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Rollover

Hereford emergency services units were called to an accident scene 1.6 miles east of Hereford at 2:27 p.m. Monday. The Department of Public Safety reported that Charlie Pierson of Hereford was westbound on Highway 60, when he apparently fell asleep at the wheel. He drove off into a bar ditch and ran over a cement culvert, which caused the car to rollover. Pierson, his wife, Nora, and six-year-old granddaughter, Jamie Pierson were taken to Hereford Regional Medical Center for further observation.

American Airline pilots flying solo with demands

DALLAS (AP) - American Airlines pilots will be flying solo in their quest for a bigger paycheck and job security. They're pitted against management, many of their coworkers, the traveling public and President Clinton.

The aviators, who already are among the highest-paid workers in the nation, say they expect no sympathy and know they'll be isolated in pressing their contract demands.

"They're going into this with their eyes wide open," said union

president Jim Sovich.

The pilots have been negotiating with American since 1994. This past week, talks dissolved and the pilots declared a strike.

The potentially crippling walkout, which could have affected one of every five U.S. air passengers, lasted mere minutes before President Clinton intervened to stop it.

The White House action merely postponed the showdown between management and the Allied Pilots Association, which represents about 9,300 American pilots.

Now, a Presidential Emergency Board will consider the two sides' arguments.

In addition to wages, the dispute revolves around who will fly small jets that American plans to buy to replace turboprops now used on commuter-length flights.

The three-member board has 30 days to recommend a settlement. If either side rejects the deal, the pilots can again strike after another 30 days and only Congress can stop them.

The pilots' decision to take the contract fight this far has left other American workers stuck in the middle. The flight attendant union, which had its own strike in 1993, is officially supporting the better-paid pilots, who make an average of about \$120,000 a year.

On the other hand, many members of the Transport Workers Union of America, which represents about 27,000 mechanics, simulator pilots, ground instructors, dispatchers and meteorologists, have been vocally opposed.

The Air Line Pilots Association, which represents turboprop pilots at American Eagle, who average about \$35,000 a year, is trying its best to stay neutral.

Since ALPA represents the 1,900 pilots at American Eagle, as well as jet pilots from several other major carriers, its membership is seeing both sides of the dispute over who should fly the small commuter jets.

APA wants its pilots to fly the 70-100 seat jet, while American parent company, AMR Corp., wants its cheaper American Eagle subsidiary to move into jet cockpits.

Capt. Homer Pugh, chairman of the American Eagle union's Executive Council said he recognizes the jet pilots' right to pursue a fair labor contract, but is concerned about rhetoric that may lead some people to question Eagle pilots' qualifications to fly jets.

APA officials say the two groups speak informally on a regular basis. Clinton's call for a Presidential Emergency Board is the first made since the Johnson administration.

Senate panel dealing with Bush's tax plan

AUSTIN (AP) - Sen. Ken Armbrister wants to know why a six-pack of donuts is subject to the state sales tax but a dozen donuts aren't.

Armbrister, D-Victoria, on Monday said a Senate committee formed to deal with Gov. George W. Bush's plan to replace local property taxes with new state taxes will look at every related question, including the taxation of donuts.

Under Bush's proposal, pending before a Texas House committee, lawmakers would create a new business tax, raise the state sales tax and commit \$1 billion in general state funds to replace about \$3 billion in school funds currently collected via local property taxes.

Bush has said replacing local school property taxes as the main funding source for Texas schools would be fairer to all Texans and would be a more stable source of money.

Armbrister said he doesn't know of any lawmaker opposed to reducing local property taxes. But he added

that no one has come out in full support of the governor's plan to pay for the cuts.

"We're not saying it's a wrong way right now," Armbrister said. "It's just that we have an opportunity here if changes need to be made."

A special House committee already is working on the governor's plan. It would impose a 1.25 percent tax on all businesses in Texas with more than \$500,000 in total receipts. They could deduct the cost of inventories and capital investments.

The plan also would raise the sales tax and the motor vehicle sales tax by a half-cent, from 6.25 percent to 6.75 percent.

Armbrister said he'd like to find a way to avoid raising the sales tax. He said that could be done by making the sales tax apply more uniformly to similar products.

For example, Armbrister said sales taxes are charged on a six-pack of donuts because they are considered a "packaged meal." A dozen donuts aren't taxed.

"We're going to look at why when you buy a sack of potatoes it's not taxed, but if you buy a bag of potato

chips, it is taxed," Armbrister said.

Such changes could help the plan bring in more money. But Armbrister said he also has some ideas that could reduce the amount of money expected to be generated by the tax changes.

Under the proposed business tax, only capital investments and the cost of inventories could be deducted. Armbrister said he also would allow businesses to deduct the cost of employee benefits.

He also would repeal a \$200-a-year professional services fee charged to doctors, lawyers, accountants and other professional licensed by the state.

Armbrister said he's not sure of the cost of the benefits deduction but said repealing the professional services fee would cost \$112 million every two years.

He said depending on the cost of the benefits deduction, the 1.25 percent business tax might have to be raised.

"The downside is ... every time you change something you've got to have a new (cost) model to see 'What does it do to my district?'" Armbrister said.

Schools hold spelling bee eliminations

Local schools are holding elimination contests to determine participants in the annual Deaf Smith County Spelling Bee, which is scheduled March 6-7.

The county champion will be determined on Friday, March 7, in a 3 p.m. Senior Bee in the Heritage Room at the county library. A Junior Bee (4th-5th graders) will be held at 3 p.m. Thursday, March 6.

Brigham Brown, 13, of Hereford Junior High, claimed the county title last year. Runner-up was Erin Louder, 13, a 7th grader at Community Christian School.

The senior bee on Friday will have school winners from the 6th through 8th grades. The junior bee champion will also spell in the finals.

Local businesses will provide prizes for the top spellers in each division, reported O.G. Nieman, county bee director. Bera Boyd will be the pronounced again this year.

Filings for local boards underway in Hereford

Local elections for the city commission, HISD school board, and the hospital board have been set for May 3, and Monday was the first day that candidates could file for office.

First to throw his hat in the ring was Tom Coneway, who filed Monday for Place 3 on the Hereford City Commission. Coneway is co-owner of Well Surveys Co., and has farming interests in the Milo Center area.

Coneway is a native of Hereford and has lived here most of his life. He is a 1974 graduate of Hereford High and a 1977 graduate of Texas Tech University. He and his wife, Betty, have three children.

City commission Places 1 and 3, held respectively by Sylvana Juarez and Scott Hall, and the term of Mayor Bob Josseland are up for election in the city voting.

In the school district, the positions of Karen Sherrod, District I; Randy Tooley, District II; and a seat vacated by Roy Dale Messer in District VI are up for election.

On the Deaf Smith County Hospital District board, the terms of Mal Manchee, Jo Beth Shackelford and Scott Keeling will be up for election.

Seven directors are on the hospital board with trustees serving staggered two-year terms. Candidates for this board are required to file a petition signed by not less than 25 qualified voters asking that their names be placed on the ballot.

Deadline for filing for office is March 19. Early voting will begin April 14.

Astronauts fix scope during fifth spacewalk

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) - Making a fifth and final spacewalk, astronauts fixed the Hubble Space Telescope's torn insulating cover Monday night with bits of foil, wire, clips, plastic twists and parachute cord.

