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Massive fire blazes north of Fort Worth Gov. Bush seeks disaster declaration

By MARK BABINECK
Associated Press Writer
POOLVILLE, Texas (AP) - Concerns about today's intensifying winds energized the efforts of hundreds of firefighters battling a blaze that by daybreak had consumed more than 40 square miles and left dozens homeless.

Sixteen firefighters and two civilians were treated for injuries, said Department of Public Safety Cpl. Bobby Hart, who called the fire the worst he'd seen by far in 27 years as a trooper.

(Hereford volunteer firefighters were called out at 9:30 a.m. today to a grass fire eight miles north of town on U.S. 385. Fire Marshal Jay Spain said the cause was possibly someone throwing a cigarette butt from a vehicle to the dry right-of-way grass. The fire remained small and was put out quickly by firefighters.)

Gov. George W. Bush today requested a federal emergency

disaster declaration for the entire state, saying the record heat and lack of rain are creating an extreme fire hazard in all 254 counties.

Winds from the south at 15 to 25 mph were expected today, and firefighters were laboring to cut off the fire around its perimeter before it spread beyond the area of Parker, Jack and Wise counties that already was charred.

"We're not talking acres, we're talking miles," Parker County Sheriff Ben Whiteman said. "We've lost houses. We've lost trailers. We've lost barns. We've lost deer camps."

Near the small Parker County town of Poolville, 35 miles northwest of Fort Worth, about 200 firefighters from 25 departments were helping fight the blaze, which by early today had destroyed 45 homes and numerous barns and other structures.

Bush made state workers, National Guard helicopters and heavy equipment available as firefighters prepared for the one of the worst range fires in recent Texas history to

continue its northward assault into southwestern Wise County.

He also has secured the use of four military water tanker planes from Fort Smith, Ark.

"It is a dangerous situation right now," Bush said.

A disaster declaration by President Clinton would help speed availability of similar federal resources should they become necessary, said Bush spokeswoman Karen Hughes.

The fire was 40 percent contained by early today, Hart said from the emergency command post established at Poolville. If the northern front of the blaze could be blunted, officials hoped to have it fully contained by 7 p.m., Hart said.

Tinder-like conditions and unseasonably hot weather fueled Wednesday's fire crisis in which dozens of homes were destroyed and more than 50 square miles were charred statewide. Several other counties also were busy fighting brush fires.



Who is this man?

For the past several years, historical figures have come to life through assistant county librarian Joe Weaver, who has researched such people as Abraham Lincoln (top left), Noah Webster (bottom left) and Johnny Appleseed (right), then taken his one-man acts to the community as informative trips into the past. Weaver, however, is leaving Hereford for a new post in Dumas. A reception will be held in his honor on Friday. See story, Page 3.

Searing heat lingers; records fall three weeks after ice storm

By The Associated Press
At least a couple of more days of record-breaking heat lie ahead for Texas, only three weeks after ice storms paralyzed much of the state.

Nineteen of Texas' 39 weather service stations reported record highs Wednesday for Feb. 21, with Laughlin Air Force Base at Del Rio credited with the nation's hottest reading, 103.

On Feb. 4, a wintry blast plummeted Houston to a record 22 degrees and dumped snow in North Texas and the Panhandle.

The cause of the heat, the National Weather Service said, is a ridge of high pressure west of Texas that has sent dry winds from New Mexico and Arizona.

The only rain that could have cooled the mercury has stalled in Oklahoma and Arkansas, said Wendy Wong, a weather service meteorologist in League City, Texas.

"We're stuck in a dry pattern for at least a couple more days," Ms. Wong said.

A Pacific cold front is expected to reach Texas on Saturday.

A lack of rain, coupled with dry foliage, low humidity and high winds, have fueled wildfires across the state, even though outdoor burning has been banned in scores of Texas counties.

Several large grass fires burned on Wednesday in rural areas outside Fort Worth. Firefighters had to bring in water by truck to many of those areas because fire hydrants are so scarce.

One fire continued to rage today over Parker, Wise and Jack counties to the west and northwest of Fort Worth, consuming homes and destroying property.

But for many, the hot temperatures were a welcome sight.

Lynne Harris of Salado, Texas, was on the way to Horseshoe Bay with her family on Wednesday. They stopped at an ice cream shop for a break.

"I was talking to my mom about the weather," she said. "I told her it must be close to the end of the world because the weather's so strange."

Amy Fuller, a 20-year-old University of Texas student, went swimming in Austin's Barton Springs pool Wednesday, something she never expected to do in February.

"Wow, 99 degrees! That's crazy! But I love this weather," she told the Austin American-Statesman.

Jerry Albert Air Conditioning, in business in San Antonio since 1954, was doing a furious business.

"The phones are ringing off the wall, they really are," the owner, Jerry Albert, told the San Antonio Express-News, from people who discovered their coolers weren't working or who wanted them serviced for safety.

"I've been here all my life, and I've seen it cold and I've seen it hot. But I can't remember it getting this hot this early. I hope this will be a sign of things to come. We kind of root for this," Albert said.

Fighter jet crashes, crew hurt; F-14 fleet grounded

By ROBERT BURNS
AP Military Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) - A Navy F-14A fighter jet crashed in the Persian Gulf today. It was the third F-14 crash in less than a month, and the Navy ordered all of the high-performance planes worldwide to stop flying for at least three days.

The pilot and radar intercept officer aboard the F-14A that crashed at 6:30 a.m. EST in the Gulf were rescued and returned to the aircraft carrier USS Nimitz, said Navy spokesman Cmdr. Stephen Pietropaoli in the Pentagon.

The spokesman said the two received minor injuries. Their names were not released.

The plane crashed in international waters in the northern part of the Gulf, the Navy said.

The F-14 is from the fighter wing VF-24, based at Miramar Naval Air Station in California. The planes aboard the Nimitz are enforcing a "no fly" zone over southern Iraq, a mission that dates back to shortly after the end of the Gulf War.

Because this marked the third crash of an F-14 in less than a month, the Navy decided to call a "standdown" for all F-14s around the world, Pietropaoli said. This is not what the Navy calls a grounding of the plane, he said, because there is no available evidence of a mechanical problem.

Over the next three days, a special team of Navy safety and engineering experts will review all aspects of the three recent crashes and report to Adm. Mike Boorda, the chief of naval operations, on any special measures

needed. None of the 337 remaining F-14s in service, including the others aboard the Nimitz, will be flown, Pietropaoli said. An exception will be made Friday when the 14 F-14s aboard the carrier USS America will be allowed to fly, under closely restricted conditions, into their home base at Norfolk, Va., as the America returns from the Mediterranean, he said.

Just last Sunday, a Navy F-14D fighter crashed into the Pacific Ocean about 120 miles off the southern California coast during exercises, killing its two crew members.

On Jan. 29, an F-14A slammed into a residential neighborhood in Nashville, Tenn., shortly after takeoff. The two crew members and three people on the ground were killed.

Eades, Black file for re-election to seats

Applications to have names on the May 4 municipal election ballot were filed late Wednesday by two incumbents, Carey Black and Roger Eades.

Black and Eades currently hold at-large seats on the City Commission. They will seek re-election to the at-large positions.

Commissioners Wayne Winget, Place 4, and Eugene Condarco, Place 2, have indicated their intentions to run for office but have not filed papers with City Secretary Terri Johnson.

Filing for the municipal election began Monday and will continue until 5 p.m. March 20.



Story tellers

Hereford Junior High Gifted and Talented English students recently wrote, illustrated and bound books as a class project and shared their creations with Tierra Blanca and Northwest schools on Wednesday. The books were written with kindergarten through third grade students in mind. Pictured, standing from left, are Jessica Needham, Nelson Beville, Kevin Hoffman, Valerie Pesina and Audry Cabezuela. They are students of HJH English teachers, Mrs. Sims and Mrs. Allen.

By SANDRA SOBIERAJ
Associated Press Writer

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) - Clearly fed up with attacks on him from the Republican hierarchy, Pat Buchanan today warned GOP leaders they are driving away independents whose votes they'll need to defeat Bill Clinton.

"It is you who is risking the unity of the Republican Party in November - not I," Buchanan said, before adding that he believes the assaults will in the end help his insurgent GOP presidential campaign.

"There's no doubt these guys are playing right into my hands by all banding together and putting on this hysterical performance," he said.

Asked if he would support the GOP nominee if it weren't him, Buchanan showed how his own party loyalty is now in question: "I've always supported the Republican nominee, but I tell you, the name calling is making it very difficult for my people and my movement to support someone who's called me a lot of names."

Buchanan said he wouldn't go so far as to run an independent campaign. "I'm not going to do anything to re-elect Bill Clinton."

Buchanan is battling to maintain his momentum as he rebuffs fresh charges of extremism from Colin Powell and other prominent Republicans.

Powell, the former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff who last year flirted with running as a moderate Republican, said he couldn't vote for the protectionist Buchanan, even if he won the party's nomination.

"I think we have to have a message of inclusion ... that recognizes that we are the leader of the world that wants to be free," Powell said Wednesday in an ABC interview. "We can't pull up our drawbridges and withdraw back into our own continent."

Buchanan, who Wednesday campaigned in South Carolina, South Dakota, Colorado, maintained that his trade and jobs platform would bring home to the party the jobless working class - "and many of them are minorities."

"I'm not in the business of weeding anybody out of the Republican Party," Buchanan said as he refined his firebrand message.

Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, whose stumbled campaign is backed by scores in the party establishment,

cast the race in terms of a good-versus-evil struggle between himself and Buchanan.

"We're not off on a fringe somewhere. We're not going to take the Republican party over the cliff. Not with Bob Dole at the helm," Dole told a rally in a refurbished burlesque theater in Sioux Falls, S.D.

The conservative Buchanan, who disclaims any anti-Semitic or racist feelings, today was praised by Russian ultranationalist Vladimir Zhirinovskiy.

"I congratulate you as a comrade and brother-in-arms in the struggle for national liberation," Zhirinovskiy, a candidate in Russia's June presidential elections, said in Moscow.

The commentator, hoping to capitalize on his win over Dole in New Hampshire's primary, was set to take part in a candidates' forum tonight in Arizona, which holds its primary on Tuesday.

Former Tennessee Gov. Lamar Alexander and publisher Steve Forbes also planned to appear, but not Dole. The latest poll shows Dole and Forbes barely leading Buchanan in Arizona with more than half of voters undecided.

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Local Roundup

Cooler air forecast Friday

Hereford recorded a high temperature of 80 degrees on Wednesday, which tied the record high for the date, according to KPAN Radio. This morning's low was 39 degrees. For tonight, forecasters are calling for partly cloudy skies with a low around 40 degrees. Winds will be from the southwest at 10-20 mph and occasionally gusty, shifting to the northwest late. For Friday, look for partly cloudy skies and cooler, with a high in the lower 60s and north winds at 10-20 mph, moving to the east during the late afternoon.

Police, Emergency Reports

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

HEREFORD POLICE
A missing person was reported in the 500 block of Whittier.

Class B criminal mischief was reported in the 100 block of Avenue H and in the 200 block of Avenue F.

Harassment was reported in the 800 block of Irving.

Class A criminal mischief was reported in the 200 block of Avenue F.

Domestic disturbance was reported in the 700 block of East 13th.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 200 block of Avenue F.

Officers issued 18 traffic citations.

DEAF SMITH SHERIFF
A 38-year-old male was arrested for retaliation.

A 39-year-old male was arrested on a criminal mischief commitment.

A 32-year-old male was arrested on an evading arrest commitment.

A 22-year-old male was arrested on a violation of probation commitment.

A 20-year-old male was arrested on a DWI commitment.

