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Hereford, home of Mark Andrews, 48



Hillary voiced opposition to Whitewater prosecutor



One-on-none game

Colby Marsh -- lollipop stuck firmly in his cheek -- uses a little body English to get his long-distance basketball shot to fall while playing some hoops Thursday afternoon after school.

Marsh was taking advantage of early-year warm temperatures to practice his techniques for distance shooting -- and for digging the ball out of the bushes.

Notes show First Lady refused to reconsider

By MARCY GORDON
Associated Press Writer
WASHINGTON (AP) - First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton led the White House opposition to a special Whitewater prosecutor, and not even the president could get her to reconsider, according to White House notes disclosed Thursday.

The January 1994 notes show that White House aides saw themselves caught between two strong opposing forces in the weeks before a special prosecutor was named - Justice Department officials seeking the appointment and Mrs. Clinton opposing it.

In notes of a Jan. 7, 1994 meeting, Mark Gearan, the president's former communications director, quotes Deputy White House Chief of Staff Harold Ickes as commenting that Mrs. Clinton adamantly opposed the appointment.

"To try to reopen it (with her) ... impossible. POTUS can't - staff can't," the notes said.

POTUS is the Secret Service term for president of the United States.

Five days later, President Clinton called for the appointment of a special prosecutor, and Attorney General Janet Reno appointed one on Jan. 20. Nonetheless, Republicans on the Senate Whitewater Committee seized on Gearan's notes as indicating a fear of an independent investigation.

They also criticized Gearan for not turning over the copious jottings to the committee until last week.

Gearan's notes, as well as a

contemporaneous diary entry by former Deputy Treasury Secretary Roger Altman, were scrutinized at a full-day hearing at which Gearan - now the director of the Peace Corps - testified.

"I'm not sure this is the first time in the history of this planet that a husband and wife have disagreed on something," Gearan testified in a sometimes contentious hearing.

He was challenged by Republican committee staff attorney Michael Chertoff, who said the issue of a special Whitewater prosecutor wasn't "a garden-variety dispute" between spouses. "This was not a matter of whether you like the drapes or not," Chertoff said.

Gearan's notes also recount then-White House Counsel Bernard Nussbaum as laying out a scary scenario at a Jan. 5 meeting of aides on Whitewater, in which they discussed whether the president should support appointment of a special prosecutor.

"Badhearted guy goes in & decides a smell of corruption & can show some things of those people close around principal," Nussbaum is quoted as saying.

At the Jan. 7 meeting, Gearan's notes quote Nussbaum saying, "Indictments will be Betsey Wright." Wright was a campaign aide to Clinton who had had Whitewater files in her possession.

Chertoff, seeking to clarify that the "principal" Nussbaum referred to

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City, county get sales tax rebates

The amount of February sales tax rebate checks for Hereford and Deaf Smith County have been announced by the State Comptroller's office, and both entities got less than they did a year ago.

The city's overall check was for \$100,350.84, but that includes the city's 1 percent sales tax plus the half-percent economic development tax.

As a result, only \$66,900.56 goes to city coffers, with the rest -- \$33,450.28 -- earmarked for the Hereford Economic Development Corporation.

The city's portion is some 10 percent below the \$74,361.40 received in February 1995, according

to an announcement from the comptroller's office.

For the year to date, the city has received \$177,317.75 as its share of sales taxes collected in the city.

The February check reflects sales taxes collected on holiday sales in December and reported to the state in January, as well as quarterly returns for October through December and annual filings for all of 1995.

The check for Deaf Smith County -- which collects a half-percent sales tax on county sales -- was \$35,089.26, which is down 10.28 percent from the February 1995 check of \$39,110.73.

For the year to date, the county's income from sales taxes is

\$61,602.39, down 8.79 from the first two months of last year.

Among counties surrounding Hereford, only Castro County collects a county sales tax.

Shown below are sales tax rebate figures for the surrounding counties, including this month's check, the corresponding amount last February and the difference between the two.

CASTRO COUNTY -- Castro County, \$12,732.72 this year, \$13,705.63 in 1995, down 16.77 percent; Dimmitt, \$29,790.58, \$30,870.38, down 3.49 percent; Hart, \$1,627.36, \$1,926.89, down 15.54 percent; Nazareth, \$949.01, \$1,138.92, down 16.67 percent.

OLDHAM COUNTY -- Adrian, \$2,862.18, \$6,042.27, down 52.63 percent; Farwell, \$6,726.97, \$5,344.88, up 25.85 percent; Friona, \$25,219.16, \$12,929.08, up 95.05 percent. (Friona raised its sales tax from 1 percent to 2 percent effective October 1, 1995.)

POTTER COUNTY -- Amarillo, \$4,387,783.43, \$4,257,527.10, up 3.05 percent.

RANDALL COUNTY -- Canyon, \$51,015.01, \$52,401.37, down 2.64 percent.

Feed yard operators eye clarification of industry by Glickman's committee

AMARILLO, Texas (AP) - Feed yard operators in the Texas Panhandle are hoping that a new committee can clarify how the nation's mega-meatpackers do business.

The committee's 21 members include Amarillo grain merchant Ed Laur and Phil Weaver of Fort Worth, vice president for agricultural commodities for Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad.

The chairman is Dan Padberg, who retired last year from the department of agriculture economics at Texas A&M University and now lives in Florida.

U.S. Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman on Wednesday announced that the panel will look at whether the dwindling number of companies that

buy and slaughter livestock poses a threat to the livelihood of ranchers and independent farmers.

"It is an issue of tremendous concern to all producers in the cattle business," said Burt Rutherford, spokesman for the Texas Cattle Feeders Association in Amarillo. "Getting your arms around it is not an easy task."

Texas A&M contributed research on cattle price determination to a study Glickman released Wednesday. The study, ordered by Congress, examines the concentration of the meatpacking industry within a few big companies.

Although the report concluded that four companies controlled 82 percent of the cattle slaughter in 1994, its

authors could not measure whether the big meatpackers can influence prices.

Three of those four top companies have plants in the Texas Panhandle: IBP Inc. in Amarillo, Montfort Inc. near Dumas and Excel Corp. in Plainview and Friona. The region - home to 13 plants that slaughtered about 5 million cattle in 1994 - markets itself as the cattle-feeding capital of the world.

Padberg said the initial data are complex and warrant further research.

"I think that they haven't documented very much of an indication that farmers have been adversely affected," Padberg said Thursday.

"It was sort of a controversial finding because I think producers all over the country are anxious about the high concentration in the meatpacking industry and want to find a way to deal with that."

Concerns by cattle raisers are legitimate given the current slump in cattle prices, he said.

This latest study examined the market from April 1992 to March 1993.

"We've seen some things happen in the market in 1994 and 1995 that would probably be interesting to look at as well," Rutherford said.

The committee plans at least four public hearings before making a report in June.

Indictments handed down by grand jury on Thursday

Nineteen indictments were returned during a session of the Deaf Smith County Grand Jury Thursday.

Names of four offenders were not released pending their arrest.

Indicted for felony driving while intoxicated were Jesusa Mora Silva, 62, of Dimmitt; Michael Huerta, 24, of 300 E. Seventh, Apt. B, and Nicolas Lomeli, 37, of 106 S. Texas.

Silva is free on \$2,000 bond, Huerta posted \$1,000 bond and a \$5,000 bond was posted by Lomeli.

Cavin Ray Martin, 46, of White Deer, is in jail in lieu of bond on an indictment for forgery by passing.

Also indicted for forgery by passing was Juan Herrera, 25, of 825 Knight. He is free on \$2,500 bond.

Indicted for robbery, Joe Angel Rodriguez, 19, of 907 Union, is free on bond of \$2,500.

Albertito Molinar, 17, of 300 Kibbe, is in jail in lieu of bond. He was indicted for burglary of a habitation.

Also in jail in lieu of bond is Glenn Toews, 19, indicted for escape.

Named on two indictments for burglary of a habitation, Daniel Bustamante, 20, of 612 Irving, No. 103, is in jail, in lieu of bond.

Armando Bustamante, 18, of 612 Irving, No. 103, was indicted for burglary of a habitation. He is in jail in lieu of bond.

Free on \$2,500 bond, Mario Rios, 21, of 107 Fuller, was indicted for burglary of a building.

Christopher Todd Danley, 21, currently in jail in Nebraska, was indicted for burglary of a building. He will be extradited to Texas to face the charges in Deaf Smith County.

Street past OKC bomb site re-opens for traffic today

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) - Regular traffic flowed past the south side of the federal building bombing site today for the first time since the April 19 blast.

"I'm watching a little history here today," County Commissioner Stuart Earnest said as he watched city crews remove the last barriers on N.W. Fourth Street this morning. Earnest, a former U.S. marshal who lost 32 friends in the bombing, hoped to be the first to drive down the reopened street.

"This is a little more of the healing process," Earnest said. But an unidentified man in a battered sedan beat him to it, entering from the other end of the

block.

The reopened street separates the south side of the federal building block from the federal courthouse, which was damaged by the bombing. Still to be opened is a section of N.W. Fifth Street, where the truck bomb was parked. The streets east and west of the site have been open for several months.

City officials opened Fourth Street to restore traffic flow through the area, said Ken Morris, chief traffic engineer for Oklahoma City.

"We were just giving the federal marshal's office time to beef up their security," Morris said.

Bonilla letter touts talents of psychic

WASHINGTON (AP) - Need help on a troublesome investigation? Texas Congressman Henry Bonilla has just the psychic for the job.

A letter on the San Antonio congressman's congressional constituency to the Federal Aviation Administration offered the services of an "experienced psychic consultant" who happens to be a consultant.

"I guess what you could say is the congressman's constituent service is out of this world," Bonilla's legislative director, Tom Latta, told Thursday.

