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WEEKEND Profile

"About three years ago, I wanted to try something new, and one morning when I was lifting weights at the 'Y,' I heard about the Austin school having satellite classes at Amarillo."
- Daniel Lemus

Lemus can hook up cable, help sore muscles

By DONALD M. COOPER
Brand Editor

Imagine this: Hereford Cablevision is hooking you up to the cable system and you tell the technician you have a sore back or a strained leg muscle.

If the right cable technician is hooking up your television, you also can get relief for that sore back or muscle.

Most people in Hereford who've had dealings with Daniel Lemus know him as a veteran technician for Hereford Cablevision, not as a registered massage therapist.

But, Lemus has been an RMT since January 1996, when he completed his studies with a satellite branch of the Austin myotherapy college.

Lemus began work as a massage therapist as soon as he got his license. He had some office space in a Hereford business, but when the business closed its doors, he started "going from house to house to develop a clientele."

It was while working out of his home that Lemus was introduced to Dr. Rodney N. Dotson, whose office is in the 300 block of Miles.

"Dr. Dotson had some space available, but it was filled with optometry equipment," Lemus said, referring to equipment that had been part of a now-closed practice. He moved the equipment out of the way, brought in Irene Morales to handle secretarial responsibilities, and began to work in the same building as the physician, who refers patients to Lemus.

Lemus has been working with Hereford Cablevision for about 17 1/2 years.

"My time in the service ended in May 1980, and I was working as night stocker for Jack & Jill (now, B&R Thriftway) when I heard about an opening with the cable company," Lemus said. He got off work that morning and applied for a job with the cable company.

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Photo by Don Cooper

Daniel Lemus massages a runner's muscles after the recent Cinco de Mayo run/walk at Veterans Park.

Newt criticized by White House on surplus use

WASHINGTON (AP) - Hoping to cast House Speaker Newt Gingrich as jeopardizing the new era of balanced budgets, the Clinton administration is condemning his latest proposal for using half of federal surpluses to cut taxes.

"Mr. Gingrich's spending plans reflect an interesting role reversal where Democrats have remained committed to fiscal discipline while Republicans insist on spending the surplus," said White House budget director Franklin Raines.

"We're disappointed the speaker has reversed himself," said White House spokesman Barry Toiv. "We're going to maintain fiscal discipline."

Their comments came Friday after Gingrich, R-Ga., said projected federal surpluses now look so big that they should be split evenly between cutting taxes and shoring up Social Security. That idea could, if followed, increase by tens of billions of dollars the size of any tax cuts House Republicans propose this year.

Until now Gingrich had been saying he wants the surplus used to reinforce Social Security, specifically by distributing it among Americans so they could establish "personal retirement accounts," investments that would supplement their retirement income.

But that changed after the Congressional Budget Office said this week that this year's surplus could be as large as \$63 billion, and began shifting its estimates of future-year surpluses upwards as well.

"I think now the surplus is so big that we can afford to do half (Social Security) and half (tax cuts), and we're still in great shape," Gingrich said in remarks published in *The Wall Street Journal*.

Expanding on those remarks Friday night, Gingrich told an Associated Press reporter in Atlanta: "When the president first spoke, we thought it would be an \$8 billion surplus. We now think it's between

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Speaker of the House

\$50 (billion) and \$80 billion, the largest surplus in American history. So clearly you could put aside three or four times as much as the president wanted to... and still have enough for Social Security and tax cuts."

That put Gingrich directly in conflict with President Clinton, who has called all year for using the surplus to strengthen Social Security.

It also steers the speaker onto a collision course with the House Budget Committee chairman, Rep. John Kasich, R-Ohio, who is crafting a \$1.7 trillion budget for next year and is a potential Gingrich rival for the Republican presidential nomination in 2000.

Unless the surplus grows significantly larger, Kasich maintains, it should be used for personal retirement accounts and to reduce the \$5.5 trillion national debt. Tax cuts should be paid for by cutting spending, not with the surplus, he says.

"We'll continue forward with our plan," Kasich said in an interview Friday.

Gingrich's new position comes as

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VIAGRA

New impotence pill proves to be popular locally

By DONALD M. COOPER
Brand Editor

A new impotence pill that has aroused considerable interest across the nation also has proven to be popular in Hereford, according to local pharmacists.

Viagra, which is marketed by Pfizer Inc., has been on the market for three-four weeks and has proven to be extremely popular. Some pharmaceutical industry officials say physicians are writing about 40,000 prescriptions per day for the \$10-per-pill drug.

"There's hardly a day I don't fill at least one (prescription)," pharmacist Jim Arney of Edwards Pharmacy said. He also said the drug comes in different levels of strength, depending upon several factors.

"An 80-some year-old man came in the first one I filled. I guess it just depends on the state of mind," Arney said.

Pharmacist Laura Knoll said the sales of Viagra at Maxor Pharmacies have been going "very well."

"We've had it in the store for three weeks, four at the most, and we've probably filled about 10 prescriptions. For a new drug, it's taken off very fast," Knoll said.

At West Park Drug, pharmacist David Burns said he has filled "quite a few" prescriptions for Viagra, mostly for men age 50 and over.

Burns said most of the men filling Viagra prescriptions are taking other medications for which impotence is a side effect.

The only Hereford pharmacy that hasn't filled any prescriptions for Viagra has been the Homeland Pharmacy, where pharmacist Don Leverett said he has had some inquiries, but no sales.

Viagra is successful in combating impotence because it boosts the effect of nitric oxide, a chemical released into the penis during sexual arousal and relaxes the

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Storms across Texas cause injuries

DALLAS (AP) - Fast-moving storms have caused injuries and extensive damage at a lakeside park, destroying buildings and cutting power, while residents elsewhere in North and West Texas endured twisters and large hail.

Several people at Bay Landing, a private campground near Runaway Bay, received minor weather-related injuries Friday. A deputy said the park was extensively damaged, according to a Jack County Sheriff's dispatcher.

Six mobile homes were overturned at Runaway Bay Mobile Home Park near Bridgeports. No injuries were reported there.

A tornado near Rule in Haskell County damaged an electric substation and downed utility poles. Other

buildings were also damaged.

A piece of post-war history was knocked down in Rule when winds toppled the Tower Drive-in screen at Texas' oldest continuously running outdoor theater.

High winds caused more damage near Aspermont in Stonewall County, with electric lines also toppled.

Power was cut to the Denton County sheriff's office as the National Weather Service reported a tornado-producing thunderstorm moving into the county.

Some power poles blocked roads in Denton. Hail up to walnut-size fell just before 9 p.m., with two additional waves of hail of marble and pea size.

The front of a gasoline station near Highland Village damaged vehicles when the structure was toppled by winds.



Skits show alternatives to violence

By DIANNA F. DANDRIDGE
Staff Writer

Violence is everywhere. Students at all levels see it, hear and live with it, and deal with it. To combat the effects of violence, teachers and students at Hereford High School used the week May 4-8 as "Violence Prevention Week."

Student members of PAL (Peer Assistance and Leadership) and MIMIC (Morals In Mind Improve Character) drew elementary and primary students into the week's theme through a series of skits, acts, and statement-making events.

PAL and MIMIC students traveled to the schools acting out age-appropriate skits and then talking about various ways of avoiding violence.

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PAL and MIMIC students acted out a skit about sharing and anger management. The actors showed both the best and the worst ways of handling a bad situation and then talked to the younger students about results and consequences.

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Local Roundup

Top athletes to be named at Monday All-Sports Banquet

More than 300 Hereford High School athletes will be recognized and special awards presented when the annual All Sports Banquet is held Monday night at the Bull Barn. Serving starts at 6:30 p.m. and the program will get underway about 7:30.

Heading the list of awards will be the top male and female athletes, and male and female recipients of the Fighting Heart Award and the Casey Smith Memorial Award. In addition, athletes from 14 teams will be presented Media Awards by The Hereford Brand and KPAN Radio. The Whiteface Booster Club will also recognize the Fan of the Year.

Tom Simons, "the voice of the Whitefaces", will serve again as master of ceremonies. Athletic Director Craig Yenser will introduce team coaches to talk about their groups. From each team, one senior member will respond with a farewell, and one underclassman will salute the senior leadership.

Fun Breakfast

Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce will hold its spring Fun Breakfast at 6:30 a.m. May 14 at the Hereford Community Center, 100 Ave. C.

The breakfast is sponsored by the Hereford Senior Citizens Association and will be catered by K-Bob's.

The public is invited to participate in the breakfast, which also will include games, singing and community announcements. The Bullchip Award will be presented and there will be a drawing for Hereford Bucks.

Cost of the breakfast is \$5.25. For reservations, call the chamber office at 364-3333.

Mostly cloudy

Tonight, a 20 percent chance of mainly evening thunderstorms, otherwise becoming mostly cloudy, low in the upper 40s.

Sunday, morning clouds, becoming mostly sunny in the afternoon, high in the mid-70s. Sunday night, partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of mainly evening and nighttime thunderstorms, low 50 to 55.

Extended forecast

Monday and Tuesday, a slight chance of late afternoon or evening thunderstorms, lows in the upper 40s to lower 50s, highs in the upper 70s to lower 80s.

Wednesday, mostly clear with a low 50 to 55, high 80 to 85.

Friday recap

High, 78; low, 47, no precipitation.

Farmer's Market

All vendors interested in selling produce during this year's Hereford Farmer's Market, sponsored each year by the Deaf Smith Chamber of Commerce, are encouraged to contact Denise Andrews, market chairman, at 276-5240. The market has been scheduled to begin operation in early July at the Family Dollar parking lot located at 111 West Park Ave. The market is open to all vendors, but produce must be home-grown. Planting acreage must be inspected before permits will be issued. Vendor entry fees include a \$15 season membership fee and a \$5 stall fee.

Reunion is scheduled

The annual Mid-Plains Reunion Celebration will be May 23 at the Deaf Smith County Bull Barn. Registration will start at 9 a.m. and the call to order will be made at 11:30 a.m.

Mid-Plains dues are \$5 a person. Each person is requested to bring a covered dish for the luncheon. The meat, bread and drinks will be provided.

Gardening program slated

Master Gardeners of Deaf Smith County will present a class on "Water Gardening" and "Flower Gardens" from 6-9 p.m. Monday in the Heritage Room of the county library.

Carl Holtman, president of the Water Gardening Society in Amarillo will present the section of the program on "Water Gardening." Mary Zinser, former Hereford resident, will discuss "Flower Gardens."

