement was negotiated on Ms. Hahn's behalf. She received "a few dollars" and the rest was divided, he said, but he wouldn't discuss who got what.

Ms. Hahn told reporters Wednesday outside her home that she had been advised by Roper, who is serving as her lawyer, not to talk. Asked how she was coping with the furor, she said, "I'm fine ... for now. I'm OK."

At a meeting Wednesday in Springfield, Mo., the Rev. John Ankerberg of Chattanooga, Tenn., presented church leaders evidence he said would show that PTL officials attempted to cover up the sexual misconduct reports.

Ankerberg said he was responding to reports that he and Swaggart were involved in the alleged takeover attempt of the PTL, which stands for Praise The Lord or People That Love.

After Wednesday's meeting, the Rev. Everett Stenhouse, the Assemblies' assistant superintendent, said in a statement that the discussion led officials to believe "that as far as PTL is concerned, there has been no conspiracy whatsoever, there has been no blackmail whatsoever."

whatever" on Bakker's ministry. "He told me his only goal was to clean up a very embarrassing situation on behalf of the Assemblies of God, and I believe him," Falwell said. Both Swaggart and Bakker belong to that Pentecostal denomination.

Bakker earlier had said his resignation was prompted by blackmail over a 1980 sexual encounter.

That episode and other undisclosed criticisms were cited in letters both by Swaggart and a group of religious broadcasters, relayed to Falwell, his spokesman said, leading him at one point to see a potential "civil war" between TV evangelists.

"But it's not going to happen," said Mark Demoss, a Falwell associate. "Enough rumors and stories were circulating to give reason to believe that was a possibility. But some misunderstandings that had existed don't exist now."

Nevertheless, the sequence of events brought out the latent ingredients of rivalry among TV evangelists that both Armstrong and others say exists.

The Rev. Arthur C. Borden, executive director of the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability, says TV evangelists have "saturated the market. No new donors are out there. That's why they're struggling for them."

To get them, he said, TV evangelists have to take them from each other.

However, Armstrong maintains new audiences and donors still are

available, although there is a "sense of saturation in the major markets," and "increasing competition" for them among TV evangelists.

"But the real competition is against the secular market," he said. "The TV evangelists are not at one another's throat, but are trying to get attention in a secular environment in which they've been largely ignored."

"That's the No. 1 battle. The secondary battle is among evangelists and the quality of their programs." He called that a positive, stimulating competition, the kind of free enterprise that "made America great."

"But I don't see the donor pool as exhausted or in trouble," he said. "There's an increasing response to spiritual and traditional values."

He said that while the major markets, with only so much TV spectrum, were crowded, most TV evangelism was in cable systems, with ample room for expansion. "That's the growing edge," he said.

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Preparing For Reception

The public is invited to attend a reception from 2-5 p.m. April 12 at the Deaf Smith County Historical Museum. The celebration will be held to observe the 20th anniversary of the museum. Judge Tom Simons will be present to address the audience and refreshments will be served throughout the afternoon. Special music will also be provided. The DSC Historical Society board members and museum staff are currently making renovations and adding new exhibits. Sylvia Castillo, staff assistant, is shown grooming one of the mannequins.

Rivalry of shows field's competitiveness

NEW YORK (AP) — Signs of rivalry in TV evangelism, which emerged this week in the Jimmy Swaggart-Jim Bakker affair, were seen as symptomatic of an underlying condition in a packed field of such broadcasts.

Some call it a "saturated market," using up the available pool of support, creating increasing competition for it. Others say new, added donors remain to be gained, but nevertheless, the competition goes on.

"It's part of the free enterprise system among evangelists," says the Rev. Ben Armstrong of Morristown, N.J., long-time president of National Religious Broadcasters.

"The competition for the religious market is a healthy thing, and not hurtful," he said in a telephone interview. "It's what keeps evangelists on their toes, to come out with better programs."

However, he said that in that vying field, TV evangelists are going to have to subscribe to high, defined standards of financial accountability, and his organization is taking steps for such certification.

The Swaggart-Baker feud showed up in disclosures naming TV evangelist Swaggart as the previously identified figure whom resigned TV evangelist Bakker accused of plotting to take over his ministry.

However, the middle-man Bakker picked to handle it, TV evangelist Jerry Falwell, said the conflict was resolved after he had a long conversation with Swaggart and was convinced he had "no designs

Graham withholds comment on turmoil

NEW YORK (AP) — Billy Graham, the nation's premier evangelist, is refraining from comment, at least for now, on the furor involving TV preachers Jimmy Swaggart, Jim Bakker and others.

A spokesman for Graham, besieged with requests by reporters for comment or interviews, issued this statement late Wednesday:

"This is a difficult time for Christians to make judgment. There may be more to come out of these situations, and Mr. Graham prefers to reserve comment at this time."

Graham, who has carried his crusades around the world, generally has avoided criticizing other people, particularly fellow preachers, throughout his career.

Even when attacked — and that has been frequent in his nearly 40 years of ministry — Graham has avoided hitting back.

However, he has repeatedly warned evangelists he has trained to maintain firmly their integrity so that they would never reflect poorly on the cause of Christ.

He has particularly warned them against two pitfalls — the potential

traps of misused money and sex — saying they not only could destroy a ministry, but stigmatize the cause.

Both those lures are involved in the furor over Bakker. Last week Bakker quit his TV program and resigned as head of the PTL ministry, saying he had been blackmailed over an admitted sex affair.

Bakker later said that he had resigned to thwart a "diabolical plot" to take over his \$172 million PTL empire. Bakker's lawyer said the figure behind the plot is Swaggart, who runs a multimillion-dollar television ministry in Baton Rouge, La.

Among prominent evangelists, Graham and black TV minister Fred Price are the only ones subscribing to independent auditing and public disclosure rules set by the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability.

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