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Cold front could dump snow on area

By The Associated Press

Snow, sleet and freezing rain is expected to move across Texas today with freezing precipitation expected as far south as the Hill Country.

A snow advisory is in effect through tonight for the South Plains, low rolling plains and Permian Basin. A winter storm watch is in effect tonight for the Guadalupe and Davis Mountains of Southwest Texas.

The possibility of winter weather in North Texas comes on the heels of record-setting rainfall across most of the area on Wednesday.

Rain is expected to change to snow across West Texas tonight. The snow should end from the west on Friday.

North Texas will have a mixture of sleet and snow over west and north central areas tonight and rain, possibly mixed with sleet and snow across the rest of the area. Some of the snow should continue through Friday morning.

There is a chance of showers and thunderstorms in South Texas tonight. Some of the activity, mainly along the coast, should continue on Friday.

Lows tonight will be in the 20s and 30s except for South Texas where readings will be in the 30s in the Hill Country and in the 40s and 50s elsewhere.

Highs Friday will be in the 40s and 50s in West Texas, the 40s across North Texas and in the 40s in the Hill Country and in the 50s and 60s across the rest of South Texas.

The record breaking rainfall was recorded at the Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport and at Waco. At D-FW, 2.90 inches of rain fell on Thursday, breaking a 52-year-old record set in 1945 when 2.03 inches fell in a single day. Waco got 3.97 inches, breaking the single day record of 3.96 inches in 1986.

The heavy rainfall across North Texas prompted the National Weather Service to issue numerous watches and warnings throughout the day and during the night.

Locally dense fog and freezing drizzle was reported across the Panhandle and South Plains early today.



Valentine's Day preparations

Valentine's Day is only a day away. Local businesses have been busy selling the traditional gifts of cards, candies and flowers. Here, Janet Lovvorn of Flowers West prepares an arrangement for Valentine's Day.

Mississippi legislature bans gay marriages

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) - Gov. Kirk Fordice signed a law banning homosexual marriages in Mississippi, denouncing same-sex relationships as "perverse."

"For too long in this freedom-loving land, cultural subversives have engaged in trench warfare on traditional family values," Fordice said Wednesday, as Mississippi became the 17th state in a year to outlaw such marriages.

State Rep. Jim Evans, one of three lawmakers to oppose the bill, said the governor should "be giving it a second thought before he begins to moralize right now."

Fordice is recovering from injuries suffered in a car accident 14 weeks ago while returning from lunch with an unidentified woman in Memphis, Tenn. His wife Pat was out of town. The governor said he has no memory of that day.

"Hypocrites love to talk about family values, but if they search deep down and do a truth analysis, they wish their own families were different," Evans said.

Mississippi's law denies recognition of homosexual marriages performed in other states. Fordice said the law would ensure that gay couples do not enjoy benefits of marriage such as health insurance.

"Insurance benefits for dependents were never intended for perverse relationships such as the same-sex marriage," he said.

Mississippi lawmakers were responding in part to a case in Hawaii, which is appealing a judge's ruling that the state must grant marriage licenses to gay couples.

The American Civil Liberties Union is considering challenging some state laws banning gay marriage, said Mississippi ACLU executive director David Ingebretsen.

U.S. House rejects constitutional amendment aimed at term limits

WASHINGTON (AP) - For the second time in two years, the House rejected a constitutional amendment that would have limited lawmakers' terms in office, and the Senate is unlikely to resurrect it.

"Term limits is an idea whose time has come and gone," said Rep. Chet Edwards, D-Texas. "It is a sound-bite constitutional amendment that does not belong in that cherished document."

Americans are already "exercising the concept of term limits envisioned by our founding fathers," said the four-term congressman. "It's called voting. It's called elections."

Rep. Bill McCollum, R-Fla., a nine-term congressman and the main sponsor of the measure to limit House members to six, two-year terms and senators to two, six-year terms, had argued: "It's time to end the careerism. By that I mean the tendency of too many of our members to vote for every special interest that comes along because they want to be re-elected."

But the 217-211 vote Wednesday for McCollum's measure fell 69 votes short of the two-thirds majority needed for an amendment to the Constitution. It also got 10 fewer votes than the same proposal received in March 1995.

Voting for it Wednesday were 180 Republicans and 37 Democrats. Voting against were 165 Democrats, 45 Republicans and one independent.

"This may be the end of term limits," said Judiciary Committee Chairman Henry Hyde, a 12-term Illinois Republican, placing palms together as if praying while gazing toward the ceiling.

Also pleased with the result, ironically, was the executive director of U.S. Term Limits, an advocacy group that has coordinated state initiatives seeking six-year limits on House members and 12-year limits on senators.

"I think it's great," said Paul Jacob. "The people throughout this country who want term limits want real term limits. Only in Congress would they try to so water down term limits that it won't accomplish anything. A three-term limit (in the House) ends the seniority system, a six-term limit keeps it."

Imposing term limits was part of the Republican's "Contract With America" that helped them win control of Congress in the 1994 elections. But the House gave it only 227 votes less than three months after taking office, and the Senate in the last Congress never voted on it directly.

The Senate, however, defeated, 49-45, a non-binding resolution to put senators on record as favoring term limits. There's no groundswell among senators to go through that again.

"I don't see it anywhere on the horizon for consideration in the Senate," said Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott's spokeswoman, Susan Irby. "It has not been something discussed or brought up by the members."

Before defeating McCollum's measure, the House voted 274-152 against a proposal that likewise would have imposed 12-year limits in both the House and the Senate, but, on ratification by the states, would have counted past service. McCollum's would have counted service only from the amendment's ratification.

"This is a real test of the sincerity of those who say they are in favor of term limits," said co-sponsor and 21-term Rep. John Dingell, D-Mich., the House's longest-serving member. "If the American people are angry at legislators, they're angry at today's legislators. ... Don't hold future members to higher standards than we hold ourselves."

Rep. Charles Canady, R-Fla., countered that the proposal was offered "with the intent of derailing term limits in Congress," and said it would create "absolute chaos" if ratified.

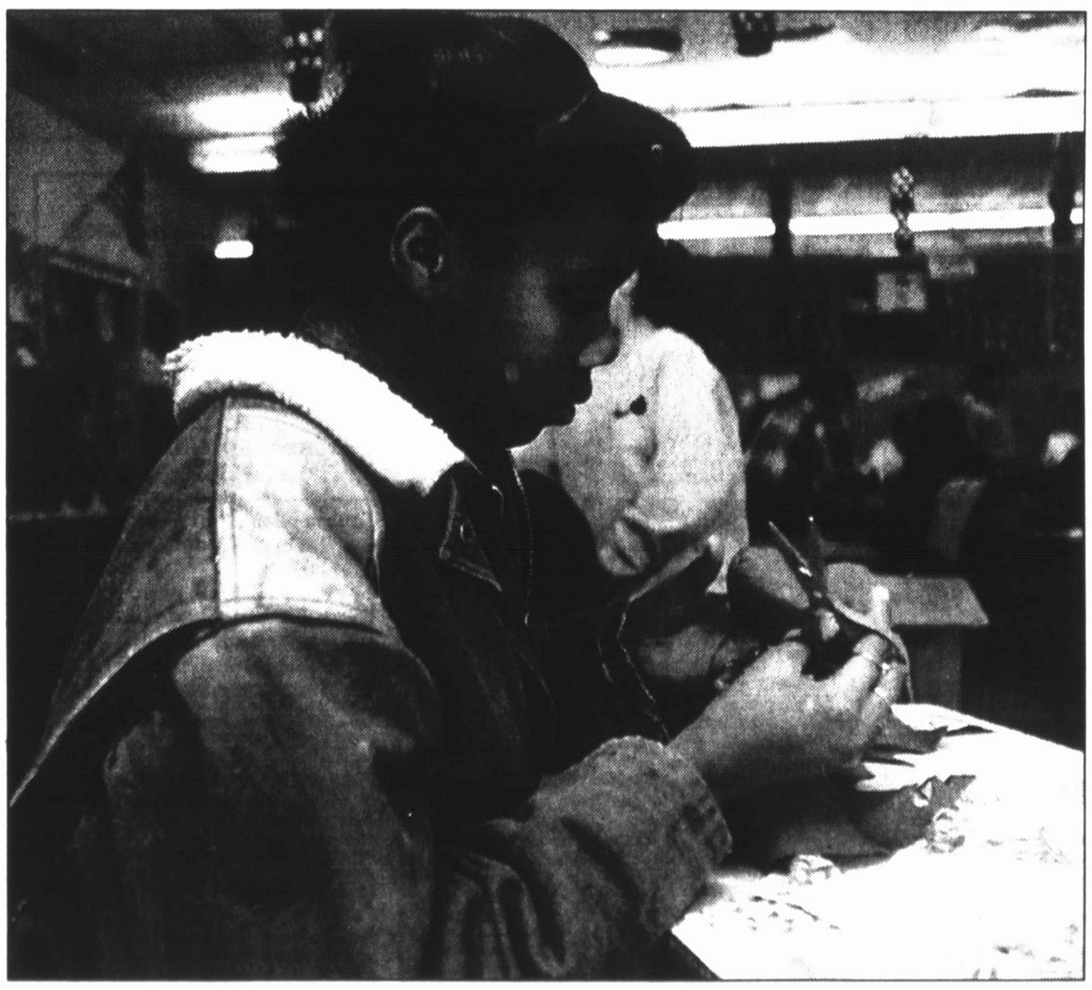
Retorted two-term Rep. Earl Blumenauer, D-Ore.: "For heaven's sake, stop the game-playing. Vote for the anti-hypocrisy amendment."

Supporters of McCollum's measure blamed U.S. Term Limits and the state initiatives it spawned - all calling for six-year House limits and 12-year Senate limits - with making Wednesday's voting confusing and limiting the votes for his version.

Lawmakers from seven states that passed such initiatives said those initiatives required them to vote only for their own state's version and nothing else. If they didn't, they said, they risked suffering a "scarlet letter" at the next election - a notation in capital letters beside their name on the ballot that they "violated voter instruction on term limits."

But even if that threat had not existed, McCollum acknowledged that the House would not have gotten the two-thirds majority required to pass a constitutional amendment.

None of the seven separate state versions got more than 87 votes.



Designing a heart holder

Bluebonnet Intermediate School sixth-grader Courtney Walker cuts a piece of felt for her Valentine's Day card holder on Wednesday. The students will celebrate Valentine's Day with a party on Friday. Walker is the daughter of Lynette Walker.

Home-equity lending proposal put before Texas House legislators

AUSTIN (AP) - Confident that the Legislature is ready to approve home-equity lending, Rep. Debra Danburg, D-Houston, introduced a proposed constitutional amendment to allow second mortgages.

"We have well over the 100 votes needed," Ms. Danburg said of the two-thirds majority required in the 150-member House for a state constitutional amendment to go before voters.

The measure she filed Wednesday is the House version of one filed earlier by Sen. Jerry Patterson, R-Pasadena.

Both seek to amend the Texas Constitution, which prohibits the forced sale of a borrower's homestead to repay debts except for the original mortgage, property improvements or taxes.

Texas is the only state where lenders don't offer home equity loans or other forms of second mortgages.

Houston Democrat feels Texas House may be ready to give its approval on second mortgage loans

"Puffing just ain't my style," said Rep. Steve Wolens, who has introduced a different second mortgage bill. He said he doubted Ms. Danburg's vote count.

Ms. Danburg said her proposal includes numerous consumer protections. Among them:

-Borrowers would be prohibited from borrowing more than 90 percent of the market value of a homestead.

-Existing homestead protections against judgments by creditors would be continued.

-Borrowers would be prohibited from accessing an equity loan line of credit with a credit card.

Wolens, D-Dallas, whose home equity bill Ms. Danburg dubbed the "realtors' bill," would allow Texas homeowners to use their homes as collateral for first lien equity loans to start or maintain a business and to pay for education, medical and reverse annuity mortgage expenses.

The legislation filed by Patterson and Ms. Danburg doesn't restrict uses of equity loans.

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Local Roundup

Sunny skies coming

Hereford reached a high temperature of 37 degrees on Wednesday with an overnight low of 28 degrees. KPAN Radio also recorded a trace of moisture. For tonight, look for cloudy skies and a 50 percent chance of snow. Friday will be mostly sunny with a high in the middle 40s. The winds will be from the northwest at 10 to 20 mph.

Emergency Services

Activities reported by law enforcement agencies:

POLICE DEPARTMENT
THURSDAY

-- 51-year-old female was arrested on a mental commitment.

-- $21.58 worth of beer was reported stolen from a convenience store on South Main.

-- Theft of five gallons worth of gasoline were siphoned out of a car in the 300 block of Roosevelt Street.

-- $20.98 worth of beer was reported stolen from a convenience store in the 500 block of North 25 Mile Avenue.

-- A domestic dispute over some vehicles was reported in the 500 block of Avenue H.

-- Criminal trespass was reported in the 200 block of Sunset Drive.

