

Tooley drops amendment to records policy

Trustee says harm from pursuing proposal would outweigh benefits

By GARRY WESNER **Managing Editor**

School employees scorned it, the public questioned it and the district's attorney opposed it, but in the end, the death of a plan to change the Hereford Independent School District's access to records policy came at the hands of its creator.

Randy Tooley, who last month called for a change in policy to allow trustees access to records without going through Superintendent Charles W. Greenawalt, read a statement at the beginning of Tuesday's regular trustees meeting saying he was dropping the matter.

"I have come to the conclusion that even though I might be correct in my false. interpretation of the procedure, the

from following the letter of the law," Tooley said. "Therefore, I will not request that this amendment be brought before the board for a vote."

District employees and local citizens have used the public comments portion of previous meetings to express their disdain for the proposal, saying the amendment would have accomplished nothing, but would have undermined the trust of parents and employees.

Tooley, in his statement, maintained that rumors the policy change would have allowed trustees to look at employee and student records were

"There was not and there is not misunderstanding and mistrust that now one ounce of truth to that have arisen about the issue could be rumor," Tooley said. "Indeed the

more harmful to the school district school board itself is sworn by oath than any benefits that might come to uphold the highest standards concerning all confidential information that it receives, and we can also be held civilly and criminally liable if we fail to do so."

> The matter was on the agenda for action, but when board president Jim Marsh called for a motion on the policy, nothing was said and the matter died.

> The only other mention of Tooley's proposal was made by Terry Zimmerman, president of the Hereford Educators Association, who concluded his regular board report by commending Tooley on dropping the amendment, saying the move was "a positive step toward building the trust back in our HISD staff.'

Other than Tooley's statement,

Dole claims GOP nomination; Perot declares process 'sick'

By MIKE FEINSILBER **Associated Press Writer**

With half the country heard from in a nonstop, mind-numbing, six-week tour, Bob Dole is looking toward a spring break in his campaign for the White House. Politics never stops and Dole is being vexed by Democrats in the Senate, Ross Perot on the road, and Pat Buchanan in the

scored a new round of victories, showing fealty to the AFL-CIO. Perot's signals were less mixed - declared, now willing to acknowledge

but these were fewer than one in 10 voters.

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Primaries at a glance

By The Associated Press

that put him way over the required 996 for the nomination. Dole did equally

well among men and women and people of all income groups. He ran

strongly among older voters, people who consider themselves moderate

or somewhat conservative and those satisfied with the candidate field.

Pat Buchanan beat Dole among those whose No. 1 issue was abortion,

Dole claimed victory through a mail-in primary. Nevada is one of a

few states experimenting with that polling method this election. Trailing

the U.S. Senate leader was publisher Steve Forbes, who had dropped out

of the race but not before Nevadans were able to start mailing in their

Dole defeated Buchanan easily in Washington's earliest primary. With

nearly all votes counted, the Kansas senator took 14 national convention

delegates and Buchanan got 4. Another 18 delegates, also dominated by

Dole, are being awarded through the state's precinct caucus process.

ballots. Buchanan, Dole's only remaining major rival, came in third.

Sen. Bob Dole won easily, striking a political gold mine of 165 delegates

tour bent on bringing about the defeats of both Dole and President Clinton. He called the GOP primary process "beyond sick."

And Senate Democrats bedeviled Dole by insisting on a vote on Clinton's proposal to raise the minimum wage by 50 cents - an act the Democratic president says would show real fealty to "family values." As the 72-year-old Kansas senator Dole said the Democrats were

he launched a nationwide speaking that his long goal of winning his party's presidential nomination had been achieved. Without waiting for results from Nevada, California and Washington state, he said it out loud: "I am the Republican nominee."

Dole locked up a majority of Republican delegates with a four-state Midwestern sweep a week earlier, but he pretended otherwise until Tuesday night to give the appearance that it was California that put him over the top.

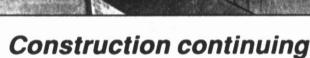
Buchanan, who conceded that Dole had the presidential nomination locked up.

"There's no doubt about it," Buchanan told a rally to the boos and jeers of some supporters.

Nevada's voters, balloting by mail, cast Buchanan as a paper tiger. He finished third, behind Dole, but also trailed millionaire publisher Steve Forbes, who had folded his tents weeks before. In Nevada, Dole won 52 percent, Forbes 19 percent and Buchanan 15 percent.

In California and Washington, Dole piled up margins of around two-thirds, with Buchanan a weak second in each

Polling of Californians after they voted showed that Dole crushed Buchanan even among those who said Dole doesn't have new ideas or worry that he's too old or don't think he can beat Clinton.



Terry Rodgers, left, owner of Rodgers Painting of Lubbock, and employee Robert Johnson, also of Lubbock, apply stain to oak trim that will be installed in the new Town and Country truck stop being built at U.S. 60 and Progressive Road. Rodgers is the sub-contractor in charge of all drywall installation, taping and bedding, plus texturing, painting and wood trim for the new store, which will include gas pumps, a convenience store and restaurant. Rodgers said he hopes to be finished in about 2-1/2 weeks. They began last Thursday.

Sides posture, Clinton wants commentator Buchanan sent up mixed signals about his intentions. Generally moment," the candidate designals about his intentions. Tuesday's were Dole's 23rd, 24th and 25th consecutive victories over and 25th co

By ALAN FRAM

Associated Press Writer another possible federal shutdown budget dispute.

With both sides staking out election-year positions, GOP lawmakers said Tuesday that they opposed a White House demand for the additional funds for the environment, technological research and other Clinton initiatives.

Documents obtained by The Associated Press showed that the president wanted them added to an overdue \$160 billion measure financing dozens of agencies for the remaining half of fiscal 1996. The documents showed that the extra money Clinton is demanding included funds for education, overscas peacekeeping, Head Start, AIDS treatment and public housing.

Failure to complete the measure or temporarily extend spending authority by Friday would force a new government closure this weekend, something both parties want to avoid.

"Personally, I wouldn't give them other Republicans wants to trim Alliance of Business. spending.

Panetta, at the Capitol to brief Democrats, insisted that the extra for the country." As lawmakers and aides met in

small groups throughout the Capitol speaker at the two-day summit, which business alliance.

in hopes of reaching an accord, each \$7.4 billion in offsetting savings, side talked tough about blaming the WASHINGTON (AP) - Republi- other should stalemate spark a cans are dismissing President shutdown. But despite threats that Clinton's bid for \$1.8 billion extra for they might work into this weekend social programs as the two sides face and delay a scheduled two-week recess, lawmakers were talking about prompted by their long-running a possible short-term spending extension - the 12th since Oct. 1 - this one lasting through April 20.

Republicans were also unhappy with an administration proposal to included the S&L fee increase in the

including \$5 billion from a one-time fee paid by savings and loan institutions to insure deposits.

"It's a fee increase to pay for more spending," said House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga. "They keep wanting bigger government with more taxes. It's not what we're here

In fact, Republicans themselves pay for the added spending with the budget-balancing bill Clinton vetoed.

Business leaders, governors meet to talk about education

By DEB RIECHMANN **AP Education** Writer

PALISADES, N.Y. (AP) -Hundreds of applicants respond to "Help Wanted" ads, yet business managers say they can't find workers. Poor-performing schools are partly to blame, say business leaders who are calling for tougher academic standards at a national education

"I don't think the education community can continue to ignore what business says. They are the another nickel," said Senate Majority ultimate customer," said Keith Whip Trent Lott, R-Miss., who like Poston, a spokesman for the National

Forty-nine business leaders from White House chief of staff Leon across America have joined 41 governors to talk about raising academic standards for America's funds were for "important programs schoolchildren and infusing technology into the classroom.

President Clinton is keynote

ends today. Governors are pledging to set higher academic standards in their states, and business leaders vow to lend their support to school reform.

USA Today reported that Clinton will urge all 50 states to develop achievement tests that youngsters would have to pass to be promoted from elementary school to middle school, from middle school to high school and to graduate from high school. A number of states already have such requirements.

Raising standards in core subjects, such as math, science, English and history, is a bottom line issue for some businesses.

One-third of corporate economists surveyed by the National Association of Business Economists in January said their companies were having trouble finding skilled labor, according to a discussion paper written for the summit by the

WTRT directors re-elected

West Texas Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc. held its annual meeting Tuesday night in the Hereford Bull Barn. An election was held for three directors. Those elected were all incumbents. They are, from left, Pat Robbins of the Frio exchange, Charles Christian of the Oklahoma Lane exchange and J.B. Noland of the Summerfield exchange.

Directors re-elected at WTRT meet

Members of West Texas Rural Telephone Cooperative elected directors for the Summerfield, Frio and Oklahoma Lane exchanges during the annual meeting Tuesday

The election of directors was conducted by John D. Aikin, attorney for the cooperative.

The only nominee for the Summerfield exchange was incumbent J.B. Noland. Nominees for the Frio exchange were incumbent Pat Robbins and challenger Tommy Sparkman. For the Oklahoma Lane exchange, Steve Stancell ran against incumbent Charles Christian.

All three incumbents won re- mail this spring. election according to results announced by Aikin.

The business meeting was conducted by Noland, president of the board, following a barbecue meal catered by K-Bob's.

Floyd Schueler, secretary/treasurer, read the notice of meeting and nominating committee chairman Pat Smith gave that panel's report.

Co-op manager Thomas A. Hyer gave a brief report on the financial condition of WTRT and announced that members who received telephone service in 1973 will get their share of patronage capital credit checks via year.

Patronage capital credit checks return WTRT's profits to its customer/members. The checks to be mailed this spring represent the customer's allocation of revenues, less expenses, that were achieved by the cooperative in 1973.

Employees of the co-op with 5, 10, 15 and 20 years of service were recognized and presented plaques.

Following the business session and awarding of numerous door prizes, a demonstration of the Internet was given. WTRT became a provider of the Internet Service in January of this

Local Roundup

Warm, windy on Thursday

Hereford recorded a high temperature of 47 degrees on Tuesday, with an overnight low this morning of 27 degrees. For tonight, look for partly cloudy skies and a low of 30-35 degrees, with southeast to south winds at 5-15 mph. For Thursday, forecasters are calling for partly sunny skies, breezy and warmer with a high in the lower 70s. Winds will be from the south to southwest at 15-25 mph adn gusty.

TRUSTEES

Tuesday's meeting was rather rate or attendance. uneventful, with trustees zipping through the 19-item agenda is about two hours.

They then met for nearly four hours in closed session to discuss personnel matters.

Greenawalt said trustees did not take action on teacher contracts because of the late hour of the

The matter of offering teachers renewed contracts will be voted on at the next meeting.

The only personnel action taken was the personnel report -- which was the previously-announced resignation of Danny Haney -- and the hiring of Craig Yenzer as head football coach and athletic director.

In other business Tuesday, trustees accepted the resignation of district lawyer Paul Lyle.

Lyle offered his resignation in a Feb. 23 letter in which Lyle cited an opinion Tooley obtained from the Texas Association of School Boards as being "multiple legal counsel."

Tooley had asked TASB for the opinion as part of his quest for the records policy amendment.

Greenawalt told trustees there are only two other school law-certified attorneys in the Panhandle -- both in Plainview.

The board appointed Tooley and Roy Dale Messer to form a committee with Greenawalt to look into research possible candidates to be district

The district is not restricted to hiring a lawyer from this area -- Lyle was on retainer with the district for \$150 per month -- but Greenawalt said having one in the Region 16 area makes it easier to meet with him if necessary.

In other business Tuesday:

-- Trustees approved a proposal to designate the Stanton Learning Center as an alternative campus,

Stanton would not affect the high time and school and campus budget school's test performance, dropout allotments.

Emergency services reports for the

24-hour period ending at 7 a.m.

Wednesday contained the following

HEREFORD POLICE

in the 800 block of West First on DPS

warrants for speeding and violating

A 20-year-old male was arrested

A 22-year-old male was arrested

Domestic disturbance was reported

A mental case was reported in the

Class C theft on South Main.

information.

promise to appear.

400 block of Long.

the 900 block of Union.

the 300 block of Lake.

at Ninth and Lee for DWI.

in the 400 block of Bradley.

Tailoring the campus' objectives to its special students -- Stanton is home to the In-School GED program and the SOAR alternative program --Greenawalt said, would better serve those students.

The board approved the request, which will be submitted to the Texas Education Agency.

-- Trustees also approved a change in the way cheerleaders are selected.

High school cheerleader sponsor Dorothy Szydloski said the current method of choosing cheerleaders -having them cheer for the entire student body in person, then picking those voted on by their peers -- is outdated and puts lots of pressure on the girls.

