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TCFA celebrating 25 years in cattle industry

In 1967, when the Texas Cattle Feeders Association was born, Texas wasn't a major cattle-feeding state.

Today, that fledgling industry association is celebrating its 25th Anniversary as one of the most powerful voices in animal agriculture in the world.

"This 'new kid on the block' is now a hardened veteran and the cattle feeding industry has matured into a solid economic force," said Joe Hathoot of Canadian, TCFA president. "Now, the TCFA three-state area of Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico produces about 25% of the nation's fed beef and contributes \$14 billion to the economy."

During a recent news conference kicking off the 25th anniversary, Hathoot said it hasn't always been that way. In fact, Deaf Smith County turns out as much each year (over

800,000 head) as one-half of Texas' production in 1967.

"Back in 1967, when TCFA was formed, Texas wasn't even considered a major cattle feeding state," he said. "We marketed only 1.6 million fed cattle. In 1991, Texas marketed 5 million fed cattle, making it one of the largest cattle feeding states in the nation. When you add the fed cattle production in Oklahoma and New Mexico, the total comes to around 6 million, about 25 percent of the fed beef produced in the United States."

The feedlots in the area produce significant economic impact on nearby cities.

"A typical feedyard in the TCFA area has about 20,000 head capacity," Hathoot said. "It will employ about 27 people directly. By the time the feedyard buys all the goods and services it needs to operate, it will

generate enough economic activity to provide jobs for another 208 people."

There are 13 feedlots in Deaf Smith County and five others no more than 15 miles from Hereford. That's 18 feedlots with a capacity of 490,000 at any one time, and a potential economic impact on Hereford to provide for almost 4,000 jobs outside of direct feedyard employment.

The many jobs created by feedyards includes truck drivers, packing plant employees, computer sales and support, industrial machinery parts and manufacturing, financing and many other areas.

"Take truck drivers, for example," Hathoot said. A single 20,000-head feedyard will require more than 2,300 truckloads of grain a year. That means about six loads of grain a day roll into a feedyard. An additional 480 loads of feeder cattle and 880 loads of fed cattle are hauled a year. You can see a single feedyard alone can keep a trucking company busy."

Feedlots are concerned with more than just feeding a fit steer for consumption. These days, environmental concerns are at the forefront, but they've always been a top priority for the association.

"Back in 1967 environmental protection was the first project the association undertook," Hathoot said. "One of the first things TCFA did was to help fund a research project on the environmental effects of manure. We've continued to emphasize environmental preservation throughout our 25 years, and will devote even more resources in the future to helping cattle feeders preserve and protect our environment."

TCFA has just issued an Environmental Quality Assurance Notebook. It's designed to help protect the



Is there gold in them thar hills?

Manure is piled high in newly-cleaned pens at Tri-State Cattle Feeders southeast of Hereford. Ways to utilize manure to return nutrients to the soil will be explained at a dinner and seminar on Monday evening at the Hereford Community Center.

environment.

"The notebook is a compilation of state and federal environmental laws, regulations and management practices that affect feedyards," Hathoot said. "By using this as a reference, a feedyard manager can help ensure his operation is environmentally sound."

Besides the environmental notebook, TCFA plans more activities this year. The climax will come at the annual convention Oct. 25-27 in Amarillo.

"TCFA has a remarkable history for its short 25 years of existence," Hathoot said. "In an effort to keep that history alive, we are producing a book that will chronicle the events

that shaped the cattle feeding industry."

"TCFA has accomplished a lot for its members. We've helped nurture an industry that now is a major economic and political force. We're proud of our past accomplishments and look forward to the future with a lot of anticipation."

Meeting on manure utilization Monday

Feedyards in this region produce 25 percent of the nation's fed beef and contribute \$14 billion to the region's economy.

Feedyards also produce something else.

To help area farmers learn more about using manure as a renewable resource to return nutrients to the soil, the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and Texas Cattle Feeders Association will sponsor "Feedyard Manure - A Farmland Fertilizer." The dinner and

educational seminar will be held at 6:30 p.m. Monday at the Hereford Community Center.

Dinner will be provided by TCFA. After dinner, area producers will hear TAEK experts address various aspects of feedyard manure, including a look at its nutrient composition, the economics of manure, composting and the effects of manure on the soil profile.

All interested producers are urged to attend.

'Ag Man' to be honored on Saturday

Who will be the recipient of the Hereford Brand Man of the Year in Agriculture award?

That presentation will be one of the highlights at the annual Texas Sugar Beet Growers Association banquet at 7 p.m. Saturday at the Deaf Smith County Bull Barn in Hereford.

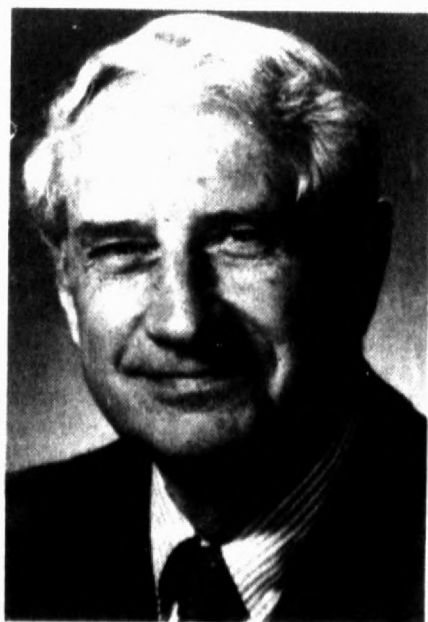
The banquet will highlight a year that turned from sweet to sour for area sugarbeet growers. The prospects of a good crop went out the window when an early-season hard freeze and heavy snow struck in late October and early November. Further damage was done by heavier-than-normal rains during November and December.

Harvest activities were restarted in earnest two weeks ago, but officials with Imperial Holly Sugar shut down the harvest on Thursday evening. The last beets were accepted at the Hereford plant at 7 p.m. Thursday.

It is estimated that up to \$10 million worth of beets remain in the fields. The economic ramifications of the short harvest may be felt in the region through the rest of the year.

Saturday's banquet may see some commiseration, but is also expected to highlight the beneficial relationship between area beet growers and Imperial Holly.

The keynote speaker for the banquet will be Ray Wilkinson. Wilkinson is one of the top farm broadcasters in the nation. Wilkinson is president of Capital Broadcasting Co. of Raleigh, NC and is past



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president of the National Association of Farm Broadcasters.

The Hereford Brand will present its annual Man of the Year in Agriculture Award at the banquet. The honoree is selected by a special committee each year and is presented at the banquet.

Past winners of the award include 1977, Charles Schlabs; 1978, Jim Perrin; 1979, Carl Kleuskens; 1980, Donald Hicks; 1981, Bill Cleavinger; 1982, Carl Straffuss; 1983, Jerry Roberts; 1984, Norman Brothers; 1985, F.L. Eicke; 1986, Nick Vosten; 1987, Raymond Schlabs; 1988, John Fuston; 1989, George Warner; and 1990, Bill Walden.