There is no cost to attend.

County commission

Bids for new copiers in the Deaf Smith County Courthouse will be opened during the county commissioners' meeting, set for 9 a.m. Monday in the courthouse, 235 E. 3rd.

The commissioners also are expected to consider a request from the county extension office for release of budgeted funds for summer assistance, advertise for the sale of microfilm equipment, discuss replacement of a deputy county clerk, and hear a presentation from TexPool representative Corrin Steeger.

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Supper for hopefuls

Young ladies age 16 to 21 who are interested in competing in the Miss Hereford Scholarship Pageant (like the contestant pictured above during 1997 rehearsals) and their mothers are invited to attend a salad supper at 7 p.m. Thursday at Hereford

Community Center sponsored by the Women's Division of the Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce. The purpose of the supper is to help Miss Hereford hopefuls learn about the pageant and the opportunities it offers.

GOP AGENDA

House leaders, social conservatives meet in bid to work out differences

WASHINGTON (AP) - House Republican leaders apparently patched a potentially damaging rift with social conservatives by promising key votes in the next few months on some of their issues.

In a contentious meeting Friday night, each side aired complaints about the other but left looking at a common agenda. It includes eliminating a tax penalty on married couples and scrapping federal funding for the arts, which critics claim subsidizes pornography, as well as enacting anti-abortion and religious freedom legislation.

House leaders also established a working group, to be led by Rep. Joseph Pitts, R-Pa., to meet weekly with religious rights leaders to forward their agenda.

"Everybody feels that there has not been enough forward motion and I think the leadership heard that loud and clear," said Gary Bauer, president of the Family Research Council, a conservative activist group.

Bauer and others said the meeting helped Republicans understand the need to be responsive to the voters who helped put them in power.

House Speaker Newt Gingrich, who joined some other GOP leaders at the gathering, told The Associated Press in Atlanta hours later, "We were focused. We were practical. I thought it was the most positive meeting we've had with conservative activists."

Gingrich, R-Ga., said the GOP leadership and the conservative

activists left the meeting with a good understanding of each other.

The meeting followed threats by conservative author and broadcaster James Dobson to split with Republicans out of growing concern that the GOP was taking social conservative voters for granted. Republicans hold a narrow advantage in the House and can't afford to have the conservatives, their most active voters, boycott the polls on Election Day.

But Republicans also are trying to balance that need against fears that adopting too much of a conservative agenda too fast could cause moderate voters to support Democrats in November.

During the 3 1/2-hour meeting at the Library of Congress, Gingrich complained that religious conservatives fail to give the leadership enough credit.

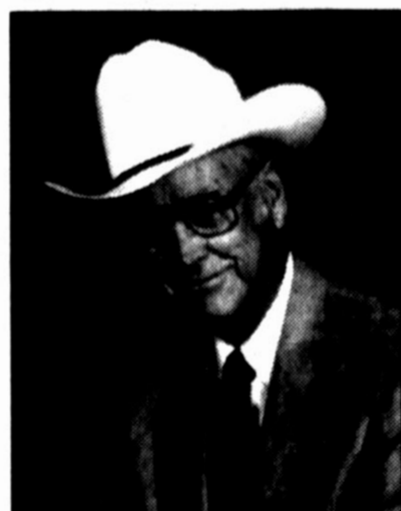
"We try to keep the coalition together and all we get is complaints," he said, according to two participants, one from Capitol Hill and one from a religious conservative group.

The remark angered some conservatives, but Majority Whip Tom DeLay, R-Texas, called for a 10-minute break just as Gingrich was striking his deepest note of frustration, they said.

Tensions subsided afterward and the group began discussing a common agenda.

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Obituaries



HILTON REID HIGGINS
May 8, 1998

Services for Hilton Reid Higgins, 75, of Hereford will be 2 p.m. Monday, May 11, 1998, at First United Methodist Church with Dr. Tom Fuller officiating. Burial will be at West Park Cemetery under direction of Parkside Chapel.

Mr. Higgins died Friday, May 8, 1998, at his residence, 9 miles north of Hereford on U.S. Hwy. 385.

He was born March 23, 1923, in Deaf Smith County to Jim and Ella Roenfeldt Higgins. He graduated from Hereford High School in 1940 and attended Texas Tech until entering the Army in 1942.

During World War II, Mr. Higgins was in the China-Burma-India Theater, serving three years with Merrill's Marauders, a unit immortalized after the war by Hollywood in a movie entitled "Merrill's Marauders."

After the war, he returned to Texas Tech, graduating in 1947 with a bachelor's degree in animal husbandry.

He was a farmer and rancher, a member of First United Methodist Church, Hereford Masonic Lodge, Ray Wederbrook Post-Veterans of Foreign Wars and Texas Tech Ex-Students Association, and was a charter member of Lubbock Scottish Rite.

He was preceded in death on Jan. 11, 1998, by a sister, Margaret London.

Survivors include his wife, Peggy Barnard Higgins, whom he married March 28, 1948; a brother, James Higgins; and many nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Memorials may be made to First United Methodist Church Endowment Fund or the Crown of Texas Hospice.

CHARLES E. CROWELL
May 3, 1998

A private graveside service for Charles E. Crowell, 78, of Dallas, will be Monday at the Sparkman-Hillcrest Cemetery in Dallas. Mr. Crowell was cremated.

Mr. Crowell worked in right-of-way acquisitions for Coates Field Service of Oklahoma City and several government agencies. He served in the infantry in World War II and was awarded the Bronze Star. He worked with the American Legion Post in Hereford. He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Masonic Lodge and Gaston Oaks Baptist Church in Dallas.

Survivors include his wife, Jean Crowell of Dallas; two sons, Craig and Cliff Crowell of Van Buren, Ark.; three sisters, Ola Faye Hendrickson of Canyon, Vergie Statt of Tucumcari, N.M., and Ina Cook of Beaumont; five grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and many nieces and nephews.

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Emergency Services

HEREFORD POLICE
May 9, 1998

Incidents

- Found property reported in the 100 block of Mimosa;

- Civil matter reported in the 400 block of Lawton;

- Disorderly conduct reported in the 200 block of Avenue F;

- Class B theft reported in the 300 block of Elm;

- Welfare concern reported in the 1000 block of Grand;

- Class C theft reported in the 400 block of Jack Griffin Avenue; and

- Class C assault reported in the 500 block of Avenue K.

Arrests

- A 26-year-old male arrested in the 100 block of Jackson on a charge of aggravated assault; and

- A 17-year-old male arrested in the 400 block of Avenue B on traffic offenses.

Accidents

- An accident with possible injuries reported in the 700 block of La Plata Drive.

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Business Briefs



BRENDA BLACKSHER

Brenda Blacksher has been named activities director at Westgate Nursing Center, a unit of King's Manor Methodist Home.

Blacksher received her certification in long term care from Amarillo College and has 10 years experience.

She has added additional group activities at Westgate, including some special events for National Nursing Home Week, May 10-16.

Blacksher and her husband, Bill, who is in law enforcement, have two children, Clayton, 14 and April 13.

Submissions to "Local Business Briefs" are available to all businesses residing in Deaf Smith County to announce promotions or other staff changes within a company. Updates in writing on company letterhead and photo, if desired, should be submitted to the attention of Becky Camp.

LOTTO TEXAS

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Black heart disease targeted by doctors

DALLAS (AP) - Several leading black cardiologists are calling for a renewed attack on the causes of heart disease among blacks.

"The leading cause of death among black Americans is not AIDS, homicide or cancer. It's cardiovascular disease," said Dr. Clyde Yancy, a cardiologist at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas.

Most blacks can avoid or reduce heart disease through healthier diets, less smoking and use of new drugs, Yancy said.

Yancy and other specialists spoke Friday at UT Southwestern during a medical conference on managing heart-disease risks among blacks. Speakers also urged recruiting more black patients in medical research and screening blacks for heart-disease risk at earlier ages.

Strokes are increasing among blacks, and heart attacks are increasing among black men, said Dr. Charles Francis, director of medicine at Harlem Hospital Center in New York and chairman of the Association of Black Cardiologists.

Francis said blacks are more likely than whites to carry major risk factors for cardiovascular disease, including obesity, high cholesterol, diabetes and smoking. He said it was a "very ominous sign" that smoking is increasing among black teens.

Francis also urged more research into treatment of high blood pressure among blacks. He said many blacks don't trust researchers because of studies such as one conducted at Tuskegee Institute in Alabama, in which researchers monitored - but did not treat - blacks suffering from syphilis.

"We need to get the message across to African-Americans that research is valuable," Francis said.

A common method of recruiting research patients is by paying them. But Francis and others said this raises concerns that some participants are more interested in the money than advancing medical knowledge.

PROFILE

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He began working for Hereford Cablevision a few days later.

Lemus enlisted in the Army not long after graduating from Hereford High School. During his stint in the military, he received his training as an anti-tank specialist at Ft. Knox, Ky., and Ft. Benning, Ga., before spending 2 1/2 years in Germany. When he completed his tour in Europe, he was sent to Ft. Riley, Kan., where he served in a mortar platoon until his release from active duty.

"When I got out of the service, I had wanted to get into massage therapy, but I didn't think about seeing if the GI Bill would pay for it. The only two schools were in Austin and Albuquerque," Lemus said, adding he had first become interested in massage therapy as a youngster watching his grandmother.

"About three years ago, I wanted to try something new, and one morning when I was lifting weights at the 'Y,' I heard about the Austin school having satellite classes at Amarillo," he said. So, he drove to Amarillo, participated in a workshop and later enrolled in the training courses.

In addition to completion of his certification program, Lemus has been involved in a variety of workshops on therapy technique, earned continuing education units (CEUs) for participation in classes, and has earned 19 hours in credit for his study of Eastern techniques.

Lemus said there is a difference between a massage therapist and a masseuse.

In myotherapy, the therapist looks for specific problems, such as strained muscles and sports injuries, and develops a rehabilitation program. The masseuse primarily provides relaxation therapy, which helps relieve stress. So, Lemus's clientele will vary, depending on the particular needs; a masseuse will provide the same service to a client on a regular schedule.

Lemus said athletes can see the risk of injury being reduced by pre-event massage therapy, which stretches muscles, loosens the muscles and better prepares the athlete for competition.

