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Clinton hit on crop insurance plan

WASHINGTON (AP) — GOP lawmakers lashed out at the Clinton administration for failing to come up with a way to pay for a proposed crop insurance overhaul, but vowed to move forward anyway to help struggling farmers.

"Your language in the State of the Union and your budget don't come together," Sen. Larry Craig, R-Idaho, told Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman at a Senate Agriculture Committee hearing Wednesday. "American agri-

culture at this moment is having some severe difficulties."

Several hearings are scheduled on Capitol Hill on crop insurance, including two in coming weeks in the Senate. Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman also plans to hold several hearings across the country.

But lawmakers made it clear again Wednesday they were irked that President Clinton issued his budget with no proposals on how to fund crop insurance changes

— even after mentioning them in his State of the Union address.

"I'm a little like Jerry McGwire: 'Show me the money,'" said Sen. Pat Roberts, R-Kan., referring to a movie character.

Glickman said it will cost \$1.5 billion to \$6 billion to reform crop insurance. Both Democrats and Republicans have expressed support for the idea, maintaining that it will provide a stronger safety net to better protect farmers from the low prices they've endured

in the last year.

Currently, many farmers don't have crop insurance and those who do complain that it is too expensive and inadequate.

Agriculture Committee Chairman Dick Lugar, R-Ind., acknowledged it will be hard to push for crop insurance when there are pressures to use budget surpluses for Social Security and Medicare.

"To base all of this on the hope that ... in the dark of the night someone runs out with \$1 billion to \$2 billion

for agriculture is a long shot," Lugar said. "Discussion of improving crop insurance has raised farmers' expectations about what Washington can accomplish this year."

Glickman defended the administration, saying the White House wanted to work with Congress to draft the proposal — similar to the way the 1996 farm law was crafted.

"This is a mutual effort," Glickman said.

Just this week, USDA lowered U.S. farm export projections by \$1.5 billion to \$49

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Sen. Richard Lugar

billion — lower than last year's \$53.6 billion. The agency predicted that farmers face another year of low prices and lagging exports this year.

Study: Leaving welfare doesn't spell end of poverty

WASHINGTON (AP) — Millions of children live in poverty although their parents work, a new report says, warning that falling welfare rolls do not necessarily mean an escape from poverty.

One-third of all poor children live in families where the parents work, say researchers from Child Trends in a report released today on the working poor.

The report notes that the massive overhaul of the nation's welfare system was meant to both increase work by parents and decrease child poverty. But it warns that imposing a strict work requirement does not guarantee that a family will escape poverty.

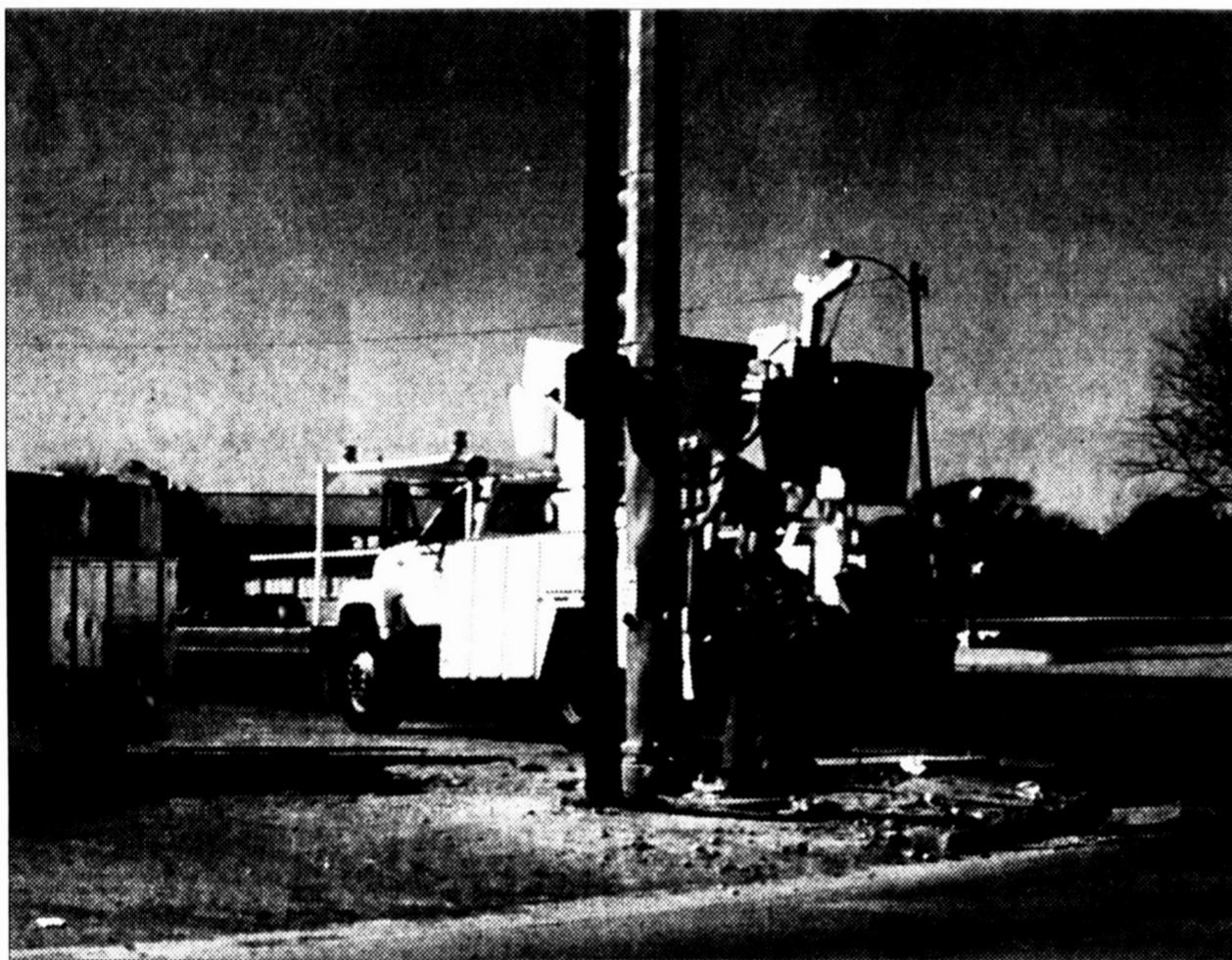
Twenty percent of all American children — or about 14.2 million youngsters — lived in families with incomes below the poverty line in 1996. That meant less than \$16,036 a year for a family of four.

Five million of those poor children — 35 percent of the total — had working parents.

"We have many parents who are playing by the rules ... but their children are still poor," said Richard Wertheimer, who wrote the report.

The study is meant to measure the effects of the nation's welfare overhaul law on children, establishing a definition of "working poor" families and measuring how many children remain in poverty even when their parents work. Future reports will examine the well-being of these children and examine if the number of

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BRAND/Don Cooper

New lights — A Texas Department of Transportation work crew was busy at the intersection of Park and 25 Mile avenues Wednesday installing new signal lights. The old signal light pole was knocked down several weeks ago in a traffic accident.

"Just recently, we paid two junior high students for information leading to a drug arrest. Right now, we have a reward pending for a high school student whose information led to the confiscation of marijuana."

Rob Roach, Crime Stoppers coordinator

Crime Stoppers succeeds in finding wanted criminals

By **Dianna F. Dandridge**

Hereford Brand Staff Writer

The old adage "crime doesn't pay" isn't necessarily true — at least not for individuals who deliver felons into the hands of law enforcement officers, through the local Crime Stoppers program.

Since its inception in 1982, the local Crime Stoppers program has paid out \$27,725 as payment leading to the arrest or indictment of wanted criminals.

Along with the reward money, local officers have recovered \$193,000 worth of stolen property and taken more than \$80,000 worth of narcotics off the streets.

Callers, leaving anonymous tips, are responsible for the arrests of more than 200 felony fugitives.

The program is state certified and run by a board of directors, which follows strict guidelines to protect informants.

Hereford Police Officer Rob Roach, who is program coordinator, said Crime Stoppers recently paid \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest of Rene Medeles, who was wanted in connection with a stabbing.

Roach says the program works because there is almost no way the anonymity of the caller can be disclosed. Informants call the clue line

(344-2583) and reach Roach. He takes the information, gives the caller an ID name or number. Information then is given to detectives in the appropriate agencies.