Mark Lee and Steven Smith hung quiltlike patches over splits in Hubble's thin, reflective insulation, apparently damaged by sun exposure during seven years in orbit. They clipped the 9-inch-by-16-inch pieces of material to rails and knobs on the telescope.

In a spot where the insulation was cracked but not yet ripped, the Discovery crewmen stretched two wires to prevent the material from tearing.

It was frustrating work. At one point, Lee cursed. The spacewalkers had to work by the light of their helmets; much of the job took place on the night side of Earth.

Mission Control added the spacewalk to shuttle Discovery's flight so Lee and Smith could finish the insulation repairs begun by two colleagues the night before.

The astronauts discovered the damage last week while installing the state-of-the-art scientific gear that will allow the telescope to look

deeper into the universe.

With the sort of ingenuity used on Apollo 13, the crew cobbled together the patches early Monday as Gregory Harbaugh and Joe Tanner installed the last of Hubble's replacement parts, and did a little mending, too.

Working 375 miles above Earth, Harbaugh and Tanner covered two gaping holes near the top of the 43-foot telescope with pieces of Teflon-coated material 3 feet long and 1 foot wide. They attached the blankets, brought along to repair possible pinholes, to knobs and rails with wire and string.

The task of hanging the homemade patches over the lower electronic compartments was considered more difficult and more critical. The astronauts salvaged the material, meant for just such a problem, from the cargo bay.

NASA managers were relieved at how well the first repairs went. "It was a good feeling," said Mike Weiss, a Hubble service manager.

The repairs were nowhere near as crucial as those performed during Apollo 13's aborted moon mission in 1970. The three astronauts saved their lives by using tape and the cardboard covers torn from their flight manuals to restore the spacecraft's system for cleansing the air of carbon dioxide.



Puppy love

Gerald Baca, 11, gets a wet kiss from a dog, while playing in the Aquatic Center Park. Schools were closed for President's Day. Baca and other students took advantage of the school holiday and warm temperatures, which reached 69 degrees on Monday. Baca is the son of Israel and Daphne Mariscal.

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Local Roundup

Reception planned

A reception honoring departing HISD employees Charles and Barbara Greenawalt is scheduled for 4:30 p.m. Thursday in the Administration Building banquet room. The program will begin at 5 p.m. The Greenawalts have accepted positions with Kingsville ISD beginning in March.

Spring TAAS testing set

The Exit level Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS) writing, math and reading tests will be given Feb 25-27. The tests will begin at 8:30 a.m. All sophomores will test for the first time at the high school. The junior and seniors who have not taken or who have not passed a section or sections of the TAAS will be tested at the administration building. Transportation will be provided for seniors. Buses will leave at 8:20 a.m. from the high school. All students in Texas must pass all sections of the test to be eligible to receive a high school diploma. All freshman will take a practice TAAS test on Feb. 25 and will attend school all day on Tuesday. Students not testing will not report to school on these three days until 11:25 a.m.

Chamber banquet tickets on sale

Tickets are on sale for \$14 for the Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce banquet, which will be held March 13. The tickets can be purchased from any Hereford Hustler, C of C board member or at the C of C office, 701 North Main. Josh Davis, the winner of three Olympic gold medals in the 1996 Atlanta Games, will be the guest speaker. For more information, contact the C of C at 364-3333.

Rain in the forecast

Hereford reached a high of 69 degrees on Monday with an overnight low of 39 degrees, according to KPAN Radio. For Tuesday night, look for a few thunderstorms, then rain developing after midnight. The low will be near 25. Rain is in the Wednesday's forecast. It will be cool with a high near 45. The five-day forecast calls for cloudy skies and good chance of rain.

Emergency Services

Activities reported by law enforcement agencies last weekend:

POLICE DEPARTMENT

- 31-year-old male arrested for driving while intoxicated in the 200 block of Lee Street.
- 20-year-old male arrested for driving while intoxicated in the 100 block of South 25 Mile Avenue.
- 21-year-old male arrested for DPS traffic warrants in the 300 block of Ranger.
- 30-year-old male arrested on warrants in the 500 block of Myrtle.
- 17-year-old male arrested for traffic violations in the 500 block of Avenue K.
- 18-year-old male arrested for public intoxication in the 100 block of South 25 Mile Avenue.
- Domestic disturbance reported in the 700 block of Stanton Street.
- Theft reported in the 500 block of West First Street.
- Criminal mischief reported on South Main and Austin Road.
- Three curfew citations issued.
- Six speeding citations issued.
- Fifteen other citations issued.
- Two accidents reported.
- 34-year-old female arrested for public intoxication in the 200 block of Avenue J.
- Aggravated assault reported in the 800 block of South 25 Mile Avenue.
- Theft reported in the 2900 block of East First Street.
- Criminal mischief reported in the 300 block of West Sixth Street.
- Theft reported in the 2900 block of East First Street.
- Criminal mischief reported in the 600 block of Irving Street.
- One minor accident reported

with no injuries.

- Seven citations issued for unrestrained child.
- Three citations issued for speeding.
- Twenty-seven other citations issued.
- 38-year-old male arrested on a Randall County warrant.
- 17-year-old male arrested on felony burglary of a building warrant.
- Domestic assault reported in the 200 block of East Park Avenue.
- Theft of beer reported in the 1300 block of East Park Avenue.
- Theft of beer reported in the 400 block of East First Street.
- Bicycle reported stolen in the 200 block of Catalpa.
- Bicycle reported stolen in the 200 block of West James Street.
- Burglary reported in the 300 block of North Miles.
- Three juveniles taken into custody after being found burglarizing a store in the 1100 block of East First Street.
- Twenty-one citations issued.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

- Dispatched to a fire in the county.
- Structure fire reported one mile north of Avenue K.
- Dispatched to an accident on East Highway 60.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

- 31-year-old male arrested for violation of probation.
- 50-year-old male arrested for theft by check.
- Two domestic disturbances reported.
- Harassment reported.
- Burglary reported.

Spelling champions

Walcott School, located in Western Deaf Smith County, announced the winners of its school Spelling Bee.

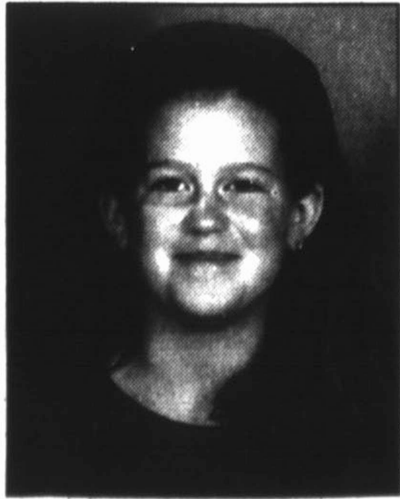
The fifth-grade champion was Chanse Ortiz. He is the son of Darla and Cipi Ortiz.

The sixth-grade champion was Jessica Matsler. She is the daughter of Mary and Jeff Matsler.

These school winners will compete in the Deaf Smith County Spelling Bee, which is to be held March 6-7 in the Heritage Room of the Deaf Smith County library.