After the competition, another round of massage therapy will slow the heart rate, lower blood pressure and reduce lactic acid in the muscles,

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organ's muscle tissue and boosts the blood flow, producing an erection.

Researchers have determined the success rate of men taking Viagra is about 70 percent. Men who have some other health problems, such as blocked arteries, chronic high blood pressure or diabetes generally will not see any improvement with Viagra.

Viagra normally takes about 20 minutes to take effect. According to news reports, most doctors start their patients on 50 milligram dosages, but may alter it up to 100 milligrams or down to 25.

Among the side effects of the drug are mild temporary reactions such as flushed skin, upset stomach, headaches and blue-tinted vision.

Medical experts also say Viagra should not be taken along with nitroglycerin because of blood pressure concerns.

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BUDGET

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an internal Republican National Committee poll, obtained by The Associated Press, showed that in this congressional election year, GOP voters want tax cuts above all else. Of seven options, tax cuts were considered the most important by 38 percent of Republicans questioned. Rebuilding schools finished second at 28 percent.

The poll also found that by a healthy 55-41 margin, a generic GOP congressional candidate who advocates dividing the surplus among tax cuts, Social Security and debt reduction defeats a Democrat who wants the surplus used strictly for Social Security.

Many Republicans have worried that it would be self-defeating to assail Clinton's call to use the surplus for Social Security, since that is such a popular program.

But in recent weeks, Clinton

proposed using part of the surplus for emergency spending for military operations overseas and natural disasters at home, which Republicans say weakened his argument.

A recent report by the trustees who oversee Social Security may also make it safer to stray from Clinton's position. The report said the surging economy had added three years to the date when the pension system's massive trust funds will be depleted, pushing it back from 2029 to 2032.

As the year began, Gingrich had been saying he wanted the surplus divided among reducing the national debt, which helps Social Security by strengthening the economy; tax cuts and more spending for roads, research and defense.

Gingrich supports numerous tax-cut proposals, including higher health care deductions and cuts in the capital gains tax and in taxes paid by many married couples.

SKITS

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"We wanted this week to be a positive note," Cindy Simons, a sponsor of PAL and MIMIC, said.

"We wanted to promote cooperation instead of conflict by focusing on teaching children to resolve differences in a healthy manner."

The students provided sidewalk chalk to all the schools and encouraged students to "celebrate childhood" through a series of ongoing sidewalk art projects, which was to be judged Friday.

PAL and MIMIC students wrote and performed at least three skits depicting the best and worst ways to handle a variety of situations.

"Violence never works," a PAL student told a group elementary students. "Remember, you are always big enough to just walk away."

Simon said the teachers and the

school administrators were encouraged to let the students walk around the classroom, the hallways and the building and grounds to symbolize this ideal.

PAL and MIMIC students used the slogan "Kids, you just can't beat them" to teach the younger students about child abuse and how to report it.

Along with the skits, and other events, students also were given "bug cards," "Big Enough to Walk Away" stickers and handouts; teachers were urged to encourage children to enjoy their childhood by participating in child-like activities with the children.

Simon said the whole idea of Violence Prevention Week was to break the cycle of all violence by teaching students while they are young that violence doesn't work.



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Viewpoint

SPEEDY NIEMAN

Hereford Bull

That feller on Tierra Blanca Creek says a family is a group of people who each want something different for dinner.

The shortest period of time lies between the minutes you put some money away for a rainy day and the unexpected arrival of rain.

If there is one fact on which both conservatives and liberals agree, it is that the inner cities in this nation are poverty stricken, crime ridden and face a very bleak future. Since the 1960s, liberals have thrown more and more money at the problem and conservatives have passed more and more laws to deter crime. Neither has worked.

Over three decades, \$7 trillion taxpayer dollars have been spent on the problems. The government has spent billions on surveys and studies to find a solution. Each of these studies looked at all aspects of life in the inner city, except one - God.

According to John Dilulio Jr., a professor at Princeton, the failure of previous studies was that none took into account the very positive influence churches in the inner city have on the lives of its inhabitants. Through his research, Dr. Dilulio has discovered that faith-based outreach services in the inner city do work. His studies have shown that the stronger an individual's religious belief, the less likelihood that he will commit a crime.

The trillions of dollars that have been directed at the problems have, in most part, bypassed the churches located there. Billions of dollars have been spent to pay social workers and police, but pennies have been used to support church-based substance abuse programs, prison ministries, youth activities and other outreach services.

Even the federal government should learn that God cannot be overlooked as a solution to the problem.

Is your computer male or female? As you are aware, ships have long been characterized as being female: "Steady as she goes," or "She's listing to starboard, Captain." Recently, an item on the Internet claimed that a group of computer scientists (all males) announced that computers should be referred to as being female. Their reasons for drawing this conclusion follow:

1. No one but the Creator understands their internal logic.
2. The native language they use to communicate with other computers is incomprehensible to everyone else.
3. The message "Bad command or file name" is about as informative as "If you don't know why I'm mad at you, then I'm certainly not going to tell you."
4. Even your smallest mistakes are stored in longterm memory for later retrieval.

5. As soon as you make a commitment to one, you find yourself spending half your paycheck on accessories for it.

On the other hand, another group of computer experts (all women) listed five reasons why computers should be referred to as male:

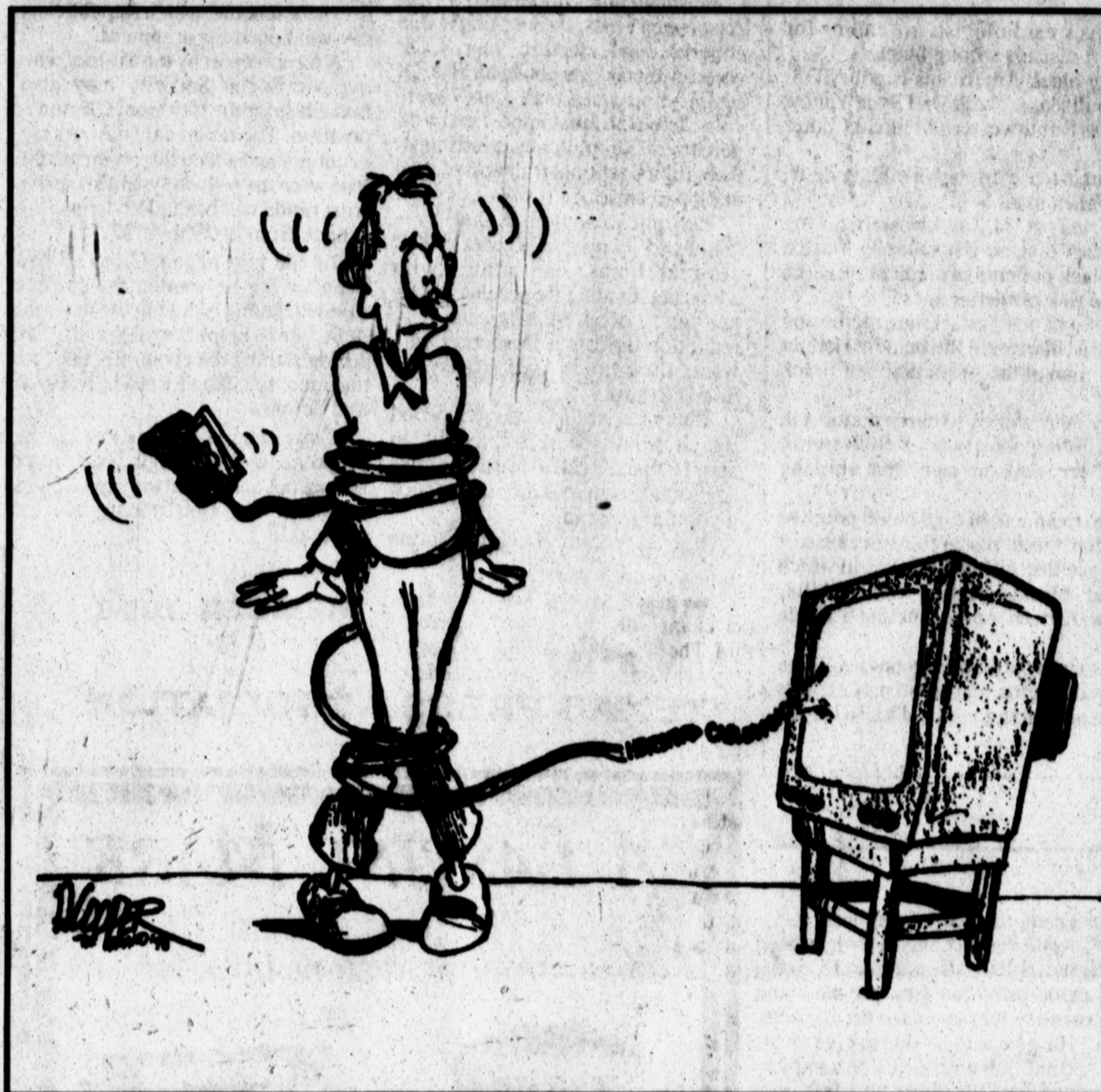
1. They have a lot of data, but are still clueless.
2. They are supposed to help you solve problems, but half the time they are the problem.
3. As soon as you commit to one, you realize that if you had waited a little longer, you could have obtained a better model.
4. In order to get their attention, you have to turn them on.
5. Big power surges knock them out for the rest of the night.

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TOM RAUM

Inside Politics

Controversy undermines base-closing

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Clinton administration's bid for another round of military base closings has about two chances of making it through Congress any time soon, according to those in both parties: slim and nonexistent.

Seldom are political battles as fierce and furious as those waged over closing military bases. In a congressional election year like this one, passions can reach a fever pitch.

The recent furor over an Air Force memo that Republicans said showed a White House effort to intervene in the bidding process to save jobs in vote-rich California doesn't make it any easier for Defense Secretary William Cohen to make his case for more base closings.

It's a case the former Maine senator, a Republican, has been making to former colleagues with little success for the past two years.

With the first budget surplus in 30 years in the offing, members of Congress feel little pressure to cut spending by shutting down more military bases - most of which are longtime, well-established parts of the local economies.

Furthermore, many members are still reeling from earlier rounds of base closing and seem little interested in seeing more. Three earlier rounds, in 1991, 1993 and 1995 closed 70 facilities.

Still, Cohen has told Congress repeatedly that the cash-strapped Pentagon needs to close more bases. He argues the military must cut back unneeded bases to keep troops ready to go to war and to reap long-term savings for updating weaponry for the next century. He has urged Congress to vote this year to authorize two new rounds: one in 2001, another in 2005.