Demos skeptical of tax plan

WASHINGTON (AP) - Democrats aren't in a hurry to endorse President Bush's election-year plan for stimulating the economy but they do like some features, especially tax breaks for children and first-time home buyers.

"Turn this plan over and look at the label," suggested Rep. Byron Dorgan, D-N.D., a member of the House Ways and Means Committee. "It's likely to say, 'Made in New Hampshire.'"

That's where Bush will face recession-weary voters for the first time in this election year.

Many Republicans are delighted with the still-developing plan, which Bush will outline Jan. 28 in the State of the Union message.

"It's a 10-strike," Tony Blankley, spokesman for House Republican

Whip Newt Gingrich of Georgia, said Thursday.

Gingrich, "assuming what he's read about the plan is true, feels the proposals represent a vindication of the House Republican efforts last year to stimulate the economy and reduce taxes," Blankley said.

Details of Bush's package have been leaking out slowly. It is believed to include an increase of at least \$500 in the deduction families with children can claim and creation of a new tax credit for first-time home buyers.

Rep. Donald Pease, D-Ohio, a member of Ways and Means, spoke for a large number of Democrats who question the advisability of any tax cut when the government already is taking in \$1 billion a day less than it is spending.

"The president and Congress may wind up competing with one another to give away tax revenue that we don't have and sorely need for deficit reduction," Pease said.

Many economists agree. But there's little indication Congress and the president will forgo an election-year tax cut - especially when unemployment is rising and politicians want to be perceived as doing something about it.

Bush's proposals will join scores of tax-cut ideas being considered by lawmakers. In fact, every part of Bush's plan already has been introduced as a bill by one or more members of Congress.

Here, according to administration officials, are major tax items that the president is likely to propose,

although he has not yet approved the plan:

-PERSONAL EXEMPTION: Raise the exemption for families with children. The exemption was \$2,150 for each taxpayer and dependent for 1991 and rose automatically to \$2,300 this year. An increase of at least \$500 is being proposed. That would save \$75 per child for a \$30,000 family and \$155 for a \$125,000 family.

-HOME BUYER CREDIT: A tax credit - subtracted directly from taxes owed - would be allowed for lower- and middle-income families who buy their first home within the next year. The aim is to spur the moribund housing market. The amount of the credit has been estimated in published reports at between \$2,000 and \$5,000, although no figure has been settled on, officials say.

NJ egg rules not going over easy

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) - The customer gave waitress Debbie Toth a simple order: eggs over easy. "I said, 'They'll be over, but they'll be a little more than easy.'"

When the overcooked eggs arrived, the diner at The Manors Deli and Restaurant in Lawrenceville hurled his plate across the room and marched out.

That's among the more violent reactions restaurant owners have had to contend with since Jan. 1, when the state, in an effort to combat salmonella poisoning, prohibited eateries from serving runny eggs or using raw eggs in food.

While New Jerseyans petition to get the law off the books and restaurateurs vow to ignore it, the rest of the nation is cracking up as the ban is reported in newspapers and on television.

Johnny Carson got some laughs on "The Tonight Show" Wednesday when he said: "There's something wrong with

a state in which you can buy an Uzi but there's a 10-day waiting period to get a Caesar salad."

In a letter to Carson on Thursday, Gov. Jim Florio said the comedian had "scrambled" his facts. Both undercooked eggs and Uzis are illegal in New Jersey, which has the nation's toughest ban on assault weapons.

But Florio, a Democrat who took a beating after raising taxes in 1990, isn't about to have egg on his face over this issue.

In his annual State of the State address on Tuesday, Florio ordered New Jersey health officials to reconsider the ban, which he called unenforceable, intrusive and silly. The rule, the governor said Thursday, represents "bureaucrats run amok."

"We're not going to have any public health police in New Jersey diners," he said.

"Florio's rating points jumped at least 50 points," said Marie Cascone, owner of The Manors. "They forgot about taxes, and the

fact that he was for eggs made him a hero."

After the customer hurled his plate of eggs at Cascone's restaurant, she got 600 people to sign a pro-egg petition that she plans to take to the state Health Department.

Unlike the eggs, the ban is something state officials took a long time to cook up. New Jersey legislators first began discussing a ban in the mid-1980s, after an outbreak of salmonella enteritidis bacteria was found in undercooked eggs.

The law follows recommendations by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration that eggs be cooked long enough to destroy salmonella - several minutes at 140 degrees. The FDA has not recommended bans on undercooking, however, said Chris Lecos, an agency spokesman in Washington.

There were 376 outbreaks of salmonella enteritidis nationwide from 1985 to 1991, resulting in 49 deaths and 12,916 illnesses, Lecos

said. Salmonella in eggs accounted for 82 percent of the cases, but the bacteria turns up in fewer than one half of 1 percent of all eggs.

Salmonella poisoning can cause headaches, abdominal pain, diarrhea, nausea, vomiting, fever and severe dehydration. It can kill children and the elderly.

Despite the ridicule, anger - and the governor's vow that the law must go - the state Health Department insisted Thursday that the ban was successful in increasing public awareness of salmonella.

The \$25 to \$100 fines for restaurants that violate the law are on hold for now and there are no health inspectors out looking for infractions, said spokeswoman Darlene Weiner.

Guy Gregg, president of the New Jersey Restaurant Association, said restaurateurs would risk fines rather than deny patrons such dishes as Caesar salads, which are tossed with raw eggs.

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Church News

DAWN BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastor Jim Hickman's message for the 11 a.m. service is entitled, "When 'no' Spells Love." The sermon is part of a series on how to live ethically in our contemporary culture. Other messages in the series will discuss topics such as sexuality, virtue, pornography, and deliverance from substance abuse.

The book of Isaiah is the focus of this year's January Bible study during the 6 p.m. worship and Bible study.

For additional information about the church and its services, call 258-7330.

ST. THOMAS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Sunday School will begin at 9:45 a.m. Morning Prayer, 11 a.m. Everyday is Morning Prayer and on Wednesdays Evening Prayer begins at 7 p.m.

TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH

Trinity Baptist welcomes everyone to their worship services. Sunday school begins at 10 a.m., morning worship 11 a.m., evening worship 5 p.m. Bro. Ed Warren is the pastor.

If you don't have a church or are not attending church, you are welcome to visit with us.

FELLOWSHIP OF BELIEVERS

Begin the new year with "A Walk Through the Bible," a series of classes by Doug Manning Sunday mornings from 9:30-10:15. Worship services will be from 10:30-11:15 a.m.

Doug Manning is the regular worship leader for the Fellowship of Believers. The public is invited to attend the Sunday worship meeting held from 10:30-11:15 a.m. at 245 Kingwood.

Children Sunday School is offered beginning at 9:30-10:15 a.m. A nursery is provided during Sunday School and worship.

Among the congregation's ministries designed to meet various needs, is the "taxi" service. Persons needing transportation to and from any church or have other transportation needs, may call 364-0359 seven days a week. In an emergency, call 364-3869. There is no cost for this service.