A 20-year-old male was arrested on a violation of probation commitment.

FIRE DEPARTMENT
Volunteer firefighters were called out at 5:54 p.m. Wednesday to an alarm malfunction in the 400 block of Ranger.

Firefighters were called out at 9:30

a.m. Thursday to a grass fire eight miles north on U.S. 385 in the highway right of way.

EMS
Ambulances ran on one medical run, one transfer to Amarillo and one transfer from Amarillo to Hereford.

Wednesday's emergency services reports contained the following.

HEREFORD POLICE
-- Officers filed a mental health case where the person was transported to Northwest Texas Hospital for evaluation.

-- Theft was reported in the 400 block of Avenue H.

-- Criminal mischief was reported in the 100 block of Avenue H.

-- Theft was reported on Route 3.

-- Criminal mischief was reported at Kingwood and West Park.

-- Criminal mischief was reported in the 100 block of Avenue E.

-- A 34-year-old male was arrested in the 100 block of Avenue D on a warrant for mental commitment.

-- One ticket was issued at 1115 West Park for theft.

-- One minor traffic accident was reported.

-- Seven traffic tickets were issued.

DEAF SMITH SHERIFF
-- No arrests were made.

-- One burglary was reported.

EMS
-- Ambulances ran on two Amarillo transports, one trauma run, four medical runs and one no-transport.

Governor holds off endorsing GOP candidate Hutchison throws support to Dole

By MICHAEL HOLMES
Associated Press Writer
AUSTIN (AP) - With the Texas primary looming as a major prize for Republican presidential hopefuls, Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison has thrown her support to Bob Dole.

A second top Republican, Gov. George W. Bush, emphasizes he's still not taking sides.

Mrs. Hutchison's endorsement Wednesday was designed to help pump some momentum into Dole's campaign after his loss in the New Hampshire primary to commentator Pat Buchanan.

"There's only one candidate in this race that has the ability to keep the promises that we made and that is the candidate I am endorsing today: Sen. Bob Dole," Mrs. Hutchison said.

"In addition to being the right person to lead America, Bob Dole has been there for Texas," Mrs. Hutchison said. She said Dole had supported legislation beneficial to the state and was backing the North

American Free Trade Agreement. Texas will send 123 delegates to the Republican National Convention, the second-largest total of any state.

Most of the presidential campaigns had assumed those delegates would go to favorite son Sen. Phil Gramm, but the Texan's withdrawal from the race last week has made the March 12 primary a major prize.

Texas Republican Party Chairman Tom Pauken said he sees no clear favorite in the state right now.

"I think it's a good debate that's going on within the party and it really livens up the Texas primary," he said.

Pauken also said the New Hampshire results are a big boost for Buchanan in Texas.

"It's going to be much more competitive than people, including myself, had anticipated. He's now shown he can win a primary state," Pauken said.

"Texas is very much a conservative-populist state and he's appealing to a lot of those

middle-class Americans who are worried about the unraveling social fabric and the declining economic base of the middle class."

Both Mrs. Hutchison and Bush had endorsed Gramm, who quit after doing poorly in the Louisiana and Iowa caucuses.

While declining to throw his support to a new candidate, Bush said he expects Texas will see some big-time campaigning.

"The second-largest state in the United States deserves a lot of attention. ... I want the candidates to come to Texas, to debate on Texas soil," Bush said.

"It's one thing to go up to Iowa and New Hampshire, where there's a lot of snow on the ground. But you come down here where it's hot and debate Texas issues on Texas soil. I can't wait to hear it. I'm holding my fire until I see the whites of my eyes."

One candidate was on his way. Lamar Alexander, the former Tennessee governor who finished

third in New Hampshire, planned to visit Houston and Dallas on Friday, said a spokesman for Rob Mosbacher, who heads Alexander's campaign in the state.

Bush scoffed at reports that he and his brother Jeb, who narrowly lost a bid for governor of Florida in 1994, might make a joint endorsement before the two states' primaries.

"We didn't coordinate our campaigns together, nor will we coordinate our endorsements," Bush said. "Jeb is a very independent person. So am I. And I don't know what he's going to do, and I look forward to hearing what his opinion is."

Bush sharply disagrees with Buchanan on trade, as the governor is a strong supporter of the NAFTA and close ties with neighboring Mexico.

"My pro-NAFTA position is very strong. So I'll look forward to hearing what he (Buchanan) has to say when he comes to Texas."

Complicated mission by Columbia focuses on release of satellite

By MARCIA DUNN
AP Aerospace Writer
CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) -

The astronauts say they couldn't be more prepared, or their tethered satellite more tested, for today's launch of space shuttle Columbia on a complicated and risky mission.

It will be the second trip into space for the tethered satellite, a half-ton metal ball that the crew will try to uncoil on the end of a 12.8-mile conductive cord.

Last time, the tether jammed and the satellite got no farther than 840 feet from the shuttle and generated hardly any electricity. Several problems later were found, most notably a protruding bolt that NASA added at the last minute.

NASA guarantees success this time. Columbia was due to blast off at 3:18 p.m. Fueling got under way around dawn.

"Everything has been tested and retested again to make sure that everything works," said Wesley Huttress Jr., NASA's space science chief.

"In terms of preparation for this flight, we've got the risk down as far as we can possibly get. This thing is ready to go."

Four of the astronauts who flew on the failed 1992 mission are back for another crack at the NASA and Italian

Space Agency experiment.

The four Americans, two Italians and one Swiss on the crew have spent nearly two years training in simulators on the ground for all sorts of emergencies: a tethered satellite swinging like a wayward pendulum, bobbing like an out-of-control yo-yo, whirling like a skip rope, or just plain stuck.

By taking advantage of Earth's magnetic field, scientists hope to generate 5,000 volts of electricity with the satellite and tether, which resembles a white boot lace and is made of copper, nylon and Teflon. The tethered satellite is supposed to soar above Columbia for two of the 14 flight days.

About 1,000 watts of power should be produced as current flows from the satellite down the tether to Columbia. Electron guns on the shuttle will shoot the electrons back into space and thereby close the electrical circuit.

"We're going to work and discover the properties of electricity in space very similar, very analogous to Benjamin Franklin sending up the kite with the key at the bottom," shuttle commander Andrew Allen said.

If the \$443 million experiment succeeds, the next step could be a tether that lowers an atmospheric probe from a space shuttle or space station. Tethers also could be used one day to drop experiments to Earth from space stations, and to provide power and lift to stations.

Scientists know from three experiments launched by unmanned rockets in 1993 and 1994 that space tethers can generate electricity and also be extended for more than 12 miles.

The countdown was disrupted Wednesday when an overflowing vacuum system sprayed detergent onto Columbia's external fuel tank and left solid-fuel rocket. Engineers said no damage resulted.



Donation to DARE

DARE Officer Carol Keyes accepts a check for \$250 from Bob Murray of the Elks Lodge. The donation was made to help support the DARE program, especially its summer camp.

Extension program focuses on agriculture, food industry

The Deaf Smith, Potter and Randall County offices of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service are sponsoring a volunteer training program for those with an interest in the agriculture and food industry, and having a desire to share that information with consumers and urban neighbors. The program is called Agrifood Masters.

Program sessions will begin on March 4 and continue through April 29. Sessions will be held on each Monday from 6 to 9:30 p.m. Cost of the program is approximately \$25. Agrifood Masters will provide

volunteers with 32 hours of intense training from some of the nation's premier authorities on various subjects involving environmental, food industry and agricultural issues.

The volunteers are expected to assist with 12 projects including speaking opportunities, school outreach programs, industry and media relations, ag fairs, career days and other outreach efforts.

The goal of the Agrifood Master Program is to provide accurate, unbiased, scientific based information to consumer audiences in order that they may stay informed about agriculture, natural resources, food, and environmental issues, thus making wise decisions about food and fiber production and marketing systems.

Participants will have the opportunity to interact with people from all walks of life, various social backgrounds and from various vocations.

Past participants have come from the city and farm. They have had vocations representing the agriculture industry, health fields, business, homemakers, lawyers, advertising and media.

All will have the common interest of telling the true story about agriculture production and food issues.

Persons interested in participating or needing more information about the Texas Agrifood Masters Program, may obtain an application form from the Deaf Smith County office of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service in room 402 of the County Courthouse or may call 364-3573.

HEDC Notes

By MIKE HATLEY
Executive director

"Quality of life" factors are often overlooked when discussing economic development. However, improving the quality of life is actually one of the goals of economic development.

We all enjoy improvements in our community even if they do not directly affect us. Your Hereford Economic Development Corporation has been busy recruiting a theater in our community.

In fact, we have received serious inquiries from two concerns. Each has said Hereford could support four to six screens. We will continue to work on this project because we know from visiting with you that this is a project you feel we need in Hereford.

The HEDC sponsored a tour of Holly Sugar and a luncheon for area bankers back in December. This was an effort to have area bankers encourage their farm customers to grow more sugar beets. Holly Sugar is a very important industry for our area and it is important that we support them.

We have also developed site proposals for several projects recently. Some of these include a food processor whose primary lines are stuffed chicken breasts, a company that manufactures couplers and hoses for the dairy industry, and a company that manufactures components for the auto industry.

Several projects are in the construction phase right now. Arrowhead Mills has the side walls up on its 40,000-square-foot warehouse and distribution facility. Next time you're on South Main Street, turn east on Rabbit Road by the golf course and look back to the north to view this building. It's quite impressive.

The Town and Country truck stop on East Hwy. 60 is also coming along. This will be a welcome addition to Hereford as well. There is a large amount of truck traffic on Hwy. 60, and it can now stop and fuel rather than continuing on through Hereford. There will also be many jobs created with a 24-hour operation like this.

There is a good chance the Texas Youth Commission will be adding beds to its system in the near future. We have been in contact with the TYC and will stay abreast of its plans. The prototype facility has 280 beds. (An adult facility with 300 beds has an annual payroll of \$9 million.) Finally, I have contacted the folks

who are interested in building a motel here. While not all of the details have been worked out, they have indicated they are still interested in doing the project.

The HEDC board is interested in your input. The board meets the first Wednesday of each month at 4:30 p.m. in City Hall. If that time is not convenient, our office is at City Hall, as well, and we invite you to drop in and discuss items of interest. You don't need an appointment.

Remember, economic development does not happen by itself.

Obituaries



JESSIE MAE DODSON
Feb. 21, 1996

Jessie Mae Dodson, 89, of died Wednesday at Hereford Care Center. Services were held Thursday afternoon at Christ's Church Fellowship with Steve Gilbert and the Rev. Bill Weaver, pastor of the church, officiating. Burial was in Dreamland Cemetery in Canyon, under direction of Gililand-Watson Funeral Home.

Mrs. Dodson was born near Happy and was graduated from West Texas Normal College. She taught there and at Claude, the Progressive community, Joel and White Deer. Mrs. Dodson was a Hereford teacher from 1956 until her retirement in 1972. She married Virgil E. Dodson in 1930 at Amarillo. He died in 1980. She came to Hereford from Claude in 1945. She had belonged to First Christian Church.

Survivors are a brother, Ira Scott of Hereford; a sister, Ann Weaver of Canyon, five nieces and a nephew. She was preceded in death by a sister, Opal Lee, in 1980.

The family has suggested that memorials be directed to Hereford Care Center or Deaf Smith Health Care Foundation.

JUAN CHAVIRA
Feb. 20, 1996

Juan Chavira, 37, of Clovis, N.M., father of two Hereford residents, died Tuesday.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday in Calvary Baptist Church of Clovis with burial in Texico Cemetery, by Muffley Funeral Home.

Mrs. Chavira was born in Clinton, Okla., and had lived in Clovis since 1986. He married Lori Lucero in 1991 in Santa Fe, N.M.