As approved by the board, girls will now try out for cheerleader in private, with only a panel of judges, the contestants, sponsor and a camera operator in attendance.

Videos of performances by the top 10 girls in each grade will be shown on Channel 1, with students given two days to vote on their choices.

Eighty percent of the selection will be judges input, with students votes weighted to the remaining 20 percent.

Miss Szydloski said Hereford is the last school she knows of that uses popular vote to choose cheerleaders without any judging at all.

The change, she said, should increase the number of girls trying out for cheerleader and mascot each year.

Greenawalt and the board agreed that more information is needed before any decision is made regarding switching the district to neighborhood K-6 schools.

The board received a survey last month regarding the proposal, but decided they needed much more information on costs, library operations, teacher assignments and the like before taking a vote.

-- The board also received a report from Zimmerman and teacher Randy freeing it from being tied to Hereford Farr on a survey HEA conducted on High School for evaluation purposes. the amount of time and money spent By making it a separate campus, by teachers above and beyond their

Officers issued six traffic citations.

DEAF SMITH SHERIFF

for violation of probation.

for selling alcohol to a minor.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Tuesday

Volunteer firefighters were called

for violation of probation.

Theft was reported.

Emergency Services

Astronauts make unprecedented walk Tasks in space are completed on six-hour schedule

By MIKE DRAGO

Associated Press Writer SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) -Two NASA astronauts dangled from a 15-foot tunnel linking shuttle Atlantis and the Russian space station Mir today in an unprecedented spacewalk outside the orbiting outpost.

Astronauts Linda Godwin and Michael "Rich" Clifford floated out of the shuttle as the massive Atlantis-Mir complex soared some 250 miles over the South Pacific.

Wearing jet packs as a safety precaution, they scaled opposite sides of Mir's orange docking tunnel to begin the risky spacewalk.

"It's pretty neat out here," Godwin said.

Nearly six hours later, they climbed back inside the safety of Atlantis having accomplished all their

You guys are batting a thousand," Mission Control told them. "It was fun," Clifford said.

Americans outside Mir and the first U.S. spacewalk at a space station since astronauts journeyed outside Skylab in 1974.

The spacewalkers' first task was to attach several clamps, or experiment holders, on the tunnel. Later, they secured four suitcase-shaped experiment boxes there.

The installation process was slow and looked awkward. As Godwin installed one box near another, Mission Control warned her against banging them together and damaging the contamination-sensitive experiments inside.

"I am watching these two," she replied. "I know they look close."

The 55- to 60-pound boxes, to be retrieved by spacewalkers late next year, contain paint samples, fibers, metals and other materials that might be used for external surfaces on the planned international space station.

There also were cosmic dust catchers so engineers can find out

It was the first spacewalk by what kind of particles smash into-mericans outside Mir and the first orbiting spaceships.

Before attaching the boxes, Godwin and Clifford cut an electrical cable and removed a television camera from the tunnel. Shuttle astronauts used the camera while installing the docking port last November.

Throughout their excursion, the two also tried out new tethers and a foot platform that can accommodate differences in the spacesuits worn by Americans and Russians.

The spacewalk was an example of the work astronauts will be expected to do while constructing and maintaining the international station in a few years.

As they labored outside the 522,847-pound complex, Godwin and Clifford had audiences on both sides. Astronaut Shannon Lucid watched with two Russian cosmonauts from her new home aboard the Mir; three astronauts peered out from Atlantis.

This spacewalk was considered

The trial has transfixed Israelis,

who were stunned and deeply shaken

by Rabin's killing - the first high-level assassination in their

history. Today's proceedings were

broadcast life on Israeli TV and radio

evaluation of the defendant, the judge

said today that Amir was neither

mentally ill or emotionally disturbed,

adding that he had "narcissistic and

schizoid tendencies and sees the

world in terms of black and white."

of 144, far above average, Flishman

transfer of land to the Palestinians,

claiming it endangered Jewish lives.

He said he shot Rabin to prevent more

Jews from being killed by Palestinian

(because) had I not, the damage to the

people of Israel would have been

several times during the five-minute speech. Amir finally concluded by looking at the judge and saying, "May God help you."

The trial frequently took on a circus-like atmosphere, with Levy admonish-ing the defendant and his lawyers.

challenged police forensics, suggested

there may have been another shooter and argued Amir was obsessed and therefore not responsible for his actions.

broken Hebrew of defense lawyer Jonathan Ray Goldberg, an American

immigrant who was the lead attorney at the start of the trial. At times, Amir himself took over cross-examination.

Two lawyers assigned by the court to work with Goldberg resigned, and the final team of three remains divided.

Leah Rabin, widow of the late premier, said she was not interested

Witnesses have struggled with the

His sometimes chaotic defense has

Levy tried to cut Amir short

During his final statement, he said: 'I was forced to commit this act

Tests showed that Amir has a IQ

Amir staunchly opposed Rabin's

Citing a court-ordered psychiatric

stations.

told reporters.

rreversible."

especially risky because Atlantis, while docked to Mir, could not immediately chase down the astronauts if their tethers were to break or come loose.

Both astronauts wore jet packs so they could propel themselves back to the orbiting complex in that unlikely event. They test-fired the tiny nitrogen thrusters on their jet packs before leaving Atlantis to make sure everything worked.

As an extra safety measure, NASA ordered the hatches between Atlantis and Mir closed before the spacewalk just in case the shuttle needed a quick getaway.

Godwin and Clifford also were under strict orders not to go beyond the docking tunnel to avoid any possibility of contact with the many solar panels and antennas extending from the station.

The spacewalk was the final major event before Atlantis undocks on Thursday. Five shuttle astronauts will return home this weekend minus Lucid.

Court ruling to be carried step further with appeal

By PEGGY FIKAC **Associated Press Writer**

AUSTIN (AP) - Texas is taking the fight over affirmative action in university admissions to the U.S. Supreme Court.

The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals last week struck down the University of Texas Law School's admissions policy, saying UT failed to justify favoring some racial groups. The decision came in a lawsuit filed by four white law school applicants.

State Attorney General Dan Morales said Tuesday he'll appeal to the Supreme Court, which he expects to agree to consider the case. If it doesn't, Morales said, it could

be years before a similar case is presented. Nearly two decades have elapsed since the court last issued a formal opinion on affirmative action, he said.

"It has the opportunity in this litigation to speak to, I think, one of the more important issues facing us as a society," Morales said, predicting arguments in the case would be scheduled for the fall.

Morales said he will ask for a stay of the 5th Court's ruling while the case is under appeal. A stay would allow universities to use whatever admissions system they see fit until the case is finally decided, he said.

UT institutions, which had suspended admissions after the 5th Court's ruling, got the go-ahead Tuesday from UT System Chancellor William Cunningham to resume admitting students for summer and

But Cunningham said the institutions must operate under the appellate ruling's guidelines, meaning race or ethnicity can't be taken into

UT System spokesman Monty Jones said if a stay is granted, the university likely would return to its previous affirmative action policy. 'We want to obey the law," Jones

The state's case will be aided by Harvard Law School professor Laurence Tribe, a noted constitutional scholar, Morales said. Tribe will help in submitting the case to the Supreme Court and will handle arguments if the court agrees to hear the case, he

Lottery

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

7-11-31-34-38 (seven, eleven, thirty-one, thirty-four, thirty-eight)

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

4-2-0 (four, two, zero)

THE HEREFORD BRAND

as he was about to leave the peace in hearing the verdict. "I don't expect anything," she said in a phone interview Tuesday evening. "I will not watch the verdict. This man Amir had said he did not mean to kill Rabin but only to paralyze him, (Amir) doesn't interest me. All I know is that he killed my husband." a statement that was entered as a not

School Bell awards announced

The Hereford Brand is to receive its third consecutive School Bell Award from the Texas State Teachers Association, it was announced Tuesday. Shown holding last year's award are Carolyn Waters, Hereford Junior High teacher; Mauri Montgomery, Brand advertising director; and Terry Zimmerman, president of the Hereford Educators Association. Waters also earned a School Bell for her column which appears regularly in The Brand. The 1995 awards will be presented April 19 at the TSTA convention in El Paso.

Rabin assassin convicted;

By DAN PERRY

An 18-year-old male was arrested TEL AVIV, Israel (AP) - An A 22-year-old male was arrested Israeli court convicted Yigal Amir of on a violation of probation commitmurder today in the assassination of Yitzhak Rabin, sentencing him to life A 27-year-old female was arrested imprisonment for meticulously planning the crime and calmly pulling A 33-year-old male was arrested

Amir confessed to killing the prime minister after a Nov. 4 peace rally, saying he had to save Israel from further bloodshed by stopping Rabin from trading land for peace out at 5:07 p.m. to a hay fire 1-1/2

His lawyers had pleaded for a manslaughter conviction, saying officers, he yawned, looked at the Amir was so obsessed with removing audience in the packed courtroom or Amir was so obsessed with removing Rabin from office that he was not in full control when he opened fire. Manslaughter carries a 20-year



killing was premeditated and gave

Amir the mandatory sentence. The

death penalty is reserved for Nazi war

calm, he decided that the death of the

late prime minister was the only way

to stop the peace process he opposed,

and he took this path to its very end,"

Amir, a 25-year-old former law student and a deeply religious Jew,

showed no remorse and little emotion

in court today. Dressed in a gray

sweatshirt and flanked by police

"Everything I did, I did for God, for the Torah of Israel, the people of Israel and the land of Israel," he said,

standing in court, one hand resting confidently on his hip.
In addition to the life sentence, the

Tel Aviv district court also sentenced

Amir to a six-year term for seriously

injuring the prime minister's

bodyguard, Yoram Rubin, who was

hit in the shoulder with one of the

In Israel, a life prison term usually means a convict will serve between

16 and 25 years, with the sentence

sentences to be served consecutively,

a move that substantially diminishes the chance Amir will ever get out of

Amir dismissed the three-month

The case appeared to be open and shut from the start: Amir was caught

at the scene and confessed. A grainy amateur video showed a man

resembling Amir waiting by Rabin's car and lunging forward to shoot him

proceedings as a "show trial." His attorney Shmuel Flishman said today he would appeal the verdict to the Supreme Court.

three bullets aimed at Rabin.

Judge Edmund Levy said.

With premeditation and amazing

criminals.

Associated Press Writer

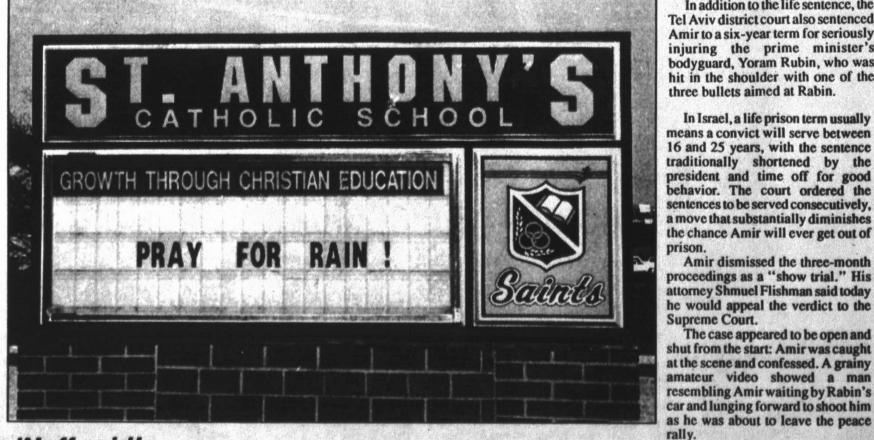
the trigger.

with the Palestinians.

sentence.

The three-judge panel agreed the

Terroristic threat was reported in miles south of U.S. 60 on FM 2943. Monday Burglary of a building was Firefighters were called out at 7:40 reported at 15th and Progressive. p.m. to a structure fire at 604 Avenue Welfare concern was reported in **EMS** Burglary of a vehicle was reported Report not available. in the 300 block of Avenue F.



'Nuff said!

The sentiments of the entire community are summed up on the marquee at St. Anthony's Catholic School, as residents are encouraged to ask God directly for much-needed rain.

Lifestyles

Ann Landers

22-year-old female. "Jim" and I have outrage, but it does nothing to help been dating for two years. Two months ago, I decided he was the man-I wanted to spend the rest of my life wife. He is kind, considerate, warm outgoing, athletic, sensitive, handsome -- every woman's dream. We are very much in love and are talking about getting married. I believe we have the perfect relationship except for one thing -- sex, I don't enjoy it.

