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Dole ekes out Iowa victory Buchanan second; Gramm limps in fifth in caucuses

By MIKE GLOVER
Associated Press Writer
DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) - Bob Dole eked out a victory in Iowa's presidential caucuses, but it was Pat Buchanan who gloated today after a solid and surprising second-place showing left him crowding Dole for a perch atop the GOP field.

The Iowa results underscored the importance of next-up New Hampshire, a troubling thought for Dole. His campaign stumbled there in 1988, while Buchanan's upstart 1992 run took life after a surprisingly strong New Hampshire showing.

A subdued Dole declared his win over Buchanan "the first big step on our road." But Buchanan said this morning that Iowa established him as "the one conservative who can win this nomination."

Lamar Alexander claimed momentum with a third-place finish that came after months of lagging in the polls.

"Pat ran well in the caucuses, but in the end it's going to be a contest between Bob Dole and me," Alexander said as he made the rounds of the network talk shows.

For wealthy publisher Steve Forbes, a \$4 million investment in Iowa caucuses yielded only a fourth place showing and Texas Sen. Phil Gramm could do no better than fifth. That disappointing performance guaranteed Gramm would face a

campaign week filled with questions about how long his run for the party's presidential nomination could go on.

Dole and Gramm avoided the day-after talk show diagnosis of their disappointing showings, but the first order of business for their rivals today was to put the best possible cast on the results:

-Crowded Buchanan: "I think we're gonna give Bob Dole difficulty." He conceded, however, that he still has a "winability" problem.

-Smiled Forbes: "I'm fine... We managed to do what we wanted to do, which was finish in the top four."

-Said Alexander: "Iowans really got fed up with the mudslinging," he said about Forbes, adding, "He spent too much money."

Gramm avoided the day-after talk show diagnosis of his weak showing.

With 98 percent of the state's 2,142 precincts reporting, Dole stood at 26 percent and Buchanan was at 23 percent. Alexander won 18 percent, while Forbes was trailing with 10 percent. Gramm limped in at 9 percent, edging out conservative commentator Alan Keyes, at 7 percent.

Indiana Sen. Dick Lugar drew only 4 percent, while businessman Morry Taylor drew 1 percent. Taylor's showing did outdo California Rep. Robert Dornan, who got 131 votes, less than 1 percent.

President Clinton had no opposi-

tion in Democratic caucuses and laid claim to all of the state's 56 Democratic delegates. Democrats said a brutal Republican race had opened the door for Clinton to capture the state in the fall.

Dole shrugged off the inevitable suggestions he'd won a shaky victory, saying he had done well after a relentless television assault from Forbes.

"We withstood a barrage of millions and millions and millions of dollars of negative advertising and came out on top," Dole said. "We're going to New Hampshire. It's going to be a big, big race."

Buchanan made it clear he was relishing the coming week as the campaign headed for its second big test.

"I say to my friends in New Hampshire; keep the lamps lit tonight folks," said an exultant Buchanan.

New Hampshire is where Dole's 1988 campaign derailed after an Iowa win, while Buchanan drew 37 percent in challenging then-President Bush in 1992.

The difference in the two contenders' mood was remarkable. Dole said, "I hope we'll celebrate yet another victory," while Buchanan declared "there's only one conservative left."

Alexander sought to winnow the

field on his own, saying: "I look forward to a race in New Hampshire with Senator Dole and Pat Buchanan."

Though Republicans had predicted the raucous campaign would yield a record turnout, they were off the mark. Only about 100,000 showed up, below the 110,000 in 1988. Party officials said the relentlessly negative tenor of the campaign turned off many activists.

Buchanan's showing demonstrates yet again the clout of church-based social conservatives in Republican circles. Entrance polling showed one in three voters aligned themselves with that group, and Buchanan ran 2-1 over Dole with them.

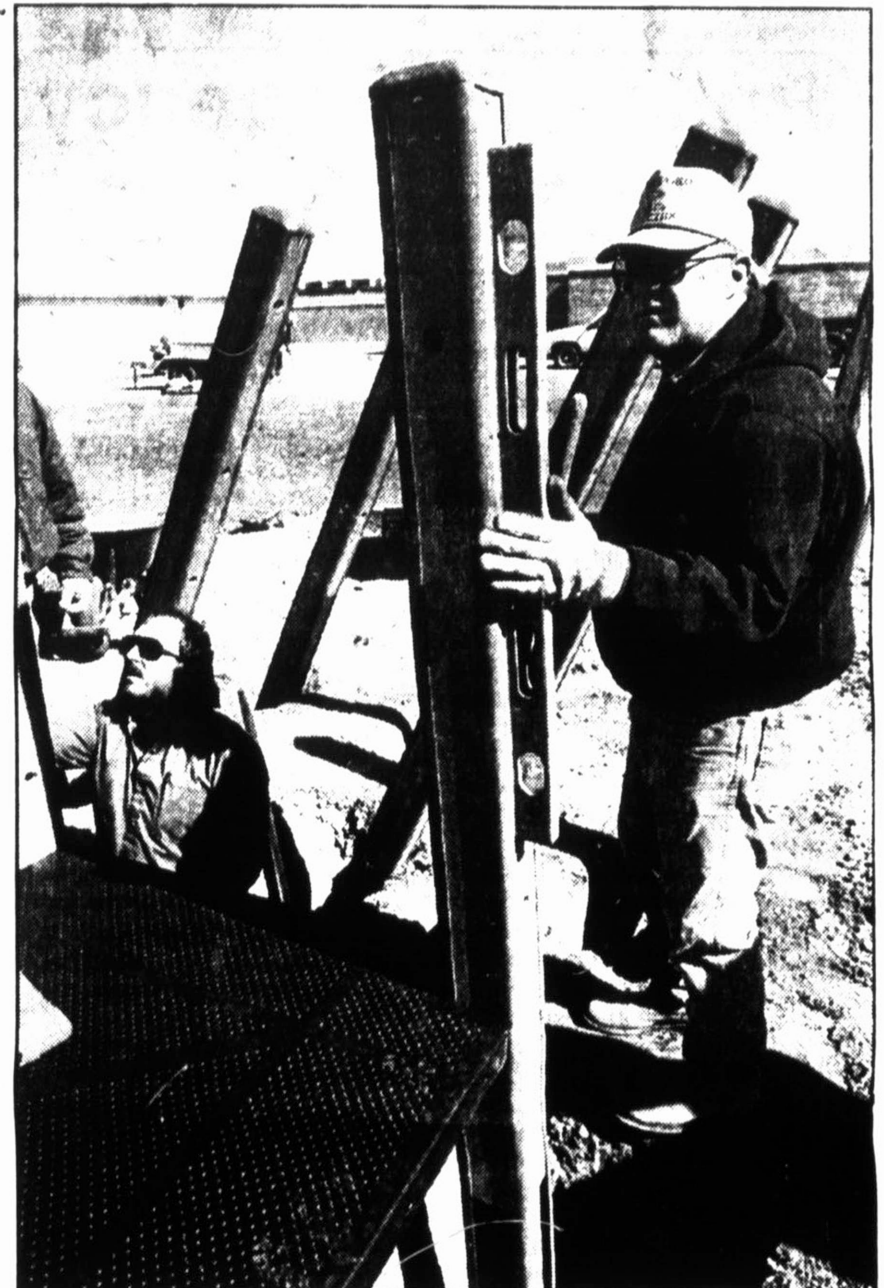
Dole got his strongest support from older voters who said his age - 72 - didn't trouble them.

Down the ballot, both Forbes and Gramm sought to put the best face on showings best described as disappointing.

For Gramm, Iowa was yet another dose of bad news.

"You did everything you could," Gramm told dejected backers. Gramm has fared poorly in early New Hampshire surveys, and aides were talking of redeploying resources to other states.

Gramm's showing came after he was thumped in Louisiana caucuses he had been heavily favored to win.



Working on the dream

Saturday was the first day of construction of the new playground at Northwest Primary School, as parents turned out to start installing Phase I of the \$80,000 playground. Here, Keith Culp, left, and Dale Hollingsworth use levels to check two of the many support posts being put into the ground on the playground. The equipment is being purchased with funds raised by a recycling project sponsored and operated by school children -- and through a variety of grants and other donations. "Building Sparkler Dreams" began in September. The playground is constructed of mostly recycled materials.

Beef inventory drops

WASHINGTON (AP) - The U.S. inventory of beef cattle last month was more than 3 percent below earlier forecasts, indicating lower slaughter supplies and beef production in 1997.

The Agriculture Department foresees improving returns for producers next year, assuming feed crops develop normally and grazing conditions are favorable.

"Tight grain supplies this winter and sharply lower feed-grain stocks available for livestock and poultry rations this spring are becoming increasingly troublesome to the meat sector," the department's Economic Research Service concluded.

"Feed requirements continue to increase due to expanding inventories. Fed cattle, pork and broiler sectors remain profitable for all but higher-cost producers in spite of the higher feed costs," the service said in its "Cattle and Sheep Outlook."

The number of cattle and calves on farms and ranches on Jan. 1 was up 1 percent from a year earlier. The number on feed was up 3 percent. Larger feedlots - those with more than 1,000 head - showed a nearly 10 percent increase.

Corn prices averaged \$3.21 a bushel last month and are expected to average \$3 to \$3.40 in the crop year - which would be the highest price since \$3.21 in 1983.

A near-record hay crop last year and accumulated grazing in most

areas resulted in the second-largest December hay stocks since the mid-1960s, the department reported. Hay prices averaged \$81.70 a ton in January, down nearly \$2 from a year earlier, although quality of some supplies was less than desirable.

Other highlights of the report:

-Hog-breeding inventories on Dec. 1 were 1 percent above a year earlier.

-Broiler production is likely to rise 6 percent this year; turkey production, while slowing, will be up 3 percent.

-The 1996 calf crop is likely to be little changed from the estimated 40 million head of the past two years.

-Prices for fed cattle are expected to rise late this winter and in the early spring, averaging in the mid-\$60s per hundredweight in the first half of the year. A summer decline into the high \$50s is forecast for summer, reverting to the mid-\$60s by fall.

-Retail prices for Choice beef were up nearly 1 percent last year, while prices of all fresh beef dropped 2 percent. USDA expects both levels to trend lower this year because of competition from large competing meat supplies.

Farmer admits selling corn for which he got disaster payment

McALLEN, Texas (AP) - A farmer who received nearly \$30,000 from the federal government for a failed corn crop four years ago now admits that he sold some of the corn he had reported as a loss.

Robert Skloss admitted in federal court last week that he swindled the federal government out of crop insurance money by selling his corn under fake names.

"I don't know why I did it, but I did. I shouldn't have done it," said Skloss, who indicated that he plans to pay back the money.

Skloss is one of five large-scale farmers in Hidalgo and Starr counties who have been accused in the past two years of doctoring their harvest

numbers to receive federal insurance and disaster payments. The (McAllen) Monitor reported Monday. "It's pretty common," said J.J. Crowley, assistant special agent in charge of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Office of Inspector General in Temple. "There's a lot of money out there. When there's a lot of money, people take advantage of it."

In 1994, the federal government paid \$592 million in crop insurance nationwide. And while official figures are unavailable, agriculture officials estimate fraud can cost taxpayers as much as \$30 million a year.

Spain says county fire danger high

By GARRY WESNER
Managing Editor

With less than half an inch of moisture recorded all of this year -- combined with a very dry 1995 -- Hereford Fire Marshal Jay Spain this morning issued a severe fire danger warning for Deaf Smith County.

"The fire danger out there is very extreme," Spain said, "and all it's going to take is just an accident and we're going to have a big fire."

The warning came just two days before Feb. 15 -- the beginning of what the volunteer fire department calls its "heavy fire season."

So far this year, Spain said, 0.40 of an inch of moisture has been recorded this year and there was just under 13 inches of moisture recorded for all of 1995.

Between Feb. 15 and May 1 -- or later, depending on moisture received -- Spain said the fire department is geared up for an increased number of fires and fire danger.

"In our country, with the dead grass and the fuel we've got and the wind," Spain said, "it spells fire."

Even if it does rain this spring

and vegetation greens up, Spain said fire danger is not past.

He said green grasses can burn if they don't get regular moisture.

Spain urged residents to be very cautious when dealing with any types of fires -- from cigarettes to trash fires in rural areas of the county.

"Be real careful if you burn your trash outside," Spain said, urging county residents to use covered containers and to avoid burning during high wind periods. The best times to burn trash, he said, are early morning or late afternoon, when winds die down.

He also said people who have business in vegetated areas need to use extra caution with machinery, or if using welding or cutting torch equipment.

County residents also are urged to maintain a fire break around houses and other property -- a strip of plowed ground that contained no vegetation that would keep fire from igniting buildings.

