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Ag panel votes to cut 'traditional' subsidies

Despite vote on farm measure, panel warns that final bill may be far off

By ROBERT GREENE
AP Farm Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) - Farm legislation is picking up momentum in Congress, with the House Agriculture Committee finally voting to end traditional crop subsidies and most government controls that go with them.

But the chairman of the Senate agriculture panel says farmers still had better look to the market for planting guidance because final legislation still may be a ways off. "Farmers should not wait for the federal programs to determine what they want to do," Sen. Dick Lugar, R-Ind., said Tuesday.

The House and Senate may debate farm measures on Thursday. Both would end

traditional subsidies that rise and fall with crop prices. Instead, farmers would get guaranteed but declining transition payments over seven years.

The measure faces strong opposition from Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D. Senate Republicans and Democrats are working on a compromise.

In the House Agriculture Committee on Tuesday, three Democrats joined united Senate Republicans in supporting the bill.

The 28-17 vote was the first time the legislation had cleared the committee, chaired by Rep. Pat Roberts, R-Kan., who earlier had been stymied by opposition from his own party members.

The package overhauls dairy programs and revises, but does not eliminate, the sugar and peanut programs.

Democrats Collin Peterson of Minnesota, Gary Condit of California and Sanford Bishop Jr. of Georgia supported the measure.

Peterson said his support will win him a role in future talks over the final version. The dairy agreement also was important.

His cooperation led to committee support of his amendment, the only Democratic revision to succeed, that would have let farmers remove environmentally sensitive land on short notice from the Conservation Reserve Program.

The program is popular with hunters and

environmentalists because it restores habitat by taking land out of production for 10 to 15 years.

Bishop, who is from a leading peanut district, said the deal guards the peanut program from critics who want to end it. Condit said the package had "more good policy" than bad.

Democrats argued that farmers were getting a hefty payment up front but no safety net after seven years.

"The temptation to take a large check up front and not worry about what is going to happen seven years down the road is a real one," said Rep. Tim Johnson, D-S.D. "I think it's shortsighted."

Pomeroy and others offered an amendment giving farmers half the lump-sum payment but using the rest for higher loan-based subsidies as well as rural development, education and conservation.

Another would have guaranteed \$3.5 billion in additional funding for those areas by making the spending mandatory.

Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman said in a letter Tuesday to the House committee that the bill was like an earlier measure for which he had recommended a presidential veto.

The farm provisions had then been attached to the overall budget-balancing bill vetoed by President Clinton.

Bush declines to specify options to cut property taxes

AUSTIN (AP) - It's too soon to specify just how the state might replace the local property tax for schools, Gov. George W. Bush says. But nearly doubling the state's sales tax is out.

Convinced that Texans are unhappy over rising property taxes, the Republican governor has called for a tax study before the 1997 Legislature. He already has ruled out a personal income tax.

This week, an informal committee organized by Bush outlined a number of options that could raise the \$9 billion a year needed to eliminate the local school property taxes.

The Dallas Morning News, citing sources familiar with the study, reported that the options included: imposing a 1 percent tax on gross receipts on business; creating a 2.5 percent value-added tax assessed at each stage of manufacturing; boosting the state sales tax to 12.25 percent; creating a 13.5 percent flat tax on all Texas business profits; or increasing the business franchise tax to 5-1/2 times its current amount.

Asked about the study, Bush said Tuesday that, "I don't want to speculate right now."

However, he added, boosting the sales tax to 12.25 percent "is not a feasible option. ... Obviously, we need to look at a combination." If the state sales tax were raised that high,

it would hit 14.25 percent in some cities where local sales levies are added.

Bush said he has been telling Texans he's willing to address the property tax issue, and that for a complete debate to occur they need to know all of the alternatives.

"I want to see what the options are," Bush said. "I'll announce a plan. I've got an idea where I want to head on it."

Comptroller John Sharp, the state's tax collector, said the study's options are familiar.

Most have been recommended before "in one form or another," he said, adding: "It's a matter of picking and choosing, and that is what we are waiting on. I think it is fair to wait until we see exactly which plan specifically it is that the governor wants and we can do an analysis of that."

Bush has said repeatedly that any change in the state tax structure must meet several conditions, including his no-income-tax pledge.

Bush also has said any change must be revenue-neutral, "a dollar-for-dollar swap" that raises no additional money than the current system. It also must be straightforward and easy to understand, and it should zero-out local school property taxes.

Talking over, blame begun in balanced budget negotiations

By ALAN FRAM
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) - The year's hunt for a balanced-budget compromise is dead, short of lightning striking. Now, each side is out to convince voters that the other is to blame for the collapse of the effort.

Eager to portray themselves as doggedly pursuing a solution despite the other camp's surrender, Clinton administration officials have begun meeting with moderate lawmakers from both parties in a professed effort to craft a centrist budget-balancing plan. Citing the same goal, GOP budget writers plan to meet with Senate moderates of both parties on Thursday.

Probe into death continuing here

A final ruling on the cause of death of Kermit school teacher Daniel Eugene Cooke, 63, who died last weekend in a Hereford motel, will not be made for about two weeks, Justice of the Peace Johnnie Turrentine said Tuesday.

Cooke's body was discovered Sunday by a cleaning lady in a motel on west U.S. 60. Police were called to the scene and Turrentine was notified.

Turrentine ordered an autopsy, which was performed Tuesday in Lubbock.

Tuesday afternoon Turrentine said toxicology tests were ordered as a result of the autopsy. They are to be performed in Austin and results will not be available for about two weeks.

An investigation into the death is continuing.

Meanwhile, in obedience to the majority of voters who favor elimination of federal deficits, both sides issue daily statements avowing their dedication to the task - and exhorting their rivals for abandoning the quest.

"We want to keep the heat on, we want to keep the negotiating under way, and we hope that over the course of the next several weeks a real budget agreement is possible," said Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D.

President Clinton met with about 20 House moderates on Tuesday to show his determination to reach a deal.

"He's going to scratch and claw and find an agreement wherever he can," Rep. Gary Condit, D-Calif., said after leaving the meeting. "We're going to work hard as we can for an agreement until they turn out the lights, lock the doors and send us home."

Campaigning in Iowa for the GOP presidential nomination, Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole said that if Republicans can't reach a budget deal with the president, "we're going to send him bill after bill after bill that sends power to the people... and find out where the president stands."

Real budget work remains. Temporary spending authority for dozens of agencies, renewed last Friday, will have to be extended once again by March 15. The administration says a cataclysmic federal default will occur unless Congress extends the debt limit in February.

On Tuesday, Clinton renewed his plea to Republicans to extend the ceiling before Congress begins a recess, perhaps next week.



Railroad workers

Construction to replace track along six lines crossing Main Street just south of U.S. 60 continued on Tuesday, despite temperatures that never got up to freezing. Here, employees of Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad work to install one of the new lines. When completed, Main Street across the tracks will be much smoother than before. Among the crew members working Tuesday were: A.B. Rodriguez of Colorado; Charlie Juarez of San Angelo; H. Marin and Jesse Rivas, both of Lubbock; and E. Hopper and Charles Graham, both of Amarillo.

Wholesale prices increase 0.5 percent in December; energy costs lead surge

Producer Price Index report issued on day Fed debates interest rates

By JOHN D. MCCLAIN
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) - Wholesale prices shot up 0.5 percent in December, matching November's increase, as energy prices posted their biggest advance in more than five years.

The Labor Department report on its Producer Price Index today came as Federal Reserve policy-makers met to consider whether to cut interest rates again to stimulate a lethargic economy.

Analysts said the energy price surge was a one-month phenomenon due to cold weather and a spike in crude oil prices and noted that prices already had fallen in January.

"The bigger story is that basically there is no wholesale inflation," said economist Bruce Steinberg of Merrill Lynch & Co. "I don't think the report will have anything to do with the (Fed) meeting. There's ample evidence the economy has weakened over the last several months and they will go ahead and lower rates."

The back-to-back increases in the PPI were the steepest since a similar

advance in January 1995. Many economists had expected a 0.4 percent advance in December in the index, which measures cost pressures before they reach the consumer level.

Although many analysts expected the Federal Open Market Committee to cut short-term rates today because of mounting evidence of a weakening economy, others felt it would defer any decision pending the availability of more economic data.

Many official economic reports have been postponed because of government shutdowns caused by the federal budget impasse and subsequent blizzard. The PPI report originally was scheduled for Jan. 11.

Analysts said any evidence of mounting price pressures could reinforce arguments against any further easing now out of fear of accelerating an inflationary spiral.

Fed policy makers nudged the federal funds rate down from 6 percent to 5.75 percent in July and then to 5.5 percent in December as signs of economic weakness persisted. The rate is what banks charge each other for overnight loans.

For the year, prices of finished goods at the wholesale level were up 2.2 percent, a moderate increase but slightly more than the 1.7 percent gain in 1994.

The department reports the December Consumer Price Index on Thursday. Analysts were expecting a 0.3 percent increase.

The December PPI increase was the second in three months after a slight 0.1 percent dip in October. Analysts said the November gain was exaggerated by a one-month problem in adjusting new-model car and light-truck prices for seasonal variations.

The December advance was led by a 2.3 percent surge in energy prices, the largest since a 7.5 percent jump in October 1990. Until December, energy costs had fallen for six straight months.

Food prices inched up just 0.1 percent. Excluding the volatile food and energy component, the so-called core rate of wholesale inflation rose a tiny 0.1 percent, down from 0.4 percent a month earlier. The core rate was

unchanged in October.

Gasoline prices jumped 11.8 percent in December, steepest since a 13.9 percent gain in September 1990. Heating oil was up 11 percent, the largest advance since a 17.7 percent surge in February 1994.

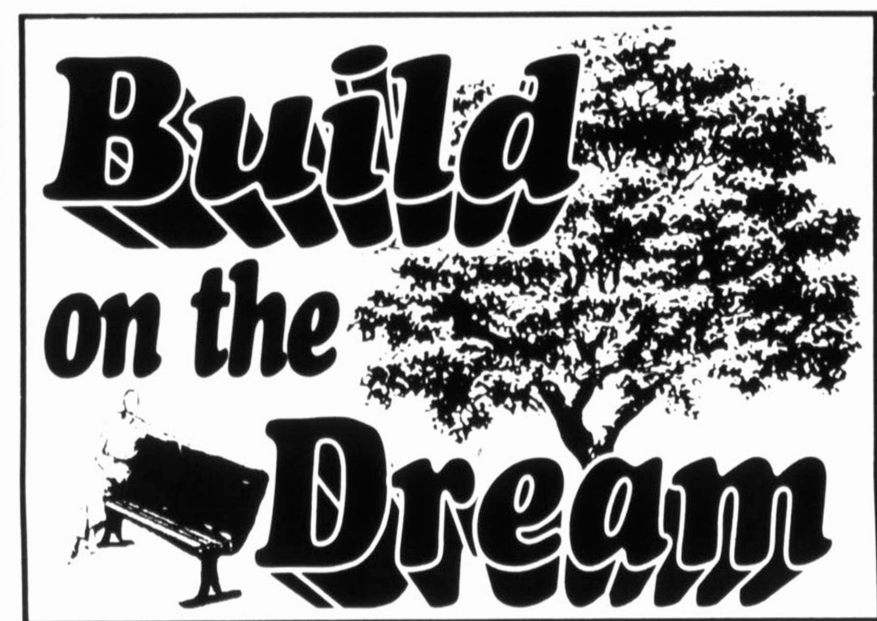
The natural gas increase was a record 3.5 percent, breaking the previous high of 2.3 percent set in October 1992. Electricity prices fell 1.1 percent.

The rise in food prices was the smallest since they were unchanged last October. They had risen 1.2 percent in November.

Although pork prices jumped 2.3 percent, largest since 2.6 percent last August, the cost of beef and veal tumbled 0.9 percent. Poultry prices were up a modest 0.3 percent, while fish fell 8.5 percent.

Vegetable prices rose 8.9 percent. The cost of cauliflower was up 48.3 percent; tomatoes up 30.2 percent; cucumbers up 24.2 percent and potatoes up 18.8 percent.

Fruit prices dipped 2.9 percent. Tangerines were down 30.5 percent, navel oranges down 27 percent.



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Local Roundup

Area to stay in deep freeze

Hereford recorded a high temperature of 23 degrees on Tuesday and a bone-chilling 7 degrees for an overnight low this morning. For tonight, forecasters are calling for a 30 percent chance of snow with a low around 15 degrees and east winds at 5-15 mph. For Thursday, look for cloudy and a 60 percent chance of snow, possibly mixed with sleet or freezing rain at times. The high will be around 30 degrees with southeast winds at 10-20 mph.

Koobraey set Thursday

The Hereford High School yearbook staff will host the annual Koobraey festivities at 7 p.m. Thursday in the high school auditorium. Admission is \$3 per person. The doors will open at 6:15 p.m. and will close at 7 p.m. Scheduled to be awarded at the assembly will be Mr. and Miss HHS and Class Favorites.

United Way celebration set

The United Way of Deaf Smith County will celebrate its successful 1995 fund-raising campaign with a Campaign Celebration and Annual Meeting at 6:30 p.m. Thursday. The meeting will be in the Community Center. During the session, campaign awards will be given out and special recognition made for the campaign.

Boards to meet jointly

A joint meeting of the Deaf Smith County Tax Abatement board and Hereford Independent School District board of trustees, originally set for 1:30 p.m. Friday, has been rescheduled for 1:30 p.m. Feb. 8, in the county courtroom.

News Digest

World/Nation

PORTLAND, Ore. - Liberal Rep. Ron Wyden clings to a narrow lead over Gordon Smith, a conservative GOP businessman and legislator, in a special Senate election to replace a disgraced Bob Packwood. It was the nation's first vote-by-mail congressional election.