Jim is my first partner, so I have no one to compare him with. He blames himself and thinks he is not attractive enough or that I am not really in love with him. No matter how much I try to reassure him, he still has doubts, which is upsetting.

I've heard "practice makes perfect," so I've been wearing the poor guy out. Meanwhile, it still doesn't get any better. Can you suggest a solution to this weird problem? I feel like a freak. -- No Name, No State.

DEAR NO NAME: You need to see a gynecologist and find out if everything in that department is in working order. Sometimes, a simple surgical procedure can make a world of difference. Tell him (or her) what you've told me and don't be shy about asking questions. If there is no anatomical problem I suggest that you consider a few sessions with a sex therapist.

DEAR ANN LANDERS: Many of your readers have written to complain that prisoners are being treated too leniently and demand that they be made to suffer more severely to atone for their crimes.

This is a very understandable reaction, especially on the part of victims and relatives of victims. But our responses to crime should be based less on emotion and more on rationality.

the wyche Family Community

Wyche club members who were

recent Tasting Bee and Creative Arts

recognized for their entries in the

Creative Arts Show were Vada

A fresco is a painting made

with water colors on fresh plaster.

Fresco is the Italian word for

Show.

DEAR ANN LANDERS: I am a more so may help to assuage public the victims, nor does it deter crime. In fact, it may be counterproductive. We must remember that most of the people in prison will one day be released. The worse they are treated while they are in, the more angry they will be when they get out.

Prison does not make people better, it makes them worse. But while some prisoners are admittedly incorrigible, others can be rehabilitated. Given proper preparation before release, and proper help and guidance afterward, these prisoners can and do become good citizens.

It may well be that returning good for evil is not only excellent spiritual advice, but sound public policy as well. -- Lafayette Hill, Pa.

DEAR LAFAYETTE: May your words of wisdom ring loud and clear. I agree wholeheartedly. Not only does your theory make good sociological sense, it is fiscally sound. Do you know it costs as much to keep a man in prison as it does to send a student to Harvard?

The criminal justice system in these great United States leaves something to be desired. I would very much like to hear some plausible suggestions on how we can improve

Gem of the Day: A distinguished, white-haired woman approached Yogi Berra on a warm afternoon in Florida. "Good morning, Mr. Berra," she said. "You look mighty cool today." Yogi Berra replied, "Thank you ma'am. You don't look so hot yourself."

Have trouble sleeping at night and don't want to get involved in a novel? "A Collection of My Favorite Gems of the Day" is the perfect bed-stand mate. Send a self-addressed, long, business-size envelope and a check or money order for \$5.25 (this includes postage and handling) to: Prison life is at best wretched and Collection, c/o Ann Landers, P.O. degrading. Deliberately making it Box 11562, Chicago, Ill. 60611-0562.

Batterman, 1st-fiber art; Kay

and 2nd-fabric creation; Shirley

Brown, 2nd-ceramics, 2nd-decorated

and Audrey Rusher, 1st-ceramics.

for the meeting, discussing healthy

and pledge. Argen Draper read the

FCE Creed written by Mrs. R.M.

Thelma Auten, Mary Lou Aven,

Louise Axe, Pet Ott, Carol Sartain,

Carol Worthan, Batterman, Brown,

Behrends, Draper, Lee, Jones and

Camelia Jones led the FCE prayer

Wyche members winners

with creative arts entries

lifestyles.

Almanrode.



Decorations to make

Along with dyeing Easter eggs, enjoy the rewarding craft of making marzipan candy art with your kids this year. If they like playing with modeling clay, they'll be naturals at making marzipan Easter decora-

Prepared marzipan is available in larger grocery stores in the baking supply section. (Be sure to choose prepared marzipan rather than almond paste.) I found it in 8-ounce packages for under \$2 each. This edible almond-based candy product is soft in texture, natural in color, easy to mold and holds its shape

First, color your marzipan as follows: Divide the marzipan into several clumps depending on how many colors you wish to use. Save one clump in its natural color. Roll each clump into a ball and make a thumb indentation in the center of each one. Add 3 or 4 drops of food coloring into each indentation. Fold edges over the food coloring and begin kneading the marzipan. Work the marzipan for about 2 minutes or until color is

blended. Now you are ready to make Easter decorations.

For eggs: Mold marzipan into colorful miniature egg shapes. Then choose contrasting colors and make dots, zigzags, tiny flowers and religious symbols. Press designs onto each egg. For marbleized eggs, take leftover pieces and roll them together into egg shapes.

For fruit: Shape marzipan into simple fruit shapes such as lemons, oranges and strawberries. To create a realistic texture, lightly roll the completed shapes over a fine kitchen grater. Spritz water on the strawberries and dip them into sugar for added

Top off each fruit with teeny tiny leaves shaped from green marzipan. For spring critters: Let kids use their imagination to create butterflies, ladybugs, caterpillars, bunnies, birds and ducks. Arrange your collection of marzipan art in small Easter baskets for charming place favors, and decorate cupcakes or a cake for a festive holiday dessert.

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

exercise class 10-10:45 a.m., craft and ceramics classes 1-3 p.m.

FBC to host praise service

First Baptist Church will hold a contemporary praise and worship service at 11 a.m. this Sunday.

The Praise Team from Paramount Baptist in Amarillo and the Baptist Student Ministries Drama Team from West Texas A&M University will be the guest worship leaders for this

Everyone is invited to attend.

'90s look may feature boots, hat for the bride

By BARBARA MAYER For AP Special Edition

It's the '90s, so a cowboy can put Education Club met in the Hereford Behrends, 1st-craft painting, 1st- on his Stetson and his best boots, grab Community Center following the woodworking, 1st-holiday decorating his gal, and step lively down the aisle.

For the '90s look - give or take a century - the gal may be wearing garments; Jo Lee, 1st-photography; boots and a cowboy hat herself. The boots will be white and the hat will Behrends presented the program have a tulle bow and veil attached.

Far-fetched? Maybe, but a fringed white lace wedding dress, white boots and a tulle-draped white western hat were an instant success all over the country when shown in a westernwear mail order catalog in the spring of 1995.

Members in attendance were 'We sold about 1,300 dresses, about five times what we would normally expect," says Fred Wojcik, president of Cheyenne Outfitters of Cheyenne, Wyo.

The mail order company also sold something like 500 white wedding hats and quite a few pairs of white boots. For the fall catalog, released this past summer, a denim wedding outfit was added, and it did well, too.

Now, Cheyenne Outfitters has issued a separate 12-page wedding collection catalog. There are six styles of wedding dress, ranging in price from \$100 to \$220. There is also clothing for the groom, bridesmaids, flower girls and ring bearers, and wedding accessories such as fringe-wrapped toasting glasses and a cowboy and cowgirl cake topper.

Sales of western wedding wear have been best for the catalog house in Texas but also surprisingly strong in the Northeast and Midwest, says Wojcik. A number of those who ordered followed up by sending the company snapshots of their

western-style weddings.

The photos show that when the bride goes western, the groom does. too, says Wojcik. Grooms typically wear a short tuxedo jacket or a long frock coat with black denim trousers and a dress shirt and string tie (all offered in the catalog), as well as black boots and a black cowboy hat. Crushed "broomstick" skirts and party blouses were standard attire for the bridesmaids.

Wojcik says that western themes for weddings seem especially popular for second weddings when, he theorizes, people want to do something out of the ordinary.

Another reason why a western wedding might be popular?

"It's very affordable, not only because the clothes are less expensive but also because the food and service can be informal and cost less.' Wojcik says. "The wedding can even be held outdoors."

He ought to know. Wojcik married Debbie Nolen in June, 1995, in a western-style outdoor wedding. She wore a western dress, the white tulle cowboy hat and white wedding boots

(See BRIDES, Page 7)

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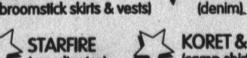
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Sports

Yenzer named football coach

Sports Editor

By popular demand, Craig Yenzer has been hired as the head football coach at Hereford High School, filling the vacancy left when Danny Haney resigned three

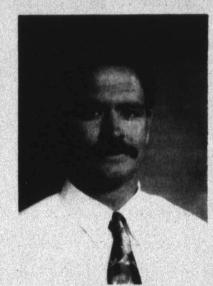
weeks ago.
The Hereford Independent School District board of trustees voted to hire Yenzer at the board's regular meeting Tuesday night.
Superintendent Charles

Greenawalt said he's been overwhelmed with positive comments supporting Yenzer, an assistant football coach in Hereford for 10 years, since Haney resigned March 8. He's been stopped in restaurants by numerous people telling him to hire Yenzer, he said. Even the football team itself wants Yenzer.

"I received a letter from the total football team (supporting Yenzer)," Greenawalt said. "I think that speaks well of the man when I receive a letter from the football team.

"I have not heard one negative comment (about Yenzer) since Danny resigned," Greenawalt said. 'He's a fine young man, and a good role model for the kids."

Yenzer served as a coordinator



CRAIG YENZER ...new Herd football coach

during the five years Haney was head coach - he coordinated the offense for the first four years, then the defense last season. Yenzer, a 1980 graduate of Oklahoma State, began his coaching career in Oklahoma at Newkirk and Tuttle

Yenzer was not available for comment Wednesday morning. A news conference was scheduled for 2 p.m.

Herd done in by Dumas pitcher

Dumas' Jeremy Dickinson did it improve to 2-0 in District 1-4A and all in a 8-0 win over Hereford Tuesday in Dumas.

He pitched, striking out 13 of the 24 men Hereford sent to the plate in the complete game two-hit shutout. He batted, going 3-for-4 and driving in four runs. He even fielded, making a couple of memorable plays.

'Give him credit," Herd coach Pete Rodriguez said. "He's a good pitcher. He really is. He's shut down everyone he's faces, and he shut us out."

The performance helped Dumas

15-4-1 overall. Hereford's fifth straight loss dropped its records to 0-3 in district and 4-12 overall.

Hereford managed two hits off Dickinson: a two-out single by Wade McPherson in the first inning and a bunt single by Ronald Torres in the

Hereford's best chance to break the shutout came in the sixth, when Torres reached as the leadoff hitter, but Dickinson and dumb luck conspired to stop the Herd.

Dickinson fielded Tanner Murphey's comebacker and threw to second to start a possible double play. The relay throw got past the first baseman, Rodriquez said, so Murphey went for second base, but the stray throw bounde off the fence and straight to the first baseman, who threw back to second base to nail Murphey.

Eric Ambold pitched the complete game for Hereford, giving up 11 hits.

released after posting \$25,000 bond.

Both are from Cooper, less than an hour northeast of the Rockwall

count of possession of between 5 and

50 pounds of marijuana, Sumrow

Both men likely would be arraigned within three weeks, he said.

Dallas, did not immediately return a

call The Associated Press left with an

Morris' attorney, Jay Ethington of

Reynolds was indicted on one

County Detention Center.

answering service.

"Ambold did a great job," Rodriguez said. "He kept us in the game. We just couldn't produce any runs with our offense.

Dumas got its lead early, with two runs in the first inning, three in the second and one in the third. Hereford shut out the Demons for two innings before they tacked on two more runs in the sixth.

Dumas had a two-out rally in the second when a walk, a double and a walk loaded the bases. An error by Torres at shortstop let one run in, then Dickinson doubled to plate two more.

Hereford will host Pampa at 1 p.m. Saturday at Whiteface Field. Pampa fell to 1-1, 11-6 with a 4-2 nondistrict loss to Frenship Tuesday.

In other District 1-4A games played Tuesday, Canyon edged Borger, 3-1, and Randall shut out Caprock, 7-0.



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Ex-Tech RB Morris indicted

ROCKWALL, Texas (AP) - Byron "Bam" Morris' situation went from bad to worse following an indictment on two drug charges instead of the one indictment that was expected.

Four days after the Pittsburgh Steelers running back was arraigned on a marijuana possession charge, authorities said they found cocaine hidden in his Mercedes-Benz.

Morris was indicted Tueday on one count of possession of between 5 and 50 pounds of marijuana and one count of possession of between 1 and 4 grams of cocaine, Rockwall County District Attorney Galen Sumrow said.

felonies punishable by two to 10 in the car, were arrested Friday and

years in prison and a maximum \$10,000 fine.

Authorities searching Morris' impounded luxury car found 1-1/2 grams of cocaine Monday, Sumrow said. The leased car was retained last week after officers found more than six pounds of marijuana in the trunk during a traffic stop.