Spain said the vast majority of fires come down to human error.

"There's three causes of fire and that's man, woman and child," he said. "Every once in a while God shoots a shot of lightning."

Sheriff recommends fee increase for city inmates

By GEORGIA TYLER
Staff Writer

A proposed increase in fees charged the City of Hereford for housing prisoners in Deaf Smith County jail could double the annual bill paid by the city, if a recommendation from Sheriff Joe Brown is adopted.

However, Deaf Smith County Commissioners' Court took no action on recommendations from Sheriff Brown, deciding, instead, that County Judge Tom Simons should confer with city officials on the issue.

In other business, commissioners authorized publication of a notice about closing a street at Dawn and named Commissioner Troy Don Moore as representative on the Deaf Smith County Appraisal District board.

With expiration of the contract between the city and county for housing city prisoners in the county jail, Sheriff Brown proposed fees amounting to eight percent to 10 percent of cost of operating the jail.

Since 1990, the city has been charged a rate, based on the daily cost of operation and total number of prisoner days.

For instance, the fees in 1995 added up to \$18,195.12, based on the \$20.49 cost of operating the jail per prisoner day. The city accounted for a total of 888 prisoner days out of total prisoner days of 33,241.

On the eight percent rate proposed by Sheriff Brown, the city would

have paid eight percent of the total cost of operating the jail, or \$54,472, for the year. At a rate of 10 percent, the bill to the city would have been \$68,090. The number of prisoner days would be disregarded in his proposal.

David Castillo, jail administrator, provided commissioners with figures on the number of trustees performing work for the city in the fire department, police department and golf course.

Commissioners took no action on recommendations from Brown or on materials submitted by Castillo.

Commissioner Lupe Chavez of Precinct 2 observed that "things have changed" since the city and county entered into a contract in 1990.

He said the county "needs help from the city." He suggested an exchange of fire services for jail services might be investigated.

The county has been asked by Dawn residents to approve closing a road that, in reality, has never been a road. To comply with state law, the county must advertise the intention to close the law before taking action.

County Clerk David Ruland was authorized to publish necessary legal documents.

Commissioner Troy Don Moore of Precinct 3 was re-appointed to the Deaf Smith County Appraisal District board. A portion of the county's votes was designated, also, to Scott Keeling of the Deaf Smith County Hospital District board.



Park campaign begins

Members of the volunteer committee conducting a drive for \$40,000 to be used in development of park property adjacent to Hereford Aquatic Center gathered at the park Monday morning

for the campaign kickoff and a symbolic groundbreaking ceremony. The volunteers will solicit businesses, industries and individuals in the two-week drive to raise the funds.

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Local Roundup

Warm temperatures on tap

Hereford recorded a high temperature on Monday of 61 degrees, with an overnight low Tuesday of 29 degrees, according to KPAN Radio. For tonight, look for partly cloudy skies and a low in the lower 30s with light and variable winds. For Wednesday, forecasters are calling for partly cloudy skies with a high near 70 degrees. Wind will be from the northwest at 10-20 mph, changing to the north by late afternoon.

Police, Emergency Reports

Weekend emergency services reports -- which are collected on a daily basis from 7 a.m. to 7 a.m. -- contained the following information.

- HEREFORD POLICE Tuesday**
 - A 29-year-old male was arrested in the 100 block of North 25 Mile Avenue for public intoxication.
 - A 22-year-old male was arrested in the 500 block of West U.S. 60 on a warrant for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.
 - A 17-year-old female was arrested in the 200 block of Avenue F for Class C assault.
 - A 19-year-old female was arrested in the 200 block of Avenue F for Class C assault.
 - A 62-year-old female was arrested in the 100 block of North 25 Mile Avenue for DWI.
 - Harassment was reported in the 600 block of Irving.
 - Class B theft was reported in the 100 block of Bennett; and in the 400 block of West First.
 - Burglary was reported in the 400 block of Mable.
 - A report was filed in the 100 block of Pine Street in reference to a person who wanted to report that he had been assaulted over the weekend.
 - Criminal attempt was reported in the 100 block of Catalpa.
 - Burglary of a habitation was reported in the 300 block of West Seventh.
 - Class C theft was reported in the 900 block of East Park.
 - Class B criminal mischief was reported in the 400 block of Paloma Lane.
 - Possession of marijuana was reported in the 200 block of North Lee.
 - Officers issued two curfew violation citations.
 - There were two minor traffic accidents reported.

- Monday**
 - A 17-year-old male was arrested at 16th and U.S. 385 for DWI.
 - A 20-year-old male was arrested in the 100 block of Avenue H for DWI.
 - A report was filed in the 1300 block of West First of an unknown subject accusing the complainant of damaging his vehicle.
 - Phone harassment was reported in the 300 block of Avenue B.
 - Criminal mischief was reported in the 300 block of Miller Street; and in the 200 block of Avenue B.
- Sunday**
 - Found property was turned over to police in the 200 block of Avenue C.
 - Evading detention charges were filed by police on a subject in the 400 block of Long Street.
 - Officers issued 14 traffic citations.
 - There was one accident that was originally reported as being major, but no injuries were reported.
- Sunday**
 - A 23-year-old male was arrested in the 600 block of Irving for domestic assault.
 - An 18-year-old male was arrested in the 100 block of Avenue C for minor in possession of alcohol.
 - A 20-year-old female was arrested in the 100 block of Pine Street for aggravated assault.
 - A runaway was reported in the 400 block of Barrett Street.
 - Domestic assault charges were filed in the 300 block of Bradley.
 - Domestic disturbance was reported in the 600 block of East Fourth.
 - Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 100 block of Ironwood.
 - Theft was reported in the 900 block of East Park Avenue.
 - Criminal mischief was reported in the 300 block of West Seventh.
 - Minors in possession of alcohol were reported in the 100 block of Westhaven.
 - Officers issued 23 traffic citations.
 - There were three curfew violation citations issued.

DEAF SMITH SHERIFF
Report not available.

FIRE DEPARTMENT Monday
Volunteer firefighters were called out at 10:54 a.m. to a dryer vent hose on fire in the 900 block of East Third.

Sunday
Firefighters were called out at 3:17 p.m. to a wreck rescue at 16th and U.S. 385.

Saturday
Firefighters were called out at 1:30 a.m. to a grass fire on highway right of way 1 mile west on U.S. 60.

Firefighters were called out at 1:56 a.m. to a reported structure fire 17 miles west and 1-1/2 miles south. The incident turned out to be a trash fire that was blowing over the residence.

Firefighters were called out at 12:10 p.m. to a grass fire at 301 Austin Road.

EMS
Ambulances ran on three transfers to Amarillo and one medical run.

Obituaries

JIMMIE LEE LACOMB
Feb. 10, 1996
Jimmie Lee Lacombe, 85, of Hereford, died Saturday in St. Anthony's Hospice in Amarillo.
Services were set for 2 p.m. Tuesday in Rose Chapel of Gilliland-Watson Funeral Home with Ronald Weed of Kingdom Hall Jehovah's Witnesses officiating. Burial was in Rest Lawn Memorial Park Cemetery, by Gilliland-Watson Funeral Home.

Mr. Lacombe was born in Crowder, Miss., and came to Hereford in 1962. He married Beatrice Clayton in 1932 in Holly Springs, Miss. He had been employed by Continental Grain Company.

Survivors are his wife; four sons, Macon Lacombe of Denham Springs, La.; James Oliver Lacombe of Iowa Park and William Lacombe and Jimmy Ray Lacombe, both of Hereford; three daughters, Becky Cameron of Blytheville, Ark.; Mamie Thaxton of Hereford and Phyllis Brue of Amarillo; a sister, Rena Ballanger of Walls, Miss., 31 grandchildren, 52 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.

A daughter, Pat Cagle, died in 1988.

The family has requested that memorials be directed to the American Cancer Society or St. Anthony's Hospice.

AUBREY C. TRAWEEK
Feb. 10, 1996
Aubrey C. "Dick" Traweck, 83, of Hereford, died Saturday in Friona.
Services were held Monday afternoon in the Rix Funeral Directors Chapel with Pastor Ted Taylor of Hereford Church of the Nazarene officiating. Military honors were

provided by Cannon Air Force Base at the burial in West Park Cemetery.

Mr. Traweck was born in Snyder and married Annett Van Eaton in 1941 in Roswell, N.M. He joined the U.S. Air Force in 1943 and served on B-29 with the 20th Air Force on Guam. He was discharged in 1946. In 1948, he and his wife moved to Riverton, Wyo., and homesteaded a farm. They moved to Hereford in the late 1970s and lived in the Westway community. He was preceded in death by his wife, his parents and two brothers.

Survivors are a sister, Bonnie McCathern of Hereford and a number of nieces and nephews.

JOHNNIE FELIX MOORE
Feb. 11, 1996
Johnnie Felix Moore, 83, of Claude, died Sunday. She was the half-sister of Gloria Comone and Travis Shields, both of Hereford.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Church of Christ of Claude with burial in Claude Cemetery, by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Moore was born in Hollis, Okla., and had lived in Claude for 30 years. She was a member of the Claude Church of Christ. Her husband, Taylor Moore, died in 1988.

Survivors also include four daughters, Johnnie Katherine Moore Funderburg and Dena B. Moore Young, both of Amarillo, Samantha Marie Moore Steel of Houston and Bobbie Lucille Moore Conrad of Claude; two sons, Willie Zack Moore of Modesto, Cal., and Taylor Moore Jr., of Amarillo; two sisters, Jo Johnson and Rosella Crume, both of Friona, 19 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

New Hampshire: next campaign stop

Candidates continue quest for votes

By SANDRA SOBIERAJ
Associated Press Writer
CONCORD, N.H. (AP) - Round Two in the 1996 presidential nominating bout began today in New Hampshire, where voters over four decades have had an 11-1 record of anointing the next president.

No Republican dares take the notoriously fickle New Hampshire electorate for granted.

Commentator Pat Buchanan, whose New Hampshire showing four years ago pointed up then-President Bush's vulnerability, hoped to repeat that performance against nominal front-runner Bob Dole in next Tuesday's primary vote. Buchanan finished a strong second in Iowa's caucuses.

"There's one conservative in the race who can win now," Buchanan told cheering supporters. "We are marching on to New Hampshire."

Lamar Alexander, buoyed by his third-place show in Iowa, rushed to beat the pack to the Granite State. He intended to take a pre-dawn walk through Manchester - reminiscent of his trek through the state last summer - but changed his mind when he saw how cold it was: around zero degrees.

"I think the first test of presiden-

tial leadership is having the good sense not to go out and walk this morning," Alexander told a group of junior high and high school students who had planned to walk with him.

He also claimed to benefit in Iowa from a positive campaign. But that advantage could be lost in New Hampshire, where Alexander is airing ads deriding rival Steve Forbes as "that zillionaire mudslinger" and Sen. Phil Gramm as "that grumpy Texan."

Dole, who won Iowa in 1988 only to watch his candidacy derail a week later in New Hampshire, was laconic as he headed to here. "One down, one to go," he said.

Dole, the Senate majority leader, planned to kick off his New Hampshire home stretch with a speech before the state legislature.

"There's no complacency. ... We'll continue our message war and make sure the ground troops are ready with signs, phone banks and rides to the polls next week," said New Hampshire Rep. Bill Zeliff, a key Dole organizer.

New Hampshire's Feb. 20 balloting launches a rapid-fire string of primaries in 30 states, which are likely to decide the GOP nominee by

the time votes are counted from the March 26 California primary.

And, while New Hampshire has just 16 delegates up for grabs - less than 1 percent of the total needed to clinch the nomination - it has historically been a make-or-break contest for presidential contenders.

Ever since the birth of the modern primary in 1952, only Bill Clinton lost New Hampshire and went on to win the White House.

But any number of wild cards could topple the clearly defined Top Three coming out of Iowa, starting with independent voters who form a majority and are allowed to vote in the GOP primary.

Also, the Christian conservatives who helped Buchanan in Iowa are not as potent a force in New Hampshire, and some analysts even predict a backlash from the state's more fiscally orientated conservatives.

"Suddenly Buchanan is a threat. Socially moderate Republicans are going to be concerned about finding a candidate who can beat Pat Buchanan," said pollster Dick Bennett of Manchester's American Research Group.

Then there's Forbes, the flat-tax, anti-establishment multimillionaire.

Going into the Iowa caucuses, he was neck-and-neck with Dole in New Hampshire polls.

Forbes insisted his distant fourth in Iowa was "a good springboard into New Hampshire" and he would keep up his drumbeat "to kill the tax code" - a message that resonates in a state with no sales or income tax.

