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First baby of 1996

Cheyenne Marie Peterson became the first baby born in Hereford this year when she popped in on her parents, Chris and Jennifer Peterson, at 2:37 p.m. on Wednesday. Jennifer went to her doctor's office at about noon Wednesday for a regular appointment, but was told to go to the hospital immediately because Cheyenne was on her way. The baby weighed in at 6 pounds, 2-1/2 ounces. She has red hair and blue eyes. She is shown with her parents and big brother, Austin Ray, who is 14-1/2 months old.

HEDC hears from Newton, ad agency representatives

Dennis Newton, Deaf Smith County ag agent, discussed the Extension Service's involvement in community development programs and offered the local office's assistance and support when he appeared at a meeting of the Hereford Economic Development Corporation board meeting Wednesday afternoon. In other business, HEDC directors heard a presentation from two representatives of McCormick Advertising Agency of Amarillo, and briefly discussed methods of reporting the board's activities to the community.

Jerry Stevens, vice president, presided at the meeting in the absence of President Cliff Skiles. Joe Artho and Rosendo Gonzalez were also

present, along with executive director Mike Hatley, while Don Graham was absent. Mayor Josserrand did not attend.

Newton explained that his office is charged with working in agriculture and ag education, family and consumer sciences, youth groups, and community development. He distributed copies of the county extension service's longrange programs, a number of which he said probably related to the HEDC goals.

"Basically, I am just here to say that we're available to assist the HEDC in anyway we can. We know that the HEDC board can't do all the development work—it takes all of our citizens working together," said

Newton.

Charles Hickmott and Wes Reeves made a presentation on ways the McCormick agency can work to develop an advertising campaign and provide a public relations program for HEDC. The board had previously heard from another public relations firm. No action was taken.

As requested by Mayor Bob Josserrand, directors briefly discussed ways to report HEDC activities to the community. Hatley said he would check into the possibility of writing an occasional column to be published in *The Hereford Brand*.

The meeting began at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday at City Hall and adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Florida woman goes for ride in twister

By SANDRA WALEWSKI
Associated Press Writer
MIAMI (AP) - A woman got the ride of her life in the eye of a storm: The twister hurled her Honda Civic as if it were a toy.

"I saw wood, bricks, and I don't know what else inside of it," Maritza Acosta-Pinon said Wednesday in the aftermath of a tornado that skipped through a residential neighborhood.

About 30 people were injured.

She got precious little warning when the tornado struck as she was driving to work, spinning her car up about the height of a one-story house and hurling it dangerously close to power lines.

"I just prayed, and asked God not to let me die this way," she said. She was taken to a hospital but was not seriously injured.

The tornado struck the suburbs about 8:15 a.m. EST, the height of rush hour and a time when parents were dropping off children at schools and day care centers.

Marlene Concepcion, 32, also was in her car at the time.

"I felt the car lift up into the air, then flip over and drop on the ground at least twice. It was like a roller-coaster ride," she said.

Dozens of roofs were damaged and windows blown in, cars and boats flipped over, and trees and power lines knocked down as the tornado hopped across a 5-mile path in southwestern Dade County.

The storm, which spun out from a line of thunderstorms that moved across southern Florida and into the Atlantic Ocean, had winds from 75 mph to 110 mph, the National Weather Service said.

Three people were treated at a hospital. The rest got treatment from police and fire rescue crews.

The cleanup began in earnest by afternoon, with plastic sheeting patching the holes in ripped-up roofs and shopkeepers mopping up. Clothes, furniture and debris littered the streets.

About 100 homes were damaged, 20 of them badly, said Metro-Dade Fire Chief David Paulison. No dollar estimate on damage was available.

Marie Pineda was getting out of her car at work when the wind intensified quickly. She said she had to hang on "for dear life."

Bomer wants explanation of workers' comp charges

Commissioner wants insurance firms to treat small, large companies alike

By JUAN B. ELIZONDO Jr.
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) - The Texas Department of Insurance is asking workers' compensation insurance companies to treat small businesses the same way it treats larger companies, a feat they cannot achieve, according to an industry spokesman.

Rick Gentry, of the Insurance Information Institute, said on Wednesday that the department's warning to 17 insurance groups to either defend their workers' compensation insurance rates or lower them suggests prices in the market are not competitive. But he said they are.

The 17 groups, which operate 74 insurance companies in Texas, were told in a letter dated Dec. 22 to respond to Insurance Commissioner Elton Bomer's concern over what he called excessive rates for small businesses by Feb. 1 or face rate rollback hearings.

The 74 companies collected about \$291 million in premiums, or 14.7 percent of all premiums, in 1994, according to the Insurance Department.

The companies' business represents one-seventh of the workers' comp market. They were targeted because their rates appeared out of line without sufficient explanation, according to the department.

"I would be quite surprised to find that these companies' rates are not competitive with others in Texas," Gentry said. "Price competition is so fierce right now, that unless you stay pretty close to the herd, you won't get any business. We know they are writing one-seventh of the market."

But Bomer said on Wednesday that workers' comp rates in Texas average between 4 percent and 17 percent too high, based on the number and cost of claims filed in 1994, the last year for which complete data was available.

"These letters should come as no surprise to the insurance companies," Bomer said. "The carriers have known for months of my concern that workers' compensation rates are too high, particularly rates for small businesses."

Rates vary widely across the state based on companies' number of employees, injury histories and the type of businesses being insured.

Bomer said many insurers cut their workers' compensation rates after sweeping changes to the state's workers' compensation laws were upheld by the Texas Supreme Court last February.

Those changes, which mostly took effect in 1991, included higher weekly benefits for injured workers and a streamlined claims process meant to reduce the number of workers challenging their benefits in court.

The Insurance Department estimates the changes cut the cost of claims by up to 57 percent in 1994.

GOP, Clinton swap blame for continuing shutdown

By DAVID ESPO

Associated Press Writer
WASHINGTON (AP) - Brawling and bargaining by turns, President Clinton and Republican congressional leaders are struggling to make progress toward a balanced budget while blaming each other for a partial government shutdown that has inconvenienced millions.

The disruption "is part of an explicit strategy by Republicans to shut the government down to get their way on budget and tax issues," Clinton said at the White House on Wednesday a few hours after House Republicans blocked an effort to end the shutdown, now in its 20th day.

"This has never been done before. It is not a natural disaster. It is an unnatural disaster borne of a cynical political strategy," the president said.

Republicans retorted that Clinton must bear the blame, noting that he has vetoed legislation that would have ended the furloughs for many of the 280,000 out of work and the hundreds of thousands more laboring without pay.

"The president of the United States is as much to blame for the closure of the government as the Republicans, House or Senate," said Sen. Pete Domenici, R-N.M., chairman of the Senate Budget Committee.

Domenici said Clinton has been cynical himself, having thus far failed to advance a balanced budget of his

own, even though he continuously "pounds Republicans" for what they would do to restrain spending.

Despite the sharp rhetoric, Clinton sat down as scheduled later in the afternoon with Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, House Speaker Newt Gingrich and other congressional leaders.

One Democrat, speaking on condition of anonymity, said tax cuts came up for review, including possible deferral of a GOP plan for a capital gains reduction effective Jan. 1, 1995. Clinton's proposal to condition some tax cuts on a strong economy also was discussed, according to this official, who said no decisions were made.

Taxes aside, the two sides were still at odds on subjects such as Medicare, Medicaid, education and welfare, although White House spokesman Mike McCurry said there was continued progress.

And while talks were expected to resume today, White House officials cautioned against any expectation of a swift agreement.

The budget impasse has been building for months, and the 20-day partial shutdown is by far the longest in history. Clinton used his brief appearance before reporters to detail some of the repercussions.

"This week, the Meals on Wheels program for senior citizens will run out of money," he said. "Half the Head Start programs in the country

will run out of money within the month. The Centers for Disease Control tracking system cannot accurately keep up with the flu outbreak in the Midwest.... It is long past time to reopen the government."

Policy-makers for the federal judiciary said there's enough money to keep courts operating at full strength for about two weeks unless Congress provides more money.

"While the judges will remain on the job, funds will not be available to pay for judicial staff or for other court functions," the U.S. Judicial Conference's seven-judge executive committee said. That includes contract employees who guard most federal courthouses, the panel said.

But Republicans in the House refused to back down after a closed-door GOP caucus that showed more than twice as many lawmakers favored keeping the government closed as favored reopening it.

Republican sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Majority Leader Dick Army had told lawmakers the private talks at the White House were producing scant progress, and that if Clinton wasn't willing to be more forthcoming, Republicans shouldn't be willing to open the government.

New license plates hail statehood

Drivers who get new license plates during the next couple of months will receive a special reminder that Texas has celebrated 150 years as a state.

The state has begun issuing license plates that commemorate the anniversary of Texas' statehood.

The plates are available for passenger cars only.

They feature the logo "150 Years of Statehood" and have a shooting star in the middle of the plate that is inset with the state of Texas.

The plates are available for all new cars and out-of-state vehicles registering here, and for people who register a car that has plates that are five years old or older.

The new plates will be issued through March 1, after which time the state will revert to the regular plate design.

Only vehicles that bear passenger plates are eligible for the special plates. Trucks will not receive them, although vans or Suburbans that register as passenger vehicles may get them.

Vehicle owners not eligible for new plates may get the commemorative plates for a charge of \$5.30.

Bomb squad 'defuses' box of children's toys

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas (AP) - A bomb squad destroyed a suspicious package at Corpus Christi International Airport after cargo workers reported movement inside a piece of cargo.

When officers examined the debris after the incident Wednesday, they found a teddy bear, a little fire truck and other children's toys inside.

The fire truck had been accidentally turned on, and the noise and movement spooked American Airlines cargo workers, officials said.

Police said the package was being air-mailed via American Airlines from Alice, although the package's destination was not

known.

The airport was not evacuated. Bomb technicians arrived and tried to X-ray the package but could not tell what was inside it, police said. So they tore into it with a device called a water cannon, said Corpus Christi police Cmdr. Don Dixon.

The buzzing stopped. The truck had been silenced. The package, wrapped in brown paper, burst open, spilling colorful toys.

Postal inspectors took custody of the package after the incident.

An American Airlines spokeswoman declined to comment on whether the airline would reimburse the owner of the package.



New Texas license plate

Teresa Garth of the Deaf Smith County Tax Assessor-Collector's Office shows off the new commemorative license plate being issued this year. The plate will be available through March 1 and honors 150 years of statehood for Texas.

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Local Roundup

Another cold blast on the way

Hereford recorded a high temperature of 56 degrees on Wednesday and a low of 26 degrees this morning, according to KPAN Radio. But don't get too used to the warmer temperatures. On Friday, today's low will be the high, as forecasters are calling for cloudy skies and a high of 25 to 30 degrees with northeast winds at 10-15 mph. For tonight, look for the mercury to plunge to 15 to 20 degrees, with mostly cloudy skies and northeast winds at 10-20 mph.

Correction

A headline on the front page of Wednesday's *Hereford Brand* incorrectly stated that four county elected officials would face opposition this year in their re-election bids. The head should have said that three of the four incumbents running this year face opposition. The *Brand* regrets the error.

News Digest

STATE

UNDATED - Unlike the furloughed government employees who are waiting at home for the budget standoff in Washington to end, John Eberle is one of the 480,000 who must continue reporting to work each day without pay.

On top of that, he works at a federal prison.

NEW ORLEANS - Attorneys for six convicted members of the Branch Davidian sect say they believe they have strong arguments to justify reduced prison sentences for their roles in the killing of four federal agents.

FORT WORTH - American Airlines said it is awaiting confirmation of tests that revealed alcohol in the remains of the captain of an American jet that crashed into a mountain near Cali, Colombia, on Dec. 20, killing 160.

SAN ANTONIO - The Archdiocese of San Antonio is sending a new message to parishioners and the public: thou shalt not bear concealed weapons on church property.

HOUSTON - Several hundred furloughed federal employees are being called back to jobs at the Johnson Space Center to take part in the upcoming launch of space shuttle Endeavour.

FORT WORTH - A records clerk in the Fort Worth police department has been suspended without pay following his arrest on charges he was selling traffic accident reports.

AUSTIN - The Texas Department of Insurance is asking workers' compensation insurance companies to treat small businesses the same way it treats larger companies, a feat they cannot achieve, according to an industry spokesman.