Survivors are his wife; two daughters, Bianca Chavira of Clovis and Jessica Chavira of Hereford; two sons, John Anthony Chavira of Clovis and Gabriel Chavira of Hereford; his mother, Constancia Bribiesca of Bakersfield, Cal.; two brothers, Carlos Bribiesca and Rudy Bribiesca, and a sister, Lucy Balderaz, all of Bakersfield.

ZONA SMITH
Feb. 20, 1996

Zona Smith, 93, a former Hereford resident, died Tuesday in Lubbock.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday in Franklin-Bartley Funeral Home Chapel with burial in City of Lubbock Cemetery.

Mrs. Smith served as social director at King's Manor during the years 1975 and 1976. She was a retired teacher and was a volunteer at hospitals in Lubbock. She was a member of Asbury United Methodist Church in Lubbock.

Survivors are a sister, a brother, four grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Business Briefs

Walco International has named Loyd Lindley of Hereford to the company Chairman's Honor Council. The award recognizes members for contribution towards the company's fiscal goals.

Lindley has been with the company for seven years. This is the fourth year he has received the award. Walco is the largest distributor of animal health products and services in North America.

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The Terra International operating area based in Hereford has received the company's "Area of the Year" award for achieving specific financial goals in 1995.

The Hereford area, managed by Hubert Backus of Nazareth, includes Terra outlets in Hereford, Dimmitt, Bovina and Muleshoe. Terra recognized 18 of its more than 80 operating areas in the U.S. with the award.

Hospital Notes

PATIENTS IN HOSPITAL
Dionicio F. Aguilera, Bobbi Jo Brethour, Priscilla Casarez, Infant girl Flores, Marcia Flores, Babarita Guerra, Dora V. Guerrero, Blassa R. Mancillas;

Maria C. Medellin, Infant girl Mendoza, Veronica A. Mendoza, Coleman Moseley, Celia Ortega, Ramon Rodriguez, Grace K. Sanders and Irving H. Willoughby.



Hope is the feeling you have that the feeling you have isn't permanent.

—Jean Kerr

Lottery

AUSTIN (AP) - Two tickets bought in Eastland and Yoakum correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

The jackpot was worth \$8 million. The numbers drawn from a field of 50 were: 4, 10, 12, 21, 27 and 44. Lottery officials estimate the jackpot for Saturday night's game will be \$4 million.

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

9-7-9 (nine, seven, nine)

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Lifestyles

Area happenings include music, meetings, marriage conference



Shirley's top spellers

Looking over a dictionary as they practice for next week's county Spelling Bees are the Shirley Intermediate School representatives to the Junior and Senior bees. Standing, from left, are fifth-graders Patricia Salazar, Cagney Cantu, Josefina Zapata and Dawn Auckerman, all of whom will take part in the Feb. 29 Junior Bee. Seated from left are Derek Weber and Amy Bell, sixth-graders who will represent the school in the Senior Bee on March 1. The winner will represent Deaf Smith County in the Regional Bee later this spring.

Ann Landers

DEAR ANN LANDERS: Please tell your readers it is never OK to ask, "When are you going to start a family?" What may seem like an innocent question can be as painful as a stab in the heart.

Childless couples ache when they see a beautiful baby. They go completely to pieces when they read about newborns found in plastic bags in dumpsters. They are angry that life has treated them so unfairly and wonder what they did wrong. They bargain with God, thinking perhaps if they give up this or that, they might get pregnant and have a child.

Going through test after test and from doctor to doctor is pure agony. They live with the hope that the next test will reveal some good news. After a while, they are emotionally exhausted. They feel cheated and "different." It seems that no one understands. But life goes on, and friends and relatives get married and have children. When they hear that the Smiths or the Joneses are having their third or fourth and aren't very happy about it, they become furious--then depressed. Why is life so unfair?

I hope you will print this letter. There are so many of us, and we need to be heard.--No Name, No City

DEAR N.N.N.C.: You spoke for

many childless couples today, and on behalf of all of them, I thank you. Rest assured your letter will be greatly appreciated and widely discussed.

The next letter should be of interest to you:

DEAR ANN LANDERS: This letter comes from the other side of the globe. I read your column in the China Post, published in Taiwan. I am writing in support of the woman who said infertile couples should not give up hope.

I'm from Europe, and my wife is Taiwanese. While we were still in Europe, my wife became pregnant three times, but each pregnancy ended in miscarriage. Tests revealed that the fetuses had chromosomal abnormalities. We were pronounced "healthy," but the specialists were unable to say more than "Better luck next time," which was depressing.

Here in the East, gynecologists look at this problem in a totally different way. Harmony and balance in the body and mind are key words in the traditional Chinese way of curing people.

Two years ago, we visited a gynecologist here in Taiwan. We returned home with a bag full of herbs with instructions to use them

for a year.

Halfway through the herb treatment, my wife became pregnant again. This time, she gave birth to a beautiful baby boy who weighed nearly 9 pounds. He is now walking at 10 months and is the joy of our lives.

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For more information, call Worth Hefley at 376-8726.

LUBBOCK

There will be a Family Life Marriage Conference, a ministry of Campus Crusade for Christ, March 8-10 in the Holiday Inn Civic Center in Lubbock.

Hours for the conference are 7 p.m.-9:30 p.m. on Friday, 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. on Saturday and 8:30 a.m.-4:15 p.m. on Sunday.

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JOE WEAVER

The Friends of the Library and the library staff will honor Joe Weaver with a farewell reception from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Friday in the Deaf Smith County Library.

Weaver, who has been assistant librarian for Deaf Smith County, is moving to Dumas to serve as library director for Moore County.

The conference has lessons specially designed for engaged couples.

For more information call Family Life at 1-800-999-8663.

WTAMU

West Texas A&M University's Sybil B. Harrington College of Fine Arts and Humanities will present the musical, "Little Shop of Horrors," at 8 p.m. Feb. 28-March 2 and at 3 p.m. March 3 in the Branding Iron Theatre on the first floor of the Fine Arts Building on the WTAMU campus.

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For reservations or information, call 806-656-2798 or on the evening of the performance, call 806-656-2804.

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The event is sponsored by WTAMU Student Activities and is free and open to the public.

For more information, contact Kevin Handley, Student Activities student coordinator, at 806-656-2328.

Music faculty members of West Texas A&M University will take center stage at 8 p.m. Sunday for the Faculty Grand Recital in Mary Moody Northern Recital Hall on the WTAMU campus.

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Region I Playoffs

AUSTIN (AP) - Pairings for University Interscholastic League playoffs in Region I:

GIRLS (Region I only)

Class 5A
Region I Tournament
Midland College
 Lubbock Monterey (26-7) vs. Hurst L.D. Bell (26-4), 6 p.m. Friday
 Amarillo High (27-8) vs. Euless Trinity (24-8), 7:45 p.m. Friday

Class 4A
Regional finals
 Canyon (29-0) vs. Cleburne (29-5), 1 p.m. Saturday, Scurry County Coliseum, Snyder

Class 3A
Region I Tournament
Lubbock Municipal Coliseum
 Graham (23-5) vs. Slaton (23-7), 7 p.m. Friday
 Amarillo River Road (21-12) vs. Brownfield (19-14), 8:30 p.m. Friday

Class 2A
Region I Tournament
Abilene Christian University
 Idalou (21-9) vs. Ozona (33-2), 6:30 p.m. Friday
 New Deal (23-9) vs. Eldorado (21-9), 8 p.m. Friday

Class A
Region I Tournament
South Plains College in Levelland
 Allison (19-9) vs. Nazareth (31-2), 1:30 p.m.
 Spur (27-4) vs. Loop (23-6), 3 p.m.
 Claude (27-4) vs. Sudan (27-7), 7 p.m.
 Meadow (28-5) vs. Sands (24-5), 8:30 p.m.

BOYS (Region I only)

Class 5A
 El Paso Address (17-12) vs. Abilene Cooper (22-9), 6 p.m. Friday, Odessa College Sports Center
 Amarillo (24-10) vs. El Paso Eastwood (24-7), 8 p.m. Friday, Odessa College Sports Center

Keller (20-11) vs. Arlington Martin (21-8), 7 p.m. Friday, Fort Worth's Wilkerson-Greene Activity Center
 Fort Worth Wyatt (14-16) vs. Euless Trinity (26-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Arlington High School
 El Paso Socorro (22-8) vs. Lubbock Monterey (28-6), 4 p.m. Friday, Odessa College Sports Center

Lubbock (18-12) vs. El Paso Jr. (23-5), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Monahans
 The Colons (20-10) vs. Fort Worth Dunbar (26-4), 8:30 p.m. Friday, Fort Worth's Daniel-Meyer Coliseum
 Fort Worth Paschal (17-11) vs. Lewisville (22-10), 7 p.m. Friday, Fort Worth's Daniel-Meyer Coliseum

Class 4A
 Pampa (28-3) vs. El Paso Parkland (24-7), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Seminole
 Sweetwater (28-3) vs. Burk Burnett (25-8), 7 p.m. Saturday, Abilene's

Hardin-Simmons University
 Canyon Randall (20-13) vs. El Paso Jefferson (13-14), 7 p.m. Saturday, Odessa College Sports Center
 Wolforth Frenship (27-7) vs. Fort Worth Polytechnic (17-14), 7 p.m. Friday, Abilene Cooper

Class 3A
 Tulia (21-6) vs. Shallowater (19-7), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Plainview's Hutcherson Center
 Graham (28-4) vs. Decatur (18-12), 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Weatherford
 Seminole (21-10) vs. Comanche (19-13), 8 p.m. Friday, Sweetwater
 Clint (11-17) vs. Colorado City (16-13), 8 p.m. Friday, Pecos
 Dimmitt (27-6) vs. Dalhart (21-7), 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Amarillo Tascosa
 Springtown (23-7) vs. Jacksboro (20-12), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Saginaw Boswell
 Merkel (23-9) vs. Slaton (15-13), 8 p.m. Friday, Snyder's Scurry County Coliseum
 Crane (17-14) vs. Fabens (14-11), 8 p.m. Friday, Alpine's Sul Ross State University

Class 2A
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 Haskell (22-6) vs. Ranger (19-11), 8 p.m. Friday, Abilene's Hardin-Simmons University
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 Tahoka (23-6) vs. Lockney (21-10), 8 p.m. Thursday, Wolforth Frenship
 Stanton (19-6) vs. Ozona (13-16), 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Midland's Chaparral Center
 Cisco (24-5) vs. Anson (26-5), 6:30 p.m. Friday, Abilene's Hardin-Simmons University

Class 1A
 Adrian (14-12) vs. White Deer (9-15), 8 p.m. Thursday, Amarillo High
 Shamrock (15-4) vs. Briscoe Fort Elliott (17-10), 7 p.m. Thursday, Wheeler
 Miami (19-8) vs. Hedley (14-14), 6:30 p.m. Friday, Pampa
 Nazareth (23-6) vs. Spade (23-4), 6:30 p.m. Friday, Levelland High School
 Lorenzo (24-5) vs. Panton Springs (12-15), 7 p.m. Friday, Lockney
 Whitharal (11-11) vs. Smyer (21-9), 7 p.m. Thursday, Levelland
 Dawson (11-16) vs. Ackerly Sands (17-4), 6 p.m. Thursday, Lamesa
 Balmorhea (14-5) vs. Fort Hancock (13-13), 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Van Horn
 Claude (23-6) vs. Texline (13-11), 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Amarillo High
 Higgins (15-12) vs. Groom (15-10), 8 p.m. Thursday, Pampa
 Silverton (26-4) vs. McLean (12-10), 7 p.m. Thursday, Memphis
 Lubbock (24-6) vs. Sudan (15-6), 7 p.m. Thursday, Farwell

New Home (10-15) vs. Petersburg (13-13), 7 p.m. Friday, Lubbock Cooper
 Plains (18-8) vs. Meadow (8-16), 7 p.m. Thursday, Brownfield
 Lamesa Klondike (19-0) vs. Wellman (15-13), 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Lamesa
 Tomillo (18-11) vs. Imperial Buena Vista (14-12), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Alpine's Sul Ross State University

Oakland raids Dallas again

Cowboys' Maryland follows Brown to Raiders

By BARRY WILNER
 AP Football Writer

The Oakland Raiders must figure the quickest way to the Super Bowl is by raiding the Dallas Cowboys.