During a hearing, Bonilla's legislative director, Tom Latta, said the Jan. 18 letter was a request for "an over-the-phone" psychic and it was not intended to be a joke.

The letter, which had been sent to the FAA by Texas political circles, touted Garth Pendragon's willingness to offer his assistance to the FAA on "any and all" investigations.

In the past decade, Pendragon has provided valuable assistance in criminal and murder cases, as well as in other operations.

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investigative means have failed to resolve," said the letter, first reported by The Washington Post.

In explanation of Pendragon's skills, the writer added: "He works by looking at relevant pictures, sketches, maps and physical objects. Images like these act as a sort of psychic fingerprint, thereby enabling him to access precisely the relevant information. It is this ability to work with images that enables Mr. Pendragon to obtain detailed information without visiting the site in question - even across great distances."

Neither Pendragon nor an FAA spokeswoman returned calls seeking comment Thursday.

The United States secretly has used psychics over the past 20 years in remote viewing spying operations code-named "Stargate," the CIA confirmed last November.

The psychics were used, among other purposes, in attempts to hunt down Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi, find plutonium in North Korea and help drug enforcement agencies.

Researchers who evaluated the "Stargate" operation for the CIA concluded that the program had mixed success.

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Lifestyles

Ann Landers

DEAR ANN LANDERS: I almost lost my 4-year-old daughter a few weeks ago. She took an overdose of a medication, even though it was in a childproof container on the top shelf of the medicine cabinet, 5 feet above the floor.

I awakened that night when I heard "Mary" fall out of bed. She seemed confused and "wired." When I saw the open pill bottle, I rushed her to the emergency room. Thank God, they were able to save her.

That nightmare could have been prevented by buying a \$15 toolbox with a padlock. It's the safest way to store medication if there are children in the house. Now I even keep cleaning preparations in lockable tubs.

This simple precaution didn't occur to me until tragedy struck. I hope your readers will invest \$15 in their children's safety. When little ones learn to walk, they also climb, and any child who has watched an adult open a childproof lid is liable to try to do it, too. -- K.R.

DEAR K.R.: You'll never know how many little lives you saved today. And thank you, too, on behalf of toolbox manufacturers everywhere.

DEAR ANN LANDERS: Can you stand one more love-at-first-sight letter? We both worked downtown. Our buildings were across the street from one another, but I didn't know it at the time. My office faced the window overlooking the parking lot.

One day, I saw this great-looking guy walk into his building from the garage. Bam! It hit me that this was the man I was going to marry. I don't know how I knew it, I just did.

I watched my dreamboat for about a month. Then, I decided to make a bold move. I typed a poem on pink paper and signed it "Your Secret Admirer," sealed it with a lipstick kiss and taped it to his windshield. A few days later, I was summoned

to the top floor offices and ushered into a room where several higher-ups were sitting grim-faced. I thought for sure I was about to be fired. Then, they smiled and told me to look out the window. I saw a 100-foot banner on the building across the way. It read, "SECRET ADMIRER WANTED -- NEED NAME AND NUMBER SOON."

The following evening, we had our first date. Four months later, we were married. We recently celebrated our seventh wedding anniversary, have two lovely children and are still very much in love. -- S.K.R., Topeka, Kan.

DEAR S.K.R.: Your letter made me smile all day. What lovely bosses you have! Thanks for writing.

DEAR ANN LANDERS: We have a dear aunt, Sister Concepta, who has been a nun for over 50 years. She is younger than all of us in spirit and has a great sense of humor. I'd like to pass along something she sent. -- Bethlehem, Pa.

DEAR BETHLEHEM: Thanks for that badly needed laugh. We can all use one. I'm passing it on. Here it is:

After the death of a never-married 94-year-old woman of his parish, the rector was given a note from her personal belongings. In the woman's handwriting were specific instructions for her funeral service. Along with suggestions for Scripture readings and music were the following orders: "There will be no male pallbearers. Since they wouldn't take me out when I was alive, I don't want them to take me out when I'm dead."

Planning a wedding? What's right? What's wrong? "The Ann Landers Guide for Brides" will relieve your anxiety. Send a self-addressed, long, business-size envelope and a check or money order for \$3.75 (this includes postage and handling) to: Brides, c/o Ann Landers, P.O. Box 11562, Chicago, Ill. 60611-0562.



NCA spelling bee winners

Kevin Winget and Erin Noland will represent Nazarene Christian Academy at the upcoming Deaf Smith County Spelling Bees. Noland will take part in the Junior Bee, set for Feb. 29, while Winget will be in the Senior Bee on March 1. Alternates are Chelsea Walker for the Junior Bee and Kris Bridwell for the Senior Bee. The Senior Bee winner will represent Deaf Smith County at the Regional Bee this spring.

Volunteers recognized for community service

The Hereford Retired School Employees met recently at the Hereford Senior Citizens Center and heard a program on "Volunteer Services" presented by Carole McGivalry.

She stressed how important volunteer work by the members is to our neighborhoods and our community. She said that when the volunteer work hours for one year were totaled, they would amount to \$139,931.25, just for the Hereford Retired School Employees.

Certificates were presented to the following people who had 1000 hours or more of volunteer work: Sue Innon, Thelma Alexander, Dempsey Alexander, Mary Dziuk, Pat Montgomery, Marie Stringer, Jess

Robinson, Annell Holland, Leona Schilling, Betty Jo Carlson, Carole McGivalry and Donna Smith.

Each one was encouraged to do more volunteer work next year. There is a great demand for volunteers to help with the Host Program.

Doris Bryant conducted the business meeting. Elizabeth De Koster gave the invocation and Schilling led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Eleanor Hudspeth read the minutes and committee reports were given by De Koster, Alexander, Alta Mac Higgins and Schilling.

Following the meeting, a valentine party was held.

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Rebekahs hold valentine party

Hereford Rebekah Lodge #228 met Tuesday evening for a Valentine party and fun night.

District deputy president Mary Lou Weatherford was presented a "money tree" in appreciation of her outstanding work in filling her office.

Members exchanged valentines and gave a valentine to be sent to patients in Veteran's Hospital in Amarillo.

Rosalie Northcutt, assisted by Anna Conklin, was hostess for the evening.

Others present were Ben Conklin, Susie Curtsinger, Nelma Sowell, Dennis Brillhart, Dorothy Landry, Clint Landry, Tony Irlbeck, Jessie Mathews, Lucille Lindeman, Frankie Ruland, Peggy Lemons and Leona Sowell.



Club makes contribution

Capt. Pat Michael, member of the advisory board for Family Support Services, formerly Rape Crisis/Domestic Violence, receives a donation from Toujours Amis Study Club represented by Julia Laing.

Church News

ST. ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 21. Services are 7:15 a.m. Word Service/Ashes, 8:30 a.m. School Liturgy/Ashes, 7:30 p.m. Liturgy/Ashes.

The Bible group which meets on Friday at 7 a.m. has begun a new study of Matthew's Gospel. All are invited to join this study and sharing under Msgr.'s facilitation.

Start preparing your special crafts for the St. Anthony's School Carnival, April 21. Also, we will collect egg shells for confetti eggs. If you have anything to donate, call Lisa Artho, 364-8525.

Remember, we are still collecting bundled newspapers or computer paper for recycling. Your trash is STILL our treasure.

Deacon Leroy Behnke from the Diocese of Lubbock will come March 2-3 to preach and to lead our youth and their parents in a Day of Recollection. Session I (for youth) will be entitled "The Top Ten List for Living." Session II (for parents) will be called "Do-Be-Do-Be-Do."

The Knights of Columbus "Fish Fry" will be held from 6 p.m.-8 p.m. on Feb. 23 in the cafeteria. They will have fried fish and baked fish. Cost is \$5 for adults and \$3.50 for kids.

FELLOWSHIP OF BELIEVERS

The Fellowship of Believers invites you to attend services this Sunday.

The Bible study class begins at 9:30 a.m. and is being led by Guy Greenfield. Doug Manning will be the speaker at the 10:30 a.m. worship service.

Classes for children are at 9:30 a.m. and are available through elementary

ages. Nursery facilities are available during the worship service.

If you need transportation to the church services, please call 364-0359.

Junior high and high school youth groups will meet at 5 p.m. Sunday at the church.

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Love On The Cross?

Could It Be?
First Presbyterian Church
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Menus

HEREFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS Breakfast

MONDAY-No school. Holiday.
 TUESDAY-French toast stix with syrup; or cereal, buttered toast, fruit cocktail, chocolate milk.

WEDNESDAY-Scrambled eggs, buttered toast and jelly; or cereal, buttered toast, orange smiles, milk.

THURSDAY-Sausage pattie, biscuit and jelly; or cereal, buttered toast, apple juice, chocolate milk.

FRIDAY-Hash brown, Texas toast; or cereal, buttered toast, banana, milk.

Lunch

MONDAY-No school. Holiday.
 TUESDAY-Chicken nuggets with gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, apple crisp, whole wheat rolls, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Baked potato with chili and cheese, cabbage apple salad, seasoned corn, strawberry yogurt, hot roll, chocolate milk.

THURSDAY-Beef enchiladas with picante sauce, lettuce and tomatoes, seasoned pinto beans, Spanish rice, sliced peaches, cowboy bread, milk.
 FRIDAY-Hamburger or tuna sandwich, burger fixings, crispy French fries with catsup, apple half, peanut butter cookie, chocolate milk.

ST. ANTHONY'S SCHOOL

MONDAY-No school. Ski holiday.

TUESDAY-Hotdogs, ranch style beans, french fries, cherry cobbler, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Salmon croquettes, green beans, mashed potatoes, whole wheat rolls, fresh strawberries, milk.

THURSDAY-Western burgers, tator tots, vegetarian beans, apple-sauce, milk.