WASHINGTON - The discovery that chimpanzees can get AIDS may give scientists a stand-in for humans when testing new vaccines and treatments for the disease.

ATHENS, Greece - Greece announces an agreement with Turkey to withdraw its forces from a 10-acre Aegean islet, ending the worst crisis between the two NATO allies since the Cyprus conflict.

WINDHAM, N.H. - Wherever Steve Forbes goes, "growth, hope and opportunity" seem to follow. It's one of his most standard lines and he seldom strays. Supporters say the consistency shows the GOP presidential candidate's discipline and the depth of his belief in his own message. But to some voters, Forbes' virtually unchanging refrain sounds pat.

IOWA FALLS, Iowa - Bob Dole made a careful political calculation as his campaign cavalcade rumbled slowly along U.S. 20. Blowing snow threatened to close the road and visibility was near zero. Iowa's much-watched Republican caucuses are scheduled for Feb. 12, followed eight days later by the New Hampshire primary. Neither state is likely to be confused with a warm-weather winter getaway - as candidates, staffers and reporters are learning.

GUANTANAMO NAVAL BASE, Cuba - Time has stood still for many of the Cuban refugees here. They say they left their homes in inner tubes or on boats on Aug. 22 or Sept. 4, but they don't give the year. It's as if it were still 1994, as if nothing happened during the 18 months they have spent on this parched U.S. base on the southeastern tip of Cuba. The last 127 refugees leave today for Miami, marking the end of a military operation that cost the United States over \$150 million.

FARGO, N.D. - The John and Mayme Bye farmhouse serves as a gathering point for their eight children and grandchildren who all live within three miles.

But instead of the normal jovial gathering Monday night, masked gunmen terrorized the family for 14 hours, using victims' bank cards to withdraw cash and trying to escape by using a 10-year-old girl as a shield, police said. The standoff ended when a suspect who was allegedly holding a loaded pistol to the girl's head was shot in the face by a sheriff's deputy.

State

AUSTIN - He was known as "the people's senator," and it was the people who spoke at Ralph Yarborough's funeral. Grandchildren and longtime friends shared personal memories of the standard-bearer for liberal Texas Democrats, before a crowd including current and former elected officials gathered Tuesday at the First Baptist Church of Austin.

DALLAS - Organizers are promising a safe but lively parade to honor the Super Bowl champion Dallas Cowboys. "This year's event will be fun, festive and a family event," said Robert Shaw, a former Dallas Cowboys center and Dallas businessman who is heading the committee organizing the parade.

AUSTIN - A computer system used by Visa International to detect fraudulent credit card purchases is being "trained" to track fraud and abuse in the Texas Medicaid system. State Comptroller John Sharp and an Austin firm designing the system announced the plan Tuesday.

EL PASO - The fate of gunfighter John Wesley Hardin's remains, the focus of a court dispute that has divided his descendants, will be decided in the coming weeks by a state district judge.

SAN ANTONIO - A teen-ager described as suffering from battered child syndrome has been given probation after being convicted of killing a man who he said had been sexually abusing him for about two years.

CONROE - The capital murder trial of a man accused in the abduction murder of 12-year-old McKay Everett will be moved out of Montgomery County because of pre-trial publicity, a judge has ruled.

SAN ANTONIO - Bexar County's district attorney says the credit should go to juvenile judges in San Antonio for getting tough on teen-agers who commit violent acts. More than 80 juveniles were tried as adults last year in San Antonio compared to only two in 1990. Statewide, almost 600 juveniles were transferred to the adult courts in 1995.

SAN ANGELO - Eight West Texas businessmen are making plans to replace a defunct lamb-processing plant here in the nation's largest sheep state.

AUSTIN - It's too soon to specify just how the state might replace the local property tax for schools, Gov. George W. Bush says. But nearly doubling the state's sales tax is out.

DRIVE

point" during discussion Tuesday night.

Also in the plans are a picnic pavilion, a dozen picnic tables with benches and six barbecue grills.

Benches and lighting in the park, as well as a walking path, sprinkler system and fishing pond and bridge were installed in the 12-acre park as part of the grant proposals.

Members of the drive committee will appear before civic groups and organizations to explain the purpose of the campaign.

Student groups will be encouraged to participate and school children will be given an opportunity to take part in the drive, Owen reminded Tuesday evening.

"We're not going to school children for the money but to give them information on the park and pool," Owen said.

Individuals who are not contacted but wish to contribute to the drive may leave checks at Hereford State Bank or FirstBank Southwest. Receipts will be issued by the City of Hereford for tax purposes.

Democrats want end to Whitewater

GOP has other ideas about public hearing

WASHINGTON (AP) - Democrats are urging a swift end to Senate Whitewater hearings, but Republicans appear to have another plan: an extended public airing of Castle Grande, a disastrous real estate deal engineered by the Clintons' Whitewater partner.

As part of a concerted Democratic attack, Sen. Paul Simon of Illinois likened the Whitewater investigation to the O.J. Simpson trial - something that never ends.

And Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle said Sen. Alfonse D'Amato, R-N.Y., ought to resign as chairman of the Whitewater committee "if he wants to continue as chair of the Dole for President Committee."

D'Amato rejected the criticism, saying he was conducting fair and impartial hearings.

The probe is scheduled to end Feb. 29 but Republicans are talking of

continuing it. Their position was bolstered by the mysterious appearance Jan. 5 of Hillary Rodham Clinton's billing records on her work for Madison Guaranty Savings and Loan, which was owned by the Clintons' Whitewater partners, James and Susan McDougal.

Focusing on Castle Grande, a Madison Guaranty land deal south of Little Rock, Ark., Whitewater Committee Republicans on Tuesday detailed the purchase and sales on the 1,050-acre tract in 1986 - a series of transactions that ultimately cost taxpayers nearly \$4 million.

Bank examiner James Clark

testified that a group of insiders at Madison "was obtaining cash in what amounted to a pyramid scheme."

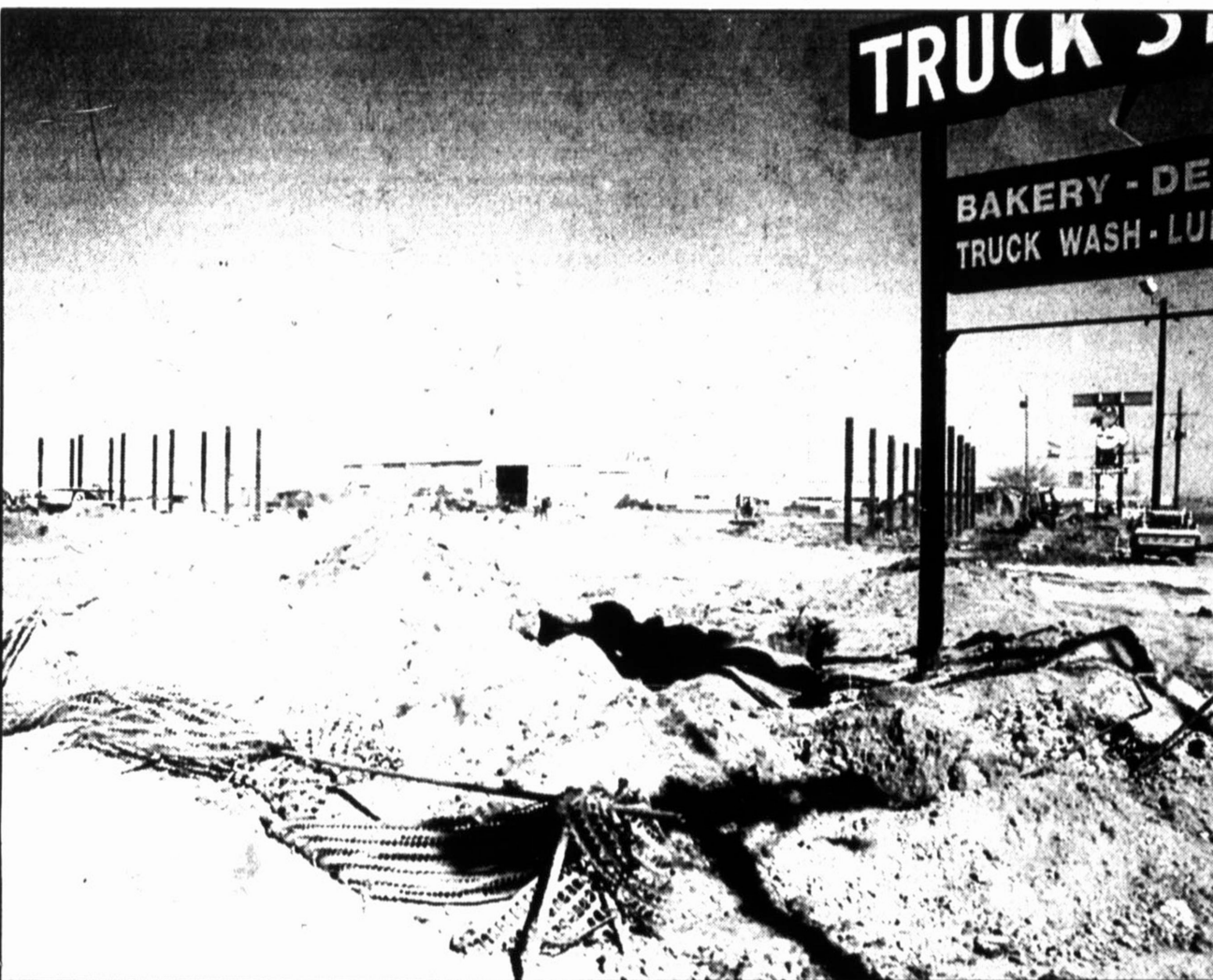
D'Amato said that despite the fact that regulators were overwhelmed at the time by failing savings and loans, regulators "should have thrown" Madison Guaranty's management "right the hell out," much sooner than they did.

With Mrs. Clinton's law firm representing the S&L and preparing some documents for the purchase of Castle Grande, the acquisition was financed entirely with Madison Guaranty funds.

James McDougal and Little Rock businessman Seth Ward bought the property, then immediately sold 600 acres of the land, along with a sewer and water utility on it, to half a dozen buyers, including several people employed by the S&L. The price was \$3.2 million.

The buyers included current Arkansas Gov. Jim Guy Tucker and a corporation he controlled. Some of the loans were not repaid in full, and the federal government ended up with the land.

Committee Republicans are preparing to delve into Mrs. Clinton's role in Castle Grande. Her recently discovered billing records refer to 14 contacts she had with Ward and suggest she helped prepare a real estate document called an option seven months after Ward and McDougal's S&L subsidiary bought Castle Grande.



Under construction

Work continues on a new Town and Country convenience store, being built on the site of the former Big Daddy's Truck Stop at U.S. 60 and Progressive Road. The project will include gas pumps for cars and trucks, plus a convenience store and fast food restaurant.

Candidate puts heavy emphasis on 'growth, hope and opportunity'

By SANDRA SOBIERAJ

Associated Press Writer
WINDHAM, N.H. (AP) - Wherever Steve Forbes goes, "growth, hope and opportunity" seem to follow. It's among his standard lines, and he seldom strays.

Supporters say the consistency shows the GOP presidential candidate's discipline and the depth of his belief in his own message. But to some voters, Forbes' virtually unchanging refrain sounds pat.

Responding Tuesday to doubts his more moderate stance on issues like abortion can win social-conservative voters, Forbes circuitously reasoned: "Voters are becoming more supportive of our message of hope, growth and opportunity, of getting America moving again ... if we enable people to get ahead they'll have a chance to get more control over their lives, return quality time to their family lives. It all ties together."

Earlier, at a Rotary club breakfast in Derry, Forbes was asked what would happen if his flat tax didn't expand the economy as much as he expected and instead led to bigger debt and recession.

"Do you have a Plan B?" a Rotarian asked.

Forbes let himself off the hook with: "The question should be what will happen if we let the politicians in Washington continue business as usual."

The Washington outsider, The flat tax. Growth, hope and opportunity.

It's what politicians call staying "on message."

Forbes campaign manager Bill Dal Col insists it comes naturally for the political neophyte.

"He's not handled, he's not scripted. He's disciplined. It's why we're early to events when no other candidate is, why Steve Forbes is always the first one in the lobby ready to start the day," Dal Col said.

Rivals unable to engage Forbes in debate suggest the style is more contrived. That doesn't appear to upset the Forbes camp - Dal Col says

polls prove the Forbes message is resonating and they have no plans to shift course - but there is an apparent downside.

After a half-hour of talk mostly on his 17 percent flat tax promoting growth and opportunity through lower interest rates, Forbes had not answered Nashua resident Dave Pierce's questions. "I still want to know why 17 percent and how can that be fair straight across the board?" said the unemployed

Republican who left the event, unsatisfied and still undecided, while Forbes was still shaking hands.

At an earlier campaign stop, Joe Medved of Manchester complained that Forbes "seems to have a clear

answer on what to do, but my question is, 'Is that it?' It's appealing but almost too simplistic." He, too, remained undecided.

Dorothy Lohmann, a grass-roots organizer for the liberal People for the American Way, said even liberal and moderate voters are curious about Forbes.

"They think they might not support him, but they're not sure. They want to know more," said Lohmann, who's tagged after Forbes in New Hampshire this week pressing him for answers on issues like abortion, school prayer, gun control and discrimination against homosexuals.

She says she has not gotten a "Yes" or "No" answer on any of them. "He's terribly predictable but still pretty much a blank slate."

The lack of detail in Forbes' agenda beyond the flat tax has left front-runner Sen. Bob Dole blaming the media for not probing deeper. Sen. Phil Gramm's campaign is also frustrated.