When an investigation is complete, if the information leads to the arrest or indictment of an individual, the caller with that particular ID is notified that a reward is waiting.

A board member withdraws reward funds from the special account, funded by part of court costs and fines which anyone who receives a guilty verdict pays. The member then meets the informant, at

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Tax break for small business pushed

AUSTIN (AP) — A proposed \$57.2 million break in franchise taxes on small business over the next two years — part of Gov. George W. Bush's tax-relief package — is touted by backers as an economic-development tool for Texas.

"Small business without a doubt is one of the strong foundations of the Texas economy, and this tax cut will strengthen that foundation," said Lt. Gov. Rick Perry.

The measure "allows small and startup businesses an opportunity to take root and grow," creating jobs, he said Wednesday.

Senators today were expected to take up the franchise-tax cut in a bill by Sen. Troy Fraser, R-Horseshoe Bay.

Under the measure, businesses with gross receipts of \$100,000 a year or less would be exempt from the corporate franchise tax and from filing annual reports with the state comptroller, according to Fraser's office.

Currently, all businesses have to file paperwork, but they don't have to pay the franchise tax if they owe less than \$100, according to his office.

Under the bill, 28,000 businesses that would have to pay taxes under current law would be exempt. It is estimated that a total of 231,000 would be exempt from paperwork requirements that bill backers say also cost businesses money.

Fraser endorsed a proposed amendment to his bill by Rep. Mario Gallegos Jr., D-Galena Park, to require the state comptroller to report to lawmakers meeting six years from now on the measure's effect on the Texas economy.

"We just want to make sure that this tax break is really getting the bang for their buck for the taxpayers of Texas," Gallegos said.

The franchise tax cut bill is **SB148**.

Fox leaving HISD for job with NMMI

Special to **The Brand**

Hereford's loss is the New Mexico Military Institute's gain.

Jack Fox, who has served the Hereford Independent School District as a history/economics teacher and coach of the girls softball team, has been named commandant of New Mexico Military Institute in his hometown of Roswell. The position is the military equivalent of dean of students.

Fox, who retired as a colonel after 26 years in the Army, will assume his duties at NMMI in July, according to Lt. Gen. Robert D. Beckel, superintendent of the 108-year-old institute.

Fox, a 1966 graduate of NMMI, told institute officials he is excited about returning to the school, although he regrets leaving the school district because of the many friends he and his family have in Hereford.

However, he also said he owes a great deal of the success he has gained in life to NMMI and he believes he can repay the institute in some part by accepting the position.

The HISD board of trustees already have accepted Fox' resignation.

As commandant, Fox will be responsible for managing and developing leadership within the Corps of Cadets.

In an interview with *The Brand* last spring, Fox said he had wanted to teach since just after he received his commission.

"I always had the goal that when I retired, I was going to teach school. It was something I always considered doing," Fox said.

He also found the transition from military officer to classroom teacher was not as difficult as he had imagined.

"I ... found that the high school here was far more disciplined than I expected ... Still it's not the Army, and the classrooms can be a little more challenging. Managing 30 kids is a lot more difficult than managing 30 soldiers," he said.

After graduating from NMMI, he earned his degree from New Mexico State University in Las Cruces and was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Army, launching a career that took him around the world for the next 26 years.

His postings included stops at Ft. Bliss in Texas and South Korea.

In his military service, Fox had a variety of duties, ranging from jumping out of airplanes to his final assignment — chief of staff of the New Mexico Army National Guard.

A lifelong runner and former marathoner, Fox started his coaching in the Hereford school district by assisting head cross country coach Ray Baca.

While in the military, he earned a master's degree in 1975 from Georgia State University and later taught on a part-time basis at Pike's Peak Community College in Colorado Springs, Colo.

NMMI is a college preparatory school and a university-parallel junior college with an enrollment of 980 students and is about equally divided between the high school and college divisions.

The institute counts ABC News correspondent Sam Donaldson among its graduates.



Jack Fox

Politics

Texas Gov. George Bush, who is considered by observers to be the front-runner for the Republican presidential nomination in 2000, is bypassing his father's inner circle to pick his advisers from the Reagan wing of the GOP.

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Local roundup

Parents meeting

Parents of Hereford High School seniors are invited to participate in a planning meeting at 7 p.m. March 1 at the Hereford Independent School District Administration Building, 601 N. 25 Mile Ave.

The parents will discuss plans for the annual prom.

Baseball, softball sign-ups

The Hereford Kids Incorporated Baseball, Babe Ruth Baseball, and Girls Softball will be conducting two more sign-ups at the Hereford Community Center.

Sign-ups will be Feb. 27, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and March 4, from 5 to 9 p.m.

Participants of Kids Inc. baseball and girls softball need to be 5-years-old by August 1, 1999 to participate.

Babe Ruth league is for boys 13-15. Participants must not have their 16th birthday prior to August 1.

All participants must be signed-up to participate.

Special education clinics

The Hereford Independent School District, special education department will sponsor two clinics designed to help identify preschool children with disabilities or learning problems, on March 5, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the school administration building, 601 N. 25 Mile.

The Early Childhood Intervention clinic is for children birth to age three. The Early Childhood Screening is for children age 3-5.

These clinics are free, but a parent or guardian must be present during screenings.

Appointments may be made by calling 363-7600.

Parenting workshops

Northwest Primary and West Central educators will present a two-part parent training session 6-8 p.m. on March 4 and March 11, titled "Parents and Communications Styles."

Sessions will be presented in Spanish and English. Child care and refreshments will be provided. Door prizes will be awarded.

For more information contact either school.

Schools celebrate two special events

Hereford Independent School District will celebrate Texas Public School Week and Texas School Lunch Week March 1-5.

Both events give parents and the general public the chance to visit schools and cafeterias and experience a child's day at school.

During that week grandparents will be able to eat a lunch for only \$1. Other adults will only be charged \$2 for a meal.

Visitors are always welcome, but cafeteria staff ask that reservations be made to ease the planning process.

Partly cloudy

Tonight, partly cloudy, low around 40 northwest to around 50 southeast.

Friday, partly cloudy, high in the 70s. Friday night, fair, low in the 30s.

Extended forecast

Saturday, partly cloudy, breezy and not as warm, high in the 60s.

Sunday and Monday, mostly clear, lows 35-45, highs in the 70s.

Wednesday recap

High, 73; low, 35; no precipitation.

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News in brief

Crash safety inadequate at Dallas airport

DALLAS (AP) — Because rescue crews lack proper equipment and staffing, passengers might die unnecessarily if a jetliner crashes at Dallas Love Field, the city's top airport firefighter feels, according to a copyright story in today's Dallas Morning News.

The report by Dallas fire Capt. George Freeman was made a year ago but had not been released. It concludes that aircraft rescue and firefighting at Love Field is inadequate even though it meets minimum federal standards.

Freeman said the city lacks a rescue boat, even though two main runways are about 200 yards from Bachman Lake.

Also, the report said the nearby fire station is understaffed. Freeman recommended two more firefighters per shift to rescue passengers during the critical first minutes after a crash. Dallas Fort Worth International Airport made that upgrade last year.

Convicted killer executed

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) — With a wink and a few short gasps, Norman Evans Green slipped away about as quickly and peacefully as is possible in the Texas death chamber.

For Iris Adams, mother of the man Green was convicted of slaying in 1985, there was little comparison between his execution Wednesday evening and the painful, bloody circumstances under which her son died.

"This man just breathed one deep breath and he was gone," Ms. Adams said, then recounted the vain, 12-hour struggle her son, Timothy Adams, endured after he was shot on Feb. 13, 1985. Three bullet wounds had minced a lung and severed his liver, injuries that 100 pints of transfused blood couldn't overcome.

"This man was judge, jury and executioner," said Ms. Adams, who along with her son's father, uncle and sister watched Green die. None of Green's relatives witnessed his execution.

Green, 38, was pronounced dead at 6:17 p.m., six minutes after the lethal drugs began flowing into his system. The U.S. Supreme Court had denied two final appeals earlier in the day.

Elsewhere:

EMERGENCY SPENDING: The Texas Senate has unanimously approved \$96.7 million in emergency spending for items ranging from boll weevil eradication to child protective services. All but about \$3 million of the money will come from the state general revenue fund. ... **TOUGHER TEST:** State Sen. Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo, has delayed action on his bill to require students to pass a tougher exam to get a high school diploma.