FRIDAY-Macaroni and cheese, broccoli and cheese, English peas, homemade bread, blueberry cupcakes, milk.

Sanders is on President's List

Lori Sanders of Hereford has achieved a perfect 4.0 grade point average for the 1995 fall semester at the University of North Texas in Denton.

grade point average of 4.0 on a course load of 12 or more hours during the semester were accorded this distinction.

In recognition of her outstanding academic work, her name has been placed on the President's List.

Only students who have earned a

Louis Joliet, who was a fur trader, and Jacques Marquette, a priest, explored the Mississippi River. They traveled down the river by raft and canoe thinking that the river might provide passage to the Pacific Ocean.

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Sports

Herd baseball team set to start season

District 1-4A

Basketball standings

Boys		
	District	Overall
Pampa*	12 0	27 3
Randall	9 2	19 13
Hereford	8 3	19 10
Canyon	5 6	13 14
Caprock	4 7	9 21
Borger	1 10	9 23
Dumas	0 11	4 20

*clinched district championship

Tuesday's results

Pampa 74, Hereford 61
Randall 73, Caprock 68
Canyon 47, Borger 41
Dumas was open

Tonight'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

Playoffs

Canyon vs. Andrews (21-8), 6 p.m. Friday, Shallowater
Randall vs. Big Spring (18-7), 7 p.m. Friday
Lubbock Monterey

By JAY PEDEN
Sports Editor
Coach Pete Rodriguez seemed to feel pretty good about the 1996 Hereford baseball team after Thursday's scrimmage in Dimmitt. "I feel like we've got some pretty good pitching depth," Rodriguez said.

"Defensively, we're going to be pretty good - if the pitchers can get ground balls, we can make the routine plays. As far as (hitting) if we hit the ball like we did (Thursday), we should be able to score some runs. They'll need those runs in a real game soon. The Herd opens the 1996

baseball season Monday, when Lubbock High visits Whiteface Field for a 4:30 p.m. game (although the starting time may be moved earlier). The Herd has one more warm-up before the opener: the Alumni Game is set for 2 p.m. Saturday at Whiteface Field.

Rodriguez took the helm of the Herd last year, and the Whitefaces finished 7-17 and sixth in District 1-4A. That was a year after a senior-laden Herd team made the playoffs.

With essentially five starters returning, he hopes to get the team back in the playoffs this season.

"We're going to have three goals," Rodriguez said. "The first goal, during preseason, is to try to get better from game to game. The second goal, once district starts, is to make the playoffs - I think every team's goal is to make the playoffs. The third goal, is if we make the playoffs, we want to play well."

The Herd gets back three starting position players, all of which are

seniors: catcher Tanner Murphey, leftfielder Wade McPherson and shortstop Ronald Torres.

Murphey is the main link to the last Hereford playoff team: he was the starting leftfielder two years ago, then moved to catcher last year.

"Murphey brings senior leadership to the team," Rodriguez said, "and starting out, he's one of our better contact hitters. He can put the ball in play. He can slap it."

Torres, who'll join the team after basketball season is over, was a second-team all-district selection at shortstop - probably the district's most competitive position.

"Ronald's one of the top shortstops in this district," Rodriguez said. "He's quick, he's got good hands, and he puts the ball in play, too."

McPherson started in leftfield last year, but Rodriguez plans a move for him.

"He's probably going to be our starting centerfielder," he said. "He breaks on the ball well, and he

catches the ball. He's also going to be one of the seniors who helps out with senior leadership."

In addition, the Herd returns two of its top pitchers from last year, Eric Ambold and Sonny Perez, both juniors. Ambold was a second-team all-district pick last year.

"Ambold is probably going to be our number one," Rodriguez said. "He can get up there and throw 100 pitches in a ball game and his arm still feels good."

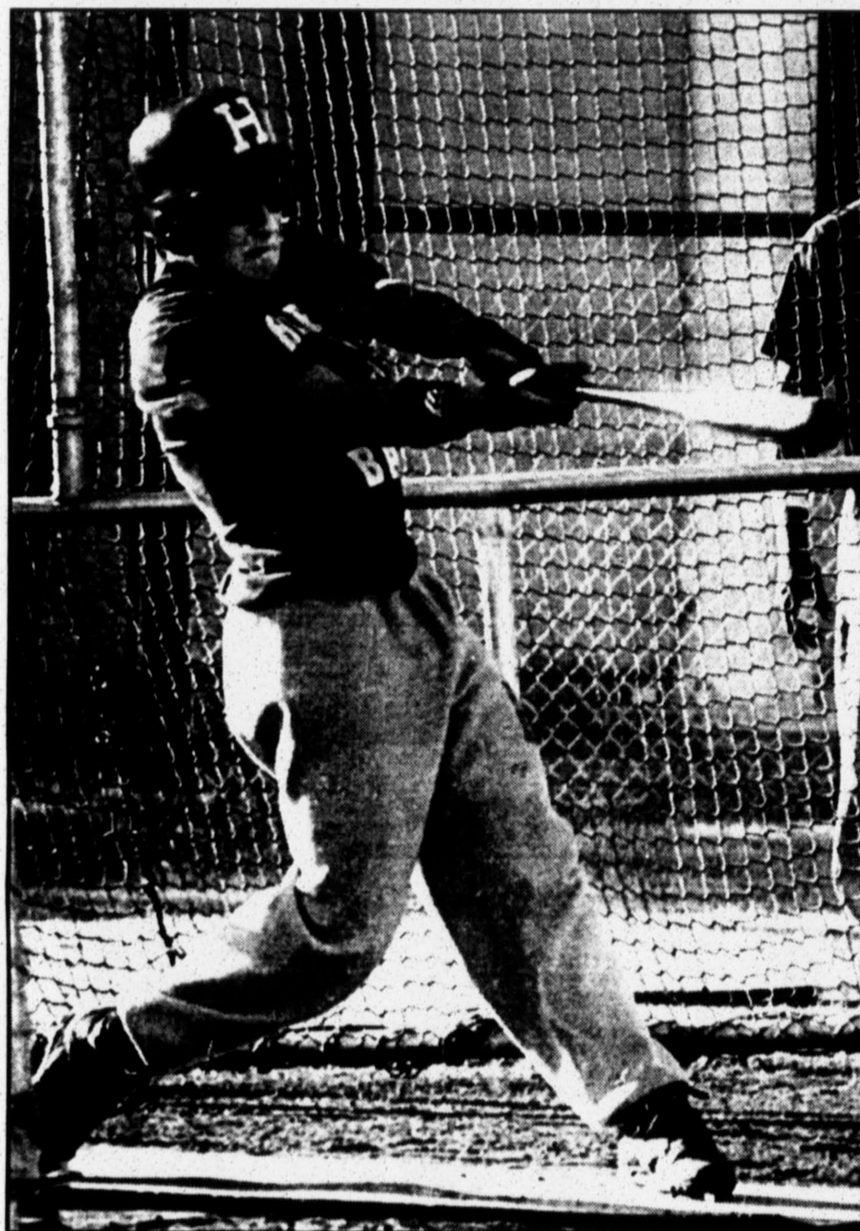
"Sonny and John Marty (Galan) are going to battle for that No. 2 starter on the mound," Rodriguez said. "Sonny's probably our hardest thrower. When he's not on the mound, he's probably going to be at third base."

There are four players vying for spots that played some varsity last year: Aaron Sorenson, Nathan Gavina, Joseph Artho and John Marty Galan.

Artho will man shortstop until Torres joins the team, then probably move over to second base. Gavina will play a lot as a utility player: he'll back up Murphey at catcher, he'll play third when Perez is on the mound and he may play in the outfield.

Sorenson is in the mix for an outfield spot, as are seniors Rudy Villareal and Anthony Cervantez.

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Herd's hard hitter

Wade McPherson takes his cuts during baseball practice this week. McPherson is one of five returning starters who'll lead the Herd into the 1996 season, which starts when Lubbock High comes to Whiteface Field for a game at 4:30 p.m. Monday.

Baseball Schedule

Day	Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Mon.	Feb. 19	Lubbock High	Hereford	4:30
Sat.	Feb. 24	Tulia	Hereford	1
Tue.	Feb. 27	Lubbock High	Lubbock	5:30
Feb. 29-Mar. 2 Levelland tournament				
Mar. 8-9 Dumas tournament				
Mar. 14-16 Canyon tournament				
Tue.	Mar. 19	*Randall	Randall	4:30
Sat.	Mar. 23	*Canyon	Hereford	1
Tue.	Mar. 26	*Dumas	Dumas	4:30
Sat.	Mar. 30	*Pampa	Hereford	1
Tue.	Apr. 2	Lubbock Christian	Hereford	4:30
Tue.	Apr. 9	*Borger	Borger	4:30
Sat.	Apr. 13	*Caprock	Hereford	1
Tue.	Apr. 16	*Randall	Hereford	4:30
Sat.	Apr. 20	*Canyon	Canyon	1
Tue.	Apr. 23	*Dumas	Hereford	4:30
Sat.	Apr. 27	*Pampa	Pampa	1
Sat.	May 4	*Borger	Hereford	1
Tue.	May 7	*Caprock	Amarillo	4:30

*District games

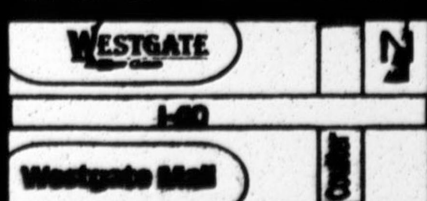
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Best Actor
Best Original Song
Moonlight
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Jordan leads Bulls' OT win

By The Associated Press
Dennis Rodman made the play that got the Chicago Bulls into overtime, allowing Michael Jordan to do what he does best - take over the game.