However, it has been an uphill fight - and one without much obvious support from the White House.

It didn't strengthen Cohen's hand when the White House this week declined to stand by the author of the memo at the center of the current controversy, acting Air Force Secretary F. Whitten Peters.

Peters' memo - to Deputy Defense Secretary John Hamre - suggested Deputy White House Chief of Staff John Podesta wanted the Pentagon to press Lockheed Martin Corp., a Bethesda, Md.-based defense contractor, to bid for work at the closing McClellan Air Force Base in

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Don't trash the Sixties, Part II

DON COOPER

Reflections

Things have certainly changed, and I don't think they've changed for the better.

There's been a lot of comment in recent years about the Sixties, with pundits and many young people trashing the decade and claiming it was an era of selfishness.

As a child of the Sixties, I have to acknowledge there were some excesses, particularly with our experimentations with various hallucinogens, but I've always believed the Sixties was a time when young people demonstrated and protested for the right reasons.

While one may disagree with the goals of many of the Sixties' protesters, at least the protests involved valid issues, not like the weekend protest at Michigan State University.

With all of the problems confronting the people of the United States, from pollution to corporate welfare to racial injustice, what were the Michigan State students protesting?

A ban on booze at tailgate parties. That's right, the students became involved in a violent confrontation with the police because they couldn't have alcohol at a popular site for tailgate parties before Michigan State football games.

Even assuming that all of the protesters are of legal age to buy alcohol (of course, they aren't), I have to wonder about the sheltered lives these kids must have led to believe that the no-booze at tailgate parties is such an important issue that they must take to the streets.

During the Sixties, students around the U.S. were risking cracked skulls to protest the war in Vietnam, racism, poverty, exploitation of workers, pollution, the use of college laboratories for military research

the draft, and demands for voting rights and fair housing.

In France, Daniel Cohn-Bendit led a student-worker insurrection, the "les evenements de Mais" (the May events), that called for constitutional reforms that would ultimately lead to the downfall of President Charles de Gaulle.

In Czechoslovakia, students and reform-minded politicians made the first steps toward freedom. Although the Warsaw Pact would send in troops to crush the youthful protesters, the seeds of democracy were planted in Eastern Europe.

Compare that with the "important" issue that sends our students into the streets today: No booze at tailgate parties.

Give me a break; get a life, kids. There are far too many real problems facing our nation and our planet: pollution, growing gap between rich and poor, racial/ethnic discrimination, corrupt political systems, corporate welfare.

If you must hit the streets, fine. Just do it for something that matters.

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Analysis

BASHING BURTON

Lawmaker under fire

By NANCY BENAC
Associated Press Writer
WASHINGTON - Dan Burton had some advice for himself when he took over the House investigation into President Clinton's campaign finances more than a year ago: Don't throw any bombs, lose the "pit bull" reputation.

"Give me a chance," the Republican congressman said then, "and if I don't do what I say, then you can really cut me up."

Well, the knives are out. With his aggressive pursuit of the president, Burton has become a favorite whipping boy for the Democrats. Even some Republicans are piling on, calling his tactics counterproductive.

Mistakes were made, the eight-term Indiana congressman acknowledges.

Most recently, there was his committee's release of excerpted prison conversations by Whitewater figure Webster Hubbell. Burton was forced to fire his top investigator this week after being criticized for failing initially to release some portions favorable to the Clintons.

House Speaker Newt Gingrich called the whole episode embarrassing.



Burton's reference last month to Clinton as a "scumbag" prompted another outcry. The 59-year-old congressman admitted to a poor choice of words but didn't back off, saying he doesn't believe Clinton is "a man of integrity."

Burton's supporters say it is only natural for him to fight back after a steady stream of attacks from Democrats going all out to distract people from presidential misconduct.

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Why don't things last longer?

"Nothing ever lasts forever."
"Moving parts just wear out."

These seem to be the words of choice from automotive mechanics, to appliance repairmen, to furniture salesmen.

The other day someone said that items today are engineered and manufactured so that they serve the customer well - usually for a period just beyond warranty - and then are designed to break down.

WHY?

The first washing machine I ever owned was an old Maytag. It came with a house I bought; no guarantee, no warranty. If it worked, it worked.

When I say this machine was old, I don't just mean five years or so. I mean it was old. The manufacturer's plate said 1959. That was the year before I was born. But, it still worked fine.

The matching dryer worked just as well. Granted, I thought it odd when I needed to replace the belt and I had to go to an auto parts store and the replacement belt fit an Edsel.

I got rid of both working appliances on the advice of my husband and replaced them with a new set.

The new set has been replaced at least three times. Why didn't they last as well as the old set? They should have!

I once heard that more than 75 percent of all manufacturer replacement auto parts either fail to work properly or will not outlast their warranty.

This was once again proven to me this week when I had to put my car in the shop for a previously repaired malfunction.

Through no fault of the mechanic, a very expensive, new-replacement, front-end part apparently could not take the strain of left turns and broke before two months time.

The part will be replaced at no additional cost, but why should a new part be that defective? I could understand if it had come from a wrecking yard, but brand-new, never-on-a-car part should last more than two months.

The person who said items are designed to break down used the excuse that if nothing ever quit working, the number of repeat customers would be lessened -

DIANNA F. DANDRIDGE

The Real World

greatly.

I don't believe that. Just look at all the perfectly good used cars traded in, simply because the owner gets a bad case of new car fever.

Look at all the good appliances that are replaced when a homeowner remodels.

True, furniture used to get passed down from one generation to the next. There's still a lot of people who probably have their great-grandmother's loveseat or rocking chair. That's probably quality you can't get today. I don't think any piece of furniture I own will be worth handing down even in five years, never mind 100.

I know people who still own and use the old treadle style Singer sewing machines. As much as I like my new one with all the fancy gadgets and gizmos, I doubt if it will still be in use in 50 years.

In all actuality, I don't mind things wearing out. Hey, I get new item fever just about as often as anyone. I wouldn't mind having a new car, or a new wardrobe, or new furniture, but I do get really exasperated when things don't last long enough to get them good and broken in.

Manufacturers need to get the idea that people in a spoiled society like ours are always going to reach for the new and improved item. And, consumers are going to continue to replace items that aren't worn out.

I would really like to see the day when everything that wears out has actually outlived its usefulness. Until then, I suppose consumers will have to continue replacing items that should still have life in them, just to line the pockets of shareholders in the big companies.

Congress must share blame for the messed-up tax code

WASHINGTON (AP) - There's a congressional confession written into the overhaul of the Internal Revenue Service. The tax collectors couldn't have made this mess without Congress.

That's where a tax code was written so complicated that the IRS can't always figure it out, certainly not well enough to give puzzled taxpayers reliable answers. The tax laws invite paperwork burdens and intrusive rules.

That doesn't explain away the abuse, arrogance and raids on businesses by armed accountants, described at Senate hearings that dramatized the drive to overhaul an agency described as out of control.

"We have to drive a stake in the heart of the corrupt culture at the IRS," said Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa.

President Clinton urged Congress to "enact real reforms at the IRS," a cause he embraced after 1997 hearings that put the issue on everyone's agenda.

The House passed its reform bill overwhelmingly last fall. The Senate broadened the overhaul, prefacing its action with a second round of hearings on agency abuses.

Along with all this, there is an implicit admission that the problem isn't just the agency: It is the encyclopaedia-length tax code the IRS has to enforce. And Congress created that.

Indeed, still is. There are new IRS duties built into an education bill Republicans wrote this year. Even money to pay for IRS reform is to come out of a new wrinkle in the tax code, encouraging elderly Americans to shift their retirement accounts to get a better deal - after they pay taxes on the transfers.

That is expected to raise \$8 billion between 2005 and 2007, to help offset the cost of new taxpayer rights and restrictions on penalties the IRS has been collecting.

Collecting is still the job, and

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Washington Today

complexity still compounds it.

The IRS handled 210 million tax returns in collecting \$1.5 trillion in 1997.

"Many of the problems faced by the IRS arise from the tax code itself," said Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan, D-N.Y. So along with the overhaul of the agency, the bill would require that Congress' joint tax committee provide an analysis of complexity and administration questions involved in all future tax legislation. The bill also provides for IRS input in the shaping of tax bills, which sounds obvious but hasn't been happening.

"Complexity contributes to taxpayer frustration, obviously, and to tax evasion as well," Moynihan said.

Sen. Tim Johnson, D-S.D., said the IRS is always "an easy target" because people don't like the agency that collects taxes. But he said Congress is responsible for a lot of the trouble.

"To truly resolve this problem, we will need to get to the ultimate source, which is the complexity and the difficulty of the tax code itself," he said.

Sen. Bob Kerrey, D-Neb., who took the lead in the reform effort as the co-chairman of a commission on the IRS, said 72 per cent of Americans blame Congress more than the agency for their tax problems.

"And given our enthusiasm for constantly changing the tax code and inconsistent oversight, the American people have figured this one out right," he said.

Kerrey cited a Republican

education bill that had just passed the Senate. It permits tax-free withdrawals from tax-exempt education accounts for room, board, uniforms, transportation and other expenses required by a school.

He said that will require that "the IRS become even more invasive in their efforts to make certain that parents can justify their expenses with detailed records."

That means things like receipts for bus fares and clothing, and kind of annoying paperwork that makes for headaches at tax time.

"We pass a law, they have to write the changes in the code," Kerrey said. The IRS has to get the word out to taxpayers and the judge whether they are complying.

"Every change we make in the tax law says to the IRS: We want you to invade even more and find out more of what the American people are doing before you allow this tax break to occur," Kerrey said.

And not infrequently. The IRS reform act will be the 64th law changing the tax code since the landmark tax reform act of 1986, with more coming this election year.

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RAUM

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Sacramento, Calif. The idea is that Lockheed Martin would do the work in the Sacramento area, saving the jobs.

White House officials asserted the memo mischaracterized Podesta's role - and that he had made no such representations.

McClellan was on a 1995 list of bases to be closed - as recommended by an independent commission.

However, running for re-election in 1996, Clinton directed that private contractors be allowed to assume some of the work at that base and at Kelly Air Force Base in San Antonio. That outraged lawmakers from states with fewer voters that had bases on the Pentagon's hit list.