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Plano drug trial tests federal guidelines

BEAUMONT, Texas (AP) — When Bill Baker was called to the hospital the morning of Nov. 9, 1997, he thought of his daughter had been in a car accident.

But when doctors told him 16-year-old Erin had died of a heroin overdose, it was Baker who felt he'd been hit by a bus.

"We got punched right in the nose," he said. "We did not see it coming."

Lowell Hill experienced that same tragic sense of surprise when on Aug. 19, 1997, he found his 18-year-old son, Rob, unconscious and could not rouse him.

Both youths had been at a party the night before they died. Both bought a capsule packed with powdered heroin, emptied it and snorted it up their nose.

And both their fathers never had an inkling that their children were doing drugs.

"You're talking to two guys

who are the guys next-door," Baker said. "Had nothing happened to Erin, we would have never known."

Today, jurors resume deliberating the fate of 11 people accused of selling the drugs that led to the deaths of Erin Baker, Rob Hill and two other young people in the affluent Dallas suburb of Plano.

Although prosecutors were barred from telling jurors about the overdoses, the deaths may be considered by the judge in assessing punishment if the defendants are convicted.

A rarely used federal sentencing guideline allows for stiffer punishment when a lethal dose of drugs can be traced to the dealer. Because of that provision, the defendants face up to life in prison.

And that's why this case is so important, said Hill, who watched closing arguments Wednesday alongside the Bakers.

"If they can get a convic-

tion and it is upheld, this could help everyone else in the United States deal with this problem," he said.

"You have to have harsh sentences," added Baker. "But the legal piece is only part of the solution. The biggest part is the awareness that, hey, this can kill you."

In closing arguments, Assistant U.S. Attorney Bill Baldwin told jurors the defendants were responsible for as much as 99 percent of the heroin and cocaine that hit the streets of Plano in 1997.

"Lives were destroyed. Families were destroyed. Futures were stolen," he said. "All these defendants profited from that destruction."

The deaths of the four youths and several others over an 18-month period drew national attention to Plano, which became a living illustration of how drug abuse has crept from the inner cities to suburban sidewalks.

The trial was moved from

North Texas to Beaumont because of publicity.

In all, 29 people were named in a 36-count indictment issued last summer. Eighteen, including several Plano youths who admitted they distributed drugs to their friends, pleaded guilty before trial.

Several of those co-conspirators testified, telling jurors how the defendants allegedly used shoes with false compartments to smuggle the drugs across the border from Mexico.

Once in Plano, prosecutors alleged, the drugs were distributed from a residence known as the Blue House, an open-air street market where dealers provided "curbside service" and at several hotels.

Defense attorneys, in their closing arguments, hammered away at the credibility of the prosecution's witnesses, calling them "lying, thieving heroin junkies."

"They are heroin junkies who are trying to keep their own rear ends out of a sling," said Jim Fallon, whose client, Arturo Meza, is accused of operating the Blue House along with his brothers and co-defendants, Alfonso Meza and Jose Alberto Meza.

Another defense lawyer beckoned the jury to decide its verdict not on the emotional issue of drug abuse but on the facts presented in this case.

"Everyone wants the suppliers. You have 11 of them sitting right there," said Bobbie Peterson, who represents Jose Solis. "Your job is to weigh the evidence and to make a decision based on reason and common sense."

But Baldwin urged jurors to send a message to Plano and other communities that "we will not tolerate this type of thing."

"Heroin is a perfect product to sell. It creates its own market," he said, referring to its addictive power. "It takes control and it won't let people go."



Art winners-- Hereford High School art students recently competed in a VASE art contest and four students progressed to state competition level. Members who will compete at University of Texas at Arlington in April are: left to right, Anthony Gonzales, Barry Kriegshauser, Alex Celaya and Nick Celaya.

FCC acts to protect international satellite phone users

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal regulators are expected to move forward on a plan that would protect Americans with new mobile satellite phones from having them confiscated or subject to hefty duties when they travel to other countries.

The Federal Communications Commission is expected to offer a proposal today to bring create the protections. A final plan could be adopted by year's end.

Specifically, the commission plans procedures to let a U.S. company obtain FCC approval for its equipment without also having to get similar approvals from countries where the phones would be used.

A number of countries — including all members of the European Community, Japan, Korea, Canada and Kenya — have agreed to a reciprocal plan: They would honor U.S. equipment authorizations,

while the United States would honor theirs.

Iridium Inc. began offering a global satellite phone service last year. Other companies are also building global satellite networks that offer phone and data services, among other things. Customers would use specially designed mobile phones to receive the services.

In general, U.S. companies need permission from other countries to provide communications service abroad. They also need affirmation that their phones and other equipment comply with foreign technical standards to avoid interference with other telecommunications services abroad.

Separately, in advance of today's meeting, the FCC voted to release an audit of the five Bell telephone companies showing that billions of dollars in equipment can't be accounted for, according to

sources, who spoke Wednesday on the condition of anonymity. Details are expected to be provided today.

The Bells contend that the audit, which was conducted in 1997, is flawed and overestimates missing equipment. FCC officials have disputed this.

The audit results aren't supposed to have a direct effect on rates, but the results could have an indirect effect by enticing consumer groups and others to press for both lower local and long-distance rates, said Gene Kimmelman, co-director of the Consumers Union's Washington office.

The FCC is expected to seek public and industry comments on the audit, its methodology, its ramifications and what action, if any, the commission should take against the Bell companies.

In other business, the FCC is expected to phase out \$600 million in existing fees that Bell telephone companies pay smaller local phone companies to route their customers' calls to the Internet.

The fees would be phased out after companies' current contracts expire. It's likely to be left to states to decide how companies compensate each other in the future.

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Emergency services

Activities reported by emergency services personnel for Feb. 24, 1999, include the following:

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Arrests

— A 23-year-old man was arrested and charged on a felony warrant.

Incidents

— A domestic disturbance was reported in the 200 block of Avenue C.

— A suspicious person was reported in the 100 block of Sunset Dr.

— A domestic disturbance was reported in the 400 block of Avenue E.

— A two-car accident was reported in the 100 block of West Park Avenue. No injuries reported.

— A runaway was reported in the 300 block of Star.

— A gasoline theft was reported from a convenience store in the 2900 block of East First Street.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Arrests

— A 32-year-old woman was arrested and charged with theft by check.

— A 25-year-old man was arrested and charged with violation of probation.

— A 17-year-old man was arrested and charged with failure to comply with compulsory school attendance laws.

— A 24-year-old man was

arrested and charged on two bond surrender warrants, theft by check and driving while intoxicated.

— A 19-year-old man was arrested and charged violation of probation on a possession of marijuana.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

— 10:40 a.m. Firefighters responded to a smoke scare at 212 Lee.

— 7:04 p.m. Firefighters responded to a wreck rescue at county roads G and 12.

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Texas lottery

Lotto Texas
No ticket matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

The ticket would have been worth an estimated \$18 million.

The numbers drawn from a field of 50 were:

9-11-21-24-31-46.

Saturday night's drawing will be worth an estimated \$23 million.

Pick 3
The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Wednesday by the Texas Lottery, in order:

7-8-1

LIFESTYLES

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Contribution—Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) at Hereford High School hosted a long lunch fund-raiser on Feb. 10. Part of the proceeds are being donated to the American Cancer Society Relay for Life to sponsor the entertainment for the relay. Jessica Gaitan, center, HOSA vice president and American Cancer Society representative from HHS, presents a check for \$250 to Adam Treff, Relay for Life chairman, while Martha Paetzold, health science technology education teacher and HOSA sponsor, looks on. The third annual Hereford Relay for Life will be held June 4-5 in Whiteface Stadium.

Third annual Relay for Life plans include survivor's lap, luminaria

The American Cancer Society's Deaf Smith County unit will conduct its third annual Relay for Life on June 4-5.

Two activities open to the public which are held in conjunction with the annual relay are the Cancer Survivor's Lap and the Luminaria Ceremony.

Cancer survivors from Deaf Smith County are invited to walk the first lap of the Relay for Life to celebrate their victory over cancer.

The Survivors Lap will begin immediately following the opening ceremony which is scheduled for 6 p.m. on Friday, June 4. Each cancer survivor will receive a free T-shirt to wear while walking the track. There is no cost to participate.

Cancer survivors need to call Debbie or Adam Treff at 364-2536 or Adam at 364-1860.