Jordan missed 20 of his 30 shots, but he managed to score eight of his 32 points in overtime, giving the Bulls a 112-109 victory over the Detroit Pistons on Thursday night.

"I figured if I kept going to the well, sometime I'd find some water," said Jordan, who hit all 12 of his free throws while struggling from the field. "It was one of those nights where I couldn't find a way to get the ball in the hole."

The Bulls are 44-5 this season, with all of their losses on the road. It nearly happened again at the Palace in Auburn Hills as the Pistons led by five points with 37 seconds left in regulation.

Elsewhere in the NBA, it was Cleveland 95, Toronto 76; Miami 97, Denver 91; Milwaukee 109, Washington 98; Houston 112, San Antonio 108; Utah 106, Dallas 103; and Phoenix 96, Portland 84.

Rockets 112, Spurs 108
Hakeem Olajuwon and Clyde Drexler scored 24 points each and Robert Horry hit his only basket of the game with 42 seconds left in Houston's victory over San Antonio.

The Rockets led by 15 points in the third quarter, but the visiting Spurs used the 3-point shooting of Chuck Person to get as close as one point in the fourth period. San Antonio trailed 107-105 with 1:01 to go, but the jumper by Horry, who was 1-for-7 from the field, kept Houston in front.

Vinny Del Negro scored 31 points, David Robinson 24 and Person 21 on 7-for-11 shooting for the Spurs. Eldridge Recasner scored a career-high 21 for the Rockets.

Jazz 106, Mavericks 103
Karl Malone scored 30 points and John Stockton had 21 points and two steals, inching within two of breaking the NBA career steals mark, as Utah rallied to defeat Dallas.

Jason Kidd scored 34 points and Jimmy Jackson and George McCloud 20 each for the Mavericks, who led 86-77 with 7:51 left but dropped their fourth straight road game and fell to 6-19 on the road.

UMass avoids LaSalle upset

By The Associated Press
For a team that always comes out ahead, No. 1 Massachusetts is sure falling behind an awful lot.

Marcus Camby and the Minutemen rallied again Thursday night, overcoming a 10-point deficit in the second half to beat La Salle 70-53.

Camby had a career-high 15 rebounds and scored 26 points. The Minutemen (24-0, 12-0 Atlantic 10) are the nation's only unbeaten team despite having trailed or been tied at halftime 10 times.

In other games, No. 7 Utah topped Hawaii 69-59, No. 8 Wake Forest beat Maryland 85-78, No. 11 Purdue defeated Ohio State 63-55, No. 13 UCLA got past No. 18 Arizona 76-75, No. 20 Stanford beat Oregon State 65-50 and No. 24 Louisville held off North Carolina Charlotte 67-64.

Cowboys re-sign Woodson

Chmura returns to Pack; coaches hired

By BARRY WILNER
AP Football Writer
Now that free agency has arrived, can things get any more hectic than they were on the day before the 1996 marketplace opened?

NFL teams got an early jump on signing attractive players when seven key starters from various clubs remained where they've been. All-Pro safety Darren Woodson and Pro Bowl tight end Mark Chmura were the main prizes Thursday.

Woodson agreed to become the highest-paid safety in the NFL, accepting a six-year deal from the Dallas Cowboys worth \$18 million, with a \$5.4 million signing bonus.

"The last three or four months, I told everyone I wasn't going anywhere," Woodson said after taking Cowboys owner Jerry Jones' offer. "Jerry and I have had conversations where I've told him I don't care what anybody else says, I'm not going anywhere. This is where I want to be. I stressed that to everyone."

Chmura, who rapidly developed in 1995, his fourth season, and caught 54 passes for 679 yards and seven touchdowns, signed a three-year contract with Green Bay believed to be worth between \$1.3 million and \$1.5 million a year.

"It was a long time coming," Chmura said. "It's great to have it done. It's good to know you're going to be the guy here for another three years."

Atlanta tackle Bob Whitfield will be with the Falcons for another five years, thanks to a \$15.5 million deal that makes him - for now - the league's highest-paid blocker.

Going the other way were the Oilers' leading receiver, Haywood Jeffires, and five-time Pro Bowl defensive tackle Ray Childress, who were released, although coach Jeff Fisher said he hoped to re-sign them.

Lindy Infante was hired as coach in Indianapolis on Thursday - the same day his predecessor Ted Marchibroda joined the relocated

NFL franchise in Baltimore.

Infante, the Green Bay coach from 1988-91, was out of the NFL until Colts director of football operations Bill Tobin hired him as offensive coordinator last year. Much of the Colts' improvement was credited to Infante, who designed a new system using multiple formations that helped Jim Harbaugh become the NFL's top-rated quarterback.

Marchibroda is once again the coach of Baltimore's NFL franchise and the man responsible for turning the team into a winner.

It's the same job and same assignment he had 21 years ago. This time, though, he's expecting a much easier time of it.

On Feb. 15, 1975, Marchibroda got his first NFL head coaching job. He inherited a 2-12 team and proceeded to lead the Baltimore Colts to a 10-4 mark and the AFC East title.

Exactly 21 years later and a little over a week after being let go by the Indianapolis Colts, Marchibroda was hired by owner Art Modell as Baltimore's new coach.

NCAA approves OT in football

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) - Nevada football coach Chris Ault is happy. There will be no more tie games in college football.

"Tie games are a crime," Ault said in December when his team lost the Las Vegas Bowl in overtime. "The old guard needs to have tiebreakers in all games."

They did just that on Thursday. The NCAA football rules committee voted to require a tiebreaker in all NCAA football games.

After the Las Vegas Bowl, Ault said he was happy with the tiebreaker even though his team lost.

The 13-member committee included six Division-I representatives, including committee chairman and Georgia athletic director Vince Dooley, Missouri coach Larry Smith

and North Carolina coach Mack Brown.

The rules committee decision came during its annual meeting in Kansas City and followed a vote of support for the tiebreaker at a meeting of Division I-A football coaches on Feb. 11.

"The committee was particularly sensitive to the overwhelming mandate of the Division I-A coaches because the tiebreaker was already being used in other divisions," Dooley said.

The decision, which requires no further approval, will take effect this fall.

The system was used in Division I-A bowl games this past year and is the same procedure used in lower-

division NCAA football championships and regular-season league games in the Big Sky, Ohio Valley, Yankee and Mid-Eastern Athletic conferences. It gives each team a chance to score after regulation.

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Rodriguez didn't want to name the rest of the varsity squad until he sees exactly who will come out of the basketball program.

Hereford and Dimmitt played the equivalent of 10 innings Thursday, and Rodriguez seemed to like what he saw. He worked five pitchers into the scrimmage: Sorenson, Perez, Galan, Artho and Ray David Rangel. (Ambold didn't pitch; he'll start the opener Monday.)

All five pitched well Thursday, Rodriguez said, as Hereford allowed two runs in 10 innings. "They kept the ball low, they threw

strikes and let 'em hit it," Rodriguez said. "(Dimmitt players) either hit fly balls or ground balls."

He was especially impressed with Perez.

"Sonny threw six outs, and he threw a total of 22 pitches," Rodriguez said. "I think he ended up striking out all six."

In the field, Hereford made two errors early, then settled down, Rodriguez said. At the plate, Hereford looked good. Galan and McPherson both smacked home runs.

"Overall our hitting was good. They had quite a few walks, but when they put the ball over the plate, we hit good pitches," Rodriguez said.

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Job allows history buff to wander through the past

By CATHY FRYE

The Odessa American FORT STOCKTON, Texas - LeAnna Biles often wanders into the hazy past, rambling through ruins and reconstructing bits and pieces of tattered history.

And it isn't always easy to drag her back into the present, she says apologetically. But as the new curator at Fort Stockton's Historic Site, Biles can now justify the many hours she spends roaming through decaying buildings, reliving the days when buffalo soldiers occupied this small West Texas town.

"I could not have asked for a more perfect situation for a first position," she says, casting an appreciative glance toward her small, musty office, located in what used to be the Army's barracks.

But there was a time when Biles wasn't so sure she would find a job, let alone one she truly wanted.

Only three months ago, she was ready to give up her frustrating search for employment and head to the Caribbean with a friend. With a master's degree in architectural studies with an emphasis in historic preservation, Biles, 25, couldn't seem to find a place where she felt she would belong.

"I was ready to take off and go to the Caribbean. But the week after we discussed doing that, I got a call from Fort Stockton."

It's not always easy to find a desirable job in the museum field, Biles says. "It is very much getting the right person for the position. Each museum has a certain focus, and you also must be interested in that topic."

"If you're not interested in what you're doing, it's difficult to put yourself into your work."

But three months ago, Biles found her niche in Fort Stockton, a city once occupied by soldiers who battled

Indians and protected pioneers. "I grew up camping at forts, and I know the general history of Texas frontier forts. All of our family vacations consisted of battlefield-hopping and visiting museums, so this sort of comes naturally to me."

So naturally, in fact, that many of Biles' friends refuse to visit museums with her. She is so fascinated by the way in which history is portrayed at various sites that Biles can't help but analyze the exhibits and displays, she confesses.

"I try so hard not to be that way. But then I'll start to say, 'You know, a Victorian would never wear her hair that way. A Victorian would never cross her legs like that.'"

Biles doesn't spend much time fretting over Victorians, however. Her true obsession is old artillery weapons, she says sheepishly.

"I've always been interested in them. I've never used them a whole lot - I'm not one to go shooting - but I love the historic weapons."

Biles also likes putting together living history programs, which are re-enactments of frontier life.

Fort Stockton residents who participate in these productions say Biles has brought much background knowledge to the city's living history program.

"LeAnna has experience in these," says Andi Martin, who plays the role of a laundress in local re-enactments. "LeAnna was able to come in and show us the proper way to do things and even the proper way to research. She's very much loved by the re-enactment circuit."