WASHINGTON - The federal budget stalemate that is forcing Kansas to suspend its unemployment insurance benefits won't be duplicated in Texas anytime soon, the state's unemployment insurance director says.

SAN ANGELO - People who hunt for Concho pearls and the mussels that make them are having a harder time these days. Gems have become so scarce in Concho Valley waterways that some hunters say the search is hardly worthwhile anymore.

FORT WORTH - Pier 1 Imports was kept posted by its outside money manager about trading in volatile investments that resulted in \$20 million in losses, according to the trader's lawyer.

MANCHESTER, N.H. - GOP presidential hopeful Phil Gramm, trying to trump rival Bob Dole as New Hampshire's anti-tax hero, had some backpedaling to do when it appeared he was moderating his pledge to support cutting taxes by \$245 billion over seven years.

WORLD/NATION

WASHINGTON - Hundreds of research labs are closed or working at half speed. A supercomputer is idled at a cost of \$30,000 a week. And health workers are uncertain if the nation's flu vaccine will be ready for next fall. Waves of disorder and confusion from the partial federal government shutdown are beginning to sweep across America's scientific community.

WASHINGTON - Tourists shut out of Yosemite National Park, jobless benefits disrupted in Kansas, paychecks crimped for hundreds of thousands of government workers. The spitting match between the Republican Congress and a Democratic president might seem to be turning into an economic disaster. But most private economists are taking a much less alarmist view.

DALLAS - The Federal Aviation Administration was planning its own forensic tests after tests by Colombian officials found alcohol in the remains of the captain of an American Airlines plane that crashed into a mountain last month, killing 160 people.

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina - Sixteen civilians being held by Bosnian Serbs in Sarajevo's suburbs present a political problem that could stymie implementation of the peace process.

LONDON - Princess Diana has finally agreed to divorce Prince Charles, according to a London newspaper report. The Daily Express says she's told advisers she now reluctantly accepts that her marriage is over.

The report said she's scheduled to meet with her legal advisers early next week and quoted a source as saying: "You can expect moves toward a divorce to begin in earnest after Diana's meeting."

WASHINGTON - After conferring with Hollywood producer Harry Thomason, Hillary Rodham Clinton became the unseen hand that triggered the firings of White House travel office employees, says a bluntly worded draft memo by a former presidential aide.

WASHINGTON - It used to be that if you called the Internal Revenue Service for tax advice, you had a good chance of getting a wrong answer. Now, the answers are more accurate, but the odds are worse than nine in 10 you'll get a busy signal or be put on hold until you hang up, according to congressional investigators.

NEW YORK - In a new lead for developing a pill to help people control their weight, scientists reported today that they had identified a brain substance that sharply reduces appetite in rats.

Police, Emergency Reports

Emergency services reports for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. Thursday contained the following information.

HEREFORD POLICE

Criminal trespass was reported in the 100 block of La Villa.

Property found, a credit card, was reported in the 300 block of North Texas.

A runaway was reported in the 400 block of Mable, then later located and returned home.

Officers issued 21 citations.

DEAF SMITH SHERIFF

A 33-year-old male was arrested for DWI.

A 25-year-old male was arrested for violation of probation (assault).

A 25-year-old male was arrested

for violation of a protective order. A 21-year-old male was arrested for delivery of a controlled substance.

A 67-year-old male was arrested for DWI.

A 19-year-old male was arrested for assault.

A 41-year-old male was arrested for assault.

A 28-year-old male was arrested for traffic violations.

A 41-year-old male was arrested for violation of probation and theft by check.

A 27-year-old male was arrested for violation of probation (DWI).

Criminal trespass was reported.

EMS

Ambulances ran on two medical calls and one transfer to Amarillo.

Keeping an eye on Texas

City/airport	Passengers departing, '94	Percent change 1989-94
Laredo	101,211	77%
McAllen	338,785	59%
Waco	52,882	42%
Houston Int'cnl	11,323,220	41%
Brownwood	2,039	28%
Temple	4,272	27%
Corpus Christi	534,793	24%
Killeen	55,805	24%
Dallas Love	3,412,858	23%
El Paso	1,879,205	22%
Austin	2,549,651	21%
College Station	87,494	21%
San Antonio	3,084,768	19%
Abilene	74,121	13%
Texarkana	45,976	11%
DFW	26,226,728	10%

Air travel takes off

The number of passengers departing from Texas airports increased by a statewide average of 19 percent from 1989 to 1994.

SOURCES: John Sharp, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts and Texas Department of Transportation

Texas has funds to operate unemployment insurance

By MICHELLE MITTELSTADT
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) - The federal budget stalemate that is forcing Kansas to suspend its unemployment insurance benefits won't be duplicated in Texas anytime soon, the state's unemployment insurance director says.

"The good news is that Texas has managed its money well and that we have enough funds to operate going into the first week of February," the Texas Workforce Commission's unemployment insurance director, Mike Sheridan, said Wednesday.

"In Texas, we are in good shape."

A day earlier, Kansas officials announced that the Washington budget crisis was causing them to furlough 400 employees who administer the Kansas unemployment insurance program. Benefits to 19,000 unemployed Kansans will end after this week, making Kansas the first state in the 60-year history of the national program to cut benefits.

Other states with looming unemployment insurance crises are Alabama, Alaska, the District of Columbia, New Jersey, Rhode Island, Tennessee and the Virgin Islands.

The problem isn't that the states don't have the money to issue the unemployment benefits.

Rather, the paychecks of those handing out the benefits are jeopardized by Congress' unwillingness to enact new stopgap spending bills funding the government's operations.

House Republicans are loathe to approve further temporary spending measures until they've ironed out profound differences with President Clinton over the means of achieving a balanced budget by 2002.

Wednesday, the House rejected a Senate-passed measure that would have immediately returned 280,000 idled federal workers to work.

"It's a cave-in," House Majority Whip Tom DeLay, R-Sugar Land, said of the Senate bill. "The House

Lottery

AUSTIN (AP) - One ticket bought in Tyler correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said. The jackpot was worth \$8 million.

The numbers drawn from a field of 50 were: 2, 7, 17, 26, 39 and 43.

There were 233 tickets sold with five of the six numbers, with each ticket worth \$748. There were 7,671 tickets with four of six numbers, with each winning \$81. And there were 128,859 tickets sold with three of six numbers, with each worth an automatic \$3.

Lottery officials estimate the jackpot for Saturday night's game will be \$4 million.

AUSTIN (AP) - Four tickets each won \$79,833 in the Cash 5 lottery drawing.

The winning tickets matched all five of the numbers drawn in the Tuesday night drawing.

Four numerical matches were on 929 tickets, making each ticket worth \$516.

And the prize for matching three of five numbers, as did 31,372 tickets, was \$25 each.

The winning numbers were 1, 9, 21, 23 and 32.

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

4-2-7 (four, two, seven)

once again has to hold up the strength of balancing the budget."

The administration turned up the rhetorical heat Wednesday, with Clinton calling the shutdown "an unnatural disaster born of a cynical political strategy."

And Labor Secretary Robert Reich said: "The insurance policy for American workers has been canceled."

"Behind these numbers are stories of real people, real Americans who are trying desperately to make ends meet," he added.

IRS tax advice better, if you can get a line

By DAVE SKIDMORE
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) - It used to be that if you called the Internal Revenue Service for tax advice, you had a good chance of getting a wrong answer.

Now, more answers are accurate, but chances are greater than nine in 10 you'll get a busy signal or be put on hold until you hang up, according to congressional investigators.

The General Accounting Office, in a report issued as the IRS prepared for a new tax-filing season, said the answer rate on toll-free assistance lines fell to 8 percent in 1995 from 21 percent a year earlier.

The GAO, Congress' investigative arm, counted calls as going unanswered if callers received a busy signal or were put on hold for longer than seven minutes.

As recently as 1989, the GAO said, 58 percent of calls got through but only 63 percent of the IRS' answers were accurate. Last year, the accuracy rate was 91 percent, up from 89 percent in 1994.

However, early in the 1995 filing season, IRS workers demonstrated some difficulty in explaining changes in eligibility for the earned income tax credit, the GAO said in the report issued last week.

The IRS blames the increase in busy signals on callers' use of repeat dialers and said access is much better

Licensing exam set for farmers using pesticides

Farmers and ranchers who apply and supervise the application of pesticides can receive the required training and take the licensing examination on Jan. 8, beginning at 8:30 a.m. in the Game Room of the Hereford Community Center.

The training program will be conducted by the Deaf Smith County staff of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. Study materials are available at the Deaf Smith County office of the TAEX located in Room 402 of the county courthouse. Cost of the materials are \$14.

The licensing examination will be given by the Texas Department of Agriculture immediately following the training.

Persons needing more information should call the Deaf Smith County office of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service at 364-3573.

SERVICES PENDING

Bob Richey, 64, of Lawton, Okla., brother of Mery Duvall of Hereford, died Wednesday. Funeral arrangements are pending.

Serbs free 3 of 16 civilians in custody

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) - Bosnian Serbs released three civilians today, fueling rumors that the 13 captives still in rebel custody might also be freed because of the international outrage over the detentions.

The detentions of the 16 starting Dec. 22 had marred Wednesday's visit by U.S. Defense Secretary William Perry and increasingly dented NATO's optimism about the Serbs' compliance with the Bosnian peace accord.

The Bosnian government has blamed the NATO-led force that is implementing the act for not protecting the civilians. NATO officials, on the other hand, have suggested the detentions were a civilian law enforcement problem.

In Washington, State Department spokesman Nicholas Burns called for the immediate release of all 16. He said the U.S. Embassy in Belgrade was protesting the detentions directly to Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic as a violation of the peace

accord that ended 3-1/2 years of fighting.

"We very much expect that this call for the immediate release of these people will be met," Burns said Wednesday.

At 10 a.m., three male civilians were released to the French battalion in Sarajevo, said Capt. Frederik Solano, a spokesman for the NATO-led Implementation Force (IFOR). All three had been detained on Christmas Day in Serb-held Iidza.

Three additional civilians had already been set free on Wednesday.

An IFOR-brokered meeting of government and Bosnian Serb representatives on the detained civilians started at Sarajevo airport late this morning.

Carl Bildt, the European diplomat who is the senior civilian administrator of the Paris peace accord, meanwhile met senior Bosnian Serb officials for talks in their northern stronghold of Banja Luka. The Bosnian Serbs' self-designated prime minister was also to discuss the detentions with the French ambassador to Sarajevo.

Unless they are freed, the detainees could become a stumbling block in NATO's efforts to establish peace in the republic.

Croatian President Franjo Tudjman arrived in Sarajevo for talks with the Bosnian government on better coordination inside the Muslim-Croat federation, which got 51 percent of Bosnian territory under the peace agreement.

It was Tudjman's second trip to Sarajevo since the beginning of the Bosnian war in April 1992.

While NATO officials saw the crisis as a law enforcement problem, Bildt said Wednesday the 2,000-strong international police force that is supposed to be in place by Jan. 31 cannot force anybody in Bosnia to respect the accord.

"The responsibility is mainly on the parties. It's their peace agreement, not ours," Bildt said. But he added, "Freedom of movement will have to be guaranteed one way or another."

So far, only 100 of the international police are in Bosnia, and Bildt said it would take some time to recruit the force. Bildt lacks an office or even a car to patrol Sarajevo, and the police force itself is going to be unarmed.

Bildt was appointed last month to oversee civil reconstruction in Bosnia, which includes everything from fixing water pipes to establishing a national currency.

Those detained by the Serbs apparently believed NATO assurances that roads and areas closed to them during the war were now open.

Bosnian Serb sources said two of the detainees were arrested while buying meat in the Serb-held Sarajevo suburb of Iidza, while two others were held after going to check on their old apartments there.

Business Briefs

Valmont Irrigation has announced that Don Mooring of Brooke Pipe & Supply in Hereford, has earned the Quality Circle Service Award.

The award was presented at the company's regional meeting at South Padre Island. The award is based on customer satisfaction, according to Jim Eiting, vice president of sales for Valmont Irrigation, which has sold more than 80,000 Valley center pivots and linear machines worldwide.

--BB--
Edward Jones brokers gave the company a first-place rating in a national survey of nine investment companies. Ike Stevens, the Hereford investment representative, announced this week.