The Luminaria Ceremony, which will be held at 9:30 p.m. Friday, is a special candle lighting ceremony to recognize those touched by cancer in Deaf Smith County.

Individuals and companies can make contributions in memory of those who have lost their fight with cancer and in honor of those who have survived. Each will be recog-

nized by a special lighted luminaria candle.

Luminaria contributions can be made by calling Kee Ruland at 364-0857 or any American Cancer Society volunteer.

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Ann Landers



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Dear Ann Landers: My husband has been clinically depressed for most of his adult life. A while back, "Herman" began seeing a female therapist who focused on my husband's early years to see if something in his childhood might be the cause of his depression. His therapist discovered that during adolescence, Herman had been a cross-dresser. He apparently had worn women's clothing in his early teens but repressed it as an adult. Now, Herman wants my permission to express this part of his personality around the house. He says he would not go out in public.

This disgusts me, Ann. The thought of my husband in makeup, wig and high heels makes my skin crawl. His therapist told me I need to be more tolerant. She doesn't

seem to think his behavior is abnormal or sick.

Herman is artistic and sensitive, a gourmet cook and an avid sportsman. More importantly, he is a terrific father to our two sons. I used to think he was the most masculine man alive. Now, I don't see how I can ever look at him the same way or stop wondering if he is gay. I don't want to break up our marriage, but if anyone found out about the makeup, wigs and high heels, I would be devastated. I need your advice. — N. Carolina

Dear N. Carolina: You need to have a better understanding of your husband's cross-dressing. Herman is a transvestite. Some transvestites are gay, but many are not. They get their thrills from dressing up in women's clothing, but that's as far as it goes. Please go to the public library, and read up on the subject. The more you know, the less you will fear it.

Dear Ann Landers: I just

read the letter from "Hey You" in Florida, whose mother-in-law wouldn't call her by name.

My own daughter has not called me "Mom" or anything else since she married 38 years ago, when she was 18. I have never heard her say she is sorry when she has been in the wrong. Nor does she ever say, "Please," or "Thank you." This is not the way she was raised. We see each other often, and she is not hostile. Can you explain this? — Hey, You in California

Dear Hey, You: No, I cannot explain it. Sounds as if your daughter is angry about the way her life turned out and is just plain bitter. Why don't you ask her why she never calls you "Mom"? Tell her you would like that. It could be the beginning of a meaningful and long-overdue dialogue.

Dear Ann Landers: I am writing in response to "Managing in Mesa," the disabled woman who complained about people staring at her or asking questions.

Birthday party honors Paetzold

An open, no-gifts birthday party honoring George Carl Paetzold on his 80th birthday will be held from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday in Hereford Senior Citizens Center.

Hosts for the old-fashioned birthday party will be Paetzold's children, Dolly Neff of Odessa, Betty Northrup of Albuquerque, N.M., Corky Paetzold of Hereford, and their families.

The celebration will include time for visiting and possibly some "42" and other games.

Scouts offer lilies

Cadette Girl Scout Troop 283 is taking orders for Easter lilies. Order by March 16 for delivery on March 28.

To place an order, call 364-1857, 364-2248, 364-6772 or 364-3613.



Special drawing—Hereford CattleWomen recently held a drawing at Homeland for a romantic beef dinner basket and handed out beef recipes and information. Winner of the basket was Sally Walker of Hereford. Pictured with the contents of the prize basket is Jill Johnson, president.

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I have a different question for her. How are children supposed to react to a person with a handicap if they are not allowed to ask questions? While I don't agree with being cruel or rude, I have always told my children that instead of just staring, they should ask questions. They have since delighted me as well as total strangers with their honesty.

My son once told a lady in line, "That's the nicest wheelchair I ever saw." She smiled and said, "Thank you. I've had it since I was your age." While she didn't go into detail, she explained she had been in a car accident many years before and told my son, "When you grow up, never drink and drive." I'm sure that woman, and what she said, made an indelible impression on my son. So you see, Ann, asking questions can be a good thing.

Dear Vermont: Being forthright and honest is always the best way to go. That is how children develop integrity. The woman gave your son some very good advice as well as a fine character lesson.

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In exhibit—This painting, "Collin County Farm," by Olin Travis will be included in the "Crops and Corrals: Art of Farm and Ranch" exhibit opening March 6 at the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum in Canyon.

What's Happening

Area Events

AMARILLO
The Amarillo Tri-State Exposition will host the third annual "Saturday Night Panhandle Style" cowboy get-together March 6 from 7 p.m. until midnights in the Rex Baxter Building at the Tri-State Fairgrounds.

Brenda Binion Michael will be honored as the 1998 Tri-State Fair's Cowgirl of the Year.

For ticket prices or more information, call 806-376-7767.

Amarillo Symphony's Randel Chamber Orchestra will perform the second concert in its three concert 1998-1999 season with a performance at St. Paul United Methodist Church on Friday, March 5 at 8 p.m.

Music director and conductor James Setapen will lead the Chamber Orchestra and will be joined by guest harpist Danis Kelly.

For more information, call the Symphony office at 806-376-8782.

Amarillo Little Theatre will present "An Inspector Calls" as its third mainstage production of the season. Production dates are March 11, 12, 13, 18, 19, and 20 at 8 p.m. and March 14 at 2:30 p.m. The box office opens on March 1.

The action of the play occurs in 1912 in an English industrial city...when a young girl commits suicide and an eminently respectable British family is subjected to a routine inquiry in connection with the death.

An inspector arrives to interrogate the family, and during the course of this questioning, all members of the group are implicated lightly or deeply, in the girl's undoing.

Cast members for this show include Don Shipman, Tom Halliday, Sara Youngblood, Montana Hisel, Stephen Crandall, Leslie Hethcox, Lisa Mann and Rachel R. Gauna.

Amarillo Little Theatre announces auditions for the final production of this season, the highly anticipated "West Side Story."

Auditions are slated for Sunday, Feb. 28 and Monday March 1 at 7:30 p.m. in the ALT auditorium. Those wishing to audition should prepare a vocal selection not exceeding 60 seconds in length and be prepared to learn a brief movement combination with the choreographer as well as perform cold readings from the script.

If you are interested, call Loren Strickland at 806-355-9991.

This season the Amarillo Museum of Art is offering Saturday Art Clubs for children ages 6 to 11 who are interested in learning more about art, artists, and art history.

This Saturday they will discover the techniques that artists use to tell stories through their art. While touring the museum's exhibition of American Art entitled "The Painterly Eye," children will listen to stories relating to the works of art and then be encouraged to create their own storytelling masterpiece.

The two-hour session will begin at 10 a.m. Tuition is \$10 and space is limited to 30 students.

PIECEMAKERS QUILT CLUB
will host certified quilt appraiser Nell Smith of Odessa at 10 a.m. on Thursday, March 4 in the Amarillo Federation of Women's Clubs building, 2001 Civic Circle.

Smith will speak on dating fabric using examples of quilts or tops brought by members of the audience. She will be available in the afternoon to provide written appraisals for individual quilts.

Admission charge for the session will include lunch. To schedule an appraisal or for more information, call Nell Thompson at 806-359-4971.

CANYON
Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum in Canyon will present an exhibition titled "Crops and Corrals: Art of Farm and Ranch" in the Main Art Gallery from March 6 through May 30. The exhibit will examine the

work and products of the farm and ranch through 19th and 20th century American and European paintings and sculpture. Some of the obstacles faced by farmers and ranchers, such as weather and pests, will be explored.

The exhibition will emphasize Southwestern artists in general and Texas Panhandle artists especially.

PORTALES
Science fiction authors Greg Bear and Connie Willis will be guests of Eastern New Mexico University's annual Williamson Lectureship at a noon luncheon and a 7 p.m. panel presentation on Tuesday, March 2 on the ENMU campus.

Joining Dr. Jack Williamson, Bear and Willis will be editor of LOCUS Magazine, Charles N. Brown. This year's theme, "The Millennium Voyeur," will probe how the millennium will reshape our views of ourselves and our technology.

To reserve a place at the luncheon in the ENMU Campus Union Ballroom, call 505-562-2422 by Feb. 26. The evening panel presentation is free and open to the public.

LEVELLAND
South Plains College will host its annual Senior Sneak Preview of college life for high school seniors on March 4.