CHANSE ORTIZ



JESSICA MATSLER

Whitewater prosecutor's departure favorable sign for Clinton loyalists

WASHINGTON (AP) - Clinton loyalists see the impending departure of Whitewater prosecutor Kenneth Starr as a favorable sign, but other lawyers familiar with the investigation say the big decision is still to come on whether to take legal action against the president and first lady.

In a surprising development, Pepperdine University President David Davenport said Monday that Starr will step down from the probe to take a full-time job Aug. 1 as dean of the law school and school of public policy.

Left unanswered was what would happen to the Whitewater probe, and precisely what Starr's plans were with regard to it.

"I think it is inconsistent with the orderly conduct of this investigation for me to continue indefinitely as independent counsel once I have moved my family to Los Angeles, but the precise timing has yet to be determined," Starr said late Monday when he arrived at the airport in Little Rock, Ark.

He said the investigation would be unaffected.

"What we're trying to do is conclude this as promptly as possible, but consistent with a very comprehensive and thorough investigation," Starr said.

The Clintons' Whitewater lawyer, David Kendall, did not comment.

But there was quick reaction from lawyers who have watched the three-year criminal investigation, some of them Clinton partisans and others associates of Starr - none of whom agreed to let their names be used.

"If Starr were going to do anything to the president or first lady, he'd have to be here to see it through, he wouldn't be taking a full-time job elsewhere," said one lawyer. "I see this as great news (for the Clintons)."

Another lawyer cautioned against reading too much into it.

"Will the probe end soon or will a new Whitewater prosecutor take over? I don't think we know enough to say based on the limited facts out there," said the lawyer.

"My assumption from talking with Ken in the interview process is that the investigation will go forward," the Pepperdine president said in an interview. "I think he feels confident that there is a good team of people in place who are working on it and he has several more months to be part of the investigation before he reports for duty out here."

Davenport said he also assumed from his conversation with Starr that "there will be some combination of Ken completing a chapter of his work and turning that over to some associates in whom I know he has a lot of confidence."

The White House had no official comment on Starr's decision, though aides privately speculated that the prosecutor must not intend to indict

President Clinton and his wife, Hillary.

Said a former presidential aide: "Is Starr going to indict the first lady

and then leave for the West Coast? I don't think so."

Starr's prosecutors have been compiling a memo several hundred

pages in length - most of it pertaining to the first lady - that lays out the evidence gathered in the investigation.



Just climbing around

Four-year-old Josiah Bustamante climbs up the playground equipment at the Aquatic Center Park. Bustamante is the son of Ignacio and Hope Bustamante. The high temperature in Hereford was 69 degrees on Monday. The five-day forecast calls for cloudy skies and a chance of rain.

Water use plan falls short, says environmental group

AUSTIN (AP) - Water management legislation filed on the heels of last year's withering drought is a good step, but falls short by not curbing Texans' virtually unfettered right to pump water from beneath their property, the Sierra Club says.

The so-called "right of capture" basically allows property owners to pump as much water as they like from under their land, regardless of how it affects adjacent landowners.

Those who oppose changing the principle say it's a basic property right. But Ken Kramer of the Lone Star Chapter of the Sierra Club environmental group said Monday that argument is flawed.

"There is no protection to a property right in groundwater if your neighbor can put in a bigger pump and a bigger well and pump out more water than you can, and potentially ... deplete the aquifer to the point where you can no longer draw water from it through your own well," Kramer said.

The bill's author, Sen. J.E. "Buster" Brown, has said it will be up to local governments to decide whether to impose water use limits.

"If water districts coordinate and work together in coming up with a plan, we will avoid a competition to see who can build the biggest water pump on their property," Brown, R-Lake Jackson, said when he introduced the measure.

On Monday, Brown said he has discussed the water legislation with the Sierra Club and other groups and would continue to do so.

"I hope these groups are interested in continuing to work with us as we move forward in our attempt to create the best solution for the water needs of this state," he said.

Kramer said the legislation doesn't assure regulation of groundwater

withdrawal if a local groundwater district fails to act. He said regulation by groundwater districts could be workable if there were a strong state backup in case local districts didn't take action.

Changing the right of capture could be done through separate legislation, Kramer said. If unable to

enact a change in this legislative session, Kramer said he'd support a study in time for the 1999 Legislature.

Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock, who presides over the Senate and supports the water bill, said he doesn't favor changing the rule of capture at this point.

Obituaries

MANUEL ESTRADA SR.

Feb. 18, 1997

Manuel Estrada Sr., 81, of Hereford, died Tuesday.

A rosary service will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Rose Chapel of Gililand-Watson Funeral Home. A funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Thursday in San Jose Catholic Church with Father Domingo Castillo, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in West Park Cemetery.

Mr. Estrada was born Oct. 15, 1915. He married Ofelia DeLeon in 1944 in Morton. He came to Deaf Smith County in 1963 from Corpus Christi.

He had worked as a hospital custodian. He was a member of San Jose Catholic Church.

Survivors include his wife; five sons, Robert Campos of Austin, Leonel Estrada of Corpus Christi, Noe Estrada of Hereford, Tito Estrada of Hereford and Manuel Estrada Jr. of Austin; four daughters, Hilda Armandariz of Vega, Mary Ellen Villovas of Hereford, San Juanita Estrada of Austin and Ofelia "Feli" DeVaney of Amarillo; two brothers, Armando Estrada and Alfredo Estrada of San Francisco, Calif.; 32 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

LUCY COTTAM

Feb. 14, 1997

Lucy Marie Wyatt Cottam, 75, of Hereford, died Friday.

Services were at 2 p.m. Monday in Rix Funeral Directors Chapel with H. Wyatt Bartlett, pastor of Temple Baptist Church, officiating. Burial was in West Park Cemetery.

Mrs. Cottam was born in Meridian. She was raised in Kress and graduated from Kress High School. She married Homer Lee Wyatt in 1940 in Plainview. They moved to Muleshoe in 1952 and lived there until Mr. Wyatt's death in 1964. She was also preceded in death by her second husband, Bernard Cottam, in 1995.

She had lived in Hereford for the past 28 years. She was a member of Greenwood Baptist Church. She was preceded in death by a son in 1962.

Survivors include two daughters, Gennelle Ward of Hereford and Elaine Parker of Muleshoe; nine grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Association.



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

9-0-3
(nine, zero, three)

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

24, 28, 30, 33, 37

(twenty-four, twenty-eight, thirty, thirty-three, thirty-seven)

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

3-27-28-37-39-45

(three, twenty seven, thirty seven, thirty nine, forty five)

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

2-0-3
(two, zero, three)

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Lifestyles

Brownd retraces steps of WWII in presentation to Los Ciboleros

Gid Brownd, ex-staff sergeant in the 13th Air Force, presented the program at the recent meeting of Los Ciboleros Chapter NSDAR.

Brownd spoke on "The Solomons Then and Now; Retracing My Steps." He presented a narrative of his years in World War II and his recent return to many of the sites, along with a slide presentation.

The meeting was held in the home of Margaret Durham with Jean Beene as co-hostess.

Regent Juanita Brownd, assisted by chaplain Ruth Knox, led the Opening Ritual. Kathryn Ruga led the Pledge of Allegiance; Mary Williamson, the singing of "America"; Margaret Bell, the American's Creed;

and Helen Rose, the Preamble to the Constitution.