At least one recent Forbes convert, Guy Hastings of Manchester, said he was sticking with Forbes no matter what the Iowa result. "I think he's shaken up the rest of them and I'm grateful for that," said Hastings.

Gramm, bruised by a Buchanan upset in last week's Louisiana caucus and a fifth-place finisher in Iowa, also hoped for a comeback.

"Obviously coming into New Hampshire, the better you do in Iowa, the easier it is here," said Jim Courtovich, Gramm's state director.

Courtovich echoed analysts' doubts that Iowa has any enduring effect. And veteran GOP strategist Eddie Mahe agreed it wasn't the percentages that mattered so much as the press mileage.

"It's not that the people in New Hampshire care about Iowa. It's all about the candidates' exposure in the press and that's going to be important in the next eight days," said Mahe.



Welcome to Rotary
A new member of the Rotary Club of Hereford was installed Monday. Accepting materials from Dennis Hicks, club president, is Jeremy Grant, who moved to Hereford last summer to serve as pastor of First Presbyterian Church.

'Braveheart' leads nominations

By JOHN HORN
AP Entertainment Writer
BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) - "Braveheart," actor-director Mel Gibson's battlefield epic, captured a leading 10 Academy Award nominations today, including best picture.

It will be up against "Apollo 13," "Babe," "Sense and Sensibility," and Italy's "The Postman" for best picture.

Massimo Troisi, who died at age 41 just 12 hours after filming the last scene of "The Postman," was nominated for lead actor for the movie. Also nominated for best actor were Nicolas Cage in "Leaving Las Vegas," Richard Dreyfuss in "Mr. Holland's Opus," Anthony Hopkins in "Nixon" and Sean Penn in "Dead Man Walking."

Emma Thompson was nominated for best actress for "Sense and Sensibility," and for writing the film's script - an Oscar first for an actress. She faces Susan Sarandon in "Dead Man Walking," Elisabeth Shue in "Leaving Las Vegas," Sharon Stone in "Casino" and Meryl Streep in "The Bridges of Madison County."

"Apollo 13" collected nine nominations and "Babe" and "Sense and Sensibility" each got seven. The best picture nomination for "The Postman" was the first foreign-language selection in the top category since "Cries and Whispers" in 1973.

Some films once considered favorites did poorly in the voting by the 5,043 voters of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences. "The American President" collected just one nomination, as did "The Bridges of Madison County" and "Casino."

Tom Hanks, winner of the last two best actor Oscars for "Philadelphia" and "Forrest Gump," will not have a chance for his third straight. "Apollo 13" failed to launch a third consecutive bid.

Even though "Leaving Las Vegas" was not picked for best picture, as was widely expected, director Mike Figgis was nominated for best director. He faces Gibson,

"Babe's" Chris Noonan, "The Postman's" Michael Radford and actor Tim Robbins, who directed "Dead Man Walking."

The supporting acting nominees are first-time Oscar honorees: James Cromwell in "Babe," Ed Harris in "Apollo 13," Brad Pitt in "12 Monkeys," Tim Roth in "Rob Roy" and Kevin Spacey in "The Usual Suspects."

Joan Allen was nominated for best supporting actress for "Nixon" as was Kathleen Quinlan for "Apollo 13," Mira Sorvino in "Mighty Aphrodite," Mare Winningham for "Georgia" and Kate Winslet for "Sense and Sensibility."

The Netherlands' "Antonia's Line" was nominated for foreign language film, where it faces Sweden's "All Things Fair," Algeria's "Dust of Life," Brazil's "O Quatrilho" and Italy's "The Star Maker."

Troisi's posthumous nomination for the 68th annual awards puts the late Italian actor in select Oscar company. Peter Finch in 1976 won for "Network." Other posthumous nominees include James Dean and Spencer Tracy.

Woody Allen, nominated for writing "Mighty Aphrodite," tied filmmaker Billy Wilder for most career nominations for screenplay, with 12.

In addition to picture and directing, "Braveheart" was nominated for cinematography, costumes, editing, makeup, original score, sound, sound effects editing and original screenplay.

Several of 1995's highest grossing films also were largely overlooked. "Batman Forever" earned three nominations, and "Pocahontas" got two. "Waterworld," the most expensive movie ever made, drew just one nomination, for sound.

The original screenplay nominations were "Braveheart," "Mighty Aphrodite," "Nixon," "Toy Story" and "The Usual Suspects."

The adapted screenplay picks were "Apollo 13," "Babe," "Leaving Las

Vegas," "The Postman" and "Sense and Sensibility."

Academy voters did not embrace most of the prestige projects released late in the year. Only one best picture selection - "Sense and Sensibility" - was released in December, and the four others came out in August or earlier.

The selections cap weeks of expensive jockeying for the coveted nominations.

Miramax Films spent a reported \$1.5 million campaigning for its movie "The Postman," and MGM has spent several hundred thousand dollars promoting "Leaving Las Vegas." Even though critics have raved about both films, neither has taken in more than \$16 million at movie theaters.

In awards announced earlier, Kirk Douglas and animator Chuck Jones will receive honorary Oscars, and John Lasseter, the director of "Toy Story," is the recipient of a special Oscar for his work on the computer-animated film. Donald C. Rogers will receive the Gordon E. Sawyer Award for his contribution to motion picture sound technology.

This year's Oscars will be presented March 25 at the Los Angeles Music Center. Whoopi Goldberg will be host of the show, televised live by ABC. Academy Awards in technical categories will be given out March 2.

There were several rules changes made this year in the Academy Award selection process, including the renaming of two categories.

The original song score category has become the original music or comedy score and the original score category has become original dramatic score.

A total of 225 feature-length films met general eligibility requirements this year, the highest total since 1988, when 276 were eligible.

Newspaper gives couple recognition

Roy and Shirley Carlson of Hereford were awarded the 1996 Farm and Ranch Award by the Fort Worth Star-Telegram, according to a recent news release.

The Carlsons were among 20 families chosen for the prestigious award.

The couple was recognized for their grain and beef operation.

They farm 2,880 acres and ranch on 2,560 acres in New Mexico, according to the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

Carlson farms with his three sons, Jeffrey, 22; Michael, 19 and Brent, 15.

In their operation they raise food corn, wheat, seed milo, work a cow/calf operation, are involved in a feed yard and have a stocker cattle operation.

The awards are selected from hundreds of nominations gathered from the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, Texas Tech University, Texas A&M University, Texas Farm Bureau, Texas Farmers Union, Texas And Southwestern Cattle Raiser Association, the Texas and U.S. Agriculture Departments, Texas A&I University, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and other trade organizations.

The Carlsons live north of Hereford.

Lottery

AUSTIN (AP) - No tickets correctly matched all six numbers drawn Saturday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said. The jackpot was worth \$4 million.

The numbers drawn from a field of 50 were: 13, 18, 26, 31, 34, and 45. Lottery officials estimate the jackpot for Wednesday night's game will be \$8 million.

AUSTIN (AP) - Three tickets correctly matched all five numbers drawn Friday night for the twice-weekly Cash 5 drawing, state lottery officials said.

The numbers drawn from a field of 39 were: 1, 2, 11, 24 and 32.

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

6-3-7 (six, three, seven)

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

0-9-9 (zero, nine, nine)

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Lifestyles

Dameron honored on 104th birthday

Frances Dameron, one of the oldest living residents of the Hereford community, celebrated her 104th birthday Feb. 9 with a party at Westgate Nursing Home where she resides.

Miss Dameron was born Feb. 9, 1892, in Bloomfield. She moved to Hereford in 1901 with her father and mother, the W.B. Damerons.

She attended Hereford schools, graduated from the College of Industrial Arts (now Texas Women's University) in Denton in 1912, and later attended the University of Texas.

Miss Dameron taught school in

Hereford for five years. She then spent 10 years in Washington, D.C. working as a case examiner for the Internal Revenue Service.

After returning to Hereford, she worked as clerk for the County Agent and in the Tax Collector and Assessor's office for four years.

Miss Dameron and her sister, Mrs. Mina Jones, raised registered cattle and were widely known as the Jones and Dameron Cattle Company.

She resided in the family home at 703 South 25 Mile Avenue for many years, then shared a cottage that she and her sister built at King's Manor before moving into Westgate.



Long time resident

Frances Dameron, Hereford resident since 1901, celebrated her 104th birthday Feb. 9. The photo at right is of Miss Dameron when she was a student at the University of Texas in 1919.

La Madre Mia Study Club meets for Valentine Social

La Madre Mia Study Club's Valentine Social, held recently at the Annex, was hosted by social committee members Jan Metcalf, Gladys Merritt, Betty Lady and Mary Herring.

The meal was served from tables decorated with a Valentine motif featuring crystal candlelight rose bowls placed on mirror bases.

Following the meal, members and guests played table games.

Those in attendance were Bub and Georgia Sparks, Kay and Elmo Hall, Francyne and Terry Bromlow, Doug and Barbara Manning, Dean and Mary Herring, J.L. and Glenda Marcum, Craig and Mysedia Smith, Bobby and Bettye Owen, G.C. and Gladys Merritt, Don and Linda Cumpton, Dwayne and Cindy Cassels, Wayne and Betty Lady, Waldo and Carolyn Baxter, Hershal and Ruth Black, Bobby and Nancy Paetzold, Marline Watson, Tricia Sims and Nicky Walser.

Ann Landers

DEAR ANN LANDERS: I am a woman who had a sexual harassment complaint filed against me by another female in the office. I never learned what it was that I was supposed to have done nor was I given the opportunity to defend myself.

The woman who filed the complaint was a friend of mine. She made a pass at me at a company party. I was uncomfortable, got my coat and left. After that incident, she couldn't look me in the eye. The office became a war zone. I tried several times to clear the air because I hated the tension between us, but she said, "There is nothing to talk about."

I have been a happily married woman for 24 years. The only thing I have to go on is the question I was asked by my employer: Did "Mary" and I have a gay relationship? My answer was "absolutely not." I am

totally straight and never touched Mary in any way that was improper.

In spite of my vehement protestations, I was fired. Now I wonder how many other people have lost their jobs even though they were entirely innocent, as I was. How far is this sexual harassment thing going to go before it is clarified and people are protected against groundless accusations? I need some answers. I hope you can provide them. -- Victim of gossip in Lincoln, Neb.

DEAR LINCOLN: Since you did not get to tell your side of the story, it seems that you may have lost your job for no valid reason.

You do have an alternative. You can file a claim against your employer for being wrongfully fired. I suggest that you see a lawyer or contact the local office of the Equal Employment Opportunity commission for help. Good luck.

DEAR ANN LANDERS: I had to write after reading your column about credit card debt. My 21-year-old daughter is planning a spring wedding to a very nice young man she has been dating for four years.

The problem is that the young man's credit is terrible. The two of them have already been turned down for an apartment because of his bad debt history. Even though my daughter's credit rating is perfect (she has a new car and many major credit cards and is very responsible), her spotless record made no difference.

My daughter knows how important her credit rating is, and she wants to keep it that way. How will her fiance's poor credit affect her? Will she be responsible for his debts when they marry? Please advise. -- A concerned Mom in N.C.

DEAR CONCERNED: We contacted the Consumer Credit Counseling Service, and this is what

we discovered: Your daughter and her fiance each have a credit file. If they are applying for credit jointly, BOTH files are examined. That would explain why they were turned down for the apartment. An additional downside for your daughter is that the rejection will now show up in HER credit file. It would be to her advantage if she applied for credit under her own name.

In North Carolina, as in many other states, your daughter will be responsible for any common debts incurred after marriage. I would urge her and her fiance to meet with a credit counselor and discuss plans for their financial future. To reach a member of the National Foundation for Consumer Credit, call 1-800-388-2227 to locate the office closest to you. All services are free or low-cost.

Gem of the Day: The only thing worse than talking about others and being labeled a gossip is talking about yourself and being labeled a bore.

Lonesome? Take charge of your life and turn it around. Write for Ann Landers' new booklet, "How to Make Friends and Stop Being Lonely." Send a self-addressed, long, business-size envelope and a check or money order for \$4.25 (this includes postage and handling) to: Friends, c/o Ann Landers, P.O. Box 11562, Chicago, Ill. 60611-0562.

Junior Historians present program to Los Ciboleros Chapter meeting

Members of the Junior Historians organization presented the program when Los Ciboleros Chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution met in the Heritage Room of the Deaf Smith County Library on Feb. 8 for its regular monthly meeting.

Lois Gilliland, program leader, introduced the guests who spoke about the Junior Historian organiza-

tion, its membership, purposes and activities.

Two purposes of this group are to help young people discover American history and become involved in their community. Some of the projects mentioned were 1995 World War II commemorative display and recognition of local WW II veterans, flag etiquette, valentines for veterans,

field trips to learn of history in the area, and support and recognition of local veterans and their activities.