Activities begin with registration at 1 p.m. There will be advisement sessions at 1:30 p.m., Just for parents Workshop at 2:30 p.m., college information fair, SPC club fair, housing tours, entertainment and a cultural diversity event beginning at 3 p.m.

Eric C. Strong, director of Texas Tech University's Upward Bound Programs and a lay historian in his spare time, will be the keynote speaker for the Los Tejanos Cultural Diversity Event. The event is designed to help promote higher education and cultural diversity for high school students.

For more information of the Senior Sneak Preview, contact Wendy Esch, coordinator of new student relations, at 806-894-9611, ext. 2213.

Healing Conference slated at San Jose Catholic Church

San Jose Catholic Church, 709 Brevard, will host a Healing Conference beginning with the 7 p.m. Mass on Saturday, March 6 and continuing at 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Sunday, March 7.

Speakers will be Horacio Trujillo, Elena Seidlitz, and Deacons Benny Brito, Jonny

Cloud and Mark Seidlitz. For more information, call Jimmy and Ester Moreno at 364-1837.

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Beene gives Valeda Club program

Jean Beene shared information about the Texas State Cemetery at the Monday meeting of Valeda Study Club in the home of Joyce Ritter.

Beene told about some of the notable Texans who are buried there on Republic Hill. The cemetery also has a Confederate Field and a visitor center with a computer containing information about everyone buried there. Beene encouraged everyone to experience

the essence of Texas history by visiting the Texas State Cemetery in Austin.

Marcella Bradley presided at the business meeting. Roll call was answered with "your favorite epitaph."

The next meeting will be at

Dell Hutto's with Jan Furr presenting a program on gardening.

Those present were Juanita Brown, Bettie Dickson, Mary Dziuk, Theda Seiver, Margaret Zinser, Bradley, Ritter and Beene.

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This is wrestling: This is your life



Herd wrestlers make the ultimate trip despite the odds against them

By Mauri Montgomery
Hereford Brand Publisher

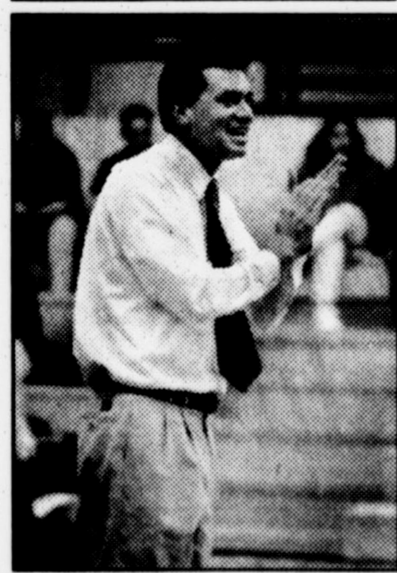
This is wrestling, this is your life. The credo, worn by members of the first-year Hereford High School wrestling program, is a living, breathing testament between this band of brothers and sisters who have established a winning tradition already in the UIL sport.

Seven members of the team qualified to wrestle in the first-ever Region I Wrestling Championship hosted two weeks ago at the Amarillo Caprock Activity Center and six (three boys, three girls) came away with tickets to the state tournament set this Friday and Saturday at the Austin Convention Center.

Javier Alonzo, 135 sophomore; Bobby Barba, 215 senior; Kris Hammarbeck sophomore, heavyweight; Danielle Garza 165 junior; Amariah Rodriguez, 119 sophomore; and 138-pound freshman Rachael Rodriguez will all be recorded in the HHS history books as being the first grapplers to ever make the elite trip.

SHARING THE HONORS AND THE DISAPPOINTMENTS

But the honors and the disappointments are shared equally by every member of the team — not just by those going to state, according to Alonzo.



Encouragement — HHS wrestling coach Mike Dominguez.

"We're very proud of our successes as a team, and as individuals," Alonzo said. "Some of us had wrestled before, but some of us hadn't. No matter where we were individually in experience, we put that aside and we grew together as a team.

"There aren't very many people who understand the commitments and personal sacrifices a wrestler has to make to be successful," Kris Hammarbeck said.

THE RIGORS OF WRESTLING

The fourth-ranked sophomore heavyweight says the rigors of wrestling are a little different than those in

other sports.

"Every sport demands commitment and I'm not trying to take anything away from other sports, but I've played football and I personally don't think the training for it is as tough as it has been for wrestling — no way. You have to eat, think and breathe wrestling to be competitive.

Hammarbeck's statement brought a chorus of dittos among the grapplers.

HOLD THE BURGER AND THE FRIES, LEAVE THE LETTUCE

"It's tough to go out with your friends on the weekends and watch them go for the burgers and the fries," Amariah Rodriguez said. "We work hard on our conditioning, just like other sports, but we've made a commitment to the team to hold our weight for a certain weight division."

"Yeah that's the truth," Alonzo piped in. "There have been times when we've all had to tell our friends we can't go out for some fun because we need to go burn off five pounds in order to wrestle the next day."

And the physical and mental preparation is, in high school vernacular, a "24-7" deal according to Rachael Rodriguez and Danielle Garza. "I guess I'm most proud to be a member of this team because of its individual nature and the daily effort it takes to make it a success," Rodriguez said.

"We've learned to appreciate each other more as athletes and individuals because we spend more time working out and competing together than in other sports."

"You may not realize it when you first get in here, but you figure out pretty quick that this is wrestling, this is your life," Danielle Garza said. "It has to become that type of commitment or you just won't be able to compete."

The group laughed when Hammarbeck spoke for his quiet counterpart Bobby Barba, who is ranked sixth in state in the 215-pound weight class.

"Shoot, when Bobby came in here out of football, he didn't even like it at first because it was so hard," Hammarbeck said. "Isn't that right Bobby?"

Barba only smiled. A challenge had been made and accepted. Just like the one they all made when they joined the first-year HHS wrestling team, and just like the one they are all going to try to answer in the state tournament beginning Friday morning when Javier Alonzo walks on the state mat as the first Whiteface ever to do so.

THE COACH

"These kids have earned everything they've received," head wrestling coach Mike Dominguez said. "They've tried to do what we asked them to do — and in many cases have exceeded those expectations. That's why they're making this trip."

"And they've had a tougher road than many of the wrestlers who will be competing in Austin because most of them haven't had the experience," he said. "Even worse, they've got Texas Academic Assessment Skills (TAAS) tests all this week. They'll have the stress of the tests and the tournament added on their shoulders."

Dominguez wasn't necessarily looking forward to the all-night drive just to get to Austin after the TAAS tests concluded, but he's used to it.

Like the team he coaches, he is used to taking care of his own business, whether it's setting up the bench, taping an injured arm or knee during the match, or driving all night to get his team to the state tournament — he's the nanny.

"We'll do all right. The kids are ready. We're all ready," he smiled as he watched his wrestlers run laps around the mat.

Nuggets handle NBA's big boys

Last year's worst team top two of the best in one week

By The Associated Press
First the Los Angeles Lakers, now the Utah Jazz. What's going on with the Denver Nuggets?

The NBA's worst team last year, Denver got off to a 1-8 start. Then the Lakers and Jazz, considered two of the league's best clubs, came to McNichols Arena.

And the Nuggets beat both of them this week.

"I don't think it's strange," Utah star Karl Malone said after Denver's 97-87 win handed the Jazz only their second loss against nine wins. "You have to respect that team. They have a lot of young guys, a lot of talent."

"Really, they have no pressure on them to win, and they play free and easy. We are the team that is expected to win every night."

Which the Jazz pretty much were doing until Antonio McDyess had 24 points before fouling out with 4:35 left, and Nick Van Exel scored 21 of his 23 in the second half. That offset Malone's 22 points.

"I think a lot of teams are going to play us thinking, 'It's the Nuggets, it's our night,'" McDyess said. "That's not going to be the case."

Elsewhere, it was Boston 111, Orlando 79; Indiana 104, Toronto 84; Philadelphia 94, Sacramento 81; Detroit 89, Cleveland 73; Miami 91, Charlotte 83; Portland 94, New Jersey 85; and San Antonio 99, Seattle 81.

Celtics 111, Magic 79

Penny Hardaway was frigid, Nick Anderson wasn't much better, and Orlando had no chance at Boston. Hardaway didn't score and Anderson had six points; the pair combined for 54 points the last time Orlando played the Celtics.

Paul Pierce scored 19 points, and the Celtics never trailed. They took control in the third quarter by outscoring the Magic 33-19.