For the second time this week, the Raiders grabbed a defensive starter from the NFL champions. Tackle Russell Maryland agreed Wednesday to a six-year, \$19 million contract, numbers the Cowboys simply couldn't match.

"This is another case of the salary cap breaking up a happy marriage," said Leigh Steinberg, Maryland's agent. "Under normal circumstances, Russell would've spent his entire career in Dallas."

"We did have talks through last night with Jerry Jones, and Jerry very much wanted to keep him. He was heartbroken, but he didn't have the cap dollars."

Jones also couldn't afford to keep the Super Bowl MVP, Larry Brown, whose two interceptions against Pittsburgh keyed Dallas' victory. Brown signed with Oakland on Tuesday, getting a five-year, \$12.5 million deal that includes a \$3.5 million bonus.

Maryland was a key contributor on the defensive line as the Cowboys won Super Bowls in his second, third and fifth seasons. He also earned a Pro Bowl berth in 1992.

Chad Hennings is likely to start in Maryland's place.

Quentin Coryatt signed an offer sheet with Jacksonville, receiving the

most lucrative offer ever extended to a linebacker, \$18 million for four years, with a \$6 million signing bonus, also the most for a linebacker.

The Indianapolis Colts, who made Coryatt their transition player earlier this month, have a week to match.

Coryatt, 25, would be second among linebackers to Junior Seau of San Diego in average payout under the deal.

"We feel real good about it," said Steve Zucker, Coryatt's agent. "What really did it was how impressed Quentin was with the people in Jacksonville. He spent a lot of time with Mike Huyghue (Jacksonville's vice president of football operations) and the coach (Tom Coughlin) and the owner, Wayne Weaver, and was favorably impressed."

The Jaguars, an expansion team last year, weren't near the salary cap, and still have plenty of money to spend. Last week, they signed Bears defensive end Alonzo Spellman to an offer sheet, which Chicago must match by Saturday.

Pittsburgh tackle Leon Searcy joined the Jaguars as a free agent earlier this month, getting \$17 million for five years, the richest contract ever for an offensive lineman.

Also Wednesday, linebacker Bryan Cox officially joined the Bears, signing a four-year, \$13.2 million contract that included a \$5 million signing bonus.

"It came down to where we felt comfortable," said Cox, a three-time

Pro Bowl player with Miami. "It came down to the finances, of course. It came down to where we felt we had the best possibility of going to the Super Bowl before I retire, and to who was going to go out and get other players to make the team better."

Quarterback Sean Salisbury signed a two-year contract worth about \$1 million with the San Diego Chargers, a team he grew up idolizing. Salisbury, 32, grew up in nearby Escondido. He could have joined the Chargers two years ago, but signed with Houston instead.

Salisbury, who wound up being cut by the Oilers, rejoined Minnesota for the 1994 season, then sat out last year.

"Pride got in the way," said Salisbury, who worked last year as an NFL analyst for a radio network. "I stayed in shape all year long, but nothing materialized. I learned a valuable lesson, and that won't happen again. I realize how fortunate I am to still have the opportunity to play."

San Diego's free agent shopping

continued today with visits from Chicago tackle James Williams and Philadelphia linebacker Bill Romanowski.

Miami defensive end Marco Coleman is scheduled to visit on Monday.

Indianapolis made another raid on Chicago free agents by signing offensive lineman Jay Leeuwenburg. He is the sixth former Bears player signed by Indianapolis since Bill Tobin, the former Chicago player personnel director, became director of football operations for the Colts two years ago.

Free-agent quarterback Erik Wilhelm returned to Cincinnati, where he will back up Jeff Blake.

Wilhelm, 30, has been with Cincinnati for parts of six of the last seven seasons. He finished 1995 with the Jets.

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Lady Raiders whip SMU

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) - Alicia Thompson scored 21 points to help No. 6 Texas Tech beat Southern Methodist 88-70 Wednesday night, pushing the Lady Raiders closer to winning the final Southwest Conference title.

Tech (22-2, 12-0 SWC) led 43-29 at halftime and was hardly challenged in the second half. The lead peaked at 80-55 with 4:51 to play.

The Lady Raiders had a 57-39 rebounding edge over the Lady Mustangs (16-9, 6-5), and were 27-of-40 at the free throws line. SMU went to the line only eight times, making six.

Tech has only two games left in the regular season as it tries closing

out its third straight outright SWC title. The Lady Raiders can seal that Sunday when they place second-place Texas.

Five players scored in double figures, including Rene Hanebutt scoring 14 off the bench. Michi Atkins had 16 despite an off-night shooting (5-of-20), Sandy Parker scored 11 and Melinda White had 10. White had 12 rebounds, Hanebutt 10, Thompson nine and Atkins and Crystal Boles seven each.

Jennifer McLaughlin scored 17 points to lead the Lady Mustangs, while Claudia Brassard added 15. Kim Brungardt had 12 points and 11 rebounds for SMU.

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76ers turn back clock with 57-point show

By CHRIS SHERIDAN
AP Basketball Writer

The year was 1955 and the players were wearing Chuck Taylors, Pro-Keds and short shorts. The Baltimore Bullets had recently folded, and teams in the Rust Belt cities of Fort Wayne, Rochester and Syracuse were nearing the end of their runs.

It was the NBA's first season with a shot clock, Bob Cousy and Bob Pettit were taking two-handed set shots and professional basketball was a very different game.

The Philadelphia 76ers reminded brought back reminders of those black-and-white times Wednesday night by sinking to a new low in their already abysmal season.

They managed only 57 points, tying the post-shot clock record set by the Milwaukee Hawks in 1954-55, in a 66-57 loss to the Miami Heat.

"There's no excuses for something like this," said Philadelphia coach John Lucas, whose squad dropped its fifth straight. "During a season, you'll have four or five games when you're flat, but not that flat."

"Ironically, we were trying to be uptempo and get up the floor. Funny, huh?" Lucas said.

The combined total of 123 points

was the second-lowest in NBA history since the inception of the shot clock. The Hawks and Celtics managed a combined 119 points in 1955 when Milwaukee beat Boston 62-57.

The third-lowest total was 133 points by the Knicks and Pistons in 1992.

"I looked up at the scoreboard a couple of times and did a double-take, but we'll take any win we can get," said Pat Riley, whose team lost nine of its previous 10 on the road.

The Sixers made just 22 of 69 field goals (31.9 percent), misfired on 18 of 19 3-pointers and had 19 turnovers. Their 24 second-half points tied another NBA record.

Philadelphia had a chance to get past 57 points, but Derrick Alston missed the second of two free throws with 41 seconds left, then missed a short baseline shot with 10 seconds left. Clarence Weatherspoon got an offensive rebound and missed a follow shot, and Miami then dribbled out the clock.

In other NBA games, Orlando edged Indiana 99-97, Dallas nipped Sacramento 93-91, New Jersey downed Milwaukee 94-92 in overtime, Minnesota surprised Houston 120-101, Phoenix beat

Boston 120-107, the Los Angeles Lakers beat the Clippers 112-108, New York defeated Detroit 113-110 in overtime, Golden State beat San Antonio 95-92 and Charlotte downed Washington 96-92.

Magic 99, Pacers 97
Dennis Scott hit a -twisting, fallaway 18-footer at the buzzer to give Orlando its first victory in Market Square Arena since 1992.

"I glanced at the clock and there was a second and a half," Scott said. "I knew the game was over as soon as it hit the net."

Scott had eight 3-pointers and 32 points, Shaquille O'Neal had 25 points and 11 rebounds and Arnerne Hardaway 21 points.

"I haven't won here since I've been in the league. This is a big, big win for us," Hardaway said. "We dedicated ourselves to getting better and going out and getting the job done."

Mavericks 93, Kings 91
Jason Kidd had 20 points, nine assists, six rebounds and a game-deciding layup with 1.3 seconds left.

"I always pass it. I can't remember any game-winners in my two

seasons here. But the basket was open and I took what was there," Kidd said.

Jim Jackson scored 21 points and Tony Dumas 17, while Lorenzo Williams had a career-high 20 rebounds for the Mavericks.

Sacramento lost its eighth in a row. **Nets 94, Bucks 92, OT**
At Milwaukee, the Nets won their season-high fifth in a row.

Armon Gilliam scored 23 points, surpassing 10,000 career points, and hit two critical baskets in overtime, while Chris Childs also scored 23.

"We've been a pretty resilient group of guys the last three weeks," coach Butch Beard said. "We talked about the good things of winning the four straight games. But we're trying to see if we can extend this run to at least eight if we can."

Timberwolves 120, Rockets 101
At Minneapolis, Kevin Garnett scored 11 straight points and had two rebounds and two blocked shots - all in a two-minute stretch.

"I'm just trying to work my hardest and keep on learning," said Garnett, who finished with 17 points, 12 rebounds and three blocks. "We play this game to have fun. There's no reason to stop having fun now just because I'm getting paid."

Suns 120, Celtics 107
At Phoenix, Wesley Person was 6-for-6 on 3-pointers and scored 26 points, Charles Barkley had 27 points and 16 rebounds and Kevin Johnson 22 points and 12 assists.

"This has been a roller-coaster year for me," said Person, whose 12 points in the fourth quarter helped the Suns cling to double-digits leads. "In and-out, playing a lot of minutes, playing no minutes. I played 12 minutes the other night, and I got a little down. I said the next game I got a chance, I was going to make the most of it."

Lakers 112, Clippers 108
At Los Angeles, the Lakers proved they can still win without Magic Johnson.

Johnson missed the game with a strained calf muscle, sitting on the bench and playing cheerleader. He'll travel on a two-game trip to Texas, and his status is listed as day-to-day.

Anthony Peeler was wapped to the

victory with a 3-pointer from the corner with 2.9 seconds left.

Knicks 113, Pistons 110, OT
At Auburn Hills, Mich., Willie Anderson played his second game for New York and had 13 points, seven assists and six rebounds in 33 minutes. He made the go-ahead jumper in overtime as the Knicks concluded a season sweep of Detroit.

Warriors 95, Spurs 92
At Oakland, Joe Smith had 27 points and Latrell Sprewell added 21 for Golden State, winners of seven of nine games. San Antonio had a chance to send the game into overtime, but Chuck Person's 3-point attempt at the buzzer rimmed out.

Hornets 96, Bulls 92
At Charlotte, Larry Johnson had 32 points and 16 rebounds and blocked a last-second shot by Juwan Howard to help push the Hornets over the .500 mark for the first time since Nov. 7.

Iowa shoots down Michigan State

By The Associated Press

Something had to give when the Big Ten's highest-scoring offense met the league's stingiest defense. Score one for the shooters.

Iowa's fourth straight victory was impressive as the 18th-ranked Hawkeyes crushed Michigan State 83-47 Wednesday night. They shot 56 percent, the first time an opponent bettered 50 percent against the Spartans this season. They scored 20 points more than Michigan State had been allowing and also held the Spartans to their lowest output of the season.