-- Burglary of a residence was reported in the 400 block of East 3rd Street in which $150 worth of jewelry was taken.

-- An incident of Burglary of a Motor Vehicle in the 100 block of North Ranger was reported in which a wallet was stolen.

-- One citation was issued.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

-- No fire calls.

SHERIFF DEPARTMENT

-- 20-year-old male was arrested for violation of probation.

-- 33-year-old female was arrested for driving while intoxicated.

Bits and pieces from a mind gone blank

Over the course of human events, when one is trying to find something to write a column, more often than not, the writer is left holding bits and pieces of ideas that never really amount to much of anything.

Much less a column.

Being the scavenger that I am (I have been called worse, you know), I never throw any ideas away. I forget a few of them, but you can ask my wife, I never throw anything away. No matter how lame they might be.

And, after several months, these little bits and pieces of scrap information add up to a column. It's the recycling urge in me trying to break through, I think. Anyway, the idea is simple. You take a smidgen of ideas from here, and a pinchful of thoughts from there and throw them together and you get a column.

What I'm getting at - in a round about way - is that this column is one of those "built over a matter of time" ordeals. A hodge-podge of thoughts from a person who works too late sometimes. So, this week I've gathered a few of the thoughts I've had bouncing off the inside of my skull and thrown them out for you to decipher.

Ponder, if you will, some of the questions.

If Valentine's Day is such a warm and loving day, why did they kill the man who invented it?

Has anyone ever wondered where that dad-gummed fifth dentist lives? You know, the dentist that's left out in the cold when a toothpaste commercial says "Four out of five dentists recommend using..." Who is this guy and where does he live? Sure is going to be tough for him to make a living when everyone finds out he's promoting tooth decay.

And what about swimming?

You know, the idea that you should never go swimming unless you're with a friend because it's a matter of life and death.

The biggest reason for using the "buddy system" while swimming is simpler. It is much safer to have a buddy with you while you are swimming in case you should meet a hungry shark. You can always throw your friend to the carnivore and swim away while the shark is preoccupied.

And what about life's great questions?

Why is it when you get something in your eye, you can't see it.

Or, if nothing sticks to Teflon, how does Teflon stay on the pan?



Tommy Wells
Brand Managing Editor

Ever wonder how they managed to measure the size of hail before golf balls and softballs were invented?

Tell me, why is it always the windshield wiper on the driver's side that wears out first?

Why does your car always break down right after you've bought something you didn't really need but always wanted? And why is the cost of the car's repair directly related to the price of the object you just purchased.

If it's so lucky to have a rabbit's foot, why can't rabbits keep all of their feet on their body

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Of course, most of you already know that it is a proven fact that there are 279 (approximately) fruit cakes circulating throughout the United States and Canada. They were all minted by the U.S. government during World War I to help alleviate the need for tire rubber, and ease the burning question of what to give Aunt Wanda for Christmas.

Little be it known, though, that my mother-in-law has uncovered the patent of the original fruit cake. And you'd be surprised what Uncle Sam baked into the cake.

Here's a list of 10 ingredients shoved into the cake:

1. Jelly beans.
2. Painter's putty.
3. Vick's Vapor Rub
4. Jimmy Hoffa
5. Bailing twine
6. A box of b.b.'s
7. A good bit of Pennzoil
8. An inner tube
9. Candied weasel bits
10. Just a dab of butter

Truly thought provoking stuff, huh?

Like I said, never a wasted thought in these parts.

News Digest

STATE

By The Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) - Misdemeanor assault charges have been dropped against five of 10 high school students accused of assaulting a 16-year-old girl at a party last September.

Eleven Arlington High School football players received a one-game suspension as a result of the incident, which influenced school officials to seek ways to cut down on the consumption of alcohol by students.

Stewart Milner, chief prosecutor for the city, said Wednesday that charges were dropped against Adam Davis, 18, Kristopher Puddy, 17, and three juveniles because the victim later said the students were not involved or she could not identify them.

After the party, attended between 75 and 100 teen-agers last Sept. 13 at Davis' home, police cited 10 teenagers on charges of simple assault and disorderly conduct. The girl told police at the time that she was drunk and couldn't remember everything that happened.

Arlington High School's football coach said the players were suspended because they admitted drinking alcohol at the party, which followed Arlington High School's football game against Hurst Bell.

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas (AP) - About 800 employees of the Corpus Christi Army Depot will lose their jobs through cutbacks planned for November and in October 1998, Army officials say.

Employees of the depot were told Wednesday that 336 workers will be cut this year and 462 next year because of a reduction in the amount of work that will be done at the depot.

The 798 layoffs would represent just over one-fourth of the depot's 3,136 civilian employees.

The depot is involved in maintenance of military helicopters, and Army officials say that work will be reduced in the next two years.

U.S. Rep. Solomon Ortiz, D-Corpus Christi, and Republican Sens. Kay Bailey Hutchison and Phil Gramm criticized the decision, saying they doubt that the need for helicopter maintenance will decline.

SAN ANTONIO (AP) - Two Texas A&M University System officials urged contributions to state Sen. Judith Zaffirini when she was a majority member of the Senate Education Committee, according to the San Antonio Express-News.

The newspaper, in a copyright story today, said soliciting such campaign contributions violates university guidelines and state law. However, a Texas A&M spokeswoman said no laws were broken at the February 1994 meeting.

James Bond, system counsel, told officials of an upcoming fund-raiser at an Austin hotel. He told presidents and directors of Texas A&M agencies they could "be present and give monetary support" to Ms. Zaffirini, a Laredo Democrat, according to minutes of the meeting.

William Mobley, then-chancellor, also raised the possibility of sponsoring an event for Zaffirini. But the response was the "problem is that she has an opponent," the minutes stated.

Neither comment broke university rules, Texas A&M System spokeswoman Terri Parker said Wednesday.

AUSTIN (AP) - Rep. Garnet Coleman, D-Houston, said his own personal experience prompted him to file a bill that would put insurance coverage for serious mental illness on the same level with coverage for physical illness.

Coleman filed a bill on Wednesday that would require group health plans and HMOs to provide coverage for serious mental illness - equal to the terms and conditions applied to physical illness.

"I think we have tried to do a bill here that's based on statistics. It's based on good data. That's based on fairness and that's based on making sure people get what they paid for," Coleman said.

The bill would amend the insurance code to prohibit group health insurance policies that don't provide the same coverage terms and conditions for serious mental illness as for other illnesses.

"Most insurers have traditionally covered serious mental illness," said Jerry Johns, an industry spokesman with the Southwestern Insurance Information Service.

AUSTIN (AP) - A billion-dollar brawl it wasn't.

Officials from Gov. George W. Bush's office and Comptroller John Sharp's office on Wednesday said they have about a $200 million difference of opinion in the cost of Bush's plan to lower local property taxes.

On Tuesday, Sharp's office said the governor's proposal to pay for the property tax reduction - by raising the state sales tax and creating a new business tax - would be $1.4 billion short.

That doesn't count $1 billion both officials say will be available after the current budget year ends Aug. 31. That money will come from less government spending and higher state revenues.

That left a $400 million difference.

AUSTIN (AP) - Cameron Wantland says that even though her dad may misplace things, "He's not a ditz."

"If anything, he has too much on his mind with work and his family," she said.

Robert Wantland, 43, a superintendent for a general contracting firm in San Antonio and father of five, entered the Texas Lottery record books on Wednesday as the person who waited the longest to claim a winning Lotto ticket.

It wasn't intentional.

Only after cleaning out his desk at work for a job transfer a week and a half ago did Wantland come across a $1 Quick Pick ticket that he had bought for the $7.4 million jackpot drawn on Sept. 18. It was the winner.

WASHINGTON (AP) - Opponents of federal flight restrictions at Dallas' Love Field once again are launching their perennial campaign to undo a law they believe deprives Kansans and others of low-cost air fares to and from Texas.

American Airline officials take hard line against compromise with pilots

WASHINGTON (AP) - With a strike deadline looming, American Airline officials today took a hard line against a compromise offered by its pilots.

The union representing American pilots told the company early this morning that it would agree to lower salaries for pilots operating regional jets if the company accepted its other demands.

But any optimism that the offer would avert a strike at midnight Friday was short-lived. At a morning briefing, American spokesman Al Comeaux all but ruled out the compromise, saying the company could not be competitive if American pilots flew the American Eagle commuter routes.

Pilots from another union, who make less than half the $120,000 average American pilot salary, now fly those shorter routes.

"In reality, those jets are going to be operated as American Eagle or they are not going to be operated," Comeaux said. "There are costs involved beyond pilot costs. We have to be competitive."

Talks were scheduled to resume today, but had not started by late morning.

The union is seeking 3 percent pay increases on Aug. 31 this year and the same dates in 1998 and 1999, and a 2 percent pay raise on Aug. 31, 2000.

The pilots also want stock options to buy 7.25 million shares at below-market cost and to phase out over four years a lower pay and pension scale for new hires that has been in place since 1983.

The union said it would accept a lower wage scale for pilots flying the smaller regional jets, a move it says would be economically feasible. Negotiators planned to present the details of the plan to the company today if the company shows interest.

Pilots of the regional jets, who belong to a different union, average $35,000 a year in salary.

"You'd have to envision that the substantially smallest jets would have the lowest pay," said Pat Flanagan, a financial consultant for the union.

The airline's parent company, AMR Corp., has said it wants its commuter, American Eagle, to fly the 45-70 seat regional jets. American Eagle currently flies turboprops.

But the union proposal still may be grounds for compromise.

In a letter written to a pilot in October of 1996 and obtained by The Associated Press, airline chairman and chief executive Robert L. Crandall said he was "indifferent as to whether Eagle or AA pilots fly those airplanes. However - and this is an essential point - they must be flown at Eagle-equivalent costs."

The union said early this morning it believes it can meet those costs through its pay scales and work rules.

The company did not immediately comment.

The movements are among the first in the contentious contract dispute. On Wednesday, both sides prepared for a strike as little progress was made early in the talks.

American was scheduling its passengers on other airlines to assure their planes are not left overseas if there is a pilot walkout.

"It's for insurance purposes," airline spokesman Al Comeaux said.

All Friday flights to Europe, Japan, the Caribbean, Central and South America were canceled. The exceptions were flights to San Juan, Puerto Rico, and London.

"Those flights are into places where we have a major enough operations that we could secure the airplanes," American spokesman John Hotard said.

American's reservation employees were calling passengers to help them with new arrangements. The company did not release details on how many people were affected.

Flights to London would actually be in the air and would continue to their destination if the 9,300 pilots strike.

The U.S. Postal Service also was preparing. The 1 million pounds of mail a day that is usually delivered out of American's hub in Dallas is being shifted to other carriers, Postal Service spokesman Roy Betts said.

American is the third-largest mail carrier - behind Delta and United - among 74 airlines that the Postal Service has contracts with.

Discovery captures Hubble telescope for maintenance

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) - High over Mexico's southwest coast, an astronaut reached out today with the crane of space shuttle Discovery and deftly plucked the Hubble telescope from its lonely drift through space.

Astronaut Steven Hawley then swung the 43-foot-tall telescope over the shuttle's open cargo bay and gingerly lowered it onto a platform where it will undergo four days of component swaps to enhance its already unprecedented performance.

"Gee, I wish you could see the expression on Dr. Stevie's face," said commander Kenneth Bowersox. "Looks like he just shook hands with an old friend."

Hawley was at the controls, too, when the Hubble was released into its own orbit for the first time in 1990. And he will run the arm when the telescope is set free on Tuesday.

It all went by the book, albeit 17 minutes late. On Discovery's 31st orbit, Bowersox steered the shuttle alongside the telescope, 368 miles above Earth.

"It went a little slow there at the end," Bowersox quipped. "We just wanted to make the rendezvous last longer. It was so much fun."

Even before the capture, Bowersox answered an important question: The telescope's solar panels appeared undamaged by their long exposure to the harsh environment of space.

One of the two parabolic dishes on the telescope's antenna was not so fortunate. As the astronauts surveyed the Hubble with their video camera, they found a small hole near the edge of the dish, which NASA said "probably resulted from a piece of orbital debris." The hole was not noticeable in the antenna's performance.

Correction

A photo caption appearing below a picture featured on page two in the Feb. 11 edition of the Hereford Brand, incorrectly identified HRH Insurance of Hereford as HJH Insurance of Hereford.

The Hereford Brand regrets the error.



Spelling champions

St. Anthony's School announced the winners of its Spelling Bee. Pictured, from left, are Wendy Briones, senior alternate; Elizabeth Tarr, senior champion; Megan Stubbs, junior champion; and Sarah Lawlis, junior alternate.