This is the fourth consecutive year that Edward Jones has ranked either first or second in the survey, conducted each October by Registered Representative magazine. Survey results are based on anonymous telephone interviews with 50 brokers from each company.

"We know the credit for these achievements really belongs with those who have played the most important roles in our success--our customers and friends," said Stevens.

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Hospital Notes

PATIENTS IN HOSPITAL

Mary Alldredge, Jesusita Castillo, Gladys Craig, Cowan Ryan Gonce, Doris F. Kerr, Andrew Antho Maldonado, Blasa R. Mancillas, Grace K. Sanders, Johnnie L. Sanders, Aidan Lee Velasquez, infant girl White, Jennifer White, James W. Witherspoon, Dennis J. Wosnitzky.

Lifestyles

Ann Landers

Reader wants to be carried to grave in same manner as Rabin

DEAR ANN LANDERS: Yitzhak Rabin, the late prime minister of Israel, was carried to his grave in a flag-draped plain wooden box. For years, I have considered leaving instructions that the same happen to me.

I fear my heirs might buy a fancy casket costing thousands of dollars. Please help me get things arranged in advance. Surely funeral homes don't sell plain boxes. Must I pre-arrange with a carpenter? Would a funeral home still offer its hearse and graveside services if I didn't buy one of their caskets? Would a cemetery accept me in a plain box? Would I be violating any state, local or federal regulations?

How about finding out for us, Ann? Can an American man be carried to his grave in the same manner as Israel's Yitzhak Rabin? -- Arapahoe, N.C.

DEAR ARAPAOE: All Orthodox Jews are buried in a simple wooden box -- no nails, no metal. If this is your wish, make sure your next of kin, or the person who will be responsible for your burial, knows that it is.

Almost all mortuaries are willing to provide a simple wooden box. Should a mortuary be unwilling to handle the service unless you buy an expensive casket from them, call

another mortuary.

People have become more enlightened about burials and are opting for simplicity rather than ostentation. They are beginning to realize that how we treat our loved ones when they are alive is what matters.

DEAR ANN LANDERS: In response to your request for stories with a special twist about how you met your mate, I submit the following:

We met at 9:00 at a ballroom dance, walking toward each other, almost colliding. Both of us jumped in the same direction and again a second time and a third. At that point, he grabbed my arm and said, "Well, as long as you're getting in my way, we might as well dance."

I fixed him good. I never got out of his way again. We celebrated our 55th wedding anniversary this year. After our wedding, Earl and I moved 15 times, but I didn't mind. He is such a wonderful mate.

Backtracking a bit, when attending high school, we seniors looked down on the lowly sophomores. One of those "lowly sophomores" went into the ministry. It was he who gave the blessing at our anniversary party 55 years later. -- G.L., Menasha, Wis.

DEAR MENASHA: What a sweet letter. You and Earl are lovely role

models for us all. May you have many more happy years together.

DEAR ANN LANDERS: Please advise your readers not to bring their guns when they come to Canada. Many U.S. citizens don't know that carrying a gun in Canada is not legal unless you have a firearms permit, which is hard to come by.

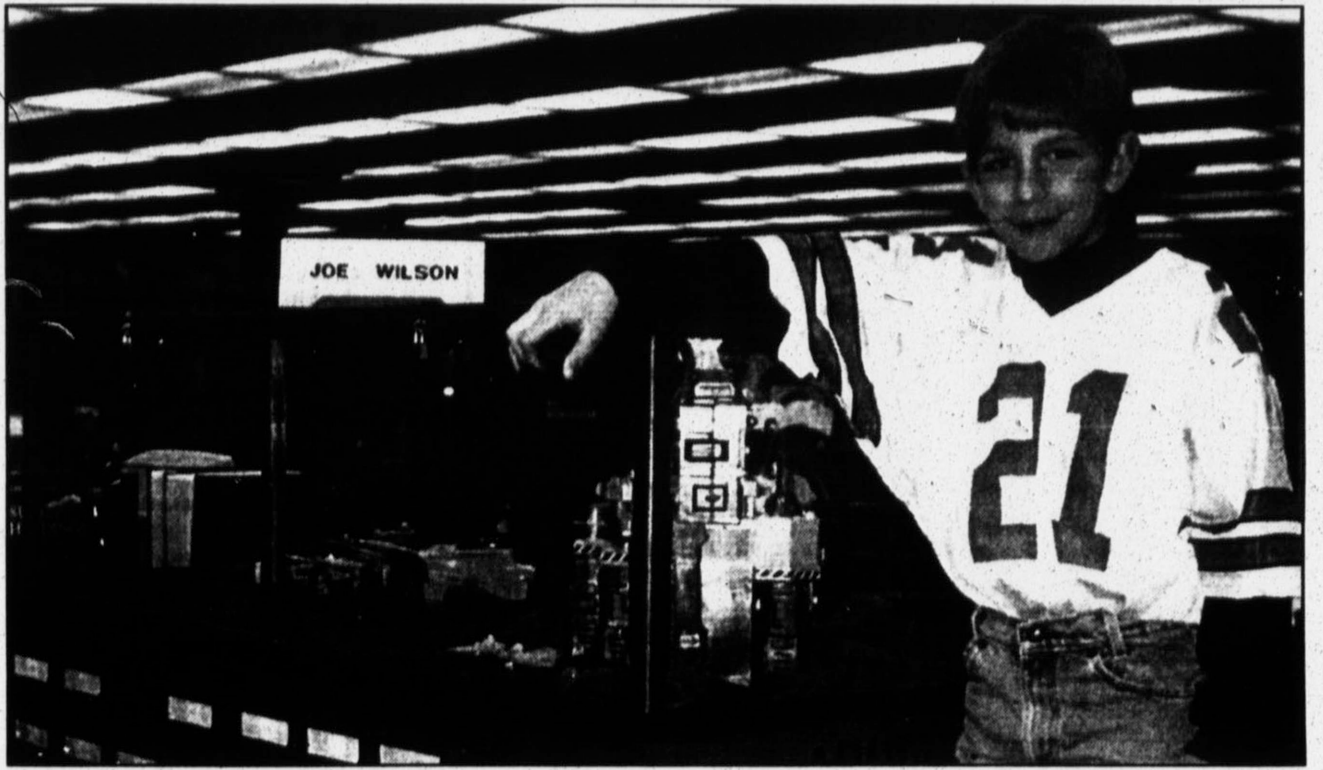
Every day, Canadian Customs confiscates guns from visitors and subjects them to a minimum fine of \$500 for not declaring the weapons.

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DEAR FRIEND: It's obvious that Canada doesn't want any gun-totin' U.S. citizens up there. I say, "Hooray for them!"

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Joe Wilson, 11 has been collecting his GI namesake and the accoutrements for about seven years, and those that have withstood the test are on display through January at the Deaf Smith County Library.

Hereford Rebekah's install officers during regular monthly meeting

Hereford Rebekah Lodge #228 met Tuesday evening with 15 members present.

District deputy president Mary Lou Weatherford, assisted by deputy marshal Nan Rogers and the installing team, installed the new officers.

Anna Conklin, noble grand and Lucille Lindeman, vice grand, were installed for six month terms. Taking office for 12 month terms were Susie Curtsinger, secretary and Nelma Sowell, treasurer.

bearer; Leona Sowell, R.S.V.G. and Rosalie Northcutt, to take the chair of past noble grand.

A gift of "Books of Poetry" and a

past noble grand certificate were presented to Nelma Sowell.

A salad supper was served preceding the meeting.

To Your Good Health

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: Please discuss multi-infarct dementia. My father has it. He has had two heart attacks, bypass surgery and some strokes. He now has fatigue and memory loss and is confused. He has had violent tachycardia also. Formerly, he was active and vital. What does the future hold? -- A.C.

ANSWER: Your dad has been through the worst of times. He has coronary artery blockage, a common cause of serious heart troubles. Blockage of brain vessels might be a direct cause of the strokes, with all the behavioral changes that can bring. It means that blood-starved brain cells as well as heart cells have died.

Multi-infarct dementia is progressive and differs from other dementias, such as Alzheimer's disease. The difference lies in its incremental decline. Multi-infarct dementia occurs in steps.

Your father needs to stop the blockage with a diet that eliminates the offenders, such as cholesterol and fats. He also needs to control his blood pressure.

If depression is part of the picture, and it often is, he might need medicine for that. I see, in an edited part of your note, where your dad has used two such drugs. Has he given them time to work? That can take six weeks.

Family members should encourage activity and not permit invalidism to creep in. Keep regular meal and sleep schedules. Keep the home pretty much as it has always been. Familiar surroundings instill confidence in us all.

Some doctors prescribe daily aspirin. It helps stop blockage, which can slow down foginess and decline.

Good luck.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: Your recent answer to R.Z. mentioned bananas. You said they are among foods that contain vasoconstrictive substances. I have leg pains and cramping of fingers and legs and would like a list of other foods that cause constriction of vessels. -- R.W.B.

ANSWER: I try to avoid potentially misleading pronouncements,

but I might have lowered my guard a bit with that banana item.

True, bananas -- especially skins -- as well as tomatoes, avocados, pineapples and some cheeses do contain small amounts of so-called vasoconstrictive substances, which can constrict vessels. I'm sorry that I did not make it clear that those amounts are minute and hardly significant as a health factor.

Only were a person to gorge continuously on such foods would the possibility of such a reaction be significant.

So if you enjoy those foods and have no symptoms after eating them, you can continue to enjoy them.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I am 24 and have been cracking my knuckles for years, also my back and neck. What exactly is going on when I do this? Please give me the facts, because I've been told I'm going to get arthritis because of the cracking. -- E.P.

ANSWER: The cracking in the neck and back is from tendons sliding over one another or over bones. So long as there is no pain during or after the event, there is no danger of any damage resulting.

Knuckle cracking specifically results from the creation of air bubbles in the joints when you stretch them. When you release the tension, the bubble bursts with an audible pop.

I recently read four articles on the topic. Three said cracking will not lead to arthritis. The fourth article said it might. I stand with the majority on this one. I don't believe cracking knuckles will do damage.

Still, mainly because I find the practice obnoxious, I plead with knuckle crackers to desist.

Dr. Donohue regrets that he is unable to answer individual letters, but he will incorporate them in his column whenever possible. Readers may write him at P.O. Box 5539, Riverton, NJ 08077-5539.

Hints from Heloise

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Collection bins have been located in the front foyer of the school for steel and aluminum, and a green dumpster located outside of the school is for paper products.

Sports

Dumas cagers coming here

The Hereford girls' basketball team is 1-2 in District 1-4A after playing two of the first three games against Randall in December and against Canyon Tuesday. Both games were bad losses for Hereford (15-3). It won't get too much easier when Dumas comes to town Friday. The Demonettes will bring a 2-0 district record, 12-7 overall, to Whiteface Gym for a game at 6 p.m. Dumas beat Hereford in both meetings last season and finished third in the district to Hereford's fourth place. The Dumas boys, who play Hereford at 7:30 in the second game of Friday's doubleheader, struggled last season to a 7-21 record without a win in district play. They're struggling again this year, at 4-10. The Demons opened district play with a 71-46 loss to Caprock. Hereford started district with a 60-43 victory Tuesday at Canyon, improving the Herd's overall record to 12-7. The Whitefaces have won eight games in a row. Hereford and Dumas also will play junior varsity games Friday in the Hereford Junior High gym: boys at 6 p.m. and girls at 7:30.

Packers' coach makes Niners' bulletin board

By DENNIS GEORGATOS
AP Sports Writer
SANTA CLARA, Calif. (AP) - The Green Bay Packers are taking it personally.

Green Bay coach Mike Holmgren says his "win it all" declaration was just an expression of confidence in the play of the Packers, but the 49ers have tacked Holmgren's words on a bulletin board in their locker room. "A lot of people do a lot of talking, and in previous games during the season you've seen what happened with people that do a lot of talking," said San Francisco linebacker Lee Woodall, a reference to the 49ers' upset win at Dallas in November.

"We don't let our mouths speak for ourselves. We let what we do on the field speak for us," Woodall said Wednesday. "I don't think you've heard anyone in our locker room say, 'We're going to win it all. We're going to smash 'em. We're going to kill 'em.' We're not like that. 'We're more laid back and say, 'Hey, whatever you say, you've got to back it up.' Like they say, actions speak louder than words. Their words may be loud right now, but their actions are going to have to be a lot louder."