"I don't know if it was a perfect game, but it was one of our better games," said Russ Millard who led Iowa (19-6, 8-5) with 17 points. "We're playing with a lot of heart and emotion."

That's not what the first-year coach of the Spartans (14-12, 8-6) said about his team.

"That's as embarrassing a loss as

we've had in quite a few years. I was very disappointed in the way we continued to turn the ball over," Tom Izzo said. "I don't really have an excuse for what happened to us. It was a case of getting off to a bad start and never recovering."

The Hawkeyes, who welcomed back Chris Kingsbury after a three-game suspension, made six 3-pointers in the first half in taking a 49-23 lead. The closest Michigan State got in the second half was 51-30 on a jumper by Mike Respert, who had 12 points, with 15:01 remaining.

"We struggled for the first few minutes of the game and then we just cranked it up. It was the same at the start of the second half," said Iowa

coach Tom Davis, who earned his 92nd Big Ten victory to tie Lute Olson (1975-83) for the most in school history.

Kingsbury, who was suspended for rough play in the Penn State game, had three points.

In other games involving ranked teams Wednesday, it was No. 10 Wake Forest 68, Clemson 48; West Virginia 108, No. 20 Boston College 89; Oklahoma State 58, No. 22 Iowa State 46; and No. 23 Georgia Tech 84, Virginia 75.

No. 10 Wake Forest 68, Clemson 48
The Demon Deacons (18-4, 10-3) remained the Atlantic Coast Conference's only unbeaten team at

home, and the Tigers (15-8, 5-8) stayed the only one without a road win. Steve Goolsby scored all 14 of his points in the second half - eight in a 22-2 run - for Wake Forest, which remained tied for first in the league with Georgia Tech. Freshman forward Tony Christie led Clemson with a season-high 15 points.

Lady 'Horns whip Baylor

AUSTIN (AP) - Amie Smith had 11 points, 7 rebounds and 4 assists, leading Texas to a 65-53 victory Wednesday night over Baylor.

The Lady Longhorns (16-7, 11-1 Southwest Conference) got 10 points from Erica Routt and Amber Hasenmyer.

Baylor (10-17, 2-10) was paced by the 12 points of Kacy Moffitt and Amanda Mooney. Christi Holler added 8 points and 10 rebounds. Texas led at the half, 40-34.

UH comes from behind on Ags

COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS (AP) - Tim Moore scored 18 points and four other Cougars were in double figures as Houston erased an 11-point halftime deficit on the way to a 79-75 win over Texas A&M on Wednesday.

Damon Jones and Galen Robinson had 16 points each while Kirk Ford had 11 and Anthony Knox 10 for Houston (14-9, 8-3 Southwest Conference).

Tracey Anderson scored a game-high 21 points for the Aggies (11-13, 3-9) while Derrick Hart had 12 and Calvin Davis and Gary Nottingham scored 10 each.

The Aggies shot 58.8 percent in the first-half and canned 6-of-8 3-pointers on the way to a 46-35 halftime advantage.

Lady Ags come from back on UH

HOUSTON (AP) - Texas A&M made 12 of 13 points in the second half to come from behind and beat Houston, 86-85, Wednesday night behind the 25 points of reserve Angel Spinks.

Lana Tucker added 23 points for the Lady Aggies (16-9, 7-5 Southwest Conference), who trailed at the half, 44-40. Lisa Branche added 12 points, including 6-of-6 free throws, and 7 assists.

Tanda Rucker scored a career-high 31 points and a game-high 11 rebounds for Houston (11-12, 4-7).

The Lady Cougars made 19 of their first 24 shots, with Rucker hitting the first seven shots she attempted.

But the victory came at the free throw line, where A&M converted 18 of 21 and Houston only 11 of 22.

TCU fends off Rice

HOUSTON (AP) - Jeff Jacobs made two free throws with 14 seconds to play, and Texas Christian held off Rice, 70-67, Wednesday night. Rice missed a pair of 3-pointers in the final seconds.

Damion Walker scored 17 points to lead the Horned Frogs (12-14, 3-8 Southwest Conference). Byron Waits and James Penny added 13 points apiece and Anthony Burks 10 points.

Rice (13-11, 5-7) was led by Tommy McGee with 16 points. Robert Johnson added 15, Scott Oliver 12 and J.J. Polk 10 for the

Owls. TCU led throughout the second half. Rice never getting closer than four points until a basket by T.J. Armstrong and a 3-point basket by Johnson cut Rice's deficit to 68-67 with 15 seconds left.

Jacobs took the inbound pass and was immediately fouled, but made both his free throws for the final margin.

TCU was ahead only 9-8 after 4:03 but went on a 9-3 run that put the Frogs up 18-11 with 9:55 left in the half.

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Woman makes mark in ballooning record books

By RON WORD
Associated Press Writer
JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) - With her hot air balloon soaring to 32,657 feet over a California desert, Jacksonville balloonist Jetta Schantz grabbed nine world altitude records. But she almost died trying.

When she reached that altitude more than 6 miles high, the balloon's burners went out and its nylon cords inside melted and fell like spaghetti on her shoulders.

The balloon started falling at 1,500 feet a minute. It also began rotating every four to five seconds and started oscillating like a giant playground swing.

"There was a minute when I thought I was going to die. I felt real bad," she recalled.

When the balloon fell to 22,000 feet, Ms. Schantz strapped on her parachute, making plans to jump out at 10,000 feet if the balloon kept plummeting.

But at 18,000 feet, the burners relighted. The balloon slowed and she regained control before landing in the desert near China Lake, Calif.

Despite her brush with death in August 1994, Ms. Schantz, 36,

recently set nine women's duration records with a 15 hour, 11 minute flight, from McAlester, Okla., to Wellborn, Texas, a distance of 305 miles. She made the flight with just 160 gallons of propane fuel, leaving four 20-gallon fuel tanks on the ground to save weight.

"It was a calculated risk because I had to calculate I could still fly long enough with those four missing fuel tanks to set the new record," she said, "and make it to sunrise until I could land."

Taking off at sunset for her first night flight, Ms. Schantz said the balloon, which she calls "Feathers," was so heavy it was difficult to fly.

"I had to pay a lot of attention to what I was doing. Besides, it was dark," Ms. Schantz said. "When the full moon was overhead, it reflected through the top of the balloon and it looked like stained glass."

"The worst part of the flight was from 4 a.m. to 6 a.m. I was tired. I was tired of the dark. I was lonely and I was starting to get a little bit cold," she said.

To stay awake, she stood up and counted the icicles on her balloon -

there were 159. She also sang to help keep her spirits up.

But nothing lifted her spirits like the sun rising over the Texas prairie.

"I was so excited I was jumping up and down and whooping and hollering because it was like I could see the end of my goal," she said. "The sun coming up rejuvenated me."

Although the previous record was 11 hours and 10 minutes, Ms. Schantz set a personal goal of 15 hours. She descended after reaching that mark.

In 1993, she broke nine distance records when she soared 292 miles.

For her three record attempts, she flew a small AX-7 balloon. Since it is harder to fly than larger balloons, records set in the AX-7 also claim records in the AX-8 through AX-15 size categories.

Setting records in all three events - distance, duration and altitude - was a goal she set for herself six years ago. Another balloonist recently broke her distance records.

Ms. Schantz' altitude flight was honored by the National Aeronautical Association as one of aviation's "Ten Most Memorable Flights of 1994"

and she was given the Montgolfier Diplome from the Federation Aeronautique Internationale in Paris in October 1995, the highest international honor in the sport of ballooning.

Her husband, Rob Schantz, also is a balloonist and is Jetta's biggest fan.

"If the records were easy, everybody would be doing it. I wouldn't do what she has done," he said.

Ms. Schantz became hooked on balloons about 13 years ago when she lived in Tulsa, Okla., and was given a balloon ride as a birthday present.

"I started laughing and crying at the same time, my emotions were so

overloaded. There must have been something about the experience that really struck a chord in my heart and I was hooked," she said. "It changed my life."

Ms. Schantz, who used to work in radio and television in Tulsa and Oklahoma City, began working as a crew member for balloonists.

While operating her own public relations firm in Tulsa, she put together some small balloon events, and met her current husband, Rob.

The couple's Jacksonville company, Skysigns Unlimited, sells balloons, trains pilots and flies corporately. They also own a professional balloon

racing circuit called Balloon Tour America, a balloon competition similar to the NASCAR tour in auto racing. Pilots compete for points and prizes throughout the year to be able to compete in the finals.

"We are the only professional balloon racing circuit in the country," she said.

Together, they have put together more than 100 balloon events nationwide.

On each of her flights, Schantz carries a Bible verse given to her by her mother from Psalm 91, "He shall cover thee with His feathers, and under His wings shalt thou trust: His truth should be thy shield and buckler."

Names in the News

NEW YORK (AP) - "60 Minutes" correspondent Ed Bradley has a wild side. Sometimes, though, he just needs a nudge to show it.

Like the time he told Liza Minnelli he'd always wanted to get his ear pierced, but never had the nerve because of his high-profile job.

Revealing his secret wish during the 1986 interview, Bradley also told Minnelli about his nickname "Teddy," which friends use to describe the veteran reporter's fan side.

"I said 'You know, it's '60 Minutes' and all seriousness and gravity and all that,' but Teddy says,

"It's just an earring,'" Bradley said in the Feb. 24 issue of TV Guide.

"We were doing another interview the next day, and she gave me an earring and says, 'When you see Teddy, give it to him,'" Bradley said. "So that was when I went out and got my ear pierced."

Colleagues at "60 Minutes" had wide-ranging reactions.

"Oh, there was some shock," he says. "I think the original reaction was: 'I guess he wants to have it ... but he's not going to wear that on the air, is he?'"

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) - Morgan

Freeman remembers the "best actor" award he won at age 12 as his highest honor.

The accolade, for a school play performance in Greenwood, Miss., was on Freeman's mind Saturday when he accepted another Mississippi award, the Governor's Award for Excellence in the Arts.

"It was like a group pat on the back: a 'well done,'" Freeman recalled of his childhood honor. "Every time you give - particularly young people a 'well done,' they go on to do better, and I thank you for that."