Lotto Texas
Texas Lottery

AUSTIN (AP) - The winning Lotto Texas numbers drawn Wednesday by the Texas Lottery:

1-10-17-18-24-39

(one, ten, seventeen, eighteen, twenty-four, thirty-nine)

Estimated Lotto Texas jackpot: $4 million

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

2-7-6

(two, seven, six)

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Lifestyles



Renovation continues

Gabriel Casias, left, maintenance supervisor at Blue Water Garden Apartments, and Raul Martinez, helper, apply exterior paint to a unit in the apartment complex. Repairs to the cracked stucco and new paint on exterior walls and trim are just a part of the renovation and remodeling project which began last fall.

Renovation at apartment complex encompasses more than buildings

By BECKY CAMP
Lifestyles Editor

Renovation and remodeling work at Blue Water Garden Apartments does not include just the buildings.

"The tenants have a new sense of pride in their homes and the work being done here, especially since they had some say in what they wanted to see accomplished," said Janis Robinson, manager of the apartment complex.

When Robinson was notified last fall that Blue Water Garden had received a grant from the Department of Housing and Urban Development, she began to make long-range plans. "We're no longer going to provide just housing. We feel there is a personal worth here," she said.

Blue Water Garden is owned and managed by Murray Management Inc. of Holt, Mich., which employs Robinson to manage the complex.

"My employer has been great to work with and shares my goals for the complex," Robinson said.

In addition to repairing the stucco and painting the exteriors of the buildings, one of the immediate goals is to develop a network center in an apartment within the complex.

"We will get possession of an apartment on the 28th and will begin remodeling immediately," Robinson said.

"The remodeling will take about two weeks," according to Gabriel Casias, maintenance supervisor for the complex.

Plans are for the center to include a computer room for children to use on after-school programs, a police substation with exterior entrance, a library and a community room with telephone for the use of residents.

Other aspects of the renovation have already been completed. All the units have new stoves and refrigerators. New metal stairs were installed in every building and roofs were replaced.

"A resident's association is in place with its own officers and we have initiated a Camp Fire program for children in the complex which meets three times a week," Robinson said.

Robinson hopes to have new playground equipment in place by spring in the open area in the center of the complex where Casias and the maintenance crew have levelled the ground and started grass.

"And every apartment will soon have a new door. We have made arrangements to order them through a local vendor," she said. "Our owner encourages us to support local businesses and keep the money we are spending in Hereford."

Robinson is proud of the improvements in the complex, but she is more proud of the improvements in the feelings of pride for the residents.

"I knew we were realizing our goals when one of the buildings was painted with graffiti recently and the residents came to me and asked, 'Have you seen what they did to our building?' We had it painted before the next day. We aren't going to let anyone take away what we have accomplished," she said.

Ann Landers

Dear Ann Landers: This is for "Feeling Guilty in Woodbridge, Va." She said her adult children wouldn't forgive her for the lack of affection they experienced growing up. When I read that letter, I said to myself, "That's me."

My father worked six days a week, and my mother was always cleaning, cooking and doing laundry. They both came from undemonstrative families with parents who never showed any affection and never told them they were loved. So, of course, this explains why they didn't know how to give affection or express it in words.

My life changed at age 9 when I stayed overnight at a girlfriend's house. Her mother kissed us both goodnight and tucked us in. That did it. I was so moved by that loving gesture I couldn't sleep. I thought, "This is the way it is supposed to be." When I left, I was angry at my own parents for a while, but I couldn't hold it against Mom and Dad for the way they were.

This is what I did to reverse the process: I began kissing my mother so often that I got her to laugh about it. I married at 17 and had two children before I was 20. I kissed them until their little cheeks were red. When I talked to my mother on the telephone, I would say, "I love you, Mom." After a while, she finally said, "I love you, too." I'd never heard her say that before.

After a few weeks, when I'd go to see Mom, she would say, "Where's my kiss?" When it was time for me to leave, she'd say, "I love you. You know that, don't you?" I'm so glad I was able to change things because my precious mother passed away not long ago. I cherish the many letters from her saying, "I love you."

So to that person in Woodbridge who feels guilty, I say, I hope your children read this. It's never too late to change, and I promise you, it works. -- Sun City, Calif.

Dear Sun: What a beautiful letter! That goodnight kiss from your friend's mom changed your life. What a brave (and wise) little girl you were to force kisses on your mother when you didn't get any from her.

Many readers have written to say they have learned a lot from my column, and this pleases me. Your letter today will teach a life-enhancing lesson. Thank you.

Dear Ann Landers: After reading the letter about the child with the port-wine birthmark, I felt compelled to write.

Our son, "Kevin," was born with one eyelid that drooped noticeably. We tried to correct the problem surgically. Before he was 5, Kevin had had seven surgeries by three different doctors. We later learned his problem was a rare syndrome that is not correctable.

After angrily responding to people who asked, "What's wrong with the boy's eye?" I realized a different approach was necessary. I explained to Kevin that these people weren't being mean, they were just inquisitive, and I asked how he wanted to reply. I gave him three choices: 1) tell them to mind their own business, 2) say "I don't want to talk about it," or 3) say "I was born that way." He decided on No. 3.

While in the first grade, Kevin learned that when he told his little friends, "I was born that way," the response was simply, "Oh." Kevin is now 14, well adjusted and happy. Recently, he was elected student-body president of his junior high school. -- Vancouver, Wash.

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Four campuses are recognized

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Aikman Primary School, Hereford High School, Shirley Intermediate School and West Central Intermediate School were recognized as Title I Commended Schools based on the academic performance of their participating Title I students.

The criteria for commendation is 70 percent or more of the participating students must have passed the reading and mathematics sections of the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS) tests in the 1995-96 school year.

The school status determinations were made based on the subset of Title I students who were enrolled at the time of the PEIMS snapshot date and who remained within the district to take the TAAS in the following spring.

Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Feb. 13, the 44th day of 1997. There are 321 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 13, 1935, a jury in Flemington, N.J., found Bruno Richard Hauptmann guilty of first-degree murder in the kidnap--death of the infant son of Charles and Anne Lindbergh. Hauptmann was later executed.

Ten years ago: Martin A. Siegel, a leading Wall Street investment banker turned in by stock speculator Ivan F. Boesky, pleaded guilty to conspiracy and tax evasion as part of the widening insider-trading scandal.

Five years ago: Donna Weinbrecht of the United States won the gold medal in women's freestyle skiing moguls at the Olympic games in Albertville, France.

One year ago: In the continuing drama of man vs. machine, world chess champion Garry Kasparov asked for a draw in his third game against the IBM supercomputer named Deep Blue, leaving the six-game match in Philadelphia tied at one-and-a-half games each. The rock musical "Rent," by Jonathan Larson, opened off-Broadway.

Today's Birthdays: Singer Eileen Farrell is 77. Former test pilot Charles E. "Chuck" Yeager is 74. Actress Kim Novak is 64.



Valentine bake sale

Sugar Works Cake Decorating Club will host a Valentine bake sale beginning at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Thriftway, 610 McKinley St. There will be homemade cakes, cookies and other baked goods, many with special Valentine decorations. Pictured above is club member Carol Odom with a sampling of what to expect at the sale. Proceeds from the bake sale will benefit the Hereford Satellite Center.

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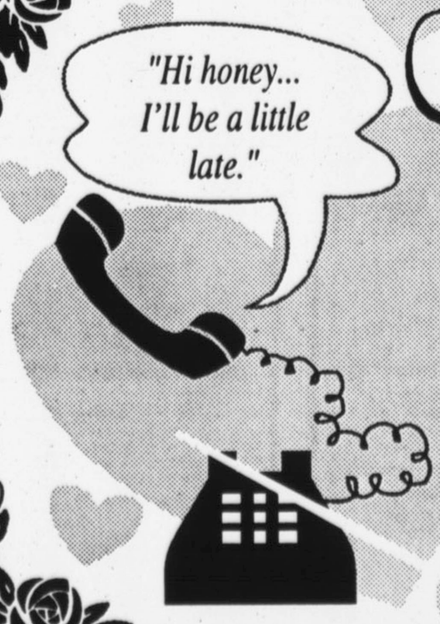
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Sports

Illinois boxer spoils Ruiz's shot at title

By TOMMY WELLS
Managing Editor

CHICAGO — Ever since Jaime Ruiz had been seven years old, he had dreamed of the day when he would enter into a title bout and hoist a belt over his head in jubilation.

He got part of his dream this past Saturday. Ruiz, a native of Hereford, crawled into the ring as one of the top contenders in the United States for the vacant Illinois state title.

He didn't get to celebrate, however. Jorge Vasquez took the fun out of the ordeal by recording a TKO at 1:18 of the fifth round. The referee, after Vasquez had floored the 29-year-old Ruiz with a right hand, stopped the fight when Ruiz didn't defend himself.

It wasn't a case of Oliver McCall quitting, or being overmatched by a better fighter, said Ruiz. It was more of a case of love gone south.

"I've been fighting for 22 years, and all I ever wanted was a shot at a title," he said, who announced his retirement from the ring following the fight. "I just lost it (his concentration). I just couldn't get into it. I wasn't having any fun boxing anymore. I knew right then it was time for me to retire"

"I wish I had gotten a shot four years ago when I was hungry," he added. "but I reached my goal. I wanted to fight for a title and I did I know it wasn't much of a title, but it was still a title."

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> **Hereford's Jaime Ruiz announcing his retirement**

Ruiz, a veteran of 316 amateur and professional bouts, had high praise for his opponent.

"He's a good young fighter. Probably of my 16 pro fights, he was the toughest one I've fought. I wouldn't be surprised to see Jorge holding a major title one day," he stated.

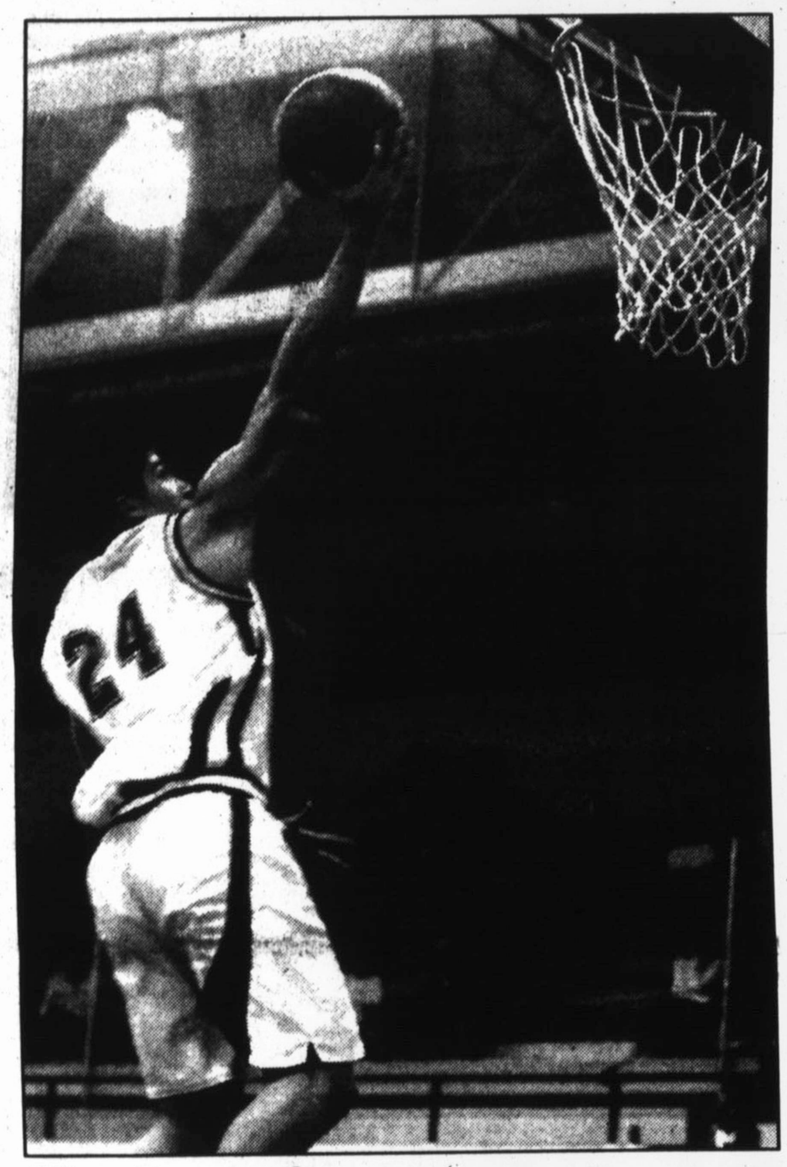
That's no small compliment from Ruiz, who trained for the fight both locally and in a gym in Alabama. Eight of Ruiz's 16 professional fights came against fighters ranked in the world standings.

With his retirement, Ruiz closes out a remarkable boxing career. Despite posting just a 5-11 mark as a professional, the Hereford pugilist had a sparkling amateur career. In 17 years as an amateur, Ruiz hammered out a 220-80 won-loss mark. He turned pro in October of 1992.

"I had a good career," he said. "I just want to thank all my coaches and everyone who supported me through the years. The support everyone showed me was great and I appreciate them."