Forbes, running second to Dole in most polls, has all but ignored Gramm and his ads attacking the Forbes flat tax. Forbes never mentions the Texas senator by name, merely dismissing critics as "those chicken-littles, those doomsters."

Former Tennessee Gov. Lamar Alexander, who is struggling like Gramm to break from the pack, released a statement Tuesday attacking Forbes for controlling his message through a self-financed ad blitz.

WTRT committee to select nominees for board election

The West Texas Rural Telephone Cooperative will meet Saturday at 11:30 a.m. in the cooperative offices to name candidates for three positions on the cooperative's board of directors.

Terms of office of J.B. Noland of the Summerfield exchange, Pat Robbins of the Frio exchange, and Charles Christian of the Oklahoma Lane exchange, who was appointed by the board to serve out the remainder of the term of the late Billy Mayfield, are expiring.

Among those serving on the

nominating committee and the telephone exchanges that they represent are Pat Smith, Dawn; Ed Rohrbach, Milo Center; Dee Taylor, Frio; Jim McGowan, Westway; and Charles Ray, Summerfield.

Other nominating committee members are Lawrence Widner, Tharp; Bill Nichols, Hub; Danny Allen, Farmer; and Jerry Davis, Oklahoma Lane.

Board members will be elected during the annual meeting of the membership of WTRT set for March 26 in the Hereford Bull Barn.

NCA votes for merger

SAN ANTONIO (AP) - The National Cattlemen's Association has approved a proposal to merge with the National Live Stock and Meat Board.

The National Cattlemen's Beef Association is the name of the new group.

Members approved the proposal Tuesday by a vote of 770-133, or 85 percent to 15 percent, during the National Cattlemen's Association annual meeting being held in San Antonio.

The new NCBA will have a joint operating agreement with the Beef Board.

In 1993, a task force examining ways to recapture beef's lost market share recommended consolidation of the national beef industry organizations.

The National Live Stock and Meat Board directors approved the merger in August 1995.

Bob Drake, outgoing president of the cattlemen's association, said the new organization "is a wonderful opportunity for producers to become involved. While not perfect today, NCBA can and should change to reflect an evolving industry."

Hospital Notes

PATIENTS IN HOSPITAL
David Berumen Jr., Samuel W. Brown, Jesusita Castillo, Lillie B. Davis, Dora V. Guerrero, Infant boy Guerrero;

Socorro Guerrero, Blasa R. Mancillas, Morgan D. Martinez, Kerri Dawn Ruland, Elvise G. Stambaugh, M.H. Stephens;

Natalia Valdez, Edith Waggoner, Frank E. Watson, Kathleen White, Irving H. Willoughby and Aide Zapata.

NEWBORNS

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny James Buentello are parents of a baby boy, Johnny James Buentello Jr., 6 lbs. 12 1/2 oz., born Jan. 18.

Mr. and Mrs. Ruben Lopez are parents of a baby boy, Hector Lopez, 7 lbs. 14 oz., born Jan. 19.

Mr. and Mrs. Anthony John Mondragon are parents of a baby girl, Savannah Angelita Mondragon, 6 lbs. 13 oz., born Jan. 24.

Mr. and Mrs. Ramon Enriquez are parents of a baby boy, Severino Enriquez, 6 lbs. 14 oz., born Jan. 25.

Lottery

AUSTIN (AP) - The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery:

6-15-18-24-29 (six, fifteen, eighteen, twenty-four, twenty-nine)

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

1-1-6 (one, one, six)

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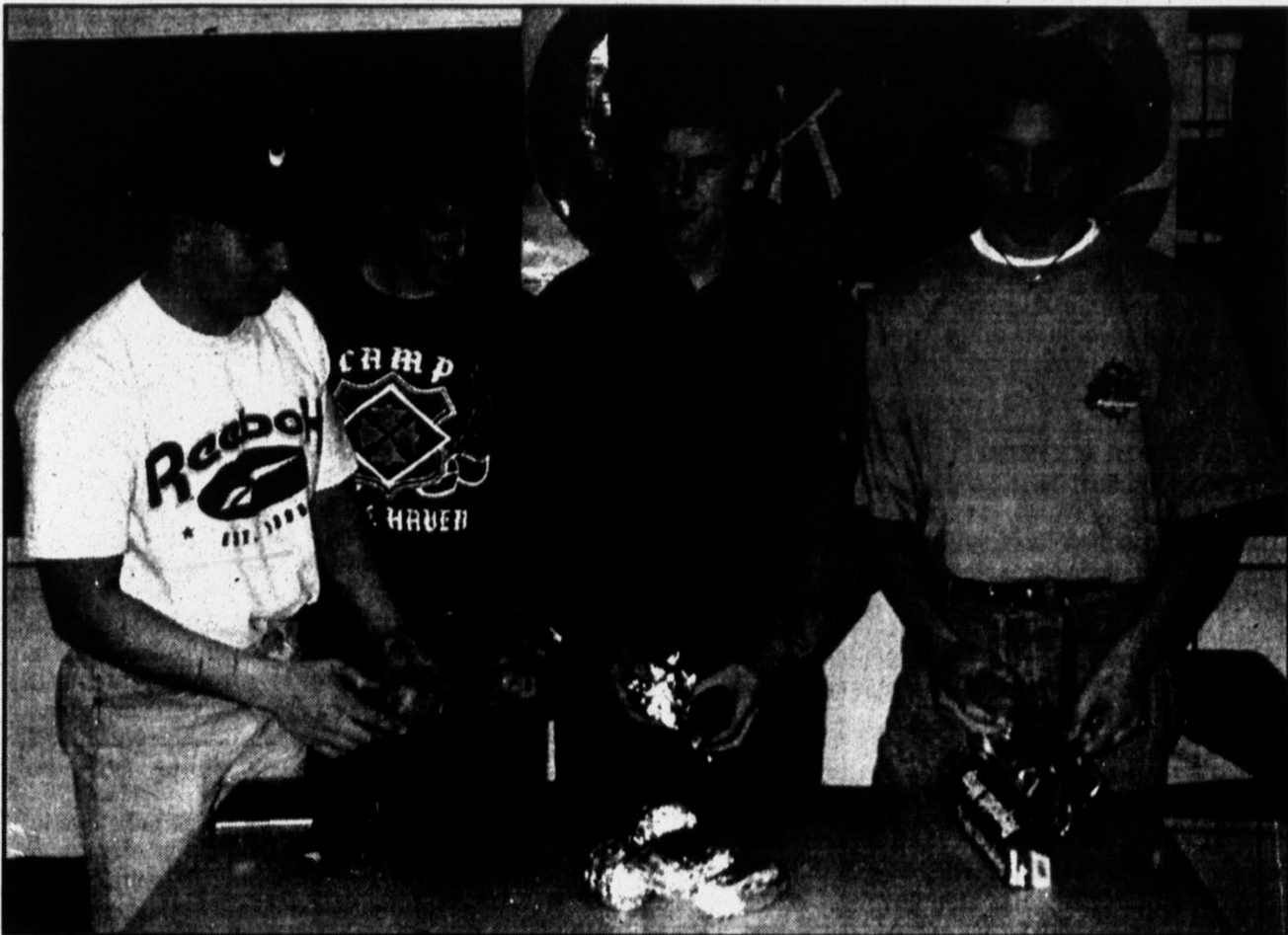
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Lifestyles



Supper preparations

Members of the Hereford Key Club prepare for the "Build you own potato bar" to be held Friday from 5 p.m.-7 p.m., prior to the district basketball game against Borger, in the Hereford Junior High Cafeteria. Workers pictured are, from left, Matthew Artho, president; Kyle Flood, secretary; Carey Lyles, reporter; and Gilbert Rodriguez, club member. Tickets for the supper are \$5 for adults and \$1 for preschool and under. They are available from any Key Club member or Call Mr. McManigal, Key Club advisor, at 364-7721.

Senior Citizens

MENUS

THURSDAY-Beef tips, steamed rice, squash medley, pear with cottage cheese, chocolate cake; or smothered chicken.

FRIDAY-Baked fish, baked potato with condiments, okra and tomatoes, cole slaw, lemon pudding; or chicken strips.

MONDAY-Chicken and rice casserole, steamed broccoli, tomato salad, fruit cocktail, chocolate chip cookies; or stuffed cabbage, diet cookie.

TUESDAY-Roast beef au jus, whipped potatoes, peas and carrots, tossed salad, peach cobbler; or baked ham, peaches.

WEDNESDAY-Salisbury steak, buttered noodles, buttered green beans, carrot raisin salad, fruit cocktail; or turkey tetrazini.

ACTIVITIES

THURSDAY-Pool classes, exercise class 10-10:45 a.m., oil painting 9-11 a.m.

FRIDAY-Pool classes, line dancing 10-11 a.m.

SATURDAY-Games 12 noon-4 p.m., dance 7 p.m.

MONDAY-Pool classes, line dancing 10-11 a.m., doll class 12:30-4:30 p.m.

TUESDAY-Pool classes, exercise class 10-10:45 a.m., Golden Spread Hearing 1-3 p.m.

WEDNESDAY-Pool classes, exercise class 10-10:45 a.m., craft and ceramics classes 1-3 p.m., Defensive driving 1-5 p.m.

Ann Landers

Reader loves playful pet iguana

DEAR ANN LANDERS: Although I am an avid fan, I have never felt compelled to write you until now. I hope it's not too late to reply to the letter from "Fraidy Cat" about the 5-foot iguana she found in her sister-in-law's bathtub.

I agree with you about the unjustness of allowing these animals to be sold as novelty toys to uneducated people. "Fraidy Cat" unfairly assumed that she was in danger. Furthermore, the sister-in-law should be ashamed for sentencing an animal that needs warmth and loves attention to isolation and a cold bathtub.

I would never have considered an iguana for a pet until my son brought home a young iguana that was being abused by its owner. I took pity on it and soon became so attached to this iguana that I would never part with him.

Not only is "Iggy" playful and affectionate, he is newspaper-trained, has a daily bubble bath, loves macaroni and cheese, comes when you call him, sleeps with his own blanket, pillow and heating pad, plays hide-and-seek and keeps us laughing with his antics. He also has become an avid camper and now has the run of our motor home as well as our principal residence.

We would never part with our pet and have prepared for the time he will reach his full size, which is 6 feet. While he is free to roam the house, we have purchased a playpen for his safety when we are not home.

Iguanas are not slimy creatures, as some people believe, but are actually dry-skinned and extremely clean. They are great companions when treated right, and I urge all iguana owners to become educated about their pets. I am proud to own and love our Iggy, and if people are afraid to come into my home because Iggy is here, I urge them to stay home.-- Proud and Educated Iguana Owner, Kelso, Wash.

DEAR KELSO: That's quite a testimonial, but I'd still rather have a cat.

DEAR ANN LANDERS: I'm a 32-year-old male. I grew up in a small midwestern town and had a rough time of it (both my parents were alcoholics). I left home at age 16, knocked around for a year and then joined the Navy.

Back then, I thought tattoos were cool and went for them in a big way. I mean huge. I have flowers, hearts, initials of women I can't even

remember and a snake that goes all the way up my arm.

I have settled down and am going with a terrific woman. I'm ashamed of the tattoos. She didn't criticize me but brought up the subject that they CAN be removed if I ever felt that I wanted to get rid of them.

Well, I do, Ann, but I don't know where to go or what is involved. Can you help me?--Buzzie in Brooklyn

DEAR BUZZIE: According to Dr. Robert Gotkin in Long Island, the best method for removing a tattoo is laser surgery. The procedure is time-consuming and costly but worth it. See a dermatologist or a plastic surgeon who is experienced in this area.

DEAR ANN LANDERS: Please inform your readers that whenever they lift anything heavy from the floor, they should be sure their knees are bent and their legs are close together. They should be lifting with their legs and not their backs. This is a must. Otherwise, they can very easily rupture a disc in the lower back, which requires surgery and can end their lifting for good.

I had to learn the hard way.-- World War II Vet in Boise

DEAR VET IN BOISE: I don't go in for much heavy lifting, but you can be sure I will remember your advice, should the occasion arise. P.S. I'll bet millions of my readers will, too. Thanks on behalf of all of us.

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The program is certified by FDA, American College of Radiology and the State Health Departments of Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico.

This screening clinic is available for women who qualify for financial

aid and meet financial guidelines through grants from the Texas Department of Health and the American Cancer Society. Harrington Cancer Center offers free or low-cost mammograms to women who qualify.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, please call the Women's Center at 1-800-377-4673 or 806-359-4673.

Buckley named to Dean's List

Benton Buckley of Hereford has been named to the Dean's List at Lubbock Christian University for the fall semester of 1995.

In order to be considered a part of the Dean's List, a student must be taking a minimum of 12 semester hours and achieve a 3.5 or better grade point average for the entire semester.

NEW YORK (AP) - Tired of being kept apart by their work, newlyweds Ted Danson and Mary Steenburgen are looking for a sitcom to star in together.

"Ted and I are cautiously interested in the idea, completely dependent upon the material and the people involved," Steenburgen said in the Feb. 3 issue of TV Guide.

Danson, who spent 11 years on "Cheers," said the decision to return to television is a difficult one for him.

"I used to say no to the idea of doing a series, because I had done one that was quite wonderful," he said. "But this year, Mary and I have been trying to find each other across continents and halfway around the world."

The couple, who married in October, starred together in the miniseries "Gulliver's Travels," to air on NBC on Feb. 4-5. They met while working together on the film "Pontiac Moon."