Comics

The Wizard of Id by Brant Parker & Johnny Hart

Marvin By Tom Armstrong

BLONDIE by Dean Young & Stan Drake

BEETLE BAILEY By Mort Walker

Barney Google and Snuffy Smith By Fred Lasswell

Television

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 22

	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM
2	Eerie Ind.	MMC	Movie: My Bodyguard	Chris Makepeace	*** PG	Celine Dion: The Colour of My Love	Movie: Lincoln (1988) ***				
3	News	Ent. Tonight	Friends	Single Guy	Seinfeld	Caroline	ER	News	(35) Tonight Show		
4	Newshour With Jiji Lehrer	Great Drives	Mystery!		Mississippi, America	Computer	Charlie Rose				
5	Videos	(05) Movie: Double Impact	(1991) Jean-Claude Van Damme	**	(35) Movie: Kickboxer	(1989) Denis Alexio	**				
6	News	Wh. Fortune	Movie: The Bodyguard	(1992) Kevin Costner, Whitney Houston	***	News	Sainfield	Nightline			
7	Fam. Mat.	NBA Basketball	Chicago Bulls at Atlanta Hawks		News	Night Court	Simon & Simon				
8	News	Home Imp.	Terrors of the Deep	Rescue 911	48 Hours	News	(35) Late Show				
9	Roseanne	Simpsons	World's Funniest Outtakes	New York Undercover	Star Trek: Deep Space 9	M*A*S*H	Cops	Wanted			
10	College Basketball	Louisville at Cincinnati		College Basketball	Maryland at North Carolina State	Sportscenter	Basketball				
11	Waltons		Highway to Heaven	Rescue 911	700 Club		Three Stooges	Bonanza			
12	Movie: It Runs Family	Movie: Blown Away	Jeff Bridges	** R	Movie: Sleepwalkers	Brian Krause	R	Movie: Cafe Society	(1996)		
13	(5:15) Movie: The Scout	Movie: The Brady Bunch Movie	PG-13	Journey of the African-American Athlete		Comedy	Movie:				
14	Movie: Police-Mission	Movie: Nostradamus	Tcheky Karyo	** R	Movie: The Walking Dead	Allen Payne	Movie: Breaking Point	R			
15	Movie: The Hucksters	(1947) Clark Gable	***	Movie: Lov Is Better Than Ever	(1952)	Movie: High Wall	(1947) Robert Taylor	***			
16	Dukes of Hazzard	Life of Ernest Tubb		Prime Time Country		Club Dance	News	Ernest Tubb			
17	Invention	Movie Magic	Wild Discovery	Movie Magic	Know Zone	Promised Land	Movie Magic	Invention	Wild Disc.		
18	Equalizer		Biography		Ancient Mysteries	Voyages	Law & Order	Biography			
19	Commish		Unsolved Mysteries	Movie: Shadow of Obsession	(1994) Veronica Hamel	Unsolved Mysteries	Mysteries				
20	Colorado	College Basketball	Forham at St. Bonaventure	NBA Action	Press Box	College Basketball	Washington State at Stanford				
21	In the Heat of the Night	Movie: The Breakfast Club	(1985) Emilio Estevez	***	Movie: For Better or Worse	(1996) Jason Alexander	Movie:				
22	Doug	Tiny Toon	Munsters	Jeanie	I Love Lucy	Bewitched	M.T. Moore	Taxi	Kotter	Van Dyke	Newhart
23	Wings		Wings	Figure Skating	Skating Romance	Highlander: The Series	Silk Stalkings	Highlander			
24	Lazos de Amor		Acapulco Cuerdo y Alma	El Premio Mayor	Bienvendidos	Noticiero	P. Impacto	Movie:			
25	Naval Academy		Spies	Movie: LBJ: The Early Years	(1987) Randy Quaid	***	Year by Year	Spies			
26	RPM 2Night	Auto Racing	Extreme	NHL Hockey	St. Louis Blues at Chicago Blackhawks		NHL 2Night	Basketball			

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 23

	7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30	12 PM
2	Pooh	Care Bears	Gummy B.	Pooh Cnvr.	Dumbo	Umbrella	Fraggle	Ducktales	Chip 'n' Dale	Tale Spin	Movie:
3	Today				Leeza	Geraldo	Gordon Elliott	Our Lives			
4	TimeGrow	TimeGrow	Sesame Street	Lamb Chop	Storytime	Mr Rogers	Imagineland	Barney	Puzzle Place	Texas	
5	Gilligan	Bewitched	Boss?	Griffith	Little House on the Prairie	(05) Matlock	(05) Perry Mason	Movie:			
6	Good Morning America			Live - Regis & Kathie Lee	Montel Williams	Little House on the Prairie	News				
7	News			Court TV	Griffith	Charlie's Angels	Geraldo	News			
8	(6:00) This Morning	George & Alana		Carnie	Price Is Right	Young and the Restless	News				
9	Bobby	Aladdin	Lighty Max	Cubhouse	700 Club	K. Copeland	Christian	Gabrielle	Paid Prog.		
10	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Make a Deal	Make-a-Tune	700 Club	FIT TV	Rescue 911	Waltons			
11	Family Challenge	Movie: Young Winston	Simon Ward	*** PG	Movie: Assault at West Point	Johnson Whitaker	(10:55) Movie: It Runs in the Family	PG			
12	Hrppily	Movie: Milk Money	(1994) Melanie Griffith, Ed Harris	***	Movie: The Tuskegee Airmen	***	(15) Movie: In Pursuit of Honor	PG-13			
13	Movie: And	Movie: Magic Kid	2 Ted Jan Roberts	PG	Movie: Buck and the Preacher	*** PG	(45) Movie: Shipwreck	Robert Logan	*** G		
14	Movie: ** Let Us Be Gay	Movie: Doughboys	(1930) Sally Eilers	***	Movie: Reducing	(1931) Polly Moran	**	Movie: Full Confession	(1939) ***		
15	(Off Air)	VideoMornig						Crafts	Crafts	Wildhorse	
16	Paid Prog	Paid Prog	Understanding	Home	Start	Housemart!	Graham K.	Cuisine	Great Chefs		
17	Remington Steele	McMillan and Wife				Mike Hammer	Quincy	Equalizer			
18	Baby Knows	Your Baby	Sisters	Our Home	Biggers and Summers	Living	Our Home	Handmade			
19	Press Box	Workout	Plex & Blast	Get Fit	Gravity Golf	Powerrider	College Basketball	Washington State at Stanford	Basketball		
20	(6:30) Scooby Dooby Doo	Bugs Bunny	Flintstones	Gilligan	Gilligan	Knots Landing	Starky and Hutch	Angela			
21	Looney	Gumby	Rugrats	Busby World	Muppets	Allegra	Gullah	Rupert	Busby World	Eureka	
22	G.I. Joe	Woody	Knight Rider	Murder, She Wrote	Magnum, P.I.	Quantum Leap	People Ct.				
23	Plaza Sesa	El Chavo	Cheppirito	Papa Soft.	Dr Perez	Valentina	Morelia				
24	Year by Year	Classroom		History Showcase	Winston Churchill	Africa	Real West				
25	Flex Appeal	Bodyshape	Crunch	Bodyshape	Flex Appeal	Crunch	Gotta Sweat	Fitness	Flex Appeal	Bodyshape	Sports Babe

	12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30
2	(12:00) Movie: Thumbelina	Pooh	C. Brown	Quack	Disney's DTV Romancin'	Movie: Hans Brinker or the Silver Skates	Movie: D2:				
3	Our Lives	Another World	Jenny Jones	Maury Povich	Oprah Winfrey	News	NBC News				
4	Body Elec.	Great Drives	Watercolor	Earth	Earth	Reading	C. Sandiego	Science Guy	Wishbone	Science	
5	(12:05) Movie: The Jayhawkers	(1959) Garfield	Flintstones	Scooby-Doo	Brady	Saved-Bell	Saved-Bell	Fam. Mat.	Fam. Mat.		
6	Rush L.	One Life to Live	All My Children	General Hospital	Video	Jeopardy!	News	ABC News			
7	News	Perry Mason	Geraldo	Warner	Animaniacs	Fam. Mat.	Dreams	Saved-Bell	Saved-Bell		
8	Bold & B	As the World Turns	Guiding Light	Cur. Affair	Hard Copy	Ricki Lake	News	CBS News			
9	Paid Prog	Matlock	In the Heat of the Night	Taz-Mania	Eek!stravag	Batman	Goosebump	Full House	Fresh Pr.		
10	Bodybuild.	College Tennis	Senior PGA Golf	American Express Inv.	First Round	Sr. PGA	Inside PGA	Up Close	Sportsctr.		
11	Waltons	Highway to Heaven	Punky B.	I'm Telling	Wild Animal	Masters	Family Challenge	Newhart	Shade		
12	(12:20) Movie: Breaking Away	PG	Movie: The Lion	William Holden	***	Movie: Bugs Bunny	Movie:	Assault-West			
13	Movie:	(15) Movie: A Bunny's Tale	Kriste Alley	***	Movie: Milk Money	(1994) Melanie Griffith, Ed Harris	***	Movie: Pontiac Moon	**		
14	Movie: Off and Running	Cyndy Lauper	**	Movie: Black Beauty	Sean Bean	***	G	Movie: The Skateboard Kid	PG		
15	Movie: Strange Illusion	(1945) **	Movie: Until They Sail	(1957) Jean Simmons	***	Movie: The Unsuspected	(1947) Joan Caulfield	***			
16	Wildhorse	VideoPM			Dukes of Hazzard		Wildhorse Saloon	Club Dance			
17	Home	Start	Easy Does It	Home	Graham K.	Cuisine	Great Chefs	Popular Mechanics	Wings		
18	Equalizer	Columbo			New Mike Hammer	Remington Steele	Quincy				
19	Designing	Movie: Daddy's Dyle	... Who's Got the Will? (1990)	Spenser: For Hire	Cagney & Lacey	Supernat.	Designing				
20	Women's College Basketball	Drivemaster	On the Line	Skating	Movie: Death of a Centerfold	Stratten Story	In the Heat of the Night				
21	Angels	CHiPs	Wild, Wild West	Movie: Death of a Centerfold	Stratten Story	In the Heat of the Night					
22	Papa Beaver	Gumby	Tintin	Looney	Beetlejuice	Muppets	Chipmunks	Tiny Toon	Looney	Clarissa	Rugrats
23	(45) People's Court	Love Con.	(15) Love Connection	PGA Golf	Nissan Open - Second Round	Renegeade					
24	Morelia	Como Tu, Ninguna	Dulce	Cristina	Primer Impacto	Dr Perez	Noticias				
25	Real West	Naval Academy	History Showcase	Winston Churchill	Africa	Real West					
26	Sports Babe	NBA 2Night	NHL Hockey	St. Louis Blues at Chicago Blackhawks		Hockey: World Pee Wee Grand Final	ATP Tennis				

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2	(5:30) Movie: D2: The Mighty Ducks	PG	Movie: Ice Castles	Lynn-Holly Johnson	** PG	Trisha Yearwood	Movie: Lincoln	(1988) ***			
3	News	Ent. Tonight	Unsolved Mysteries	Dateline	Homicide: Life	News	(35) Tonight Show				
4	Newshour With Jiji Lehrer	Wash. Week	Wall St.	U.S. Senate Primary	Internet!	Previews	Wait for God	Manon	Manon		
5	Videos	(05) Movie: Bill & Ted's Excellent Adventure	(1989)	(15) Movie: Bill & Ted's Bogus Journey	(1991) **	Movie:					
6	News	Wh. Fortune	Fam. Mat.	Boy-World	Step-Step	Mr. Cooper	20/20	News	Sainfield	Nightline	
7	Fam. Mat.	Newhart	Wishes-Jrns.	Kana: Warrior Princess	News	Night Court	Simon & Simon				
8	News	Home Imp.	Due South	Diagnosis Murder	Wynonna: Revelations	News	(35) Late Show				
9	Roseanne	Simpsons	Strange Luck	X-Files	Star Trek: Voyager	M*A*S*H	Cops	Wanted			
10	Sportsctr.	NFL Great	PBA Bowling	Track Open	Billiards	Bloopers	Sportscenter	Speedweek			
11	Waltons		Highway to Heaven	Rescue 911		700 Club	Three Stooges	Bonanza			
12	Movie: Assault-West	Movie: The Inisall	(1994) Larraz Tate, Joe Morton	R	Outer Limits	Movie: Rags and Honor	R: Hostile				
13	Movie: ** Pontiac Moon	Movie: Hong Kong '87	Robert Patrick	R	ShiftLock	Movie: Strangers by Night					

Women's Health

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For most women, menstrual periods occur regularly every 21 to 35 days, except during pregnancy. Many women have occasional periods that are lighter, heavier, shorter, longer or missed altogether. Normally these variations are nothing to worry about. There are, however, several conditions that can interrupt your normal menstruation pattern, many of which can be corrected.

Skipped or irregular periods are not uncommon among teenagers just beginning to menstruate and women approaching menopause, because the body is adjusting to hormonal changes. For a woman with an established menstrual cycle, irregular periods can be caused by a temporary hormonal imbalance, weight changes and strenuous exercise. Some women never establish regular periods.