Officers found the cocaine in a small hollow area underneath the ashtray, said John Davila, assistant commander of the Northeast Area **Drug Interdiction Task Force.**

Morris, 24, the leading rusher in this year's Super Bowl, and Rodney Both charges are third-degree Dwayne Reynolds, 26, a passenger

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Marlins option Cuban Hernandez to Triple-A

By The Associated Press back to the majors, and Luis Polonia

is looking for a job. On a busy day - the last for teams to release players on their roster without having to pay their full 1996 salaries - St. Louis pitcher Gregg Olson, San Francisco pitcher Scott Service, Florida pitcher Ryan Bowen and Pittsburgh infielder Kevin Young were told they were being released.

Hernandez, the Cuban pitcher who contract last winter, was optioned to Triple-A Charlotte by the Florida Marlins.

"We expect him to pitch in the major leagues. We're still looking for him to get his arm strength back," Marlins manager Rene Lachemann said of the 21-year-old defector.

"The first two outings were outstanding, but the next two were not as good," Lachemann said. "The "Loyalty is a two-way street," best thing for him and the best thing for the organization is for him to go to Triple-A."

Since he was courted by the Marlins during the winter, there was speculation Hernandez would bring the same kind of fan frenzy to South Florida that Los Angeles felt in 1981 from the Mexican community embracing Fernando Valenzuela.

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Hereford Community Center.

"It should take me two or three

team took second place, and the starts to get (velocity) back,' division. Livan Hernandez is looking to get Hernandez said through a translator.

"The decision was made by the directors of the team. Whatever they think is best, I understand. Being at spring training has been a heck of an experience.

Polonia, with the Mariners this spring as a non-roster player, was beaten out for Seattle's left field job by Darren Bragg and got his release Tuesday.

"I think I did a pretty good job, signed a \$4.5 million, four-year but this is a business," said Polonia, a 31-year-old outfielder who won a World Series ring with Atlanta last year. "If they really wanted to win, I think I would still be here. I think they are looking to save money."

Mariners manager Lou Piniella said Bragg, Rich Amaral or Alex Diaz will play left. Amaral will play against left-handers and Bragg or

Piniella said. "Unless there's a big discrepancy, then you go with the uys who helped us last year." Reds 2, Blue Jays 1

Mark Portugal allowed one hit over seven innings at Plant City, Fla., and Jeff Branson had a pair of hits as the Reds stopped a five-game losing

Dodgers 9, Orioles 8 Tom Prince drew a bases-loaded walk off Jesse Orosco in the 10th as Los Angeles overcame four errors at Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Astros 4, Cardinals 2 An error by catcher Pat Borders allowed Houston to score three unearned runs at St. Petersburg, Fla. Mets 5, Royals 1

At Haines City, Fla., Butch Huskey tied a Mets spring training record with his eighth home run, a mark reached by Dave Kingman in 1975 and 1977.

(See BASEBALL, Page 6)

in Dimmitt track meet The Hereford Junior High girls' 4-6; Parker, 2,400 run, 11:05; ack teams competed in the a meet Hafliger, shot, 26-8; Griego, triple track teams competed in the a meet in Dimmitt Friday. The eighth grade jump, 30-4.

HJH track teams run

seventh grade team was fourth in its Several Hereford girls placed at the meet. Following are the girls who

placed from 1st to sixth. **EIGHTH GRADE**

First place: Audra Witkowski, 200-meter dash, 13.66; Tori Walker, 300 hurdles, 36.25; Shashina High, shot put, 29-0; 400 relay (Janet Blakely, Michelle Bixler, Walker and Witkowski), 55.74.

29.28; Mona Garcia, shot, 28-6. Third: Celina Salazar, 1,600 run;

Witkowski, long jump, 13-6. Fourth: Witkowski, high jump, 4-6; 1,600 relay (Senaida Griego, Emily Hafliger, Bixler and Blakely),

Fifth: Christy Parker, high jump,

Sixth: Audrey Cabezuela, 800 run, 3:02; Shyla Martin, 100 hurdles, 20.0; Mona Garcia, discus, 68-4.

SEVENTH GRADE Second: Brionne Yosten, high

jump, 4-4; Crystal Reece, 800 run, 2:50; Essie Thomas, 100 dash, 13.0. Third: Yosten, 400 dash, 70.76; Reece, 1,600 run, 6:35; Thomas, long

jump, 13-2. Fourth: Melissa Ruiz, 200 dash, 30.2; Ivory Isaacson, discus, 60-3; Second: Sarah Freethy, 200, 1,600 relay (Kecia Thomas, Riva Crox, Sehrena Davis and Yosten).

5:05.2. Fifth: Ashley Fangman, 100 hurdles, 20.44; Kecia Thomas, triple jump, 25-7; 400 relay (Elizabeth Bastardo, Essie Thomas, Ruiz and

Fangman), 57.2. Sixth: Crox, 100 hurdles, 20.31. Spray Garlic-Not Poison

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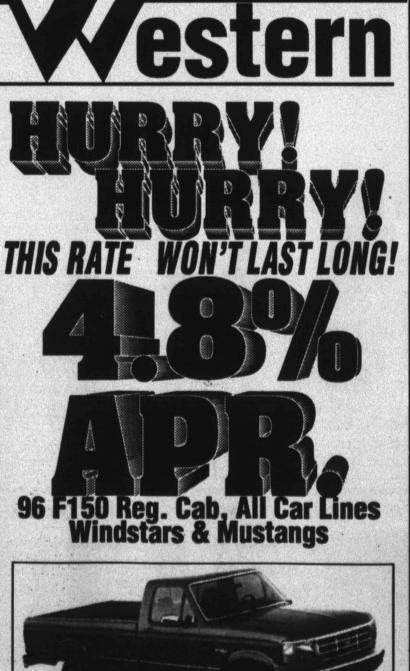


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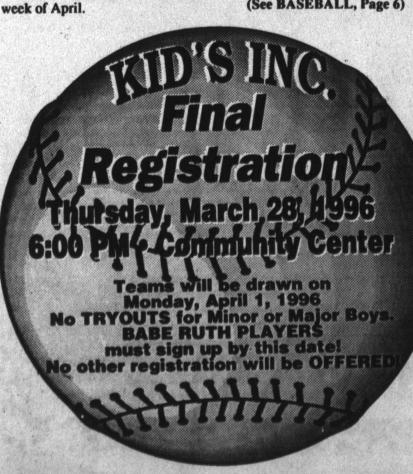


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UMass' Camby won't lose sleep over facing

By HOWARD ULMAN

AP Sports Writer BOSTON (AP) - When Marcus Camby goes to bed Friday night before the biggest game of his life, he doesn't expect a nightmare with hordes of blue-and-white Kentucky uniforms charging at him.

That probably will happen Saturday night, when Camby faces those Wildcats for real in the NCAA Final Four. No big deal, says the star of top-ranked Massachusetts.

'I'm going to go to sleep fine. I'm not going to worry about any other

teams," he said. "I'm just going to have that intimidating inside and slashing and cutting to the basket go out there and be myself and try to presence. It simply intimidates from and doing other things." score and try to play aggressive defense."

There will be aggressive defense all over the court in the second game of the semifinals, following the Syracuse-Mississippi State matchup.

UMass frustrates opponents with the quick hands of Edgar Padilla, who holds the school career and single-season steals record, and with the long wingspan of Camby, the 6-foot-11 shot blocker.

Second-ranked Kentucky doesn't

end to end with a suffocating press and by double-teaming the opposing

The Wildcats did that to Wake Forest's Tim Duncan in the quarterfinals, holding him to no field goals in the first 28 minutes.

Camby doesn't sound concerned that Kentucky will do that to him. "I'm not Tim Duncan," he said.

"He's mainly a back-to-the-basket player. I'm mostly out on the floor

Camby is a good dribbler and passer with an excellent turnaround shot from the baseline. He averaged 3.4 blocks per game and is UMass' leading scorer and rebounder.

"He can dominate a game on either end," coach John Calipari said. 'What I don't want to do is have Marcus think he has to be anybody other than Marcus in this game" and try to do too much.

"Just be Marcus Camby. If that's not good enough, we're 35-2. That's

Kentucky is 32-2 with a defense that, if it plays the way it's been playing, has an excellent chance to be 34-2 and the national champions for the sixth time in school history.

The Wildcats' press is more effective because their exceptional

depth gives them fresh legs. They have the quickness to double team big men like Camby and still recover to guard their own men.

"They do a fabulous job of picking up quickly to make it hard on you to catch" the ball, Calipari said. They're great anticipators.

"They really do a great job of cheating up the floor and trying to steal balls. They take a lot of chances," he added. "You have to make them pay for taking chances."

UMass needs to counter that aggressiveness by spacing the floor on offense and coming toward passes, two tactics it has used effectively all

The Minutemen also have shown a coolness under pressure with two seniors and four juniors getting the most minutes. They've won all four of their overtime games and made last-minute steals to preserve slim

They've held opponents to 61.8 points and 38 percent shooting per ame, are averaging 6.2 blocks and don't seem to tire despite their weak bench.

Padilla is averaging 36.4 minutes per game and Carmelo Travieso 36.1 as the starting guards. Now they must get the ball safely through Kentucky's energetic press.

"Right now, we've settled in on (using) seven or eight guys," Calipari said. "In the NCAA tournament, you can do that because the TV timeouts are 18 minutes long. I'm at a loss for words in the TV timeouts."

Maybe he can keep reminding his players how well Kentucky plays

"We're not going to change now," he said. "We play the same way we've always played. We play with emotion and passion."

Joe's reaches N

By JIM O'CONNELL **AP Basketball Writer**

NEW YORK (AP) - There was a lot of pressure on St. Joseph's, and it wasn't just because it was the semifinals of the NIT.

The Hawks were facing favored Alabama on the court Tuesday night, and then had to look in the stands at Madison Square Garden and see the coach and players from top-ranked Massachusetts who had come to root on their fellow Atlantic 10 school.

The Hawks didn't let anyone down - themselves, the Minutemen or their wild band of fans - beating the Crimson Tide 74-69 in overtime to advance to Thursday night's championship game.

Nebraska will be the opponent there as the Cornhuskers beat Tulane 90-78 in the other semifinal.

"I can tell you two things about Nebraska," St. Joseph's coach Phil Martelli said. "One, it is located somewhere in the middle of the U.S., and two, Tommie Frazier is a hell of a quarterback and he should have won the Heisman Trophy.'

Martelli could chase laughs because his Hawks (19-12) survived their sixth overtime of the season to advance to the matchup of schools where both are looking for their first national basketball title of any kind.

Two of the three overtime losses St. Joseph's has sustained this season were to Massachusetts, which will be playing in the Final Four this weekend just across the Hudson River.

"The UMass program showed a great deal of class by coming to our game tonight," Martelli said. "We offered to come and support them at

Calipari said he didn't think he could enrollment of 2,300. get us the necessary seats."

Will Johnson gave the Hawks the lead for good with a three-point play 38 seconds into overtime, an extra session Alabama (19-12) forced when Eric Washington's 3-pointer with seven seconds to play finally wiped out a 17-point halftime deficit.

The Crimson Tide, who shot 26 percent in the first half, had a chance to tie the game again in overtime, but freshman Brian Williams missed a 3-pointer with 13 seconds left. Three seconds later, Reggie Townsend made two free throws for St. Joe's.

"We got what we wanted in the overtime, an open look for our best 3-point shooter, but just came up short," Alabama coach David Hobbs said. "Who knows about momentum. We did have it because we got there, but sometimes you expend a lot of energy to get there. Seventeen points is a lot of making up to do."
Terrell Myers led St. Joseph's with

20 points, although he did not score over the final 13 minutes of regulation and the overtime. Bass added 18 points for the Hawks, while Townsend had 14 and Johnson eight.

Washington led the Crimson Tide with 26 points and Roy Rogers added 17, 12 after halftime.

'It's about confidence level," said Bass, who finished 7-for-22 from the field after missing 11 of his first 13 shots. "Once we got in the overtime, we felt we would win. Don't forget, we took the No. 1 team in the country to overtime twice. We knew we would pull out a win."

About 1,000 students from St. Joseph's made the trip to New York from Philadelphia, a pretty imprestheir game Saturday, but John sive number for a school with an

"You want a real challenge," Martelli asked, "see how many kids are in their 8:30 classes in the

Nebraska (20-14) shot 57 percent and held off two runs by Tulane (21-10), which led 71-68 with 5:41

'We handled Tulane's runs. We knew they would come and we handled each one," Cornhuskers coach Danny Nee said.

Nebraska had shot 54 percent over the first three games of the NIT.

"I was very surprised by their shooting," Tulane coach Perry Clark said. "They handled our pressure very well and I don't think anyone has shot that well against us."