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Sports

Herd cagers take two from Dumas

District 1-4A

Basketball standings

Boys			
District	Overall		
Pampa	8 0	23 3	
Hereford	6 2	17 9	
Randall	5 2	15 13	
Caprock	4 4	9 18	
Canyon	3 5	11 13	
Borger	1 6	9 19	
Dumas	0 8	4 17	

Tuesday's results

Hereford 81, Dumas 45
Pampa 50, Canyon 34
Caprock 51, Borger 50
Randall was off

Girls

District	Overall		
Canyon	10 0	25 0	
Randall	8 1	19 6	
Hereford	6 4	20 5	
Dumas	3 6	13 13	
Borger	3 6	14 17	
Pampa	1 8	12 14	
Caprock	1 9	8 17	

Tuesday's results

Hereford 59, Dumas 50
Canyon 64, Pampa 35
Caprock 62, Borger 58
Randall was off

Friday's doubleheaders

Borger at Hereford
Canyon at Randall
Dumas at Pampa
Caprock is open

By JAY PEDEN
Sports Editor

The Dumas boys' basketball team finally faded away against Hereford in the second half, and the Herd took a 81-45 victory Tuesday in Dumas.

Dumas didn't fade in the girls' game, though. Hereford led throughout but needed a few well-placed free throws to pull out a 59-50 win.

Dumas has been a tough place for Hereford girls to win - not just in volleyball, but in basketball as well.

"It was like exorcising a ghost," Herd coach Eddie Fortenberry said. "It's a tough place to play and a place where we haven't played real well. It's good to get a win in Dumas."

"They (Dumas) made a run in the fourth quarter," Fortenberry said, "but our kids made the free throws when they had to."

Hereford led 34-25 at halftime, but by the end of the third quarter, Dumas had pulled back within 45-40. The Demonettes even got as close as two points with three and a half minutes left.

Although Hereford hit only 14-of-24 free throws in the game and 9-of-16 in the fourth quarter, Misti Davis did hit 4-of-5 in crunch time, Fortenberry said, and Tarabeth Holmes also hit two free throws.

There wasn't much crunch time in the boys' game, although Dumas stuck pretty close to Hereford in the first half. The Herd led 19-11 after the first quarter and 32-23 at halftime.

"We couldn't pull away from them in the first half," coach Randy Dean said. "We had a little lead, but it stayed around 6-10 points the whole half."

Hereford officially started the rout early in the second half.

"We started the second half real strong on both offense and defense," Dean said. "We got the lead up to around 18 points, and it stayed there until the closing minutes of the game. We played real well in the second half."

HERD SCORING

Boys: Michael High, 19; Brian Torres, 15; Isaac Walker, 13; Dustin Hill, 9; Nicholas Tarr, 8; Ronald Torres, 8; C.J. Kuback, 5; Johnathan Keenan, 2; Bryant McNutt, 2.
Girls: Catie Betzen, 14; Julie Rampley, 10; Brittney Binder, 8; Crystal Mercer, 7; Heather Hodges, 6; Julie Cole, 4; Tarabeth Holmes, 4; Misti Davis, 4; Kari Barrett, 2.

Meredith Tabor buzzer-beating shot lifted the Hereford girls' junior varsity team to a 44-42 win over Dumas. Sarah Ramey led Hereford with 20 points, while Tabor added seven.

Dumas won the boys' JV game, 56-53. For Hereford, Jeremy Urbanczyk scored 16 points, Trip Robison had 14 and Curt Sherrod had nine.

The Herd sophomore boys' team won 64-49. Clay Brown led with 17 points, Eddie Evans had 16 and J.J. Gaytan had 14.

Purcella, Lewis on money lists

Rodeo Money Leaders

By The Associated Press
Through Jan. 28

TEAM ROPING (HEADING)

1, Steve Purcella, Hereford, Texas, \$9,337. 2, Speedy Williams, Sanderson, Fla., \$6,863. 3, Chance Kelton, Mayer, Ariz., \$5,372. 4, Tee Woolman, Llano, Texas, \$4,870. 5, Bobby Hurley, Ceres, Calif., \$4,725. 6, Liddon Cowden, Merced, Calif., \$4,538. 7, Jerry Buckles, Kearney, Neb., \$3,639. 8, Bryan Anderson, Tucson, Ariz., \$3,032. 9, J.D. Yates, Pueblo, Colo., \$2,739. 10, Jay Ellerman, Fort Lupton, Colo., \$2,697. 11, Darrel Boyd, Window Rock, Ariz., \$2,638.

STEER ROPING

1, Jason Evans, Huntsville, Texas, \$5,893. 2, Wade Lewis, Hereford, Texas, \$5,233. 3, Guy Allen, Lovington, N.M., \$3,859. 4, Jim Davis, Abilene, Texas, \$3,630. 5, Bobby Harris, Gillette, Wyo., \$1,762. 6, Mack Altizer, Del Rio, Texas, \$1,762. 7, Gary Armitage, Elida, N.M., \$1,641. 8, Roy Angermiller, Uvalde, Texas, \$1,611. 9, Todd Casebolt, Henrietta, Texas, \$1,611. 10, Mike Thompson, Cushing, Okla., \$1,155. 11, Shawn Johnson, Decatur, Texas, \$1,155. 12, Sid Howard, Canyon, Texas, \$1,033. 13, Bill Goodger, Boyd, Texas, \$1,003. 14, Bucky Hefner, Chelsea, Okla., \$851.

NCA boys blitz Amarillo Christian

The boys' basketball team from Nazarene Christian Academy whipped Amarillo Christian School 67-12 Tuesday in Hereford.

NCA put three players in double-figure scoring. Jacob Power led with 18 points, while Tyler Keeling and Dustin White each had 14.

Cowboys' Brown wants to act

By JAIME ARON
AP Sports Writer

DALLAS (AP) - Once his football career is done, Larry Brown wants to be an actor. He has a college degree in theater, and he's still taking lessons.

But Brown's career is far from being finished. In fact, it's just taking off.

Brown began cashing in on his Super Bowl MVP award - and practicing for his second career - on Tuesday by kicking off a stay in New York with an appearance on "The Late Show with David Letterman."

On Wednesday, Brown will be on "CBS This Morning" and Conan O'Brien's late night show. Thursday, he'll do "Live With Regis and Kathie Lee" in the morning then at night sit courtside for a Knicks-Magic game.

Friday begins with a quick trip to Washington to be on Black Entertainment Television, followed by another promotional appearance in New York.

He'll finally come home Saturday, unless other things - like possible visits with Jay Leno or Charles Grodin - come along.

"I'm enjoying it," Brown said Tuesday in a telephone interview from his hotel room. "I'm a real laid-back person, so I'm having fun but keeping it in context."

Brown is so laid back that he hardly fits in the same locker room as Deion Sanders, Michael Irvin and other extra-extroverts.

With Sanders playing opposite him at cornerback, Brown is not even the best-known player at his position on his team. And considering there's a successful NBA coach named Larry Brown, he's not even be the most famous person with his name.

"I think people noticed me before, but now everybody does," Brown said. "I find it flattering. I'm not a guy who has an ego or lives for this,

but I can enjoy it."

Brown first made a name for himself in 1991, when he went from 12th-round draft pick to starter. He started on Super Bowl winners the next two years, then took harsh criticism when Dallas didn't three-peat in part because he was burned by Jerry Rice in last year's NFC title game.

Brown was supposed to lose his job this season with the arrival of Sanders, but an injury to Kevin Smith kept him in the lineup. A bigger distraction than Deion, though, was the premature birth of his son, Kristopher, who weighed only one pound at birth and lived less than three months.

Good things began happening again for this good guy during the NFC title game when he made up for a first-quarter blunder with a game-saving interception.

Then, in Sunday's Super Bowl, Brown had two interceptions and returned them for a record 77 yards. Both set up touchdowns. The first helped Dallas go ahead of Pittsburgh 20-7, and the second sealed the 27-17 final.

For that effort, he was named the game's top star, as teammates Troy Aikman and Emmitt Smith had been in previous Super Bowls.

But they were no help preparing Brown for this avalanche of attention.

"They did not warn me," Brown said, laughing. "It's been hitting me by storm."

Brown's agent, meanwhile, is ready. He's been working since August to prepare his client to be an unrestricted free agent, and he's sure Brown will be able to cash in on this success.

"I felt like over a month ago Larry became the No. 1 UFA (unrestricted free agent) candidate based on the things around him," Scott Casterline said.

Casterline said he wouldn't be surprised if Brown can get a deal worth \$3.2 million a year, as Eric Allen got from the New Orleans Saints last year.

"This is even going to be better for him because he's going to be the top guy (on the market) and nobody else will be even close," Casterline said.

For the first time in his career, Brown won't be dedicating his entire off-season to preparing for football.

Instead, he's finally ready to carve out time for acting.

"This year, I told myself I want to pull back and start building my resume," Brown said. "I'd love to do some television."

Realizing he's in New York now and planning on spending lots of time on TV sets, Brown added: "I've got to take advantage of my opportunity.... Anybody can play an athlete. I'd like to do more challenging roles."

For now, he'll just continue playing the role of Super Bowl MVP.

Caprock may move in UIL realignment

Hereford may or may not be affected much when the University Interscholastic League (UIL) announces its biennial realignment Thursday morning.

"This thing could go one of two ways legitimately," Hereford boys' athletic director Danny Haney said. "The district (1-4A) can stay the same with seven teams, and that's with Caprock staying in 4A, or we can go to six teams with Caprock going to 5A."

While that Amarillo school in Hereford's district is on the bubble between 5A and 4A, Plainview seems definitely headed back to Class 4A. However, Haney said he doesn't expect to be in a district with Plainview.

The changes will go into effect for the fall of 1996.

The UIL reportedly will try to fill out Class 4A with 32 districts. The class currently includes only 30 districts, and District 2 is vacant giving District 1 teams a playoff bye for one round.

Haney said he'd heard rumors of making three districts in the Panhandle and South Plains of five teams each, but he doesn't think that will happen. Each

district with an odd number of teams means scheduling nightmares for everbody.

The UIL will take that into consideration, girls' AD Brenda Reeh said.

"The UIL would like to keep it an even number (of teams)," Reeh said. "From our end, we'd appreciate that. It gives us more preseason and keeps us playing all the way through district."

An odd number would be even worse for Haney, particularly in the sport he coaches: football. If District 1-4A ends up with seven teams and Class 4A gets a full 32 districts, scheduling will be difficult.

Since the district had a bye in bi-district, the football teams had 11 weeks to play 10 games. If 32 districts are filled up, then 1-4A teams will have 10 weeks to play 10 games. An odd number of teams in a district forces one team each week to be idle (or find a non-district opponent late in the season, which is difficult).

Because of this, Haney warned that Hereford may be forced to play only nine football games in 1996.

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Vegas won big in Super Bowl

LAS VEGAS (AP) - The Pittsburgh Steelers made legal bookmakers big Super Bowl winners.

Nevada sports books reported taking in \$70.9 million in legal bets on Sunday's game, the second year in a row of record Super Bowl wagering in the state's 124 legal books.

Unlike last year, when books actually lost some money on the game, bookmakers took advantage of the Steelers covering the 13-1/2-point spread and some good proposition bets to make about \$7.1 million in profit.

"The books did extremely well on propositions and on halftime wagering," said Michael "Roxy" Roxborough, who sets odds for most of the state's sports books.

Though betting was up from last year's record \$69.6 million, it fell short of some predictions. Bad

weather curtailed some betting in the Lake Tahoe area, while Las Vegas books didn't get as much betting over the final weekend as anticipated.

"I thought we'd do \$75 million or more," Roxborough said. "Everyone kept telling me how good we were doing until Friday. But in the last couple of days people didn't write as much as last year."

Roxborough said bookmakers could have lost money on the game if the Dallas Cowboys covered the point spread and the total score went over 52 points. And they could have won even more money had Pittsburgh covered the spread and the game gone over the total.

In all, he said, books probably made about 3 percent profit off the game itself, with the other 7 percent coming from the halftime wagering and proposition bets.

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Call Bryant

Magic showed familiar skills, lack of conditioning

By WENDY E. LANE
AP Basketball Writer
INGLEWOOD, Calif. (AP) - A flood of emotions nearly swamped Magic Johnson as he shed his warmups and checked into the game. Finally, he was back playing for the Lakers after 4-1/2 seasons.

Soon enough, though, Johnson was jolted into reality - he was a 36-year-old man playing with a bunch of guys in their 20s.

"When I came onto the floor I didn't know where I was out there," he said. "I didn't feel the game. When I went for a defensive rebound, Joe Smith hit me and (Rony) Seikaly hit me - bam, bam, bam. Then I woke up and I said, 'Now I'm back.'"

And back he was. Showing many of his familiar skills and unveiling some new ways to display them, Johnson marked his return Tuesday night by coming tantalizingly close to a triple-double, the statistic he all but originated.

In just 27 minutes coming off the bench, Johnson had 19 points, 10 assists and eight rebounds in the Lakers' 128-118 victory over the Golden State Warriors. It was a performance that exceeded all expectations, particularly his own.

Forced to retire in 1991 after contracting the virus that causes AIDS and having a 1992 comeback thwarted by some players' objections to playing with someone HIV-positive, Johnson waited a long time to be back in an NBA game.

"I didn't care how much I scored, how many rebounds, how many assists," he said. "Just walking on the floor...everything else was icing on the cake."

Johnson's numbers, however, went some way toward answering the immediate question of whether he could still play in the NBA. The way

his young teammates responded to his presence answered another question - whether Johnson would disrupt the team's chemistry.

The Lakers, only two of whom were around when Johnson last played, putting up their biggest point total of the season after a 72-point first half and had 44 assists, tops in the NBA this season.

"I couldn't wait to get a pass from him," said Cedric Ceballos, who scored on quite a few of them and finished with 33 points. "He has the ability to make other players better. He has the ability to take control of a game."

When he played down low, Johnson drew double teams, kicking the ball out to one of Los Angeles' three perimeter threats. As point forward, he ran the fast break, feeding Ceballos or Eddie Jones for dunks.