Ruth Newsom gave a Constitution minute on Abraham Lincoln, who was born Feb. 12, 1809, in Kentucky and was the 16th President of the United States.

The President General's message was reviewed by Argen Draper. Mrs. Charles K. Kemper, president general, reported on the renovations being accomplished at Constitution Hall and expressed the importance of the 1997 theme, "Providing Education" to our young people.

Charlotte Clark reviewed from the February 1997 National Defender an article by Elizabeth Oglesby Haugh on national defense spending cuts

coming in 1997.

Ruga, chairman of the American history essay contest, filed a complete report on the contest and advised that the names of the winners had been published in *The Hereford Brand*.

The next meeting will be March 13 in the home of Ruth Knox. Jim Crownover with the USDA Soil Conservation will present a program on conservation.

Special guest in attendance was LeRoy Williamson.

Members present were Lois Gilliland, Nell Norvell, Donna Smith, Bell, Beene, Brownd, Clark, Draper, Durham, Knox, Rose, Ruga and Williamson.



Tickets for dinner

Jayne Euler, right, and Peggie Fox check over their tickets for Hereford Pilot Club's Mexican stack supper to be held from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the Community Center. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children under 12. Carry out is available at no additional charge. Tickets can be purchased in advance from any Pilot Club member or at the door.

Ann Landers

Dear Ann Landers: I live in Crown Point, Ind., and I'm enclosing a news item from the Gary Post-Tribune about another goofy judge. Magistrate Clarence Murray sentenced Michael J. McCrovitz to 90 days' probation after he pleaded guilty to invasion of privacy.

That may sound fairly innocuous, but let me tell you what happened. The victim met McCrovitz two years ago. Since then, her home has been burglarized, her car vandalized and her possessions destroyed. She testified that McCrovitz once held her by the neck and forced her to swallow pennies, among other things I won't mention because you couldn't print it. She was so afraid of this man that she lived with friends or in her car for almost five months.

Court records show he has victimized other women. One said he strangled her with an electrical cord and stuffed cotton in her mouth until she passed out.

This man did not dispute the charges. He is obviously very dangerous, and yet the judge, Clarence Murray, let him go free. You can be sure we have not heard the last of him. -- Betty in Indiana

Dear Betty: Thank you for yet another entry in the strange and inexplicable Judicial Decisions Sweepstakes. Please let me know if there is a follow-up.

Dear Ann Landers: I'd like to tell your readers that the rule of courtesy, "ladies first," which males are taught early in life, does not always apply. There are some situations when a lady is expected to go last, for instance: when getting off a bus; when getting out of a taxi, bus or limo (unless there's a doorman); when walking through a train; when weaving the way from table to dance floor and back; when looking for seats at the movies (unless there's an usher); when climbing in and out of

a small boat (unless it's sinking); when walking up and down stairs or escalators; when pushing through a revolving door; and when proceeding toward a table in a restaurant (unless there's a waiter leading).

In all those examples, as you've probably noticed, the gentleman is expected to go first to help the lady in some way or another. He gets off the bus first so he can offer his hand. He goes through the train first so he can open and close that long succession of heavy doors. He serves as advance scout at movies and restaurants unless an employee leads the way. He runs interference through crowds, staying slightly ahead of the woman, so she can follow comfortably in his wake. He acts as both guide and possible fall-breaker going down stairs or escalators. (Going up, he goes first mainly for reasons of the woman's modesty.) In boat boarding and debarking, the main purpose of the male leading is to be in a position to help the woman up or down the ramp, which can be precarious.

Common sense dictates most of these practices. Your grandmother's etiquette book had nothing to say about revolving doors, but your beau knows instinctively that his initial strength is helpful in getting a heavy door moving. He goes first in order to push.

Men should also go first any time that not doing so will cause confusion. On crowded elevators, for example, observing the "ladies first" rule can be a sheer nuisance. Whoever is closest to the door should get off first, man, woman or child.

Thanks for letting me give your readers a lesson in manners, Ann. -- New York

Dear New York: On behalf of all the males you educated today (and their ladies), I say thank you.

Feeling pressured to have sex? How well-informed are you? Write for Ann Landers' booklet "Sex and the Teen-ager." Send a self-addressed, long, business-size envelope and a check or money order for \$3.75 (this includes postage and handling) to: Teens, c/o Ann Landers, P.O. Box 11562, Chicago, Ill. 60611-0562. (In Canada, send \$4.55.)

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Two-part program for Bippus presented by Homfeld, Larson

Members of the Bippus Family and Community Education Club responded to roll call at the recent meeting by answering the question, "How do you pamper your body?"

Mariellen Homfeld presented one section of the program on "Prescription for Good Health," then assisted by Christine Larson gave a presenta-

tion on "Age Page."

The meeting was held in the home of co-hostess Sue Thweatt with Alta Mae Higgins as hostess.

Following a luncheon, club president Homfeld called the meeting to order with Kate Bradley leading the opening prayer.

Mattie Lewis was recognized as a visitor.

Volunteer hours were reported and committee reports were given.

The hostess displayed a completed quilt which club members had pieced and quilted.

The annual Tasting Bee will be March 4 at the Community Center and Homfeld encouraged members to enter a craft project, which has been completed this year, in the Tasting Bee Craft Show.

A reminder was given of the Appreciation Luncheon which is scheduled for Feb. 24.

Members present were Larson, Bradley, Higgins, Homfeld and Thweatt.

The next meeting will be March 12 with Bradley as hostess.

Beene presents program to club

The Lone Star Study Club met Feb. 11 in the home of Wilma Goetsch with Betty Jo Carlson as co-hostess.

Jean Beene gave the program on her trip to Turkey last year, with emphasis on the ancient city of Ephesus, illustrated by a large map of the Roman Empire.

Members present were Oneita Davidson, Margaret Ann Durham, Byrdie D. Fellers, Mildred Fuhrmann, Naomi Hare, Roxie Phipps, Verna Sowell, Ruby Stevenson, Gladys Willoughby, Willie Witten, and the hostesses.

Douglas named on honors list

Kimberly Brooke Douglas, a freshman elementary education major at Southern Nazarene University in Bethany, Okla., has been named to the President's Honor Roll for the 1996 fall semester.

To be eligible for the President's Honor Roll, a student must complete at least 12 credit hours with a straight-A average (4.0 grade point average.)

Hospital Notes

Report from Hereford Regional Medical Center on Feb. 18:

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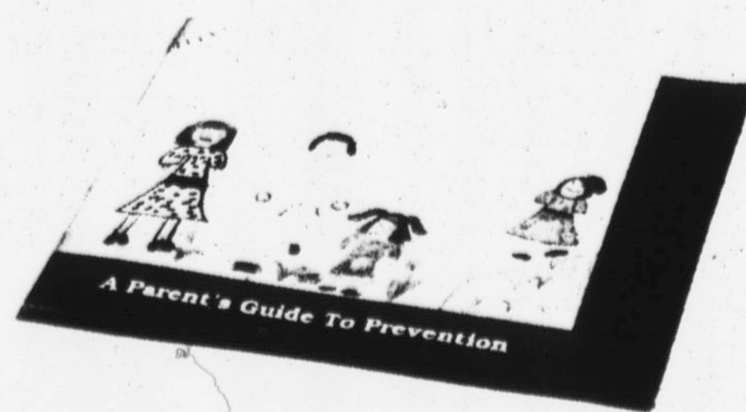
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Sports

Second-half run lifts Levelland past Lady Whitefaces



Hereford's Misti Davis looks for a place to drive the ball during the third quarter of Saturday's Region I-4A quarterfinals bout with Levelland. Levelland won, 47-36.