Only two teams had shot better than 50 percent against the Green Wave this season, and the best anyone had shot in the three NIT games was 38

"We have given up taking those 3s and have started going inside for dunks and layups," Nee said. "You can see the difference in the clusters on the shot chart."

Erick Strickland and Bernard Garner each had 20 points for the Cornhuskers, who closed the regular season by losing

"Six weeks ago we never thought we'd in a tournament. Now it's a silver lining," Nec said. "It's important for us to win. We've never won a national title in the history of this program. It's important for this team, but more important for the program."

Jerald Honeycutt had 16 points to lead Tulane, which will face Alabama in a consolation game Thursday.

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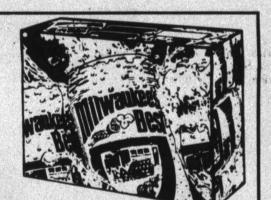
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Lakers end Orlando's streak

By CHRIS SHERIDAN **AP Basketball Writer**

The battle between the NBA's

dueling zeros is over. The Orlando Magic, who had won their first 33 home games this season, finally ended up on the losing side of the final score at the Orlando Arena Tuesday night as they were defeated by the Los Angeles Lakers 113-91.

It left the Chicago Bulls the only team still undefeated at home this season (34-0). The Bulls have won their last 41 regular-season home games dating back to last season. Orlando had won 40 straight including last season.

"I'm kind of glad it's over. At least we can stop thinking about it," Dennis Scott said.

"Unfortunately the streak had to come to an end, but I'm terribly proud of our guys for having won 40 in a row," Orlando coach Brian Hill said. "We've only lost three regularseason games in this building since the start of last season, and nobody else in the NBA can make that claim."

In other games, Seattle beat Golden State 114-102, New York downed Houston 83-74, Charlotte defeated Denver 119-112, Phoenix nipped Sacramento 102-98, Washington topped Cleveland 96-89, Atlanta edged Toronto 114-111, Detroit beat Vancouver 86-75, the Los Angeles Clippers beat Milwaukee 103-97 and Indiana defeated Boston 103-96.

The end of Orlando's streak came in the Lakers' annual visit to Florida. Nick Van Exel scored 22 points and the Lakers went 11-of-18 on 3-point shots. Eddie Jones was 3-for-3 from beyond the arc and had 18 points, while Magic Johnson and

Elden Campbell scored 14 apiece. Cedric Ceballos returned to the lineup for Los Angeles after missing two games during his four-day unexcused absence. He scored 15 points and was on the court when the Lakers broke the game open in the third quarter.

"When we went out before the game, I said: 'We're going to have to start over. We're going to have to let him back in We can't keep holding a grudge. We have to move on because if everybody keeps their distance, we're not going to be a good team," Van Exel said.

Johnson was among the Lakers who criticized the fifth-year pro for leaving without permission. But by the end of the third quarter, he was leading the rest of the team in giving Ceballos high-fives and words of

encouragement. "Maybe the Cedric thing was a

blessing in disguise to make us understand what we need to do to come together and make sure we play as a team. ... After the game, I told him: 'Great game and welcome back.' That we need him to accomplish what we want to accomplish, and he's going to be a big part of it," Johnson

SuperSonics 114, Warriors 102

At Oakland, Calif., the SuperSonics completed a sweep of the season series by pulling away in the fourth quarter.

"I wouldn't say they bring out the best in us, but we always seem to finish it out against them," Seattle's Detlef Schrempf said of the Warriors, who stayed in a virtual tie with Sacramento for eighth place in the Western Conference.

Gary Payton and Schrempf scored 23 points each and hit all 15 of their foul shots, and Scattle made 30 of 31 free throws overall.

The Sonics have won four straight, seven of eight and 31 of 36.

Knicks 83, Rockets 74 At Houston, the Rockets were

without two more starters, Hakeem Olajuwon and Robert Horry, both sidelined by knee tendinitis. It left the two-time defending champions with a starting lineup of Mark Bryant, Tim Breaux, Sam Mack, Chucky Brown and Tracy Moore.

The Knicks opened a 22-point halftime lead, had it cut to three in the fourth quarter and then pulled away.

John Starks led New York with 21 points. Willie Anderson was arrested as he arrived at the arena on a warrant charging him with failure to pay child support. **Suns 102, Kings 98**

At Phoenix, Charles Barkley lifted Phoenix to a 98-94 lead by converting a three-point play with 31 seconds left, and Kevin Johnson sank four free throws in the final 20.7 seconds.

At Cleveland, the Bullets stayed within 3-1/2 games of Charlotte and Miami.

Bullets 96, Cavaliers 89

AFTER YEARS OF WAITING TABLES, IT WAS LAVERNE HICKS' TURN TO SAY, "CHECK, PLEASE."

ONE DAY, LAVERNE HICKS WAS BRINGING THE DAILY SPECIAL TO THE REGULARS AT HER HOMETOWN DINER. THE NEXT DAY, SHE WAS PICKING UP THE CHECK - A \$7.7 MILLION CHECK FROM LOTTO TEXAS. THESE DAYS, LAVERNE HAS HUNG UP HER APRON SO SHE CAN JUST CONCENTRATE ON BEING ONE OF OVER 150 MILLIONAIRES AND STILL COUNTING.





Astros' Jones wants ball when game is on line

By TERRY BLOUNT **Houston Chronicle**

stepped on the mound in a professional game, Todd Jones has wanted to be mix." the man with the ball in his hand So when the game was on the line.

He briefly had that opportunity last "I was preparing myself to go season, with mixed results, but he either way," Jones said. "Now that will start the 1996 season as the man the Astros are counting on to be the

I'm going to try to put that issue to rest this year."

knowing the question over John Hudek's health meant he might be the team's closer on April 1.

Hudek was trying to come back from surgery during which a rib that was causing circulation problems in his pitching arm was removed. But Rangers in the offseason. a muscle tear on his left side, unrelated to the surgery, means Hudek will start the year on the disabled list and could be out for as

long as 12 weeks.
"At this point, even under the best-case scenario with John, we have to prepare to start the season without

him," said Astros general manager Gerry Hunsicker. "How long into the KISSIMMEE, Fla. - Since he first season it will go is speculation. But for now, we can't consider John in the

So Jones is preparing to be the closer instead of the set-up man.

I know I'm going to do it, I'm very excited. But it's a shame that John had to get hurt. I think we would be "There are a lot of doubters out a better team with John because it there," Jones said. "I realize that, but would give us another quality arm in

Jones had 15 saves in 20 opportu-Jones came to spring training nities last season when he took over the job after Hudek was placed on the DL. He had a few rough outings which was why the team acquired veteran closer Mike Henneman from Detroit on Aug. 10.

Henneman signed with the Texas

Jones had to go back to being the set-up man after Henneman arrived, but he also had a couple of blown saves in the last week of the season. He has said he feels responsible for the team not making the playoffs. But the Astros would not have been in the

playoff chase without him.

Jones was second in the league in relief innings pitched with 100 and fifth in appearances (68) while finishing with a 6-5 record and a 3.07

"I learned a lot last year, which is why I don't anticipate having any problems now," Jones said. "I'm more focused than I've ever been and I'm ready for the challenge. I know that I have what it takes to do the job."

Jones is glad he didn't have to wait until the last days of camp before finding out his role.

"I think it definitely will help." he said. "I would like to see them use me from here on out in game-type situations. Don't even tell me if I'm going to pitch. Just get me up if we have a lead in the eighth or whatever so I can work on that part of the

Manager Terry Collins has confidence in Jones as his closer, but the rest of the bullpen has not looked good this spring, and Collins could

have used a healthy Hudek. "We think Todd will get the job done for us," Collins said, "but

we're really disappointed things have without Hudek, and it puts more worked out the way they have for pressure on the middle relievers," John. We were counting on him to be healthy. Now we have to make adjustments."

There are some big adjustments to consider. The biggest question is who will take over Jones' spot as the set-up man.

"I can't answer that right now," collins said. "We have to take a look at what we've got near the end of camp and try to put the pieces together."

That won't be easy unless some of the veteran pitchers step up in the final week in Florida.

"There's a trickle-down effect

Hunsicker said. "No one so far in camp has demonstrated he's our go-to

Hunsicker and Collins face an odd situation because the pitchers who have looked best - like Mark Small - are players without major-league experience on whom no one was counting to make the team. But veterans like Scott Bankhead and Jeff Tabaka have not pitched well.

"It's disappointing," Collins said. "But you have to be real careful about what spring training tells you. Making decisions on what you see down here

can be a mistake. You can get burned

Jones won't speculate on what the team should do to fill his role as the set-up man, the reliever who must get hitters out in the seventh and eighth imings.

"I think from my point of view, I better just worry about myself," Jones said. "I just want to do my job and

not worry about anything else. I'm not going to be stupid and set a lot of goals. "I just want to know I pitched good enough to be able to look up in September and see we have a lead in the division."

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Moises Alou doubled in a run and Sherman Obando singled home another in the first inning at West Palm Beach, Fla.

Marlins 4, Indians 3

Jeff Conine hit a go-ahead double in a three-run sixth inning and Terry Pendleton saved a run with a great defensive play in the eighth at Melbourne, Fla.

White Sox 4, Red Sox 3

Norberto Martin singled in the winning run with one out in the 10th at Sarasota, Fla.

Twins 4, Rangers 0

in Minnesota's starting rotation, allowing two hits in six shutout innings with seven strikeouts and no walks at Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Yankees 12, Tigers 4

Scott Kamieniecki, rumored to be available in a trade, held Detroit to three hits over five innings at Lakeland, Fla.

Phillies 2, Pirates 1

Pinch-hitter Jim Eisenreich connected for a two-run homer with two outs in the eighth at Clearwater,

Padres 10, Rockies 1

Bob Tewksbury allowed one run Rich Robertson solidified his spot over six innings at Tucson, Ariz., in

his best outing of the spring. It was just the third loss in 15 home games for Colorado, which got another home run from Andres Galarraga and three hits from Larry Walker.

Cubs 3, Angels 2

Brian McRae had three hits, and Rey Sanchez had two hits and drove in the go-ahead run at Tempe, Ariz.

Brewers 5, Giants 3

Dave Nilsson and John Jaha hit two-run homers at Chandler, Ariz.

Mariners 12, Athletics 4

In his final tuneup for his opening night assignment, Randy Johnson struck out 13 in six innings at Peoria, Ariz.

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Space vegetable planting to ensure continued production

By JAMES E. WALTERS PHOENIX (AP) - Space the planting time if you don't want all your vegetables ready to pick about the same time. Now is the time to make the calculations in planning your next garden. It is worth the trouble for just about everything, even flowers.

Precise dates for planting seeds or setting out transplants will vary with your climate and what you are growing, but the days from planting to harvest will be about the same everywhere for a particular variety

because of nature's growth-regulating

Since taste is probably the best reason, if not the only one, to grow vegetables at home, harvesting over a long period is a big plus.

Be sure to select varieties adapted and recommended for your region and keep within the recommended range for soil moisture and tempera-

If your vegetable garden space is limited, select from among beets, broccoli, beans, cabbage, carrots, leaf lettuce, onions, radishes and

tomatoes. They are the most pace-efficient vegetables.

Beets usually take between 60-80 days, cauliflower 90-100 days, carrots 60-100 days, eggplant 70-120 days, peppers 90-120 days. The general guidelines will be in reference books; more precise information for specific varieties will be included in the seed catalogs or on the seed packet or transplant labels.

ook for statements like "ready o arvest in about 50 days" or really to pick about 70 days after setting out transplants."

You can extend the harvest period by planting a third of the seed packet at the recommended time, another third 20 days later and the final portion after another 20 days. But divide the seed packet in half if this works better for your purposes.

Also, many vegetables have early-, mid- and late-season varieties. Tomatoes are notable examples, and most catalogs and nurseries list them for sale that way.

How do you know it's harvest time? Every gardener has a long list

of things to look for in making that decision. However, frequent sampling is probably the best way, since most vegetables taste best when fully developed but before they turn the corner to maturity.

Sellers tend to be optimistic. So add about a week to the catalog, packet or label estimates. Then allow for some plants of the same variety to mature later or before others.

The nearest cooperative extension office or university agricultural department will have authoritative information.

Since successive plantings insure top quality over the longest possible period, you will need to determine the days needed for maturing for each vegetable.