"The problem was the gym felt really cold. I couldn't get a handle on the ball. It felt like I was playing on ice," Hardaway said.

Pacers 104, Raptors 84

Indiana remained perfect against Canada.

Rik Smits scored 22 points as the Pacers extended their unbeaten streak against Toronto and Vancouver to 19. Indiana defeated Toronto for the 13th consecutive time and is 6-0 vs. Vancouver.

The Pacers, playing the first of three games in three nights, built a 22-point lead in the first quarter, led by as many as 26 in the second and were ahead 52-31 at half-time.

Rookie Vince Carter led visiting Toronto with 28 points and 10 rebounds, while Kevin Willis added 14 points and 13 rebounds.

76ers 94, Kings 81

Allen Iverson, who despite pregame hype was rarely matched man-to-man against rookie point guard Jason Williams, had 36 points and 10 assists to thoroughly outplay his Sacramento counterpart.

"I know what he's going through with all the hype," Iverson said. "I know he had some trouble — nowhere near what I went through — and people will love him or dislike him. I told him to keep playing hard and trying to find ways to win."

The host Sixers held the Jazz, the league's highest-scoring team, 19 points below their season average. Philadelphia has held 14 consecutive opponents below 100 points.

Chris Webber had 21 points and 11 rebounds for Sacramento, while Williams had 10 points with seven assists and four turnovers.

Pistons 89, Cavaliers 73

In just his second game back from a hamstring injury, Joe Dumars put in 26 points, 21 in the second half. Detroit has won three of four after a five-game losing streak. The Cavaliers have lost two in a row after a five-game winning streak.

Dumars has 42 points in the last two games. Bison Dele and Lindsey Hunter added 13 each for the host Pistons, while Shawn Kemp led Cleveland with 24 points and 11 rebounds.

Dele played 28 minutes despite a case of the flu that made him leave courtside for parts of each half.

Heat 91, Hornets 83

Miami extended its winning streak to seven behind Alonzo Mourning, who led a powerful inside game with 20 points and 17 rebounds at Charlotte. The outcome was the closest of the seven games, with none of the opponents reaching 85 points.

Mark Strickland, P.J. Brown and Tim Hardaway added 13 points apiece for Miami, which got 16 of its 33 field goals on either dunks or layups.

The Hornets have lost six in a row.

Trail Blazers 94, Nets 85

Portland won its fifth straight and handed host New Jersey its fifth successive loss as Walt Williams scored nine of his 22 points in the fourth quarter.

The Trail Blazers used a 26-8 final-period spurt to take control of a game in which the Nets seemed to run out of gas playing for the fourth time in five nights. The Trail Blazers' reserves outscored New Jersey's 26-4.

Eric Murdock, filling in for an injured Sam Cassell at point guard, had 23 points for the Nets.

NBA ROUNDUP

Lakers fire Harris after Dennis Rodman arrival

INGLEWOOD, Calif. (AP) — With a straight face, Del Harris said he was looking forward to coaching Dennis Rodman. Now, someone else will get the chance.

As the quirky Rodman took part in his first practice with the Los Angeles Lakers on Wednesday, executives Jerry West and Mitch Kupchak were announcing the firing of Harris following three road losses in as many days.

West said one of two assistants — Kurt Rambis or Larry Drew — will succeed Harris for at least the rest of the

season. "This is an organizational change; this is just not one

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CORRECTION

The game story for Hereford vs. Frenship appearing in Wednesday's edition incorrectly reported the score as 49-49 at the close of regulation play. The score was in fact 47-47 and was indicated correctly in the corresponding box score.

The Hereford Brand regrets the error.

Texas takes season title

No. 22 'Horns clinch Big 12 season crown

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Texas wasn't expected to even sniff first place in the Big 12 when conference play began. After all, the Longhorns, picked by coaches to finish fifth, had lost eight of their first 11 and were struggling to adjust to a new coaching staff.

When conference play ends, though, 11 teams will be looking up to see the No. 22 Longhorns, who wrapped up the Big 12 regular-season title with a 62-52 win over Baylor Wednesday.

"I'm really happy for our players," new coach Rick Barnes said. "We showed a lot of mental toughness and discipline over the last two months. The players put their egos aside, and were rewarded with a championship."

The Longhorns (18-10, 13-2 in Big 12 play) close out the regular season in Austin on Saturday against Missouri.

"It's pretty phenomenal what coach Barnes did at the University of Texas in his first season," Longhorn Kris Clack said. "It was a roller-coaster season, but we knew it was just a matter of time before we started winning."

Texas dominated the cold-shooting Bears (6-22, 0-15) from the start and built a 21-point lead early in the second half at 38-17 on two free throws by Gabe Muoneke, who finished with 16 points.

"Coach Barnes brought a level of confidence to this team that we've never seen before," Muoneke said. "We weren't really surprised this happened to us. It was our goal. Those who said we would

fall flat didn't attend our practices."

Following Texas in the standings are Kansas and Oklahoma, which was stunned 74-72 at Texas A&M Wednesday.

In that game, Aggie guard Jerald Brown rebounded a missed shot by teammate Clifton Cook and banked it off the glass into the basket as the buzzer sounded, giving Texas A&M the upset win.

"I was looking at the clock to see how much time I had, first of all," Brown said. "Coach (Melvin Watkins) told us we should use the glass when we're that close. I was telling the ball to be good to me, because the ball wasn't bouncing our way earlier."

Brown's basket helped the Aggies (12-13, 5-10) snap an 11-game losing streak to Oklahoma (19-9, 10-4). The loss could also jeopardize Oklahoma's draw in the Big 12 tournament.

Nebraska, another team in post-season trouble, also lost Wednesday. The Huskers (17-

11, 9-6) suffered a potentially crippling 62-45 setback at Kansas State. Nebraska, which scored only 17 second-half points, has lost three in a row and now could be a long shot for an NCAA bid.

For Kansas State (18-10, 7-8), it was a rousing salute to six seniors, including Manny Dies, who were playing their final home game.

"This was very special, a very special game," said Dies, whose 19 points matched his season-best. "There's only one senior night in college."

Missouri (19-7, 10-5) also won on senior night, beating Iowa State (14-14, 5-10) 75-64.

The win was important for the Tigers, who kept alive their hopes of earning one of the top four seeds in the Big 12 Tournament and a first-round bye.

"We knew this was a desperation game, not the end of the world, but we needed this game to stay in the hunt for one of the top four seeds,"

Missouri's John Woods said. "It wasn't pretty, but we got the job done."

In other Big 12 action, Kenny Price scored a season-high 29 points to lead Colorado to a 78-68 victory over Texas Tech.

Price dropped in seven of his 22 second-half points during a 14-3 run that broke a 46-46 deadlock and boosted the Buffaloes (15-13, 6-9) to a 60-49 advantage with 7:22 left in the game.

Andy Ellis led Texas Tech (13-15, 5-10) with a career-high 22 points.

Kansas (19-8, 11-4) and Oklahoma State (18-9, 9-6) were idle Wednesday after the Jayhawks beat the Cowboys 67-66 in overtime Monday night.

Lakers

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person wanting to make a change," West said. "The last two games have been something that has not been acceptable from our perspective."

"To see your team perform against opponents that you feel like you should beat — we just felt like there was a deterioration."

West referred to a 117-113 overtime loss in Denver on Monday night, and a 93-83 loss at Vancouver on Tuesday night. Denver's victory was only its second in 10 games this season, and Vancouver had never beaten the Lakers in 12 previous games.

West said longtime assis-

tant Bill Bertka will handle the head coaching duties tonight against the winless Los Angeles Clippers in Anaheim before a decision is made on Drew or Rambis, both former Lakers players.

Spokesman John Black said Wednesday night the team hoped to make a decision on a successor to Harris "in the next 48 hours."

Considered one of the teams to beat in the NBA this season following the retirement of Michael Jordan and breakup of the Chicago Bulls, the Lakers bring a disappointing 6-6 record into tonight's game against the Clippers.

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INSIDE

'This is crazy because this is hip-hop music.'

Hill scores big at Grammys

LOS ANGELES (AP) — First came the "Miseducation," then the coronation.

In a night of victories for women and hip hop, Lauryn Hill won five Grammys — a record for a woman — on the strength of "The Miseducation of Lauryn Hill," her solo debut album that crossed musical lines and established her as a force in the recording industry.