In response, Congress added a provision to this year's defense authorization bill requiring contracts to defense industry companies to be open and free from the political process. It's that provision that Republicans claim was being violated in the McClellan case, where the administration hopes to save 8,700 jobs.

House Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Texas, last week called for the resignations of both Podesta and Peters.

He was partly mollified when Pentagon officials said Peters had removed himself from the matter and Cohen had ordered an outside review of competition for jobs at McClellan. "He clearly had a duty to protect the base-closing process from White

House meddling," Armey said.

Still, Armey told reporters the incident further undermines the process, begun in 1990, where an outside, nonpartisan commission decides which bases should be closed.

That process "is either going to be something (with) that kind of apolitical integrity or it won't stand at all," Armey said.

Armey has standing to make such a statement. Then a backbencher, he was the author of the 1990 legislation setting up the commission. At first, the idea was scorned by colleagues who openly questioned the wisdom of giving up congressional authority over which bases would close. But most lawmakers and congressional analysts agree the system has generally worked well.

Closing bases is particularly hard for Congress because keeping them open allows members "to have their cake and eat it too," said Norman Ornstein, an analyst at the American Enterprise Institute. "You can be in favor of a strong defense and get domestic spending in your district at the same time."

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"Dan did have the image of being sort of a pit bull, but he's done remarkably well at restraining it most of the time," says former Rep. William Clinger, whom Burton replaced as chairman of the Government Reform and Oversight Committee 16 months ago. "I suspect I would be equally ticked off at this stage of the game if I were in that seat."

Burton's younger brother says, "It's just Dan's nature to come out fighting" when challenged.

"If he thinks he's right, he'll fight to the death," said Woody Burton, a state legislator in Indiana who talks to his brother almost every night.

The younger Burton said his brother's doggedness has its root in their ragtag upbringing under an abusive father who moved the family to 38 states before their mother finally left him. Thirteen-year-old Dan, baby-sitting his younger brother and sister one day, later faced down his father with a shotgun when he showed up on the doorstep.

"A lot of people looked down on us because of my real dad," says

Woody Burton. "A lot of people would make comments like we were lowlifes and we'd never amount to anything. I think that made Dan an achiever."

Burton's Democratic critics say he has gone far beyond being a determined investigator to pursuing the president without regard for fairness.

Clinton supporter James Carville on Friday called Burton a "nut case" who was "shooting watermelons in his backyard."

That was a reference to the re-enactment of Vince Foster's death that Burton staged at his home (reportedly using a melon) to determine whether the White House attorney had really committed suicide.

His White House investigation has led him to take on everyone from Hillary Rodham Clinton and Chelsea (for the cost of their 1994 trip to the Olympics in Norway) to Socks the cat (for the cost of answering his White House mail).

Through it all, Burton has styled himself as a truth-seeker determined to push forward.



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Fraud scheme targets health

NORTH MIAMI BEACH, Fla. (AP)—Dr. Lawrence Silk was a latter-day Marcus Welby, asking a hairdresser's wages to save the arthritic joints and lower the blood pressures of poor and elderly patients at his office in an oceanside strip mall.

Then a health care fraud ring started sending bogus bills to insurers in his name.

Now someone in Panama is cashing checks made out to him. He's waiting six months to be paid while insurers scrutinize each bill he sends. The Internal Revenue Service says he owes tax on tens of thousands of dollars he hasn't received. And he's behind on his rent.

"We're what you call treading water," said Silk, 63. "I didn't pay the landlord last month."

The billings are part of a fraud that started in South Florida and has spread as far as New York and California in the past year. Insurers and law enforcement officials say organized scam artists with a detailed knowledge of insurance billing are behind it.

For at least three years, they have favored the Florida retirement belt known as "God's Waiting Room," where insurers process a disproportionate mass of bills from elderly patients.

From January through March, insurer United Healthcare turned up about 1,000 phantom billing cases in South Florida alone, using an IBM fraud detection system to screen bills submitted to 35 private health insurers. Phantom billing cases comprise about two out of every five fraudulent billings, according to Joyce Hansen, who oversees United Healthcare's fraud division, Integrity Plus Services Inc.

"It appears that the people doing this understand the insurance business, because they seem to know where our controls are and they know how to bypass our controls," said Ms. Hansen, a past president of the Health Care Antifraud Association.

Florida prosecutors believe phantom billing networks are getting patient information from purloined medical files, doctors' trash cans and insurance workers selling confidential files on the black market. There's no way to quantify the problem, said prosecutor Beth Blechman, in charge of Medicaid fraud at Florida's Office of Statewide Prosecution.

"It's pervasive," she said. "It is very common for provider numbers to be accessed by people who have no business with them and billed fraudulently."

Florida's Agency for Health Care Administration compiled a list of 50 suspected bogus providers during an investigation of Medicaid fraud in October 1996. A lone family fraud ring set up 28 phantom billing companies that targeted the Medicaid health insurance program for the poor, said Ms. Blechman, who is still prosecuting the group.

The ringleader, former drug dealer Gabriel Hernandez, was convicted in April 1997 of racketeering and is serving a 10-year sentence for bilking Medicaid out of \$3 million from 1994 through 1996.

After phantom billing schemes began being dexample - that they are being denied coverage because crooks have used their names. Some patients have asked insurers to remove fraudulent charges from their accounts, Ms. Hansen said. But many people, especially elderly patients, don't check their statements, and the charges won't be removed if no one notices.

NEWS

in brief

Door-to-door salesmen should avoid this town

WEST HAVEN, Conn. (AP)—Pushy door-to-door salesmen, beware: This town can be brutal.

Vacuum cleaner salesman Ricardo Vasquez found that out after being chased by a gun-wielding homeowner whose wife refused to buy one of his machines.

Fred Banks, 53, was charged with breach of peace and his .22-caliber pistol was seized after Tuesday night's chase, police said.

Authorities said Vasquez, 37, wouldn't take no for an answer and persisted in trying to sell Banks' wife a shiny new vacuum cleaner even after she insisted she didn't want one.

Banks told police he thought Vasquez was a con artist and feared that he might be robbed.

Vasquez was charged with criminal trespass and soliciting without a permit.

Pittsburgh sends bus drivers to school to learn etiquette

PITTSBURGH (AP)—Ralph Kramden, meet Miss Manners.

Pittsburgh bus drivers are attending etiquette classes designed to make public transportation a kinder, gentler experience.

"Avoid arguments at all costs," instructor DeCarlo Gilliard tells 50 students in the city's passenger-relations class. "A lot of people think operators are insensitive."

The program, a kind of finishing school that will train 150 new hires by June, offers tips on good grooming and keeping a positive attitude even when trying to avoid the curb on a sharp right turn.

The classes use role-playing exercises to teach drivers how to handle fare dodgers, drunks, chatterboxes and passengers with body odor. Drivers are told to keep their cool, no matter what.

Instructor Ronald Francis said dealing with an often unruly public is the hardest part of the job, which pays up to \$18.48 an hour.

"It's \$4 an hour to drive," he said. "It's another \$14 to deal with the public."

Illinois town lucky place when it comes to lottery

CARPENTERSVILLE, Ill. (AP)—Luck, schmuck. This town is a sure thing.

The \$26 million winning ticket from Tuesday night's Big Game lottery was sold here, as was one of three \$150,000 second-place tickets.

"It's the first time I've heard of this happening," Illinois State Lottery spokeswoman Anne Plohr said.

The grand prize winner was purchased at a 7-Eleven store, while the second-place ticket was purchased at an Amoco station just a half mile away in this community of 23,000 that is 40 miles northwest of Chicago.

Rita Shah, a 7-Eleven clerk, sold the winning ticket early Tuesday afternoon but said she couldn't remember who bought it.

"We might have to review the store security tape," joked owner Maunika Barot.

Nothing is more dangerous than an idea, when you have only one idea.

—Alain

Customer Notice

West Texas Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (West Texas Rural or the Cooperative) has filed a request with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC) seeking approval to implement rates, terms, and conditions for the following new, optional services offerings: **CALLER ID SERVICES, ENHANCED CUSTOM CALLING SERVICES and OTHER MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES.** This request has been assigned Tariff Control Number 19209. These services will be available to all residential and business customers where technical facilities permit, excluding pay telephone services.

Caller ID Services:

Calling Number/Name Delivery (Caller ID) delivers calling party information to parties being called. Calling party information may indicate the directory number/name of the calling party or may indicate the number/name of the calling party is private or unavailable.

Anonymous Call Rejection permits a customer to automatically reject calls from callers who have blocked their number/name, either through the use of per-call blocking or per-line blocking.

Enhanced Custom Calling Services:

Call Return enables a customer to automatically return the last incoming call. If the call back number is busy, this feature allows a user to camp on or queue the called party. When an on-hook condition is detected, both numbers will ring to establish the call.

Call Screening permits a customer to block an incoming call and/or calls from a maximum of ten (10) specified telephone numbers within the customer's local calling scope, Extended Area Calling scope, or Long Distance Telecommunications Network (where facilities permit) and functions as a screening service for the customer. A customer may create, by dialing an activation code, the list of telephone numbers. In addition, if a customer receives an unwanted call from an unknown telephone number, the customer may block future calls from that unknown number by immediately dialing the Selective Call Rejection activation code after the unwanted call is terminated. The Cooperative's equipment will review all incoming calls and will block those from numbers that appear on the customer's list. Blocked telephone numbers are directed to a Cooperative recorded announcement. Standard call completion will occur if a call originates from a central office that is not equipped for CLASS.

Call Trace allows a customer to request an automatic trace of the last incoming call. Call Trace may be activated at any time during or immediately following the call to be traced. The Cooperative retains this information and will provide it only to appropriate law enforcement authorities upon proper request from the customer subscribing to the service.

Preferred Call Forwarding allows a customer to preselect a maximum of ten (10) telephone numbers that can be forwarded to a customer-specified telephone number. The Cooperative's equipment will screen incoming calls and will forward calls to the customer only if the caller's number appears on the customer's screening list. When a call is placed to the customer from a number not on the screening list, the caller receives an announcement indicating that the called party does not wish to receive calls at this time.

Priority Ringing permits the customer to preselect a maximum of ten (10) telephone numbers that can be given a distinctive alerting signal, ring or call waiting tone for priority calls. A customer creates, by dialing an activation code, the list of telephone numbers. The Cooperative's equipment will screen incoming calls and provide the appropriate signal, ring or tone for these numbers that appear on the customer's list.