Golden State had beaten the Lakers in nine of their last 11 meetings, but Los Angeles built a 17-point first-half lead and increased it to 22 early in the fourth quarter.

The Warriors came back to cut their deficit to single digits in the final three minutes, but Nick Van Exel's 3-pointer with 42 seconds left - on Johnson's assist - sealed Los Angeles' fourth straight victory and seventh in eight games.

"These Lakers are ready to break loose and we're going to have some fun," Johnson said. "They're excited and they're ready to take it to the next level."

Johnson took the court for the first time with less than three minutes gone in the game, after power forward Elden Campbell picked up his second foul. As soon as coach Del Harris turned around to look at his bench, a huge cheer went up from the Forum fans.

Wearing a uniform so new it still

had creases and shoes from his fledgling "MVP" company that were flown in specially from Taiwan, Johnson jogged to the scorers table and the crowd gave him a standing ovation, waving signs reading, "Magic's Back."

Johnson didn't expect to go in quite so early.

"Del said, 'Let's go.' I said 'Huh?'"

After missing his first shot, he quickly got into the flow of the game.

Traces of the old Magic were clearly visible on one play in the first half. After Johnson missed a three-pointer, Vlade Divac snared the long rebound and passed back to Johnson on the wing. Johnson then faked and drove around Joe Smith, a 20-year-old rookie, for an easy layup.

Smith, for whom Johnson was a boyhood idol, didn't mind too much.

"I mean, it's not like I'm the first person he made a great pass over or he shot the hook over," he said.

Johnson, 27 pounds above his former playing weight, played the low post some and also handled the ball, even when point guard Van Exel was on the court. On the defensive end, Johnson banged bodies with Smith and drew double and triple teams.

Johnson's passing skills appeared undiminished by his long layoff, but he had clearly lost a step or two, and his outside shooting touch was off. Near the end of the third quarter, he was breathing hard and looked worn out.

"I made some mistakes and I have some work to do," Johnson said. "I need to learn the guys and they need to learn to play with me. In a month and a half or two, that'll be there."

A more formidable foe than the Warriors awaits Johnson in his second outing. Michael Jordan and the Chicago Bulls, winners of 16 straight, come into the Forum on Friday night.

"Big games are everything," Johnson said. "You come back to play against Michael, Hakeem. I'll get a chance to see a good friend, knock heads for 48 minutes and feel those juices flow."

In other NBA games, Chicago rallied to defeat Houston 98-87, Sacramento stopped Toronto 102-75, Denver edged Minnesota 88-86, Seattle downed New Jersey 97-88, Dallas defeated the Los Angeles Clippers 105-101, Indiana topped Atlanta 107-90, Phoenix stopped Miami 114-99 and Orlando defeated Boston 104-99.

Bulls, 98, Rockets 87

Michael Jordan got off to an extremely cold start, but Scottie Pippen scored 28 points and the Chicago bench came through as the Bulls ran their winning streak to 16 by winning at Houston.

The win improved the Bulls to 39-3, equaling the NBA record for most victories with three losses. The Lakers set the record in the 1971-72 season, and Chicago is on pace to surpass the Lakers' NBA-record 69 victories, also set in 1971-72.

Hakeem Olajuwon led Houston with 31 points, and Clyde Drexler added 23.

Jordan hit only three of his first 13 shots, but finished with 22 points. Pippen had 12 turnovers.

Mavericks 105, Clippers 101

Jason Kidd had 21 points, 16 assists and 16 rebounds for his league-leading fifth triple-double of the season, and Jim Jackson scored 27 points as host Dallas handed the Clippers their sixth loss in seven games.

Kidd's rebound total set a team record for a guard, and he took over sole possession of the NBA's triple-double leadership with his fourth in his last nine games and ninth of his career.

Loy Vaught scored 21 points and Stanley Roberts 17 for the Clippers.

SuperSonics 97, Nets 88

Host Seattle won its sixth straight game as Detlef Schrempf scored six of his 20 points in a 15-2 fourth-quarter run. Schrempf's 3-point shot with 6:07 left broke a 75-75 tie.

Shawn Kemp topped the Sonics with 25 points and 13 rebounds.

Kendall Gill, making his first appearance in Seattle since the Sonics traded him in the offseason, led the

Nets with 25 points, while Armon Gilliam added 20. Jayson Williams had a career-high 25 rebounds for the Nets.

Kings 102, Raptors 75

A season-high 29 points by Walt Williams powered Sacramento to victory over visiting Toronto and snapped the Kings' three-game losing streak.

The Kings held Toronto's high-scoring rookie sensation Damon Stoudamire to just four points in 34 minutes of play. Stoudamire averaged 18.6 points and scored a total of 45 points in his previous two games. Against Sacramento, he missed all six of his field-goal attempts and didn't score until 8:45 remained in the game.

Stoudamire also had nine turnovers, matching the Arco Arena record.

Nuggets 88, Timberwolves 86

Visiting Denver defeated Minnesota for the 10th straight time as Mahmoud Abdul-Rauf scored seven of his 24 points in the final four minutes.

Nuggets center Dikembe Mutombo narrowly missed a triple-double with 12 points, 17 rebounds and nine blocks.

Minnesota's Isaiah Rider finished with 25 points, and 19-year-old rookie Kevin Garnett, starting for just the second time, had 11 rebounds for the Timberwolves.

Pacers 107, Hawks 90

Reggie Miller scored 22 points and Dale Davis had 17 points and a season-high 20 rebounds as Indiana won its seventh straight game, its longest win streak of the season. The defeat snapped Atlanta's 10-game win streak.

Reserve Craig Ehlo led the Hawks with 28 points, hitting all five of his shots from 3-point range.

The win also was Indiana's 15th straight at home - setting a franchise

record. The previous mark came when the Pacers were still playing in the ABA.

Suns 114, Heat 99

Charles Barkley scored a season-high 37 points and Phoenix ran its record at Miami Arena to 9-0. The Suns led 91-67 after three quarters.

The leading vote-getter among Western Conference players for the All-Star Game, Barkley hit 15 of 22 shots and grabbed 13 rebounds in 34 minutes. He had 13 points before missing a shot.

Kevin Johnson added 25 points and Michael Finley 23 for the Suns.

Alonzo Mourning, who became the first Heat player to be named to an All-Star Game, was held to 13 points as the team showed the effects of playing for the fourth time in five nights.

Magic 104, Celtics 99

Orlando held off Boston and improved its record at Orlando Arena to 22-0 as Shaquille O'Neal had 30 points and 19 rebounds and Anfernee Hardaway and Dennis Scott made clutch baskets in the final minute.

The defending Eastern Conference champions got a scare when O'Neal left the game with 52 seconds left in the third quarter after appearing to reinjure the right thumb that sidelined him for the first six weeks of the season. He returned to make two of three shots in the last eight minutes and finish with seven assists and five blocks.

Hardaway scored 13 of his 27 points in the fourth quarter, including a three-point play that gave Orlando a 102-97 lead with 18 seconds left.

Todd Day led Boston, which made 10 3-pointers, with 26 points.

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Indiana gets clutch performance from player named Mujezinovic

By STEVE HERMAN
AP Sports Writer

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. (AP) - In final 30 seconds of a close game, the free-throw line is the last place Haris Mujezinovic expects to be.

That's the way you think when you're a 47 percent free-throw shooter, yet that's where the junior forward was Tuesday night, and he wound up a hero in Indiana's 76-73 victory over No. 16 Iowa.

"It wasn't our game plan to get the ball to me and get fouled, but it kind of happened. So I just tried to make a few, and I made a couple," the 6-foot-9 Mujezinovic said after going 2-for-4 in the final half-minute. "We could have iced the game, but we didn't, so it came down to the wire."

The Hoosiers blew a 16-point lead by going without a field goal for an eight-minute stretch in the second half. But they scored 16 of their final 20 points on free throws, including their last six points.

After a three-pointer by Iowa's Chris Kingsbury pulled the Hawkeyes within 74-73, Mujezinovic got the ball on a breakaway and was fouled as he drove to the basket. He hit one of two free throws, but Andrae Patterson rebounded the miss for the Hoosiers, was fouled and hit the clinching free throw with less than one second left.

"They played good defense on myself and the other guys and got the win. It was a good win for them," Kingsbury said.

"We couldn't really get it close, and once we finally did, we realized we should attack them, and that's what we did. We just ran out of time, basically. I think we were wearing

them out. We just couldn't quite jump on them and get a big enough run going to take the lead."

In other games involving ranked teams on Tuesday night, it was No. 1 Massachusetts 80, Fordham 50; No. 11 Memphis 80, Saint Louis 63; and No. 24 Clemson 73, No. 25 Georgia Tech 70.

Brian Evans led the Hoosiers (12-8, 5-3 Big Ten) with 25 points, but he had only two field goals and nine points in the second half.

"Our offense got real slow. We weren't cutting and moving like we were the first 28 minutes of the game," Evans said. "The last 12 minutes we were standing, not really cutting and moving."

Iowa (15-5, 4-4), which rallied with 10 straight points midway through the second half, was led by Andre Woolridge with 19 points and Jess Settles, Russ Millard and Kingsbury with 14 apiece.

Patterson had 16 points for Indiana, while Charlie Miller added 12.

"The part of this game that I'll pay the most attention to is that last 12 minutes, because we didn't get the kind of work on the backboards we've got to have and we got to slowing down things a little bit," Indiana coach Bob Knight said.

"From my standpoint, as disappointed as I might be, with the fact that 28 minutes of good play kind of slipped away from us, yet we did hang on and we got some things that we had to have."

Iowa, 10-0 at home this season, dropped to 5-5 on the road.

"They just stuck it to us so bad there in the early going it didn't even

look we were going to even be in the game. But we just came battling back and trying to find a way to win coming down the stretch," Iowa coach Tom Davis said.

Indiana was playing its fifth straight ranked opponent and is 3-2 in that stretch.

No. 1 Massachusetts 80, Fordham 50

Marcus Camby scored 24 points and blocked five shots in his second game since returning after his mysterious collapse. The Minutemen (19-0, 7-0 Atlantic 10) led 32-17 at halftime as their swarming defense held Fordham to six field goals. Camby scored their first three baskets of the second half, and the lead ranged from 15 to 33 the rest of the way. The visiting Rams (2-15, 0-8) lost their eighth straight as John Henry and Billy Lovett scored 12 points each.

No. 24 Clemson 73, No. 25 Georgia Tech 70

Greg Buckner had 18 points and Tom Wideman added a career-high 15 as the Tigers (13-4, 4-4 Atlantic Coast Conference) led for the final nine minutes. Clemson lost four of its last five ACC games and avoided a second straight home loss. Freshman Stephon Marbury had 18 points to lead the Yellow Jackets (13-9, 6-2).

No. 11 Memphis 80, Saint Louis 63

Lorenzen Wright had 27 points and 16 rebounds as the Tigers (15-3, 6-1 Conference USA) won their 30th straight home game. Mingo Johnson was 4-of-5 from three-point range and added 16 points for Memphis.

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Livestock auction house in San Angelo draws crowds

Buyers, sellers turn out in large numbers but tourists also attracted to establishment

By ROYCE JONES
San Angelo Standard-Times
SAN ANGELO, Texas - Welcome to one of the last bastions of the Old West, a place where weathered men in cowboy hats, spurred boots and dusty jeans dominate every inch of the landscape.

They exchange thousands of dollars every day in a marketplace as competitive as any in the city. Stoic as good poker players, the ranchers offer few clues as to which one made a killing and who just lost his shirt.

Strong, quiet types have always set the tone at Producers Livestock Auction, the place that sells more sheep than any auction house in the country and more cattle than any in Texas. The specific numbers - 268,000 head of cattle and 800,000 sheep moving through the auction annually - drive a business that approaches \$130 million a year in trades.

With a new century approaching, Producers is as important as ever to West Texas ranchers. But today it's more than an agricultural trade center. Producers is a tourist draw, too, a place where the mythical cowboy is alive and working, a place that takes visitors back to what the West once was, to a time when the cattle business was the business.

The San Angelo Convention and Visitors Bureau has had six agricultural tours in the last year on which Producers was a stop. Each included 35 people from different parts of the country and the world.

Outside of that, the number of tourists who visit Producers isn't kept by the bureau, but visitors are easy to spot by their dress.

"The chamber brings a lot of groups through fairly often," said Producers owner John Cargile. "And we get some school children and teen-age agriculture classes. These are extremely important."

"That is the big problem in agriculture. The people in the cities

don't understand agriculture. They are two generations away from living on the land, and they just don't understand it."

It's easy to slip back two generations at the auction on North Bell Street. New ways to sell cattle - including video auctions that allow buyer and seller to do business without ever seeing each other - exist. But Producers thrives much the way it did when the Cargile family took over in 1954.

Every Thursday, hundreds of cattle from throughout West Texas move through the semi-circle auction ring at Producers. Some of the best buyers in the business fill in the two rows of chairs directly in front of the ring, fixing their eyes on each cow or calf that passes through the ring.

Many of the chairs bear brands of famous West Texas ranches, and the buyers' gazes fix intently on the livestock, looking for the slightest imperfection that could discredit the herds.

Behind the chairs is an amphitheater open to anyone willing to withstand the heavy cigarette smoke and strong odor that accompanies livestock. Often, the seats are filled with others standing along the aisles.

During the sale, the auctioneer speaks in a language understandable only to those veterans of the business, but the novice can track prices by watching the scoreboard. But you have to be quick. As soon as a sale is confirmed, a ranch hand has swung open a gate, allowing the next offering into the ring.

Buyers are mostly silent, letting their hands speak for them when they want to make a purchase. About the only words they speak are to the waitresses from the Stockman Restaurant across the hall. They move through the ring, taking and delivering orders for everything from burgers to chicken fried steak.