Ruiz said he wanted to step away from the sport for a few years and relax, but that he hoped to return to the boxing scene in four or five years as a coach — in Hereford.

"Right now, I think I'm going to get away for four, maybe five years. But I plan to become a coach here after that. I think I can help someone learn to box because I know every angle in the business," he stated.



YMCA to sponsor volleyball league

It's time to break out those shorts and gym shoes and get ready to dig a few shots off the floor in Hereford. Well, at least at the Hereford YMCA it is.

The YMCA will be sponsoring two volleyball leagues later this month for persons interested in playing. Both leagues will be Coed and play an eight-game schedule that culminates in a double-elimination tournament for the city championship.

The Coed A division will be played under modified power rules, while the B league will be played under recreational rules.

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Time is nearing

The Hereford Whitefaces will get a chance to avenge an earlier loss this year to the Plainview Bulldogs tomorrow night in the bi-district round of the state playoffs. The game is slated to tip-off at 7:30 p.m. in the West Texas A&M gymnasium.

Murray likely out for season after injuring right shoulder

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) - Rodeo superstar Ty Murray's bid for a record-setting seventh world all-around title has been bucked by a major injury for the third straight year.

Murray has a dislocated right shoulder. An operation scheduled Freeman said.

Murray, 27, was hurt Saturday when he hit the ground after being thrown off a bull while competing in St. Louis. It was just the second cup event of the season.

Murray is tied for the most all-around titles with Larry Mahan



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Williams files lawsuit against police, television station

DALLAS (AP) - Dallas Cowboys star Erik Williams, falsely named with teammate Michael Irvin in a rape case, accused police of violating his civil rights in a federal lawsuit filed Wednesday.

The Pro Bowl offensive lineman also sued the TV station that first reported the story and one of its reporters for defaming him.

The lawsuit against police accused them of wrongly naming Williams in public statements and of giving credibility to his accuser although they had reason to doubt her.

Lin Television Corp., the parent company of Dallas-Fort Worth station KXAS, and reporter Marty Griffin were named in the other lawsuit, a state case that alleges defamation, negligence, fraud, invasion of privacy and trespassing.

Williams attorney Peter Ginsberg said both cases center on his contention that police and KXAS disregarded due process and ethics because the accused men were famous.

"They stand for the principle that people who hold positions of public trust have to respect the rights of everybody - whether the person is black or white, rich or poor, successful or not successful," Ginsberg said.

"The police have an obligation to respect everyone's constitutional rights and when the press decides to focus attention on somebody, they have to do it fairly and honestly."

Attorneys for both the city and KXAS denied the allegations.

"The allegations, you've got to prove them and you've got to convince a judge that there's merit to the claims," said KXAS attorney Chip Babcock.

Both lawsuits seek unspecified damages. Ginsberg said Williams would donate any money he wins to charity.

Irvin, who could not be reached Wednesday, is not part of the lawsuits. Ginsberg said he could be added later.

On Dec. 30, former topless dancer Nina Shahravan told police she had been raped the night before by Williams and another man at Williams' Far North Dallas home. Irvin, she said, pointed a gun at her and videotaped the attack.

Griffin named Williams the next morning in a special report, and police called a news conference an hour later that was broadcast live across North Texas on television and radio.

Charges were never filed and the players maintained their innocence. The investigation ended Jan. 10, when Shahravan signed a confession saying she made it all up.

Shahravan, 23, has been charged with perjury and is free on bond pending her trial. Ginsberg said Williams will await the outcome of that case before deciding whether to sue her.

Police publicly cleared Williams and Irvin immediately after Shahravan's confession, but Ginsberg said the damage - two weeks in the national spotlight - had already been done.

The civil rights lawsuit alleges that a month before the made-up rape Shahravan and Griffin had gone to police with a story about drug use and other activities by the Cowboys.

"The defendants determined that Shahravan was not credible and declined to investigate," the case says.

Crox team takes title in West Texas TKO event

By TOMMY WELLS
Managing Editor

SNYDER - Jesus Cantu and Torac Hayes really got their kicks recently. And, odds are, no one on the other side was really happy about about.

Cantu and Hayes claimed the top honors in their respective divisions and led the Crox Tae Kwon Do team to the overall team title in the West Texas TKO tournament held in Scurry County earlier this month. Cantu won the Black Belt Champion honors in the Senior Division, while Hayes garnered the title in the Junior classification.

Cantu and Hayes were far from the only winners the Hereford-based team sported. The team combined to win 15 medals, including nine gold.

Joshua Sturgeon and Antonio Chavez each turned in solid efforts in the meet. Sturgeon and Chavez both earned first place marks in form and sparring. Crox teammates Jacob Murray and Brock Miller also garnered golds in form display. Miller also earned a silver medal in the sparring.

Anthony Leon, Timothy Martinez and Joe Casarez all won firsts in their sparring exhibitions.

Martinez, Daniel Mendoza, Wayne Milam and Joseph Murray all staged third-place finishes in the meet. Murray also netted a second-place mark in the sparring.

Xavier Crox placed second in the form portion, while Tayson Serrano claimed two silver medals with second place marks in both the form and sparring segments.

In all, the Crox team won 21 medals.



Medalists

Students of Crox Tae Kwon Do of Hereford brought home the team championship trophy following recent competition at the West Texas TKO tournament in Snyder. Some of those earning medals at the event were: (left to right back row) Jacob Murray, Wayne Milam, Anthony Leon, Joseph Murray; (middle) Daniel Mendoza, Timothy Martinez, Antonio Chavez and Xavier Crox; (front) Brock Miller and Tayson Serrano. Team members not pictured include Jesus Cantu, Torac Hayes, Joshua Sturgeon and Jose Casarez.

Thompson, Tech women roll over Lady Ags, 75-46

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) - The hot version of the hot-and-cold Texas Tech Lady Raiders showed up Wednesday night.

Alicia Thompson scored 30 points and No. 16 Texas Tech shot 54 percent from the field and never struggled in a 75-46 victory over Texas A&M.

"Thompson was great," Tech coach Marsha Sharp said. "She was patient and moved into the basket when she got the ball, something we've been working with her to do all year."

Texas A&M (8-14, 2-10 Big 12) hit only 16 of 65 shots for a 25 percent clip. It was the Lady Aggies' first game without starting guard Lana Tucker, who suffered a career-ending right knee injury last week.

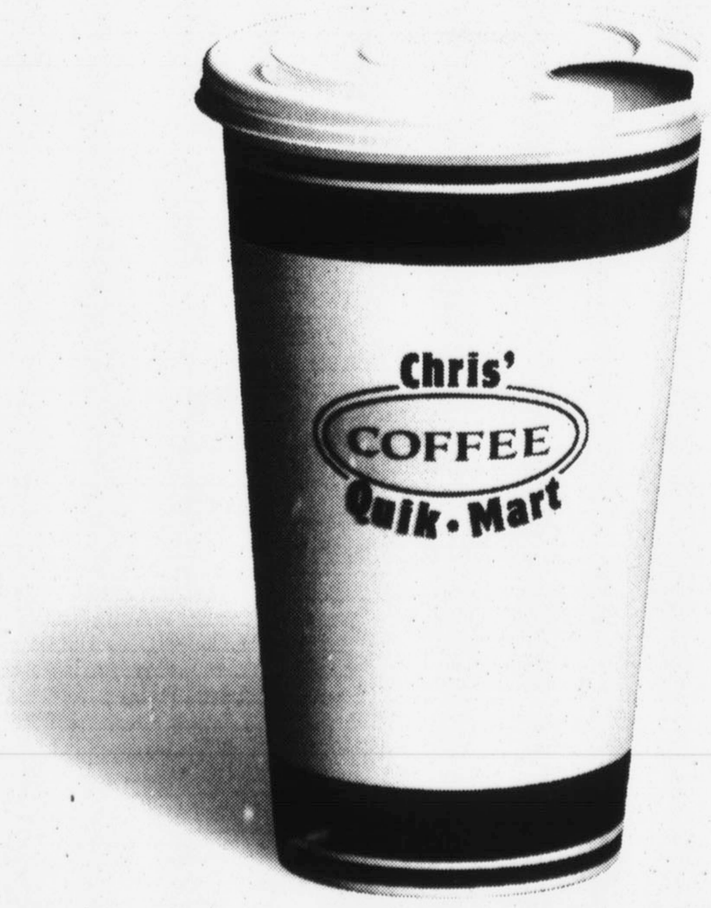
A&M's Melissa Rollerson closed Tech's early lead to 23-17 with 4:56 left in the first half with a layup, only to watch the Lady Raiders (15-6, 7-4) rattle off 14 unanswered points to take control 36-17 at halftime.

"I thought we could play well and leave with no worse than an 18-point loss," said A&M coach Candi Harvey, whose team trailed by as much as 30 in the closing seconds.

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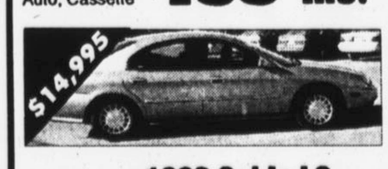
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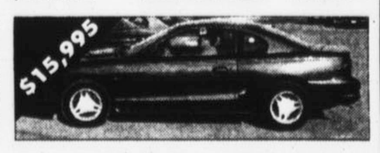
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Entertainment

Streep makes TV movie with a medical message

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP) - Work is work, even for Meryl Streep, so taking a dive to the small screen isn't that big a deal for one of Hollywood's most revered movie actresses.

Streep stars in the ABC Sunday night movie "... First Do No Harm" as a working-class mother desperate to find a cure for her epileptic son. Her last original TV project was her Emmy-winning performance in 1978's dramatic series "Holocaust."

"It didn't feel like a big return to anything," she says. "And really, when you're in front of a camera, it feels like you're in front of a camera. It feels like work."

Television does have its benefits, Streep says, especially when it comes to shorter timetables which allow the actress to spend more time with her husband and four children.

"The thing about working this schedule was that we shot (in Toronto) near where I lived so I could get home on the weekends," Streep says. "My family is factored into the decision a lot - what I choose to do and why, and where.

"I like working fast," Streep says. "And we were fueled by a very personal sort of fire on this project. It was not purely an entertainment. It's unapologetically got an agenda."

That agenda is to spread the news about a little-known method for preventing seizures called the ketogenic diet.

The movie, airing at 9 p.m. EST and rated TV-PG, has been a personal obsession for the last two years for Streep's friend, producer and director Jim Abrahams, known for his "Naked Gun" and "Hot Shots" spoofs. The diet has successfully halted the seizures of his 4-year-old son Charlie, at least for now.

While inspired by actual events, the movie is not based on Abrahams' experiences.

"We flew with our son to the best pediatric neurologists in the United States and they were all uniform in their diagnosis and how they suggest we treat him - with drugs."

"They told us that Charlie was just going to seize until he was 20 and then he was going to be severely retarded. So given that diagnosis, it makes you a little more active. I just went to UCLA library and started reading up on it and came across the diet. Because once you start looking, it's very well-documented as the movie tries to point out."

So why is the medical community so hush-hush about the diet?

"The problem with the ketogenic diet, I think, is that it doesn't come in pill form," Abrahams says. "There is no drug company selling it to the neurologist. It can't be administered by a scalpel. So there's no hospital that's really an advocate that will profit from it."

The diet, Abrahams says, completely stops seizures in a third of the people who use it, significantly decreases the seizure rate in another third and has no effect on the remaining third.

"Those statistics far outshine any of the drugs or the surgeries they subject children to today who are afflicted with seizure disorders," Abrahams says.

The diet consists of carefully monitored consumption of such high-fat foods as hot dogs, eggs, butter, cheese and heavy cream.

The theory, Abrahams says, is that "when you burn fat for energy, as opposed to carbohydrates in sugar, your body produces ketones and the ketones go to the brain and somehow suppress seizures."

Caloric intake is strictly monitored and limited to about 1,200 a day.

Profits from the movie, Abrahams says, will benefit research into why the diet works.

Abrahams' son went off the diet after two years, and the seizures came back.

"It was crushing, it was crushing. We thought it was over." Abrahams says. "So he'll just stay on the diet. My wife says he learned to walk on the diet, he learned to talk on the diet, but she's sure he won't walk down the aisle on the diet."

Abrahams and his wife Nancy began the Charlie Foundation in a bungalow in this seaside city that also serves as headquarters for his production company. In 1994, the foundation put together a videotape about the diet, with Streep as the narrator.

So when the idea for a movie came along, Abrahams' first choice for the lead was Streep.

"Not only is she a well-known actress and known for her staggering abilities, but for the type of woman she is," Abrahams said. "I mean she's a mom first, and her consciousness is very high and I think people know that."

Names in the News

NEW YORK (AP) - First she flashed him on national TV. Now Drew Barrymore admits she has the hots for gap-toothed talk show host David Letterman.