TOMMY WELLS
Managing Editor

PLAINVIEW - The clock finally struck midnight for the Hereford Lady Whitefaces Saturday night. And the Levelland Loboettes, in front of approximately 1,500 fans in Wayland Baptist University's Hutcherson Center, delivered the news. Levelland scored 27 points in the final 16 minutes and claimed a 47-36 victory and the Region I-4A quarterfinalist trophy.

Levelland head coach Dean Weese, who has guided the seventh-ranked Loboettes to a playoffs in each of the past 17 years, didn't sound like a gloating victor, however. He smiled and agreed that his team is the past and present in girl's high school basketball. And that the Lady Whitefaces could be the future.

"They're a very talented team that has a lot of good, young players," said Weese. "I wouldn't be surprised

at all to see them making the playoffs and doing very well. They have nothing to be ashamed of. They're a very good team," he added.

What Hereford did was become one of the winningest teams in the school's history. The Lady Whitefaces, under head coach Eddie Fortenberry, put together a 23-8 record and became the first Hereford team to ever qualify for the University Interscholastic League playoffs.

"I'm very proud of this team," said Fortenberry. "There's no need to talk about the negatives. There are very few programs the caliber of Levelland, and we proved tonight we can play with them."

"These girls worked extremely hard. I think they realize the hurt (of losing), but they realize that it can be turned into a good thing. We're going to bounce back. We're going to be one of the teams to beat next year," Fortenberry added.

It didn't look as if the Herd's run was going to end during the early minutes of the contest. Hereford's outside game looked as if it was guided by radar, and its defense effectively switched a half-court to full-court press that gave the seventh-ranked Loboettes fits.

Levelland, now 28-3, actually got off to a good start, banking home a

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Myers finally gets nod as Texas Tech's AD

By **MARK BABINECK**
Associated Press Writer

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) - Texas Tech's Gerald Myers dropped the "interim" from his athletic director's title Monday, keeping the reins of a recently successful program awaiting the outcome of a year-long NCAA investigation.

Tech President Donald Haragan ended nine months of speculation with the announcement. The decision actually became apparent Sunday, when Minnesota associate athletic director Jeff Schemmel, the only other finalist, withdrew his name.

At a news conference Monday, Myers talked about improving Tech athletes' academic performance, which has come under scrutiny lately.

"A lot of work remains to be done. We want to have the best academic services in the country," Myers said, adding that individual coaches must follow through on the commitment.

The NCAA told Texas Tech last Feb. 28 that it was investigating possible men's basketball and football violations. The NCAA notice followed a series of Houston Chronicle stories containing allegations of academic fraud.

The Chronicle reported Sunday that unidentified sources said junior running back Byron Hanspard and outgoing senior lineman Casey Jones had 0.00 grade-point averages last semester.

The two played in the Alamo Bowl despite not having passed any classes. There is no NCAA rule preventing the practice.

Also Sunday, Schemmel took his name out of the hat, saying he didn't want to uproot his family. Haragan emphasized Monday that Myers already had edged out Schemmel in a close race.

"Gerald Myers was our choice," said Haragan, who was sensitive to

questions addressing Schemmel's withdrawal. "I don't know the timing that everything occurred, but let me emphasize that Gerald was our choice."

Myers, 60, was an all-league basketball player for Tech in 1958, the school's first year in the Southwest Conference. He coached the team for 20 seasons, ending his tenure in 1991 with a 326-261 record.

He has been an administrator since then, becoming associate athletic director in 1995 then interim AD in June after Bob Bockrath left Tech to become Alabama's athletic director.

In his eight months on the job, Myers has overseen Tech's first year in the new Big 12 Conference.

"I'm looking forward to working with these coaches and this staff," Myers said. "I'm one of the luckiest alumni from this school."

Haragan touted Myers' continuity in the program as a major factor, saying that made him an excellent choice to handle the results of the NCAA probe, whatever - and whenever - they may be.

In recent years, Tech teams have been prominent nationally.

Sheryl Swoopes led the women's basketball team to the 1993 NCAA championship, the men's team went deep in the tournament last year and the football team - first led by star running backs Byron "Bam" Morris, then Hanspard - has played in four straight bowl games.

During the drawn-out selection process, many Tech coaches told the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal that they wanted to see Myers take the job permanently.

"It was never about pressure," said James Dickey, who followed Myers as the basketball coach and was an ardent supporter. "It was about supporting someone deserving of this opportunity."



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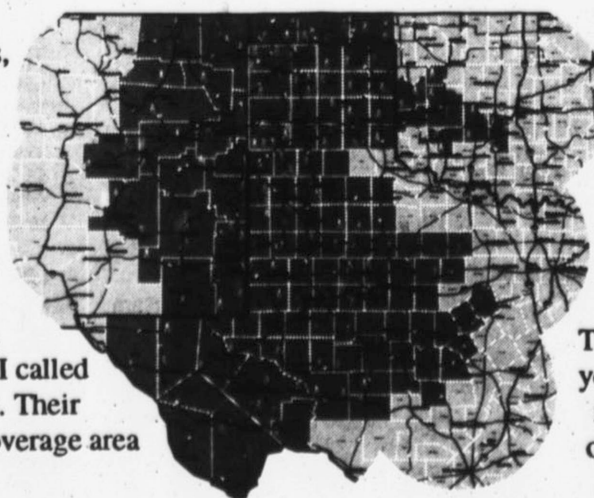
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Arrowhead Mills earned the YMCA Co-Ed B Division Volleyball crown by downing Side Out 15-7, 16-14 in the championship game. Members of the Arrowhead Mills team include: (back row, left to right) Alonso Ramirez, Shannon Alejandre, Wdward Villareal, (front row) Michele Zamora, Ernie Villareal and Raquel Martinez. Not pictured is Flo Zamora.

Taft ISD lets students elect new football coach

TAFT, Texas (AP) - There are lots of Texas towns where the high school football coach is popular enough to get elected. Taft might be the only town where the football coach was elected.

Freshmen, sophomores and juniors at Taft High School have elected Keno Aleman, an assistant coach in nearby Corpus Christi, over two other candidates to serve as head football coach and athletic director.

Taft superintendent Don Madden said he and a selection committee came up with a list of 10 qualified candidates after Rick West resigned the post in September.

Herd

pair of short baskets and then pushing home a 3-pointer from the left wing and an inside layup to grab a quick 9-2 ledger.

That lead lasted less than a minute, however. After Catie Betzen had buried a three from the right side to cut the LHS lead to 9-5, Makeesha Rives heated up. The sophomore guard knocked down back-to-back threes that knotted the game at 11-11 with 2:47 left to play in the first quarter.

The Hereford defense stood out in the final three minutes of the period, holding the Loboettes scoreless.