Students who participated in the program were Tan Nguyen, Jerry Baird, Gus Guseman, Mark Shakocius, Mark Williamson, Krista Warren, Bethany Williams, Kara Landrum, Nathan Horrell and Isaac Mancha. Sponsors are Carolyn Waters and Diedra Drake.

Regent Juanita Brown welcomed the members and assisted by chaplain Ruth Knox conducted the opening ritual.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Argen Draper, Mary Williamson led the group in singing "America," Kathryn Ruga led the recitation of the American Creed, and Patricia Robinson led the Preamble to the Constitution.

Charlotte Clark reviewed an article from the January 1996 **National Defender** which was reprinted from The Washington Times. The article included revisions to the standards for national education by a panel of educators and historians.

Special guests at the meeting were Donna Brockman, Jean Beene, Rebecca Walls and Joe Weaver.

Hostesses Marlene Watson, Gilliland and Brown served refreshments to program participants, guests, and members Margaret Durham, Frances Hennen, Ruth Newsom, Helen Rose, Clark, Draper, Knox, Robinson, Ruga and Williamson.

Book review presented to The American Legion

Carol McGilvary presented a book review to The American Legion and Legion Auxiliary members at their recent monthly meeting.

The book that McGilvary reviewed was "My Thomas" by Roberta Grimes. It is a novel about Thomas Jefferson taken from Mrs. Jefferson's journal.

Following the program, the Legion



The American flag first received a foreign salute in 1778 in Quiberon Bay, France.

and Auxiliary called their meetings to order.

Upcoming Auxiliary events were announced.

The Zone meeting will be March 7 in Tulia.

The 18th District Spring Convention will be March 23-24 in Nazareth. Delegates chosen are Troyce Hanna, Patricia Robinson, Ruth King and Clara Trowbridge. Alternates are Ella Caudle, Anita Wilhelm, Bernice Layman and Betty Jo Carlson.

May 18-19 are the dates for the 4th Division Convention in Amarillo.

Poppy Day will be May 22.

After the meeting, refreshments were served to Legion and Auxiliary members.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 5, when Girls' State delegates will be selected.

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Sports



Hodges inks with Abilene Christian

Heather Hodges (center, seated) of Hereford signed a letter of intent to play volleyball next year at Abilene Christian University. Flanking Hodges at the signing ceremony are her parents Steve and Sharon Hodges and Hereford coach Brenda Reeh (standing). Hodges said she chose ACU for many reasons, including the coach (Kent Wieb), the campus, the friendly players and their success last season.

HJH cage boys pull off sweep

The Hereford Junior High boys' basketball teams closed their season with a four-game sweep of teams from Valleyview and Westover Monday at HJH.

The eighth grade teams - A and B - were fresh off winning their district tournaments over the weekend in

Canyon.

On Monday, the eighth grade A team beat Valleyview 34-22. Matt Lusk led Hereford with eight points.

The B team won 47-38. Daniel Carnahan led the way with 15 points, and Mike Bedolla added 10.

The seventh grade A team defeated Westover, 56-37. Chayse Rives led the team with 18, and twins Cody and Slade Hodges each scored 14.

The B team won 35-23. The leading scorer was J.P. Holman with nine points.

The eighth grade A team had to go through four overtimes to do it, but they beat Pampa, 62-55, in the championship game of the district tournament Saturday. Hereford had four players in double figures: Nick Whatley with 16 points, James Miller with 14, L.J. Vallejo with 12 and Eric McNutt with 11.

In the semifinals, Hereford beat Borger 63-35. Whatley led the way

with 21 points, Vallejo had 18 and Seth Pietsek added eight. They beat Canyon in the first round, 37-24, getting 13 from McNutt and nine from Whatley.

The B team edged Pampa 35-34 in the championship game of the B division. Carnahan led the team with eight points in that game.

Hereford won 48-19 in the semis against Valleyview. Cesar Soto scored 10 points and Bedolla chipped in eight.

They rolled over Borger, 61-33, in the first round. Justin Carroll and Bryan Cagle both scored 14 points to lead the team, and Andrew Ramirez contributed 12. Carnahan added eight points.

The ninth grade boys played their district tournament Saturday in Pampa, then played Pampa to close their season Monday.

Coaches did not report results.

Boxer Morrison has HIV

TULSA, Okla. (AP) - Boxer Tommy Morrison's setbacks have been great, but he always managed to work his way back.

Morrison's up-and-down career, however, reached bottom Monday with promoter Tony Holden's announcement that the powerful heavyweight has tested positive for the virus that causes AIDS.

Morrison, who did not attend the news conference, was undergoing further tests to confirm the results of an HIV test administered in Las Vegas last week.

"If it is true, I don't see us ever fighting again or ever wanting to," Holden said. "But right now we're not concerned about that."

Holden and Morrison's trainers broke the news to the 27-year-old fighter before Saturday's scheduled bout against Arthur Weathers in Las Vegas.

"It was very, very short and quick. I just wanted it out," Holden said. The boxer expressed shock but did not break down, Holden said. Morrison held out hope Monday that re-tests would prove the original test wrong, but already discussed getting involved in AIDS awareness efforts.

"He's taken it like a champ," Holden said. "He knows he's had a promiscuous lifestyle in the past. He's taking it better than his team (of handlers)."

The results of the latest tests were expected within 48 hours, Holden said. Morrison had shown no signs of the illness.

The Jay, Okla., native's fondness for nightlife brought criticism over the years for his performance in the ring. But in a June 1995 interview,

(See MORRISON, Page 5)

Herd golfers start season well

The Hereford golf teams started the season well last weekend in Big Spring. In large, tough fields at the Big Spring Tournament, the Herd girls finished fourth and the boys came in eighth.

The girls totaled 362 Saturday for a two-day total of 736. That was five strokes behind Odessa Permian in third place and six strokes behind Fort Stockton in second place. Abilene High ran away from the field with a 697.

The Hereford boys had a 340 Saturday for a two-day 664. That only two strokes out of fifth place, as four teams finished very tightly packed.

Borger, Hereford's rival in District 1-4A, won the tournament with a two-day 623. Hereford's other district rival, Pampa, trailed Hereford, finishing 13th at 677.

"Both bunches (boys and girls) did a good job," coach Stacey Bixler said. "It was good experience for them. It was all 4A and 5A from the Panhan-

dle all the way down to the Permian Basin. It looks like that's what we'll have at all the tournaments this year. We've going to have about 30 teams at ours (March 15-16) which is more than we've had."

Individually, Hereford's top three girls were consistent. Stephanie Bixler shot rounds of 90 both days for a total of 180. Jami Bell shot 91 both days for a 182. Amy Killingsworth shot 91 Friday and 92 Saturday for a 183.

The girls played at the Big Spring country club on Friday, then moved to Comanche Trails municipal course for Saturday's round.

Katie Bone must have liked the municipal course. She made a huge jump from a 102 Friday to a team-best 89 on Saturday for a total of 191. Krista Beville also improved - from 102 Friday to 98 Saturday - for a 200.

The boys played the opposite courses as the girls - municipal Friday, country club Saturday - and

all five of the Hereford boys' scores rose on Saturday.

Justin Griffith shot a 78 Friday but fell to 87 Saturday for a two day 165. The others: Tom Munoz, 81-84-165; Jeremiah Baros, 82-85-167; Keith Riley, 83-84-167; and David Sims, 83-91-174.

TEAM TOTALS

(Partial list)
Girls: 1, Abilene, 345-352-697; 2, Fort Stockton, 365-365-730; 3, Odessa Permian, 379-352-731; 4, Hereford, 374-362-736; 5, Big Spring, 377-360-737; 6, Midland High, 376-372-748; 7, Abilene Cooper, 391-385-776; 8, Frenship, 391-387-778; 9, Plainview, 395-390-785; 10, Pampa, 400-387-787; (15 others, including: 13, Dumas, 810; 22, Canyon, 914; and 23, Caprock, 935).

Boys: 1, Borger 304-319-623; 2, Lamesa, 310-327-637; 3 (tie), San Angelo Lakeview, 315-332-647 and Odessa Permian, 321-326-647; 5, San Angelo Central, 325-337-662; 6 (tie), Midland Lee, 320-343-663 and Snyder, 323-340-663; 8, Hereford, 324-340-664; 9 (tie), Plainview, 330-340-670 and Frenship, 326-344-670; (12 others, including: 13, Pampa, 677; and 15, Canyon, 690).

Netters take 5th in Wichita Falls

The Hereford tennis team started the spring season by finishing fifth in the "B" division of the Wichita Falls Invitational.

Hereford's total of 58 points trailed two District 1-4A rivals, Canyon with 69 and Borger with 74.

The two top teams, however, came from the relatively unfrozen south. Odessa High won the division with 96 points. Southlake Carroll was second with 80.

Trailing Hereford were: Lubbock High, 42; Ardmore (Okla.), 38; and Weatherford, 34.

Hereford coach Ed Coplen said his team needs more good weather to work out in. The Herd lost a whole week to snow and cold two weeks ago.

"We didn't do as well we'd hoped," Herd coach Ed Coplen said, "but considering the number of times we've been able to work out, we did all right."

The B division of the tournament consisted of four brackets, one each for boys' and girls' singles and doubles. Each team made two entries in each bracket. With eight teams, that put 16 entries in each bracket.

Hereford's best performance was by the girls' doubles team of Paige Robbins and Natalie McWhorter, who finished third in their bracket.

They breezed through the first two rounds, losing only four games in the four sets. They got knocked off in the semifinals by Myers and Quisenberry of Odessa High, 6-4, 5-7, 7-6 (7-2).

"They got tired in the third match," Coplen said. "That contributed to them getting beat. Odessa's further south, and they've got to play a lot more than we have."

McWhorter and Robbins went on to win the third-place match in a 7-6, 7-5 battle.

(See NETTERS, Page 5)

District 1-4A Basketball standings

Boys		
	District	Overall
Pampa*	11 0	26 3
Hereford	8 2	19 9
Randall	8 2	18 13
Canyon	4 6	12 14
Caprock	4 6	9 20
Borger	1 9	9 22
Dumas	0 11	4 20

*clinched district championship

Friday's results
Hereford was off
Pampa 103, Caprock 64
Randall 81, Borger 67
Canyon 59, Dumas 50

Tuesday's games
Hereford at Pampa
Caprock at Randall
Borger at Canyon
Dumas is open

Friday's games
Randall at Hereford
Canyon at Caprock
Dumas at Borger
Pampa is open
End boys' regular season

Girls		
	District	Overall
Canyon*	12 0	27 0
Randall**	10 2	21 7
Hereford	8 4	22 5
Dumas	4 8	14 15
Borger	4 8	15 19
Pampa	2 10	13 16
Caprock	2 10	9 18

*clinched district championship

**clinched playoff berth

Friday's results
Hereford was off
Canyon 68, Dumas 31
Randall 73, Borger 47
Pampa 56, Caprock 36
End girls' regular season

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Tech men climb to 12th in poll

By JEAN PAGEL
Associated Press Writer
LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) - Texas Tech men's basketball coach James Dickey seems more inclined to talk about shooting accuracy than about the Red Raiders' unprecedented perch in the national rankings.

Tech climbed one spot to No. 12 Monday and kept a lead of two games over second-place Texas in the Southwest Conference race.

Dickey, whose only loss this season came Dec. 27 to Eastern Michigan, said that questions about the postseason are irrelevant at this point.

"It's certainly a nice compliment to your program to be ranked high,"

Dickey said. "But you'd better remember how you got there, and if you want to stay there, you've got to win games."

Tech (9-0 SWC) plays Baylor (7-13, 2-6) Wednesday night at the Lubbock Municipal Coliseum, where the Red Raiders have won 27 straight - a record for Tech and the nation's third-longest home winning streak.

"We're just gelling. We're playing great," said sophomore guard Cory Carr, who averages 15.7 points per game off the bench.

"It's a satisfying feeling to know we're getting the recognition we were hoping to get and we're doing as good as we were hoping to do," said

freshman guard Stanley Bonewitz, whose 25-of-52 3-point shooting leads the SWC.

Tech beat the Bears 75-69 earlier this season in Waco.

Dickey said his players must improve their 46.4 percent field-goal shooting and expect trick defenses by opponents. He said defense and rebounds will be pivotal to beating Baylor.

"We seem to be standing around at times," Dickey said. "We need to be more aggressive and have more movement to work against the different defenses we could possibly see."

Tech held off Texas A&M 66-63

on Saturday without the aid of sophomore Tony Battie, a 6-11 center who sprained his left ankle last week. Dickey said junior Gionet Cooper most likely would start while Battie heals.