"I've always had a crush on him my whole life," Barrymore says in the Feb. 18 US magazine. "Up till I was 7, it was Ted Koppel, then one night, I put on the wrong channel. Ted has intellect, but Dave has intellect and humor."

So why haven't the starlet who turns 22 this month and the 49-year-old "Late Night" comedian gotten together?

"Every time I see him, I just happen to be with somebody else," Barrymore said. "I would never ... dare ask David Letterman out."

That leaves the first move to Letterman, whose current girlfriend is said to be former "Late Night" staffer Regina Lasko. Should he be so bold?

"Are you kidding me?" Barrymore said. "Absolutely."

During a "Late Night" show last year, Barrymore treated the host to a suggestive dance atop his interview desk, followed by a brief breast-flashing while facing away from the camera.

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7	News	Wh. Fortune	High Incident		Movie: Nowhere to Run (1993), *Rosanna Arquette* ★★				News	Seinfeld	Nightline
9	Fam. Mat.	Bzzz!	Movie: Young Guns II (1990) *Emilio Estevez.* ★★½				News		Wiseguy		Heat
10	News	Home Imp.	Diagnosis Murder		Moloney		48 Hours		News	(:35) Late Show	
13	Roseanne	Mad-You	Martin		New York Undercover		Star Trek: Deep Space 9		Mad-You	Cops	Real TV
14	Sportsctr.	College Basketball Northwestern at Ohio State				College Basketball Alabama-Birmingham at Tulane				Sportsctr.	Basketball
17	Waltons		Highway to Heaven		Rescue 911		700 Club		Carson	Carson	3 Stooges
18	Movie:	1RedRose	Movie: Lord of Illusions *Scott Bakula.* ★★ 'R'				(:05) Movie: Skyscraper ★ 'R'			Movie: Mary-Franknstn	
20	Movie: Tuskegee Air		Movie: Ladybugs *Hodney Dangerfield.* ★		Movie: Illegal in Blue *Stacey Dash.* 'R'				Memphis PD: War		Comedy
21	Movie: Ace Ventura		Movie: Days of Thunder *Tom Cruise.* ★★½ 'PG-13'				Movie: Mercy *John Rubinstein.* ★★ 'R'			(:40) Movie: Widow's Kiss	
23	(5:00) Movie: Love (1927)		Movie: The Barretts of Wimpole Street (1957) ★★★				Movie: Lone Star (1952) *Clark Gable, Ava Gardner.* ★★½			Movie:	
24	Dukes of Hazzard		Soulmates II		Prime Time Country		Today's Country		Dallas		Dukes
25	Strange Planes		Wild Discovery		Movie Magic	Next Step	Cronkite Remembers		Wild Discovery		Movie Magic
26	Equalizer		Biography		Ancient Mysteries		Unexplained		Law & Order		Biography
27	Designing	Designing	Unsolved Mysteries		Movie: Making Mr. Right (1987) *Ann Magnuson.* ★★½				Living	Mysteries	Mysteries
28	FOX Sports News		IHL Hockey Long Beach Ice Dogs at Houston Aeros						College Basketball UCLA at Arizona		
29	In the Heat of the Night		Movie: Alcatraz: The Whole Shocking Story (1980) *Michael Beck, Telly Savalas.* ★★½								Movie:
31	Doug	Rugrats	Alex Mack	Happy Days	I Love Lucy	Munsters	M.T. Moore	Rhoda	Taxi	Odd Couple	Bewitched
32	Highlander: The Series		Murder, She Wrote		World Wrestling Federation Raw				Wings	Wings	Stalkings
33	Bendita Mentira		Maria la del Barrio		Sentimientos Ajenos		Bienvenidos	Permiso	P. Impacto	Noticiero	La Tocada
37	Combat at Sea		Assassinations		Civil War Journal		Automobiles		Year by Year		Assassin.
40	RPM 2Night	Figure Skating: U.S. Champs. -- Dance & Pairs				College Basketball Tulsa at Texas-El Paso				NHL 2Night	NBA 2Night

FRIDAY — FEBRUARY 14

	7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30	12 PM
2	Pooh	Mermaid	Wonderland	Umbrella	Groundling	Pooh Cmr.	Ducktales	Care Bears	Dumbo	Wonderland	GummiBr
4	Today				Leeza		Geraldo Rivera		Sunset Beach		Days-Lives
5	Nutrition	Nutrition	Sesame Street		Puzzle Place	Mr Rogers	Storytime	Reading	Arthur	Barney	Lamb Chop
6	B. Hillbillies	Bewitched	Little House		3's Co.	Mama	Griffith	Griffith	(:05) Matlock		Movie:
7	Good Morning America				Live -- Regis & Kathie Lee		Caryl & Marilyn: Friends		Medicine Woman		News
9	Earthwrm	Freakazoid!	Woody	Bewitched	Griffith	Empty Nest	In the Heat of the Night		Geraldo Rivera		News
10	This Morning				Ricki Lake		Price Is Right		Young and the Restless		News
13	Ducks	Bobby	Mask	Peter Pan	Fox After Breakfast		Step-Step	Mr. Cooper	K. Copeland	Paid Prog.	Gunsmoke
14	Sportscenter		Sportscenter		Sportscenter		Auto Racing: NASCAR Goody's Dash -- Daytona 200				NASCAR
17	Highway to Heaven		Waltons		700 Club			FIT TV	Will You Marry Me? Part II		Home
18	Movie: Sibling Rivalry *Kirstie Alley.* ★★½		Movie: Phantom of the Paradise 'PG'				(:15) Movie: Jumanji (1995) *Robin Williams, Bonnie Hunt.*				Movie:
20	Movie: Murder in Mississippi *Tom Hulce.*		(:45) Movie: By Dawn's Early Light *Powers Boothe.*					Movie: America's Dream *Danny Glover.*			Movie:
21	Movie: A Warm December		Movie: Date With an Angel ★½ 'PG'		(:45) Movie: Singles *Bridget Fonda.* ★★★ 'PG-13'					Movie: Bridges-Madisn	
23	(6:30) Movie: ★★★½ Key Largo (1948)				(:20) Movie: The Comedians (1967) *Elizabeth Taylor.* ★★½				Movie: Dangerous When Wet (1953)		
24	(Off Air)		VideoMorning				Dallas		Aleene's Crafts		Wildhorse
25	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Assignment Discovery		Home Matters		Housesmart!		Start	Interior Mot.	Home
26	McMillan and Wife				Lovejoy Mysteries		New Mike Hammer		Quincy		Equalizer
27	Baby Knows	KidsDays	Sisters		Debt	Our Home	Main Ingred.	Handmade	Living	Our Home	Designing
28	FOX Sports News		Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Alan Warren Outdoors		Fishing	Outdoors	Sports
29	Scooby Dooby Doo		Flintstones	Flintstones	Gilligan	Gilligan	Knots Landing		CHiPs		Thunder
31	Looney Tunes		Rugrats	Busy World	Rupert	Muppets	Allegra	Gullah	Little Bear	Blue's Clues	Busy World
32	Mighty Max	Sonic	Murder, She Wrote		Movie: Hearts Adrift (1996) *Scott Reeves.*				Major Dad	Lost-Earth	USALive
33	Giros T.V.	El Chavo	Chespirito		Papa Solt.	Dr Perez	Dos Mujeres Un Camino			Bajo un Mismo Rostro	
37	Classroom		History Showcase		Real West		Movie: The Joe Louis Story (1953) *Coley Wallace.* ★★★			High Points	
40	Flex Appeal	Bodyshape	Crunch	Training	Flex Appeal	Crunch	Gotta Sweat	Fitness	Flex Appeal	Bodyshape	Sports Babe

	12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30
2	C. Brown	Donald	Pooh	Bear	Valentine	Better	Valentine	Tale Spin	Ducktales	Chip 'n' Dale	Goof Troop
4	Days-Lives	Another World		Jenny Jones		Maury		Oprah Winfrey		News	NBC News
5	Body Elec.	Antiques Roadshow		Painting	New Garden	Kitchen	Wishbone	C. Sandiego	Science Guy	Creatures	Magic Bus
6	(12:05) Movie: The War Wagon (1967)			JonQuest	Flintstones	Flintstones	Brady	Dreams	Saved-Bell	Fam. Mat.	Fam. Mat.
7	Jeopardy!	One Life to Live		General Hospital		Montel Williams		Rosie O'Donnell		News	ABC News
9	News	Streets of San Francisco		Beauty and the Beast		Beverly Hills, 90210		Fam. Mat.	Dreams	Saved-Bell	Saved-Bell
10	Bold & B.	As the World Turns		Guiding Light		Dating	Newlywed	Am.Journal	Hard Copy	News	CBS News
13	Gunsmoke	Little House on the Prairie		Matlock		Batman	Spider-Man	Beetleborgs	Rangers	Fresh Pr.	Simpsons
14	Final Four	Final Four	Squash	Senior PGA Golf Suncoast Classic -- First Round				Sr. PGA	Inside PGA	Up Close	Sportsctr.
17	(12:00) Home & Family			Movie: Love Is a Many Splendored Thing (1955) ★★★½				Bloopers	Bloopers	C. Burnett	C. Burnett
18	(12:00) Movie: ★★★ Leadbelly 'PG'			(:15) Movie: A Pyromaniac's Love Story ★★★ 'PG'				Movie: Sibling Rivalry *Kirstie Alley.* ★★½			Inside Tina
20	Movie: Running Mates		Movie: In the Line of Duty: Street War			(:15) Movie: Club Paradise *Robin Williams.* ★★ 'PG-13'				Movie: Thing Called	
21	Movie: Bridges-Madisn		(:45) Movie: Forever Young *Mel Gibson.* ★★★ 'PG'				Movie: French Kiss (1995) *Meg Ryan, Kevin Kline.* ★★½				Love
23	Movie:	Movie: The Postman Always Rings Twice (1946)				Movie: Designing Woman (1957) *Gregory Peck.* ★★★				Movie: Casablanca (1942)	
24	Wildhorse	VideoPM	Voices	America's Country Hits		Dallas		Wildhorse Saloon		Club Dance	
25	Home	Housesmart!		Interior Mot.	Start	Great Chefs	Great Chefs	Travelers		Bey. 2000	Next Step
26	Equalizer	McMillan and Wife				Lovejoy Mysteries		New Mike Hammer		Quincy	
27	Nurses	Movie: Rich in Love (1992) *Albert Finney.* ★★½				L.A. Law		Commish		Supermkt	Debt
28	Sports	FOX Sports News		College Basketball UCLA at Arizona				Playing	E. Sutton	Big 12 Show	Fishing
29	Thunder	How the West Was Won		Wild, Wild West		Movie: The Avenging Angel (1995) *Tom Berenger.* ★★½				In the Heat of the Night	
31	Papa Beaver	Looney	Beetlejuice	Tiny Toon	Muppets	Chipmunks	Gadget	You Afraid?	Pete & Pete	Clarissa	Doug
32	USALive	USA Live	USA Live	USA Live	USA Live	Wanted	Top Cops	Wings	Wings	Renegade	
33	Bajo-Rostro	Pecado de Amor				Cristina		Primer Impacto		Dr Perez	Noticiero
37	High Points	VJ-Changed the World		Real West		Movie: The Joe Louis Story (1953) *Coley Wallace.* ★★★				High Points in History	
40	Sports Babe	NBA 2Night	NBA Finals	Drag Racing		Drag Racing		Drag Racing		Country	Glory Days