Julie Rampley capped the Lady Whitefaces' effort with 38 seconds left in the first. She put back a Betzen miss late to give Hereford a 13-11 lead heading into the second.

Levelland reclaimed the lead 14 seconds into the second. Again, though, it was only a brief advantage.

After the Loboettes had gone up 14-13, Sarah Ramey scored on a short jumper inside and drew the foul. The 6-foot junior completed the three-point opportunity and gave Hereford a 16-14 lead with 7:33 left. Ramey's three-point play set up another Hereford bomb - a 3-pointer from Misti Davis that gave the Lady Whitefaces a 19-14 cushion.

Levelland managed to come back. The Loboettes reeled off six straight points late in the stanza and regained a 20-19 lead.

Rives sank the front end of a one-and-one free throw opportunity with 21 seconds remaining to send the game into the half tied at 20-20.

Hereford's luck came out of the locker room after the intermission. The Lady Whitefaces shot just 35

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percent from the floor in the second half.

The first 5:05 of the third quarter was hard on the Herd. Levelland opened the frame with an offensive flurry. The Loboettes pumped in five shots from the field and then added two free throws in the first 5:05 of the third and streaked to a 32-22 lead.

Rampley ended the Lady Whitefaces' second-half drought by tossing up a three point shot with 1:55 remaining in the stanza. Hereford's only other points prior to that had been an eight-foot jumper from Davis in the opening seconds of the period.

Levelland wasn't through. The Loboettes wrapped two field goals around a Betzen trey in the final minute and went into the fourth holding a 36-28 lead.

The Lady Whitefaces battled to within nine of the Loboettes in the fourth. Following two baskets from Ramey, Davis converted two-of-three free throw attempts to cut the LHS advantage to 43-32.

Levelland regained the momentum down the stretch from the free throw line. The Loboettes hit on 7-of-12 attempts from the charity stripe in the final eight minutes.

With the loss, Hereford closed out its 1996-97 season with a 23-8 record.

"I think this is going to help us," said Rampley after the game. "We learned a lot tonight. We got a taste of it this year, and I think it will most definitely help us next year," she said.

Fortenberry, who has guided the Hereford program to 45 wins in the past two years, agreed.

Nelson ship last of J's to Nets in nine-player swap

DALLAS (AP) - If there was ever any doubt, it's gone now. Don Nelson means business as front-office boss of the Dallas Mavericks.

Nelson dumped overweight center Oliver Miller promptly after his arrival 11 days ago, then traded Jamal Mashburn to Miami for three players. Nelson finished the purge Monday night with a staggering nine-player trade that sent Jim Jackson to the New Jersey Nets along with All-Star Chris Gatling and three others.

In return, the Mavericks got 7-foot-6 center Shawn Bradley, forward Ed O'Bannon and point guards Robert Pack and Khalid Reeves. The Nets also received guards Sam Cassell and George McCloud and center Eric Montross.

The trade is believed to be the largest between two NBA teams in the last 25 years, league spokesman Chris Brienza said. In 1964, there was an eight-player deal between Detroit and Baltimore involving Bailey Howell, Bob Ferry and Rod Thorn, now an NBA vice president.

For the Mavericks, the blockbuster swap followed Friday's trade of Mashburn to the Heat for three players and the December deal that sent Jason Kidd to Phoenix for Cassell, A.C. Green and Michael Finley.

Though he didn't name players, Nelson said bad attitudes in the Mavericks' locker room prompted his swift and sweeping moves.

"There were just so many negative things about this ball club," he said. "This locker room shocked me. It's not acceptable and will not be acceptable from this point on. I observed it, watched it and basically got sick about it."

Coach Jim Clemons, whose team is 16-31 in his first season, looked and sounded stunned by Monday's move.

"Obviously, Nellie thought there were things that had to be done, and

he came in and made some changes," Clemons said. "Hopefully, this will come to a point in time where we can get settled for the rest of the year."

"We're going to sit down and evaluate them and see what we have."

With this deal, Dallas has no players remaining from last season's roster. Rookie forward Samaki Walker has been on the Mavericks' roster the longest, having been

drafted last June.

Veteran guard Derek Harper was signed in July.

"From the beginning of the season to now, we have traded away our top seven players," said McCloud, who watched from the stands as Dallas beat Vancouver 100-95 despite suiting up only eight players. "I don't know if that's ever been done in this league before, but Don has done it."

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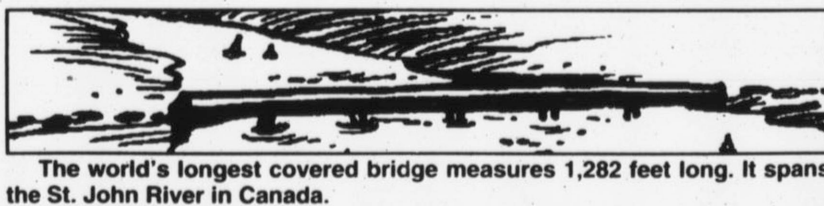
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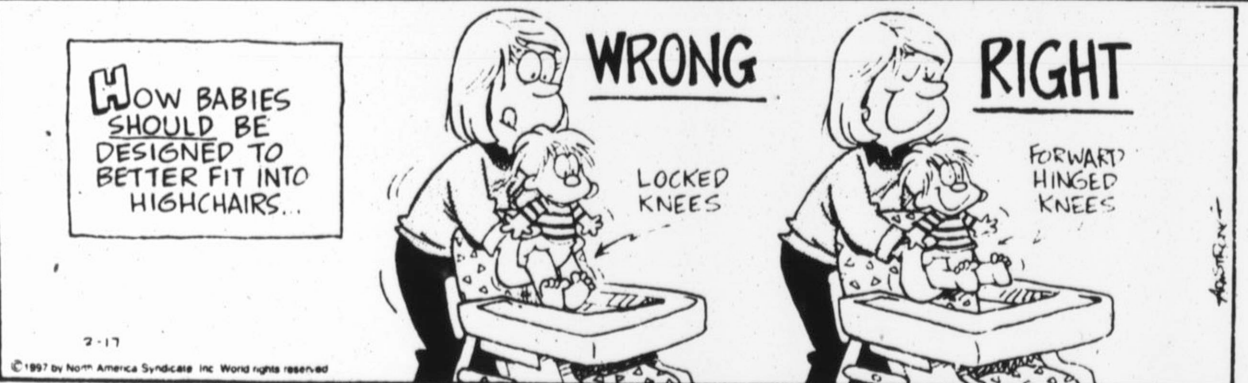
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The Promised Land Network is hosting its first 1997 Southern Plains Study Club at 7 p.m. Thursday in the Central Public Library in Amarillo.

The meeting will begin with a facilitated discussion of the book *The Land: Place as Gift, Promise and Challenge in Biblical Faith* by Walter Brueggemann.

Brueggemann's work gives a concise, readable discourse of the centrality of land in the Biblical literature of the Hebrew and Christian scriptures.

At 8 p.m., the second part of the study club will feature two 20-minute presentations on topics that relate to Brueggemann's book.

Bishop Leroy T. Matthiesen, of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Amarillo, will give an address titled "10

Biblical Principles of Land Stewardship," and Beverly Gattis, director of STAND of Amarillo, Inc., will speak on the topic, "Relating Biblical Land Stewardship to Social Activism."