But Dickey expressed confidence in a program that never before this season was ranked higher than 16th.

"I expected us to be very successful and I expected this team to be very good," Dickey said, "and I'm thankful that we're in the position that we're in."

Other games around the conference Wednesday feature Houston at Texas Christian, Rice at Southern Methodist and Texas A&M at Texas.

Georgia women stay No. 1; Tech 6th

By CHUCK SCHOFFNER
AP Sports Writer
In a week of changes throughout The Associated Press women's basketball poll, Georgia, Louisiana Tech, Connecticut and Stanford stayed in place at the top on Monday.

No. 14 Duke was the only other team that stayed in the same position as last week. Nine ranked teams lost at least once during the past week, including Iowa and Wisconsin in the Top Ten, but no one dropped out of the Top 25.

It was the fourth time in five weeks the poll had no newcomers. Georgia remained No. 1 for the

third consecutive week, receiving all 39 first-place votes from a national media panel. The Lady Bulldogs (20-2), who have won 18 straight, had 975 points in the voting.

Louisiana Tech (21-1), No. 1 before Georgia took over, had 927 points, Connecticut (22-3) had 890 and Stanford (18-2) 844.

The changes began with No. 5 Tennessee and No. 6 Texas Tech each moving up one spot. Iowa suffered its first loss in Big Ten play, 62-42 at Purdue on Sunday, and dropped from fifth to seventh. That broke a 13-game winning streak for the Hawkeyes (20-2).

Old Dominion climbed two spots to eighth, Penn State advanced three places to ninth and Virginia slipped one spot to 10th after losing to Duke.

Wisconsin headed the Second Ten, falling from eighth to 11th after losing to Tennessee and Michigan State. The Badgers were followed by Alabama, Vanderbilt, Duke, Oregon State, North Carolina State, Florida, Colorado, Clemson and Auburn.

The final five were Mississippi, Purdue, Stephen F. Austin, Oklahoma State and Notre Dame.

Penn State's jump of three places was the biggest in the poll and was matched by Florida, which went from

20th to 17th. Penn State defeated Michigan State and Northwestern over the weekend.

Mississippi, which also lost to Georgia, fell four places - the sharpest drop in the Top 25.

Vanderbilt dropped two places to 13th after suffering its fifth loss in seven games, 71-66 to Auburn. However, the Commodores bounced back to beat LSU four days later and with the their final four regular-season games at home, they have a chance to finish strong.

The victory over Vanderbilt, plus an 88-46 rout of Kentucky, sent Auburn from 22nd to 20th.

Syracuse denies Rutgers' upset bid

PISCATAWAY, N.J. (AP) - Rutgers coach Bob Wenzel had reason to grin just before the start of the second half against No. 16 Syracuse.

The score was tied at 23. The crowd at the Rutgers Athletic Center was serenading local high school star Tim Thomas with shouts of "We Want Tim" and Wenzel knew things could only improve in the final 20 minutes after a miserable 24 percent first-half shooting performance.

The problem for Rutgers, though,

was that Syracuse didn't let them improve too much and the Orangemen (19-6, 9-5 in the Big East) used an 11-0 spurt with 10 minutes to go to win their fifth straight game, 63-54 Monday night.

Neither team played well in a game that Wenzel and Syracuse coach Jim Boheim both characterized as ugly.

Syracuse shot 39 percent from the field (20 of 51) and was outrebounded 54-43, including 26-8 on the offensive boards. Rutgers (6-15,

3-10) was worse though. The Scarlet Knights shot a season-low 25.3 percent, hitting 19 of 75 from the field.

"If you're not making any baskets, it's not like a normal game where somebody has a run and then someone responds," Wenzel said. "Every basket was a struggle, and they did get a run."

J.B. Reafsnnyder started the spurt by hitting one of two free throws, and John Wallace, who had 18 points and 12 rebounds, stretched the Syracuse

lead to 42-36 with a steal and dunk with 8:46 to go. A rebound dunk by Todd Burgan, a basket by Lazarus Sims, a three-pointer by Jason Cipolla and a free throw by Otis Hill gave the Orangemen a 50-36 lead with 5:03 to go.

Rutgers never got closer than seven points after that in losing for the 11th time in 13 games.

In other games involving ranked teams, Wyoming shocked No. 7 Utah 80-76 and No. 4 Villanova crushed LaSalle 90-50.

Ripken, Lobo each take two ESPYs

NEW YORK (AP) - Cal Ripken Jr. and Rebecca Lobo each won two ESPY Awards on Monday night, including top male and female athlete honors.

Ripken, who broke Lou Gehrig's record for consecutive games played, won the Showstopper of the Year award as well as Male Athlete of the Year. Ripken's 2,131 straight game was the showstopper winner.

"You have to excuse me. I have the sniffles and a scratchy throat," Ripken said with a sly smile. "Good thing it's the offseason, because I don't think I could play with this."

"Last year was such a great celebration. I have had time to sit back and reflect what happened and I actually can admit I enjoyed the process. We all got a chance to celebrate baseball. Baseball is a great game and I think we rebounded."

Lobo, who led Connecticut to the NCAA championship, was selected Female Athlete of the Year and the best women's college basketball player.

The outstanding team was Lobo's Connecticut Huskies, who went undefeated in taking the NCAA title.

"I play a team sport, so I am basically just here representing them," Lobo said.

Voting for performers of the year in the various sports was done by players, coaches and administrators in those sports. A panel of 10 ESPN employees selected the winners of overall awards such as top athletes. ESPN viewers chose the winners in 10 video award categories.

Awards were presented in 34 categories, including 17 performer of the year selections. A portion of the

proceeds will be donated to The V Foundation, established at the inaugural ESPYs in 1993 by Jim Valvano, the late coach at North Carolina State, to help raise funds for cancer research.

Michael Jordan won the comeback award, then was comically interrogated by comedian Bill Murray, who asked Jordan whether he deserved the NBA All-Star game award he won the previous day over Shaquille O'Neal and the comeback award over Monica Seles.

Jordan thanked Murray for putting him on the spot, then told Murray not to call him for tickets this year.

The outstanding coach-manager was Gary Barnett, the football coach at Northwestern.

"We more or less captured the hearts of the people of America," Barnett said.

Dodgers rookie pitcher Hideo Nomo, the first Japanese player to have an impact in the major leagues, was the breakthrough athlete. He

thanked ESPN, the Dodgers, his family, teammates and the United States.

Honored for his performance under pressure was goaltender Martin Brodeur, who led the New Jersey Devils to the Stanley Cup.

Individual sports winners were Hakeem Olajuwon (pro basketball), Brett Favre (pro football), Greg Maddux (pro baseball), Eric Lindros (pro hockey), Eddie George (college football), Ed O'Bannon (college basketball), Corey Pavin (men's golf), Annika Sorenstam (women's golf), Pete Sampras (men's tennis), Steffi Graf (women's tennis), Jeff Gordon (auto racing), Michael Johnson (men's track and field), Kim batten (women's track and field), Roy Jones Jr. (boxing), Jerry Bailey (jockey) and Mike Aubly (bowling).

The Arthur Ashe Award for Courage went to Loretta Claiborne, a Special Olympics athlete who has excelled in several sports, most notably the marathon.

MORRISON
Morrison insisted his days of chasing women and finding trouble were behind him.

He remained in isolation at his home in northeastern Oklahoma but issued a statement Monday asking people to pray for children affected by the disease because "I feel it would be selfish to ask you to say a prayer for me."

Basketball star Magic Johnson of the Los Angeles Lakers, who also is infected with the AIDS virus, told ESPN he plans to call Morrison.

"Tommy's done a wonderful job in boxing, and now he can do a wonderful job in helping people educate themselves about HIV and AIDS. I hope he joins into that fight," said Johnson, who returned to the Lakers' lineup two weeks ago after a four-season absence from the NBA. "What he has to understand is to continue to be himself, continue to keep a smile on his face and just learn what he has to do to beat it."

Morrison is 45-3-1 in a seven-year career with 39 knockouts.

NETTERS
Hereford's other entry in girls' doubles, Rachel Bezner and Annie Hoffman, finished 13th.

Hereford got the most points in boys' doubles, where Pete Vargas and B.J. Lockmiller took fourth and Tyler Merrick and Andrew Carr claimed fifth.

Holly Weishaar claimed fourth-place points in girls' singles.

Hereford got very few points in boys' singles. Marcus Berend recovered from a first round loss and won two of his next three matches to finish 11th.

Hereford was hurt by the absence of Rob Reinauer, who will play singles eventually but is still involved in basketball as a member of the junior varsity team.

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Designer's passion is sumptuous at-home loungewear

By FRANCINE PARNES
For AP Special Edition
When Fernando Sanchez reaches into his closet each morning, it's not for whatever's back from the laundry. "In New York, I dress nearly always in a black corduroy suit and white shirt," the designer says. "The light is different from Marakeech." Manhattan, Morocco, Paris. They're the centers of Sanchez's gravity, all places he's called home since the mid-1960s. For a gentleman whose passion is sumptuous at-home loungewear, having elegant residences to wear it in is practically a requirement.

His Moroccan home is a desert oasis, built around three courtyards, with palm trees, bougainvillea and ponds. It's harem-like, with sofas and piles of vibrant kilim-covered cushions low to the ground. White-washed walls, grand fireplaces and French colonial chairs complete the scene. "My mother used to go to Morocco a lot, and she kept telling me it was a country I would love. I live in North Africa in a world that is still privileged, where you dress and go to houses, and in the summer you lie on terraces. You don't dress the same for terraces as when you go to a discotheque in New York."

Sanchez should know. In the '70s, he was a member of the in-crowd at Studio 54, where nightlife reigned. "In New York I've given apparently rather good parties," he says. "Quite racy, amusing, hip parties. I've met marvelous people and I've usually had very pretty friends. They're well dressed, and even if they're in their garden cutting trees, they've still got the look." So does Sanchez, looking aristocratic with brushed-back silver hair, ascot, three or four silver rings, and impeccably polished shoes.

"I don't seem to look like the normal American who goes to the Hard Rock Cafe," Sanchez says. "I must look like someone from Transylvania. When I come out of (my apartment), I don't have a knapsack and sneakers. I wouldn't know how to wear them. I'm much more comfortable with a jacket and old-fashioned clothes." "I come from a generation in which you take it for granted that you're well-dressed. It's a natural gesture. It's a discipline I was taught in my childhood whatever happens on whatever level, you always have to look good." Sanchez is serious about this. "I demand that people make an effort with their appearance when I invite them to my home. You will not catch me at home looking like a ragamuffin."

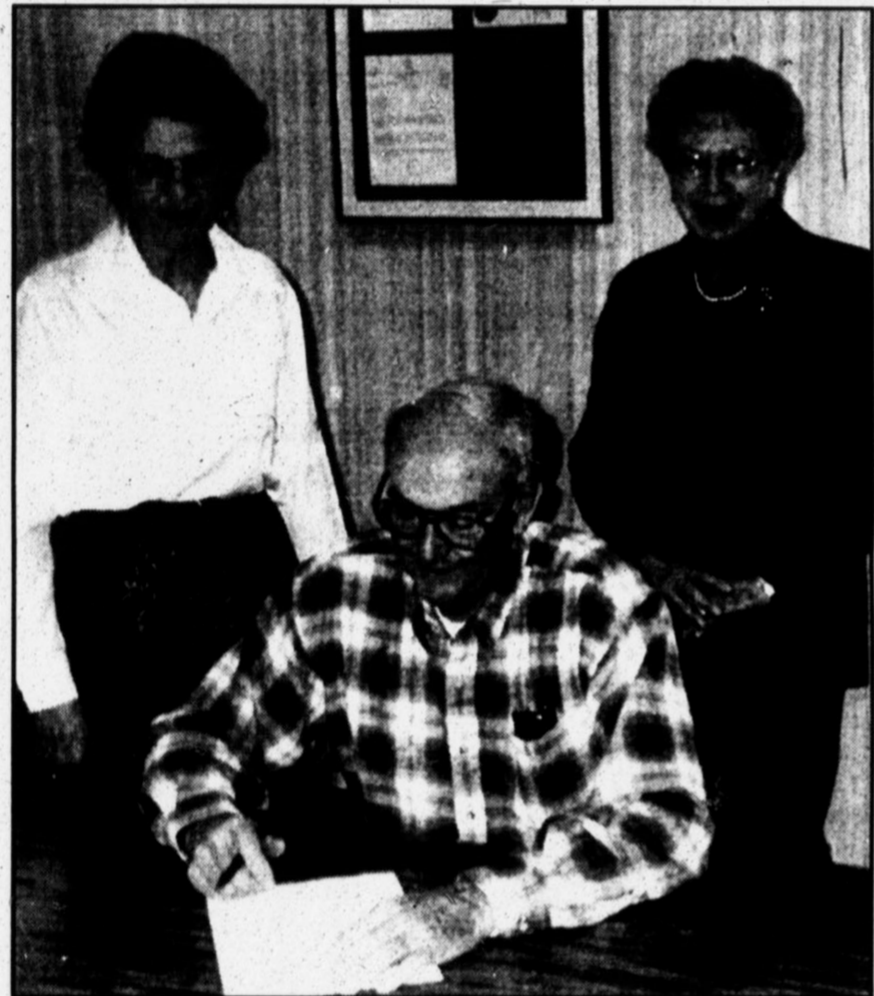
The son of a Spanish father and Belgian mother, Sanchez was born in Santander, a seaside city in northern Spain. Still a child when his father died, he and his mother moved to Aptwerp, Belgium, where his grandfather owned a shipping company. An only child, Sanchez says he delved into "a never-never land" of books, comic strips, movies and imaginary travels, which kindled a passion for grand fashion. "When I was a teen-ager, Greta Garbo, Marlene Dietrich and all that glamour of Hollywood in the '30s influenced me extremely. I felt very strongly in my clothes. And it grew into a business."