SAN PABLO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The members and the pastor of San Pablo United Methodist Church invited you to the special candlelight midnight service on Dec. 31 at 11 p.m.

It will be a service of thanks for the old end and the new. There will be special music and the word will be Rev. Lupe Villarreal will bring the message.

There will be a covered dish dinner following the service.

SUMMERFIELD BAPTIST CHURCH

Summerfield Baptist Church will host a community wide fellowship at 6 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 22. The telling of "The Christmas Story" will be enjoyed along with food and fun. Everyone is welcome.

Wednesday evening, Dec. 25, the Bible study will be canceled.

CENTRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday morning Bible classes will meet at 9:30 a.m. Classes are planned for the needs of different age groups. The morning worship service, which begins at 10:25, includes The Lord's Supper, congregational singing, prayer and meditation. The 6 p.m. Sunday service is a time of encouragement and edification.

On Wednesday night at 7:30, the congregation meets for special study and devotion.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

"Oh, Mother!" is the title of Dr. James W. Cory's sermon for the regular 10:30 a.m. Sunday worship service. The Scripture lesson is John 2:1-11.

There will be a meeting about the ski trip for the adult leaders, at 5:30 p.m. on Sunday. Officer Training will be held at 6 p.m. also on Sunday.

The Youth Fellowship Groups will meet at 6 p.m.

The Women's Bible Study will meet at 9:30 a.m., Monday, Jan. 20 with Helen Rose leading the study in Romans.

Choir practice will be at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 22 only.

AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH

The public is invited to attend Sunday School beginning at 9:45 and the Worship Service at 11 a.m.

There will be a Brotherhood breakfast at 7:30 in the fellowship hall, Sunday morning, January 19.

Monday, January 20, at 7 the prayer group will meet.

The Golden Circle class will have a meeting on Tuesday evening, January 21.

ACTEENS will meet at 5:45 on Wednesday evening.

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday School begins at 10 a.m. at the Immanuel Lutheran Church and morning worship begins at 11 a.m.

Sunday School classes are available for all ages and the Adult Bible class is studying the book of Matthew.

The sermon for the 11 a.m. service is entitled "The Spirit's Gifts for the Common Good" and is taken from I Corinthians 12:1-11.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

The Sunday night volleyball league follows the Sunday evening worship service. All players need to attend worship before the games begin.

This league is for all adults and youth who want to attend.

The Monthly business meeting will be this Sunday night, Jan. 19, following the regular evening worship service.

The Baptist Men's Day will be held Jan. 26. Men will have special places of leadership in the morning service, including the opportunity to sing in the Men's Choir. Rehearsals will be in the choir loft at 9.

Following the worship service, there will be the 2nd Annual Men's Chili Cook-off in the Fellowship Hall. All men are encouraged to make their favorite recipe for chili and all women are asked to bring pies or some other desert.

The evening worship service will be held at 1 p.m.

There will be no other evening activities.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday, Jan. 19, is designated as United Methodist Women Sunday. UMW Members will follow the theme, "Faithful Witnesses for God's Mission," with the message delivered

by Mrs. Jeanne Gramstorff, president of the Northwest Texas Conference.

Vision 2000 seminars are open to all interested persons. Cost per person is \$5, which includes registration materials and lunch. Registration deadline is Jan. 27, and must be made through the church office.

UMYF will host a brisket lunch following the morning worship service on Sunday, Jan. 19. All profits from the meal will go toward the youth ski trip.

"Kingdom Living," a five-week study course, continues each Wednesday evening at 5:45 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

Sunday evening fellowship and worship in the sanctuary with the Rev. Joe Wood continues. Worship begins at 6 p.m.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

This Sunday evening at 7 p.m. a combined meeting of Hereford churches will be held at the Nazarene Church to celebrate the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

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Brisket dinner Sunday

Youth and sponsors of First United Methodist Church have prepared a brisket dinner for Sunday, following morning worship. The proceeds from the meal will go toward the youth ski trip scheduled for February. Pictured are John Stevens, Kyle Moody, Vicky Higgins, Jeff Higgins, Dan Higgins, Amy Bradly, Patrick Hayes, Christi Euler, Wendy Warrick, Nikki McQueary, Cathy Armor, Mitzi McQueary and Lauren Caviness.

TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH

Everyone is invited to worship with the Temple Baptist Church Sunday, Jan. 19.

The Bible study begins at 9:45 a.m. and morning worship at 11 a.m. We have R.A.'s, G.A.'s and Acteens at 5:45 p.m. Discipleship Training begins at 6 p.m. and evening worship service is at 7 p.m.

The messages will be brought by H.W. Bartlett, the pastor. The Victory Sunday School class will meet Jan. 21 at 7 p.m. with Billie McDowell at 138 N. Texas.

FRIO BAPTIST CHURCH

The family of Frio Baptist Church invites the public to their regular worship services. Sunday School begins at 10 a.m. with the morning worship at 11 a.m.

Discipleship training will begin at 6 p.m. and the evening worship at 7 p.m. Wednesday evening Bible study and prayer meetings begin at 7:30 pm.

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CHURCH

The speaker will be a well known, national speaker and educator Dr. Holland B. London.

Thursday evening, Feb. 27, Mr. Rick Foster will be in concert at First Christian Church. Rick is the first classical guitarist to ever play a full concert to sacred music on the classical guitar. Chet Atkins says of Rick, "Rick Foster is one of my favorite players."

WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Pastor James Hamilton welcomes all to Sunday School beginning at 10 a.m. and Worship at 11 a.m. Evening services begin at 5 p.m.

Kee Ruland provides time for the children each Sunday through the telling of a story.

There will be no evening services for the rest of the year. They will begin again in January.

It is necessary that everyone turn in their meal tickets from Sirloin Stockade to Maurice Har. Also, please save your stamps from Moore's and turn them in to the U.M.W.

Also, the Church would like to express their appreciation to Pianists Marilyn Bell and Kee Ruland and to the choir for their specials each Sunday.

Visitors and prospective members are welcome to all services.

ST. ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

"Week of Prayer for Christian Unity" beginning on the Feast of St. Peter,

Jan. 18 and ending Jan. 25 on the Feast of St. John is observed around the world.

During the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, with its theme, "REMEMBER, I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS..." people are called to renew their experience of God's presence in their midst and to share together in common witness to gifts God has lavished upon everyone in Jesus Christ.

This year's Ecumenical Service will be held, Sunday, Jan. 19, 7 p.m. at the Church of the Nazarene. Sponsored by the Hereford Ministerial Alliance.

Expectant parents are invited to celebrate the "special blessing for expectant parents" next weekend at all liturgies, as we celebrate "Sanctity of Human Life Sunday."

Feb. 14, there will be a Valentine buffet dinner and dance to benefit the Parish Center.

Walk For Life is Saturday Jan. 18, at Bonham Middle School, 5600 West 49th St., Amarillo, from 1-2 p.m. followed by a rally, refreshments, & brief ProLife music concert at Paramount Christian Church.

Sanctity of Human Life Sunday & Rose Sale to benefit the Problem Pregnancy Center will take place at the weekend liturgies Jan. 18, and 19.