The question-and-discussion period will follow each presentation. The meeting will adjourn at 9 p.m.

The PLN sponsors Southern Plains Study Club meetings as a format for public education and discussion on issues vital for shaping Southern Plains regional agriculture and rural communities towards long-term sustainability.

Meetings scheduled in 1997 are exploring the role of human institutions and action in U.S. agriculture, and addressing the general question: "How can the responsibilities of men, women and

children be changed, enhanced or challenged in order to build a more sustainable agriculture in the 21st Century?"

This year's study club meetings serve as a year-long preparation for the 9th Annual Southern Plains Conference: "Embodying Husbandry: Family Responsibilities in a Sustainable Agriculture," to be held on Jan. 10, 1998, at the Radisson Hotel in Amarillo.

Interested persons living outside the area or unable to attend the meeting can obtain information and summary notes on past and future presentations in the Study Club series electronically. Send your email address to the PLN office in Hereford (806-364-4445, fax: 806-364-4005, or email: pln1@wrt.net).

Maintain level of fitness with exercise even when weather outside is frightful

The Panhandle wind is howling 40 miles an hour outside your door. The thermometer is hovering around the freezing point. Of course, you can't exercise. Right? Wrong.

Carolyn Jansa, RN, WNP, the nurse practitioner at the Hereford Women and Children's Health Clinic, says that exercise is a necessity, regardless of the weather. "Whether it is winter or summer, cold weather or hot, your body still needs regular exercise," she said. "Most health experts recommend 20 minutes four or five times a week as a good way of maintaining your level of fitness."

How do you accomplish that if you don't have a fitness center close by? Here are some suggestions that Ms. Jansa made:

*March to commercials. When you're all relaxed in the evening watching your favorite television show, get up out of your easy chair and march in place during the commercials. You'll be surprised to find that you can get in 10 to 15 minutes of exercise (in one to four minute increments) during most one hour television shows. Isn't that better than just staring at the irritating commercials?

*Buy a good exercise video tape and put in on every morning before you jump in the shower. If you check the video stores, you'll find a huge selection. One of them should be just right for your current level of fitness.

*Use the stairs at work. Make a pact with yourself that you'll always

climb stairs instead of taking the elevator.

*Park far away from the stores. Leave the parking spots close to the store for the teenagers who are scared to walk four feet. By parking away from the stores, you'll get some extra added exercise.

*On those beautiful winter days, when the thermometer reaches into the sixties, get outside and walk.

"We all seem to have a 'cocooning' instinct in the winter time," Ms. Jansa said. "Who doesn't love sitting by a roaring fire, drinking hot chocolate, eating stew and chili? Just remember that your heart and lungs, in fact your entire body, still need the benefits of exercise. Don't let rotten weather be an excuse. Get up out of your chair, and start moving!"



Valentine royalty

Hereford Care Center residents were treated to a family night and Valentine party last Thursday, then two residents were crowned as Valentine royalty. Selected as king was Fred Stagner and queen was Sara Walton. Music for the occasion was provided by Gerald and Debbie Lindsey and Janet Rector.

May date set for annual meeting

The Mid-Plains Pioneer Association annual meeting will be held May 24, 1997, in the Bull Barn, according to the information released by the association.

Homer Rudd, president, presided over a recent planning meeting as suggestions and ideas are gathered for the 74th annual meeting of the association.

The next planning meeting will be

at 1:30 p.m. on April 21 in the Heritage Room of the Deaf Smith County Library.

Anyone wishing to help with this event is welcome to attend.

In attendance at the last meeting were Bill Bradley, Kate Bradley, Benny Womble, Christine Larson, Grace Covington, Beverly Harder, Alta Mae Higgins, L.J. and Wilma Clark, and Rudd.

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SS class hears safety program

Kingdom Seekers Sunday School Class of Avenue Baptist Church heard a program on home security and safety at its regular meeting recently at K-Bob's Steak House.

Carol Keyes, Hereford police officer, gave the presentation.

In attendance were Nancy and G.W. Duncan, Trudie and Jack Gray, Perry and Andy Keyes, Velma Carroll, Ruby Skelton, Roberta Royal, Ruby Stevens, Pauline Landers, Dorothy Sargent, Kathy Keyes, Rosie Wall, Erma Bain, Jessie Sumner and Luella Thomas.

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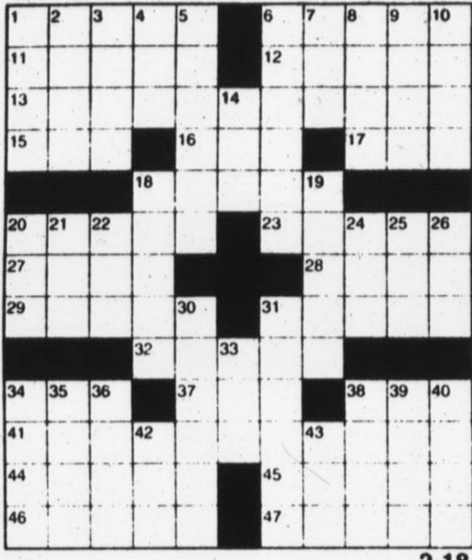
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Older generation make up majority of town

Violet residents fear younger generation may soon leave town

By KAREN BROOKS

Corpus Christi Caller-Times
VIOLET, Texas - In Violet, sind die Jungen leute ausgewandert.

Translated from German: In Violet, the young people have left. Or they soon will, some residents of this small community fear. "I guess when we're gone this is all going to be in

the past," said 63-year-old Jeron Hoelscher, surveying the interior of the historic Violet Museum on U.S. Highway 44.

"I don't know what's going to happen after this generation." On a recent afternoon he stood inside the museum and chatted with buddies Frank Cain, Bill Bernsen and David

Kircher, all of whom have roots in Violet's German beginnings. A smattering of German slang punctuated their conversation.

One of Violet's oldest residents, 93-year-old Katherine Bernsen, said she is among the majority in terms of the age of Violet's residents.

"The community people that still live here have lived here all their lives, and they are the older ones," said Katherine, who is Bill Bernsen's mother. "The younger ones have all married and moved away. That's the problem around here." Katherine was 5 years old when her family moved to Violet in 1910, the year it was settled. Hoelscher's and Kircher's grandparents also were among the founding families of this community of German descent.

Kircher, 52, runs the museum and is the president of the Violet Historical Society. His grandfather, Henry Stock, was the town's postmaster for 20 years before the post office closed in 1944. Soon after, the county-operated Violet School

District 18 was consolidated into the Tuloso-Midway Independent School District, where the community's children now attend school.

Kircher has dedicated most of his life to preserving Violet's history and pride within the walls of the museum, which was a church when it was built in 1910. The task is fitting. Kircher's last name, translated from German, means "one who takes care of the church."

"I've been collecting this stuff since I was 9 years old," the self-described history buff said.

Among Kircher's collections - which are displayed at the museum - are German Catholic priests' vestments, candelabras and rosaries that date back to the late 1800s. Kircher was instrumental in saving the old church building and restoring it into the cultural and historical museum.