Lounge robes and pajamas of sensuous quilted satin, metallic brocade and cut velvet are his forte. Today, his couture has found its way into the wardrobes of Diana Ross, Halle Berry, Marisa Berenson and Diane von Furstenberg. Sanchez's original muse was his mother, a fashion plate. "My mother was indeed very beautiful and extremely elegant. She adored clothes and adored dressing," says Sanchez. "She had her clothes made to order. I still remember a nightgown she had custom-made in Paris."

Rushing presents program to La Afflatus Estudio Club

George Rushing of Friona presented the program during the recent meeting of La Afflatus Estudio Club in the home of Leola Cook with Della Stagner as hostess.

Stagner, Streun, Suggs, Williamson and Cook. The club's next meeting will be with Suggs and Williamson will have the program.



Proclamation signed
Mayor Bob Josserand signed a proclamation recently proclaiming February as American History Month in Hereford. Los Ciboleros Chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution sponsors the event each year to remind citizens to learn about the history of our country. DAR members who observed the signing are Kathryn Ruga, left, and Juanita Brown, regent.

Rushing spoke about his recent "Trip to Russia," and enhanced the program with a slide presentation and a display of arts and crafts. Rushing said it appeared to him that the people were very poor, inflation was high and the country had a long way to go to be prosperous.

President Louise Streun presided over the business meeting during which she appointed a nominating committee, consisting of Emily Suggs, Mary Williamson and Aileen Montgomery, to nominate officers for the next two years.

Williamson led the club collect and Roxie Phipps introduced the speaker and his wife as guests.

Members in attendance were Virginia Beasley, Virginia Curt-singer, Opal Elliston, Alberta Higgins, Montgomery, Phipps,

Family Film is Thursday

Thursday is Family Film Night at the Deaf Smith County Library.

On Our Own is an exciting, humorous, and moving story about four children who choose to fend for themselves when their mother dies and their father deserts them. A vacationing school teacher helps them and their problems are solved--until the story takes an unexpected twist.

The movie begins at 7 p.m. in the library basement. The Family Film is free and popcorn will be available for 25 cents.

SPC students on honor roll

Brandon Short and Tasha Young from Hereford have been named to the Dean's Honor List for the fall 1995 semester at South Plains College.

Students named to the Dean's Honor List must maintain a minimum 3.25 grade point average while carrying a minimum full-time load of 12 semester hours.

Cultural FCE holds meeting

Nell Pope, president of the Cultural Family Community Education Club, read a poem for the opening exercise of the recent meeting in the Hereford Senior Citizens Center.

Members answered roll call with "The best Valentine gift I have received."

Fannie Townsend read the minutes, Edna Marnell gave the treasurer's report and Perry Keyes gave the council report.

Plans were made for the Appreciation Luncheon which will be Feb. 26.

Marilyn Smith presented a program on property ownership. She read a letter written to a senator by a 16-year-old boy whose parents were having their property taken by the government.

In attendance were Byrdie Fellers, Jewell Hargrave, Vernis Parsons, Jewel Rogers, Daisy Steel, Marie Thames, Wilma Goettsch, Pope, Townsend, Keyes, Marnell and one guest, Jo Lee.

Gesneras topic of Bud to Blossom

The Bud to Blossom Club met recently in the home of Patricia Robinson for brunch and regular meeting.

Robinson presented a program on "Easily Grown Gesneras." She discussed the varieties and proper care of the plants.

Members in attendance were Mildred Fuhrmann, Ursalee Jacobson, Wilma Bryan, Lou Hall and Robinson.

TITLE FUNDING ALERT
February 1996

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Texas Department of Health

- The Texas Department of Health (department), Bureau of Women and Children (BWC) is currently issuing a request for applications (RFA) for Title V Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Block grant services and projects. The RFA seeks qualified applicants statewide for: a) the provision of MCH clinical and case management services to eligible women, children and adolescents; and b) the performance of population-based public health projects.
- The department is seeking contractors using a competitive application process. Any applicant capable of meeting the minimum requirements in the RFA is eligible to apply for a contract.
- Funding for selected applications will depend upon available federal funds and state appropriations. The department reserves the right to reject any and all offers received in response to the RFA and to cancel the RFA if it is deemed in the best interest of the department.
- Applicants may apply for one fiscal year (FY) of funding beginning September 1, 1996 through August 31, 1997 only. Funding for FY98 and FY99 will be renewable contingent upon satisfactory performance, submission of acceptable interim applications, and the availability of funds.
- A Title V Bidders' Conference for prospective contractors will be held on February 20, 1996 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Texas Department of Health Board Room, M-739 which is located on the seventh floor of the Moreton Building, 1100 W. 49th Street, Austin, Texas. No reservations are necessary. Due to limited space, the department requests that each organization send no more than two (2) representatives.
- If you are interested in submitting an application, call Jacqueline Underwood at (512)458-7700 to request the RFA kit. All applications should be sent to the Texas Department of Health, Bureau of Women and Children, Room M-370, Attention: Sherril Miller, 1100 W. 49th Street, Austin, Texas 78756, (512) 458-7700. Applications must be post marked on or before March 26, 1996 to be considered "on time." Applicants should request a legible dated U.S. Postal Service postmark or obtain a legibly dated receipt from a commercial carrier. Private metered postmarks will not be acceptable as proof of timely mailing.

At 16, Sanchez accompanied his mother to Paris and attended a couture showing by Jacques Fath. Sanchez showed his drawings to the famed designer, who liked them and recommended that he study at the Ecole

de la Chambre Syndicale de la Haute Couture. "My family thought I should go into the shipping business, but I had not a clue about shipping, nor did I care," says Sanchez. "Belgium was not my calling. I had to get the hell out of there, and I did."

"You've got to decide what you want in life, so I went home and said, 'Mother, I'm leaving for Paris.' And I left."

Yves Saint Laurent was a classmate, and they cultivated a friendship that still endures. "We did draw much better than the others, even if I say so," says Sanchez. "We did whatever we wanted to do. Perfection was not enough. We were snobs because we knew very good clothes."

After an internship at the house of Nina Ricci, Sanchez was brought in by Saint Laurent, designated heir to the House of Dior, to be Dior's assistant. There Sanchez designed accessories, intimate apparel and leisure wear.

"I did the first lingerie collection for Dior," says Sanchez. "I was shipped to Florence and found myself in front of this old lingerie designer who basically taught me the trade." His work brought him to New York, where, under his own name, he designed collections for Warner's, a Dior licensee and manufacturer of lingerie and homewear.

At the same time, French furrier Revillion appointed Sanchez its haute fourrure designer.

Sanchez had never designed fur before. "I had no ideas what furriers did. My furs created a scare in the fashion world. Suddenly this very stuffy Revillion house had extravagant fur dyed in extraordinary colors such as green and blue, and sable coats trailing

to the floor. It was very high, high glamour. Everything was possible

in the '60s." Still, his heart belonged to loungewear. In 1973, Sanchez launched his own label of at-home wear and lingerie.

"I don't like to call it lingerie. It's clothes for home wear, for receiving friends, for beach life. It's not lingerie in the peckaboo-underwear point of view."

His loungewear in brilliant hues includes a dramatic cashmere kimono in lilac or hot pink, \$1,500. Prices start at around \$100 for a brushed satin jacquard sleep shirt.

In 1995, Sanchez launched his secondary line, Sanchez Too, which starts at \$40 for a chemise in brushed sateen and runs up to \$150. He also offers at-home and beach outfits for men.

"These are clothes that have their own identity," says Nicole Fischelis, fashion director and vice president at Saks Fifth Avenue in New York. "It's a quality investment purchase for the customer."

"We always have Sanchez in our Fifth Avenue window for Valentine's Day, Christmas and Mothers Day," she says.

For Valentine's Day, Sanchez recommends a little something in red. "Paying attention to the Chinese mentality, for me red is the color of joy and life," he says. "I think it should be sexy clothing, not too serious. But slippery."

"For Valentine's Day and in general, if one has someone to love, one never loves well enough."

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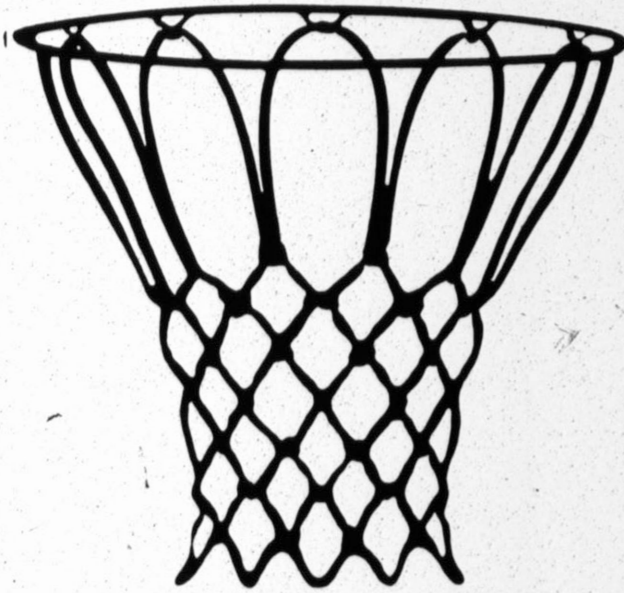
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Boys					Girls				
Day Date	Opponent/ Tournament Site	Vars. Time	JV Time		Day Date	Opponent/ Tournament Site	Vars. Time	JV Time	
Tue. Dec. 5	Dimmitt	8	5		Tue. Dec. 5	Dimmitt	6:30		
Dec. 7-9	Abernathy Tournament (V)	TBA			Dec. 7-9	Abernathy Tournament (V)	TBA		
Fri. Dec. 15	Borger Tournament (JV)		TBA		Mon. Dec. 11	*Pampa	Pampa	7:30	
Dec. 14-16	Coronado Hereford	6	noJV		Fri. Dec. 15	*Randall	Hereford	7:30	
Mon. Dec. 18	Hereford Tournament (JV)		TBA		Mon. Dec. 18	Muleshoe	Muleshoe	6:30	
Thur. Dec. 21	Muleshoe Hereford	6:30	5		Thur. Dec. 21	Friona	Hereford	TBA	
Dec. 27-29	Friona Hereford	8	5		Dec. 28-30	Littlefield Tournament (V)	TBA		
Tue. Jan. 2	*Canyon Canyon	7:30	6		Tue. Jan. 2	*Canyon Canyon	6	7:30	
Fri. Jan. 5	*Dumas Hereford	7:30	6		Fri. Jan. 5	*Dumas Hereford	6	7:30	
Tue. Jan. 9	*Borger Borger	7:30	6		Tue. Jan. 9	*Borger Borger	6	7:30	
Fri. Jan. 12	*Caprock Hereford	7:30	6		Fri. Jan. 12	*Caprock Hereford	6	7:30	
Fri. Jan. 19	*Pampa Hereford	7:30	6		Tue. Jan. 16	TBA			
Tue. Jan. 23	*Randall Randall	7:30	6		Fri. Jan. 19	*Pampa Hereford	6	7:30	
Fri. Jan. 26	*Canyon Hereford	7:30	6		Tue. Jan. 23	*Randall Randall	6	7:30	
Tue. Jan. 30	*Dumas Dumas	7:30	6		Fri. Jan. 26	*Canyon Hereford	6	7:30	
Fri. Feb. 2	*Borger Hereford	7:30	6		Tue. Jan. 30	*Dumas Dumas	6	7:30	
Tue. Feb. 6	*Caprock Amarillo	7:30	6		Fri. Feb. 2	*Borger Hereford	6	7:30	
Tue. Feb. 13	*Pampa Pampa	7:30	6		Tue. Feb. 6	*Caprock Amarillo	6	7:30	
Fri. Feb. 16	*Randall Hereford	7:30	6						

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Front Left - Right: Brian Torres, Todd Dudley, Michael High, C.J. Kubacak, Bryant McNutt, Back Left-Right Coach Randy Dean, Cory Schumacher, Nicholas Tarr, Isaac Walker, Johnathan Keenan, Ronald Torres



Front Left - Right: Julie Rampley, Heather Hodges, Julie Cole, Tarabeth Holmes, Mindi Davis, Back Left-Right Coach Eddie Fortenberry, Kari Barrett, Brittney Binder, Catie Betzen, Misti Davis, Crystal Mercer.