Holmgren, the 49ers' offensive coordinator before leaving San Francisco in 1992 to become Packers coach, made the comments in the aftermath of the Packers' 37-20

Oilers start preparation for move to Tennessee

By TERESA M. WALKER
AP Sports Writer
NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) - Not knowing where the Oilers will be playing this fall hasn't stopped the NFL team from moving quickly to pitch itself in Tennessee.

Oilers' coach Jeff Fisher and general manager Floyd Reese were scheduled to visit Knoxville and Chattanooga today after meeting with people in Memphis and Nashville Wednesday.

And Fisher said a group of players will be touring Tennessee within two weeks.

Fisher and Reese talked to reporters about the Oilers' plans for the offseason - hitting the free agency market, starting conditioning work a month early and preparing for the draft.

But ask Reese where the Oilers might spend training camp or play any games this fall, and he's blank. "If they were say, 'Tomorrow we're going to move, we need to be ready for that. If they say, 'We're not going to move for two years,' we have to be ready for that," Reese said. "So that's kind of where we are, and it appears that we're in limbo and it's up in the air."

"And there's a good reason for that because it is. We will soon at least have some direction and know where we're going."

Reese said litigation or negotiations will be needed to settle the team's contract to play in the

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Eagles put fear into Cowboys

By DENNE H. FREEMAN
AP Sports Writer

IRVING, Texas (AP) - When Michael Irvin talks fear he usually means the kind he instills in defensive backs.

But this time Irvin is talking about another kind of fear; the kind a team feels after it is defeated by a bitter rival.

The 20-17 kind of fear inflicted by the Philadelphia Eagles on the Dallas Cowboys Dec. 10 in Veterans Stadium.

"When you've played a team that beat you, then you have a serious fear the next time you play them," Irvin said. "They beat us the last time. It brings on a sense of urgency. A sense of awareness."

The Cowboys ripped the Eagles 34-12 on Monday Night Football

Nov. 6. But they discovered in the December showdown that the Eagles had vastly improved under rookie coach Ray Rhodes, a former defensive coordinator for the San Francisco 49ers who knows the Cowboys very well.

Irvin said the baffling loss to the Eagles made famous by Dallas coach Barry Switzer's questionable fourth-quarter decision to go for it twice on fourth and 1 from his own 29 slapped the Cowboys awake.

"I'm glad the thing happened the way it happened," Irvin said. "I'm glad they put fear into our hearts and showed they are capable of beating us. I think it helps our attitude. We won't be overconfident going into this game. We know what kind of damage the Eagles can do. They taught us a lesson."

Dallas had defeated the Eagles seven consecutive times until it was ambushed.

Irvin caught only three passes for 40 yards in the game as the Eagles boxed him with double coverage. Quarterback Troy Aikman had difficulty finding the other wide receivers, completing two to Corey Fleming and one to Deion Sanders.

Philadelphia cornerback Bobby Taylor was named the NFL Defensive Player of the Week for his performance in shadowing Irvin.

Irvin gets a kick out of that, saying, "He had help and Taylor got player of the week? How does that happen? I guess it shows how bad I am."

Since that game Kevin Williams has come alive for the Cowboys,

making a critical diving third-down catch that set up the winning field goal in a 21-20 victory over the New York Giants and scoring twice against the Arizona Cardinals.

Irvin said a team doubling him now could get into serious trouble.

"Kevin Williams has proved now how important he can be to this team," Irvin said. "Look what he did against the Giants and the Cardinals. We were forced to look his way because of the way teams were playing us. Now he can hurt another team bad."

Irvin said the loss has gone from bad to good medicine.

"It's a double good thing now," Irvin said. "Philadelphia has our attention. And we've added another big weapon on offense. It's perfect. We'll be ready this time."

'95 season put strain on Osborne

By DAVE ZELIO
Associated Press Writer

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) - The longest season for Nebraska coach Tom Osborne still isn't over.

From winning a second national championship, to celebrating with thousands of Cornhusker fans at the Bob Devaney Sports Center to luring recruits before the Feb. 7 signing date, Osborne can't seem to catch his breath.

And until Wednesday afternoon, some wondered if he would crack a smile.

"I learned a lot this year," Osborne said. "It was a terrible year and it was a great year. I take the spiritual side of my life very seriously, and there were times when I was running on empty. I relied on my faith more than I ever have."

There was strain in Osborne's voice as he discussed the season and Tuesday night's 62-24 rout of Florida with reporters in Tempe, Ariz. The night before, he hurried through a press conference because his shirt was wet and he was cold. Now he just seemed weary.

The 58-year-old Osborne said all season that scrutiny of himself and his program was expected following last year's championship.

But the level of attention that followed star tailback Lawrence Phillips' beating of a former girlfriend on Sept. 10 startled even Osborne. He was vilified for keeping Phillips and other players who had brushes with the law on the team, and the scrutiny lingered Wednesday.

On a day when Osborne could have been bragging - no team had won back-to-back titles without a loss in 40 years - he was describing a long, tiring season. He said his players decided in midseason not to

drink alcohol or go to parties in Lincoln.

"It's a terrible way to live, but they know the scrutiny they're under and it will continue," Osborne said. "Christian Peter, he lives like a monk. I don't think he ever goes out."

Peter, a senior defensive tackle, was noted during the season not so much for his play that netted All-America honorable mention, but for his 1993 conviction of third-degree sexual assault for groping a woman at a bar.

Yet it was Phillips, a talented junior from West Covina, Calif., who defined Nebraska's off-field problems. He returned from a six-game suspension to play in Nebraska's final four games, running for 165 yards and scoring three touchdowns against the Gators.

Osborne said the scrutiny was behind his decision to tell Phillips to enter this spring's professional draft.

"I'm pretty sure he'll go pro and I've told him to," Osborne said. "The thing that bothers me is that there have been a lot of people on campus who have been anti-Lawrence Phillips... I think Lawrence is always

going to be a little bit of a marked man."

Phillips has said he will consider entering the draft if an NFL committee projects him as a first-round pick. He said he has not made his decision.

The off-field problems seemed to put an asterisk next to the championship for Osborne. He said his team was the best he coached in his 23 years, but was not as good as the

record-setting score against Florida indicated.

"It was our night," he said. "I think a lot of what we went through made them better. I think it drew them closer."

Osborne did not refer to Nebraska's 25-game winning streak or the Huskers' 36-1 mark over three years, a modern record.

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The Oilers' deal to relocate to Nashville by 1998 remains contingent upon the city meeting several deadlines. Nashville already has met one goal of selling luxury suites, and the sale of 51,000 PSLs, permanent seat licenses, start Monday.

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Magic slips past Raptors; Bulls blitz Rockets

By The Associated Press
While Orlando and Chicago stayed undefeated at home, the Magic had a tougher time against an expansion team than the Bulls did against the defending champion Houston Rockets.

The Magic improved to 17-0 at home by beating the Toronto Raptors 121-110 Wednesday night, but it

wasn't until the fourth quarter that Orlando was able to pull away.

The Bulls, meanwhile, held Houston to just one field goal in the second quarter and eased to a 100-86 victory, their 16th straight at home this season.

"(Toronto) has our number right now as far as giving us tough games," Anfernee Hardaway said of

a team that handed the Magic an embarrassing 17-point loss in Canada last month. "They're not winning a lot of games, but they're playing well. They have our respect."

Chicago was taken aback by the one-sided nature of its victory on national television.

"This was not a really good barometer of the situation," said Michael Jordan, who scored 38 points. "That was not the Houston championship team."

"We know Houston is a bigger challenge than this," said Scottie Pippen, who had 16 points, nine assists and eight rebounds.

Elsewhere in the NBA, it was San Antonio 111, Utah 97; Golden State 122, Philadelphia 111; Portland 114, Boston 110 in overtime; Milwaukee 96; Detroit 82; and Indiana 110, the Los Angeles Clippers 94.

Magic 121, Raptors 110

Surprisingly, Orlando pulled away when its two best players, Hardaway and Shaquille O'Neal, were on the bench.

Dennis Scott made a 3-pointer and two other baskets in a 9-0 run that gave Orlando a 95-84 lead with 9:52 remaining. The Magic led 102-96

with just over five minutes to go and held off the Raptors down the stretch with a pair of clutch free throws by O'Neal and 3-pointers by Scott and Nick Anderson.

"We had to fight for every inch of it, but I was pleased with the win," said Orlando coach Brian Hill, who refused to blame the Magic's spotty performance on a five-day layoff.

"They had the same layoff we did," Hill added. "They're just a tough team for us."

Bulls 100, Rockets 86

This was Houston's eighth straight game without star Clyde Drexler, and the Rockets definitely missed him.

The Rockets' one field goal in the second quarter allowed them to avoid tying the record for fewest baskets in a period - none. Still, the futility from the field allowed Chicago to open a 47-30 halftime lead after trailing 18-15 after one period.

"It was a waste of time," Rockets coach Rudy Tomjanovich said. "We didn't even make it a game. It was like going into war and not even bringing all of our weapons. It would be tough even if we had everybody, but I think it's going to be a different deal next time."

Drexler is expected to be back by Jan. 30 when the teams meet in Houston.

Spurs 111, Jazz 97

At San Antonio, the Spurs moved within one game of division-leading Houston and opened a half-game lead over third-place Utah.

David Robinson scored 31 points and Vinny Del Negro had a season-high 28 for San Antonio, which took the lead at the 5:20 mark of the second quarter and never relinquished it.

Utah pulled within six points with 4:02 remaining in the fourth quarter, but Del Negro responded with five points in 31 seconds to put the game out of reach.

The Spurs held Karl Malone, Utah's leading scorer, to 14 points. His season average was 26.5 coming into the game.

Warriors 122, 76ers 111

At Oakland, Philadelphia came back from a 32-point, third-quarter deficit, getting within six on Derrick Coleman's fadeaway jumper with six minutes to play before Golden State recovered.

"I don't really believe in moral victories, but this is something we can really build on," Jerry Stackhouse said.

Rony Seikaly scored 21 points and Latrell Sprewell had 19 points and a career-high 13 rebounds for the Warriors, who won their third in a row for the first time since November 1994.

Trail Blazers 114, Celtics 100, OT
Rod Strickland had 27 points, a season-high 18 assists and eight rebounds as Portland won its second road game in as many nights after losing seven straight away from home.

Arvydas Sabonis had a career-high 24 points, and Clifford Robinson added 23 for the Blazers.

Bucks 96, Pistons 82

At Milwaukee, Glenn Robinson scored 19 points, Vin Baker 18 and Benoit Benjamin 16 for the Bucks, who ended Detroit's three-game win streak.

Pacers 110, Clippers 94

At Los Angeles, Rik Smits scored 25 points and reserve Ricky Pierce 19 as Indiana beat Los Angeles for the seventh straight time - its longest winning streak against any team in the league.

Olajuwon leads All-Star voting

NEW YORK (AP) - Houston's Hakeem Olajuwon leads Charles Barkley of Phoenix by just over 1,000 votes for the lead among Western Conference players in the latest NBA All-Star voting announced on Wednesday. Olajuwon has received 303,283 votes to 302,280 for Barkley. A year ago, Olajuwon finished 78,927 votes ahead of Barkley with 1,125,032 to 1,046,105.

Behind Olajuwon at center is San Antonio's David Robinson with 239,242, followed by Denver's Dikembe Mutombo (44,119) and Vlade Divac of the Los Angeles Lakers (34,636).

Trailing Barkley at forward are Seattle's Shawn Kemp (286,650), Utah's Karl Malone (238,511), Dallas' Jamal Mashburn (115,904) and Houston's Robert Horry (104,188).

Jason Kidd of Dallas (288,625) and Clyde Drexler of Houston (283,940) are the leaders at guard followed by Utah's John Stockton (200,457), Houston's Sam Cassell (78,927) and Dallas' Jim Jackson (78,612).

The 46th annual NBA All-Star Game will be played Sunday, Feb. 11 at the Alamodome in San Antonio.

Ranked Big 10 teams lose on road

By The Associated Press
Maybe the special Big Ten football season highlighted by Northwestern's rise is going to carry over to basketball.

The Big Ten wasn't expected to be its usual top-of-the-rankings conference this season. The race was going to be wide open, and the number of NCAA entrants might not be as high as in recent years.