Repeat Dialing enables a user to automatically place a call to the last ongoing call. The last outgoing call is defined as the last number dialed. If the called number is busy, this feature allows a customer to camp on or queue the called party. When an on-hook condition is detected, both numbers will ring to establish the call.

Special Call Acceptance permits a customer to select a maximum of ten (10) specified telephone numbers within the customer's local calling scope, Extended Area Calling scope, or Long Distance Telecommunications Network (where facilities permit) from which the customer wishes to accept calls. A customer may create, by dialing an activation code, the list of telephone numbers from which the customer is accepting calls. The Cooperative's equipment will screen incoming calls and will allow calls to ring on the customer's telephone only if the caller's number appears on the customer's screening list. When a call is placed to the customer from a number not on the screening list, the caller receives an announcement indicating that the called party does not wish to receive calls at this time.

Other Miscellaneous Services:

Cancel Call Waiting allows a customer with the Call Waiting feature to cancel the operation of Call Waiting for one call. The customer dials the Cancel Call Waiting code and dial tone is heard. Without hanging up, the customer then places the call. During this call only, the Call Waiting feature is inactive. Call Waiting tones will not interrupt this call.

Do Not Disturb allows the called party to automatically reject calls if the calling party does not have the called party's special Personal Identification Number (PIN). Those callers without the PIN will either receive a busy signal or an announcement saying that the called party is not accepting calls at this time.

Personal Ringing allows up to three different telephone numbers to ring at a premises without installing additional local exchange access lines. Incoming calls to each number are identified by different ringing patterns.

Toll Restriction Service denies the local exchange user access to the long distance telecommunications network while permitting the user access to the local exchange network.

Enhanced Toll Restriction Service allows subscribers of the Toll Restriction Service feature to access the Long Distance Telecommunications Network for calls placed to 1+800 and 1+888 numbers only.

Toll Restriction Service with PIN Override prevents the origination of toll calls from an access line except for those calls where a PIN is entered prior to placing the call. This override function is only valid for the single call placed immediately after the PIN is entered and is deactivated at the end of that single call.

Warm Line Service provided that a preselected 7- or 10- digit telephone number will ring whenever the subscribing customer's telephone is off-hook for a minimum of thirty (30) seconds. The designated number may not be public emergency numbers such as police, fire, ambulance, or 911 service where available.

In association with the deployment of Caller ID Services, "per-call blocking" and "per-line blocking" will be automatically available, free of charge, to all West Texas Rural customers. "Blocking" prevents the caller's number and name from appearing on the Caller ID display unit. Any customer who wishes to block his or her number and name on a per-call basis, simply needs to press *67 on their touch-tone phone, or dial 1167 on their rotary phone before dialing the telephone number. Per-line blocking automatically blocks a customer's number and name on every call without the need to press *67 or dial 1167. If a customer selects per-line blocking, he or she can unblock their number and name, free of charge, on a single call by dialing *82 or 1182 on their phone before dialing the telephone number. Per-line blocking will be automatically reactivated at the end of this single "unblocked" call. Per-line blocking will be offered, at no charge, to any customer upon the customer's request. All requests for per-line blocking will automatically be granted free of charge. It is not necessary to subscribe to Caller ID to have per-call or per-line blocking. Per-call or per-line blocking will display a message such as "private" or "anonymous" on the Caller ID display unit. Blocking will not be provided on calls from payphones.

The proposed effective date for the new services is July 1, 1998 for all exchanges served by the Cooperative. The estimated annual revenue increase recognized by the Cooperative is \$21,115 for the first year of service, which is less than 1.20% of the Cooperative's gross annual intrastate revenues. The following monthly rates have been proposed for these new services:

SERVICE	RESIDENCE	BUSINESS
Calling Number/Name Delivery	\$6.50	\$6.50
Anonymous Call Rejection	\$1.00	\$1.00
Call Return	\$1.50	\$1.50
Call Screening	\$1.50	\$1.50
Preferred Call Forwarding	\$1.50	\$1.50
Priority Ringing	\$1.50	\$1.50
Repeat Dialing	\$1.50	\$1.50
Special Call Acceptance	\$1.50	\$1.50
Do Not Disturb	\$1.50	\$1.50
Personal Ringing with two numbers	\$3.00	\$3.00
Personal Ringing with three numbers	\$6.00	\$6.00
Toll Restriction Service	\$0.50	\$0.50
Enhanced Toll Restriction Service	\$1.50	\$1.50
Toll Restriction Service w/PIN Override	\$1.50	\$1.50
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Writer seeks key to modern obsession with the Civil War

By JOE WHEELAN
Associated Press Writer
RALEIGH, N.C. — Gazing sternly from the book jacket of "Confederates in the Attic" is Robert Lee Hodge, revered among "hard-core" Civil War re-enactors as "the Marlon Brando of battlefield bloating."

Hodge's peculiar talent is aping the morbid poses in Matthew Brady's gruesome photos of Civil War dead-puffed cheeks, distended belly, glassy eyes.

"Hands are a problem," Hodge acknowledges. "It's hard to make them look bloated unless you've really been dead for a while."

Hodge is one of the characters Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Tony Horwitz discovered during a "year at war" searching out the places and people who keep the Civil War alive today. His crisply written account is laced with humor, bits of arcane, anecdotes and vignettes and sober analyses of today's racial

divide.

"We feel rather anonymous and rootless in the late 20th century," Horwitz said in a telephone interview from his home in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains in Virginia. "We are nostalgic for a time where it mattered desperately what region you came from, or what county."

His journey brought him into contact with re-enactors, proud daughters, sons and children of the Confederacy, an Alabama woman believed to be the oldest living Confederate widow, white and black rage, and neo-Confederates who rewrite history to suit their own reactionary purposes.

Horwitz, 39, a *Wall Street Journal* correspondent who won a Pulitzer Prize in 1995 for national reporting, grew up in Maryland without it blood or regional ties to the Civil War, but he read about it avidly as a child. The sound of musket fire outside his home one day led to his meeting with

Hodge and company during a re-enactment.

Before he knew it, Horwitz was shivering beneath a thin blanket in the woods with the Southern Guard. His new friends discussed toning their abs, sewing their own uniforms, adhering to low-fat diets to aid gauntness and other tricks to achieving authenticity, such as soaking uniform buttons in urine to give them a patina.

"I couldn't help wondering if I'd stumbled on a curious gay subculture in the Piedmont of Virginia," Horwitz writes in "Confederates in the Attic."

Horwitz's new "hard-core" friends and the battle sites are the book's touchstones.

"They are not just out there for the heroic spectacle, but to experience the toughness of life back then," Horwitz said of the 40,000 re-enactors nationwide. "There is almost a sense that we have gone soft in the late 20th

century and a sense of guilt from that. ... And some people approach it in an almost mystical way; if you get the props right, the time right, they can almost travel through time."

Horwitz finds the war means something different to almost everyone, although the romance of the "Lost Cause" is probably its most appealing aspect. The book's lack of a single focus reflects his subject's complexity.

In a decrepit Civil War museum in a former kindergarten classroom in Charleston, S.C., he found something akin to a "saints' reliquary": "Hair. Bits of wood. Bloodstained clothing."

In Guthrie, Ky., neo-Confederates give a hero's funeral to a white teen-ager killed by a black man after flying a Confederate battle flag in his pickup truck. There is a fight over a rebel soldier mascot at the high school.

"For many Southerners I'd met,

remembrance of the war had become a talisman against modernity, an emotional lever for their reactionary politics," Horwitz writes.

Others refused to view the Civil War as a clash over slavery, but rather as a war between cultures.

"White Southerners descended from freedom-loving Celts in Scotland, Ireland and Wales. Northerners - New England abolitionists in particular - came from mercantile and expansionist English stock," Horwitz writes.

Hodge takes Horwitz on the "wargasm," a frantic speed-visit of battle sites and monuments from Antietam to Petersburg, with Hodge decked out as a Confederate soldier and Horwitz as a Yankee. The climax is their nearly surreal re-enactment of Pickett's Charge at Gettysburg amid a gaggle of picture-snapping tourists.

In Georgia, he finds a thriving "Gone With the Wind" trade with the Japanese. One Japanese visitor

believes Tara represents "the real America, a wonderful place, not the one we fought in war."

In Andersonville, Ga., outside the former prison camp where more than 13,000 Northern soldiers died, Horwitz attends a bizarre neo-Confederate ceremony commemorating the camp's commander, Henry Wirz, the only American in U.S. history to go to the gallows as a war criminal.

"My passion for Civil War history and the kinship I felt for Southerners who shared it kept bumping into racism and right-wing politics," he writes. "People had to fight their own battles; outsiders tended to get in the way, particularly in the South."

"Still, it saddened me that I sometimes felt like an enemy on the premises, among both whites and blacks."

"Confederates in the Attic," by Tony Horwitz. 390 pages. Pantheon Books. \$27.50.

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Bestsellers

PUBLISHERS WEEKLY BEST-SELLING BOOKS HARDCOVER FICTION

1. "N Is for Noose" by Sue Grafton (Henry Holt)
2. "You Belong to Me" by Mary Higgins Clark (Simon & Schuster)
3. "Message in a Bottle" by Nicholas Sparks (Warner)
4. "Black and Blue" by Anna Quindlen (Random House)
5. "The Street Lawyer" by John Grisham (Doubleday)
6. "Pandora" by Anne Rice (Knopf)
7. "A Widow for One Year" by John Irving (Random House)
8. "The Long Road Home" by Danielle Steel (Delacorte)
9. "A Patchwork Planet" Anne Tyler (Knopf)
10. "Cold Mountain" by Charles Frazier (Atlantic Monthly)

NONFICTION/GENERAL

1. "Tuesdays With Morrie" by Mitch Albom (Doubleday)
2. "The Millionaire Next Door" by Thomas Stanley and William Danko (Longstreet)
3. "Simple Abundance" by Sarah Ban Breathnach (Warner)
4. "Angela's Ashes" by Frank McCourt (Scribner)
5. "The 9 Steps to Financial Freedom" by Suzie Orman (Random House)
6. "Talking to Heaven" by James Van Praagh (Dutton)
7. "Triumph of Justice" by Daniel Petrocelli with Peter Knobler (Crown)
8. "We Are Our Mothers' Daughters" by Cokie Roberts (Morrow)
9. "The Gifts of the Jews" by Thomas Cahill (Doubleday)
10. "There's a Hair in My Dirt" By Gary Larson (Collins)

MASS MARKET PAPERBACKS

1. "Pretend You Don't See Her" by Mary Higgins Clark (Pocket)
2. "The Horse Whisperer" by Nicholas Evans (Dell)
3. "Into Thin Air" by Jon Krakauer (Anchor)
4. "Dr. Atkins' New Diet Revolution" by Robert C. Atkins (Avon)
5. "Tom Clancy's Op Center: Balance of Power" by Tom Clancy and Steve R. Pieczenik (Berkley)
6. "Plum Island" by Nelson DeMille

7. "Sanctuary" by Nora Roberts (Jove)
 8. "London" by Edward Rutherfurd (Fawcett Crest)
 9. "A Thin Dark Line" by Tami Hoag (Bantam)
 10. "The Notebook" by Nicholas Sparks (Warner Vision)
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 2. "Chicken Soup for the Pet Lover's Soul" by Jack Canfield, Mark Victor Hansen, Marty Becker and Carol Kline (HCI)
 3. "Chicken Soup for the Mother's Soul" by Jack Canfield, Mark Victor Hansen, Jennifer Read Hawthorne and Marci Shimoff (HCI)
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Court backs Beatles on recording

LONDON (AP) - The former members of the Beatles and Yoko Ono won their fight today to stop sales of a recording of the Fab Four singing drunkenly in a German club 35 years ago.