Hereford Whitefaces

Senior	4	Brian Torres
Junior	10	Johnathan Keenan
Senior	14	Ronald Torres
Junior	22	Cory Schumacher
Junior	24	Isaac Walker
Senior	32	Nicholas Tarr
Senior	34	Michael High
Senior	40	Todd Dudley
Sophomore	42	Bryant McNutt
Junior	44	C.J. Kubacak
Junior	30	Dustin Hill

Head Coach: Randy Dean
Asst. Key Harrison, Rodney Allen

Lady Whitefaces

Senior	22	Brittney Binder
Sophomore	32	Misti Davis
Senior	42	Mindi Davis
Senior	34	Heather Hodges
Senior	50	Tarabeth Holmes
Senior	52	Julie Cole
Junior	10	Kari Barrett
Senior	20	Crystal Mercer
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Dallas suburb gains notoriety as place to find work

Laborers from as far away as Mexico converge on Plano in search for jobs

By BETHANY A. ODEN
Plano Star Courier

PLANO, Texas - On any given day, hundreds of men rise from their beds as early as 4:30 a.m. to find work on the streets of Plano. They come from within the city and as far away as Fort Worth by van, truck, bus and foot.

They come because they need money for their families and themselves and they come to Plano because word has spread for hundreds of miles that this is where the work is and where the best pay is.

It's a system that works for most day laborers and the contractors who hire them. But it doesn't work for many business owners and Plano residents.

Some store owners look out their shop windows in the morning and see masses of work seekers on their sidewalks and parking lots. And residents who fear the men steer clear of the stores and hope the men will steer clear of their neighborhoods.

Growth, the very thing that has made the suburban city north of Dallas what it is today, has created the problem that has stumped city councils, task forces and Hispanic organizations for half a decade.

The population of Plano has boomed from about 18,000 in 1970 to more than 167,000 in 1995. The phenomenal growth rate has sparked an equally phenomenal construction boom to supply homes and office buildings. The construction is a boon for the economy and creates a strong demand for workers of all skill levels.

In Mexico, neither the economy nor the employment rate has been so rosy.

Jose Diaz, a 25-year-old illegal alien who offered a pseudonym to protect his identity, left Mexico for Plano three years ago.

"I come here because I think I wanted money and I needed to make a better life," Diaz said. Upon first entering the United States, Diaz spoke little English and relied on family already living in Plano for shelter.

"In Mexico, the government and police have much corruption and it's not easy to make money," Diaz said. "In Mexico, I sell the milk and make about \$10 a day, maybe less. Here, I make \$50 a day or sometimes work 14 or 15 hours a day and make more."

Diaz drives trucks and does landscaping for a Collin County company that has hired hundreds of laborers from the streets of Plano. Most only work a day or two, but Diaz's employer offered him a steady job because his skill level and work ethic was superior to most hired help.

"When we have a large job we regularly get workers from Plano," said the business owner who preferred to remain anonymous. "We know the regular corners in Plano where you can go and get as much help as you need. If you go to TEC (Texas Employment Commission) or other legitimate places, what you end up with is broken-down alcoholics or people who don't want to work. Many are only going through TEC so they won't lose their (unemployment) benefits."

The business owner said the skill level of the workers is superior to most Americans of the same age.

"In Mexico, they finish their education very young and then it's time for them to go out in the world and work. So by the time they are 25 they are skilled gardeners, carpenters, they do excellent concrete work. People call them unskilled and that's not true."

The business has had fewer problems with the Mexican workers as well.

"They're here to better themselves, the same as our ancestors. It's just that the U.S. government doesn't look at them as immigrants like our

ancestors, they look at them as seum. There's a discrimination factor. They're just like any other (immigrant) - they try to get their families over here and start a better life."

Diaz said many of his friends and family members come to Plano because it is safe and peaceful, similar to the small Mexican towns where they grew up. And compared to Dallas and other large cities, the average wage for a person entering the American labor market is much higher in Plano.

"You can't hire them cheap," the business owner said. "They usually won't work for anything less than \$5.50 to \$6.50 an hour."

The going rate for a day laborer in Dallas is \$4.25 to \$4.75, according to a TEC interviewer.

The City of Plano has recognized the system as a valid way to obtain labor and has no desire to stamp it out altogether. But it has made efforts to move the labor market from street corners and storefronts to a designated site.

In 1991 the council appointed a task force to study the issue. It recommended creating a day-laborer site with the cost being placed on the contractors who benefit from the laborers as a work force. The task force attempted to work with TEC, which was not interested in operating a site at that time.

After rejecting the task force's recommendation, council closed down a leased temporary site at Avenue K and 12th Street. Police presence was used to disperse the workers who found new public locations to meet contractors.

Plano-based Organization for Latin Americans offered to provide job referral and transportation services for laborers at about \$52,000 the first year and \$40,000 the following year. The city council struck down the proposal, questioning if the cost could be warranted and if OLA could have a big enough impact.

In August 1993, a midnight council decision created the present Day Labor Referral Center constructed on Dallas Area Rapid Transit property adjacent to the East Plano Transit Center at a cost of about \$40,000. Council decided to pay for the facility by increasing permit fees on fences, pools and irrigation by \$10, generating \$50,000 annually. TEC was persuaded to staff the site with one bilingual interviewer and has provided informal job placement there since February 1994. Informal means no forms and few questions.

Throughout all of this, the Plano Police Department has been requested intermittently to post an officer at different corners, brochures have been handed out asking workers and employers to use the site and business owners have been asked to utilize trespassing laws.

To the city's dismay, only an estimated one-third of the day labor population uses the facility.

As cars near the referral center, men who previously leaned against the building or rested on makeshift benches step forward, stand straight and look eager to accept a task and a paycheck.

"We have good guys here," said Carlos Almazan, a TEC interviewer who took over operations at the Day Labor Referral Center about a month ago.

"I had 56 guys today looking for work," Almazan recently said. "About 10 or 15 of them found work. But this is the slow season."

Almazan estimates that between October and March, 50 to 75 workers come to the facility looking for employment. During the warmer months, when construction and landscape activity is at its peak, the center will serve 75 to 100 workers daily.

Those who have studied the day labor problem in Plano have offered many reasons why workers and

contractors choose to use the streets rather than the center to find employment. Some simply don't know about it. Others fear the fact that a state agency operates the center because an unknown number of the workers are undocumented. Immigration and Naturalization Service raids in Plano have confirmed those fears.

"INS goes anywhere they feel there's a necessity," said Adrian Oliva Jr., president of the Collin County chapter of the League of United Latin American Citizens and a member of the city's latest task force. "The day labor center is not a hands-off area. But if you stand on the street corner and look suspicious and a resident calls the police on you, how safe are you then?"

Kathleen Steele, manager of the Richardson branch of TEC which oversees the Plano day labor site, said proof of residency or a work visa is not required.

"We can help anybody who walks up there," she said. "We don't ask people who walk in our office here if they have a green card and we don't ask that at the center. At the center they have to answer a question on an application whether they are a citizen or not, and if they answer 'yes' we don't ask them to prove it to us."

Proof of residency or legal alien status is up to the employer to obtain, she said.

Almazan said workers who drink and take drugs stay clear of the facility and prefer the street environment. Because the job referral center operates on a first-come, first-serve basis, many workers feel their chances are better on the street than waiting their turn on a TEC list.

"If there are 100 people in one place, then a worker will say 'Gee, I'll go over to the corner where there are only 20 people, so I only have to compete with 19 instead of 99,'" Steele said.

The building itself, with a single waiting room of about 15 square feet, has been cited as a detriment to the program.

"We need to enhance the place," Almazan said. "There's not very much room."

"Apart from two soda vending machines inside a scantily furnished room (a chair and desk for the TEC officer) with a picture of Selena tacked on a sorely soiled wall, there is little to entice a worker to wait there several hours for employment," said Marlene Barrera, OLA executive director.

Oliva said the tall chain-link fence which hugs the sides of the building is intimidating.

"If you were to go into the Hispanic culture you would know that going into an area that's fenced in

means you're trying to cage someone in," Oliva said. "You may or may not have papers and if INS arrives there's only one gate and guess what, you're trapped."

The latest effort to move the masses to the referral center is a proposal by a city-appointed subcommittee that calls for an anti-solicitation ordinance combined with enforcement of existing city laws and new education programs. The proposal was unanimously approved by both the subcommittee and the Community Relations Commission. The plan was presented to city council during a work session Monday with council agreeing to continue studying the proposal.

The anti-solicitation ordinance would make it a misdemeanor to solicit work or workers on city streets or on designated private property.

Law enforcement officials question if such an ordinance could be enforceable while city legal staff questions if it could be defensible in court.

A similar ordinance was passed by the City of Agoura Hills, Calif., in 1991.

"The ordinance was drafted because of a safety issue," said Audrey Brown, Agoura Hills community relations director. "We were concerned about people running out in the street and getting run over. A car would come by and men would come running out into the street ...

We had over 100 people gathering at a specific corner in the city."

Agoura Hills has faced some legal challenges from the American Civil Liberties Union, which questioned the constitutionality of the ordinance. To date, the city has won every round. Local officials are hesitant to follow precedent.

"There are all types of solicitations. You could solicit money, jobs, but what you have to realize is that the laws vary from state to state and simply because California or Pennsylvania does something doesn't mean it's legal or will work in Texas," Plano City Attorney Gary Chatham said.

Plano Police Chief Bruce Glasscock said he is unsure how to enforce anti-solicitation and is in the process of contacting the enforcement agency for Agoura Hills.

"We have some concerns about the ordinance and its enforceability

under Texas law," Glasscock said. "The fact that someone pulls in and talks to some day laborers is not enough. The officer is not going to have any knowledge about why they pulled in. I think it's going to bring some difficult cases of prosecution for us."

There are further concerns that the ordinance would be difficult to enforce uniformly. The subcommittee does recommend exempting charities soliciting for donations through a permitting process.

Glasscock added that there would be an additional cost to his department if it were to adequately enforce the law.

"Our position from the police department is if you're going to pass an ordinance that it has to be enforceable," Glasscock said. "It won't take long for people to figure out it's not."

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Camera makes trip into space: something owner couldn't do

By MARK CARREAU
Houston Chronicle

HOUSTON - Odds are that Andrew Patnesky, "Pat" to his colleagues, has used the vintage Leica camera that swings from his leathery neck like an old dog tag to photograph every American astronaut since Alan Shepard.

It was only fitting that the trademark photo gear with the thick rubber band binding its aging components together accompanied a shuttle crew into orbit recently, something the 75-year-old NASA photographer couldn't do.

"I think the world of that camera," said Patnesky, who shuns more modern gear with the automated features that focus and advance film in favor of the all-manual Leica M3.

"I have other cameras, but they don't measure up," he said. "Anyone can just go shoot. Anyone can be a photographer, but not everyone can be a photojournalist."

Patnesky fretted over the Leica's absence during its orbital journey aboard the shuttle Endeavour last September. The separation was prolonged for several weeks after the shuttle's return so that the Leica could be unpacked and its journey officially documented.

"I feel kind of naked without it," he joked recently, clearly relieved that the old camera was available once again for his patrols of the space center's astronaut training facilities.

Patnesky staked his claim to the government-owned gear when he spotted it in an equipment closet soon after he joined NASA in 1961. The Johnson Space Center, then known as the Manned Spacecraft Center, was just beginning to take shape in Houston.

"None of the other dingbats would use it. So I said, 'Hey, give it to me,'" recalled Patnesky, who spares no one, least of all himself, from his playful verbal digs.

Relying on his 21 years of experience as a photographer with the old U.S. Army Air Corps and then its successor, the Air Force, Patnesky began to chronicle, with the trusty Leica, the personalities who led America to the moon.

In those days, he said, the news media was thirsty for a steady stream of photographs of astronauts as they trained for their Apollo flights in exotic locales, from the Gulf of

Mexico where they rehearsed post-splashdown procedures in rough seas to the deserts of Mexico.