Still, it can't be as crazy as it was Wednesday night. The league's three ranked teams all lost on the road, and Penn State, the conference's last unbeaten team, stayed that way with a road win.

In the league openers, it was Purdue 85, No. 10 Iowa 61; Minnesota 69, No. 13 Illinois 64; Wisconsin 51, No. 21 Michigan 46; and Penn State 72, Ohio State 69.

"We won a nice game, but we have 17 more tough games to go, and I'm too smart to get too excited at this point," Minnesota coach Clem Haskins said.

Besides, it might get even better.

In other games involving ranked teams Wednesday night, it was No. 2 Kentucky 89, South Carolina 60; No. 6 Georgetown 81, DePaul 61; No. 7 Connecticut 89, West Virginia 79; Miami 75, No. 11 Syracuse 66; No. 14 Georgia 74, Mississippi 38; No. 17 Mississippi State 77, LSU 64; No. 22 Clemson 51, No. 19 Duke 48; Nebraska 85, No. 23 Texas 69; and No. 24 Boston College 95, Rutgers 67.

Penn State remained unbeaten in 10 games with the victory at Columbus, matching the starts of the 1922-23 and 1924-25 teams as the best in the school's 100 years of basketball.

"We believe we belong in the Big Ten and that we'll succeed in the Big Ten," said Danny Earl, who had 16 points and six assists for the Nittany Lions. "Penn State has always been thought of as a football school. Now we're trying to make a move in basketball."

Purdue is trying to win its third straight Big Ten title. The last team to do that was the great Ohio State teams of the early 1960s.

The Boilermakers (11-2) opened defense of the crown with reserve center Brad Miller scoring a career-high 23 points while matching his career-high with 11 rebounds.

"It was the best game of his career. I don't think there's any doubt about that," Purdue coach Gene Keady said of the 6-foot-11 sophomore. "He passed the ball well. He rebounded, he made his shots and he made his free throws and he was really focused."

The loss ended the Hawkeyes' nine-game winning streak and extended Purdue's winning streak to seven.

Iowa (11-2), the league's preseason favorite, was never closer than seven points in the final 11 minutes and didn't score in the final

2:58. The Hawkeyes went into game leading the nation in rebounding margin (18.7) and had outrebounded all of its previous opponents. Purdue ended the streak with a 34-27 advantage.

"He's terrific. I don't know who is better on the inside (in the league)," Iowa coach Tom Davis said of Miller. "He has good hands. He's good scoring-wise and had a pretty strong line."

Jess Settles had 13 points to lead the Hawkeyes, who had 20 turnovers.

Minnesota 69, No. 13 Illinois 64

Sam Jacobson had 22 points and Bobby Jackson added 17 for the Golden Gophers (9-4), who made seven of eight free throws in the final 41 seconds. The starters for the Fighting Illini (11-2) scored two points in the first half and 22 for the game on 6-of-26 shooting. Jerry Hester led Illinois with 20 points.

"I've never had that happen before," Lou Henson, in his 21st season as coach at Illinois said of his starters' performance. "It was a bizarre first half. Both teams played well on offense, but we were just horrible on offense."

Wisconsin 51, No. 21 Michigan 46

The Badgers (9-4) trailed by 12 points in the second half before rallying for coach Dick Bennett's first league win. Mosezell Peterson had 17 points for Wisconsin. The Wolverines (10-4),

who have lost four of the last five years in Madison, shot 16.7 percent in the second half (3-for-18) and were led by freshman Louis Bullock's 13 points.

"You're not going to win too many games when you only score three field goals in the second half," Michigan coach Steve Fisher said. "I think that's a credit to Wisconsin's defense. Consequently, we're going home again licking our wounds."

No. 2 Kentucky 89, South Carolina 60

Tony Delk had 28 points and the Wildcats (10-1) had a 19-0 run in the second half in the Southeastern Conference opener for both teams. It was the ninth straight win for Kentucky, and the last seven have been by an average of 30 points. Larry Davis had 18 points for the Gamecocks (6-4) in their first home sellout in three years.

No. 6 Georgetown 81, DePaul 61

The visiting Hoyas (12-1) won their ninth straight behind the 24 points of Allen Iverson.

Miami 75, No. 11 Syracuse 66

The Orangemen (11-2, 2-1 Big East) ended a six-game 15-day road trip with their second straight loss. Freshman Tim James scored 19 points in 18 minutes and he had two baskets in a 12-0 run midway through the second half that gave the Hurricanes (8-3, 2-1) the lead for good. Todd Burgan had 20 points for Syracuse, which lost to No. 1 Massachusetts in the championship game of the Rainbow Classic.

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Single Parent	13.60	264.00	164.00
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Texas-Oklahoma boundary causes confusion

By JEAN PAGEL
Associated Press Writer
OKLAUNION, Texas (AP) - The Red River certainly shows off a bit of charm.

It ripples softly by farms and cattle pastures here in Wilbarger County. Wildflowers grow nearby; fishermen find plenty of catfish.

But where the flow becomes narrow and vague, the river creates a political headache akin to the gnats and cockleburrs that flourish around it.

And so the debate over the Texas-Oklahoma boundary looks as murky and meandering as the river itself.

Exact banks were far from obvious one evening near Oklaunion, about 10 miles east of Vernon, where two game wardens stood together on a bridge. The river's violet waters reflected the sky at twilight.

"Everybody's just kind of confused about it," said Bob Wingo of the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation.

"I don't know how they're going to work it out," said Don Taylor of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. "From listening to them (landowners), it's a pretty big deal."

Sure, the Red River separates the two states for about 440 miles. But when it comes to details - in matters like hunting and fishing, law enforcement, property taxes, mineral rights - the boundary question turns tricky.

Problems arise in places where the river's inconsistent path and irregular flow can leave big stretches of sandy wasteland amid occasional pools of water.

Governors of both states recently appointed commissions to try resolving the issue that dates back to the Louisiana Purchase in 1803.

"I think the fact that this has been a problem from almost 200 years points to the fact that there's no easy solution," said William Abney, a real-estate attorney from Marshall and chairman of the Texas commission.

Abney said the commissions are

charged with deciding on a clear and permanent divider.

He said the present boundary is the south bank of the Red River as it existed Feb. 22, 1821 - the date the United States ratified a land-purchase treaty with Spain.

But the waters tend to move north or south with floods and erosion. No one knows exactly where the river flowed back in 1821.

Parts of Texas now lie north of the Red River and parts of Oklahoma lie south of it, according to Abney.

Baffled? Many people are. The boundary has been known to stump game wardens, property-tax assessors and troopers at the sites of car wrecks.

"Where an act happens determines where it's tried," Abney said. "If you find a body in the river bottom, is it in Texas or Oklahoma?"

Texas commission member Charles Henderson said he was sued

in 1984 by an Oklahoma neighbor who contended that the state line was farther south than what Henderson believed.

"It's extremely important to the landowners all along the river. There's not anyone wouldn't like to know where their property lines are," said Henderson, who raises cotton and wheat and cattle in Byers, about 30 miles northeast of Wichita Falls. "But it's equally important to know for law enforcement."

Court rulings have declared the boundary to be the south bank. Location of the south bank, however, has been subject to different interpretations because it changes daily in many areas and is not easily identifiable.

"I believe it can be resolved with identifiable. Texas state Sen. Tom Haywood, R-Wichita Falls, said his constituents worry that federal officials might take control.

hard work and dedication on both sides," Haywood said. "In other words, Texas and Oklahoma agreeing to a compromise in order to keep the federal government out of everybody's hair."

Commissions appointed in 1991 failed to settle the matter.

Abney said the Texans chosen by Gov. Ann Richards were unable to reach an agreement with their Oklahoma counterparts. The Texas proposals included:

- Recommend that the middle of the deepest channel of the Red River be designated as the surface boundary;
- Leave mineral ownership undisturbed;
- Eliminate federal ownership of the

south half of the river within the 116-mile distance between the 98th meridian and the mouth of the river's north fork.

Subsequent commissions, expiring in June 1998, were appointed this year.

Fourteen state senators and representatives make up the Oklahoma panel, which has not met yet. Six private citizens sit on the Texas side, which met Nov. 15 for the first time.

Any agreement worked out must win approval of the two state Legislatures and Congress.

Both groups profess optimism. And they doubt - publicly, anyway - that state pride or rivalry will influence the task.

"I do not believe taking the positions that we beat the Oklahoma guys from

our side, or they beat the Texas guys from their side, would be a constructive approach," said Abney, the Texas chairman.

"The better approach is to establish a clearly visible, jurisdictional line and at the same time preserve all the private property rights."

Oklahoma state Sen. Robert M. Kerr, D-Altus, chairman of his state's commission, also sounds hopeful despite the elusiveness of a happy agreement.

"Obviously there are reasons that the boundary should be easily discernible," Kerr said. "Whether it's necessary that it get resolved this year or not, it's gone on for decades... the world won't come to an end if we don't get it resolved."

Members of state boundary commissions

By The Associated Press
Members of Texas' Red River Boundary Commission:
William Abney of Marshall, real-estate attorney and commission chairman
Charles T. Henderson of Byers, farmer and rancher
Don Ross Malone of Vernon, attorney
Mildred Whatley Nunneley of Nocona, real-estate broker
Patricia Crawford Peale of Lake Kiowa, Cooke County Republican party chairwoman
Christine Smart of Denison, retired school teacher and program director for Texas Education Agency

Members of Oklahoma's Red River Boundary Commission:
State Sen. Robert M. Kerr, D-Altus, commission chairman
State Sen. Gilmer Capps, D-Snyder
State Sen. Carol Martin, R-Comanche
State Sen. Darryl Roberts, D-Ardmore
State Sen. Sam Helton, D-Lawton
State Sen. Jack Bell, D-Idabel
State Sen. Billy Mickle, D-Durant
State Rep. Loyd Benson, D-Frederick
State Rep. Teri Matlock, D-Garvin
State Rep. Howard Corner, D-Altus
State Rep. Jim Duncan, D-Calera
State Rep. Randall Erwin, D-Nashoba
State Rep. Bill Smith, D-Ringling
State Rep. Fred Stanley, D-Madill

Television

THURSDAY

JANUARY 4

	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM
2	Flash	MMC	Movie: Stanley's Dragon	Judd Trichter	Travis Tritt: Going Home				Cowboys of the Americas		
3	News	Ent. Tonight	Friends	Single Guy	Seinfeld	Caroline	ER		News	Seinfeld	Nightline
4	NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	Fat Man	Garden	Mystery!			Rukeyser's Money Guide	Computer	Charlie Rose		
5	News	Wh. Fortune	(05) Movie: Toy Soldiers (1984)	Jason Miller, Cleavon Little ***	(20) Movie: Red Dawn (1984)	Patrick Swayze ***					
6	Fam. Mat.	NBA Basketball	Chicago Bulls at Charlotte Hornets		News	Seinfeld	Swaps	Simon & Simon			
7	News	Home Imp.	Murder, She Wrote	Grand Ole Opry 70th Anniversary			News	(35) Late Show			
8	Roseanne	Simpsons	Single	Crew	New York Undercover	Star Trek: Deep Space 9	M*A*S*H	Cops	Wanted		
9	College Basketball: N.C. Charlotte vs. Va. Tech				Basketball	College Basketball	Massachusetts vs. Memphis	Sportscenter			
10	Waltons		Highway to Heaven	Rescue 911			700 Club	Shade	Shade	Bonanza	
11	(5:00) Movie: Plaza Suite		Movie: What's Love Got to Do With It	Angela Bassett			Movie: The Meteor Man ** PG		On the Set		
12	Movie: Bugs Bunny Movie		Movie: Addams Family Values	PG-13	Movie: Private Resort	Rob Morrow 'R'		Inside the NFL			
13	Movie: Steel Magnolias		Movie: Mi Vida Loca (1993)	Angel Aviles, Sedy Lopez			Movie: Galaxis	Brigitte Nielsen 'R'	(35) Movie: Witchboard		
14	Movie: Johnny Belinda (1948)	Jane Wyman ***			Movie: So Big (1953)	Jane Wyman ***			Movie: Lucy Gallant (1955) ***		
15	Club Dance	News	Life of Mary Robbins		Music City Tonight		Club Dance	News	Robbins		
16	Invention	Movie Magic	Wild Discovery		Movie Magic	Know Zone	Time Traveler	Movie Magic	Invention	Wild Disc.	
17	Equalizer		Ancient Mysteries				Voyages	Law & Order	Biography		
18	Comish		Unsolved Mysteries		Movie: A Stoning in Fulham County (1988) ***			Unsolved Mysteries	Mysteries		
19	Women's College Basketball		College Basketball: Northwestern St. La. at McNeese St.					College Basketball	Arizona at California		
20	In the Heat of the Night		Movie: What Ever Happened to Baby Jane? (1962)	Bette Davis ***					Movie: Mommie Dearest (1981) **		
21	Doug	Tiny Toon	Munsters	Jeanie	I Love Lucy	Bewitched	M.T. Moore	Taxi	Kotter	Van Dyke	Newhart
22	Wings		Wings	Tremors (1990)	Kevin Bacon, Fred Ward ***			Highlander: The Series	Silk Stalkings		Highlander
23	Lazos de Amor		Acapulco Cuerpo y Alma	El Premio Mayor				Bienvenidos	Noticiero	P. Impacto	Varonica
24	Jonny Q.	Scoby Doo	Garfield	Scoby Doo	Flintstones	Jetsons		Bugs & Daffy Tonight	SpGhost	Moby	Josie-Cats
25	NBA Finals	College Basketball	East Tennessee State at Kansas		IndyCar Year in Review			NHL Znight	Hockey: World Jr. Champ	Gold Medal	