National Migration Week is sponsored by the NCCB to remind everyone to:

a) recall and celebrate personal roots and experiences

b) make parishes welcome for the most recent newcomers to the communities

If you are concerned about drug abuse in the community you can take action and make a difference through the Catholic Family Service which is offering a training workshop for persons interested in learning more about educational support groups. These programs are a part of the C.A.R.E. program.

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

The all church dinner will be immediately after the morning worship service on Sunday, Jan. 19th. Children's Church is happening. Every Sunday morning at 10:20 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Kids from K-4 through sixth grade come worship, fellowship, pray and hear the word of God every Sunday morning.

The men have begun a couple weekly prayer meetings-7 a.m. Saturday and 7:30 a.m. Sunday at the altar in the sanctuary. All men are invited to gather for a time of prayer and intercession that the spirit of God will move mightily especially the services. The prayer time will begin Saturday.

Ann Landers

DEAR ANN LANDERS: I'm another one who never thought I would write to you, but a letter in your column struck a chord in my heart. I'm referring to the woman whose husband is unemployed and whose friends have forgotten them. So much of what she said can be applied to us.

My beloved husband, who is only 46, is terminally ill. He has been battling cancer for almost a year and unless we have a miracle, he won't live much longer. I'd like to use your column to speak to our friends and family members who have disappeared into the woodwork.

Dear Friends and Family: Where are you? Do you know how lonely we are? You were all there in the beginning when the shock was so great--and you gave us strength to get through it. You didn't know what to say, but you came anyway and just sat with us and cried with us and let us know you cared.

That was almost a year ago. Where have you been since? Do you know how we long to hear the phone ring, to see a car in the driveway or a card in the mail? You don't have to stay long. In fact, it's probably best if you don't. But right now we feel as if we've been abandoned.

We don't have the plague. Cancer is not contagious and our emotional needs are almost as great as my husband's physical needs. The thing is, I know you'll be there at his funeral to say how sorry you are and offer to help. And then you'll disappear again. And when that happens, you'll wish that you'd called more or tried to visit more often, but it will be too late.

Thanks, Ann. I know there are many others who will see themselves in my letter. This happens often to cancer patients and their families. I don't want to leave you with the impression that we have no one around to love and care for us. There has been a nucleus of people who have been faithful from the beginning and without them, and God, we could not have come this far. But so many others who we believed really cared have simply fallen by the wayside. Just sign me--Hurting in Suburbia

The bottom line is that because of your article and this training unit, I am still alive and suffered only soft tissue damage. I spent the night at home instead of in the hospital. My husband and I want to thank you for writing that lifesaving column and I hope a lot more people will make it a habit to buckle up--Alive and Well in Bakersfield, Calif.

DEAR A. and W.: What a terrific day-brightener! Thanks for letting me know. Are you paying attention, readers?

What's the truth about pot, cocaine, LSD, PCP, crack, speed and downers? "The Lowdown on Dope" has up-to-the-minute information on drugs. Send a self-addressed, long, business-size envelope and a check or money order for \$3.65 (this includes postage and handling) to: Lowdown, c/o Ann Landers, P.O. Box 11562, Chicago, Ill. 60611-0562.

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Family Clutterbuster Strategies



While reading "Hansel and Gretel" to my 7-year-old the other night, I realized there was more to the story than meets the eye. I'm not talking about any connection the tale might have to the politics of that time, or any references to psychology. Quite simply, I was struck by the way the kids haphazardly dropped those crumbs of bread along the trail. Kids just drop and go. It's instinctive and it's probably universal.

If kids don't have a natural inclination to pick up after themselves (and probably never will), I know the cleanup battle will never be won around our house. But we have come upon some middle-of-the-road strategies that help us maintain some order out of the chaos that often reigns under our roof. You may want to try them, too.

Place all school notices, sports schedules, birthday party invitations in a large wire basket that stays permanently in the kitchen. Jot down dates of games, music lessons and practices on a family calendar and hang it next to the basket for easy referral.

Hang a shoe organizer, with pockets, on the back of the bathroom door. Fill the pockets with hair accessories, brushes, washcloths etc. Hang a mirror and a basket with kid's toiletry items at a child's level.

Find new storage places for holiday gifts. Give away old toys that your child no longer plays with and discard any broken toys that can be hazardous. For children too young to read, put matching stickers on audio cassettes and accompanying books, and store each set in large "zipper"-type plastic bags.

Recycle household items by stockpiling them in ONE big family-project box for creative projects you do together throughout the year. Good things to save include: shirts for painting, empty yogurt containers, ribbon, string, buttons, costume jewelry, silk and plastic flowers, and sewing scraps. . . .

If you'd like to share your comments or ideas for family projects, write to Donna Erickson, P.O. Box 16188, Minneapolis, Minn. 55416.

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Hints from Heloise

Dear Heloise: While painting storm windows, we decided to use masking tape around the edges of the glass to make paint removal easier.

What a mistake! After we had used primer and two coats of paint, we noticed that the adhesive on the masking tape had dried.

I called a hardware store to ask for help and they told me to try vinegar and a straightedge razor blade. It worked! After moistening the tape, we scraped it off with the razor blade.

Vinegar certainly has a lot of uses. Could you list a few more? — Kathy Curtis, Terre Haute, Ind.

Vinegar has so many uses. I'd be glad to list a few for you.

Try adding white vinegar to the rinse water when you mop. It will cut through any soap film left on the floor.

To deter ants, wipe counters and cabinets with a mixture of half water and half vinegar.

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DEAR DR. LAMB: I have been having dilations of my urethra for the last 30 years. I'm 64. I was down to once a year. Then we moved to another state and the local urologist did do it, but said it really is not done much any more. Another local urologist did not know how to dilate. When I had it done in the past, it was to help restriction. It always helped. They could open with a size 22 and work up to a 28 or 30. Why don't they want to do this any more? Or is it just the local doctors?

DEAR READER: It might make a difference where the constriction is. Dilations for a urethral stricture will stretch the urethra and may help as you have indicated. Such strictures are usually the result of a previous inflammation as from gonorrhea.

If the stricture is caused by an enlarged prostate gland, several options are open. One is a more recent form of dilatation. A catheter with a deflated balloon attached to its tip is inserted into the area of the urethra that passes through the prostate. Then the balloon is inflated. It is a lot like the balloon method used to dilate coronary arteries. The inflated balloon is left in place for about 10 minutes.

This form of dilatation has been reported to be very successful in men with mild to moderate enlargement

of the prostate gland. Dr. Flavio Castaneda of the University of Minnesota has reported success in 70 percent of patients treated with this form of dilatation. It may delay the need for prostate surgery or even make it unnecessary.

I am sending you Special Report 71, The Prostate Gland, for more information on what can be done for prostate enlargement and obstruction. Even medicines are now being used in some cases that used to require surgery. Others who want this report can send \$3 with a long, stamped (52 cents), self-addressed envelope for it to THE HEALTH LETTER, P.O. Box 5537, Riverton, NJ 08077.