Biles downplays praise for her contributions, joking instead about the second glances she got when she first arrived in town.

Her age apparently startled several people, she explains.

"When you think of a curator, you

often think of a little, gray-haired lady wandering around dusting artifacts."

But ViCindy Riggs, curator of the Annie Riggs Memorial Museum in Fort Stockton, says Biles' youth is an advantage - especially since the fort itself is a "young" tourist attraction.

The city began buying portions of the old fort and reconstructing buildings only five years ago. "LeAnna's been real energetic and has brought in some really good ideas and lots of experience. She is a major asset to the Historical Society and the fort," Riggs says.

"It's been very pleasant and interesting to spend time with LeAnna and hear the new ideas and philosophies coming out of colleges and larger museums."

"You can't stay with old ideas and philosophies - even in a museum that's full of antiques."

Biles is the type of curator capable of successfully resurrecting several decaying remnants of history in Fort Stockton, Riggs says.

And it looks like Biles will be here for quite some time.

"It's just like this job was made for me," she says referring to her engrossment with frontier forts.

"It just stands to reason that I ended up here. I should have been here all along."

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Church News

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The Hereford Brand publishes Church News items as a community service. Churches in Deaf Smith County are invited to submit information about upcoming church activities for publication in the Church News listing. Information must be submitted to the Brand offices by 5 p.m. Wednesday for the following Friday's paper. News items may be edited for length.)

COMMUNITY CHURCH

Pastor Dorman Duggan and the church congregation would like to extend a warm welcome to everyone to come and worship with them Sunday morning.
 Sunday school for all ages begins at 9:30 a.m. and the morning worship service starts at 10:30. A nursery is provided.
 Frankie Garcia will teach a series on marriage and family Sunday evenings at 6. If you would like to improve your marriage, come see how God intended for us to live. Nursery provided.
 The Ladies Prayer Group meets on Tuesday at 9:30 a.m.
 The Wednesday schedule includes children's church, youth groups, and prayer time, all beginning at 7 p.m.
 For more information or if you need prayer, call 364-8866 or 364-2423.

TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday school begins at 10 a.m. and the Sunday worship services are held at 11 a.m. and 5 p.m.
 Pastor Ed Warren and the church congregation invite the public to all services at the church located on S. Hwy. 385 and Columbia St.
 For additional information, call 364-3487.

SUMMERFIELD BAPTIST CHURCH

The public is invited to attend all of the church services. Sunday school is held at 10 a.m. and the Sunday worship services are held at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. The Wednesday service is held at 7 p.m.
 For more information, call 357-2535.

WESTWAY BAPTIST CHURCH

We welcome you to join our church for all services.
 We are a friendly church that has classes for all ages--nursery through adults.
 God has blessed us this year. Please come and join us for Sunday School at 9:45 a.m., followed by worship at 11 a.m.
 Sunday evening service begins at 6:30.
 The Wednesday worship service is at 7 p.m. followed by choir practice.
 Ronny Sanders is music minister and Ray Sanders is pastor.

COUNTRY ROAD CHURCH OF GOD

401 Country Club Drive
 Pastor Woody Wiggins and the church congregation invite the public to attend all services and activities at the church.
 The winter schedule of services is being followed.
 Sunday school begins at 10 a.m. and the Sunday worship services are held at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Services are conducted at 6 p.m. each Wednesday. Thursday night prayer service begins at 6 p.m.
 Ladies ministry is the second and fourth Tuesday of every month at 9 a.m.
 A nursery is available.
 Pastor Wiggins said, "If you are needing a place to worship, come be with us. We are here for those who are hurting."
 Our 24 hour information and prayer line is 364-5390.

CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY CHURCH

Pastor Don Cherry and the church congregation invite the public to attend all services at the church located on S. Main St.
 We have dismissed Sunday school for the time being and changed our Sunday morning worship service time to 10:30. The Sunday evening service will remain the same (6 p.m.) as will the Wednesday night service at 7.
 For additional information, call 364-5874.

TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH

The pastor, H. Wyatt Bartlett, and the congregation of Temple Baptist Church, 700 Avenue K, invite everyone to come worship with them Sunday. The morning service begins with Sunday School and Bible Study at 9:45. There is a class for everyone. The devotional service is at 11 a.m. at which time the pastor will preach on the subject "Jeremiah: Alone with God: from Jeremiah 1:1-10."
 The evening service begins at 6 p.m. with the Focus on Family's "That the World May Know" Faith Lesson #7--"Who Is God?" ML Carmel. This video was made in Israel and makes the Bible so much more vivid. The evening service continues at 7 with the pastor preaching. His sermon will be "A Sudden Surrender" from Acts 9:1-31.
 The mid-week prayer meeting will be Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. We are still studying through Psalms.

NEW HOPE CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

13th and Avenue H
 Pastor Elda Olivarez and congregation invite you to worship with them.
 Sunday School is at 9:30 a.m. and morning worship is at 10:30. Evening worship is at 6 on Sunday and 7 on Wednesday.
 The youth meet Friday at 7 p.m. There are monthly meetings for men and women.
 This is a growing church and we are planning to enlarge our facilities. If you can help us with this project, please let us know.

SAN JOSE CATHOLIC CHURCH

San Jose Prayer Group will sponsor a "Taco Dinner" from 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Sunday in the Community Center.
 Cost is \$4 for adults and \$2.50 for children.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

You are always welcome at First Baptist Church!
 Our schedule of activities includes:
Sunday
 9:45 a.m.--Bible Study for all ages
 11 a.m.--Praise and worship
 4 p.m.--Children's handbells
 4:30 p.m.--Youth choir/drama
 5:30 p.m.--Discipleship training
 6:30 p.m.--Evening praise and worship
Monday
 6:30 p.m.--Adult handbells
Wednesday
 5:30 p.m.--Fellowship supper
 6 p.m.--Children's choirs
 6:15 p.m.--Prayer meeting
 7 p.m.--Children's missions
 7:10 p.m.--Adult choir
 There is room for you in each of the above areas of fellowship and ministry. There is a place for you at First Baptist Church. Come and see what God is doing and join with Him in reaching Hereford!

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

Pastor Taylor and congregation would like to welcome you to join us at 10:30 a.m. this Sunday morning to share in praise and worship and the word of God. The Pastor's message will be "When God Wants to Do Something Impossible" from Isaiah

6:1-8.
 Big World Adventures presents Andre Gonzalez on Feb. 21 at 7 p.m. in the H.I.S.D. Administration Building.

Make plans to join Keith Craft and Strike Force Feb. 25-28 at 7 p.m. in the Bull Barn. These world class athletes will perform feats of strength, power and speed.

Children are invited to join Children's Church News Radio Kid's Network reporting the Good News on the Miracles of Jesus. Pastor Carol's message Sunday is that God invites you to participate in His miracles through prayer, praise and faith.

Youth Bible clubs meet on Wednesday mornings at 7 in the senior high gymnasium and on Thursday mornings at 7:20 at the junior high.
 Susie Merrick's Bible Study Class meets on Tuesday mornings at 9:30 in the Sanctuary.

All kids are welcome to join us at Nazarene Kid's Korner on Wednesdays and Fridays to share the fun, games, movies and outings. Call Elaine at 364-8161.

CHRIST'S CHURCH FELLOWSHIP

Pastor Bill Weaver and congregation invite you to join them at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday for Bible classes for all ages followed by the worship service and K.I.D.S. Church at 9:45 a.m.

Tuesday visitation is at 7 p.m. PRECEPTS Bible study is held at 7 p.m. on Monday and at 10 a.m. on Wednesday.

The Wednesday night supper is at 5:30 followed by choir practice at 6. Bible Clubs at 6:30 (including the new Space Cubs, a Bible program for children in grades K-4 and K-5 with Melissa Fox as teacher), Teens at 6:45 and praise, Bible study and prayer (for adults) at 7.

AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastor Johnny Griffith extends a warm welcome to you and your family to join us for worship. We are excited about what God is doing in our church and we invite you and your family to come and grow with us.
 Sunday School begins at 9:45 a.m., morning worship is at 11.
 Our Wednesday prayer meeting is at 6:30 p.m. along with Children's Choir beginning at that time, also. All other organizations such as RA's, GA's, Youth time and Adult Choir practice is at 7:15 p.m. on Wednesdays.

The Youth will leave this afternoon, Friday, at 5 p.m. for their ski trip to Glorieta. They will return home late Sunday night.
 There will be no outreach meeting this Sunday. Also Discipleship Training has been canceled and will resume Feb. 25.
 All staff members are reminded to attend a staff meeting on Feb. 25 at 9 a.m.

The Pastor's Appreciation Luncheon will be Feb. 23 at High Plains Baptist Hospital at 11:45 a.m.
 Our Visitation program has grown to include everyone of all ages. Be sure and be here Tuesday nights at 7.

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 If you have any questions or you need prayer, please call Pastor David Alvarado at 364-5239. God bless you.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday School classes convene each Sunday morning at 9:30 with groups organized for children, youth and adults. The morning worship service follows at 10:45. The sermon message on Feb. 18 by Dr. Ed Williamson will be entitled "Jesus: His Teaching on Prayer" with the scripture lesson from Mar 11:24. Christy Henson will be featured as flutist as the Sanctuary Choir presents the anthem "Stay With Us." Betty Wolle will sing "Jesus Never Fails" as the offertory.

The Carrie Black/Naomi Hare Circle of United Methodist Women will meet in Ward Parlor at 10 a.m. on Feb. 21. The Nettie Slaton Circle will meet at the same time in the home of Joyce Ritter, 2002 Plains. The Fun Bunch Craft Circle will meet in the home of Bettie Dickson, 425 Western, on Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

The Lenten Life Series begins Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. with a light supper served in Fellowship Hall. Classes will begin promptly at 6.