	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM
2	Movie: Cinderella (1950)		(:15) Movie: Robin Hood ★★★ 'G'			(:40) Movie: Rudyard Kipling's The Jungle Book 'PG'				Al Jarreau: Tenderness	
4	News	Ent. Tonight	Unsolved Mysteries		Dateline		Homicide: Life		News	(:35) Tonight Show	
5	Newshour With Jim Lehrer		Wash. Week	Wall St.	Brownville Concert		Red Green	Fawlty T.	Keeping Up	Charlie Rose	
6	Videos	Videos	(:05) Movie: Top Gun (1986) *Tom Cruise, Kelly McGillis.* ★★★				Movie: Wargames (1983) *Matthew Broderick.* ★★★				
7	News	Wh. Fortune	Fam. Mat.	Boy-World	Sabrina	Clueless	20/20		News	Seinfeld	Nightline
9	Fam. Mat.	Bzzz!	Hercules-Jrnys.		Xena: Warrior Princess		Hmooner	News	Wiseguy		Heat
10	News	Home Imp.	Candid Camera		JAG		Nash Bridges		News	(:35) Late Show	
13	Roseanne	Mad-You	Doomsday: What We Do?		Millennium		Star Trek: Voyager		Mad-You	Cops	Real TV
14	Sportsctr.	Figure Skating		Winter Sports Festival			Figure Skating		Sportscenter		Speedweek
17	Romantic Beefs		Marry Me!		Here Comes the Bride		700 Club		Carson	Carson	3 Stooges
18	Spark		Movie: Jumanji *Robin Williams.* ★★½ 'PG'		Extras		Outer Limits	(:45) Outer Limits		Movie: Crimson Tide 'R'	
20	Movie: Thing Called		Movie: The Professional *Jean Reno.* ★★½ 'R'				Movie: Crossworlds *Rutger Hauer.*			Dennis M.	Comedy
21	(5:30)Love at First Sight		Movie: Mr. Write *Paul Reiser.* ★★ 'PG-13'		Movie: Ghost (1990) *Patrick Swayze, Demi Moore.* ★★★					(:45) Erotic Confessions	
23	(5:00) Movie: Casablanca		Movie: Breakfast at Tiffany's (1961) ★★★½				Movie: Roman Holiday (1953) *Gregory Peck.* ★★★½			Movie:	
24	Dukes of Hazzard		Auto Racing World of Outlaws						Dallas		Auto Racing
25	Wings of the Red Star		Wild Discovery		Invention	Bey. 2000	Wings		Wild Discovery		Invention
26	Equalizer		Biography		Tony Bennett Live by Request				Law & Order		Biography
27	Dish	Pandora	Wire	Dates	Movie: I Don't Buy Kisses Anymore (1992) ★★½				Dish	Pandora	Wire
28	FOX Sports News		FOX Sports	NHL Hockey Detroit Red Wings at Dallas Stars						Sports	Sports
29	In the Heat of the Night		NBA Basketball Chicago Bulls at Atlanta Hawks					Insde-NBA	Movie: Saturn 3 (1980) *Kirk Douglas.* ★★		
31	Hey Arnold!	Rugrats	Kablam!	Happy Days	I Love Lucy	Munsters	M.T. Moore	Rhoda	Taxi	Odd Couple	Bewitched
32	Highlander: The Series		Movie: Lionheart (1990) *Jean-Claude Van Damme.* ★★			La Femme Nikita			Movie: The Pick-Up Artist (1987) ★★½		
33	Bendita Mentira		Maria la del Barrio		Sentimientos Ajenos		Especial de San Valentin		P. Impacto	Noticiero	Pelicula
37	VJ-Changed the World		Imperial War Museum		Movie: The St. Valentine's Day Massacre (1967) ★★½				Year by Year		Museum
40	RPM 2Night	Auto Racing: NASCAR Goody's Dash -- Daytona 200			NASCAR	Auto Racing	Auto Racing		Motoworld	NHL 2Night	NBA 2Night

Area Events



Holy Land tour souvenirs

Leona Schilling presented the program at the recent meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary on the tour she and her husband Ed took to the Holy Land. Schilling gave a video presentation and displayed numerous handmade souvenirs.

Holy Land tour video is Auxiliary program topic

A narrative and video program of a tour of the Holy Land was presented by Leona Schilling to the American Legion Auxiliary.

Ed and Leona Schilling visited many historical biblical sites during their tour which began in Athens, Greece. They then flew to Cairo, Egypt, viewing the Nile and the Pyramids. In the Holy Land, views of Jerusalem, Jericho, Corinth and the Dead Sea were seen.

The Auxiliary business was conducted by Patricia Robinson, president.

Ella Caudle was installed as chaplain.

In the ceremony for "Draping the Charter" when the Auxiliary unit mourns the loss of members, black crepe is placed on the charter. The charter was draped in memory and appreciation of 33 years of service by Elvise Stambough, mother of Troyce Hanna, and for 29 years of service by Gladys Miller, mother of Joy Dones.

Plans for upcoming events were discussed including the American Legion Zone Meeting at 7 p.m. Friday with the Hart American Legion serving as host for the luncheon, business and program.

On March 18 the 79th American Legion birthday will be observed at 7 p.m. in the banquet room of Hereford Community Center. Mrs. Lenny Lou Sims, daughter of Major John S. Coleman Jr. will review his book "Bataan and Beyond." This is an account of his experiences following the fall of Bataan and Corregidor as an American prisoner of war in Japan. All veterans and the public are invited for this special observance.

On April 5 and 6, the 18th District Convention will be held in Hereford with Hereford Post 192 serving as host. The 18th District includes all the American Legion Posts in the Panhandle.

The Veterans Hospital Benefits Health Fair is scheduled for April 5 from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and is open to all veterans and their wives for free tests.

At the close of the meeting, refreshments were served by Beverly Jesko, Viola Wagner and Anita Wilhelm.

Student at HHS advances to state in business contest

Sheena Jesko, a Hereford High School student, will advance to the state Business Professionals of America competition March 17-18.

Several students competed in the Business Professionals of America contest in Lubbock.

Jesko placed second in the verbal/extemporaneous speaking contest.

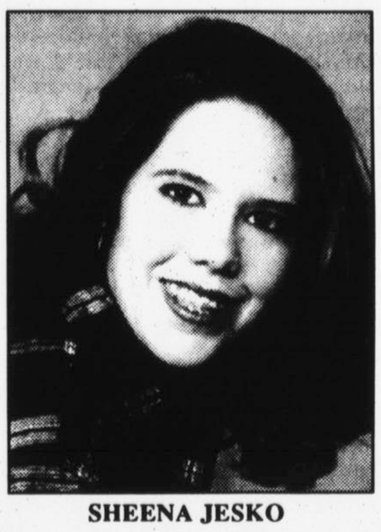
Lisa Chavez, Rachelle Denton, Tyson Foerster and Cynthia Jimenez won fourth place in the Small Business Management Team contest.

Meredith Denton, Annie Jackson, and Jesko placed sixth in the Financial Analyst contest.

Cynthia Jimenez won sixth place in the Administrative Assistant contest.

The sponsors are Amy Cole and Carol Printz.

Hereford High School business students are organizing special promotional activities to celebrate Business Professionals of America week, Feb. 9-15.



SHEENA JESKO

Business Professionals of America is the national career and technology student organization for students preparing for students preparing for careers in the business world.

Business Professionals of America is celebrated in conjunction with National Career and Technology Education Week.

Business Professionals of America and career and technology education are preparing students to excel in tomorrow's business careers and to function in the community as responsible citizens.

Hints from Heloise

Dear Heloise: After replacing my tomato pincushion, I was about to give it to my little daughter to play with in her kitchen set.

To be safe, I squeezed it a few times to check for any pins or needles that might have found their way inside. Well, the more I turned it around and squeezed, the more needles I found! After the 13th one I decided it wasn't worth the risk and I threw it away. My daughter got her very own NEW tomato.

This was a reminder to me to always be careful when recycling toys or anything else for children. — A Thankful Reader, Lansing, Ill.

PAPER COFFEE FILTERS

Dear Heloise: I have a very good use for paper coffee filters. They are outstanding for cleaning eyeglasses and sunglasses. — Patricia Taylor, Sacramento, Calif.

PLASTIC ICE-CUBE TRAYS

Dear Heloise: I use cracked plastic ice cube trays to store spools of thread. They stay in place, don't unroll and tangle and you can see colors at a glance. They are also stackable. — JoAnn Denny, Jackson, Calif.

AMARILLO

Amarillo Opera celebrates nine years of bringing the world's best-loved music to area audiences with its upcoming production, "Opera-tunity!" set for 7:30 p.m. on March 8 at the Amarillo Civic Center Auditorium.

The program showcases a variety of songs and features the area's leading vocalists reprising their most memorable roles from past productions.

Highlighting the evening's performance is featured guest artist Terry Cook, bass/baritone, star of the Metropolitan Opera and a Plainview native.

Also making guest appearances are soprano Lauran Fulton Corson and bass Eldon Black. Corson, a Canyon native, is on the voice faculty of the Ukranian Music Institute in New York City. Black is senior professor of music at Angelo State University in San Angelo.

To reserve your tickets, call the Civic Center box office at 806-378-3096.

Pre-registration deadline is Feb. 26 for Amarillo's tenth annual "Parenting: The underdeveloped Skill" workshops. Workshop sponsors are the Amarillo and Canyon PTA councils, and educators from the Amarillo Independent School District and the Canyon Independent School District.

The conference will have two tracks: a Spanish-language track from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on March 4 at Region XVI Education Service Center, 1601 S. Cleveland, and the English-language track from 8 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. on March 6 at St. Paul United Methodist Church, 4317 W. Interstate 40.

Cost for the English-language all-day seminar is $5 and includes a barbecue lunch. Advance registration is advised due to limited seating; however, on-site registration will be accepted on a space-available basis at 8 a.m. on March 6. For pre-registration information call Pinkie Porcher, event chairman 806-358-1757; or steering committee members Kathy Baldwin, 806-352-3724 or Pam Miller, AISD, 806-354-4357.

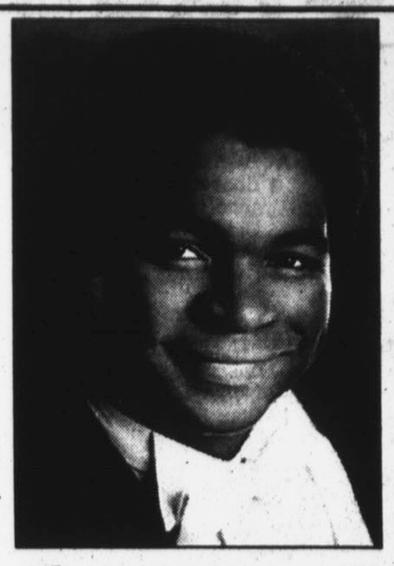
Cost for the Spanish-language evening workshop is $2 per family. Amarillo National Bank will underwrite the $2 fee for the first 100 families who register. For registration information call Marie Maestas, Star Program, Amarillo College 806-371-8027 or Carlota Morales, Region XVI, 806-376-5521, ext. 344.

Piecemakers Quilt Club of Amarillo and the Golden Spread Quilting Guild of Canyon are sponsoring JoAnn Belling of Des Moines, Iowa, at a lecture and display of quilts as well as workshops on Stars Galore, Log Cabin Clamshell and Road to St. Louis,

The lecture, with a wide array of quilts on display, will be at 7 p.m. Feb. 21 in the auditorium of the Texas A&M Extension Building at 6500 Amarillo Blvd. W. Cost will be $5 at the door.

The Road to St. Louis is being sponsored by Golden Spread Quilting Guild on Feb. 22 at the Church of Christ Bible Chair in Canyon. Call June Long at 359-8727 for reservations and supply lists.

Stars Galore and Log Cabin Clamshell will be sponsored by Piecemakers Quilt Club on Feb. 28 and March 1 at the Amarillo Federated Womens Club at 2001 Civic Circle. Call Leslie Robinson at 355-7889 for reservations and supply lists.





Opera stars will perform

Opera stars Terry Cook, left, and Lauran Fulton Corson are among many talented professionals who will perform a wide range of musical selections in Amarillo Opera's upcoming production "Opera-tunity!" on March 8 at 7:30 p.m. in the Amarillo Civic Center Auditorium.

FRIONA

The Lubbock Youth Symphony Apprentice Program continues its 1996-97 concert season on Feb. 23 with a performance at 3 p.m. in the Friona High School auditorium. The concert will be presented free to the public.

The LYSAP, directed by Sharon Herschberger, includes 67 string musicians ranging in age from 7 to 15. Membership in the orchestra is by audition only.

Immediately following the concert, the Friona Band Booster Club will sponsor a dessert sale. All proceeds from the dessert sale will benefit the Friona High School Band.

LEVELLAND

Doyle Lawson and Quicksilver, one of the top progressive bluegrass bands in the nation, will perform Feb. 20 at South Plains College.

Concert time is 7:30 p.m. in the Tom T. Hall Production Studio in SPC's Creative Arts Building. Admission is free.

Lawson began his bluegrass career more than 30 years ago playing banjo with Jimmy Martin and the Sunny Mountain Boys.

He formed his band, Quicksilver, in 1979. The band's roster includes Lawson, mandolin, lead and tenor vocals; Donny Catron, guitar, lead and tenor; Barry Abernathy, banjo and baritone vocals; Dale Perry, bass and bass vocals; and Owen Saunders, fiddle.

South Plains College will sponsor its third annual Senior Sneak Preview Feb. 27 to give area high school seniors a taste of college life.

Activities will include registration from 12:30-1 p.m., a general assembly at 1 p.m., academic and technical advisement sessions and campus tours beginning at 1:30 p.m., parents workshop at 2:30 p.m., college information fair, housing tours, SPC club fair and entertainment from 3-5 p.m. and a Los Tejanos Cultural Event at 3:30 p.m.

Letters of invitation have been sent to 80 high schools within the college's service area and about 30 high schools in New Mexico. Last year's Senior Sneak Preview drew more than 600 students.

For more information, contact the SPC Office of college Relations at 806-894-9611, ext. 2213.