In a settlement following a four-day High Court hearing, Lingasong Music Ltd. agreed to abide by an injunction stopping the sales and to hand over the original tape.

The company had claimed the late John Lennon gave his permission in 1962 to use the recording made at Hamburg's Star Club by Edward Taylor, leader of the obscure '60s band King Size Taylor and the Dominoes.

George Harrison, making a rare public appearance, testified Wednesday that the recording was one of the "crummiest" of the group ever made.

They were playing their last gig at the Star Club, having recently signed up with EMI Records, he said, and their song "Love Me Do" was already a hit.

Harrison, 55, argued that even if Lennon had said anything to Taylor, it was not binding. "One drunken person recording another bunch of drunks does not constitute business deals," he said.

After the settlement was announced, the judge, Sir David Neuberger, said he had accepted all the arguments put forward for the members of the Beatles "with particular reference to the evidence of George Harrison."

Harrison was chosen to speak for the surviving Beatles, Paul McCartney and Ringo Starr, and Ono, Lennon's widow.

Neuberger said Harrison's evidence was "convincing," while Edward Taylor's evidence was "confused and inconsistent."

The judge ordered that all copies of the recording be delivered to the Beatles' lawyers and that the group be paid their legal costs and damages to be assessed at an inquiry.

Errant comet movie proves worth seeing

By TED ANTHONY
AP National Writer

Pre-millennial Hollywood just loves doing in the world. In the past couple of years alone, filmmakers have besieged us with alien nasties, poured molten lava on our cities, loosed deadly viruses upon our populace, even sent killer tornados to chase Helen Hunt.

In this environment of global self-flagellation, mass destruction by errant comet was probably inevitable. But who expected an expensive disaster movie to be so humanistic and watchable?

"Deep Impact," the latest attempt to kill off humanity (suggested alternate title: "What If the World Ended and MSNBC Covered the Story?"), is top notch sci-fi that also succeeds pretty well as topnotch drama - a believable account of a celestial body that fell to Earth. It even has character development.

Seems rising young MSNBC reporter Jenny Lerner (Tea Leoni, venturing into husband David Duchovny's sci-fi bailiwick), seeking a White House sex scandal, stumbles onto something even more dangerous than Monica Lewinsky: an ELE, or extinction level event - a comet on a collision course with Earth.

The plot unfolds engagingly, if not unpredictably, from there. But it is the characters who make "Deep Impact" rise above the ordinary Hollywood fare.

There's Spurgeon Tanner (Robert Duvall, in another well-done permutation of his old-man schtick), the astronaut brought out of retirement to head the Atlantis mission to destroy the comet. There's Leo Biederman, the teen-age suburban astronomy buff who's not entirely happy at giving his name to the comet. (Says his young friend: "I think it's really neat. Nobody on our block ever discovered the world was going to end before.")

There's Leon, trying to juggle the story of a lifetime, a depressed mother (Vanessa Redgrave) and an abandoning father (Maximilian Schell) - not to mention the continuous MSNBC promos thrown at viewers during the film's two hours.

And there's President Beck (Morgan Freeman), presiding over the whole doomsday scenario, agonizing over how to save what America has built while trying to stay compassionate and prepare for the dissolution of his nation.

Finally, there's a plethora of fine smaller roles - unexpected pleasures each, including appearances by James Cromwell ("Babe," "LA Confidential"), Blair Underwood ("LA Law"), Denise Crosby ("Star Trek: The Next Generation"), Laura Innes and Ron Eldard ("ER"), even Bruce Weitz ("Hill Street Blues").

By and by, the comet approaches, and ... well, you'll see. It's fun and unsettling.

It is probably too much to ask for a big-budget disaster movie to be both nuanced and a box-office draw. But this film comes closer than most, and the special-effects-obsessed Hollywood sci-fi machine should take note. Because, "Deep Impact" proves it's possible to mix the two and elevate the genre now and then.

"Deep Impact" is produced by Richard D. Zanuck and David Brown from a screenplay by Bruce Joel Rubin and Michael Tolkin, and is rated PG-13.

Motion Picture Association of America rating definitions:

G - General audiences. All ages admitted.
PG - Parental guidance suggested. Some material may not be suitable for children.
PG-13 - Special parental guidance strongly suggested for children under 13. Some material may be inappropriate for young children.
R - Restricted. Under 17 requires accompanying parent or adult guardian.
NC-17 - No one under 17 admitted.

Country singer Rabbitt dies; cause not given

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) - Eddie Rabbitt, a country-pop singer who topped the charts with bouncy hits like "I Love A Rainy Night," has died. He was 53.

A source close to Rabbitt's family, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Rabbitt died but had no details. Rabbitt had lung cancer and part of his left lung removed last May.

Rabbitt, a singer-songwriter-guitarist with a tenor voice, had 26 No. 1 country singles. Besides "I Love A Rainy Night" in 1980, they included "Drivin' My Life Away," "Every Which Way but Loose," "Step by Step," "Someone Could Lose a Heart Tonight" and "Two Dollars in the Jukebox."

He also had a No. 1 duet with Crystal Gayle, "You and I," in 1982. His "American Boy" tune was popular with U.S. troops during the Gulf War.

Rabbitt wrote most of his hit songs. In 1990, he said song writers should never get complacent.

"I think if you start to feel secure, you don't do as well," he told The Associated Press. "A writer has to keep one foot in the street and one pocket empty and be hungry for it."

Rabbitt was a straight-arrow in an industry with many renegades. He took pride in doing a clean show with no off-color humor.

In the early 1990s he criticized music videos for constantly picturing "a bunch of girls with nothing on and a bunch of rock 'n' rollers singing about sex."

MTV, he said at the time, "distorted our youth mentally so that science and math are now so far away from a child's mind that anyone thinking about it is a nerd."

At the height of his career, Rabbitt scaled back to spend more time with his son, Timothy Edward, who died in 1985 at 23 months. Timothy had been born with a bad liver.

Rabbitt and his wife had two other children. Rabbitt was born in New York and raised in East Orange, N.J. In 1968, with \$1,000 in his pocket and no music business contacts, he took a bus from New Jersey to Nashville.

He began writing songs and got his break in 1970 when Elvis Presley recorded his song "Kentucky Rain."

Rabbitt was diagnosed with cancer in March 1997 and began radiation treatment.

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Sports

Tennis player departs court for stage

By MADELINE BARO
Associated Press Writer
EDINBURG -- Alexander Rasera's college tennis career is over, but it just means he's giving up the tennis court for center stage.

Rasera, a lanky 21-year-old Belgian with a wry sense of humor, has spent four years playing tennis for the University of Texas-Pan American and two years acting in university productions.

Although he draws parallels between the two fields, he says the difference is clear: "In tennis if you mess up, you lose a point. In acting, you can cover it up."

Rasera, who has exhausted his athletic eligibility but plans to continue acting during his fifth year in school, grew up in the town of Maasmechelen in Belgium, a place he describes as "fairly small" and "fairly dense." He decided to go to school in the Rio Grande Valley on the recommendation of a friend who also attended Pan American.

"I guess I could've gone anywhere in the United States and it would have been a shock," he said.

Leaving his hometown for the United States was a decision that surprised the folks back home, Rasera said. The United States is seen as a violent place, Rasera said, which, he figures, it probably is.

Also, he said, Belgians don't seem to emphasize being super successful and making tons of money as much as Americans tend to do.

"You've heard of the American dream?" he asked. "There's no such thing as the Belgian dream."

Tennis coach Greg Hilley describes Rasera as a crack-up who kept the other tennis players laughing on long road trips. As a tennis player, however, Hilley believes Rasera did not develop enough. Despite having a good backhand and volleys, there were parts of his game other players could break down, Hilley said.

"When he first got here, he was not very outgoing, he really kept to himself," Hilley said. "As he got into the theater and as he got to know people he became a lot more outgoing and a lot more interesting."