Dr. Williamson will lead a Bible study "The Journey to the Cross...and Beyond" in Ward Parlor, and Margaret Bell will have a commitment study entitled "Discover Your Gifts" in the Open Door Classroom.

The Junior High and Senior High youth will meet to study "Who Am I?" with Margaret Williams, Dolores Dowell and Gary Eggert as their leaders. They will meet in their regular classrooms.

Tammy and Don Summersgill will direct the children's musical "You've Got to Be Josh 'in Us" for 1st through 6th graders. Terri Fortenberry and Donna Warrick will be in charge of the art and props.

Lesley Woodard is the leader of activities for the kindergarten and pre-school children.
 The evening will close with a devotional time in the sanctuary from 7:30-7:45. All persons are invited to participate.

The church youth are in Red River, N.M., this weekend for their annual ski outing. They will return to Hereford on Monday.

The Celebration Ringers, the youth handbell choir, will perform at the morning worship service of Wesley United Methodist Church on Feb. 25. The Jubilate Ringers are practicing for a trip to Fort Worth for a handbell seminar and will sponsor a dinner after church on April 3 to raise funds to pay for this trip.

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday School is at 10 a.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church. We have classes for all ages. Our adult Bible class will continue the study of Old Testament Prophecy. If you need a ride to Sunday School our numbers are 364-1667 or 364-1668.
 Morning Worship is at 11 a.m. "Problems Coming from False Teaching" will be the title of the sermon which uses as a text II Peter 1:16-21.

Our Ash Wednesday service will be at 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 21. The emphasis of the mid-week services for this Lenten season will be "The Lamb." The sermon for this Ash Wednesday will be taken from Genesis 4:1-16. It will be entitled "In the Beginning, the Lamb."
 First year confirmation class will be held immediately after the Wednesday service.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday is Transfiguration Sunday. At our 10:30 a.m. service, Brenda Johnson and the Rev. J. Jeremy M. Grant will lead us in worship. The Rev. Grant will preach a sermon entitled "Transformed Pleasure" looking at God's response to the obedience of Jesus Christ. The Bible texts include Psalm 99, Exodus 24:12-18; and Matthew 17:1-9.

We are also excited to receive new members at our morning worship service. Elders, please remember that we have a 9:45 a.m. Called Session meeting this Sunday.

On Feb. 25, First Presbyterian Church will begin the LOVE ON THE CROSS (C.) program. This series of worship services and messages will emphasize God's love for us. Every worship participant will receive a small wooden cross to which we will add symbols in successive weeks that match the theme each Sunday through March 27. Daily devotional booklets which build on the theme will be distributed after the morning service.

Our morning Christian Learning classes for all ages start at 9:30 a.m. The adults continue their verse by verse study of the Beatitudes. The elementary class continues their "hands-on" Bible lessons.

Stay after class or come a bit early to worship service and join our 10:10 a.m. fellowship time. We enjoy light refreshments and good fellowship. You are welcome.

Our youth group meets Sunday evening from 7-9 p.m. This week, we continue our look at family relationships, focusing on forgiveness.

The Witness Committee which oversees our missions and evangelism efforts will meet Tuesday at 5 p.m. in the church.

Wednesday we begin our series of fellowship dinners and learning opportunities. Potluck dinner is at 6 p.m. At 6:30, Kid's Club (age 2-1st grade), Children's Choir (2nd-6th grades), and Adult Discussion and Study--A Christian in the Real World. At 7:30 p.m. Confirmation Class (for all youth) and Adult Choir.
 On Feb. 23-24 all folks from First Presbyterian are encouraged to have their picture taken for the new pictorial directory.

Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes was sitting in his library one day when Franklin D. Roosevelt called, a few days after his inauguration in 1933, and found him reading Plato, at the age of ninety-two. "Why do you read Plato, Mr. Justice?" "To improve my mind, Mr. President," Holmes replied.

FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH

Rev. Becky Nenstiel and her Youth Band will minister in the evening service Sunday at 6. You won't want to miss this special service.
 Sunday School begins at 9:45 a.m. Sunday and morning worship begins at 10:45. During the morning worship service, children's church is held in the fellowship hall.

Royal Rangers and Missionettes, a scouting program for boys and girls, meets Tuesday from 7-8:15 p.m. Get your kids involved in this great program.

Women's Ministries will meet Tuesday at 10 a.m., continuing their study of the book *Becoming a Woman of Excellence*.

Wednesday mid-week worship service begins at 7 p.m., and a youth service will be held concurrently in the fellowship hall.

Nursery is provided for all services, so come and join our exciting fellowship. For more information, call 364-0305 or 364-4848.

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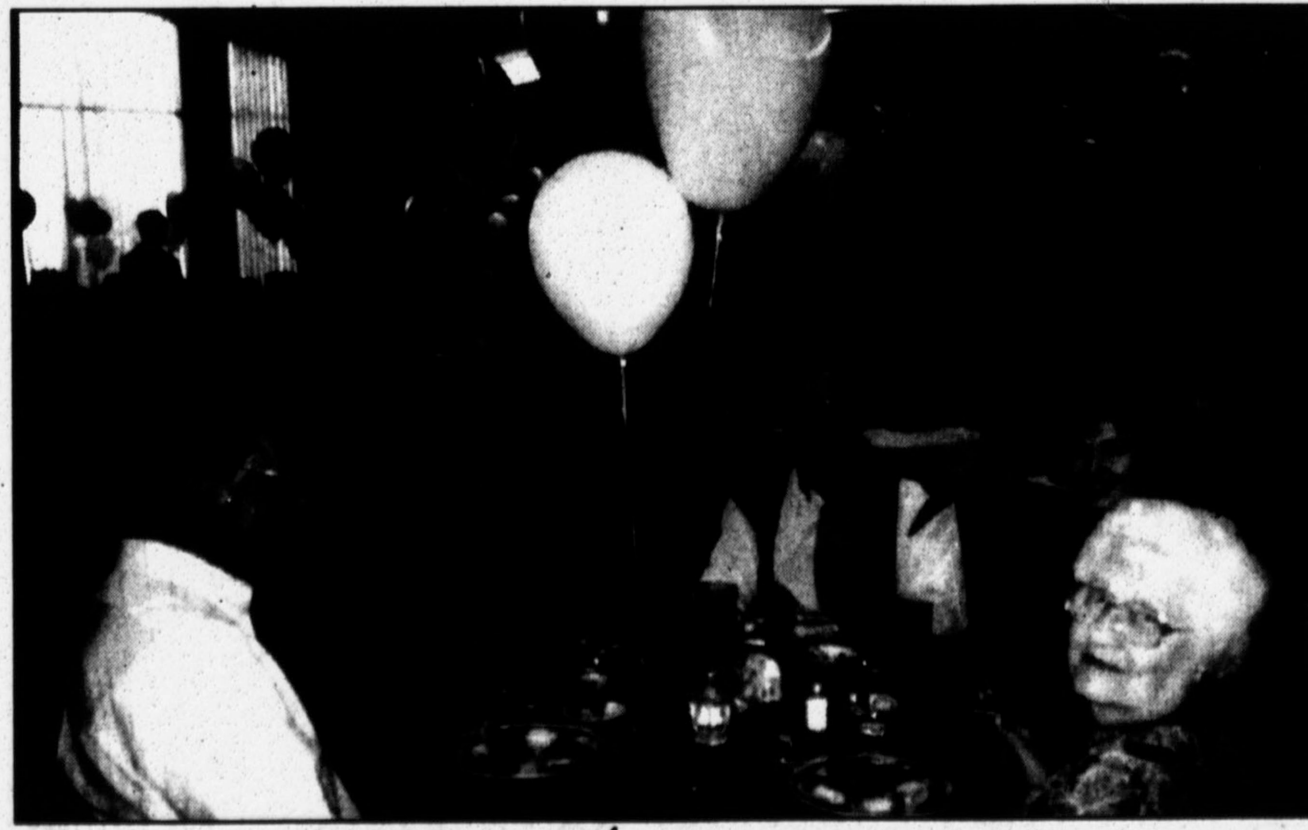
"Becoming Like Him..." is the title of the sermon by The Very Rev. Charles A. Wilson on The Last Sunday after The Epiphany. The Holy Eucharist is celebrated at 11 a.m. and there is a coffee hour after the service. Stations of the Cross, given in memory of Mike Clark, will be dedicated at this service.

Christian Education for all ages is at 9:30 a.m. each Sunday. Children and Youth meet in the Sunday School room in the Education Wing for "Living the Good News," based on the Sunday Bible readings in the liturgy. The Adult Class meets in the church parlor. It concludes a two-part unit, "The Story of the Episcopal Church," videos and discussion on the origins and development of our particular faith tradition. Part 2 is titled "The Call of Mission."

Ash Wednesday will be observed at 7 p.m. on Feb. 21. The service will include the Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion.

Intercessory prayer requests from the community are most welcome. To have them included in the Prayers of the People at all services, please call 364-0146 and leave a message. In case of emergency, or to make appointments for personal conferences, please call Father Wilson in Amarillo at 353-1734.

St. Thomas' Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper is Feb. 20 from 5 p.m.-7:30 p.m. in the parish hall. Adult donations are \$3 and children are \$1.50. Take-out orders are welcome and may be called in at 364-0146.