The livestock sells quickly. Often a cow has been in the ring only

seconds before being bought. It can be a dizzying process to a first-time visitor, who wonders how each sale was recorded and how each animal gets to the right buyer.

But the process has been reformed to an art, deriving its success from a tenet of the Old West - a man's word is his bond.

"We worked at seeing that the sale runs properly," Cargile said. "The customer could feel assured he is getting fair and equitable treatment."

The seller "knows the money is going to be in the bank when the check goes to the bank. And he isn't going to be taken advantage of in any way."

Producers guarantees each sale, paying the seller from its own account and eating the loss if the buyer doesn't come through.

"We are a livestock commission firm acting in an agency capacity," Cargile said. "We sell the livestock to the buyer for the seller. We take all the responsibility for that."

"We collect the money from the buyer and pay the seller with our funds. If a buyer goes bad, the seller is not at any risk. We are the ones at risk."

Producers makes its money by charging a per-head commission, which averages about \$8 per animal.

Though tourism is a plus, the buyers and consignors who do business at Producers are also considered an asset by the visitors bureau.

"The buyers (at Producers) are special to us," said Marion Szurek of the Convention and Visitors Bureau. "The visitors, even though they are business visitors, are important because they do what all visitors do - they buy, they eat, they sleep."

Cargile said many of the buyers come to San Angelo and spend several days each week. If the auction can't sell all the cattle in one day, the sale resumes Friday. If that happens the buyer will stay another night.

"Not many will come from farther than a one-day drive," Cargile said. "A lot will come 100 or 200 miles from

here. They come in and spend one or two nights."

Though sheep and cattle sales are the major attractions, Producers doesn't shut down the other days of the week.

Livestock brought to the auction barn have to be fed and treated for medical problems. And once they are sold, they have to be loaded on trucks for shipment to other ranches or slaughter houses. And sometimes that is a big task because a lot of the animal market is seasonal.

"We get into a situation, occasionally, when we work all night and the next day," Cargile said. "If

we get a big run like 8,000 cattle to sell on Thursday and Friday, we work all night. That happens sometimes."

"We don't just say at 5 p.m. we are going to shut down. When the trucks show up ready to be loaded, we have to load them."

Cargile said having 15 or 20 trucks lined up to be loaded is not unusual. And Producers has the ability to load three trucks at a time.

Because the work is seasonal, Cargile said the shifts can't be adjusted. "You can't build up the shifts," he said. "Everybody just works longer hours."

Not everyone can do that kind of work.

"It takes a special kind of man to do that," he said. "And we have some good men who have been doing this a long time."



The baboon's lifespan may reach 45 years.

Television

WEDNESDAY

JANUARY 31

	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM
2	Tall Tales and Legends	Movie: The Wiz (1978) Diana Ross, Michael Jackson ** 'G'						Movie: How to Commit Marriage 'PG'			Spin-Mar
4	News	Ent. Tonight	Unsolved Mysteries	Dateline			Law & Order				(3:35) Tonight Show
5	NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	Metropolitan Opera Presents						Encore!	Tony Brown	Charlie Rose	
6	Videos		NBA Basketball Utah Jazz at Portland Trail Blazers					Clash of the Champions			
7	News	Wn. Fortune	Ellen	Drew Carey	Grace Under	Naked Truth	Primetime Live		News	Seinfeld	Nightline
8	Fam. Mat.	Newhart	Sister, Sis.	Parent	Wayans	Unhappily	News		Swaps	Simon & Simon	
9	News	Home Imp.	Dave's	Louie	Matt Waters	American Gothic			News	(3:35) Late Show	
10	Roseanne	Simpsons	Beverly Hills, 90210	Party of Five		Hercules-Jmys.			M*A*S*H	Cops	Wanted
11	College Basketball Purdue at Michigan			College Basketball Duke at North Carolina					Sportscenter		Adventure
12	Waltons		Highway to Heaven	Rescue 911		700 Club			Movie: Room for One More (1952) ***		
13	Movie: Halfback-Notre		Movie: Legends of the Fall Brad Pitt *** 'R'				(15) Movie: Kalifornia (1993) Brad Pitt, Juliette Lewis 'R'				Movie:
14	Movie: * * Major League II		Movie: The Getaway (1994) Alec Baldwin, Kim Basinger				Dream On	Tracey	Movie: Nobody's Fool Paul Newman 'R'		
15	Movie: Shadow-Wolf		Movie: Raining Stones Bruce Jones 'NR'				Movie: Illicit Dreams Andrew Stevens 'R'		(05) Movie: Armed and Deadly ** 'NR'		
16	Movie: Murder: She Said (1961) ***		(45) Movie: Murder at the Gallop (1963) ***				Movie: Murder Ahoy! (1964) ***				Movie:
17	Club Dance	News	The Road		Prime Time Country			Club Dance		News	The Road
18	Invention	Movie Magic	Wild Discovery		Invention	Next Step	Predators & Prey		Movie Magic	Invention	Wild Disc.
19	Equalizer		Biography		American Justice		20th Century		Law & Order		Biography
20	Comish		Unsolved Mysteries		Movie: Who Is Julia? (1986) Mare Winningham ***		Intimate Portrait				Mysteries
21	Longhorn	J. Dickey	NBA Action	College Basketball Oklahoma at Texas			College Basketball California at Stanford				
22	In the Heat of the Night		Movie: Riders of the Purple Sage (1936) ***				Movie: Paint Your Wagon (1969) Lee Marvin, Clint Eastwood ***				
23	Doug	Tiny Toon	Munsters	Jeannie	I Love Lucy	Bewitched	M.T. Moore	Taxi	Kotter	Van Dyke	Newhart
24	Wings		Murder, She Wrote		Movie: The Haunting of Seaford Inn (1994) **				Silk Stalkings		Highlander
25	Lazos de Amor		Acapulco Cuerdo y Alma		El Premio Mayor		Fuera	Lente Loco	Noticiero	P. Impacto	Movie: Ay
26	Air Combat		Julius Caesar-Empire		A.D.				Year by Year		Caesar
27	Ski World		College Basketball Wisconsin at Ohio State			Final Four	Be a Player	NHL Hockey: Avalanche at Mighty Ducks			

THURSDAY

FEBRUARY 1

	7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30	12 PM
2	Pooh	Care Bears	Gummi B.	Pooh Cmr.	Dumbo	Umbrella	Fraggle	Ducktales	Chip 'n Dale	Tale Spin	Movie:
3	Today				Leeza		Gerald	Gordon Elliott			Our Lives
4	Perspective	Perspective	Sesame Street		Lamb Chop	Storytime	Mr Rogers	Kidsongs	Barney	Puzzle Place	Painting
5	Gilligan	Bewitched	Boss?	Griffith	Little House on the Prairie	(05) Matlock	(05) Perry Mason		(05) Perry Mason		Movie: Adv.
6	Good Morning America				Live - Regis & Kathie Lee		Montel Williams	Little House on the Prairie			News
7	News				Court TV	Griffith	Charlie's Angels	Gerald			News
8	(6:00) This Morning	George & Alana			Carnie		Price Is Right	Young and the Restless			News
9	Bobby	Aladdin	Mighty Max	Cubhouse	700 Club		K. Copeland	Christian	Gabrielle		Danny!
10	Sportscenter		Sportscenter		Sportscenter		Sportscenter		Sportscenter		NCAA
11	Xuxa	Heathcliff	Make a Deal	Name-Tunz	700 Club			FIT TV	Rescue 911		Waltons
12	Movie: The Big Shot Humphrey Bogart		(25) Movie: A Million to Juan *** 'PG'				Movie: The Seventh Coin Peter O'Toole		(35) Movie: White Nights		
13	Movie: Hudsucker Pxx		Movie: Milk Money (1994) Melanie Griffith, Ed Harris **				Movie: A Bunny's Tale Kirstie Alley ***		(45) Movie: The Raffle		
14	Cinemax	(45) Movie: George Balanchine's The Nutcracker 'G'					Movie: Clear and Present Danger (1994) Harrison Ford, Willem Dafoe				
15	(6:50) Movie: The Last of Mrs. Cheyney		Movie: Their Own Desire (1929) ***				Hollywood: Dream Factory		Movie: Let Us Be Gay (1930) **		
16	(Off Air)		VideoMorning								
17	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Nature	Cyberspace	Home	Start	Housesmart!		Crafts	Crafts	Wildhorse
18	Remington Steele		McCloud				Mike Hammer		Kerr's	Cuisine	Graff Chels
19	Baby Knows	Your Baby	Sisters		Our Home		Biggers and Summers		Living	Our Home	Handmade
20	Press Box	Workout	Paid Prog.	Get Fit	High School Extra		College Basketball Oklahoma at Texas				Olympic
21	(6:30) Scooby Dooby Doo	Bugs Bunny	Flintstones		Gilligan		Knots Landing		Starky and Hutch		Angels
22	Looney	Gumby	Rugrats	Busby World	Muppets		Allegra	Gullah	Rupert	Busby World	Eureka
23	G.I. Joe	Woody	Knight Rider		Murder, She Wrote		Magnum, P.I.		Quantum Leap		People Ct.
24	Plaza Sesia	El Chavo	Chespirito		Papa Solt	Dr Perez	Valentina		Morelia		
25	Year by Year		Classroom		History Showcase		I. Claudius		Crusade	Crusade	Real West
26	Flex Appeal	Bodyshape	Crunch	Bodyshape	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	(12:00) Movie: Thumbelina	Pooh	C. Brown	Quack	Kids Incorp.	Mickey	Darwin	Tale Spin	Ducktales	Chip 'n Dale	
3	Our Lives	Another World	Jenny Jones	Maury Povich			Oprah Winfrey		News	NBC News	
4	Body Elec.	Minister	Wait for God	Chefs	Writers	Reading	C. Sandiego	Science Guy	Wishbone	Newtons	
5	Movie: The Adventures of Robin Hood		(05) Cartoon Planet		Garfield	Brady	Saved-Bell	Saved-Bell	Fam. Mat.	Fam. Mat.	
6	Rush L.	One Life to Live		All My Children		General Hospital		Videos	Jeopardy!	News	ABC News
7	News	Perry Mason		Gerrido		Warner	Animaniacs	Fam. Mat.	Dreams	Saved-Bell	Saved-Bell
8	Bold & B.	As the World Turns		Gauding Light		Cur. Affair	Hard Copy	Ricki Lake		News	CBS News
9	Danny!	Matlock		In the Heat of the Night		Taz-Mania	Eek!stravag	Batman	Rangers	Full House	Fresh Pr.
10	NCAA	College Basketball Duke at North Carolina		Sports	Ski World	Snowmobile	Running	Up Close	Sportsctr.		
11	Waltons	Highway to Heaven	Punky B.	I'm Telling	Wild Animal		Masters	Family Challenge		Newhart	Newhart
12	(11:35) Movie: * * White Nights 'PG-13'		Movie: Fatal Instinct Armand Assante				Movie: Rappin' Mario Van Peebles 'PG'		Movie: A Million to Juan		
13	(11:45) Movie: The Raffle		One Survivor Remembers	Movie: Fast Forward John Scott Clough ** 'PG'			Shakespeare		Movie: Milk Money (1994)		
14	Movie: * * Lightning Jack	(45) Movie: Clue (1985) Madeline Kahn, Eileen Brennan		Movie: Lassie Thomas Guiry *** 'PG'			Movie: A Stranger in Town (1931) **		Movie: Regarding Henry		
15	Movie: Strangers May Kiss (1931) **		Movie: The Barretts of Wimpole Street (1934) ***				VideoPM	Wildhorse Saloon		Club Dance	
16	Wildhorse	VideoPM									
17	Home	Start	Easy Does It	Homeworks	Graham K.	Cuisine	Great Chefs		Popular Mechanics		Wings
18	Equalizer	McMillan and Wife			Mike Hammer		Remington Steele		Quincy		Quincy
19	Designing	Movie: As Summers Die (1986) Scott Glenn ***			Spenser: For Hire		Cagney & Lacey		Supermkt.		Designing
20	(12:00) Olympic Odyssey		Skating USA	Paid Prog.	Kid Club	Planet X	Championship Wrestling		Transworld Sport		
21	Angels	CHiPs		Wild, Wild West			Movie: The Wreck of the Mary Deare (1959) ***		In the Heat of the Night		
22	Papa Beaver	Gumby	Tintin	Looney	Beetlejuice		Muppets	Chipmunks	Tiny Toon	Looney	Rugrats
23	(45) People's Court	Love Con.		(15) Love Connection		PGA Golf Pebble Beach National Pro-Am - First Round		Clarissa	Rugrats		
24	Morelia	Como Tu, Ninguna		Duke Enemiga		Cristina		Primer Impacto	Dr Perez	Notic. Unl.	
25	Real West	Air Combat		History Showcase		I. Claudius		Crusade	Crusade	Real West	
26	Sports Babe	NBA Today		Auto Racing: 24 Hrs. Qualifying		NASCAR	NASCAR Banquet		Outdoors	Rally	Auto Racing