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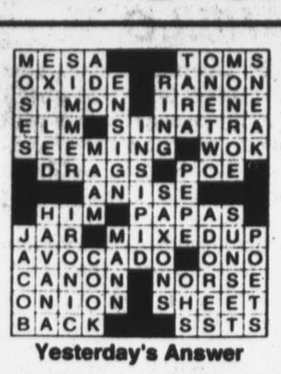
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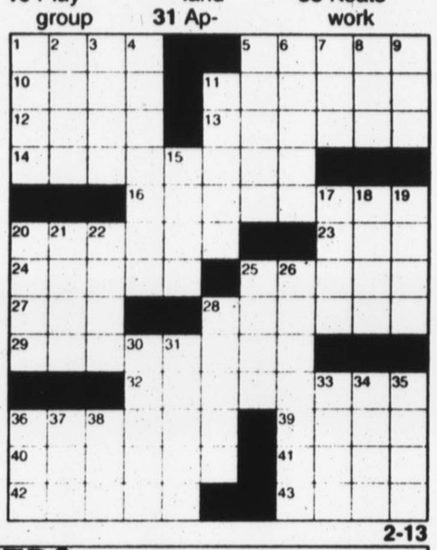
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32 Disturbed
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41 Utopia
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3 Greets the villain
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5 Sandarac, e.g.
6 In reserve
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DATED this 10th day of February, 1997.

/s/ JAMES LYLE HOLMES
Independent Executor of the Estate of VIRGINIA THOMAS HOLMES, Deceased, No. PR-4300 in the County Court of Deaf Smith County, Texas

The Commissioners Court of Deaf Smith County, Texas will open proposals for liability insurance for Public Officials and Law Enforcement Officers at 9 a.m. on March 24, 1997 for coverage for the period of one year beginning April 15, 1997. Specifications may be obtained at the County Auditor's Office at 242 E. 3rd, Hereford, Texas. The Commissioners reserve the right to reject any and all proposals.

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--Don't use abbreviations. It's tempting to abbreviate and save money if ads are billed by the line. Brand ads are billed by the words, so spell them out so readers won't be confused trying to figure out abbreviations.

-- Don't be misleading. Think accurate and factual when you write. Be sure to include a phone number and the best times to reach you.

In Grammy awards

Thin line drawn between best, worst of new artists

NEW YORK (AP) - Two cautionary words for this year's Grammy-winning best new artist: Milli Vanilli.

Remember Rob Pilatus and Fab Morvan, the dreadlocked pretty boys who captured the 1989 best new artist award? You don't remember their victory; you remember their embarrassing exposure as lip-synching poseurs later stripped of their Grammy.

"The most notorious group of the '80s," critic John Floyd once wrote of the Vanillis, whose debut album sold 7 million copies. "Two handsome, talentless dweebs."

It's a sad tale. But that's all too often the fate of the best new artist, whose tiny gramophone statue comes with a lot of bad karma. Just ask - if you can find any of 'em - past winners like the Starland Vocal Band, the Swingle Singers, A Taste of Honey or Men at Work.

This year's nominees carry some cachet of hipness: the cutting edge band Garbage; the folksy, chart-topping Jewel; MTV favorites No Doubt; country's teen wonder, LeAnn Rimes; smooth R&B sensation The Tony Rich Project. But once upon a time, so did Marvin Hamlisch (1974 winner) and Arrested Development (1992 winner).

The award's aura of ill will really dates to the late '70s-early '80s string of "winners," a frightening mix of one-hit wonders, MTV caricatures, Pat Boone progeny and dating fodder for the Artist Then Known As Prince.

They were, from 1976 through 1984: The Starland Vocal Band. Debby Boone. A Taste of Honey. Rickie Lee Jones. Christopher Cross. Sheena Easton. Men At Work. Culture Club. Cyndi Lauper. (Pity poor Jones, a real talent who assumed the mantle of best new artist from the band behind the hit "Boogie Oogie Oogie.")

Some frightening best new artist numbers:

- Of the 36 honorees, 21 never returned to the winner's circle. This group includes Robert Goulet, Hamlisch, Jody Watley, Bobby Darin, Tom Jones and Mariah Carey.

- In the year they were cited, the best new artists collected 61 Grammys. In subsequent years, they collectively earned 25.

- The most precipitous drop from hero to zero: Christopher Cross, of course. He collected five awards in 1980 for his eaz-z-z-y listening album "Sailing," but is currently on a 17-year Grammy-free streak.

Some quirky best new artist facts:

- The Beatles, winners in 1964, won only two more Grammys - album of the year and best contemporary album in 1967 for "Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band." Debby "You Light Up My Life" Boone, the 1977 winner, matched that total with gospel Grammys in 1980 and 1984.

- Milli Vanilli's victory was purged from all official history of the National Academy of Recording Arts & Sciences Inc. There is no longer any listing between "Miller, Roger" and "Mills, Erie." The 1989 best artist notation says only, "No award."

- Crosby, Stills & Nash shared a single best new artist award in 1969. Neither Crosby, Stills or Nash ever won another, individually or in any combination.

It's too early to say if the "curse" will drag down recent winners like Sheryl Crow and Hootie & the Blowfish, but bet on Sheryl to fare better than Hootie. Female best new artists - Bette Midler, Carly Simon, Sade, Toni Braxton - have more success in avoiding the jinx.

Further proof: 1991's winner, Mr. Marc "Walking in Memphis" Cohn.

Past Grammy winners

The Grammy award winners for Best New Artist:

1959 - Bobby Darin
1960 - Bob Newhart
1961 - Peter Nero
1962 - Robert Goulet
1963 - Swingle Singers
1964 - The Beatles
1965 - Tom Jones
1966 - no award
1967 - Bobbie Gentry
1968 - Jose Feliciano
1969 - Crosby, Stills & Nash
1970 - Carpenters
1971 - Carly Simon
1972 - America
1973 - Bette Midler
1974 - Marvin Hamlisch
1975 - Natalie Cole
1976 - Starland Vocal Band
1977 - Debby Boone
1978 - A Taste of Honey
1979 - Rickie Lee Jones
1980 - Christopher Cross
1981 - Sheena Easton
1982 - Men At Work
1983 - Culture Club
1984 - Cyndi Lauper
1985 - Sade
1986 - Bruce Hornsby & the Range
1987 - Jody Watley
1988 - Tracy Chapman
1989 - no award (Milli Vanilli)
1990 - Mariah Carey
1991 - Marc Cohn
1992 - Arrested Development
1993 - Toni Braxton
1994 - Sheryl Crow
1995 - Hootie & The Blowfish

This Week in Entertainment

Entertainment highlights during the week of Feb. 16 - Feb. 22:

70 years ago: MGM, Paramount, Universal, First National and the Producers Distributing Corp. agreed that they would wait one year before deciding whether to make "talkies." They also agreed they would use the same technology for making sound production.

40 years ago: "The Spirit of St. Louis" premiered at New York's Radio City Music Hall. James Stewart, who played Charles Lindbergh, was present at the movie's premiere.

And, for the first time, BBC-TV broadcast between 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. The "6.5 Special" was the first BBC program aimed at a teen-age audience. BBC-TV had previously not aired programs during that hour to allow parents to send children to bed without the potential disruptive effect of continuous television.

35 years ago: Richard Burton denounced "uncontrolled rumors" of a romance between himself and co-star Elizabeth Taylor on the set of "Cleopatra." They later married. At the same time, entertainer Frank Sinatra and dancer-actress Juliet Prowse announced that their careers prevented them from marrying. They never did.

And the producer of "A Walk on the Wild Side" switched the movie's premiere from New Orleans to New York after the city of New Orleans warned it would have agents present to determine if the film was obscene.

25 years ago: Pink Floyd premiered "The Dark Side Of The Moon" during a concert at London's Rainbow Theater. The album by that name was released a year later. It sold more than 20 million copies worldwide.

20 years ago: Fleetwood Mac released "Rumours," which had worldwide sales in excess of 17 million.

Five years ago: Country music star George Strait was named "George--of-the-Year" by a club of folks named George. George Club members started their tongue-in-cheek association when President George Bush was inaugurated.

One year ago: David Bowie, the former rock 'n' roll rebel, was presented with a Brit Award for "Outstanding Contribution to The British Music Industry." The then 49-year-old Bowie commented: "I don't think we should be paying homage to the past. I think we should be reinventing it."

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One letter stands for another. In this sample A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

2-13 CRYPTOQUOTE

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CATTLE FUTURES

CATTLE-FEEDER (CME) 50,000 lbs.; cents per lb.

Mar	67.80	68.17	67.75	68.00	+ .42	70.45	56.15	6,224
Apr	68.40	68.75	68.35	68.67	+ .32	70.65	57.75	3,302
May	69.50	70.05	69.50	69.97	+ .50	71.70	59.80	4,994
Aug	72.85	73.30	72.85	73.30	+ .50	75.42	64.05	4,159
Sept	73.40	73.85	73.25	73.70	+ .47	75.75	65.60	1,559
Oct	73.85	74.35	73.85	74.32	+ .50	76.50	66.10	1,849
Nov	75.10	75.65	75.10	75.60	+ .50	77.50	67.95	554

Est vol 2,347; vol Tu 2,316; open int 22,635, +100.

CATTLE-LIVE (CME) 40,000 lbs.; cents per lb.

Feb	64.40	64.60	64.27	64.40	+ .40	66.25	60.15	6,487
Apr	66.02	66.20	65.55	65.70	+ .05	67.90	62.65	42,618
June	63.85	63.97	63.65	63.87	+ .22	66.75	61.00	17,156
Aug	63.50	63.75	63.35	63.60	+ .17	66.75	62.00	17,695
Oct	66.85	66.95	66.62	66.85	+ .17	68.10	64.55	11,174
Dec	68.80	69.95	68.62	68.85	+ .20	70.35	65.25	4,276
Fb98	70.10	70.25	69.90	70.10	+ .10	71.65	67.15	2,196

Est vol 16,422; vol Tu 13,908; open int 101,602, -1,380.

HOGS (CME) 40,000 lbs.; cents per lb.
New contract prices begin with Feb97

Feb	74.50	74.65	74.15	74.32	- .02	80.30	63.15	3,796
Apr	74.10	74.47	73.75	74.42	+ .57	77.20	61.15	15,910
June	79.10	79.45	78.80	79.37	+ .47	81.40	67.60	8,583
July	76.80	77.40	76.80	77.40	+ .62	79.05	67.40	1,904
Aug	73.77	74.07	73.70	74.07	+ .37	75.40	66.00	2,161
Oct	67.10	67.40	66.87	67.32	+ .32	68.50	60.60	1,380
Dec	65.00	65.17	64.90	65.15	+ .20	70.40	60.10	777
Fb98	64.50	64.70	64.45	64.45	+ .15	68.05	61.75	256
Apr	61.50	61.55	61.15	61.15	+ .30	63.40	57.00	148

Est vol 8,496; vol Tu 6,934; open int 34,939, +138.

GRAIN FUTURES

CORN (CBT) 5,000 bu.; cents per bu.

Mar	272	274	271¼	273¾	+ 1¼	394½	256	105,775
May	271	273	270¼	272¾	+ 1½	394	258	84,389
July	269¾	271½	268¾	271	+ 1¼	393	259	71,165
Sept	266¾	268	266	268	+ 1¼	335	255	10,751
Dec	268	269	266¾	268¾	+ ¾	310	249¾	46,410
Mr98	273½	274¼	272¾	274¼	+ 1	305	261¾	3,346
July	280	281½	279½	281½	+ 1¼	315½	269	1,528
Dec	262	263¼	261¼	263¼	+ ¼	293	254½	1,524

Est vol 45,000; vol Tue 31,540; open int 225,057, +954.

SOYBEANS (CBT) 5,000 bu.; cents per bu.

Mar	749	765½	749	764¼	+ 14½	830	663	64,926
May	748	763½	747½	763	+ 14½	828	665	40,535
July	747	763	747	762½	+ 14½	828	611	36,927
Aug	748	758	747	757½	+ 14½	813	667	5,815
Sept	716	726	716	726	+ 10¼	770	656	1,901
Nov	694½	702	694½	701½	+ 6½	749	597½	18,692
Ja98	702½	707	700	707	+ 7	707	659	430
Mar	708	708	708	708½	+ 6	708	666	100
July	708	710	708	710	+ 4	710	672	129
Nov	660	660	660	660	+ 1	702	634	241

Est vol 65,000; vol Tue 47,661; open int 169,696, +924.

WHEAT (CBT) 5,000 bu.; cents per bu.

Mar	362	365½	354	357¼	- 4¾	618½	351	23,140
May	359¾	362	352½	355	- 3½	547	345½	15,308
July	345¼	347	338½	342	- 3¾	465	328	26,942
Sept	351½	351½	343½	344¾	- 3¾	410	333½	2,180
Dec	360	361½	353	356	- 2	466	344½	2,011
Jl98	333	336	333	335	- 2	425	333	180

Est vol 74,000; vol Tue 23,392; open int 69,694, -431.

METAL FUTURES

GOLD (Cmx.Div.NYM)-100 troy oz.; $ per troy oz.