If the stricture is in the urethra, and does not involve the prostate, the repeated dilations with progressively larger sounds or catheters is done to stretch the area involved. That may not be necessary after the size of the urethra is sufficient and remains adequate. That makes me wonder if your obstruction at this time is from an enlarged prostate rather than in your urethra.

DEAR DR. LAMB: I heard on a news program there was a cure for Alzheimer's disease. Though we watched other news broadcasts and scanned the newspapers, we heard

no more about it. Our doctor has not heard about it either. Do you have any information about this? My husband has early Alzheimer's, and a cure would be the answer to our prayers.

DEAR READER: I wish it were true, but it is not. A number of important strides have been made in being able to diagnose the disease accurately and also in understanding what causes it. At least some cases are because of genetic factors.

As you know, Alzheimer's disease causes a progressive loss of mental ability. It is not the only disease that will cause this. Some of the other diseases that may resemble Alzheimer's disease can be helped. That includes apparent senility caused by dehydration and disturbed chemical balance. And some causes of senility can be prevented, including the brain damage and subsequent senility that can occur from the abuse of alcohol. Multiple small strokes may cause a similar picture. Since some of these conditions can be helped, it is important to make the right diagnosis. . . .

Dr. Lamb welcomes letters from readers with health questions. You can write to him at P.O. Box 5537, Riverton, NJ 08077. Although Dr. Lamb cannot reply to all letters personally, he will respond to selected questions in future columns.

ROCKVILLE, Md. (AP) - Actor Phill Lewis, who stars in the TV comedy "Teach," has been charged with homicide in an automobile accident that killed a woman last month.

21-year-old Isabel Duarte, was killed. The actor was indicted Thursday and will plead innocent, said his lawyer, Barry Hefland.

Lewis, 23, was charged with vehicular manslaughter, homicide with a motor vehicle and driving while intoxicated. The charges carry a maximum 16 years in prison.

Hefland said police told him Lewis' blood-alcohol level at the time of the crash was at least 0.29 percent, nearly triple the state's legal limit of 0.10 percent.

CBS has suspended production of, but hasn't canceled, the series in which Lewis plays Teach Gibson, a black music teacher at an exclusive, all-white boarding school for boys.

Menus, activities

HISD MENUS

Monday--Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, gravy, green peas, mixed fruit, chocolate pr. cake, hot rolls, butter and milk.

Tuesday--Cheese burger, burger salad, tatar tots with catsup, rosey applesauce, no bake cookie, bun and milk.

Wednesday--Beef enchiladas, lettuce, tomatoes, seasoned pinto beans, Spanish rice, sliced pears, cowboy bread and milk.

Thursday--Hot dog with chili, French fries with catsup, baked beans, fruited gelatin with topping, peanut butter cookie, bun and chocolate milk.

Friday--Baked turkey with gravy, fluffy potatoes, green beans, peach delight, sugar cookie, hot rolls, butter and milk.

BREAKFAST

Monday--Blueberry Pancakes with sausage, syrup, diced pears and milk.

Tuesday-- Fruit loops, buttered

toast, apple sauce and milk.

Wednesday--Cheese toast, diced peaches and chocolate milk.

Thursday--Hash brown, Texas toast, mixed fruit and milk.

Friday--Scrambled eggs with sausage, flour tortilla, rosey applesauce and chocolate milk.

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Monday--Hotdogs, ranch style beans, carrot sticks, oatmeal cookies and milk.

Tuesday--Lasagna, green beans, toast, brownie and milk.

Wednesday--Corn dogs, tatar tots, celery sticks, chocolate chip cookies and milk.

Thursday--Turkey enchiladas, tossed salad, pinto beans, apple crisp and milk.

Friday--Burritos, corn, cole slaw, cinnamon roll and milk.

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Tuesday--Salisbury steak, bake potato, buttered spinach, perfection salad and orange cake.

Wednesday--BBQ chicken, pinto beans, potato salad, cabbage, carrot, raisin salad, fruit and cookie and Texas toast.

Thursday--Hamburger steak, bake sliced potatoes, buttered corn, garden salad and fruited pudding.

Friday--Breaded fish, cheese grits, brussels sprouts, orange, carrot, pineapple gel, salad and fruit cobbler.

HSC ACTIVITIES
Monday-- Line dance, 9:45-11 a.m.; devotional, 12:45 p.m., water exercises.

Tuesday--Stretch & Flexibility 10 a.m.-10:45 a.m., water exercises.

Wednesday--Stretch and Flexibility, 10 a.m.-10:45 a.m.; Water exercises; Ceramics 1:30 p.m.

Thursday--Stretch and flexibility, 10 a.m.-10:45 a.m.; oil painting, 9 a.m.-11 a.m.; Choir, 1 p.m.; water exercises; birthday social 6:30 p.m.

Friday--Line dance, 9:45-11 a.m.; water exercises.

Saturday--Games, noon-4 p.m.

Happy Birthday Rodney!



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SPORTS

Thompson's shot heard 'round gym

Hereford hosted and swept Pampa in five junior high and freshman girls' basketball games Thursday. The most exciting game of the day--maybe the year--was won 22-21 in overtime by the seventh grade white team on Kelly Thompson's last second three-point shot.

When regulation play ended it appeared that Hereford had won. Pampa had the ball for the final 10 seconds of the game trailing 17-16, but Hereford played good defense and Pampa's shot at the buzzer was an airball. However, the shooter was fouled, and as the Hereford players celebrated, the referee signaled a foul and took a Pampa player to the foul line--by herself--for two shots.

She hit the first one, and Pampa players celebrated their tie. She hit the second one, and Pampa players celebrated their apparent win. However, the referee signaled a lane violation on the shooter, nullifying the shot, and the game went to overtime at 17-17.

Pampa scored early in overtime to lead 19-17, and kept that lead for most of the period, until Hereford's J.J. Hill nailed an 18-footer to tie with just under a minute left. A few seconds later, Pampa scored again to lead 21-19.

Hereford had the ball last and Thompson got open just to the left of the top of the key, received a pass and swished the ball through the net with two seconds left.

"The three-pointer was a big surprise for all of us, especially Kelly," Coach Kathyna Hatla said.

Thompson was Hereford's leading scorer with seven points.

Hereford pulled out the win in the low-scoring game despite what Hatla described as sub-par play.

"I didn't feel like we were playing very well," she said. "We were playing sloppy defense and getting lots of fouls and we weren't moving in our offense."

The other seventh grade team, the Maroon, played a close game, winning 42-35 after trailing 14-6 after the first quarter. They made up the difference with a 21-11 advantage in the third quarter.

"We just had to make sure they weren't scoring on the fast break," Coach Brenda Rech said. "Once we stopped that, we started pushing it up the court and scored on some fast breaks."

Danielle Cornelius led the Maroon with 16 points, and Shawna Don Juan chipped in eight.

Both the eighth grade games ended up as blowouts. The White's game, a 51-13 win, was that way from the start, as Hereford led 11-0 after a quarter and 26-2 at the half.