For example, in this warm, arid climate, green onions for eating (scallions) develop from onion sets in a few weeks. So in late October or early November, I prepare a 4 ft. by 10 ft. raised bed and divide it into three equal segments. Sets spaced an inch apart are planted in the first

Two weeks later a similar planting goes into segment No. 2. Segment No. 3 is planted two weeks later. By the time the green onions from the first bed have been eaten and replacement sets planted, the second bed is being harvested. The third bed is harvested next.

This sequence continues until higher temperatures rule out further onion planting, usually in late February. Then I put in a warm-season crop such as green peppers, using the same timing.

Planting times will vary with your climate and the vegetables you

It is also well to remember that commercial growers need to have everything ready for harvest about the same time for ease of handling. Most seed crops are developed to meet such timing needs.

While this is a valid position for mass production of food, it's also one reason store-bought vegetables taste so bland.

Men's fashion not hyped like women's wear or vest without a tie. It's definitely not sneakers, jeans, T-shirts and sport

By DIANE SUSTENDAL **Associated Press Writer**

NEW YORK (AP) -- In terms of making big fashion news or major fashion statements, men's clothing has never been hyped like women's

But that's rapidly changing. With estimated sales of men's and boy's clothing last year reaching nearly \$11.8 billion, it seems that a lot of guys are starting to shop.

That figure includes everything from underwear to overcoats, but when sales by a designer like Tommy Hilfiger reach a whopping \$400

million, something is happening.
Part of the "something" has been an effort to put the men's wear business in the spotlight by holding semiannual showings bringing American fashion to a new level of awareness at national and international levels.

Much of the effort has come from Seventh on Sixth, the same organization that placed the American women's apparel business at the forefront of the international scene by hosting semiannual shows under great white tents pitched in Manhattan's Bryant Park.

the fashion cognoscenti - even though one venue is, in fact, inside the New York Public Library - have become the showcase for numerous well-known and soon-to-be-known designers.

In February, under the aegis of Seventh on Sixth, designers of the stature of Calvin Klein, Donna Karan, David Chu, Joseph Abboud, Tommy Hilfiger, Hugo Boss, Barry Bricken, and Ralph Lauren showed their fall-winter collections to store buyers, an international press corps and celebrities ranging from Bryant Gumbel to Spike Lee.

Male supermodels, rap artists, and club kids donned designer duds and strolled, strode and strutted their stuff on the runways at Manhattan locations as diverse as the Sony Music Studio, the Seventh on Sixth Center, the very private Players Club, and showrooms around the city.

The clothes previewed for the coming seasons were as diverse as the settings in which they were shown.

Designers usually associated with "The tents," as they are called by elegant suits, sport coats and fashion cognoscenti - even though overcoats showed casual sportswear, much of it taking its inspiration from active sports gear meant for snow boarding, auto racing, scuba diving. Add rock 'n' roll clothes to the mix if all-night dancing is considered a

> Others primarily considered sportswear designers, such as Tommy Hilfiger and Nautica's David Chu, proved as adept at tailoring a suit as packing punch into parkas, cutting casual pants, and stitching up skintight sweaters.

> The result of this designer expansion is men's wear that is understandable, wearable and diverse enough to clear up that fuzzy fashion area defined as "casual Friday wear," which left most men confused

> as to how casual is casual. Friday casual clothes for fall--winter can be defined as shirts, ties and trousers worn with a sweater or sweater jacket. It can mean a suit or sport coat worn with a shirt, sweater

team baseball jackets. That's Saturday wear, Saturday day wear. Saturday night, with the exception of tuxedos, looks a lot like Friday casual.

With sportswear designers venturing into tailored clothes, suitable for the board room, and tailored clothing's sartorial stars working their way toward casual clothes, what comes up in American men's fashion is a season where designers can give a man everything he needs to get dressed for every occasion.

It's put America designers into a place of importance to rival the biggest names on the international fashion scene. Which is why these shows, which have only existed for three seasons, have become an important venue drawing retailers and press from Europe, Asia, Canada and all across the United States.



BRIDES

from the catalog. He wore the frock coat in the catalog and black jeans, a black hat and his best black lizard boots. The best man and maid of honor also wore western gear.

The western wedding fits into what bridal magazines refer to as costume and theme weddings. They're a growing trend, but far from the major

"To tell you the truth," says Rachel Leonard, fashion editor of Bride's,"most brides want to look like the all-American girl. In the '90s, that tends to mean wearing a dress of relative simplicity, understated and with clean lines. The ball gown, the at the shoulders or neckline. princess line and the sheath are the most important silhouettes."

Representative of that trend are dresses by Amsale Aberra, an Ethiopia-born American designer fabrics and subtle detailing, such as a slender Alencon lace sheath with a silk chapel train or a full-skirted satin gown over a tulle underskirt accented be able to look at her wedding as these. photographs on her 20th wedding anniversary and see an elegant gown as beautiful as ever - not a trendy,

designer, whose line bears her first

Leonard says that one of the newest trends is for bridal dresses to have a color accent. It could be contrast piping on a white dress, colored embroidery at the neckline, or a silk flower on a bustle. Some dresses are even subtly colored in very pale pink or blue. Or the color may come in a pastel veil worn with a white dress.

Another fashionable direction is for body-revealing and body-baring dresses such as sheaths, halter tops, bare backs and dresses with cutouts

Yet another bridal look is a sedate, high-necked dress with long sleeves. The style was popularized in the 1950s by brides such as Grace Kelly and Jackie Kennedy.

Those who crave a vintage look often who prefers simple lines with fine go with lace, says Leonard. The dresses are new, but they have an heirloom look from the turn of the century or a little after. Vintage-style accessories such as ankle boots and strap buckle with silk flowers. "I want a bride to shoes are favorites with dresses such

If the storybook wedding appeals, however, not to worry.

"There are lots of fantasies out there

fussy period piece," says the -medieval, Victorian, western, southern belle or Cinderella princess are some of the most popular - and the manufacturers cater to them." Leonard

Of course, those fantasies do have a fairly steep price tag. The average price of a wedding dress across the country is \$750, with better dresses priced between \$1,000 and \$2,000, and up. There, are, however, more options in stylish dresses at lower prices, says Leonard.

Styles for attendants mirror those for the bride. Sheaths and other body-revealing styles are popular, but so are ladylike dresses that recall the '50s. More fashionable clothing that can be worn for other occasions is growing in popularity. This season, for example, there are chiffon pants with a lace top for bridesmaids.

New colors for attendants include chartreuse and lilac. But the old standbys of pink, red shades such as coral and fuchsia and navy blue are continuing trends.

Manufacturers are experimenting with dapper Hollywood looks for grooms and male attendants, says Leonard. High vests that show under the jacket and lapel insets of satin stripes are newer looks. Mandarin collar shirts worn with a jewel rather than a tie are another fashionable direction.

Advice for prospective brides choosing a dress?

"If you are getting married on a the awful heartburn. Sometimes it seems that everything I eat causes says Leonard. "If you are getting married at the Rainbow Room, wear something glamorous."

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ANSWER: It is a mistake to think about psoriasis in terms of cure. We cannot cure it, only control it.

Thus it's all but axiomatic that left untreated psoriasis will return. That unfortunate fact underlies much of the disappointment you and others express about treatments.

Nevertheless, reviewing the treatments you attached to your note, I see some of the newer ones missing.

Dovonex ointment, a distant relative of vitamin D, is fairly new in psoriasis treatment. So is Tegison, which comes in capsule form. It's for severe psoriasis.

Many patients do get by with the controls you already have tried, including the cortisone creams and other old standbys, such as coal tar. Methotrexate, an oral medicine, has a good track record.

Begin afresh. Adopt a long-term, ongoing control attitude. Continue with one control or another through thick and thin, in good psoriasis times and bad.

Be gentle with your skin — at all times. Avoid harsh scrubbing. Use moisturizers regularly.

NOTE: Psoriasis patients should get prompt treatment for strep throat. A streptococcus infection can

trigger psoriasis.
DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I read you every day in our newspaper. I am interested in the subject of hiatal hernia and heartburn. I have never seen a report on the foods to avoid for the acid. Please advise. - I.K.

ANSWER: Please don't take this as a flippant remark, but you are the only judge of foods to avoid. One food might cause heartburn in one patient but not in the next.

You can start by eliminating some of the usual suspects, including alcohol, peppermints, onions, chocolate, citrus fruits, tomato-based foods and some soft drinks. Add coffee - even

decaffeinated coffee — to that list. Perhaps you need to set a new treatment tack. Broad reaction to food, the kind that you report, indicates that a diet change might be futile, that the need is for medicine to neutralize or to stop production of the stomach acid. Your doctor might

There are many drugs for that. For more information, see the "Hiatal hernia, Heartburn and Acid Reflux" report I'm sending you. Others can order a copy by writing: Dr. Donohue — No. 18, Box 5539, Riverton, NJ 08077-5539. Enclose \$3 and a self-addressed, stamped (55 cents) No. 10 envelope.

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Texas crop report

Drought continues, but feed program may

ranchers continue to suffer through the parched spring months and into there may be temporary relief through a livestock feed program, according the cost of grains purchased. to the state Agricultural Extension

of Texas.

Conditions across the state of Texas are beginning to worsen each day without any significant rainfall.

'We are in pretty bad shape, especially if you look at the short term effects. Conditions are about as bad as they can get in the amount of time we have been in the drought," said Dr. Allen McGinty of San Angelo, Extension range specialist.

McGinty added that the San Angelo area had an exceptional year last year and therefore, produced a lot of forage for livestock.

'We had an excellent year, but it quit raining in the summer," McGinty said. "Now it has only rained one-half of an inch since January and the year is half over."

Other parts of the state have had no measurable rainfall since January and continue to endure the dry spring months.

"We are 90 percent below normal rainfall at this point in the year and spring is only going to get worse," said Sam Kuykendall of Menard, Menard County Extension agent.

Kuykendall went on to say that Menard usually produces enough forage for its cattle without supplementation; however, this year producers are purchasing hay from Oklahoma and surrounding areas.

He also said that many ranchers are already having to purchase range cubes and grain because of the scarcity of forages and stored hay.

Producers in South Texas also are bringing in hay from other states.

"Producers are down to their last bits of hay. We are putting together a truckload of hay from New Mexico and Oklahoma," said Larry Perez of Jourdanton, Atascosa County assistant Extension agent.

Farmers and ranchers in this area of the state have only had four-tenths of an inch of rainfall since January not enough to ease the drought.

Quite possible the only break for producers is the Livestock Feed Program set up by the Consolidated Farm Services Agency, according to Darren Owens of College Station, chief of common management at the Consolidated Farm Services Agency. The livestock program is designed to

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) help relieve farmers and ranchers of Drought-stricken farmers and some of the suffering associated with purchasing grains for livestock. The amount of aid received depends on the even drier summer season, but how much grain and pasture crops is lost, but is equivalent to about half of

"It (aid) is based on the number of livestock head you have, the Karen Shelton-Mur, meteorologist amount and type of pastures you at the National Weather Service have, and what feed you would Agricultural Service Center in normally produce versus what you've College Station, reports no end in lost;" Owens said. "We look at two sight for the drought-stricken lands things. One, we look at your feed losses and then we would also look at the amount of feed in excess of normal you would have to purchase."

In order to be eligible for the livestock feed program, the county must first be approved by the Consolidated Farm Services Agency.

Owens said a county has to have suffered a 40 percent loss in overall production and be 40 percent below normal rainfall for the previous four

The last two requirements are reserved for the individual. The farm services agency must have proof that each farmer is living off his livestock and therefore is in need of aid.

"At least 10 percent of your income has to be from grain and livestock. Basically, it is designed to help people mainly in the agriculture business and not just hobby producers." Owens said. "The producer of course has to have owned the livestock for at least six months or for example, calves born to livestock that you have owned for a period of six months."

Owens also said that in 1995, there were approximately 135 counties in the livestock feed program. The program lasted the entire year, but this year's program is facing termination by the federal government. Currently, there are about 130 counties in the state which are already eligible for this program; however, there are also about 10 counties that are pending.

Owens expressed concern for the farmers because the new Farm Bill in Congress will eliminate the livestock feed program. He also warned producers to check possible end dates for the

The new farm bill legislation that has just come out will climinate this program and so producers need to be sure to check regularly with their local office because the program could terminate at any time upon passage of the legislation," Owens said.

'Right now the wording in the legislation would end it today if the legislation is passed, but there are a couple of members of congress trying to set a specific date to end the program.

The Consolidated Farm Services Agency is approving farmers and

ranchers for a 30-day feeding period. Those not in the program when the bill is signed will not be eligible for any kind of aid.

"We are trying to approve them for a minimum of 30 days, but not later than May 31," Owens said.