Family dinner at King's Manor

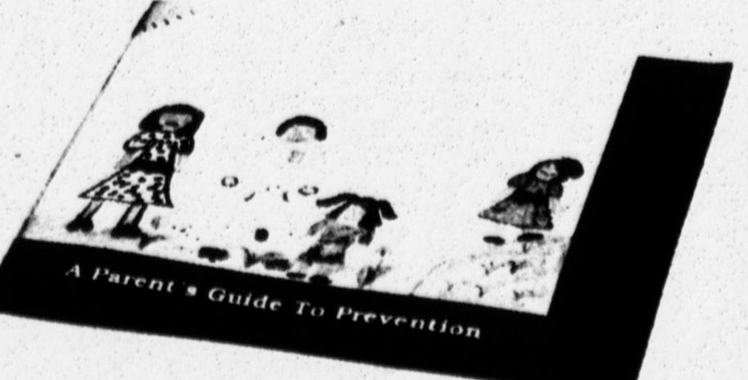
Residents of King's Manor and their families were treated to a Valentine dinner recently in the Lamar Room. Each resident received a balloon bouquet and box of candy. Included in the 166 who attended were Hattie Berend, right, with members of her family seated around the table.


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Family waits to learn if man will wake up after surgery

Former police officer undegoes surgery after more than seven years in coma

By MICHELLE WILLIAMS
Associated Press Writer
CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. (AP) - Gary Dockery's family was prepared to let him die of pneumonia, rather than let him exist in a comalike state. Then he broke the silence that had dominated his world for 7-1/2 years.

After chattering for 18 hours, then withdrawing again, Dockery underwent a life-saving operation Thursday that drained infectious fluid from his lungs.

There was a risk that the procedure could plunge him back into limbo. But hope, once again, emerged from the despair.

Doctors say Dockery opened his eyes after the surgery and even responded to questions by squeezing the hands of relatives at his bedside at Parkridge Medical Center.

"Of course, we can't assess his ability to verbally communicate with us at this time," said Dr. James Folkening, who has been Dockery's physician since Dockery was shot in the head in 1988.

Dockery, a former police officer, has a tube in his throat to help him breathe. It was to be removed later today.

"I think if he can speak, he should be able to once the tube is removed," Folkening said this morning on NBC's "Today" show. "But he does seem to be able to follow our questions and seem to answer them appropriately by blinking his eyes."

Dockery's vital signs were stable and he was making progress against the pneumonia, Folkening said. Doctors are hopeful he will return to the wakeful state he was in Monday, when he began talking again.

"It may take a few days to get that far, but we hope so," Folkening said. Just last week Dockery's family was warned that the pneumonia would kill Dockery unless he had the operation and that he might never fully regain consciousness after the anesthesia.

Dockery's older brother, Dennis, said the family had been leaning toward letting nature run its course. But everything changed Monday when Dennis got a call from his sister Lisa, who was at her brother's bedside.

"She said, 'There's someone here who wants to talk to you.'"

"This voice comes across the phone and says, 'Hey, buddy,'" Dennis said. "I couldn't believe it. I started screaming my brother's name."

Dennis told his brother he loved him, to which Gary responded, "Me? You love me?" The brothers usually didn't speak of their love for each other.

"I got really weak-kneed and my stomach got knots," Dennis said. "You can't imagine what I was feeling at this time."

Gary talked for 18 hours. He knew his Jeep was green and could name his horses. He recognized old friends, calling them by name. He recalled camping trips and asked about his house on Signal Mountain near Chattanooga.

His relatives couldn't even trip him up with a trick question: the middle name of his older son. "He said, 'Shane Dockery. There's not a middle name,'" his brother said.

Gary spoke less Tuesday and not at all on Wednesday.

Dr. David Rankine, a Parkridge neurologist, said Gary was in a vegetative state for 7-1/2 years, but that his limited communication during that time - he could blink "yes" and "no" and nod his head - indicated that part of his brain was still working.

Though recovery is rare, "We're very hopeful it will be permanent," Rankine said Thursday. "It's very likely it will be permanent."

A coma is a short-term state in

which a patient is unconscious with eyes closed.

After two to four weeks, if the patient doesn't die or recover, the eyes open but the person remains unconscious; doctors call this a vegetative state.

Experts have theorized that some drugs may inhibit certain functions of the nervous system and can block the effects of the vegetative state.

Dockery, 42, was shot in the

forehead after answering a prank call in Walden, a mountain town just northeast of Chattanooga where he worked as a police officer.

The shooter, Samuel Frank Downey, told officers he made the bogus call to get back at police for reprimanding him about making noise. Downey, 68, was sentenced to 37 years in prison

and will be eligible for parole in 1998. The Dockery family hopes Gary will be home long before then.

"Miracles do happen," Dennis said. "Just because your prayers aren't answered right away doesn't mean they're not going to be answered. It took 7-1/2 years for this prayer to get answered."

'Fastest-growing' states are a continent apart

By JOHN D. McCLAIN
Associated Press Writer
WASHINGTON (AP) - Two states at opposite ends of the country - Nevada and Delaware - enjoyed the fastest growth in personal incomes last summer, while residents of Hawaii hardly saw any improvement.

The Commerce Department reported Thursday that incomes grew 2.27 percent in Nevada and 2.26 percent in Delaware during the July-September quarter, compared with the previous three months.

Incomes edged up a barely perceptible 0.3 percent in Hawaii, the only state with growth less than the 0.5 percent increase in consumer inflation as measured by the department's Bureau of Economic Analysis.

For the nation, personal income increased 1.2 percent in the July-September quarter, little

changed from the 1.1 percent gain from April through June.

Regionally, the strongest growth was in the Southwest and Rocky Mountain region, up 1.7 percent and 1.6 percent respectively. The Far West including Hawaii posted the slowest growth, 1 percent.

Seven of the 12 fastest growing states were located in the Southwest and Rockies - Utah, where incomes rose 2 percent; Arizona, up 1.9 percent; Oklahoma, 1.8 percent; and Texas, Montana, New Mexico and Colorado, 1.6 percent each.

Besides Nevada and Delaware, the other fast-growing states were Florida, 1.7 percent, and Oregon and Louisiana, 1.6 percent each. In addition to Hawaii, other slow-growing states were North Carolina, New Hampshire and Rhode Island, where incomes rose 0.8 percent.

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O ABSALOM, MY SON!

THE BIBLE TELLS US OF MANY CONSPIRACIES BUT NONE MORE BLATANT A ONE THAN ABSALOM AGAINST HIS OWN FATHER, KING DAVID! HE WAS THE THIRD SON OF KING DAVID, BORN IN HEBRON WHEN THAT CITY WAS STILL DAVID'S CAPITAL. HIS MOTHER WAS MAACAH, DAUGHTER OF TALMAI, KING OF GESHUR IN ARAM (I SAM. 3:3). ABSALOM WAS OF FAULTLESS FORM, WITH LONG, FINE HAIR OF WHICH HE WAS EXTREMELY PROUD, A BEAUTIFUL PRINCE IN ALL RESPECTS, THE FAVORITE SON OF KING DAVID! LIKE SO MANY OTHER FAVORITE SONS, ABSALOM WAS SPOILED AND THOUGHT HE COULD GET AWAY WITH ANYTHING, BUT WHEN HE TREACHEROUSLY MURDERED HIS HALF-BROTHER AMNON, KING DAVID'S OLDEST SON, THAT WAS GOING TOO FAR! ABSALOM HAD TO GO INTO EXILE FOR THREE YEARS BEFORE HE COULD RETURN TO JERUSALEM. IT WAS THEN THAT ABSALOM STARTED MAKING HIS MOVES, CURRYING FAVOR WITH ALL THE PEOPLE WHO'D LISTEN TO HIM (II SAM. 15:1-6). ABSALOM HAD TO KNOW THAT SOLOMON WAS DESTINED TO BE KING AFTER DAVID (I CHRON. 22:7-10) BUT THAT DIDN'T DETER HIM FROM TRYING TO TAKE THE KINGDOM BY FORCE--AFTER ALL, WASN'T HE THE KING'S OLDEST LIVING SON? AND WASN'T HE OF ROYAL BLOOD ON HIS MOTHER'S SIDE TOO? WHICH WAS MORE THAN COULD BE SAID FOR SOLOMON! AND DIDN'T ALL THE PEOPLE LOVE HIM? WELL THEN, WHY SHOULDN'T HE TAKE THE THRONE? THE LOGIC OF A SPOILED CHILD! ABSALOM FOUND THE ANSWER TO THAT QUESTION IN A FURIOUS BATTLE BETWEEN HIS FOLLOWERS AND DAVID'S LOYAL SOLDIERS IN THE DENSE WOODS OF EPHRAIM! IT WAS HERE THAT THE BEAUTIFUL HAIR, OF WHICH HE HAD BEEN SO INORDINATELY PROUD ALL HIS LIFE, TRAPPED HIM BY GETTING TANGLED IN THE BRANCHES OF A GREAT OAK TREE, ENABLING SOME OF DAVID'S SOLDIERS TO SLAY HIM! STILL THE FAVORITE SON, IN DEATH, AS IN LIFE, DAVID MOURNED HIM AND WEPT "O MY SON ABSALOM... WOULD GOD I HAD DIED FOR THEE..."



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South Texas man is one of last links to 'Duke of Duval'

Constable first ran for office at request of George Parr

By JOHN MacCORMACK
San Antonio Express-News
SAN DIEGO, Texas - The last of the true believers is a rawboned old lawman, dim of hearing but still sturdy after heart surgery and a recent stroke, whose destiny was set more than a half-century ago by the Duke of Duval himself.

George said, "I need you to run for office. I need you here in this city," said Ramiro Perez, 76, recalling Parr's request that he run for county constable in Benavides in 1952.

Before that, he had been a deputy sheriff under Parr, with authority in four South Texas counties, mostly to keep poachers away from deer the Duke claimed as his own, he said.

When Perez, one of the last living links to that era, was born on a ranch west of Benavides in 1920, Archie Parr ruled Duval County and much of South Texas.

His son George succeeded him and practiced the role of regional strongman until his suicide in 1975.