	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM
2	Eerie Ind.	MMC	Movie: Ice Castles Lynn-Holly Johnson. ** 'PG'				Movie: Hands of a Murderer **			Movie: Elvis (1979) 'G'	
3	News	Ent. Tonight	Friends	Single Guy	Seinfeld	Caroline	ER		News	(3:35) Tonight Show	
4	NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	Great Drives			Mystery!		Masterpiece Theatre		Computer	Charlie Rose	
5	Videos	Videos	(05) Movie: Mad Max Beyond Thunderdome (1985) Mel Gibson. ***				(20) Movie: Mad Max (1979) Mel Gibson. ***				
6	News	Wn. Fortune	Video	Before Stars	Movie: Patriot Games (1992) Harrison Ford, Anne Archer. ***		News	NBA Basketball Chicago Bulls at Sacramento Kings		News	Seinfeld
7	Fam. Mat.	Newhart	Movie: Night Crossing (1981) John Hurt. ***							(3:35) Late Show	
8	News	Home Imp.	Murder, She Wrote		Rescue 911		48 Hours		News		
9	Roseanne	Simpsons	Single	Single	New York Undercover		Star Trek: Deep Space 9		M*A*S*H	Cops	Wanted
10	Sportsctr.	College Basketball Providence at Boston College			College Basketball Massachusetts at Temple					Sportscenter	
11	Waltons		Highway to Heaven		Rescue 911		700 Club			Movie: Magnificent Obsession (1954)	
12	Movie: A Million to Juan		Movie: Deadly Past Carol Alt. 'R'				Movie: The Principal James Belushi. ** 'R'			Movie: Private Lessons	
13	(5:00) Movie: Milk Money		Movie: 48 HRS. Nick Nolte. *** 'R'				(3:35) Movie: The Silence of the Hams 'R'			Inside the NFL	Comedy
14	Movie: Regarding Henry		Movie: Power of Attorney Darryl Aniel.				Movie: Nosferatu Diaries-Embrace		(05) Movie: Sensation Eric Roberts. 'NR'		
15	Movie: China Seas (1935) Clark Gable. ***				Movie: The Miffits (1961) Marilyn Monroe. ***				(15) Movie: Mutiny on the Bounty (1935)		
16	Club Dance	News	Life of Conny Twitty		Prime Time Country		Club Dance			News	Life-Twitty
17	Invention	Movie Magic	Wild Discovery		Movie Magic	Know Zone	Time Traveler		Movie Magic	Invention	Wild Disc.
18	Equalizer		Biography		Unsolved Mysteries		Voyages		Law & Order		Biography
19	Comish		Unsolved Mysteries		Movie: Divorce Wars: A Love Story (1982) ***				Unsolved Mysteries		Mysteries
20	Dive World	College Basketball Georgia Washington at Dayton			NBA Action		Golf Mitsubishi Invitational Pro-Am				Press Box
21	In the Heat of the Night		Movie: Chinatown (1974) Jack Nicholson, Faye Dunaway. ***						Movie: Heartburn (1986) ***		
22	Doug	Tiny Toon	Munsters	Jeannie	I Love Lucy	Bewitched	M.T. Moore	Taxi	Kotter	Van Dyke	Newhart
23	Wings		Movie: The Outlaw Josey Wales (1976) Clint Eastwood, Chief Dan George. ***						Silk Stalkings		Highlander
24	Lazos de Amor		Acapulco Cuerpo y Alma		El Premio Mayor		Bienvenidos		Noticiero	P. Impacto	Veronica
25	Gallant Breed		Story of the Roman Arena		A.D.						Arena
26	(5:30) Auto Racing		College Basketball Maryland at Virginia				Be a Player		NHL Hockey Los Angeles Kings at San Jose Sharks		

Unusual culinary twists lure customers to Diamond Back's restaurant in Waco

By TERESA S. JOHNSON

Waco Tribune-Herald

WACO, Texas - Who would think about serving creme brulee in a tostada shell, drizzling red wine sauce over a chicken breast or making chimichangas from mashed potatoes?

Such unusual culinary twists are the brainchild of Kevin Davis and they keep luring customers back to Diamond Back's, where he is chef.

"I start with standard dishes, then add an unusual twist to make it special," Davis said.

Among Davis' "unusual twists" are using a pecan mixture to batter red fish, adding avocado to the restaurant's pico de gallo and pairing medallions of tenderloin with a Southwestern sauce with mashed potato chimichangas for Texas Tornados.

"It's really simplified foods. They are not as complicated as people think," Davis said. "It just takes some imagination to make them special."

Davis also uses garnishes to make the dishes look special. For instance, black beans and corn are often used to decorate plates at Diamond Back's. Other out-of-the-ordinary garnishes Diamond Back's diners might see are oriental kale, persimmons, pomegranate seeds and star fruit.

"People are not used to seeing these things and it starts conversations about the restaurant. It stirs up interest," Davis said.

Davis said even a simple twist can make a dish exciting.

For Chicken Diamond Back, he grills a chicken breast, then tops it with slices of avocado, tomato and monterrey jack cheese, then drizzles it with a red wine sauce.

"Most people don't think of a dark wine sauce with chicken, but I had experimented with it before," Davis said.

Even the desserts get Diamond Back's unique stamp.

The most popular is the Creme Brulee Toastado. A fried taco salad shell is streaked with chocolate, then filled with creme brulee. Brown sugar is sprinkled over this, then broiled to caramelize. It is served with a sauce and fresh fruit.

The cream-colored sauce serves as a palette for the swirls of brown chocolate and the colorful raspberries, blueberries and kiwi set just so, turning the dish into a work of art.

Presentation is important at Diamond Back's. Davis likes his food to look as good as it tastes.

His tips on presentation could be used by anyone wanting to make the food on their table more appealing.

Perhaps the biggest mistake people make in presentation, according to Davis, is putting too much food on the plate.

"It's better to keep portions smaller and place them around the plate rather than piling things on," Davis said.

Davis likes to experiment with height. For instance he often uses fried tortilla strips to elevate the entree to make it stand out on the plate.

Color also is important in making a plate visually appealing, Davis said.

He likes to use colorful fresh produce such as purple oriental kale; black beans and corn, for the yellow and black contrast; light green mango, bright yellow papaya and dark green prickly pear or cactus fruit.

But don't think you have to have the unusual for visual appeal. Davis sliced the end of a carrot into three sections, cut it off just below the cuts and spread it out a little to resemble a flower. It made a pretty contrast when centered in a mound of wild rice being used as a side dish.

Kevin Davis, the chef at Diamond Back's, keeps customers coming back by giving a Southwestern twist to traditional restaurant fare. Following are two of his specialties.

CHICKEN DIAMOND BACK

4 to 5 ounces boneless skinless chicken breasts
1 avocado
1 large tomato
4 slices (1/4-inch each) monterrey jack cheese
8 ounces brown sauce (recipe follows)
1/4 cup red wine
1 teaspoon minced shallot
Salt and pepper
Garnish: fresh cilantro sprigs, fried kernel corn and black beans

Trim fat from breast, then season with salt and pepper. Start your barbecue or wood grill and cook on each side for 3 minutes; set aside. Slice avocado into 4 pieces and tomato into 6 slices. Top each chicken breast with 2 slices tomato, 1 slice of avocado and 1 slice of cheese.

Saute shallots for 20 seconds in a hot pan. Deglaze pan by adding wine; simmer until wine is reduced by half. Add brown sauce and simmer. Add salt and pepper to taste.

To assemble, heat chicken breast in 350-degree oven for 4 to 5 minutes. Place on plate and add wine sauce and garnish. Serve with wild rice and seasonal vegetables. Makes 4 servings.

NOTE: At Diamond Back's Davis uses a classic brown sauce, which involves reducing a strong, clear beef stock, thickened with flour, by slow simmering. This can take from 2 hours to 12 hours, depending on how much of a perfectionist you are.

But we found a recipe from "The Redbook Cookbook" that takes considerable less time because it uses bouillon instead of beef stock. For those who want a flavor more true to the original, recipes for brown sauce (also called Espagnole Sauce) can be found in most gourmet cookbooks.

BROWN SAUCE

SHORT METHOD

1/4 cup butter or margarine
6 tablespoons flour
2 beef bouillon cubes
2-1/2 cups boiling water
2 parsley sprigs

1/2 small bay leaf

Pinch of dried thyme

Melt butter in a heavy saucepan over moderately low heat (about 225 degrees). Add 4 tablespoons flour; cook 6 to 8 minutes, stirring constantly, until medium brown or cinnamon-colored. Remove from heat and stir in the remaining 2 tablespoons flour.

Dissolve bouillon cubes in the boiling water; gradually add to the flour mixture, stirring constantly, until thickened and smooth. Add remaining ingredients; cook over low heat (about 200 degrees) for 20 minutes, stirring occasionally. Strain through a fine-mesh sieve. Makes about 1-1/2 cups sauce.

CREME BRULEE TOSTADAS

4 flour tortillas (12-inch diameter)

Oil for frying

4 egg yolks

1/2 cup sugar

1/2 cup sour cream

1 cup heavy cream

1/4 teaspoon vanilla

5 ounces chocolate, melted

Seasonal fruit, garnish

2 tablespoons brown sugar

2 tablespoons shaved chocolate

Whipped cream

For creme brulee, beat egg yolks until lightly pale yellow, then add sugar and beat until thick. Then add sour cream, heavy cream and vanilla. Cook over a double boiler until mixture will coat the back of a wooden spoon or spatula. Remove from heat and cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate until needed.

In heavy pan heat oil to 375 degrees. Submerge tortilla in hot oil with tortilla fryer or ladle to form baskets. Fry until golden and drain well.

To assemble dessert, with a wire whip streak the backs of the tortilla shells with melted chocolate. Allow to cool. Ladle about 6 ounces of creme brulee into tortilla shell. Sprinkle brown sugar on top and put under broiler until caramelized. Garnish with fruit, whipped cream and shaved chocolate.



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222nd DISTRICT COURT

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Pastures, wheat fields dry; no relief seen in near future

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) - Pastures and wheat fields across Texas are drying up as producers hope for rain to revive crops in the spring, the Texas Agricultural Extension Service reports.

Karen Shelton-Mur, meteorologist at the National Weather Service Agricultural Service Center in College Station, said relief will not come soon, as precipitation will be below normal across most of the state for the next several days.

Dr. Billy Warrick, Extension agronomist in San Angelo, said rainfall in West Central Texas has been short since October, causing slow growth and limited grazing in wheat fields and winter grasses.

"We have a lack of moisture, a cooler year than normal, and we planted late," Warrick said. "These things will naturally slow down plant development."

Warrick said it is too early to tell exactly how much impact weather conditions will have on the crops, and producers are anxious to see how much rainfall they will receive in the next month.

"At this point in time it is critical that the picture changes," he said. "If we have the same conditions next month that we are having now, we're in big trouble."

Dr. Brent Bean, Extension agronomist in Amarillo, said the wheat producers in the Panhandle also need rainfall as soon as possible.

"Our wheat here does not have a good root system developed," he said. "The dry weather has hurt the yields some already, but it will really have an impact if we don't get rain in the next three to four weeks."

Jose Pena, Extension economist in Uvalde, said the last significant rainfall in Southwest Texas was in November. He said forage condition is sparse, and ranges have been grazed out.

"Small grains revived with the rain in November but have almost played out," he said. "The forecast for wheat and oat production looks grim as well."

Pena said vegetable crops that have been irrigated are making good progress, but producers are concerned

with a severe shortage of subsoil moisture. He added that corn planting should start in about two weeks, but it will be delayed unless it rains soon.

"Livestock are also in poor condition and starting to show signs of stress," Pena said. "We need rain."

Dr. George Alston, Extension agronomist in Stephenville, said Blackland farmers in Central Texas cannot remember the last rainfall received in that area. The dry weather, coupled with severe temperature swings, has caused pastures to quit growing.

"It's been tough on Blackland farmers," he said. "Because of the cost of fertilizer and the cattle prices, many producers were depending on the forage for their cattle - it's just not there."

Shelton-Mur said a strong cold front will push through the state on Wednesday, reaching the Lower Rio Grande Valley by Friday.

"This front will bring a much colder air mass to the region," she said, "along with widely scattered scattered precipitation Wednesday night through Saturday."

Shelton-Mur said bitterly cold temperatures will occur in the High Plains, with afternoon highs in the teens and 20s with lows near or below zero.

"Fortunately, temperature will not be as cool across the rest of the state as highs will range from 30 to 60 degrees and lows will range from 20 to 50 degrees," she said.

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

PANHANDLE: Soil moisture short to very short. Ranges very dry; poor condition. Dryland wheat in poor condition. Irrigated wheat good. Livestock in good condition; some respiratory stress due to low wind chill. Wind causing land erosion.

SOUTH PLAINS: Soil moisture short to very short. Pastures and wheat in fair to poor condition; moisture needed. Land preparation underway. Supplemental feeding of livestock still required due to dry conditions.

ROLLING PLAINS: Soil moisture

short. Pastures poor to fair condition. Pecan harvest near completion. Some oats have been planted. Wheat conditions poor due to dryness. Applying dormant spray to fruit trees. Supplemental feeding continues.

NORTH TEXAS: Soil moisture very short to adequate. Pastures in fair condition. Cool season pastures not growing. Grains need moisture. Wheat conditions very poor. Planting onions and cabbage. Winter feeding continues. Stock tanks low on water.

EAST TEXAS: Soil moisture adequate. Winter pastures improved; still short. Limited planting of cole crops. Applying sprays to peach and pecan trees. Land preparation for gardens. Heavy supplemental feeding. Cattle in fair condition.

FAR WEST TEXAS: Soil moisture very short to adequate. Ranges and pastures dry. Pecan harvest nearing completion. Land preparation for spring crops underway. Irrigating vegetables; fertilizing onions and alfalfa hay. Cattle need supplemental feeding.

WEST CENTRAL TEXAS: Soil moisture short to very short. Wheat and winter grass need moisture. Oat growth slow due to little moisture. Preparing fields for spring planting. Stock tanks low. Livestock condition declining. Supplemental feeding continues.

CENTRAL TEXAS: Soil moisture very short. Small grains need rainfall. Yield prospects decreasing as dry weather continues. Pecan harvest complete. Preparing for corn planting in spring. Supplemental feeding continues.