Owens speculated that the bill could be signed as early as this week by Congress and as early as next week by President Clinton.

'Those producers approved prior to enactment will be eligible until the end of the feeding period which will be no later than May 31," Owens said.

Shelton-Mur reported that some precipitation fell throughout the state, but no significant rainfall. Severe storms raged through Texas triggering thunderstorms and precipitating three-quarter to one- and one-half inch diameter hail.

Beneficial rain fell in many areas in North and East Texas, but unfortunately another surge of cold air replaced the warm, moist air.

According to Shelton-Mur temperature should get warmer by Wednesday and near seasonable levels should return Thursday through Saturday. The warming trend is expected to bring isolated to scattered showers and thunderstorms in the north, east, and southeastern regions of the state. Dry conditions are expected elsewhere.

The temperature outlook for Sunday through Thursday indicates above normal temperature in the High Plains and Trans Pecos. Meanwhile, below normal temperatures is indicated for the lower Rio Grande Valley and the southern portion of the Coastal Bend. Normal temperature is indicated elsewhere.

The precipitation outlook for Sunday through Thursday suggests that little to no precipitation will

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

PANHANDLE: short. Ranges rated fair to poor; numerous fires reported. Livestock in fair condition; supplemental feeding continues. Irrigated wheat rate very short.

SOUTH PLAINS: very short. Ranges and pastures remain dry; supplemental feeding continues. Land preparation, pre-irrigation, and herbicide application continues. Wheat desperately needs moisture. Onion planting underway.

ROLLING PLAINS: very short. Livestock in fair condition; heavy supplemental feeding continues. Ranges and pastures beginning to get green. Soil preparation underway for cotton season. Wheat fields moisture stressed. Insect activity light in most fields good to fair; dryland wheat poor. Brown wheat mite a problem.

NORTH TEXAS: very short to short to adequate. Pastures improving, but still in poor condition. Peaches lost to freeze. Corn poor to good. Wheat very poor to fair. Hay in short supply. Early planted vegetables damaged from freeze. Fertilizing pecans.

EAST TEXAS: very short to short. Pastures very poor; hay supplies low. Cattle condition declining. Vegetable planting/replanting continues in irrigated gardens. Freeze damage high in early peaches crops and

FAR WEST TEXAS: very short. cattle. Gardens being irrigated; Pastures and ranges very poor. No forage growth. Wheat very poor. Onions bulbing. Planting cantaloupe. Trees beginning to bloom. Pecans preparing for bud break.

WEST CENTRAL TEXAS: very short. Range and pasture conditions poor due to drought. Oat crops lost due to drought. Commercial vegetable producers making land preparations. Peach trees blooming. Orchard fertilization in progress.

CENTRAL TEXAS: very short. Cattle beginning to lose weight; some producers culling herds and selling harvest near completion. Corn condition,

transplants requiring large quantities of water. Some corn planted but not

emerged.
SOUTHEAST TEXAS: very short to short. Pastures on the decline; all-time low for grazing. Supplemental feeding continues. Planting of row crops continues. Freeze damaged peach tree blooms and some set fruit.

SOUTHWEST TEXAS: adequate to poor. Pastures and ranges conditions continue to decline. Lambing in full swing. Early peach varieties severely frozen. Spinach growing slowly due to cold tempera-

COASTAL BEND: very short. Supplemental feeding continues; hay in short supply. Large number of cattle moving to market. Continued delay of planting due to inadequate moisture. Peaches still growing; some

pecan budding.
SOUTH TEXAS: very short. Pastures and ranges in poor condition. Sugar cane and citrus harvest continues. Harvest continues on greens, onion, carrots, and cabbage. Corn, cotton, and sorghum in fair

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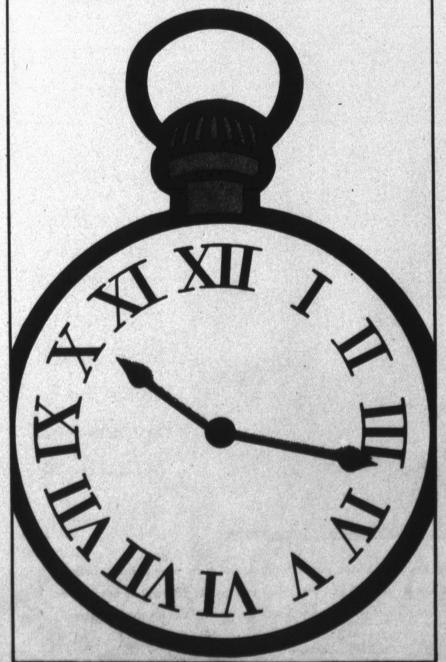
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Dogs, handlers have become vital cog in detection of drugs by U.S. Custom Department

By RIC LOPEZ **Laredo Morning Times**

LAREDO -- Ben, Monty, Sally and Cody are an essential part of the U.S. Customs Service inspection staff. They detect a large number of smuggled narcotics, conduct a thorough vehicle inspection in less than a couple of minutes and are known as "canis familiaris," or dogs.

The kind of work canines and their handlers perform is a joint effort in drug seizure," said K-9 trainer with the Customs canine enforcement since 1972.

The canine enforcement department has been in existence across the United States since 1970.

About 99 percent of the dogs chosen for training are taken from animal shelters.

"Sometimes we've saved dogs that were just about to be gassed, said Customs canine handler Alfonso are more alert than the others."

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Training Center. Around 220 dog teams are trained yearly at the substance in a car or structure, the 240-acre facility.

Contrary to popular belief, the area, Butler said. K-9s are not inoculated with heroin or force-fed marijuana. Instead, the seizure before "graduating" from dogs are trained by a certified dog handler, and are taught to follow simple commands such as "sit" and "fetch," but not "attack."

After they are taught to follow such commands, they soon are given an introduction to drug detection. Tim Butler, who has been working This begins when handlers use terry cloth hand towels to teach dogs how to retrieve items at command

After the dogs develop a playful nature, the handlers saturate a hand towel with the potent stench of marijuana. As the frisky dogs become acquainted with the scent of the narcotics, they learn to associate the towel with playtime.

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Coffee shop customers welcome back cashier

By CASSANDRA BURRELL **Associated Press Writer**

WASHINGTON (AP) - Capitol Hill workers are begging coffee shop cashier Bernice Harris to keep calling them "baby."

After 30 years on the job, Harris, 58, has become known for her bright smile and her habit of affectionately calling all of her customers "baby," "baby cakes," "sugar," or a similar endearment.

But after being accused of sexual harassment, she said she would stop.

On Tuesday, senators and their staffers carried cards and flowers to welcome Harris back to the coffee shop in the Russell Senate Office Building.

"She's wonderful," said Bo Morrison, who works for Sen. David Pryor, D-Ark. "She's got so many names it's amazing.

"She's just a burst of sunshine, a friendly, wonderful, lovely woman," said Karen Gravois, an aide to Sen. Charles Robb, D-Va.

Harris' supervisors transferred her from the basement coffee shop to a Capitol cafeteria last week after one of her customers said he was offended when she called him "baby."

Christopher Held, a part-time aide to Sen. Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., wrote Harris a letter saying he was uncomfortable with the comment and suggested it could be sexual harassment.

An upset Harris showed the letter to her supervisors, who moved her out of the coffee shop. After senators and their staffers learned of the move, they drew up a petition calling for her return to the coffee shop, and at the end of the week she was transferred back to her old duties.

"She's going to retire in May, and for the last month or two of her career, we told her to look out for this guy and not to call him 'baby," said Benjamin Wimberly, an administrative assistant to the architect of the Capitol, which manages the Capitol's coffee shops and cafeterias.

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Orders placed for big-ticket items decline 2.5 percent in February

By JOHN D. McCLAIN **Associated Press Writer**

WASHINGTON (AP) - Orders to U.S. factories for big-ticket durable goods plunged 2.5 percent in February, the biggest decline in 10 months led by a steep drop in aircraft.

Excluding the volatile transportation sector, orders rose 0.7 percent.

The Commerce Department said today orders totaled a seasonally adjusted \$165 billion, down from a sharply revised \$169.2 billion in January. It was the fourth decline in the last five months and the largest since orders fell 4.6 percent last

Many analysts had expected orders to edge up about 0.2 percent.

Durable goods are products such as appliances and automobiles expected to last more than three years. They are considered a key gauge of the nation's manufacturing sector, since an increase could lead to greater production and more jobs.

Today's report showed that orders in January were much weaker than previously thought, falling 0.6 percent rather than rising 0.2 percent as estimated earlier.

A survey of U.S. purchasing executives in early February had suggested that manufacturing weakened in February. But the National Association of Purchasing Management said its sampling indicated the seven-month decline had slowed.

Other areas of the economy have shown signs of strengthening recently, and Federal Reserve policy-makers passed up an opportunity on Tuesday to cut interest rates again to spur growth.

Transportation orders fell 11.6 percent, the biggest drop since an 11.8 percent decline last October. A huge fall in aircraft orders more than offset a small increase in automobile

Transportation orders had fallen 3 percent in January after shooting up 12.3 percent a month earlier.

Orders for volatile military goods fell 26.5 percent after increases of 5.8 percent and 36.7 percent in January

and December respectively. Excluding this component, orders were down 1.3 percent, largest since 1.6 percent decrease last July.

Orders for non-military capital goods excluding aircraft rose 3.7 percent after rising 1 percent in January. These orders often are a barometer of business plans to expand and modernize.

Orders for industrial machinery and equipment increased 2.8 percent following a 2.9 percent gain a month earlier. Primary metals orders were up 0.5 percent after falling 2.8 percent the previous month.

Orders for electronic and other electrical equipment fell 1.1 percent after a 0.6 percent drop in January.

Shipments advanced 1.3 percent in February. Despite the gain, the backlog of unfilled orders edged up 0.2 percent. A growing backlog indicates businesses may be pressed to keep up with demand, resulting in more jobs and longer production



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Conflict may lead to 75-mile bus trip to school

By EDUARDO MONTES **Associated Press Writer**

PRESIDIO, Texas (AP) - Picture a 7-year-old leaving the house by 6 a.m., being shipped out of town on a jostling school bus and not being allowed even a glimpse of home until

As a parent, Hector Morales would spare the kids in his community this

"It's impossible for that child to be that way, without his house and his mother, for 12 hours," said Morales, a farmer in Redford, a tiny village in the Big Bend region's Presidio County. "That's very tough."

But a brewing dispute between two school districts could very well force the dozen or so students at Redford's sole school to endure a long-distance commute that would stretch a school day into a dusk-to-dawn affair.

Problems surfaced last year when the Marfa Independent School District board, seeking to make some financial adjustments, voted to close Redford elementary and bus its pupils 75 miles to Marfa.

The trip would mirror a 160-mile round-trip bus ride - by some accounts the nation's longest school bus commute - that high school students have been living with for years in neighboring Brewster County.

Morales and other parents soon began protesting the trip would be too hard on the children and petitioned that Redford be allowed to secede and join the Presidio Independent School

Presidio is only 16 miles west of Redford (Pop. 100) and long ago agreed to take the town's middle and high school students as long as the Marfa district paid their tuition.

"We're happy with that," said Morales, who has two children at Presidio High School and an 11-year-old daughter at Redford School. "We don't want the 75-mile trip every day.'

Yet, while Marfa agreed to release

Redford and allowed the school to remain open this year so the matter could be settled, Presidio officials have balked at the annexation.

They express concern that the area they would receive doesn't have a big enough tax base to cover the expense of taking on the new pupils while also paying for upper-level students who would no longer bring in tuition.

"We certainly don't have a problem taking these students and educating them," said Presidio superintendent David Simmons. "We feel we need to be ensured of being able to provide for them from an economic standpoint.'

Assistant superintendent Robert Medrano put it more bluntly.

"Most of the school board is seeing this as a ploy by the Marfa ISD school board just to take advantage of the situation and disown the people that they're serving in Redford without giving up any tax base," he

Such complaints have rekindled a longstanding debate between officials in Marfa, on the county's northern edge, and Presidio, 60 miles to the south, over the division of the county's tax base.

Presidio officials protest that although they have more students, about 1,250 to Marfa's roughly 470, they have a smaller portion of the taxable property.

The most recent figures available from the Texas Education Agency show the Marfa district had a tax base of \$73.5 million in 1994, compared to Presidio's tax base of \$60.5

More significantly, when the figures are broken down, they show that each student in the Marfa district was supported by a tax base of \$156,875. Each Presidio student was supported by a tax base of \$55,187.

Marfa school board president Mark Kemp said his district can't afford to give up what Presidio wants, which he described as being "basically half the county," and noted disagreements

have prolonged the Redford situation.