Emotional events such as the death of a loved one, divorce, moving to a new city or starting a new job can interfere with the delicate balance of hormones that regulate your cycle. Even going on a vacation, receiving a job promotion or going away to school can affect your periods.

Extreme weight problems can throw off estrogen levels that regulate your periods. Extra weight increases estrogen levels and can cause heavier flows or absent periods. Women who

are too thin may produce very little or no estrogen resulting in a complete loss of menstruation. This occurs most commonly in women with anorexia nervosa. Many women athletes do not menstruate on a regular basis, but will resume a normal cycle once they cut back on the amount of exercise.

Nonpregnant women who have not had a period for three or more months and who normally have a regular cycle and girls who have not started their period by age 16 have a condition called *amenorrhea*. The most common causes of amenorrhea include thyroid, pituitary, hypothalamus and liver disorders, and polycystic ovarian syndrome. Your doctor may need to test you for these disorders so that they can be treated, if necessary.

Other factors that can affect your cycle include oral contraceptives, fibroid tumors or endometriosis. The major reason for interrupted menstruation is pregnancy, of course. If you miss more than one period and have some common symptoms of pregnancy such as nausea and swollen breasts, you should have a pregnancy test.

If you are chronically irregular, yet basically healthy, your doctor may prescribe oral contraceptives, or other hormone therapy, to regulate your period. In general, see your doctor if you miss more than one period or you are concerned about other menstrual symptoms.

San Antonio church caters to deaf

By RON WILSON
San Antonio Express-News
SAN ANTONIO - Imagine going to a church where Scripture says people like you are demon-possessed. Where members say you are welcome, but don't take time to learn to say "hello" in your language.

Where you have to sit by yourself near an interpreter who's so slow you miss half the service. That's what many deaf people face every Sunday.

But the San Antonio Deaf Baptist Church is out to change that.

"There's no way to fully integrate deaf people into a hearing church," the Rev. Brance Long, church pastor, said through an interpreter.

At this church, he said, there is no language barrier.

All services are conducted in American Sign Language. Long speaks fluent ASL. So does the song leader. So do the church leaders. That's because they're all deaf.

Yet the service is anything but silent.

It is translated into English. And some of the songs, written by deaf people, are accompanied by the beat of a bass drum.

That lets the deaf "feel" the song and helps them meditate on its meaning, said English translator Joann Warren.

Though a visitor may be surprised to hear ASL translated into English, the reason is simple, Long said. The deaf have suffered language

oppression too long to practice it against the hearing.

Though some churches have deaf ministries, "cultural barriers" make them unappealing to the deaf.

"Deaf people think church is a hearing-culture function," he said. "They don't feel a sense of connectedness to that."

When they hear the Bible story of the deaf mute possessed by a demon, Long said, they bristle and say, "So you think I'm possessed by a demon because I'm deaf?"

Also, "It's rare that you'll go to a church where there's an interpreter with phenomenal skills ... who understands deaf culture."

That results in information transfer so slow it's a waste of time.

"That's why many well-educated deaf people don't go to church."

These cultural barriers, Long said, give his church a unique role in reaching the deaf.

The use of mass media is of little value, he said, so the church stresses lifestyle evangelism, living God's love day to day so that others notice the difference.

And one-on-one witnessing is key.

Because many deaf feel that Christianity is a hearing-culture, English-language, Eurocentric phenomenon, Long said the church emphasizes that God is spirit and speaks to everyone in a unique way.

Warren, whose 15-year-old daughter is deaf, agreed. When her daughter was young, she asked, "When I go to heaven, will Jesus know sign language?"

"I said, 'Of course he will. Absolutely. God is spirit. In heaven, everyone can hear.'"

But presenting God's word to the deaf has its own challenges.

For example, he said, idioms simply don't translate well into ASL, a highly literal language.

Jesus' parables, however, do.

"(They) present theological concepts in pictures. (They) are a wonderful segue into ASL."

And though some Bible passages may appear to slam the deaf, others have a special meaning such as Mark 7:31-37, where Jesus heals the deaf man.

"Jesus communicated gesturally to this person," Long said.

"Before he did anything, he made sure this deaf person knew what was going on."

"And when Jesus said 'Be open' ... it's not just the ears, it was all the other things incorporated in the experience of the deaf person" that were opened.

Long said he became a Christian when he was 17, a frustrated high school student who started running with the wrong crowd.

He heard God's call to the ministry when he was in college. Though he was doing well good grades and good friends he was unhappy and had started drinking again.

One night, he said, he knelt in prayer and turned his life over to God. The very next day, a friend came by with an application to be a summer missionary.

Long, a bivocational pastor, works full time as a lab technician in the

interpretation training program at San Antonio College.

He has completed two years of his theological training: a major feat for a father of two with two jobs.

The church holds its main service 11 a.m. Sunday at Trinity Baptist's Thrift Chapel.

Long has nothing but praise for his church's sponsors: Trinity, which has allowed his church full autonomy, and the San Antonio Baptist Association, where he's treated as a peer, not a stepchild.

Though things are going well, Long has a vision for his church.

He wants to move into new quarters where it can grow, where it will be fully independent and self-sufficient.

And he wants to reach the core of the deaf community which may number 34,000 people.

But with less than 50 active church members, "the harvest is great, but the workers are few."

For now, the church is waiting of God's guidance, and planning its 10-year anniversary celebration, which begins Feb. 29 with a revival and banquet.

The distance is nothing: it is only the first step that is difficult.

—Mme Du Deffand

Hints from Heloise

Dear Heloise: One night during a thunderstorm, the lights went out. I realized I had a whole box of tapered candles but only one set of holders. I took baby-food jars, stood the candles up and poured salt around them. It worked great and even looked nice.

Baking soda or other nonflammable material could be used to fill any small jar. — Terri Rushford, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio

You are a smarty! We tested this in the office and loved it. The salt really held the candles well. As an added bonus, we put a few drops of food color in it first and stirred well, which made it beautiful.

Thank you so much for writing and sharing your very helpful hint. — Heloise

LIPSTICK

Dear Heloise: How do I salvage the last part of my lipstick? It's such a waste. Surely I'm not the only one

who wants to know. — Mrs. Samuel Ort, St. Louis

No, you aren't, and here are some hints to use. Simply scoop out the remaining lipstick with a clean metal nail file and transfer it to an empty pillbox or powder compact. Then, either use it as is or mix together with other leftover colors to form a new shade. All you need to do is use a lip brush to apply it.

If you don't want to transfer the leftover lipstick to another container, just dab a lip brush around in the bottom of the lipstick tube and apply. You'll get the last little bit and no more wasting. Remember, a penny saved is a penny earned! — Heloise

PANTYHOSE

Dear Heloise: The new 2-gallon zipper bags are just great and I have solved the last-minute stress caused when I cannot find a pair of good pantyhoose.

I labeled bags New, Good, Slacks

and For Tomato Plants (this one contains a pair of scissors so I can cut off the legs, as my husband swears pantyhose are the best thing to tie tomato plants).

Whatever the occasion, I can quickly find an appropriate pair. — Carol A. Kinelski, Richmond, Ky.

JUNK MAIL

Dear Heloise: About junk mail: One day I complained to our mail carrier about it. He said, "Mary, look at it this way. There are days that we have only junk mail to deliver. Without it, we wouldn't have a job."

Let's give our mail carriers a break. Accept the junk and put it where it belongs, in the trash. — Mary Z., Lewistown, Pa.

Send a money- or time-saving hint to Heloise, PO Box 795000, San Antonio TX 78279-5000 or fax it to 210-HELOISE. I can't answer your letter personally but will use the best hints received in my column.

Rebekah Lodge met Tuesday

Hereford Rebekah Lodge #228 met Tuesday evening with 11 members present.

Past noble grand Peggy Lemons presided in the absence of the noble grand.

Eleven visits to the sick and 17 cheer cards were reported. Cards were signed for members who are sick.

Rosalie Northcutt read "Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow," author unknown.

The meeting closed with retiring of the flag and members singing the altar song "Evening Prayer."

Nan Rogers served as hostess to Lemons, Northcutt, Frankie Ruland, Dorothy Lundry, Mary Lou Weatherford, Ursalee Jacobsen, Ben Conklin, Tony Irlbeck, Jessie Mathews and Susie Curtsinger.

George Washington's inauguration was held at Federal Hall in New York City. It took Washington a little over one week to travel from Mount Vernon to New York.

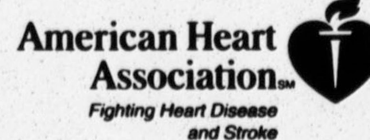


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Entertainment

Creepy 'X-Files' aims to take viewers on scare ride

By LYNN ELBER
AP Television Writer
LOS ANGELES (AP) - Chris Carter, creator of "The X-Files" and television's reigning horror merchant, has the rapt attention of his writing staff as he describes a vivid little scene.

A man sits in front of his TV set. In the attic above him, a rotting corpse begins to silently shed the vermin which infest it.

"They crawl down into the ceiling ... and it's drip, drip," Carter intones. "The maggots are dripping into my den." This, it turns out, is no "X-Files" plot; it's Carter's own woe-filled tale of a dead rat in his house.

Yuck, says a visitor. Oooo, murmur the writers, continuing to nibble happily on frozen yogurt treats.

This is what passes for light banter during a script session for Fox TV's sleekly morbid drama about a pair of FBI agents, Fox Mulder and Dana Scully, who probe UFOs, government conspiracies and freakish crimes.

Obviously, being in the right frame of mind helps to craft the dark and clever stories that have turned many Friday night TV viewers into "X-Files" junkies and made stars of lead actors David Duchovny and Gillian Anderson.

In a homey-looking bungalow on the Twentieth Century Fox lot in

West Los Angeles, Carter and staff conduct a painstaking appraisal of each episode as it progresses from concept to finished script.

The focus of the meeting is a 4-by-5-foot bulletin board covered with a couple dozen index cards noting, succinctly, the plot points of each of an episode's four acts and the opening "teaser" scene.

The person with the task of delivering a completed script talks through the story, using the cards as reference points. In this session, writer Jon Shibban is telling the tale of a vengeful Army veteran turned killer.

Every twist and turn is up for debate, including the injuries that make the character an improbable murder suspect. Shibban has described him as a quadriplegic who uses an out-of-body trick, astral projection, to kill.

It's not quite enough for Carter. "I think you should go all the way," the creator-producer says; he wants to see the character turned into a quadruple amputee, a more helpless and haunting figure.

That's the startling sensibility Carter brings to the series. He turns out a fair number of scripts himself, especially those dealing with the drama's pivot point, the obsessive quest by Mulder (Duchovny) to prove

aliens are here.

Episodes written by others still bear his stamp; the soft-spoken Carter is a protective if low-key parent of the series that films in Vancouver, British Columbia.

One plot twist in the astral projection drama, an abortive suicide, draws an approving nod from Carter. "That's a cool scene," he says, betraying his roots as a native Californian who spent five years editing Surfing magazine.

"There's no creepy boo scene here," he comments.

(His droll sense of humor pervades

the series: "Would you say your hair is normal or dry?" a serial killer asks captive Scully in one episode as he prepares a bizarre ritual bath.)

After Carter and the group weigh in on a story, the main writer heads for the seclusion of office or home to create the finished 43-minute, 11-second script.

That, according to staff writer Darin Morgan, is when the pressure kicks in.

"You have so many production people up in Vancouver, waiting for your script so they can begin work. If you're late, you're causing

enormous production problems. You've got \$1 million riding on you," he says, the approximate price tag for each "X-Files" hour.

Locations must be scouted, costumes created and the limits of special effects explored.