SOUTHEAST TEXAS: Soil moisture very short to adequate. Lack of moisture becoming critical to grazing conditions. Oat pastures have been killed by cold weather. Preparing vegetable sites. Supplemental feeding continuing.

SOUTHWEST TEXAS: Soil moisture very short. Forage condition sparse. Ranges grazed out; burning prickly pear as forage. Small grains almost grazed out. Irrigating vegetables heavily. Livestock in low good condition; showing signs of stress.

COASTAL BEND: Soil moisture short. Winter pastures need moisture.

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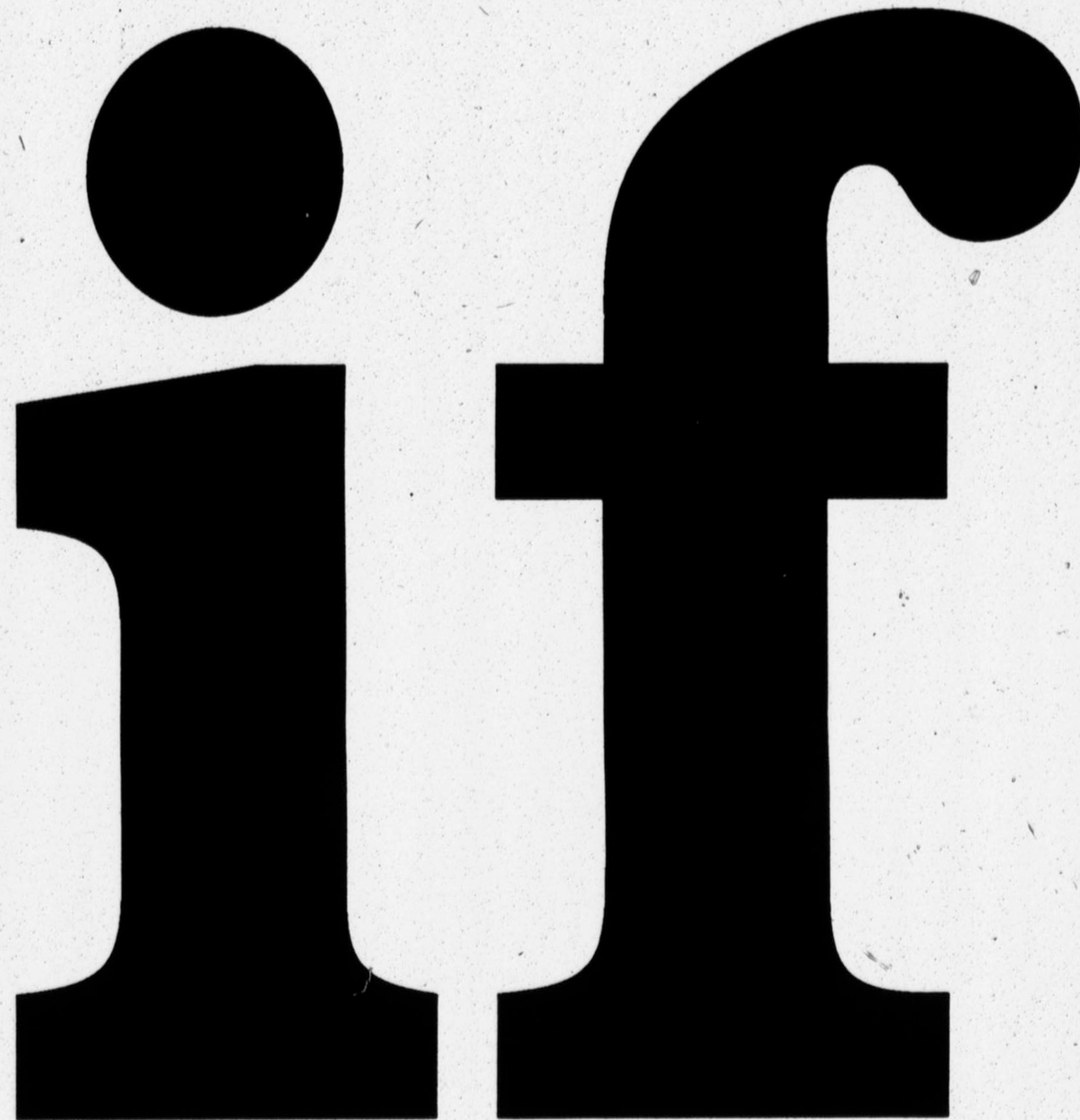
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State Capital



HIGHLIGHTS

By Lyndell Williams & Ed Sterling
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN — Although it's not known if expected changes in the federal budget may necessitate changes in the state tax structure, Gov. George W. Bush says he doubts a tax hike will be needed in 1998-99.

After speaking at a meeting of state agency directors last week, Bush pointed to the "strong performance" of the state budget in the last biennium, and said, "I don't believe we need to raise taxes."

Like Bush, Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock and House Speaker Pete Laney have spoken optimistically about the possibility of producing another budget with no new taxes.

Meanwhile, the state officials are awaiting a report from a task force appointed by Bush to consider a plan that would eliminate local school property taxes. Bush said the report should be released within a month. Last biennium local school property taxes pumped about \$9 billion into the state's coffers.

Bullock said that if the task force's report calls for a state tax to replace the property tax, "then that will require a tax bill."

Bush and Laney both have said that if the state were to kill local school property taxes, some Texans would pay more taxes than before and some would pay less under a new tax structure.

Laney said a revised tax structure might include new state taxes on businesses, such as a gross receipts tax and a value-added tax, but quipped, "Nobody ever came to me and asked, 'Please, I want you to raise my taxes.'"

State Rep. Rob Junell, D-San Angelo, chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, which writes the state budget, made his concern plain: "Does anybody have a clue what Washington is going to do?"

Texas Teachers' Salaries Lag

Texas teachers' salaries lagged more than \$5,000 behind the national average for 1994-95, the president of the Texas State Teachers Association, said last week.

Richard Kouri, TSTA president, said a recent survey shows the average annual salary of a Texas teacher was \$31,223, while the national average was \$36,874.

But Kouri pointed to a hopeful sign for teachers in a preliminary 1995-96 survey. More than 900 Texas school districts have given state-funded pay raises for the current school year, ranging from \$100 a month to \$600 a month, to 189,000 teachers.

"Our survey of 974 school districts shows that most Texas school districts did pass through the bulk of the additional salary money appropriated by the Legislature for teachers," Kouri said.

Last spring, the Legislature appropriated \$271 million to increase teachers' base pay. Districts where salaries exceeded the state minimum were not required to offer increases.

Failing Students Promoted?

On another education front, the president of a teachers group said a survey shows that tens of thousands of failing students are being "socially promoted."

John Cole, president of the Texas Federation of Teachers, said that social promotions — designed to keep students with others their own age — are widespread in Texas, based on results of a poll the group

conducted in November.

Almost 40 percent of the 2,132 teachers who responded to the survey said failing students were promoted even though teachers recommended they be retained.

"The results of that survey confirm what many of us have suspected: School administrators override teachers' grades and simply promote students from one grade to the next even though those students have failed their classes," Cole said.

Cole estimated about 150,000 of Texas 3.6 million public school students were promoted last year despite failing their courses.

But the survey findings are being questioned by some administrators, who dispute the contention that social promotion is widespread.

"I think we have to keep in mind that the number of respondents is small compared to the number of teachers in the state," said Johnny Veselka, executive director of the Texas Association of School Administrators. Texas school districts employ more than 200,000 teachers.

Veselka also noted that the survey doesn't break out whether students failed one class, such as art, which is not required for graduation, or all classes.

Other Capital Highlights

■ Oklahoma sent 77 more prisoners to private prisons in Texas, bringing the total to 411, officials said. Corrections Department spokesman Jerry Massie said 37 inmates were transferred to the Mansfield Law Enforcement Center and 40 went to the Limestone County Detention Center in Groesbeck. Both are medium-security facilities.

■ House Republicans in Oklahoma say they want to revive prison chain gangs to make prison so unbearable that convicts won't want to return. The bill's sponsor said his plan "would make it so difficult, so bad, so hard that they will no longer do the things that put them in prison." Democrats have introduced a similar bill.

Identity of author remains hidden, speculation grows

By DAVID BRISCOE

Associated Press Writer
WASHINGTON (AP) — A sexy, hot-selling fictional account of the 1992 presidential campaign has Washington buffs trying to figure out who wrote it, including President Clinton.

Even the editor of "Primary Colors," Daniel Menaker of Random House, swears he doesn't know who authored the lavishly reviewed book, whose Clinton-like protagonist is dogged by questions of his Vietnam War draft status and allegations of adultery as he tries to win the White House.

The writer, Anonymous, is variously believed to be a White House insider, a journalist, an established novelist or possibly, because of its mischievous contents, a Republican mole in the Clinton campaign.

Random House, which paid what Menaker described as a "fairly steep" advance based on reading only half the manuscript in April, has the book in its sixth printing after only a few weeks in bookstores.

"Words cannot describe how much I wish I had written it," wrote Time magazine's Walter Shapiro, who conducted what was purported to be an on-line computer interview with Anonymous.

The writer, who described writing the book as "a lonely process," refused to answer any autobiographical questions and said, "I hope my identity is never revealed" so the book can be judged on its merits.

Random House dealt only with an agent, Kathy Robbins, and a lawyer.

About the only thing the reader is told about Anonymous is that he or she is married. The book is dedicated to "my spouse, living proof that flamboyance and discretion are not mutually exclusive."

"Primary Colors" is copyrighted by Machiavelliana Inc., a mysterious company set up to receive the royalties, which should be substantial. Clinton, who hasn't read the book but says he may look at it on those long flights on the 1996 campaign, on Tuesday issued a smiling challenge for reporters to ferret out the author.

"You all find out everything in the wide world. The least you can do is tell all of us who wrote that book," Clinton said. "It's the only secret I've seen kept in Washington in three years."

A synopsis of the book is basically a summary of Clinton's 1992 primary campaign for the Democratic nomination, with names changed, relationships embellished and a few fictional intrigues added, including a sexual advance by first lady Susan Stanton on narrator Henry Burton,

who is a thinly disguised version of key Clinton aide George Stephanopoulos.

The Clinton character is Gov. Jack Stanton of an unnamed, small Southern state.

He is portrayed as a man who was "incredibly undisciplined about time, and making decisions, and figuring out who should do what on staff" but who was always in control. His profanity-spewing wife describes him as "faithless, thoughtless, disorganized, undisciplined."

The book is full of other easily identifiable and richly drawn characters, including Richard Jemmons (Clinton campaign director James Carville), Orlando Ozio (former New York Gov. Mario Cuomo), Lawrence Harris (candidate Paul Tsongas) and Cashmere McLeod (Gennifer Flowers, who claimed she had a 12-year affair with then-Arkansas Gov. Clinton). McLeod has tapes.

"In spite of its sins, it is far and away the best thing I have read about the 1992 campaign," wrote author Michael Lewis in a New York Times review. He speculated that the author might be Stephanopoulos, who has denied it.

But so has everyone else, including some who haven't been asked.

Caryille, Shapiro, Mark Miller of Newsweek, Sidney Blumenthal and Michael Kelly of The New Yorker, political consultant Paul Begala, former Deputy Treasury Secretary Roger Altman and several others involved with the 1992 campaign all say they aren't Anonymous.

The Washington Post's column "The Source" insists the best candidate is magazine writer Lisa Grunwald, author of two successful novels. Her sister, Mandy Grunwald, a media consultant for Clinton's campaign, told the Post: "If she did it, she didn't tell me."

CNN's "Larry King Live" devoted an hour to possible authors Tuesday night without a confession. A dozen new names cropped up.

Begala, who said he hasn't even read the book, said if it came from someone in the campaign it was an act of "deception and disloyalty."

Menaker, who is Random House's senior literary editor, said he was given the first half of the book to read by Random House President Harold Evans, who made the decision to publish it. "I read it and I went out of my mind," Menaker said in an interview. "This is so readable, so funny, so astute, as a publishing project, I didn't see how we could even hesitate."

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Study projects more AIDS deaths than new cases during this year

By DANIEL Q. HANEY

AP Science Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — This year, about 10,000 more Americans will die from the AIDS virus than will catch it, researchers say.

The projection means that, contrary to popular belief, the number of Americans living with the AIDS virus is actually going down.

Dr. Robert Biggar of the National Cancer Institute estimates that 600,000 Americans are infected with HIV, the AIDS virus, and about half of them already have full-blown AIDS.

He believes the number of new infections is declining because more people know how AIDS is spread and are protecting themselves. This is particularly true for gay men and intravenous drug users, who account for most AIDS cases.

Biggar says 1992 "was a bellwether year, because there were just about as many new infections as

there were deaths."

Since then, he estimates, the number of AIDS deaths annually has considerably outstripped the number of new infections.

Actually, spread of the AIDS virus has been falling since the epidemic emerged in the early 1980s.

In 1982, Biggar estimates, 100,000 to 150,000 Americans became infected. By 1993, this number had dropped to about 40,000. This year, he estimates that about 10,000 or 15,000 more Americans will die from the AIDS virus than will catch it.

The number of people who carry the AIDS virus is difficult to measure precisely. Thus experts use a variety of statistical methods to try to learn the scope of the epidemic, including one employed by Biggar called back calculation.

AIDS typically takes five to 10 years to develop after someone becomes infected. Knowing this, Biggar and colleagues use the total

number of AIDS cases reported each year to measure how many people must have been infected several years in the past.

Biggar presented his data Tuesday at the Conference on Retroviruses and Opportunistic Infections, an annual AIDS meeting.

"There are almost as many people dying of AIDS each year as were killed in the entire Vietnam War," he said, "and 40,000 new infections — that's a death sentence."

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