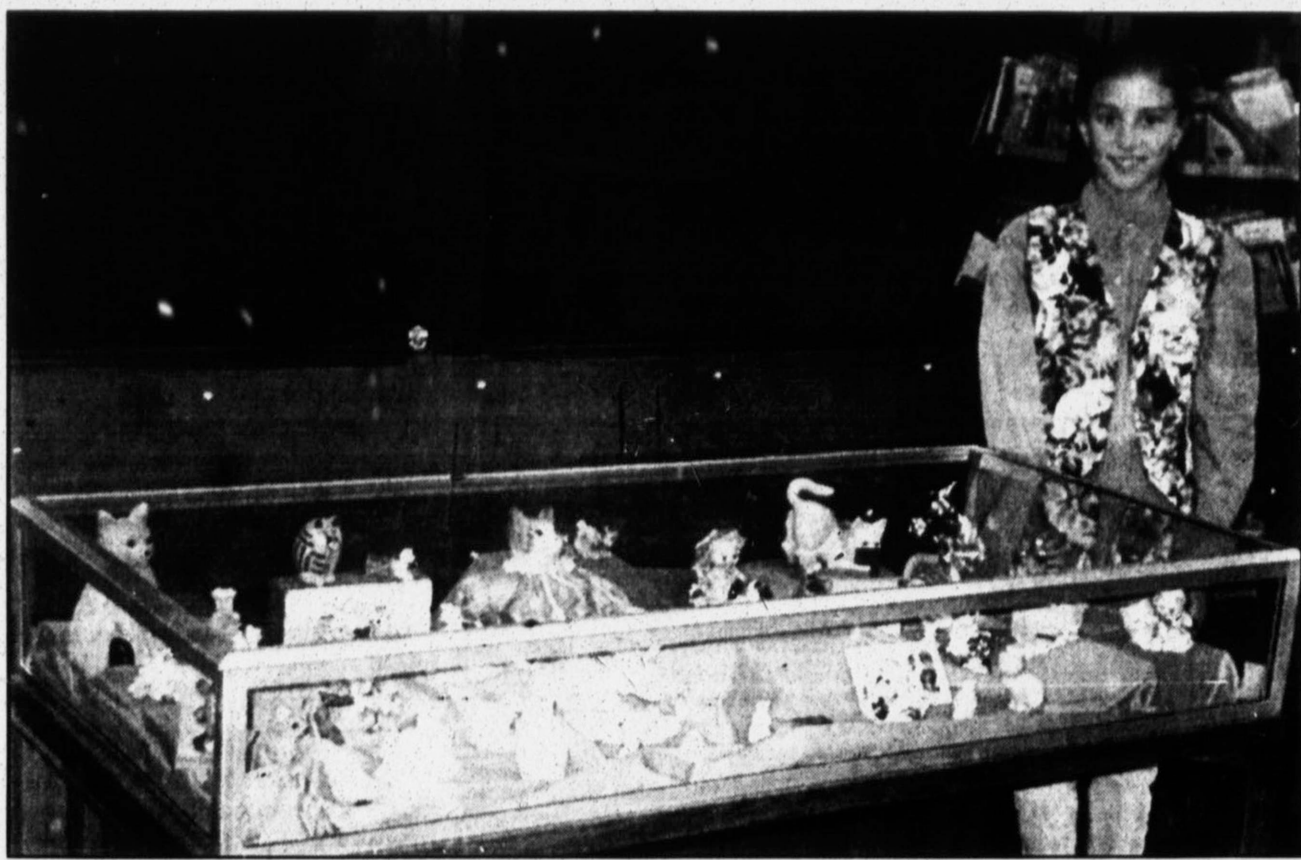
FRIDAY

JANUARY 5

	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	Gummy B.	Pooh Cnr.	Dumbo	Umbrella	Fraggle	Ducktales	Chip 'n Dale	Tale Spin	Movie:
3	Today				Geraldo		Loeza		Gordon Elliott		Our Lives
4	Indulgences	Indulgences	Sesame Street		Lamb Chop	Storytime	Mr Rogers	Imagineland	Barney	Puzzle Place	Fork-Road
5	Gilligan	Bewitched	Boss?	Griffith	Little House on the Prairie	(05) Matlock	(05) Perry Mason	(05) Little House on the Prairie	News		Movie: War
6	Good Morning America				Live - Regis & Kathie Lee			Montel Williams	Little House on the Prairie		News
7	News			Griffith	Griffith	Court TV		Charlie's Angels	Geraldo		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	Christiae	Gabrielle	Danny!
10	Sportscenter		Sportscenter		Sportscenter			Sportscenter		Sportscenter	Auto Racing
11	Xuxa	Heathcliff	Make a Deal	Name-Tune	700 Club			FIT TV	Rescue 911		Waltons
12	Movie: Steel Magnolias		Movie: Only You Mansa Tomei ** PG					Movie: A Home of Our Own	Kathy Bates ** PG		Movie:
13	(6:30) Movie: Love Affair	Warren Beatty	My Mother's Murder		Movie: School Ties (1992)	Brendan Fraser, Matt Damon		Movie: Radio Flyer (1992)			
14	Movie: Running Free	PG	Movie: It's Alive! John Ryan ** PG		Movie: Double Blast	Linda Blair ** PG		Movie: Amore!	Jack Scala ** PG-13		
15	(6:30) Movie: Fixer Dugan		Movie: The Great Man Votes (1939)		Movie: Gold Rush	Maisie (1940) **		Movie: Babes on Broadway (1941) ***			
16	(Off Air)		VideoMorning						Crafts	Crafts	Wildhorse
17	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Goals 2000		Home	Start		Housesmart!	Kerr's	Cuisine	Great Chefs
18	Remington Steele		McMillan and Wife					Mike Hammer	Quincy		Equalizer
19	Baby Knows	Your Baby	Sisters		Our Home			Biggers and Summers	Living	Our Home	Handmad
20	Press Box	Workout	Workout	Get Fit	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.		College Basketball: Northwestern St. La. at McNeese St.	Basketball		
21	(6:30) Scooby Dooby Doo	Bugs Bunny	Flintstones		Gilligan			Knots Landing	Starky and Hutch		Angels
22	Looney	Gumby	Rugrats	Busy World	Muppets	Muppets		Allegra	Gullah	Rupert	Busy World
23	G.I. Joe	Woody	Knight Rider		Murder, She Wrote			Magnum, P.I.	Quantum Leap		People Ct.
24	Plaza Sesa	El Chavo	Chespirito		Papa Solt	Dr Perez		Entre la Vida y la Muerte			Imperio de Cristal
25	Flintstone	Tom-Jerry	Richie Rich	Fant. Max	Buf-Ghost	Scooby Doo		Paw Paws	Puppies	Smurfs	Smurfs
26	Flex Appeal	Bodyshape	Crunch	Bodyshape	Flex Appeal	Crunch		Gotta Sweat	Fitness	Flex Appeal	Bodyshape

	12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30
2	Movie: Neverending		Pooh	C. Brown	Quack	Pegasus	Raisins	Jack and the Beanstalk	Back to the Beanstalk		
3	Our Lives	Another World		Jenny Jones		Maury Povich		Oprah Winfrey	News	NBC News	
4	Body Elec.	Fat Man	Garden	Watercolor	TaiChi	Painting	Reading	C. Sandiego	Science Guy	Wildhorse	Science
5	(12:05) Movie: War Drums	Gilligan	(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!	ABC News	ABC News
7	News	Perry Mason		Charles Perez		Warner		Animaniacs	Fam. Mat.	Dreams	Saved-Bell
8	Bold & B.	As the World Turns		Guiding Light		Cur. Affair		Hard Copy	Ricki Lake	News	CBS News
9	Danny!	Matlock		In the Heat of the Night		Taz-Mania		X-Men	Batman	Goosebump	Full House
10	Powerboat Racing	NFL Great	SuperBowl	SuperBowl		PGA Golf		Mercedes Championships - Second Round	Up Close	Sportsctr.	
11	Waltons	Highway to Heaven		Punky B.	I'm Telling	Wild Animal		Masters	Family Challenge	Newhart	Newhart
12	Movie: It Runs-Family		Movie: Son of the Pink Panther ** PG		(15) Movie: Princess Caraboo	Phoebe Cates *** PG			Movie: Terminal Velocity		
13	(11:30) Movie: Radio Flyer		Movie: Raid on Entebbe (1977)	Peter Finch, Charles Bronson ***				Movie: Love Affair	Warren Beatty ** PG-13		
14	Movie: Searching for Bobby Fischer	Joe Mantegna		Movie: My Life (1993)	Michael Keaton, Nicole Kidman				Movie: The Pelican Brief	Julia Roberts	
15	Movie: Born to Sing (1942) **			Movie: This Time for Keeps (1942) **					Movie: Ten Thousand Bedrooms (1957) ***		
16	Wildhorse	VideoPM							Wildhorse Saloon	Club Dance	
17	Home	Start	Easy Does It	Homeworks	Kerr's	Cuisine		Great Chefs	Popular Mechanics	Wings	
18	Equalizer	Columbo				Mike Hammer		Remington Steele	Quincy		
19	Designing	Movie: Babies (1990)	Lindsay Wagner, Dinah Manoff **		Spenser: For Hire			Cagney & Lacey	Supernat.	Designing	
20	Women's College Basketball		Prime Cuts	On the Line	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.		Skating USA	Racing	English Soccer Highlights	
21	Angels	CHiPs		Wild, Wild West		Movie: The Manltou (1978)		Tony Curtis **		In the Heat of the Night	
22	Papa Beaver	Gumby	Tintin	Looney	Beetlejuice	Muppets		Chipmunks	Tiny Toon	Looney	Clarissa
23	(45) People's Court	Love Con.	(15) Love Connection		MacGyver				Highlander	Renegade	
24	Cristal	Como Tu, Ninguna			Cristina				Primer Impacto	Dr Perez	Notic. Uni.
25	Shirt Tales	Toons	Top Cat	Tom-Jerry	Tom-Jerry	Josie-Cats		Bond Jr.	Planet	SWAT Kats	Cartoon Planet
26	Sports Babe	Hockey: World Junior Championship	Gold Medal			College Basketball		East Tennessee State at Kansas	Outdoor	Sports Bowl	

	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM
2	Movie: Beanstalk	J.D. Daniels 'PG		Toy Story		Movie: Lawrence of Arabia **** PG		Movie: Gone to Texas (1986)	Sam Elliott, Michael Beck		
3	News	Ent. Tonight		Unsolved Mysteries		Dateline		Homicide: Life	News	(35) Tonight Show	
4	NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	Wash. Week	Wall St.		Citizens			Presidency	Wait for God	Previews	Mansion
5	Videos	Videos	(05) Movie: Loverboy (1989)	Patrick Dempsey **	(15) Movie: Better Off Dead (1985)	John Cusack **			Blues		
6	News	Wh. Fortune	Fam. Mat.	Boy-World	Step-Step	Mr. Cooper		20/20	News	Seinfeld	Nightline
7	Fam. Mat.	Newhart	Hercules-Jrns.		Xena: Warrior Princess			News	Swaps	Simon & Simon	
8	News	Home Imp.	Due South		Diagnosis Murder	Picket Fences		News	(35) Late Show		
9	Roseanne	Simpsons	Strange Luck		X-Files			Star Trek: Voyager	M*A*S*H	Cops	Wanted
10	Sportsctr.	Outside the Lines		Boxing		Boxing		Azumah Nelson vs. Gabriel Ruelas	Sportscenter		SuperBowl
11	Waltons		Highway to Heaven		Rescue 911			700 Club		Movie: The Three Musketeers (1974)	
12	Movie: Terminal Velocity										



It's a "cat"astrophe!