"We even pulled off our press in the first half," Coach Maria Eck said. "We just did everything right tonight."

Carlotta Ruiz scored 11 points, Lyndsi Ames had 10 and Monica Don Juan had nine.

Astros sign pair

HOUSTON (AP) - The Houston Astros have agreed to contract terms with utility infielder Casey Candaele and pitcher Jimmy Jones, the team announced Thursday.

The Astros did not release terms of the 1992 agreements.

Candaele, 31, hit .262, with four homers and 50 RBIs, for the Astros in 1991. He started at five different positions, including second and third base and all three outfield positions.

Jones, 27, a right-hander, had a 6-8 record with a 4.39 ERA in 26 games for the Astros last year. Jones was placed on the 15-day disabled list with bone chips in his right elbow Aug. 21. He underwent surgery in Houston Sept. 13 to remove the chips.

By agreeing to terms with Jones and Candaele, the Astros avoided potential salary arbitration hearings.

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The eighth grade Maroon's game started close--it was tied 17-17 at the half--but became a blowout as Hereford won the third quarter 14-1.

"In the first half, we had a little trouble with our zone defense," Coach Jane Radford said. "(In the third) we took the ball to the basket more aggressively. Our trap defense caused Pampa to turn the ball over often, and most importantly, we shut their high scorer down. (Serenity King had 15 points for Pampa in the first half but only two in the second half.) The girls played extremely well and played with confidence."

For Hereford, Tarabeth Holmes scored 14 points, and Heather Hodges added nine.

The ninth grade girls played in the gym at Hereford High School in search of some home court advantage. Coach Brett Steagall said. It must have worked, because Hereford beat Borger 43-38.

Hereford led 13-4 after one quarter and led 27-10 at the half. That was enough to weather a 14-2 stumble in the third quarter.

"Our defense did a good job; we got a lot of points off of turnovers," Steagall said. "Borger was second in district--they'd only lost one game all year--so this was a big win for us. The girls really played hard and did a good job."

Jessica Evers led the freshmen with 12 points, and Kasi Reinart helped with eight.

Hereford's junior high and freshmen boys went on the road Thursday, but only one came home with a win; the ninth grade B team won 64-56 at Borger. The deciding quarter was the third, when Hereford outscored Borger 19-12 to build a 52-40 lead.

Michael Marquez poured in 21 points for Hereford, and Jacob Lopez added 12 points.

In the A game, Hereford was blasted 91-66 as Borger scored 20-plus points in each of the final three quarters.

For Hereford, Michael Brown had 20 points, Tony Mercer had 18, and Cody Curtis had 10.

The boys' junior high teams were at Pampa, and both eighth grade teams and the seventh Maroon lost. The seventh grade White team's score was unavailable.

The eighth White fell 33-30 despite a 17-5 comeback in the fourth quarter. Todd Radford and Josh Urbanczyk each had eight points.

The eighth Maroon lost 60-40 after trailing 23-6 after one quarter and 41-8 at the half. Ronald Torres led with 14 points and Marquise Brown added eight.

The seventh Maroon lost 59-40 as Borger outscored Hereford 23-9 in the second quarter. Joseph Artho led Hereford with 11 points, Isaac Walker had nine and Dustin Hill had eight.



Star of the game

Kelly Thompson of Hereford's seventh grade white team shoots a layup during the teams game Thursday. Thompson later hit a three-pointer in overtime to give Hereford a 22-21 win.

McEnroe ousts Becker

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) - John McEnroe turned back the clock today with a virtuoso performance that ousted defending champion Boris Becker from the Australian Open, with McEnroe winning 6-4, 6-3, 7-5.

The unseeded McEnroe, a heavy underdog, electrified a capacity crowd on the 15,000-seat center court stadium with a brilliant exhibition of aggressive tennis that kept the third-seeded Becker defensive and off-balance.

Although Becker played well, he couldn't match McEnroe's almost-flawless display of shot-making genius that earned him the victory and advanced him to a fourth-round

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The Hereford boys basketball team has as tough a district-opening game as any team in the state. The Herd has Pampa, the number one 4A team in the state.

The Harvesters, whom the Herd will meet at 8 p.m. Saturday in Pampa, return four starters and eight lettermen off last year's state semifinalist. This year, the team is 18-2 and ranked first in Class 4A by the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches, according to the Herd coach Jimmy Thomas, whose team is 5-15.

Instead of being petrified with fear, Thomas seems to be looking forward to the game.

"It's not too many times a team has the opportunity to play the best team in the state," he said. "We're going to go over there and give it our best shot."

Thomas probably will have to face the Harvesters without Richard Sanderson, the Herd's starting point guard and second-leading scorer (9.9 points per game). Sanderson injured his back in a fall in a game against Estacado (Jan. 10), and he said he hurt it again when he tried to run Thursday.

Taking up some of the extra load will be seniors Leo Brown and Derek Mason. Brown leads the Herd in scoring at 17 points per game, and Mason is the top rebounder at 8.5 a game.

The boys' varsity is one of five Hereford teams playing in Pampa Saturday. The girls' varsity will play at 6:30, the girls' junior varsity plays at 4:30 (a change as of Thursday), the boys' JV plays at 4:25 and the sophomore boys play at 6.

Pampa is a lock for the district title and the first playoff spot--if there is such a thing as a lock. None of the other teams in District 1-4A own winning records. Randall is 9-10, Borger is 9-11, Caprock is 7-13, Dumas is 4-15 and Hereford is 5-15.

"We're disappointed in our record," Thomas said. "I'm really pleased that we're hustling, but I'm disappointed we've lost more than we've won. I think the kids would say that too."

Randall and Borger have been performing well lately, but anybody could get that second playoff spot, Thomas said.

"It's wide open," he said. "Anybody can beat anybody on any given night. There's nobody who's far superior to anybody else. I feel we have a great shot--I still feel like we can be in the playoffs. We have just as good a chance as anybody else."

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with Mel Phillips



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Bass fishermen will enjoy learning from experts like Oklahoma Tommy Biffle, who invented the long distance underhand cast that is now called "pitching." Tommy finished second at the 1990 BassMasters Classic and is recognized by the competition as the guy most likely to catch big bass. If catching more big bass is your goal, then Tommy Biffle is your kind of angler.

Chevy Trucks is helping sponsor special Saturday seminar appearances by six-time BassMasters Classic qualifier Cliff Craft of Georgia. This talented national champion will discuss methods that have helped him maintain a winning edge as a professional fisherman who has earned over \$175,000. As a member of the Chevy Trucks Pro Team, he will discuss how to keep your towing vehicle in top shape for those important trips to the great outdoors.

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Representatives from many lakes have confirmed their intent to attend the 1992 sportsman spectacular. The lakes include Amistad, Conchas, Eagle Nest, MacKenzie, Meredith, Possum Kingdom, Texoma, Ute and White River.

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Mel Phillips is an avid hunter, a tournament fisherman and host of a Wednesday evening talk show on KGNC-radio (710 AM). He is also an active member of the Texas Outdoor Writers Association.