"You have to know what you can do," Morgan says. "You can't just write 'There's a huge explosion.' If there's going to be a big effect like that, they (the production crew) need to know in advance."

Other scripts in various stages of preparation are moving down the line. The show's motto is "The truth is out

there," but the real goal is trying to stretch the limits of frightful fun.

In this week's episode by writer Vince Gilligan (airing at 9 p.m. EST), a man seemingly capable of bending people to his will plays a dangerous, manipulative mind game with Mulder.

Carter sees no end to the extreme possibilities. "I have faith there are hundreds of good 'X-Files' episodes out there," he says.

"I just want nothing more than to scare the pants off people for 24 episodes this year. That's all I set out to do anyway.... It's a ride. And the steeper the roller coaster, the better."

Ex-child star Drew Barrymore takes on new challenge -- being an adult

By DEBORAH HASTINGS
Associated Press Writer

Drew Barrymore is getting a new role and it's a real departure - adulthood.

The adored cherub who stole scenes and hearts in "E.T.: The Extra-terrestrial" and then went on to spend years mired in personal problems most adults struggle to overcome, turned the ripe old age of 21 on Feb. 22.

Adulthood may hold no magic for one who has already sampled many of its most seductive vices. Consider: quaffing champagne at age 8 (on a dare); wrestling with a drinking problem by 9; smoking marijuana at age 10; snorting cocaine in the bathrooms of Hollywood and New York's most trendy nightclubs at 12; rehab and recovery at 14; writing a tell-all autobiography at 15 and married and divorced at 19.

"The clubs were my life,"

Barrymore wrote in "Little Girl Lost" of her life at age 12. "Everything I loved - drinks, guys, music, excitement - was inside."

Barrymore, the granddaughter of legendary actor John Barrymore, says her circle of friends "always had drugs" and that in Manhattan, pot and cocaine were as easy to get as a newspaper. "There were many times when we actually bought pot right down at the newsstand."

While her peers were graduating from elementary school, she had graduated to cocaine.

"My mind seemed to have a huge neon sign in it that blinked nonstop: COKE. GET COKE. So I did. It was great for dieting, partying, and picking up my mood."

Becoming an adult may solve one of the problems that's plagued her as a girl: trying to be like those around her, "wanting to fit in so badly and to be at (adult) level so badly," she

told The Associated Press. "I thought that was what I was supposed to do."

Finally, mom stepped in.

At age 14, Drew was in rehab. And like her daughter, Ildiko Jaid Barrymore got help herself. Together, the duo rebuilt their family.

Even sober, life was not easy for Drew. She took on meatier movie roles, as a promiscuous teen in 1992's "Poison Ivy" and a troubled teen experiencing "Mad Love" in 1995. She also starred in "Boys on the Side" and "Bad Girls."

She hasn't regained the star status she attained in 1982 as Gertie in Steven Spielberg's "E.T."

Not long after turning 19, Drew eloped with a 31-year-old British bar owner, but it didn't last. Soon, she proclaimed herself "like, so in love with my boyfriend," Eric Erlandson, guitarist with the rock band Hole, fronted by Courtney Love, another troubled young woman exuding raw

pain under a public spotlight.

Drew Barrymore carries on, despite nettlesome publicity. People magazine last year placed her on their "worst-dressed list." She raised more than a few eyebrows by raising her shirt and exposing her bare breasts on "Late Night with David Letterman," in honor of the host's birthday last year. She later made the gossip columns for taking it all off in front of customers at a downtown Manhattan strip club.

"I've never been happier in my life or more comfortable in my skin, which is the greatest feeling, because before, I'd always been so uncomfortable in it," she told an interviewer recently. "I've molded myself into the person that I am. I still have a road to travel to be the kind of person I aspire to be."

"When you don't have a family, as so many of us don't," she said, "you have to go out there and create your own."

This week in entertainment

By The Associated Press
Entertainment highlights during the week of Feb. 22-28:

40 years ago: Elvis Presley had the No. 1 hit with "Heartbreak Hotel," a true story about a suicide in a hotel room.

30 years ago: The Cavern Club, early Liverpool haunt of the Beatles, closed after its owners went bankrupt.

20 years ago: The Eagles' "Greatest Hits" became the first album in the United States to be certified platinum for selling 2 million copies.

10 years ago: Wham! announced it was breaking up. And Pulitzer Prize-winning poet and author Robert Penn Warren was named the first "poet laureate" of the United States.

TOP MOVIES

1. "Down and Out in Beverly Hills"
2. "Wildcats"
3. "The Color Purple"
4. "The Delta Force"
5. "Murphy's Romance"

TOP TV SHOWS

1. "The Cosby Show"
2. "Family Ties"
3. "Murder, She Wrote"
4. "60 Minutes"
5. "Golden Girls"

BIRTHDAYS

- Feb. 22: Actor Robert Young, 89; actor Kyle MacLachlan, 37.
Feb. 23: Actor Peter Fonda, 57.
Feb. 24: Actor Edward James Olmos, 49; CBS newswoman Paula Zahn, 40.
Feb. 25: Former Beatle George Harrison, 53; actor Sean Astin, 25.
Feb. 26: Musician Johnny Cash, 64; musician Fats Domino, 68; actor Tony Randall, 76.
Feb. 27: Actress Joanne Woodward, 66; actress Elizabeth Taylor, 64; consumer advocate Ralph Nader, 62; 37; first child Chelsea Clinton, 16.
Feb. 28: Actor Charles Durning, 73; actor Gavin MacLeod, 64; dancer Tommy Tune, 57; actress Bernadette Peters, 48; actress Greta Scacchi, 35.

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Sep	0.90	+0.01	0.89
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Dec	0.75	+0.01	0.74

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Jul	1.00	+0.01	0.99
Aug	0.95	+0.01	0.94
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Valley farmers discouraged; grain to replace cotton crop

By PAULINE ARRILLAGA
Associated Press Writer

MONTE ALTO, Texas (AP) - Aaron Shields kneels on his 1,500-acre farm and grabs a fistful of dirt. Sifting the chocolate strands through his fingers, he grins wistfully.

"See how cool this is," he says, the smile disappearing. "This would have been perfect for cotton."

Any other year, Shields would have planted cotton in this field. Instead, his crop of choice is grain. It's not that cotton won't do well, he says.

"The problem is, everybody's spirit is broken."

Shields' sentiments were echoed by other growers as cotton planting got under way this week in the Rio Grande Valley. While the reasons differ from farm to farm, growers are planting less cotton than they did prior to last year's disastrous season.

"We have a lot of contributing factors," said Wayne Labar, executive director of the Valley Cotton and Grain Producers Association. "Grain prices are good, cotton prices just mediocre. We have a water shortage. The bad year last year affected financing."

"There's a lot of uncertainty down here," he said.

Last year's failed crop has left growers wary. They produced a dismal 54,101 bales, compared with 307,943 bales the previous year, and lost \$140 million in sales. The total

impact to the region was an estimated \$420 million.

On top of the financial loss, the disaster created an emotional rift.

Farmers took sides on the cause, with many blaming the state's boll weevil eradication program. After a divisive battle, growers in January voted nearly 3-to-1 to discontinue the pesticide-spraying effort.

But even farmers who cheered the program's ouster are planting less cotton this year. One reason, they said, is the leftover debt they incurred from participating in the program.

Growers still owe \$9 million and must pay \$12-\$18 toward the debt for every acre of cotton they plant, even though spraying has stopped.

Several farmers have said they are considering filing a lawsuit against the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation, which oversees eradication programs statewide.

Supporters of the eradication program also are planting fewer acres of cotton but said the recall election had nothing to do with it.

"We planted more than we should have last year," said Santa Rosa farmer Charlie Eubanks, who is farming 600 acres this year compared with 1,100 acres last year. "We got to looking at the economics of it without seeing any benefit, so we decided to pull back a little."

Eubanks said he believes other growers are planting less for the same reason.

"They planted a ridiculous amount of cotton last year," he said.

But Willard Fike, who farms a 2,000-tract of land east of Edinburg, said he is concerned that beneficial insects haven't bounced back from last year's pesticide spraying.

"Everybody's scared to death because we don't know if we're going to have recovery of our beneficials," he said.

Fike planted 800 acres of cotton last year, but only 100 acres survived. This year, he's planting 130 acres.

Another factor is that the disaster left many growers in debt and unable to secure financing for this year's crop.

Shields, whose 880 acres of cotton were wiped out last year, said he owes more than \$500,000 to the bank that financed the crop. Two other banks turned him down for financing this year.

He'll plant 50 acres of cotton this year and farm grain on the rest of his land, but Shields says money had little to do with his decision.

"I could easily say I don't have the money to grow it, but I think it's more that I'm brokenhearted," he said.



Strong men coming to town

The Strike Force, a group of athletes who demonstrate feats of strength combined with evangelism and motivational speaking, will be in Hereford next week for a series of meetings. The evening sessions will be at 7 p.m. daily on Sunday through Wednesday in the Bull Barn. There is no cost to attend. The event is sponsored by the Hereford Ministerial Alliance. The group also will make appearances in Hereford schools during the week.

Courthouse Records

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Returning Power to the States

Justice Louis Brandeis once said that the states should be laboratories of democracy. But since World War II, Congress has increasingly relegated them to being regional administrators of federal programs. Washington's hand has been growing heavier and heavier. It spends too much of its time telling the states what to do and how to do it.

Texans have become increasingly unhappy under the federal yoke, and now other states have joined us in pressing for a restoration of our rights under the Constitution.

And the tide is turning. The 104th Congress is living up to its commitment to return power and sovereignty to the states, acting on the premise that government is best that is closest to the people.

This process of "devolution," as it is called, is under way in a number of areas. A primary, if not earth-shattering, example of returning responsibility and self-determination to the states was the measure Congress passed last fall that did away with the national speed limit. Now, Texas and other states again may set their own speed limits without reference to federal requirements.

Other devolution targets include:

- Environmental decisions — Legislation in the pipeline would allow states to grant variances to federal rules so that overly rigid environmental standards can be altered to conform to local conditions, while still carrying out the intent of the law. Federal regulators will be required to work in closer consultation with state and local governments, and to protect state-granted water rights.

- Medicaid — Right now this item consumes a quarter of the Texas state budget. We are working with the National Governors' Association to block-grant this massive program and put the states, which administer it, back in control. Texans should decide the most efficient way to run Medicaid for the Texas population. The reforms we have proposed will provide state governments with more flexibility and the authority to determine eligibility and benefits.

- Welfare — The welfare bill Congress has passed (and the President rejected) would let the states decide such questions as who gets welfare, how much, whether to continue payments for illegitimate births, and set work requirements. We will persevere with welfare reform until the states are back in control.

- Endangered Species Act — Under the new Endangered Species Act proposed by the Senate, states would be consulted before new species could be designated.

And this is by no means a complete list. For 50 years Washington has sidestepped the 10th Amendment to the Constitution, which makes it clear that the federal government enjoys certain, specific powers — and no others. That amendment was passed on the insistence of many of the original states because they feared in the 18th century exactly what happened in the 20th century: that a government meant to be limited would grow far beyond its original parameters.

The 10th Amendment established a preference for local government, a preference that has been generally ignored for the past 50 years. The devolution movement is under way to reinvigorate that preference, and allow Texans to get on with the job of self-government.

Build on the Dream



A committee of civic leaders will kick off a community fund-raising campaign, "Build on the Dream", February 12-26, which will benefit further improvements to the Hereford Aquatic Park site.

A campaign goal of \$40,000 has been set. All proceeds of this campaign will be directed to this park only, for the purchase of 100 large trees and the material expense for construction of a covered picnic pavillion, concrete picnic tables, benches and barbecue grills.

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