Although to the outside world, the Parrs represent the violent and corrupt extremes of South Texas boss rule, Perez's faith in his patron, a man known affectionately as "Choche," is unshaken.

"Like George Parr, there will be no more. There was one Duke of Duval, and that was it," he said.

The Duke's fierce personality is preserved in a simple anecdote.

"One day a guy asked George what made him believe he would live for many years, and George said, 'I'll live a long time because God doesn't need me and the Devil is afraid of me,'" chuckled Perez.

Perez, who will retire at the end of this year, has been a county constable in Benavides for 42 of the last 44 years. He spoke recently at a daughter's house in San Diego where he is regaining his strength.

And, as always, the old constable appeared in his signature white shirt, vest and white panama hat.

Over the decades, Perez has handled scores of accidents and

emergencies, given out countless speeding tickets and protected the schoolchildren of Benavides.

And during the long years of the Parr dynasty, Perez hunted with the Duke, cared for his race horses and delivered the bloc vote from Benavides.

In the final difficult years when federal authorities were closing the noose on Parr, he was the Duke's personal bodyguard. In the very end, Perez helped remove Parr's body from the car in which he committed suicide on April 1, 1975, to avoid going to prison.

Even here, Perez is a heretic, refusing to believe Parr killed himself.

"He was an old man and he had a lot of problems with the federal courts, but that job was done for someone else," he said darkly.

When the machine was running smoothly, he said, George Parr was the most powerful political figure in all of South Texas, able to deliver thousands of votes to any candidate

in any election.

"Let's say they wanted to put to someone on the ballot for governor of Texas. He'd say, 'Mr. Perez, I want you to bring all your people over to vote,' and then he'd call Laredo and have them to bring the people, and that man would be the governor," he said.

Perez's political responsibility was Benavides, a small city in the south part of Duval County, and the Parr family's original power base.

"We could push in Benavides, about 1,000 something votes. George would come to me and say, 'I want you to bring your people,' and he knew how many votes I had, and he'd write it down," said Perez.

"He'd say we'll win this election by so many votes. All the votes would go George's way. He didn't have to cheat. The people liked the man and would vote his way," he said.

And on the wall at his daughter's house, among the many honorary plaques and signed photographs from people such as George Bush, John

Connally, Phil Graham and other political heavyweights, is an election return sheet for 1964 from Benavides.

Here is the yellowed but framed proof of Parr's power.

That year, Jesse James, Parr's candidate for state treasurer, received 1,040 votes from Benavides. His opponent, Fred Neuman got a mere 24, and the results for the other races varied only a vote or two.

For Perez, nothing since Parr died has been an improvement.

Respect for public office holders has waned and post-Parr politics in Duval County have been chaotic, unpredictable and entirely too amateurish, he said.

"When George Parr died, all the politicians that were in office wanted to fight to become the next Duke of Duval. And until today they are fighting," he said.

"In that time, if George Parr said 'Do it,' you did it. Now there is no control. If there is a political office, you get five or 10 candidates running for it. There is no control," he said.

But always there are the difficult issues of massive theft of public funds, stolen elections and even killing to achieve political ends.

While admitting much of this took place, Perez brushes off the accusation that Parr was a bad man who took more from Duval County than he gave.

"We knew George took money, but he used the money to help the people with their medical bills, and to educate the people. He used the money politically, but he helped all the people," he said.

"I don't think George ever stole money. Maybe his followers did. All the people did many things George didn't know about," he said.

Of the infamous Ballot Box 13 scandal in nearby Alice, in which

Lyndon Johnson received enough fraudulent votes to narrowly edge former Texas governor Coke Stevenson in the 1948 race for the U.S. Senate, Perez said it was simple political expedience.

"They made that damn Box 13 because there was a chance to win the election for Lyndon Johnson. George told the guy who ran the election in Alice, 'Don't close Box 13 until we've counted about 13 or 14 votes ahead,'" he said.

"And they did it. That shows he had the power and the pull through the state of Texas," he said.

And of one of the ugliest episodes in Parr's history, the 1952 killing of Buddy Floyd, the son of Jake Floyd, an Alice lawyer who opposed Parr's influence, Perez confirmed what has always been suspected.

"They were hired by George. After they killed him, they left for Mexico," he said of the contract gunmen.

But even this admission does not trouble the last old soldier for whom George Parr lives on in memories of strong leader, fearing no one and always ready to defend his own.

And if Choche, a patron more Mexican than Anglo, were to miraculously return, the old constable said he would not hesitate to answer the call.

"If he came in today and said, 'Ramiro, I need your help,' I would follow. I liked the man that much. Like Kennedy said, 'It's what you can do for the people, not what the people can do for you,' I would do that for Choche and no one else," he said.

Pilot's invention may change career

By WM. TRACY COWLE
Fort Worth Star-Telegram
COLLEYVILLE, Texas - Gary Cinotto always dreamed of being a pilot, and has long considered plumbing a nightmare. But he may soon forsake the friendly skies for the world of valves and water heaters.

That's because Cinotto, a Delta Air Lines pilot who lives in Colleyville, has invented a practical correction to a little-known but prevalent household plight: sediment buildup in water heaters.

"Everyone's got this problem, they just don't know what the solution is," said Cinotto, 58.

Cinotto, in his 30th year of flying

for Delta, has a U.S. patent for the invention, an easily installed valve that drains water heaters with a flick of the wrist and a spray of water.

Water heaters account for about 20 percent of the energy bill of an average home, but are less efficient and break down more often if they aren't regularly drained of accumulated muck, plumbers and Cinotto said.

Although most water heaters are equipped with a drain valve, it is activated by cranking a handle similar to those on outside water faucets and provides only a small exit for water and deposits.

Cinotto - after flooding a home he rents while trying to clean a water heater - decided to use the water

pressure in the heater's tank to blow out sediment through a wider opening.

After some experimenting, he settled on a mostly brass fitting that screws onto the threads for the manufacturer's drain valve. Cinotto's tool has a ball valve activated by a one-pull lever that, when turned 90 degrees, results in a spray of water and sediment.

Cinotto and his wife, Jean Marie Cinotto, named their business Freedom Flow. They hired an Italian firm to produce the forged valve and are seeking ways to market and distribute their innovative tool. Jean Cinotto will be president of the company.

A shipment of 500 of the 6-inch-long valves arrived recently, and 4,500 more are expected soon. Once the Cinottos are assured of consistent production and delivery, they will sell the valves for \$24.99 each and will offer them to water heater manufacturers, hardware retailers and plumbers.

Plumbing experts said the Cinottos have hit on an outstanding idea. "I made something just like that for my water heater," said Greg Vargason, a field supervisor for America's Water Heaters Now, based in Kalamazoo, Mich.

The Cinottos' plan to make and market the valves sounds like a good idea, Vargason said.

"I could market that with the

customers I've got," Vargason said, noting that it might be worth \$50 extra on an average \$150 water heater.

Sediment "is a serious problem. If you don't get rid of the sediment on the bottom of the tank, it will cut the life of your water heater by at least half," he said.

So, if it's such a good, simple idea, why isn't Vargason or some big manufacturer making the device?

Because he never thought of it, Vargason said. As for water heater manufacturers, "that would be like having a car that runs for 50 years, or tires that last 300,000 miles," he said. "They don't want to cut their own throat."

But Vargason offered a warning: The valve may not be what the plumber ordered for already clogged water heaters. A heavy layer of sediment plugs holes in the heater's lining, and removing the sediment could result in a serious leak, he said.

That doesn't daunt Gary Cinotto, who carries the valves in his pocket and car.

"I'm more excited about this than I am about flying anymore," he said, noting that he will retire in two years to focus on the valve business. "All everyone I know wants to talk about is planes, and all I want to talk about is valves."

Wisconsin city campaign to 'be nice' reaps rewards

By ROBERT IMRIE
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WAUSAU, Wis. (AP) - Ken Rye sat with a dozen other city sewer workers enjoying coffee and cookies from strangers who wanted to convey a universal but often forgotten message: Be nice.

Rye, who said he is more used to being called "dirty names out on the street," was surprised to be targeted for a so-called random act of kindness during a weeklong campaign.

Yes, even this central Wisconsin city of 35,000 mostly churchgoing, hard-working souls needs to be reminded that kindness is not dead.

"I don't think that Wausau is not kind," Rye said Thursday. "I think that people get caught up with themselves. We are a more selfish society."

About 200 businesses, schools, churches and groups are taking part in the campaign, which is promoted around town with signs urging everyone to get involved. The good deeds include visiting nursing homes, buying and cooking food for firefighters, and taking coffee and cookies to people with thankless jobs, like sewer workers and garbage collectors.

Mona Roth, coordinator of the kindness week, admits it says something about the times.

"We talk about being kind. We know we should do it. We commend other people when they do it. But when it comes right down to it, we probably are not doing it enough,"

said Roth, marketing manager for the Wausau Daily Herald, which has featured daily front-page stories on the campaign.

Nancy Briggan, the director of the Random Acts of Kindness Foundation in Fairfax, Calif., said kindness these days does not often reach beyond people's immediate family and friends.

"It is hard to imagine that you are not going to get your head snapped off if you offer help to someone who you don't know," she said. "People don't understand kindness from a stranger."

Her foundation, established two years ago, helps cities like Wausau organize kindness campaigns. The group has 230 coordinators in 46 states.

It was just a few years ago that Wausau grabbed national headlines for a different reason.

The city was polarized over a school busing plan to integrate mostly white schools, a move prompted in large part by a growing Asian population. After the change, the school board was recalled and opponents of the plan were accused of being racist. The plan was scrapped by the new board.

Some folks who helped organize the kindness campaign have reflected on that turmoil. "We were made to look like a community that really had some problems," Roth said.

This week, the city oozed with gestures of people caring about each other.

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