Hill's five wins in one night — album of the year, best new artist, female rhythm and blues vocal, R&B song for "Doo Wop (That Thing)" and R&B album — topped the four Grammys won by Carole King in 1971 for "Tapestry."

"This is crazy because this is hip-hop music," Hill said in accepting the first best-album Grammy for a hip-hop artist as the usually staid awards show took its biggest step out of the mainstream.

Rap has been eclipsing rock as the dominant musical form for young people, and routinely produces best sellers. Much of the credit goes to Hill, a 23-year-old mother of two whose music mixes rap and R&B and touches on family and political issues. She had won two earlier Grammys with the Fugees.

Shania Twain, Stevie Wonder, the Dixie Chicks and the Brian Setzer Orchestra each were double winners Wednesday night.

Sheryl Crow won best rock album, and Madonna also picked up her first musical Grammys, including best

pop album for her excursion into electronica, "Ray of Light." She also won best dance recording and best short form music video.

"I've been in the music business 16 years. It was worth the wait," Madonna said backstage.

After 51 years of performing, Patti Page won her first Grammy, for traditional pop vocal performance for "Live at Carnegie Hall — The 50th Anniversary Concert." She joked backstage that family members once asked what her grandchildren should call her.

"Grammy. Because I'll never get one," she recalled telling them. "Now they can call me grandma."

Carl Reiner and Mel Brooks didn't have to wait quite as long. They won a comedy album Grammy for "The 2000 Year Old Man in the Year 2000" — 39 years after losing in the same category to Bob Newhart.

"Titanic" sailed on as the ballad "My Heart Will Go On" won four Grammys, including best female pop vocal for Celine Dion and best song written for a motion picture or television. James Horner and Will Jennings picked up the writing trophies.

The Academy Award for best song was one of 11 Oscars for "Titanic," and while the movie's soundtrack was the top-selling album of 1998.

Horner told the Shrine Auditorium and national television audiences he initially considered the song just a movie theme.

"It spoke to a lot of people," Horner said backstage. "It obviously was very romantic in a wistful, timeless way." He admitted he no longer listens to the song.

Actor-rapper Will Smith won best rap song for his good-natured "Gettin' Jiggy Wit It." He paid tribute to God, "the jiggite wife in the world" (actress Jada Pinkett Smith) and his son, about whom he received bad news in his first parent-teacher conference Wednesday.

"His rhyming skills are down," Smith said. "I swear — that's what the teacher told me."

Jay-Z's "Vol. 2 ... Hard Knock Life" won best rap album, though he skipped the show because he doesn't like the way the Grammys treat rap. The Beastie Boys won duo or group performance for "Intergalactic."

In his 12th Grammy victory of the 1990s, Eric Clapton won male pop vocal for "My Father's Eyes."

Crow won for "The Globe Sessions" and paid tribute to A&M Records, just swallowed up in a corporate merger.

"This is a really nice thing for me," she said, adding, "I want Lauryn Hill to produce my next record."

The Dixie Chicks' "Wide Open Spaces" was an upset winner for best country album over the better-known Garth Brooks and Twain. "We're freaking out," the tearful trio said in accepting the award.

Glover sets aside 'tough guy' act for readings of Hughes' poetry

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Danny Glover sets aside his "tough guy" act and unveils his contemplative side at readings of Langston Hughes' poems.

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"The breadth of his work and the changes in his politics (made him) much more complicated as a man than people think, if they just know him from the poems," said Glover, who was to read Hughes' poetry in Charlotte today.

Glover, one of heroes in the "Lethal Weapon" movies, said he was a student at San Fran-

cisco State College in 1966 when he got hooked on the poetry of Hughes.



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Table of TV schedules for Thursday, February 25. Columns include time slots (6 PM, 6:30, 7 PM, 7:30, 8 PM, 8:30, 9 PM, 9:30, 10 PM, 10:30, 11 PM) and program titles.

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Economy
New orders for U.S. factories surge; autos, planes lead way

WASHINGTON (AP) — New orders to U.S. factories for big-ticket products surged 3.9 percent in January, the biggest increase in 14 months, fed by strong demand for autos and aircraft.

The Commerce Department said today that the January increase in demand for durable goods, items expected to last three or more years, followed a healthy 3.4 percent increase in December.

The January surge caught analysts by surprise. They had been projecting that new orders declined 0.1 percent in January following what they believed was an unsustainable jump in demand in December.

New orders are closely watched by economists as an early signal of what industrial output and manufacturing employment will do in the months ahead.

The two back-to-back siz-

able gains may call into question the prevailing view that the U.S. economy will slow this year as world financial troubles and a rising trade deficit create a sizable drag on what up until now has been strong domestic demand.

In a second report today, demonstrating strength, the Labor Department said the number of Americans filing new claims for unemployment benefits fell by 5,000 last week to 293,000.

The four-week moving average for claims, which smooths out some of the week-to-week volatility, was down as well, dropping 2,000 to 292,500. That was the lowest level in a decade and a strong signal that labor markets remain tight.

The Federal Reserve, worried about a possible uptick in inflation, has been looking for a slowing in the U.S. economy after three years of

rapid expansion. The Fed is worried that tight labor markets, reflected by an unemployment rate which was at a 28-year-low of 4.3 percent in January, will cause wage pressures to intensify and set off a bout of higher inflation.

Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan, delivering the central bank's latest economic forecast to Congress this week, predicted that the economy, which grew at an annual rate of 3.9 percent in 1998, will slow this year to between 2.5 percent and 3 percent growth in the gross domestic product.

Greenspan hinted that if this slowdown does not occur, the Fed will be ready to move quickly to raise interest rates to make it happen.

The Commerce report on durable goods said the January increase of \$7.7 billion pushed total orders up to \$203.4 billion.

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Rewards

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an inconspicuous place. Informants sign the receipt with their ID and go on their way.
Anyone can participate in Crime Stoppers, Roach said.
"Just recently, we paid two junior high students for information leading to a drug arrest," Roach said. "Right now, we have a reward pending for a high school student whose information led to the confiscation of marijuana."
Crime Stoppers Crime of the Week falls in a wide range of felony offenses. Even though Crime Stoppers pays for information on any felony offense, the crimes designated Crime of the Week pay the biggest rewards.
"Once a case makes Crime of the Week, it stays active until it is solved, meaning its rewards remain high," Roach said.
Crime Stoppers cannot rely solely on the assigned court costs to help pay rewards, so the program occasionally is host of a fund-raiser.
Roach says in the coming months many businesses will receive a letter of solicitation to help support some of the causes.
"We're going to be doing some kid fingerprinting... and we will need extra funds for that and some other things," Roach said. "If businesses have any questions about the legitimacy of the letters, they can call me."
Without the continuing support from the community, Roach said the program wouldn't be able to offer these rewards or have the excellent results.

Hate groups turning to Internet to recruit

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — White supremacists are relying on the Internet to find potential recruits, fueling dramatic growth among the nation's hate groups, according to the Southern Poverty Law Center.
"The Internet is allowing the white supremacy movement to reach places it has never reached before — middle- and upper-middle class, college-bound teens," said Mark Potok, a researcher for the center, which released its 1998 Intelligence Project report this week.
"The movement is terribly interested in developing the leadership cadre of tomorrow," he said Wednesday. "As a rule, they're no longer interested in recruiting street thugs, people to beat up blacks and gays in bars."
While the number of hate groups in the United States increased to 537 in 1998, up from 474 in 1997 — about 13 percent — Internet hate sites increased by 56 percent, from 163 to 254, the center said.
Groups also used tools such as radio broadcasts, periodicals such as WAR, the newspaper of the White Aryan Resistance, and telephone hot lines, the report said.
"The Internet has, in a sense, empowered the white supremacy community," Potok said. "Very often, a hate was an isolated person, standing in their living room and shaking their fist at the sky."
"That same person, instead of feeling like an isolated retrograde, wakes up in the morning, turns on the computer and he's got 25 messages," Potok said.