Feb	338.50	347.40	338.50	344.90	+ 3.60	428.00	338.50	3,655
Apr	341.60	348.00	338.70	345.40	+ 3.50	428.00	338.70	98,016
June	341.70	350.40	340.90	347.60	+ 3.60	456.00	340.90	24,493
Aug	344.50	353.00	344.00	350.10	+ 3.70	414.50	344.00	9,751
Oct	347.00	355.50	347.00	352.60	+ 3.80	426.50	347.00	3,497
Dec	351.10	357.90	348.00	355.10	+ 3.90	477.00	348.00	18,811
Fb98	....	....	....	357.60	+ 4.00	434.00	356.00	3,164
Apr	....	....	....	359.90	+ 4.00	408.40	361.90	1,274
June	....	....	....	362.40	+ 4.00	489.50	361.50	5,727
Oct	....	....	....	367.40	+ 4.00	....	....	100
Dec	372.20	373.20	373.20	369.90	+ 4.00	505.00	365.00	5,016
Ju99	....	....	....	377.50	+ 4.10	520.00	415.00	4,830
Dec	....	....	....	385.10	+ 4.10	506.00	389.00	3,946
Ju00	....	....	....	392.90	+ 4.10	473.50	414.50	3,745
Dec	....	....	....	400.60	+ 4.10	474.50	380.00	6,737
Ju01	....	....	....	408.40	+ 4.10	447.00	447.00	1,805
Dec	....	....	....	416.30	+ 4.10	....	....	663

Est vol 70,000; vol Tu 31,964; open int 195,275, +322.

SILVER (Cmx.Div.NYM)-5,000 troy oz.; cnts per troy oz.

Feb				512.3	+ 29.8	491.0	479.0	0
Mar	485.0	527.0	482.5	513.5	+ 29.7	611.0	461.0	49,580
May	488.5	527.0	487.0	518.5	+ 30.1	606.0	468.0	19,247
July	491.5	531.5	491.5	523.2	+ 30.2	655.0	471.0	9,301
Sept	497.0	536.0	497.0	527.9	+ 30.4	576.0	477.0	3,058
Dec	503.0	542.0	503.0	535.0	+ 30.6	695.0	482.5	5,363
Mr98				543.5	+ 31.8	573.0	494.5	2,133
July				554.5	+ 32.2	700.0	505.0	714
Dec				568.4	+ 32.7	734.0	520.0	1,121
Jl99				587.3	+ 33.4	660.0	530.0	348
Dec				601.7	+ 33.9	720.0	550.0	114

Est vol 65,000; vol Tu 38,215; open int 91,079, -936.

FUTURES OPTIONS

CATTLE-FEEDER (CME)
50,000 lbs.; cents per lb.

Strike Price	Calls-Settle Mar	Apr	May	Puts-Settle Mar	Apr	May
66	2.27	3.22	4.52	0.30	0.57	0.60
67	....	....	....	0.55	....	....
68	0.95	1.87	3.00	0.95	1.20	1.05
69	0.35	....	....	1.55	....	....
70	0.27	0.85	1.62	2.25	2.15	1.77
71	....	....	....	....	....	....

Est vol 507 Tu 155 calls 288 puts
Op Int Tues 5,440 calls 9,055 puts

CATTLE-LIVE (CME)
40,000 lbs.; cents per lb.

Strike Price	Calls-Settle Mar	Apr	May	Puts-Settle Mar	Apr	May
62	....	3.90	2.80	....	0.22	0.95
63	....	....	2.20	....	0.37	....
64	....	2.27	1.62	0.35	0.60	1.75
65	....	1.67	1.15	....	0.97	....
66	....	1.15	0.80	....	1.45	2.90
67	0.27	0.75	....	....	2.05	....

Est vol 1,998 Tu 851 calls 1,041 puts
Op Int Tues 16,709 calls 21,681 puts

CORN (CBT)
5,000 bu.; cents per bu.

Strike Price	Calls-Settle Mar	May	Jly	Puts-Settle Mar	May	Jly
250	23¾	23¼	23¾	⅛	⅜	3½
260	14	15	17⅝	¼	2½	6¼
270	5	8¾	12	1⅜	5¾	11
280	¾	4⅜	8⅝	7	12	17¼
290	¼	2½	6	16½	19½	24⅜
300	⅛	1¼	4¼	28¼	28½	32⅝

Est vol 13,000 Tu 7,994 calls 4,703 puts
Op Int Tues 250,070 calls 146,516 puts

GOLD (CMX)
100 troy ounces; $ per troy ounce

Strike Price	Calls-Settle Mar	Apr	Jun	Puts-Settle Mar	Apr	Jun
335	10.70	12.20	15.50	.30	2.40	3.30
340	6.20	8.80	12.20	.80	3.20	4.80
345	2.40	5.80	8.70	2.00	5.50	6.30
350	.60	3.50	6.40	5.20	8.60	8.80
355	.40	2.10	4.20	10.00	12.10	11.60
360	.10	1.20	3.00	14.60	16.40	15.40

Est vol 21,000 Tu 3,241 calls 1,923 puts
Op Int Tues 263,421 calls 97,883 puts

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Viewing a science project

Juanita Garza looks over her son, Domingo Garza's volcano project at the Hereford Independent School District Science Fair. Students' projects are on display in the banquet room of the central administration building.

Gardeners should not be concerned with leaf drop

PHOENIX (AP) - When a plant seems to be ailing, asking yourself questions often will point to the solution.

Most gardeners understand that leaf drop in the fall is common with deciduous plants. Many evergreens also routinely replace some leaves at certain seasons.

Start by asking yourself what concerns you. Not quite so obvious: is this normal for this time of year?

Keep careful notes while checking possibilities. The notes may help someone more expert pinpoint the cause if you are unable to do so.

Is the entire plant affected or just one side? Did that side show the symptoms first? When? Was the decline sudden or over a period of time? How does adjacent vegetation look? Are more insects than normal present?

If just the one plant seems to be in trouble, do similar ones show the same symptoms? Is bark splitting? Leaves yellowing?

How long have you had the plant? Even with the best of care and most favorable growing conditions, some are unlikely to survive more than a year or two.

Such answers may be all you need.

If not, consider what's adjacent to the plant: an alley, a swimming pool, a driveway, a patio, the neighbor's yard? Has something happened there recently?

Could new paving or a patio expansion have damaged extended roots on your plant or changed the drainage? Did the pool overflow? Chemicals spill?

Has a soil sterilant or vegetation--killing chemical been used under or around the plant within three or four years? Some will persist in the soil for years but will not damage the plant until its roots grow into the area.

Did a neighbor apply sterilants in his yard, even if you didn't?

Was the ailing plant put in too deeply or too shallow? Does there appear to be excess mulch?

Another possibility is excess fertilization.

A persistent, premature leaf drop suggests a check of watering practices. A sprinkler system will produce a fine lawn but seldom supplies sufficient moisture for trees and many shrubs. Often applying water more deeply will fix such a problem.

Remember that excess water can kill a plant as easily as extreme dryness. Wilting foliage is an early symptom of both. Probing a few inches into the soil with a trowel, augur or long-blade screwdriver usually supplies the answer.

Are underground animals a possibility? Gophers often eat succulent stems before their tunnels even are noticed.

If some leaves look terrible but most leaves look fine, the plant probably is all right. You need to make sure, however.

If only older leaves are affected, it could be lack of nitrogen or potassium, soil high in salts or poor soil aeration. A general yellowing of many leaves can be caused by lack of fertilizer, extreme sunlight or high temperatures. Yellowing of youngest leaves suggests lack of iron or chemical damage.

Marginal burning usually is traced to salinity. In that case, try watering deeply to see if that helps.

If the plant dies, be sure to examine the roots and the soil surrounding them. A bad odor often means the soil was kept too wet. Limited root development may indicate the same, or lack of water.

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Man claims lottery jackpot 147 days after winning the September drawing

AUSTIN (AP) - Cameron Wantland says that even though her dad may misplace things, "He's not a ditz."

"If anything, he has too much on his mind with work and his family," she said.

Robert Wantland, 43, a superintendent for a general contracting firm in San Antonio and father of five, entered the Texas Lottery record books on Wednesday as the person who waited the longest to claim a winning Lotto ticket.

It wasn't intentional.

Only after cleaning out his desk at work for a job transfer a week and a half ago did Wantland come across a $1 Quick Pick ticket that he had bought for the $7.4 million jackpot drawn on Sept. 18. It was the winner.

"If it hadn't been for that job transfer, I wouldn't have looked in that desk drawer," said Wantland, who claimed his ticket 147 days after the drawing - 33 days short of the lottery's limit of 180 days.

"I thought I had bought a ticket for that drawing and knew that the prize hadn't been claimed yet," he said. "But I looked around and couldn't find the ticket, so I had given up."

The previous record was 137 days, held by Hilda Stanley of Henderson, who won a $4.3 million jackpot drawn on Oct. 8, 1994.

Wantland, whose new favorite saying is "better late than never," has been prone to misplace things before, said his wife, Tina.

She recalled the family's move from Fairfax, Va., to Texas last August, when Wantland loaded all their furniture onto a moving van and then realized his wallet was in his dresser drawer - one of the first things that he had packed.

It took four hours to retrieve the wallet after unloading and reloading the furniture.

"That was a prime example," said Mrs. Wantland, who had earlier criticized the person with the unclaimed winning ticket as "some idiot."

"After we won, my sister said, 'You're married to that idiot,'" Mrs. Wantland said.

Wantland said the $1 lotto ticket, with the numbers 4, 5, 22, 31, 32 and 41, was the first he had purchased since moving to Texas.

Wantland's five children, including 19-year-old twin girls, were excited about their newly found riches.

"I get a new car," said daughter Latrice, one of the twins.



Taking measurements

St. Anthony's School fourth-graders, fifth-graders and sixth-graders tried to guess how many feet of supporting cables have been used in tarpaulin project on Wednesday. The students entered their best guesses in a contest, which is sponsored by Stevens Chevrolet-Oldsmobile-Aurora-Geo.

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Sources confirm birth of King of Pop's baby

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Is there a Prince of Pop?

Michael Jackson kept quiet Wednesday about reports that his wife, Debbie Rowe Jackson, gave birth to a son at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center on Wednesday.

Spokesmen for the hospital and for Jackson's MJJ Productions said they could not confirm reports by the New York Post and KNBC-TV, or even say whether Mrs. Jackson was in the hospital.

However, a source close to the hospital, speaking on condition of anonymity, told The Associated Press that Mrs. Jackson was admitted but did not immediately give birth. Her due date is Valentine's Day.

The Post, quoting anonymous sources, reported today that Mrs. Jackson gave birth while the King of Pop stood by in a green hospital gown and surgical mask.

"My beautiful little boy," Jackson said as nurses cleaned off the boy, according to the Post.

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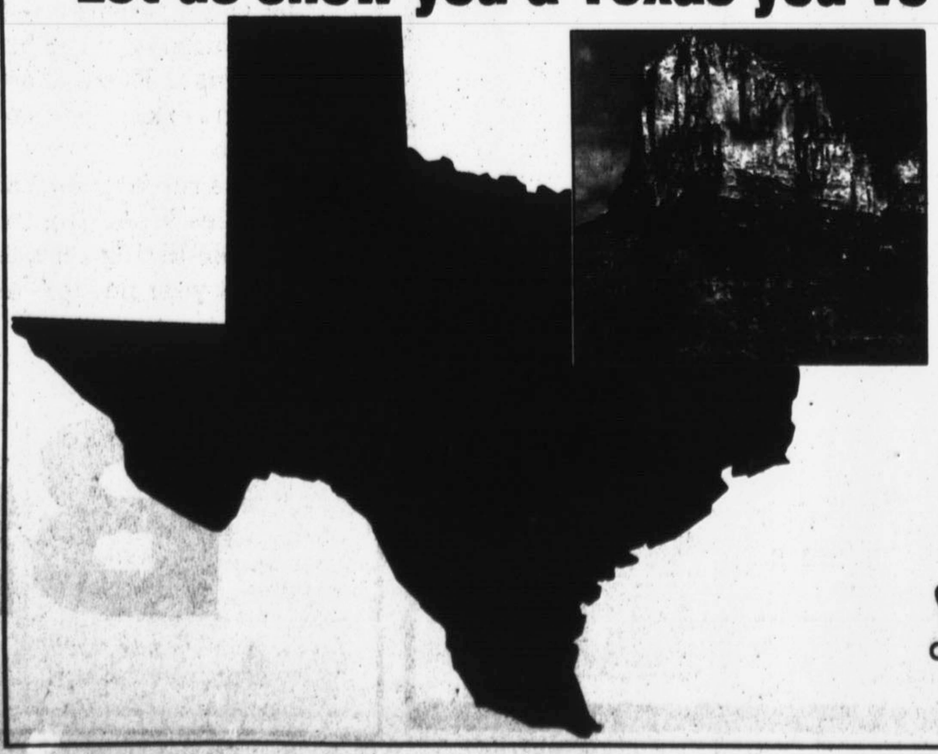
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