OPEN

meeting against No. 13 Emilio Sanchez.

The brash New Yorker brought back memories of his seven Grand Slam titles with an assortment of delicate drop shots, acutely angled cross-courts, nastily spinning serves and stinging passes.

Although Becker had his own very vocal contingent of fans, McEnroe was the darling of the crowd, which cheered on every point before becoming silent instants before each serve.

Making his first appearance here since he was defaulted two years ago for a temper tantrum, McEnroe's behavior was immaculate. Instead, it was Becker who became irate over line calls, particularly in the second set when he complained bitterly several times to the umpire.

McEnroe - his right knee wrapped in a red-and-black elastic wrap and his head covered by a white baseball cap - came out firing, making it clear from the start he was going for broke. He followed his first serve in constantly and often took advantage of Becker's second serve to do the same.

Becker succumbed in the 11th game of the final set after five break points. When Becker, who fended off three break points in his previous service game, hit a backhand long for the break, McEnroe pumped both fists, and the crowd roared, sensing the upset in the making.

McEnroe served successive aces, his fifth and sixth of the match, to go to match point at 40-30, then watched Becker's last shot, a backhand, float long for the final point.

McEnroe missed the Australian Open last year with a shoulder injury, lost in the first round at the French, the fourth at Wimbledon and the third at the U.S. Open as he finished the year ranked 28th, the worst since he turned pro in 1978.

Television

FRIDAY

JANUARY 17

6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM
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JANUARY 18

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SUNDAY

JANUARY 19

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Deaf girl enjoys hoops at Langham Creek

By MICHAEL MURPHY
Houston Chronicle

HOUSTON (AP) - As the clock wound down on Langham Creek's 52-40 victory over District 16-5A rival Cypress Creek last Friday, the crowd counted down every tick in unison.

As the buzzer sounded, the celebration started. The Lady Lobos, who had snapped a four-game losing streak in the most improbable way - by knocking off Greater Houston's top-ranked team - jumped off the bench and began an impromptu celebration at midcourt.

But one of the Lady Lobos did not hear the countdown, the cheering or the final buzzer.

Safeera Kahn, a sophomore forward who played six minutes against Cy Creek, is deaf.

It is Thursday afternoon, and Langham Creek coach Jayne Osborne is preparing her team for the Friday-night game against Cy Creek.

Because of the Lady Lobos' losing streak, Osborne is itching to get the

team back on track. As the Lady Lobos run a play, Osborne suddenly halts the action.

"Safeera needs to flash (into the lane)," an obviously agitated Osborne says. "I don't want her to skip or jog over there. She needs to get inside quick!"

As Osborne speaks, Norma Walker, Kahn's interpreter, vigorously communicates Osborne's instructions via sign language. The 5-9 Kahn, her long black hair pulled into a tight ponytail, chews her fingernails nervously and nods her understanding.

When the ball is put into play again, Kahn zips into the lane, receives a pass and hits center Julie David for a layup. Osborne claps her hands in approval and resumes practice.

"I don't expect anything less from Safeera than I do from the other players," Osborne said. "Sometimes I wonder how Safeera takes that, because she can't hear me yelling at everybody else. I think she realizes that I treat her the same, and that's why she accepts it."

Kahn is more than willing to accept the criticism. She thinks Osborne's prodding has improved her game, which she first tried as a 13-year-old.

"I've improved," Kahn said through Walker. "When I started in the seventh grade, we played street ball. I liked it, but back then I was lousy."

But Debbie Pustejovsky, who coached Kahn at Memorial Parkway Junior High School in Katy, says Kahn was a natural at the game.

"To be honest, we were more concerned about her personality," Pustejovsky said. "She was very introverted and very shy, and we wondered how she would get along with her teammates."

It was that nature that made Kahn understandably nervous about the jump to high school. On her first day at Langham Creek, Kahn met with Osborne to discuss the prospect of playing in the powerful program.

"I didn't know anybody," Kahn said. "I met with (Osborne), and we talked about basketball - schedules and practice times. I was nervous. I thought they (the team) didn't think I could do it."

But Kahn has encountered few problems, if any, with her new teammates.

Senior guard Tammi Dahse remembers when Osborne first told the team about Kahn.

"She told us there was a deaf girl who was going to come in and see what it was like trying to play,"

Dahse said. "I'm sure it was a big adjustment for her. She was so shy, and communication was hard at first."

Indeed, communication with her new teammates was about the only problem Kahn encountered. But Kahn has tried to rectify that by teaching several players the rudiments of sign language - starting with alphabet signing (where each word is spelled out) and progressing to signed words.

"It was hard to spell everything out because it was so slow," Dahse said. "It was really tough in game situations. So now, she teaches us simple words. At first it was hard, but now that everybody's adjusted, there's nothing to it."

Kahn has had to make adjustments, too. Osborne, who encourages on-court communication, had tried for weeks to get Kahn to speak on the court. But Kahn, who is very self-conscious about her voice, resisted.

Until ... "We had been trying to get her to say 'ball' if she was guarding the girl with the ball," Osborne said. "One day, we were out in practice working on spacing defense. We were in the middle of something - just playing. But suddenly, we heard it ... 'ball.' Just barely. Really under her breath."

"Everybody heard it, but they just

kept playing. But my mouth just dropped. Well, about a minute later, we heard it again, only louder. And all of a sudden, she started calling 'ball' and nobody made a big deal out of it."

"Now, she's using her voice all the time. Even though she was uncomfortable with it, she's doing it. It's so amazing."

Kahn shakes her head in embarrassment at the memory, allowing a thin smile to cross her face.

"I don't like to use my voice, because my speech isn't too good," Kahn said. "But I have been using it a little more. I felt I had to do it to help the team."

But Kahn has helped the team in more ways than she could imagine.

"This whole experience has taught me a lot," said sophomore guard Katie Synnott. "It's taught me to relate to people who have disabilities as being real people. When we talk with Safeera, it's just like talking to a normal person."

And why not? Kahn is very much the typical high school sophomore. Drawn initially by Langham Creek's outstanding program for deaf students, Kahn has settled into the school and has gradually weaned herself from the deaf classes.

"I feel all right here, but I really don't like the deaf classes," she said. "I like the mainstream classes more."

I'm more comfortable in the mainstream."

And her teammates are clearly happy to have Kahn in their circle. They have learned to accept the way she nervously bounces all over the court when she plays. And the spontaneous fits of crying Kahn uses after games as a release for her pent-up emotions.

"She's great to have around," Dahse said. "The only time I feel sorry for her is when we're together, joking and cutting up. We're over there laughing and she'll want to know what's going on, but we don't know how to respond because it's not funny anymore. Then, Safeera just looks at us in that funny way of hers when we tell her."

Synnott said Kahn's deafness rarely comes up anymore among the team members.

"Sure, she has problems out there," Synnott said, "problems with her game and stuff. But one of those problems isn't being deaf. Really, it's been a great experience, something I'll never forget."

And neither will Osborne.