Not really. Sadra Daniels, 11, stands beside some of the cats she has collected in the past couple of years since an aunt gave her one for Christmas. The felines will be on display throughout January at the Deaf Smith County Library (where we hope they stay out of the card "cat"alog!)

Amarillo Symphony to perform

The Amarillo Symphony will hold its annual Concerts for Young People on Jan. 11 and 12 in the Civic Center Auditorium in Amarillo.

Two performances will be offered each day. The first will begin at 10 a.m. and the second at 1 p.m.

Cancer clinic offered here

The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and High Plains Baptist Health Systems will conduct a breast cancer screening clinic at South Plains Health Care Provider, Inc. in Hereford on Jan. 12.

Each participant at the screening will receive a breast exam and one-on-one instruction in breast self-examination by a registered nurse specially trained in breast cancer detection, and a mammogram by a mammography technician.

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

The total cost of the screening is \$70. Financial aid is available for breast screening and mammograms to individuals who qualify.

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



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Eating a good breakfast helps school children to concentrate

By YAMIL BERARD
Fort Worth Star-Telegram
ARLINGTON, Texas - The child in the Pocahontas T-shirt rests her sleepy head on the desk. Her combed hair becomes disheveled and her eyes close momentarily.

"Wake up, sleepyhead!" says Cindy Brennan, a first-grade teacher at South Davis Elementary School in Arlington.

The 6-year-old rises clumsily from the desk and offers a drowsy grin as her teacher prepares to read to the class.

Just the other day, another of Brennan's first-graders came to class "in a terrible mood." The child was scribbling red marker all over his papers, his homework, his fingers.

In both cases, Brennan recognizes the signs almost immediately. "What's the matter, hon? Did you eat breakfast?"

According to teachers, nurses and nutrition experts, the answer is increasingly "no" for dozens of children. And teachers say many of these students are dozing off, acting out or complaining of headaches and stomachaches each morning in class. Working parents often don't have time to prepare a morning meal, so many youngsters go to school without. Some schools offer breakfast plans, but they can be at very early hours.

The benefits of eating a good breakfast are well-documented. The nutrients - proteins, carbohydrates and vitamins - locked in a slice of toast, a glass of orange juice and a bowl of cereal are energizing food for thought. Children need these foods to build bone mass and stay healthy, and to help retain the knowledge they are learning from their teachers,

experts say. Pediatricians and nutritionists say that children who eat breakfast perform better and are more positive about learning. If a child has missed the most important meal of the day, he or she often has difficulty concentrating, according to nurses in Tarrant County.

"If they don't eat, they don't do well," said Dorothy Posel, nurse coordinator for the Keller school district. "They don't have enough energy and they get headaches and are preoccupied all the time. Breakfast is a big deal."

Elaine Hoover, a registered nurse at O.C. Taylor Elementary School in Colleyville, said she regularly sees children who show symptoms of having skipped breakfast.

Hoover said many children skip breakfast because they don't tend to get hungry until about 10 a.m.

But Sam Faubion, a first-grader at Timberline Elementary School in Grapevine, said he is hungry the minute he gets out of bed.

At 7:30 a.m. every school day, the 6-year-old washes down a banquet of scrambled eggs and light sausage - dipped in ketchup - with his favorite grape juice.

"I only eat four sausages," Sam said as his mother, Tammy, mixed his eggs. "Sometimes I cut up a hot dog into wienies. I like it with lots of ketchup."

Why is breakfast important? "It gives you energy to go to school!" Sam said.

But children don't have to eat a fancy breakfast every morning to be ready for school, Hoover said.

A vitamin-enriched dry cereal is a quick, dependable way of getting the nutrients. Milkshakes are another

option that children enjoy. Hoover recommends that parents remember to include protein, carbohydrates and fruits in their children's breakfasts.

Most nutritionists advise against candy bars, but a granola or a "breakfast" bar is better than skipping the first meal of the day.

Many of the Tarrant schools that offer free- and reduced-lunch programs also offer a breakfast program for free or at a reduced cost to children who qualify under a federally subsidized program.

At 9 a.m., when Brennan's grumpy first-grader told her that he had missed breakfast, she immediately walked him to the cafeteria. It was closed until lunch. She persuaded the principal to rouse up some food.

"I'm going to start keeping stuff," Brennan said. "It's impossible for these little bodies to run from 5 in the afternoon to the next day without eating."

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10 5-inch corn tortillas

Preheat oven to 400° F.
Place 3 or 4 tortillas in a stack and cut them into 4 wedges. Repeat with remaining tortillas, making 40 wedges total.
Arrange wedges in a single layer on baking sheets. Bake for 8 to 10 minutes or until crisp. Cool before serving. Store in an airtight container for up to 2 weeks.
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Makes 40 tortilla chips. Serves 8; 5 chips per serving. Preparation time: Less than 5 minutes. Cooking time: 8 to 10 minutes.

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 15 Mean 6 Ivanhoe's creator
 17 Mates of pas
 19 Have a bite
 20 Earth color
 23 Unbroken 10 Pinnacle
 25 Stallion's mate
 26 He can give you a share
 28 Church offshoot
 29 Transmit over
 30 Invite
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 33 Manhattan buyer
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 42 Ghana's capital
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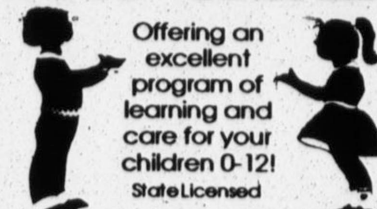
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New forms of advertising will reach you in unheard of ways during 1996

By GREG HASSELL
Houston Chronicle
HOUSTON--If you already thought advertising was everywhere, permeating each pore of human existence, think again.

Commercials will sneak up on you from at least three new directions in 1996. Using unique vantage points to sell soft drinks, lingerie and lottery tickets, they may surprise you. They may infuriate you. But they will reach you, making it a little harder to dodge advertising than ever before.

Perhaps the oddest advertising innovation comes from a Los Angeles company called Ad in The Hole, which puts ads down in golf holes. After sinking a putt, a golfer bends down to retrieve the ball and bingo-- Eat at Joe's.

Ad in The Hole has installed ads at 600 golf courses across the United States. In Texas, it has contracts with eight courses, all of them in Houston. They include the Hermann Park, Memorial Park, Brock Park, Glenbrook, Gus Wortham, Houston Hills, Jersey Meadow and Sharpstown Park links.

"The biggest problem with advertising today is all of the clutter," said Ken Sorensen, marketing director for Ad in The Hole. "There is intense competition for our attention."

It's the clutter that drives advertisers to try new approaches, which often turn into the clutter of tomorrow.

Because there are no billboards on the fairways _ not yet, anyway _ Ad in The Hole can promise clients their messages will come through loud and

clear. The ads cost roughly \$1,000 per year per hole. The company estimates 50,000 golfers will see each ad annually. That works out to about two cents per golfer.

"This form of advertising is unique and reaches a most desirable consumer," Sorensen said. "It's not obnoxious, because we're not beating anyone over the head with this. It's relatively subtle."

To shoo competitors off its turf, Ad in The Hole has filed for a patent on its ad-bearing contraption, which snaps into a golf cup. It also seeks to patent the very idea of putting ads in golf holes.

"That includes Putt-Putt courses," Sorensen warned copycats.

The second commercial innovation--slapping commercials on turnstiles--comes from Orlando businessman Martin Hering. The idea came to him three years ago while he was attending an Orlando Magic basketball game.

"I saw all these people who looked down at the turnstile before they touched it and thought, 'This is it!'" the 35-year-old Hering recalls.

So Hering invented a patented plastic sleeve that fits over turnstile arms. He sells his Turnstile Ad sleeves to sports arenas, which rent the space to advertisers.

Houston's Astrodome has installed Turnstile Ad sleeves on all 68 turnstiles inside the complex, including the Astrohall and Astroarena. The ads were in place for the last couple of Oilers football games.

Despite the Oilers' sagging attendance, advertisers including Coca-Cola and the Texas Lottery

snapped up all available turnstile space.

The turnstile ads will get their biggest exposure next month when the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo hits town. Last year's rodeo attracted more than 1.8 million customers.

Hering has sold his idea to 20 different arenas, but he wants to be in every major venue in the world, from amusement parks to subways. "There are thousands of places that use turnstiles, and we want to be in every one of them."

When The Cheesecake Factory opened its first Houston location just before Halloween, diners got an unexpected treat _ or trick, depending on their point of view. The restaurant's glossy, 19-page menu is

peppered with advertisements. The ads tout local merchants selling everything from furniture to bikinis.

"They give our customers something to look at while other people at their table are still ordering," said Cheesecake President David Overton.

Overton first allowed ads in the California-based company's menus 12 years ago, when a marketing firm approached him with the idea. Despite some reservations, Overton gave the ads a try, and he's been pleased with the results. First of all, the ads pay for the fancy menus, which would cost each Cheesecake location about \$10,000 per year. And most customers have reacted favorably.

Love them or hate them, these new ads demonstrate a tenacious adaptability.

AXYDLBAAXR is LONG FELLOW

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

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CATTLE-FUTURES (CME) 50,000 lbs., cents per lb.				CORN (CBT) 5,000 bu., cents per bu.			
Jan	86.45	86.30	86.15	Mar	275	276	277
Feb	86.25	86.10	85.95	Apr	276	277	278
Mar	86.15	86.00	85.85	May	277	278	279
Apr	86.05	85.90	85.75	Jun	278	279	280
May	85.95	85.80	85.65	Jul	279	280	281
Jun	85.85	85.70	85.55	Aug	280	281	282
Jul	85.75	85.60	85.45	Sep	281	282	283
Aug	85.65	85.50	85.35	Oct	282	283	284
Sep	85.55	85.40	85.25	Nov	283	284	285
Oct	85.45	85.30	85.15	Dec	284	285	286
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Dry weather causing problems for wheat producers

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) - This season's dry winter weather is causing problems for many wheat producers on the Texas High Plains, where about half of the state's wheat acreage is grown, the Texas Agricultural Extension Service reports.

Most of the wheat grown in Texas is of the hard red winter varieties, planted in September and October. Wheat producers experienced terrible weather conditions in 1994 and harvested only 75.4 million bushels, about 64 percent of the 1993 crop.

Texas made up 5 percent of the total U.S. wheat production in 1994, with 3.7 million acres harvested for a total production value of \$241.3 million. Producers across Texas may be facing hard times again this season.

"Texas is a big state," said Dr. Billy Warrick, Extension agronomist in San Angelo, "and although we produce about a million bushels in West Central Texas, our impact on the overall wheat crop will not be as great as those in the Panhandle, which produces about 2 million bushels."

Warrick said it is hard to tell what kind of an impact the dry weather will have on wheat production until spring. He said the crops in West Central Texas were planted later and have had to grow in less-than-optimum conditions.

"The wheat just looks bad," he said, "and the only way to save it is if we have timely rainfall in the spring and everything is done at the right time."

Warrick said those producers who are growing wheat for forage purposes are in a bad situation

because the lack of rain has inhibited growth of the wheat pastures.

"Many producers are having to feed hay that was put up for the summer," he said. "That's an expensive way to feed cattle."

Dr. Clay Salisbury, Extension agronomist in Amarillo, said the condition of dryland wheat in the Panhandle is very poor to fair. He said the wheat that was planted early is drought-stressed, and the recent moisture was not nearly enough.

"Not only is the wheat that is already planted suffering, but the subsequent plantings are also delayed," he said. "Even with more moisture, producers will probably still not be able to plant. It's as bad as I've ever seen it, or at least in the past five years."