But Kircher and the others worry that fewer young people are sticking around Violet, and that after he and his friends are gone, there will be no

one around to keep the history alive. "You've got to reflect from time to time on the past to see the future," Kircher said. "It's important for the young ones to do that."

Kircher's son Loring, 19, said he is dubious about the future of the community's traditions.

"I don't think they will find anybody interested like they are," Loring said of his father and the others. "I think pretty soon it will fizzle out. Nobody around here takes interest in it like that generation."

Once a town with a post office, barber shop, blacksmith, filling stations and a beer joint or two, Violet gradually was swallowed up by the widening of U.S. Highway 44 in the late 1940s. Census estimates put the population at about 160 in 1990.

"We used to have a good honky-tonk, but it's gone now," said Cain, 51, referring to Boondock's. "That was the place to be."

It's important for young people to maintain a sense of history, Kircher

said - especially in a community like Violet. Residents there take pride in their heritage, as evidenced by the two annual celebrations, Germanfest in February, and Oktoberfest in March. The festivals draw more than 2,000 people for a taste of German history, culture and food.

The Violet Museum, built in 1910 and listed on state and national historic registers, is inside the old St. Anthony's Catholic Church by the side of the highway about four miles east of Robstown.

The men described Violet as a tight-knit community with deep roots in family and tradition. Hoelscher's family has its reunions in Violet, and still demonstrate their heritage.

"When we get together, we still speak a little German," Hoelscher said.

"But it's not fluent German - it's Tex-German." Kircher is trying his best to teach his two boys about their German roots. In keeping with that, he christened them with traditional German names - Hans, 16, and Loring.

Kansas farmers plant less wheat

WICHITA, Kan. (AP) - When Scott Van Allen went out to his fields last spring to find an unsalvageable, weather-battered winter wheat crop, he prepared for one of his worst years ever.

"There wasn't really anything there," he said.

Living in Sumner County - historically the largest wheat producing county in the nation - Van Allen had always planted wheat.

But like many of his neighbors, he lost about half his 1,500 acres last spring to drought, wind and erosion. So he decided to try something different - milo. He planted 650 acres, harvested it in the fall and had one of his best years ever.

Overall, Kansas farmers planted less wheat last fall for the 1997 crop, thanks in part to changing weather conditions and the nation's new farm law.

Mike Doane, a marketing specialist with the Kansas Association of Wheat Growers in Manhattan, said Kansas farmers are planting less winter wheat because they are switching to fall crops that are more profitable and help farmers control weeds.

This year's is the first wheat crop

since new federal farm legislation allowed them to plant whatever they want and still receive declining government payments.

Under the old program, farmers had to plant a certain amount of an assigned crop - a "base" - to participate in the federal crop program. If that base was wheat, then they had to plant wheat.

The new farm law is making it easier for farmers to try new crops, and Doane said he believes farmers will switch to more profitable feed grains like corn, soybeans and milo.

Those fall crops, which are generally raised to feed livestock, are risky investments. But they also have the potential of earning farmers up to \$200 an acre in revenue, Doane said. Farmers have stuck to wheat, which is less profitable, because it can grow under tough conditions.

"Wheat is just like a cat, it has nine lives. It has amazing resiliency," he said.

Some farmers welcome the break from wheat. Ray Waugh has a 2,000-acre farm near Wellington. He usually plants about 1,200 acres of wheat, but this year he planted half that.

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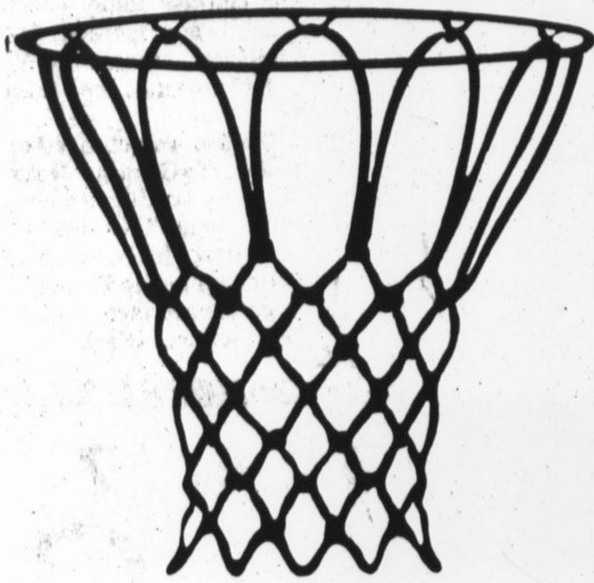
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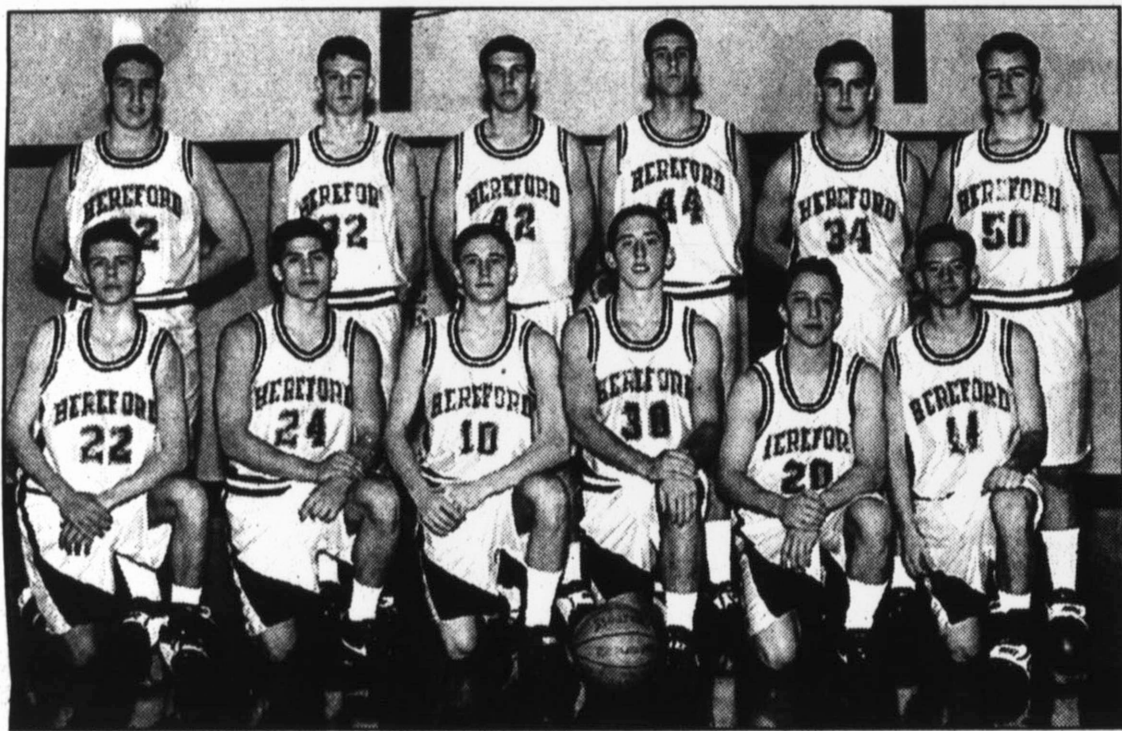
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