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Poverty

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working poor grows.
In the meantime, researchers are recommending that states provide health insurance and child care subsidies after families leave welfare but before they can afford it on their own.
Under the study's definition, a working poor family has an annual income below the poverty line and, in the case of a two-parent family, has at least one parent working full time, and in the case of a single-parent family, has the parent working at least 20 hours a week.
The report examines these families in 1996, before the new federal welfare rules took effect but after many states had made their own changes and welfare caseloads began dropping.
It found:
• About one-quarter of children in single-parent, working families were in poverty. For working families with married parents, just 5 percent of children were poor.
• For the most part, working poor families are better off than non-working poor families. They were more likely to be married, to have a high school education, to live in their own homes and to own a car.
• Only 5 percent of white children in working families were poor, while 17 percent of black children were poor despite parental work, and 24 percent of Hispanic children.
Child Trends is a private research group financed by contracts from the federal government and many of the nation's largest philanthropies, including the Ford and Robert Wood Johnson foundations.

Basketball great Walt Frazier's nickname Clyde was inspired by the modish wide-brimmed hats he started sporting after seeing Warren Beatty wear one in the film Bonnie and Clyde.

Bush spurns dad's circle for his new brain trust

Texas governor selecting advisers from the Reagan wing of the GOP

WASHINGTON (AP) — Former President Bush has shared his name and blue-chip network of friends and campaign contributors with his eldest son, Texas Gov. George W. Bush.

But the younger Bush, who is weeks away from announcing whether he'll launch a presidential campaign, has forged his own path in assembling a brain trust. Instead of reaching into his father's inner circle, Bush is selecting advisers largely from the Reagan wing of the Republican Party and also is bringing in some new faces.

Indianapolis Mayor Stephen Goldsmith, a leading disciple of privatization, has been tapped for domestic policy advice. Lawrence Lindsey, who served on President Reagan's Council of Economic Advisers and later was appointed to the Federal Reserve by President Bush, heads the governor's economic policy team. Another Reagan economic adviser, Harvard professor Martin Feldstein, also has come onboard.

Condoleezza Rice, who was a Bush administration foreign policy adviser, heads the governor's foreign policy team. Paul Wolfowitz, who held State and Defense department posts in the Reagan and Bush administrations also is a key adviser.

The lineup of advisers, some suggest, marks a clear effort to send the signal that the son's presidency would be far more conservative than the father's — which was viewed by many on the right as a watering down of the Reagan legacy.

"I would characterize them as conservative thinkers," Bush said Wednesday after he met with yet another contingent of out-of-state elected officials who are urging him to run.

A day earlier, in a Dallas Morning News interview, he stressed his ideological independence. "I'll be a different candidate than the previous George Bush who ran for president," he said. "I love my dad, but I'm a different person."

In some instances, he is consulting with high-profile Bush White House officials, among them former Defense Secretary Dick Cheney.

"It's not the first time he's been down here. It won't be the last time he'll be down here," Bush said Wednesday, confirming he met with Cheney a day earlier. "He's a person whose judgment I rely on a lot."

Although Bush remains coy about his intentions, advisers say privately they are convinced he's running.

William Kristol, who served in the Bush White House as Vice President Quayle's chief of staff, said the governor's strategy in picking a kitchen Cabinet makes sense.

"He's emphasizing the outreach to the Reagan wing because he knows that his potential vulnerability as a Bush is to a Reaganite assault," said Kristol, who is editor of the conservative Weekly Standard magazine. "How does he lose the nomination? He loses the nomination if someone else can say 'I'm Reagan, he's Bush.'"

The prospective Republican field, which Bush and former Red Cross President Elizabeth Dole dominate in early polls, includes several hopefuls who would seek to outflank Bush on the right. Among them are Quayle, billionaire Steve Forbes, TV commentator Pat Buchanan, social activist Gary Bauer and Sen. Bob Smith of New Hampshire.

While declining to read anything into the makeup of Bush's advisory team, Goldsmith, the Indianapolis mayor, said the advisers are advocates of conservative policies.

"Big ideas drive quality of life, and to have even a small part in this effort to think through governance is really an enormous opportunity for me, and hopefully a way I can contribute a little bit," said Goldsmith, who has traveled to Austin several times for policy roundtables and heads there again Friday.

Bush's choice of counselors may be as much generational as ideological, said Norman Ornstein, a senior fellow at the American Enterprise Institute.

"He is picking people who come from the Reagan-Bush administration, but in some ways he's picking a different generation," Ornstein said. "The younger Bush administration team, as a group, was more ideological than the people who were from George Bush's generation."

Bush is pursuing a classic frontrunner's strategy by nailing down support early, Kristol said.

"If this is like spring training, he's way ahead of everyone else in that his conditioning program is better, the facilities are nicer, there are more coaches around ... and the food is very good," he said.

"Still, as he knows, you have to get out and play the game."



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GOP eyes busting budget

In closed-door talks, House Republicans appear to be ready to surpass limits

WASHINGTON (AP) — The signs are increasing that congressional Republicans will bow to budgetary and political pressure and exceed spending limits enacted in their 1997 budget-balancing accord with President Clinton.

In ongoing closed-door consultations, most House Republicans seem ready to surpass the limits for fiscal 2000 by billions of dollars, according to top GOP aides who spoke Wednesday only on condition

of anonymity.

In addition, new House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., refused to rule out surpassing the limits, saying, "I'm not saying we're going to bust them or not bust them."

House Appropriations Committee Chairman Bill Young, R-Fla., has advised GOP leaders that exceeding the limits would allow increases in defense and other Republican priorities, and ensure that spending bills will pass the House later this year.

GOP leaders want to decide the politically sensitive question soon so the House can start work on a budget for fiscal 2000, which begins Oct. 1.

"That obviously is a major issue that has to be resolved," said Rep. Saxby Chambliss, R-

Ga., a senior member of the House Budget Committee.

The budget Clinton sent Congress this month claimed to obey the limits for fiscal 2000. But Republicans have accused him of breaking those caps by paying for extra expenditures with higher tobacco taxes, user fees and other savings.

The spending issue is among several in which Clinton's budget attempts to corner Republicans as Congress begins crafting a 2000 budget. He has proposed using hundreds of billions of dollars in projected budget surpluses to shore up Social Security and Medicare, two widely supported programs, daring them to use some of that money for tax cuts the GOP wants.

For years, Republicans have made reducing the size of government a philosophical tenet. They won billions of dollars in cuts after taking control of Congress in 1995, but spending has since crept upward. Last fall, they acceded to Clinton's demands for extra spending and added some increases of their own to produce a session-ending measure that exceeded 1999 budget limits by \$20 billion.

This year, many Republicans are concerned that staying within the limits for 2000 would entail cutting popular programs and perhaps a risky budget fight with Clinton. In addition, both parties want to boost the Pentagon's budget, making it even harder to stay within spending limits.

McCurry praises Chelsea

WASHINGTON (AP) — Chelsea Clinton has survived a youth in the White House fishbowl and "has her head screwed on a little bit better than her mom and dad, in many ways," said former presidential press secretary Mike McCurry.

In an interview published in the latest edition of *George* magazine, McCurry also told the magazine's editor, John F. Kennedy Jr., that White House staffers viewed Monica Lewinsky "as someone who was infatuated with the president and who he liked to flirt with."

In addition, McCurry admitted first being flustered by ABC White House correspondent Sam Donaldson "flapping his wings" and "putting on some kind of tantrum all the time."

"But I soon realized that all Sam wanted to do was see how brittle we were in reacting to him," McCurry said. "If someone screamed at him and told him to get lost, then he would know, 'Hmm, there must be some problem.'"

McCurry stepped down as President Clinton's spokesman on Oct. 1 and has since hit the lecture circuit and taken a job with The Public Strategies Group, a Washington consulting firm.

In the *George* interview, he defended his approach of not asking Clinton or his lawyers too many questions about the president's affair with Ms. Lewinsky.

McCurry said if he had asked, "then you would have had Mike McCurry out there compounding the lie that Bill Clinton was telling his wife, his staff and his closest friends."

He said some members of the media have problems with Clinton because he is a fellow Baby Boomer, and "too much like the student body president you didn't like in high school."

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Buchanan gearing up for 2000?

WASHINGTON (AP) — Pat Buchanan, the television commentator who stunned the Republican establishment by winning the New Hampshire primary in 1996, is returning to the state next week to launch his third presidential campaign, officials involved in the effort say.

The address next Tuesday in Manchester will be Buchanan's first stop in a swing through at least 13 cities in primary states, said the officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The colorful candidate may also unveil a toll-free campaign number: 1-800-GO-PAT-GO, an official said. The adviser quipped that the pitchforks are already being sharpened, a reference to Buchanan's 1996 battle cry after winning New Hampshire: "All the peasants are coming with pitchforks."

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