During one of the Mexican excursions - it was a training jaunt by Shepard and astronaut Edgar Mitchell to prepare for their Apollo 14 flight - an instructor-geologist challenged Patnesky to descend into a rocky crater for photographs.

As he made his way to the crater floor, Patnesky slipped between the boulders. The Leica's fragile view finder broke away, disappearing between the rocks. Rather than replace the camera, though, he obtained a new view finder and lashed it in place with the first of a succession of wide rubber bands, lending the camera its rag tag character.

To this day Patnesky finds the Leica perfect for his needs, rubber bands and all.

With its precise mechanics and acute optics, the old camera makes little shutter noise and requires no flash when its operator is photographing in the Mission Control Center, the space shuttle simulator or the administrative offices.

"I like to shoot on a noninterference basis," he said. "That is how you get the best shots."

The strategy has permitted Patnesky to photograph all of the American presidents with astronauts from John Kennedy to Bill Clinton. It allowed him to capture the drama

of the Challenger accident as it was reflected in the faces of the personnel in Mission Control, as well as the majesty of Anwar Sadat, the late president of Egypt, during a state visit.

His favorite subjects, though, are the astronauts, from the original Mercury explorers to Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin, the first lunar explorers, and now the shuttle astronauts and their recent Russian cosmonaut guests.

"My friendship with the astronauts means a helluva lot to me. I admire those guys for all the hours they put in," said Patnesky. "One way or another I've photographed every one of them."

One of 10 children born to a Pennsylvania coal mining family, he commutes 110 miles to work each day from a home north of Houston and shares time with his wife in a second home near San Antonio.

Wiry and healthy, Patnesky will log his 56th complete year of government service on Oct. 1. He is coy about his retirement plans.

But he feels so strongly about his association with the astronauts that he is willing to part with his Leica when he leaves NASA. He wants it to go on display at the Astronaut Hall of Fame, just outside the gates of the Kennedy Space Center in Titusville, Fla.

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VOTING REGION TWO

The Texas Corn Producers Board (TCPB) will conduct elections in five of its eight voting regions for the purpose of electing five new TCPB board members whose current members' seats have expired. There are a total of fifteen TCPB voting board members. These elections, to be conducted in 112 Texas counties, are being held pursuant to the Texas Commodity Referendum Law, Texas Agriculture Code, Title 3, Chapter 41, Subchapter A, Section 41.032. Voting Region Two consists of the counties of Hartley, Oldham, Deaf Smith, Farmer, and Bailey, and there is One Seat open for election of TCPB board members in Voting Region Two.

In 1990, Texas Corn Producers voted to expand the research and promotion program for corn, funded by a uniform corn check-off, to every county in the State of Texas. This election is the biennial election required by the Texas Commodity Referendum Law.

A person is eligible to vote in the board election if he or she is, or for at least one production period during the three years preceding the date of the board election has been, a producer of, or caused to be produced, corn for commercial purposes. This includes owners of farms and their tenants or sharecroppers, if the person would be required to pay the assessment. For a producer to vote in this voting region and for this TCPB seat, such producer must reside within the counties stated above. Only voters residing within the above counties may vote for candidate(s) representing this voting region.

Any eligible voter-producer as defined above may place his or her name in nomination to serve as a director on the TCPB. Nomination applications must be submitted to the TCPB signed by the applicant and ten other eligible voters. Nomination forms will be available in all 112 counties where elections are to be held this year, including the specific counties within this voting region, as listed above. Nomination forms can also be obtained by writing the TCPB, 218 E. Bedford, Dimmitt, Texas, 79027. Please state your county of residence if you request nomination forms in writing from the TCPB office. All nominations must be filed with the TCPB not later than 30 days before the date set for the elections, and the date for the deadline for receipt of valid nomination forms by TCPB is therefore a postmark date of March 15, 1996. Nomination forms will be available after February 15, 1996.

The election in each of the five voting regions where elections are called for will be held by mail ballot. Ballots containing by nominations of all persons who have validly filed petitions under Section 41.025 of the above stated code will be available after March 25, 1996, at either elevators or other points of check-off collection in each of

the appropriate voting regions, at county agent offices in each of the 112 counties where elections are to occur, or by writing the TCPB at the address stated above. For a ballot to be counted, such ballot must be postmarked no later than April 22, 1996.

There are five voting regions conducting elections in 1996. A voter must reside within a county contained within the voting region that the voter is casting his or her vote, and a voter must meet the definition set forth above as to a qualified voter. Voters may also vote for board members by "writing in" the name of any eligible persons.

Pursuant to Section 41.023 of the Texas Commodity Referendum Law, this notice for a TCPB election within this voting region is being published in all appropriate newspapers with the voting region, such notice being published at least once a week for three consecutive weeks beginning at least 60 days before the date of the election.

The Texas Corn Producers Board is certified under Section 41.011 and Section 41.012 of the Texas Commodity Referendum Law to conduct this election, and has obtained all approvals and determinations required by law from the Commissioner of Agriculture, Texas Department of Agriculture.

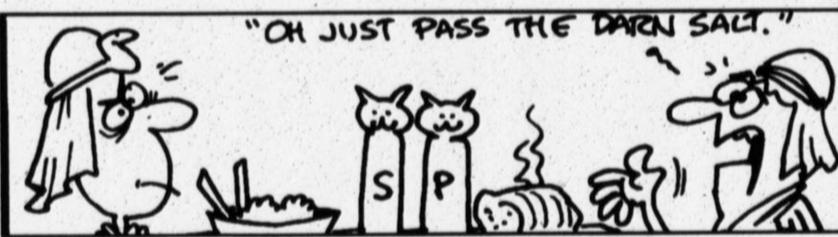
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Aug	1.00	+0.01	1.01
Sep	0.95	+0.01	0.96
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Nov	0.85	+0.01	0.86
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Some marriage proposals are memorable, but not ordinary

By MIA B. MOODY
Waco Tribune-Herald

WACO, Texas - When it comes to popping the question, most men still get by with the traditional method - dropping to one knee and displaying a ring - but the most memorable proposals are usually something out of the ordinary.

The words, "Will you marry me?" have been known to appear on billboards, highway signs, theater programs and newspaper ads.

But even these ideas seem blasé compared to the stories local residents passed along about their unique proposals.

Barry Atwood's proposal was right out of a storybook. The automotive technician at Bird-Kulgen Ford, asked his wife, Marilyn, a customer relations mahager at the same dealership, for her hand in marriage at the Hippodrome Theatre.

Marilyn's youngest daughter loves dancing, so Barry suggested they take her to see the musical "Cinderella," which was scheduled at the Hippodrome.

"The day of the event had been terrible," Marilyn said. "I had slammed my hand in an accident and I really didn't want to go. But he said, 'No, we are going.'"

Later she found out why. At the end of the performance, while they were walking into the foyer, the first thing she noticed was a dozen orange roses on the table.

"I started to pick them up when a lady from the Hippodrome who was guarding them said, 'No you can't have them yet.' Then, he knelt on his knees and proposed for 10 minutes."

Marilyn said the proposal took so long because her husband, who also had been married before, talked about how their marriage would end happily ever after, much like "Cinderella." They exchanged vows in December.

Some men like Mark Benno put brawn and brains into setting up their proposals. His took a lot of lifting, borrowing and trickery.

A moving van is where Mark, technology facilitator at Hillcrest Professional Development School, proposed to his wife, Elizabeth, an early childhood teacher at Doris-Miller Montessori School.

It was September 1988. He was a senior at Baylor University. She had already graduated. He told her he needed her help moving furniture from an old apartment to a new one.

"We took a U-Haul, and he kept making wrong turns and we ended up in a cul-de-sac by the Baylor marina where we had walked and talked before," said Elizabeth.

In the back of the U-Haul, he had already set up a living room with a borrowed sofa, coffee table and other furniture. Then he pulled dinner out of a wicker basket.

"After we ate, he cleared off the table, then he put bridal magazines on a coffee table and gave me an engagement ring and asked me to marry him," she said.

Trickery always has its place in surprise proposals. Darrell Janecka, owner of Keeton Sales Agency, took several months to make sure he pulled his off without a hitch.

His wife, Cindy, an individual and family therapist, said the date was Dec. 23, 1991, and the two were supposed to go out for ice cream; instead they ended up on an elaborate scavenger hunt. The stops included Albertson's Food & Drug Store, Arby's restaurant, Baylor Stadium and Fort Fisher Park.

"We ended up at the Suspension Bridge, where he played a song on a guitar," she said. "He had taken guitar lessons for about two months without my knowing it. The song ended with 'Cindy, will you marry me?'"

Women are always fascinated (or horrified) when their mates use

technology to pop the question. Today's creative proposals often light up the sky or a scoreboard. However, during Anna Beth Rogers' courtship, a vinyl record was all it took.

In 1942 her soon-to-be husband, George Ed Rogers, who is now deceased, was 17,000 miles away and 48 rpm records were the hottest thing going, she said.

He was stationed at a naval base, where he could make recordings, so he proposed with the song "My Wonderful, Wonderful, One" playing in the background. He mailed Anna Beth the creation and followed it up with a phone call. They were married Feb. 16, 1943.

Since the beginning of the engagement ring tradition, men have cleverly disguised rings in champagne, cake and less desirable dishes. Diane Scott said her husband, Joe, regional retail advertising manager at the Tribune-Herald, put a different twist on the "hidden ring proposal."

One night when they were eating at the Pine Club, their favorite

restaurant in Dayton, Ohio, he told her he wanted to give her a little gift just because.

It was a bottle of Liz perfume inside a box with a note taped to it asking, "Will you marry me?"

"The ring was sitting on top of the sprayer, but at first I was too excited to even notice it," she said. "I was just happy to get some perfume."

It is flattering for a loved one to put a lot of thought and work into making a marriage proposal, but sometimes the small gestures are the most memorable.

Norma Patterson still remembers the practical way in which her husband, Pat, chose to propose to her.

"We were walking down the street looking at furniture and he said, 'What kind of furniture would you like to have in your house.' At that time that meant we were going to get married. I knew we were going to get married."

"We married a few months later. It has been 50 years."

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Archaeologists uncover ancient village

By JACK KATZENELL
Associated Press Writer

EINGEDI, Israel (AP) - High on the rocky slopes overlooking the Dead Sea oasis of Ein Gedi stand the ruins of a massive watchtower, its entrance sealed with a huge circular stone.

"Cursed be he who reveals the secret of the village," warns a centuries-old inscription on the mosaic floor of a synagogue nearby.

The secret of the long-buried village lies inside the tower, where the Jews of Ein Gedi made a prized balsam oil used to anoint biblical kings, Hebrew University archaeologist Yizhar Hirschfeld says.

A team led by Hirschfeld and Jonathan Rosenfeld of the University of Hartford, Conn., recently uncovered the fourth- to sixth-century tower and the village it guards. The discovery was made public Monday.

"Nothing like it has been found anywhere in the countries of the ancient world," Hirschfeld told The Associated Press.

The balm was made from a species of persimmon tree found only along the shores of the Dead Sea and in nearby Jericho. The tree became extinct in the sixth century, Hirschfeld said.

On the slopes around the watchtower are the remains of ancient terraces where Hirschfeld believes the persimmon trees were grown. The brown slopes contrast sharply with the green of Ein Gedi's date palms and the deep blue of the Dead Sea.

The sap from the trees was boiled to make oil, which Hirschfeld believes passed through two rectangular stone vats linked by a canal.

The second vat was housed inside the 5-foot-thick watchtower walls to preserve the secrecy of the balsam recipe, Hirschfeld said.

Archaeologists found the fireplace where the oil apparently was boiled under a 5-foot-deep layer of ash in the tower courtyard.

Literary sources indicate balsam was produced at Ein Gedi as early as the sixth and seventh centuries B.C., when it was used to anoint the kings of Judah in the southern part of what is now Israel and the West Bank.

The balm, which was also used as a body perfume, was regarded as the finest in the ancient world, according to accounts by the Roman historian Pliny the Elder, the Jewish chronicler Josephus Flavius, and Talmudic writers.

Father Eusebius of Caesarea, a monk of the Byzantine era, declared that the Ein Gedi balsam was superior to that produced by the Christians of Jericho or Zoora, on the eastern side of the Dead Sea.

The Jews of Ein Gedi guarded the details of their manufacturing process closely because the wealth of the village depended on the superiority of their balm, Hirschfeld said.

But Hirschfeld hopes samples scraped from the vats will reveal the secret formula - curse or no.



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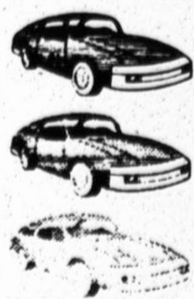
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