"I think for a sophomore to play varsity on a program that has a tradition of winning is pretty good," Osborne said. "Nothing she does surprises me anymore."

"She's just an amazing person."

Ali turns 50

By The Associated Press

The mere mention of Muhammad Ali stirs memories of the "Rumble In The Jungle" for George Foreman.

"On his 50th birthday, I'll still be remembering those 50 punches he gave me," said Foreman, who turned 43 last Friday. "He tricked me that day, tricked me both in and out of the ring. But he was the toughest, strongest man I ever fought."

"It was a surprise, because I thought I was just going to clean him up real easy."

During the early morning hours of Oct. 30, 1974, Ali wrested the heavyweight championship title from Foreman in Kinshasa, Zaire.

Foreman, 70-3 with 66 knockouts, continues a quest to regain the heavyweight title. None, however, of his 73 fights will remain as indelibly etched in his mind as the fight with Ali, who sent Foreman reeling to the canvas in the eighth round.

"Just when I thought I had a little energy, he said, 'Sucker, is that all you've got?'" Foreman said during an interview in Houston. "I could hardly breathe, and he hit me again. 'Pow, pow, pow,' and it was over."

"Will I ever forget that? No, I never will. He was smart. He was the toughest guy I ever fought, and the smartest."

Foreman was shocked to learn that today is Ali's 50th birthday.

"Fifty years old? He's gonna be 50 years old Friday?" Foreman asked. "Man, that's unbelievable."

"I'm going to have to call him on his birthday, wish him a happy birthday and many, many more."

Born Cassius Marcellus Clay Jr. in Louisville, Ky., Ali gained prominence and a nickname - the Louisville Lip - on a run that resulted in a light-heavyweight gold medal at the 1960 Olympics.

In his 20th pro fight, on Feb. 25, 1964, Ali stunned the boxing world by dethroning Sonny Liston.

Ali won his rematch with "the big, ugly bear" a year later, knocking out Liston with what became known as "the phantom punch."

Ali waged epic battles with the likes of Foreman and former champion Joe Frazier. Ali ducked no one, fighting nine men who at one time were designated as heavyweight champions.

A promoter-extrodinaire, Ali mixed poetry with training, frequently predicting with uncanny accuracy the outcome of his fights. He scornfully nicknamed his foes and labeled his fights.

Perhaps the most famous were "the Thrilla in Manila," the final of his three battles with Frazier, in which Ali retained his crown in 1975; and the "Rumble in the Jungle."

Ali, whose career record was 56-5, is marking his half-century with a private birthday bash in Los Angeles.

James wins Bryant award

HOUSTON (AP) - Washington coach Don James didn't want to be outdone by his All-American defensive tackle Steve Emtman.

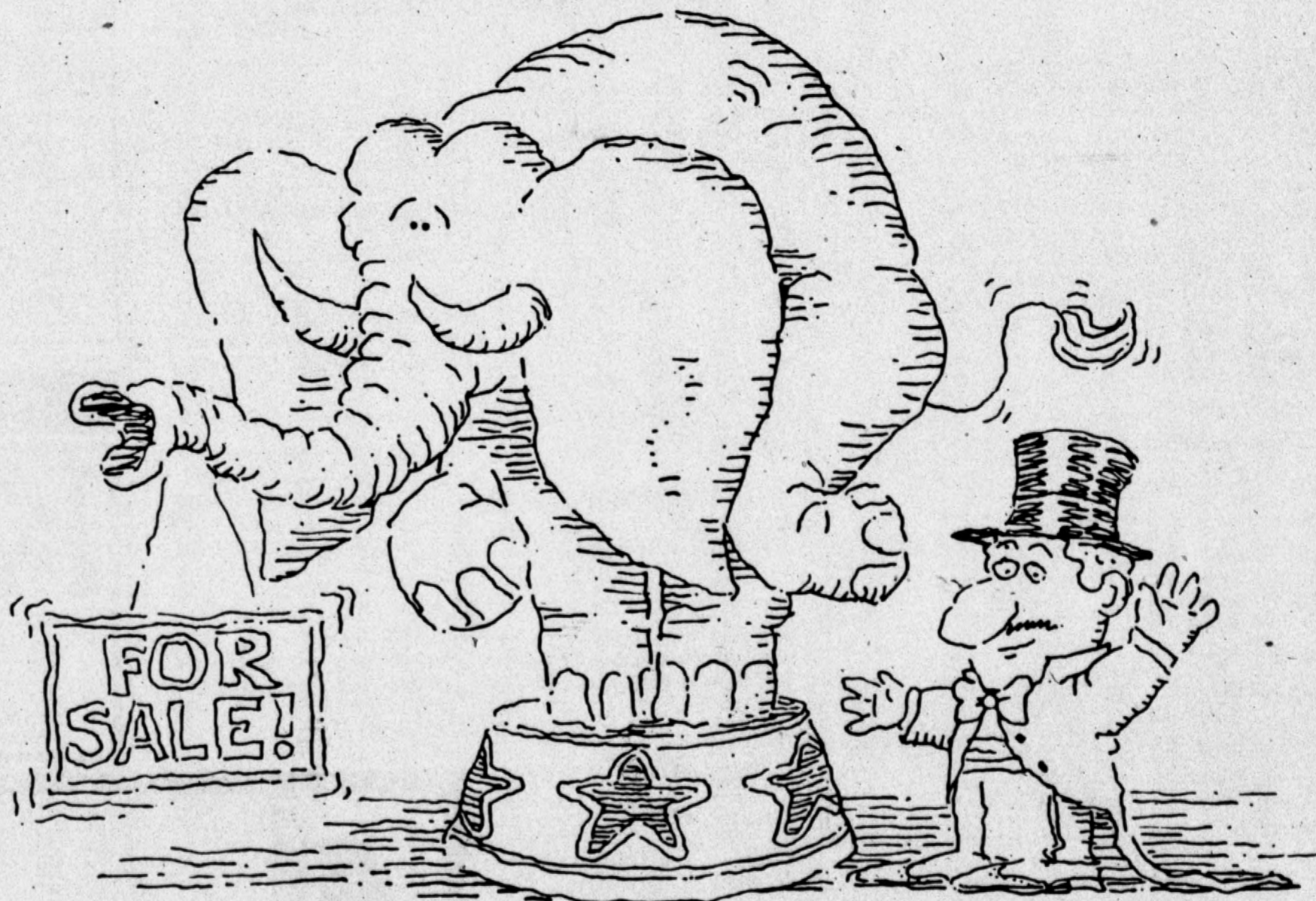
He didn't have to worry. James won the Bear Bryant Award Thursday night as the college coach of the year, duplicating the Lombardi Award Emtman won here in December.

"Steve told me there was pressure on me (to win) coming down here again," James joked.

James, whose unbeaten Huskies shared the national title with Miami, beat out Miami coach Dennis Erickson, Georgia Tech's Bill Lewis and Florida's Steve Spurrier for the honor, presented annually by the Football Writers Association of America.

"This was a fun year from start to finish," James said. "It would have been a shame if we couldn't share the title with Miami."

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