Salisbury predicts that those producers unable to plant wheat will make an acreage shift to grain sorghum. He said some may turn to irrigation, but this could get expensive.

"Those that have water can irrigate their wheat," he said, "but that really cuts into the economics of the wheat crop."

Salisbury added that although less than half of the wheat acreage in the Panhandle is irrigated now, more producers are likely to irrigate because of the unfavorable conditions. Little wheat in Glasscock County is irrigated, and David Knight, county Extension agent, said the area will not have much of a wheat crop if it does not receive moisture immediately.

"Eighty percent of our wheat crop is in very poor condition," he said,

"and the other 20 percent is being irrigated or has been pre-irrigated."

"Irrigating is expensive, and sometimes producers just can't afford to spend that on a crop."

Kight said Glasscock County is not a big wheat producing area, so the impact will probably not be as dramatic as it would be if this was their primary crop.

Producers in the Rolling Plains are being severely affected. Scott Durham, district Extension director in Vernon, said wheat pastures are in very poor condition because of lack of soil moisture on the surface. Durham said the area received decent amounts of rain over the weekend, but it will not be enough to save most crops.

"About 99.9 percent of our wheat is planted, but the weather here is extremely dry," he said. "Sure the rains will help, but the added moisture won't save anything now."

Many of the wheat producers in the area lease their pastures to stocker cattle owners for grazing. Durham said that the poor condition of the wheat pastures has reduced the amount of grazing, and wheat producers are feeling the impact.

"The reduction in stocker cattle grazing in this area is causing a severe situation for wheat producers at this point," he said. "Owners of stocker cattle means money coming in to some wheat producers here, but the pasture isn't out there and producers are losing out."

Durham added that it is too early to determine what effect the dry weather will have on wheat in terms of grain production and quality.

Michael S. Flynn, meteorologist at the National Weather Service Agricultural Service Center in College Station, said the cool, dry weather over most of the state between Christmas and New Year's Day was due to surface high pressure.

"Upper air disturbances triggered light rain elsewhere during the middle and latter part of the week," he said, "and the arctic surge that moved in on New Year's Day brought snow to the western and northern sections of the state."

Flynn said rapid warming is expected across the state Thursday, but another cold surge will move into the western areas Thursday night and across the rest of the state on Friday.

"Temperatures should be below normal over the weekend," he said. "A chance of showers is expected for the southeast on Friday with a slight chance for snow to follow in the Panhandle and South Plains on Saturday."

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

PANHANDLE: Soil moisture short. Pastures, ranges in poor to fair condition; need moisture. Cotton harvest 99 percent complete; yields below average. Wheat in poor condition. Hay feeding of cattle increasing.

SOUTH PLAINS: Soil moisture short. Pastures, ranges in need of moisture. Wheat planting near completion. Harvesting cotton, pecans. Supplemental feeding of livestock continues in most areas.

ROLLING PLAINS: Soil moisture short. Ranges in fair condition; need moisture. Cotton harvest almost complete; yields below average. Wheat stands in poor to fair condition. Livestock in good condition; supplemental feeding increasing.

NORTH TEXAS: Soil moisture very short to adequate. Winter pastures in fair condition; need moisture. Wheat in very poor to fair condition. Harvesting cotton, pecans. Pruning peaches. Livestock in good condition.

EAST TEXAS: Soil moisture short to adequate. Winter pastures improved; remain in poor condition.

Haying and supplemental feeding of cattle continues. Winter vegetables in fair to good condition; early pruning of peach trees. Harvesting pecans.

FAR WEST TEXAS: Soil moisture very short to short. Pastures, ranges in poor condition; need moisture. Wheat in very poor to poor condition. Harvesting pecans; yields average. Livestock supplemented heavily in some areas.

WEST CENTRAL TEXAS: Soil moisture very short to short. Pastures, ranges in good condition; quality, quantity decreasing due to lack of moisture. Small grains in severe moisture stress; nominal winter grazing. Fall gardening complete.

Pecan harvest almost complete.

CENTRAL TEXAS: Soil moisture short. Planting wheat in Blacklands. Harvesting peanuts; yields above average, quality below average. Harvesting pecans. Supplemental feeding of livestock increases.

SOUTHEAST TEXAS: Soil moisture adequate to surplus. Pastures, winter grasses in good condition; very wet conditions in some areas. Heavy rains in the last two weeks. Pecan harvest almost complete. Cattle market steady.

SOUTHWEST TEXAS: Soil moisture adequate. Pastures, ranges in good condition. Harvesting southern greens, cabbage. Recent freeze damaged some rapidly growing

greens, spinach. Fields prepared for early spring planting.

COASTAL BEND: Soil moisture adequate. Pastures, ranges improving with recent rains. Supplemental feeding of cattle increasing. Most winter wheat progressing; some hail damage reported. Harvesting home gardens. Preparing land for 1996 crops.

SOUTH TEXAS: Soil moisture adequate. Pastures, ranges in fair condition. Harvesting carrots, cabbage, various greens, peppers. Harvest continues of early oranges, grapefruit. Cool, wet weather increasing foliar diseases on vegetables.

Brain substance found to inhibit appetite; may lead to obesity pill

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NEW YORK (AP) - In a new lead for developing a pill to help people control their weight, scientists reported today that they have identified a powerful appetite suppressor in the brain.

The substance made rats cut back on feeding by up to 95 percent and should have a similar effect on humans, researcher Dr. Stephen Bloom said.

Scientists might need only two years or so to develop a pill for human testing as a way to fight obesity, said Bloom, professor of endocrinology at the Royal Postgraduate Medical School in London and a researcher at London's Hammersmith Hospital.

The substance is called glucagon-like peptide-1, or GLP-1. Scientists had known it did something in the brains of mammals but didn't know what. The new work suggests it is a key part of the brain's regulation of food intake.

GLP-1 and the brain-cell structures it acts on are found in a part of the brain called the hypothalamus, which regulates appetite and other basic

behavior.

While the substance has been tested only in the rats, GLP-1 is found in the hypothalamus of people and it acts on similar structures, so Bloom said he is highly certain that GLP-1 has the same role in people.

In a study reported in today's issue of the journal Nature, Bloom and his colleagues injected GLP-1 into the brains of rats. In animals that hadn't eaten in 24 hours, the injections reduced food intake by up to 95 percent, depending on the dosage.

Rats injected with GLP-1 "behaved like any animal does after it has a meal," Bloom said. "It gets sleepy, it grooms itself, it doesn't move around so much." That shows GLP-1 was cutting appetite by making the rats feel full rather than sick, he said.

Scientists also tested a substance that blocks the effect of GLP-1. The blocker more than doubled food intake in rats that were full already, suggesting that it was interfering with the rats' GLP-1 stop-eating signals.

In starving rats, the blocker had no effect, presumably because the hungry rats had no GLP-1 signal to be blocked.

Bloom said the researchers plan to study GLP-1's relationship to the recently discovered substance leptin, another signaler of satiety, which is created by fat cells and acts on the brain. One question is whether leptin does its job by turning on production of GLP-1 in the brain, Bloom said.

To turn the GLP-1 research into a pill for people, scientists might look for a substance that acts like GLP-1 but can reach the brain after being swallowed, he said.

Another possibility would be to devise a drug that slows the natural breakdown of GLP-1 so that it acts longer than normal, he said. That drug would be effective only if a person already is full and therefore has the GLP-1 signal.

Such a drug might make fat people eat less but not help anorexics starve themselves, he said.

Timothy Moran of Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, who studies the body's regulation of appetite, said Bloom's study contains convincing evidence that GLP-1 plays a role in controlling food intake. Such studies in rats have generally been shown to apply to people, he said.



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- **We must continue to lay the groundwork for reforming the federal tax system.** Be it through a flat tax, value-added tax or any of the several proposals that have been put forth, our tax structure is unsatisfactory. It punishes hard work and productivity - and stifles economic growth. It must be fixed in a way that allows Americans to keep more of what they've earned.

- **Around the world, we will be watching the events about to unfold in Bosnia very closely.** Congress and the executive branch should work together to articulate a set of principles to guide global U.S. defensive strategy. We must not continue to go from one foreign policy crisis to the next without a plan of action. Our national security and the safety of our troops are at stake.


- **Congress must continue the march toward regulatory reform it started last year.** Although some of the most egregious examples of regulatory overkill have been slowed or stopped, this is still costing Americans billions of dollars annually, destroying hundreds of thousands of U.S. jobs and crippling our productivity in the international marketplace.

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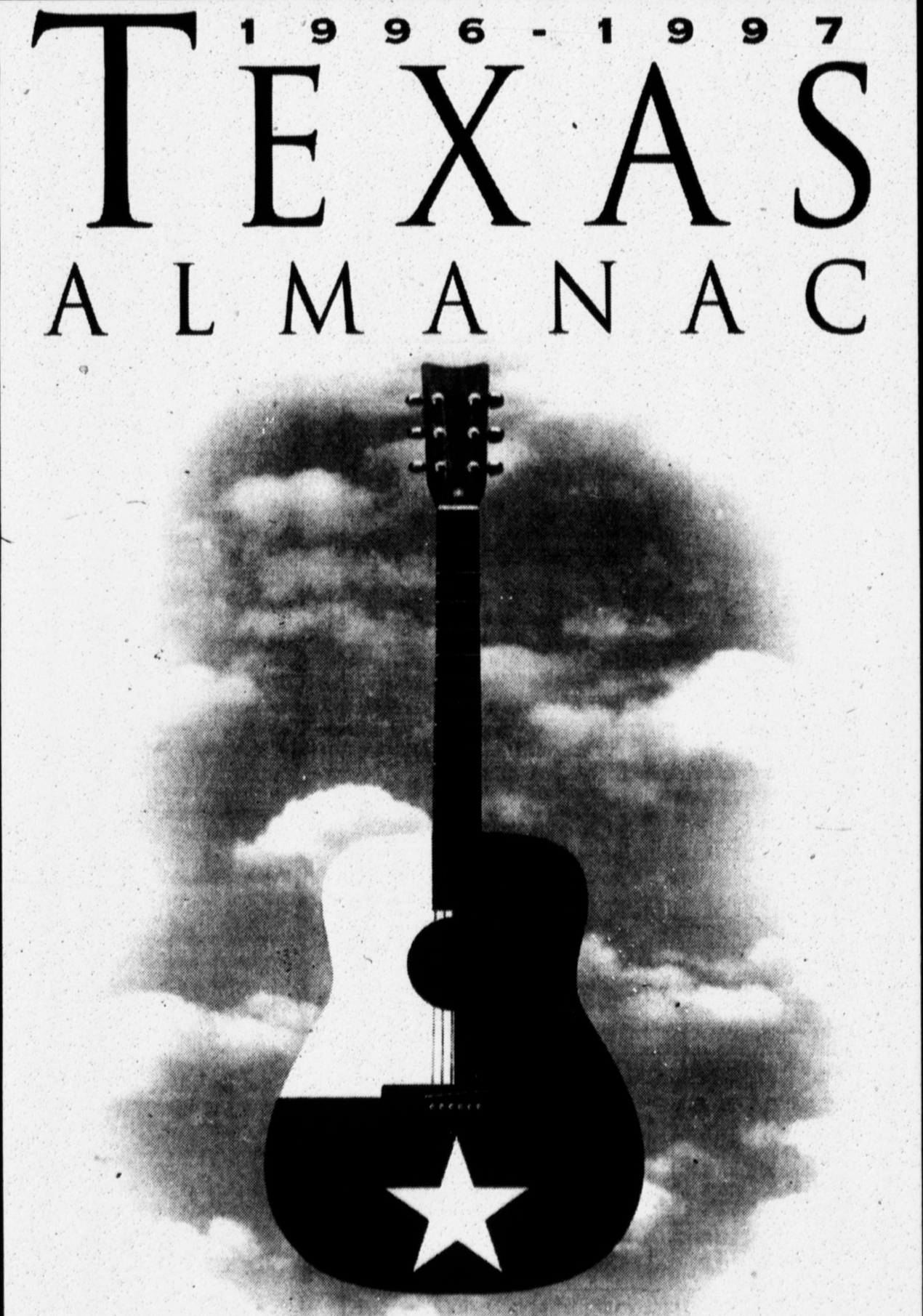
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