"We've tried over the last five or six years to come to an agreement over the students in Redford," Kemp said. "Basically that's been the complaint, that we didn't offer them enough exchange in tax base to make it financially feasible."

Some Redford residents see a problem that runs deeper than

Melvin La Follette, a retired Episcopal priest who helped spearhead the annexation drive, said Redford was valuable to Marfa in the past because it was part of a larger parcel of taxable

land that included Big Bend Ranch.

"They always put up with us because there was tax money involved, although Marfa never did like to have Redford,' said La Follette. "Marfa people have always considered the Redford people as inferior."

But a few years back the ranch was turned over to the state, which converted the property into a state park, and it was taken off the tax rolls. Redford, said La Follette, suddenly lost its appeal to Marfa.

"Marfa would like nothing better than to get rid of us," he said.

Kemp maintains the decision to close Redford School was based solely on financial considerations. At an

operating cost of \$150,000, the threebuilding school is becoming too costly, he said.

He argued the Presidio district actually stands to benefit because it will be eligible for increased state and federal funding if it accepts all Redford area students, who number about 30.

"It's on their side of the court to see what they're going to do with it." said Kemp.

With that, the dispute returns to the circular argument over tax base. That doesn't necessarily mean the

matter will remain in limbo indefinitely,

The Presidio board is expected to vote on the annexation soon. And

although Medrano said he believes a "good percentage" of the community opposes it, there will still be other options if the measure fails.

La Follette pointed out that after "no" vote, the parents of Redford would be able to appeal to state education officials to make a final determination on where the students should be educated.

If that fails as well, more extreme action can be taken, he said.

"We will have civil disobedience. We will lie in the path of the bus,' said La Follette. "We will do whatever is necessary. Nobody in this little village will accept busing children to

CD-ROM puts skull in hands of students

By DICK STANLEY

Austin American-Statesman AUSTIN - Timothy Rowe cradled the 3-inch-long skull of Thrinaxodon liorhinus, an extinct relative of modern mammals, in the palm of his

"I don't feel comfortable handing it around to 300 freshmen," said Rowe, who said there are only about 20 of the fossils in the world.

So Rowe, a professor of geology at the University of Texas who teaches vertebrate paleontology, and three colleagues in Austin and Los Angeles, did the next best thing. They collaborated on the CD-ROM Thrinaxodon: Digital Atlas of the Skull." It's one of the first examples of what some scientists, publishers and computer entrepreneurs predict will be an expanding catalogue of science research tools for personal computers.

Originally published in 1993 by the University of Texas Press for the MS-DOS operating system for personal computers, "Thrinaxodon" was republished late last year in a version for the Windows operating

"We have plenty of scientists in mind who'd like to put their work on CDs," said Shannon Davies, editor of "Thrinaxodon," and the editor of science CD-ROMs, a new division at the University of Texas Press.

The field isn't expected to produce any best-sellers, but nonprofit academic presses have other

concerns, such as furthering academic research.

"The market for (computer) CDs in general, except for games, is flat," Davies said. "We've sold probably under 50 copies of 'Thrinaxodon' at \$35 each. But we publish to disseminate research. This has turned out to be an excellent way to do it. We also feel we can provide them to scientists who aren't at big, research

universities." While it probably won't ever rival 'Myst," the CD-ROM computer adventure game that has sold hundreds of thousands of copies, "Thrinaxodon's" usefulness to scientists and students has surprised even its creators.

"Putting it together was a nightmare of trivial choices. But down the road we found out what we did," Rowe said of the project, on which he collaborated with William Carlson, chairman of the UT-Austin geology department; William Bottorff, president of Austin Business Computers Inc.; and the late Everett Olson, a professor of paleontology at the University of California at Los Angeles.

Thrinaxodon liorhinus is a familiar fossil to scientists who study the evolution of mammals. It was a catlike creature, an apparent bridge between reptiles and mammals, whose fossil skulls have been found in what is now South Africa, China and Antarctica. Paleontologists say studying the fossils provides insights

into the evolutionary origin of it," Rowe said. mammals

'Since this is one of our distant ancestors," Rowe said, holding the tiny skull up to the light in a lab on the Austin campus, "scientists want to study the brain case for the evolution of the brain."

The CD-ROM contains classic papers on the fossil skulls by such experts as Olson, who wrote the CD-ROM's forward. During World War II, Olson had one of the fossil skulls ground up, a little bit at a time, to explore its structural details.

The CD-ROM did it one better, in a nondestructive way, with computed X-ray tomography scans of the fossil skull by Austin's Scientific Measurement Systems Inc.

Scientific Measurement's X-ray scanner is similar to the CAT scans used in hospitals to find brain tumors. But the company uses an industrial quality scanner capable of detail as fine as 200 microns (one micron equals about 1/25,000th of an inch). It's normally used for such things as inspecting jet engine turbine blades for hairline cracks.

The industrial CAT scans produced 767 digital slices of Thrinaxodon's skull, showing the surface features of the skull's exterior and interior without harming the fossil. The software can stack the slices to construct 3-D images that can be animated for full, slow-motion inspection from every angle.

"I was astonished the first time I saw

Zhexi Luo and Zhen Zhang, scientists in South Carolina who reviewed the CD-ROM in the December issue of the Journal of Vertebrate Paleontology, went further.

"The impact of this ingenious work by Rowe and his colleagues on (structural) studies of vertebrates will be far-reaching," Luo and Zhang wrote. "By delivering all original data in an unprecedented scope, this CD has far surpassed the conventional publications of vertebrate skull studies.'

Although it doesn't have the audio found on many CD-ROMs, it's easy to use. Rowe clicked his computer mouse through the CD-ROM's files and paused to point out a feature of the skull.

"There's the structure for the third eye, once common, which shows you how primitive Thrinaxodon is," he said. "It gives us a good idea of how evolution has preceded. The oppossum, for instance, is the stupidest animal alive, and its brain case volume is 10 times larger than Thrinaxodon's."

He said the University of Texas Press and the Society of Vertebrate Paleontology are considering a host of successors to the "Thrinaxodon" CD-ROM, perhaps even a series on the world's great fossils of primates, birds and dinosaurs.

"It's been fun for us to experiment with this brand new field of electronic publishing," Davies said. "We're still book publishers but, for science, I think it's very viable."

Brewster County students ride bus 80 miles to class

PRESIDIO, Texas (AP) - A proposal that would force some Presidio County children to endure a 75-mile bus trip to get to elementary school would create bus commute in the Big Bend

Teen-agers in neighboring Brewster County, specifically those living in the towns of Terlingua and Lajitas and in the Big Bend National Park, have for

years been traveling 80 miles or more (one way) to get to classes.

The area immediately around the national park has no high school, so students who want to school in Alpine. Some move there, but most choose to make the 160-mile round trip each day.

Efforts are currently under way to build a high school for students in Terlingua and the surrounding communities.



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sylvania in 1690.

Names in the News

SECAUCUS, N.J. (AP) - Lloyd Bridges received a lifetime achievement award from Beneath the Sea.

The star of 1957-61 television series "Sea Hunt," Bridges introduced millions to the underwater ocean world and helped popularize scuba diving in its infancy. The 83-year-old actor, whose sons

Beau and Jeff are both movie stars, gratefully accepted the award Saturday from the scuba diving trade group Beneath the Sea and spoke out for ocean conservation. Bridges said he could already see

signs of serious ocean pollution in the late 1950s, so when he was approached about renewing the hit series for a fifth season he declined.

"I'd seen what was happening and it seemed ridiculous for me to play cops and robbers underwater," when the show's sponsor was itself a polluter, he said, without naming the sponsor. Bridges was accompanied by his

daughter Cindy.

NEW YORK (AP) - "ER" star George Clooney is suffering from a few butterflies about swapping hospital greens for tights and a cape when he takes over as the next Batman.

And with good reason. Clooney has big crime-fighting boots to fill, taking over after Michael Keaton and Val Kilmer both scored huge hits in the

'My God, it's the biggest franchise ever! Nothing can compare," Clooney said in the March 30 TV Guide, adding the he's looking forward to the

In "Batman and Robin," Clooney battles Arnold Schwarzenegger as the villainous Dr. Freeze, and Uma Thurman as Poison Ivy. Helping protect Gotham City will be Alicia Silverstone as Batgirl and Chris O'Donnell as Robin.

Clooney also is filming "One Fine Day" with Michelle Pfciffer, but he insisted he will not drop his role as Dr. Doug Ross on the smash NBC

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TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN — A property tax study network. panel will hold public hearings across "We've George W. Bush announced last week.

And, the governor's office issued a report suggesting three options for replacing the \$9 billion in property rent set of patient protection rules, taxes Texans paid last year:

Expand the tax levy to items not now taxed, and perhaps raise the 6.25 percent state sales tax rate;

■ Create a new "business activity tax" based on the sum of all of a business's internal costs, including profit; and

■ Levy a gross-receipts tax on all business and investment income generated in Texas.

Bush said he would not consider a personal income tax. And, he said, any property tax alternative must be fair and easy to understand and "revenueneutral" - raising no more money than it replaces.

"The budget experts have analyzed the facts. Now it is time to gauge the feelings of the people of Texas," Bush commented in a Dallas Morning News

Insurance Commissioner Elton Bomer will be chairman of the panel, with other members to be named in the coming weeks, Bush said.

"Our job is not to come to any specific conclusions," but to provide a public forum for Texans to discuss property taxes and alternatives to prop-

erty taxes, Bomer told the Morning News. The panel's report will be studied by the state Legislature in 1997. Bomer Adopts HMO Safeguards

Insurance Commissioner Bomer adopted a second set of rights and protections to take effect June 1 for Texans enrolled in managed health

care plans. The new rules would:

Limit certain payments by en-

 Require that preferred providers pass along to enrollees any savings

they receive from fee discounts; and Require that HMOs allow their patients to receive medical services from out-of-network physicians if those services are not available in the

'We've followed (Gov. Bush's) Texas to get local input on ways to original principle of maintaining qualreplace school property taxes, Gov. ity health care while ensuring fair treatment of managed care patients and providers," Bomer said.

Last fall, Bomer approved the curwhich went into effect Jan. 1.

Who Are These Guys?

Four out of five Texans know George W. Bush is governor, according to the latest Texas Poll survey. But most respondents were stumped when asked to name other top public officeholders.

While 81 percent of 1,001 respondents matched Bush with his office, only 47 percent could name their senior U.S. senator (Phil Gramm) and just 32 percent managed to name junior U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison.

Down the list of "barely knowns" were Attorney General Dan Morales, 21 percent; Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock, 15 percent; Land Commissioner Garry Mauro, 13 percent; Comptroller John Sharp, 12 percent; and Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry, six percent. Survey: Texans 'Growing'

the University of Texas - which also conducts the Texas Poll for Harteleased figures that shed a little light on Texans' "figures."

According to the OSR, more than

The beast

overweight in 1994, compared to just 18 percent in 1989.

Lack of vegetables in the diet may have something to do with this proclivity for portliness. The survey found that only 16 percent of Texans in the 16-24 age group eat five or more servings of fruits and vegetables per day.

Race cannot be used as a factor in admissions at the University of Texas, the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans ruled last week.

The ruling reversed a lower court opinion that admissions policies at the University of Texas unfairly work against white students who apply to the UT School of Law.

The suit, filed by four white students who were not granted admission to the law school in 1992, claimed the school did not hold white and minority students to the same entrance standards.

UT System officials suspended admissions for a week to analyze the ruling. They said they would ask the Attorney General Dan Morales to appeal the ruling.

Other Capital Highlights

■ About 300 members of "Republic of Texas," a group formed in 1995 to nullify Texas statehood, marched peacefully on the state Capitol last week. The group claims a membership of more than 2,000 antitax, anti-federalist protesters who believe Texas was illegally admitted to the union 150 years ago. State leaders ignored the group.

Federally approved patient trials of Dr. Jonas Salk's AIDS vaccine, "Remune," began last week in Austin at the HIV Study Group of the Central Texas Medical Foundation. Austin is one of 50 study sites nationwide and the only study site in Texas. Salk, world famous for his polio vaccine, died last summer.

■ Texas Parks and Wildlife The Office of Survey Research at nabbed 23 game-poaching suspects in a four-county undercover investigation in the East Texas counties of Jas-Hanks Communications - has re- per, Hardin, Newton and Orange. The suspects, accused of using dogs to round up deer for easy shooting on public lands, face 46 charges, each 28 percent of Texas residents were punishable by a fine of up to \$1,000.

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