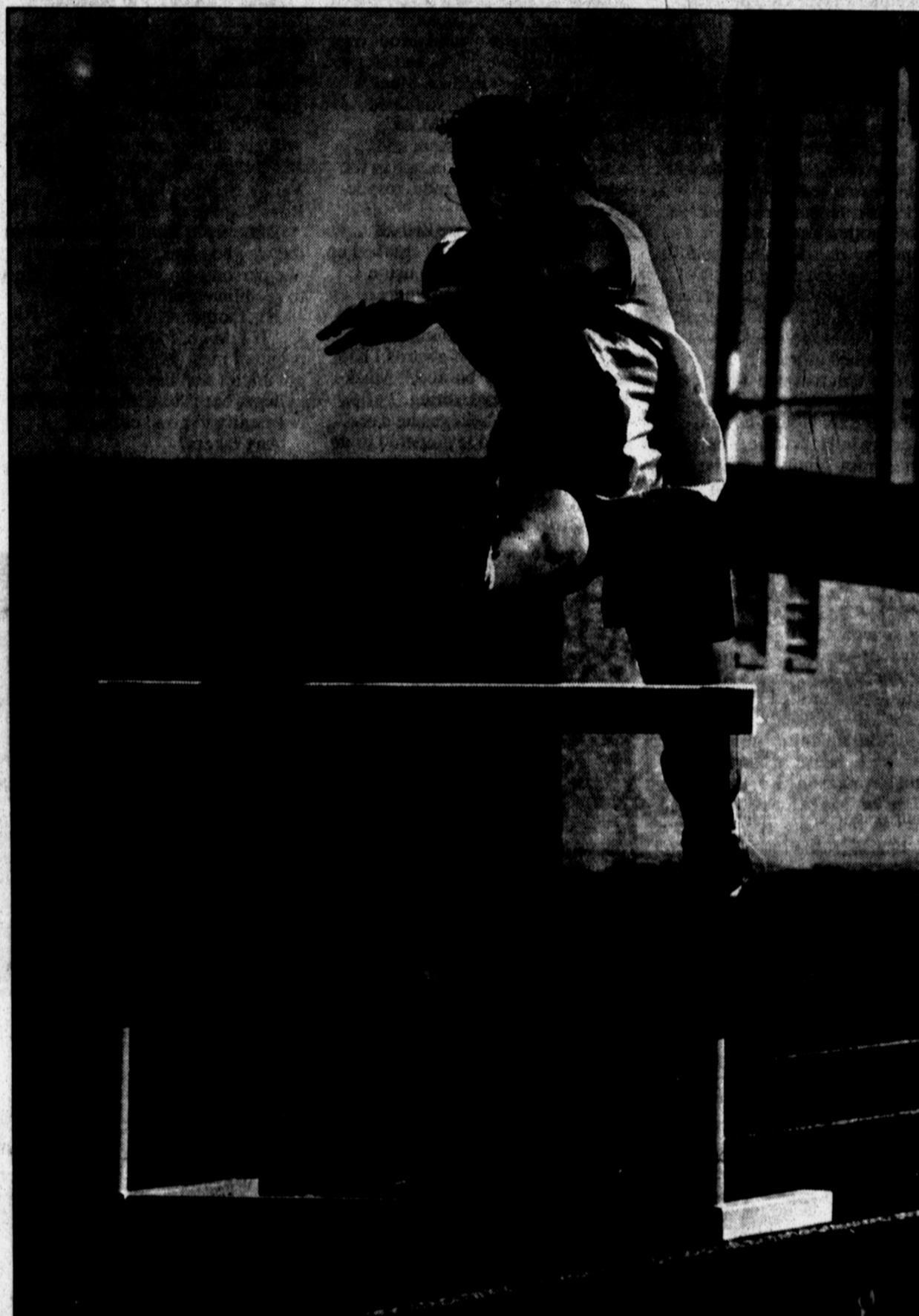
"It'd be great to see him making it in the movie business," he added.

Marian Monta, a professor of theatre at Pan American, has worked with Rasera for years, directing him in "Fuente Ovejuna," a Spanish classic that had Rasera playing an evil soldier.

"He has a certain kind of strength and presence on stage," Dr. Monta said. "He's got that dedication and work ethic of a good athlete that he brings to

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TAKING FLIGHT



Kristin Fangman of Hereford leaps over a hurdle during practice Tuesday at Whiteface Stadium. Fangman, a junior, was the only Hereford athlete to participate in a state qualifiers meet in Abilene Friday. Fangman set a school record by taking second place in the 100-meter Hurdles in a time of 14.59 seconds. Fangman qualified for the Class 4A state meet in Austin by winning the Region I-4A title in the event. She also competed in the 100 meters and the 200 meters in Abilene Friday. Fangman ran the 100 meters in 12.59 seconds, good for second place, and took fourth in the 200 meters with a time of 26.87 seconds.

Bad blood let quickly in Oiler-Stars series

By DENNE H. FREEMAN
AP Sports Writer
DALLAS -- It didn't take long for this to become a bad blood series.

An ugly hit by Grant Marshall of Dallas on Edmonton's Kelly Buchberger in the third period of the Stars 3-1 victory on Thursday night triggered Oiler threats of retaliation.

Marshall hit Buchberger in the eye with what turned out to be the butt-end of his stick with 6:16 left and got a game-misconduct penalty. He also got a five-minute major penalty for elbowing, but the Oilers were unable to capitalize on the power play.

Marshall was fined \$1,000 by the NHL, but was not suspended and will play in Game 2 of the Western Conference semifinal series. But the way Edmonton was talking, the Stars will have to pay on the ice anyway.

Edmonton's Glen Sather said

"the part that surprised me was that he (Marshall) made a comment to Mike Grier that 'Bucky, has been slashing all night, so he deserved it.'"

Sather said sternly: "We'll see how we react."

Despite a swollen eye, Buchberger has vowed to play on Saturday night in Game 2 at Reunion Arena.

"I'll let the league deal with Marshall," Buchberger said. "We still have to be disciplined. We took eight penalties and that's unacceptable."

Edmonton coach Ron Low called the butt-end in Buchberger's eye "one of the worst I've seen in a long time."

Oiler center Doug Weight said "Bucky was lucky. He could have lost an eye. Playoff hockey is supposed to be rough and tough. But this was not part of playoff hockey."

Ed Belfour won the goalie battle

in the first game. Belfour turned away 31 shots but Edmonton goalie Curtis Joseph let three of 14 shots get by him.

But "Cujo" said not to count the Oilers out.

"Colorado owned us all season and we came back and beat them," Joseph said.

Dallas knows about the Oilers comeback abilities. Edmonton knocked them out last year in the first round and Joseph shut them out twice.

Joseph was stung twice by defenseman Sergei Zubov on long slap shots and it gave Dallas the first game of their Western Conference semifinal series.

"I've just got to keep my chin up," said Joseph who had posted back-to-back shutouts in the Oilers upset of Colorado. "The key to the game was their early goals. We had to fight back from that all night."

Low said sarcastically "I thought that likely in the first 10 minutes we were still in Denver and maybe still celebrating."

Mike Keane added an insurance goal early in the third period as Modano got his third assist.

"Two goals early got us going," Zubov said. "It felt pretty good. It's good to start on a good note. Eddie kept us in the game in the second and third periods."

Modano said Belfour is the Stars' modest hero.

"Eddie doesn't like the lime-light," Modano said. "He doesn't talk much. He does his job in a quiet way."

But Game 2 may not be too quiet.

Not after what happened to Buchberger. "This could be a long, interesting series," said Dallas coach Ken Hitchcock.

Texas snaps losing streak

ARLINGTON (AP) -- Maybe the Texas Rangers should hide their fans more often.

Just after Rangers officials asked fans to head for cover because of an approaching storm, Juan Gonzalez doubled home the go-ahead run in a three-run eighth inning Friday night to send the Texas Rangers to a 6-3 win over Cleveland.

Rangers officials urged fans to move from open seats when radar detected a storm with tornadic winds and giant hail bearing down on Arlington.

The storm passed to the north of the stadium, allowing the Rangers to snap a four-game losing streak while halting Cleveland's win streak at six.

"There were plenty of people watching the game -- you just couldn't see them," said Rangers manager Johnny Oates. "I've never been in a ballpark when the announcer has asked fans to run for cover. We were down there on the field. What were we supposed to do?"

Rusty Greer walked to open the eighth off Jose Mesa (3-1) and scored when Gonzalez doubled for his major league-leading 42nd RBI. Gonzalez then took third on a wild pitch and scored on catcher Pat Borders' throwing error.

With two outs, Lee Stevens connected for his ninth homer.

"He didn't throw strikes, got behind hitters and didn't hit his spots," Indians manager Mike Hargrove said of Mesa. "It's tough to pitch to major league hitters that way."

Xavier Hernandez (1-0) struck out three in 1-3 innings for his first win since Sept. 6, 1996, and John Wetteland pitched the ninth for his eighth save.

Both starters pitched well, but neither got a decision. Rangers starter Rick Helling, who was seeking his seventh win, allowed three runs and seven hits in 6-2-3 innings.

Cleveland starter Chad Ogea pitched 6-1-3 innings, allowing three runs and five hits.

The Rangers took a 3-1 lead off Ogea in the second inning on Tom Goodwin's two-run single and Kevin Elster's RBI base hit.

"I had an extra day of rest and came out a little strong," Ogea said. "Once I got into my rhythm, I was OK. I fell into a groove and started hitting my spots."

RANGERS NOTES: Several thousand fans remained in the stadium as a second storm pelted the area... Cleveland shortstop Omar Vizquel has not made an error in his last 67 games, dating back to Aug. 18, 1997... Strong winds made every pop fly an adventure... Ogea hit Fernando Tatís twice... Gonzalez and Ivan Rodriguez received their 1997 AL Silver Slugger Awards before the game.

Nadeau patiently moving ahead in NASCAR field

By MIKE HARRIS
AP Motorsports Writer
When Jerry Nadeau found a Winston Cup ride last year, a friend said, "You aren't ready for that, yet."

Nadeau surprised his friend and many others when he burst on the scene in 1997 as a complete unknown, starting and finishing five races for Winston Cup team owner Richard Jackson.

None of the finishes was better than 30th, but the exposure piqued considerable interest in the 27-year-old driver from Danbury, Conn.

Among those watching were owner-driver Bill Elliott, seeking to field a second car. Then there was NFL quarterback Dan Marino, looking for an opportunity to become a Winston Cup car owner. They got together and put Nadeau in their car.

"I saw Jerry in action last season and was impressed by what I saw," Elliott said. "He was put in a tough situation and made the most of it. From what I've seen, Jerry is anxious to learn, anxious to drive and anxious to win."

Marino, enjoying his first season in NASCAR, is similarly impressed.

"He's worked at getting to this level his whole life," Marino said. When the season began, Nadeau was the odd-man-out in the rookie-of-the-year competition, facing the more-heralded Steve Park, Kenny Irwin Jr. and Kevin Lepage.

Park has since been sidelined by a crash, but Irwin and Lepage have provided plenty of competition.

In fact, after the first 10 races, Nadeau is third in the standings, trailing Irwin by 30 points and Lepage by 12. But, with two-thirds of the season remaining, that

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-- Jerry Nadeau



deficit is far from insurmountable. "It may cross my mind," Nadeau said of the rookie chase. "But, when you're out there, that doesn't really mean anything."

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brand new. I've got a pretty steep learning curve."

Nadeau's background is hardly traditional for a stock car driver, although he did start out like many others in go-karts, where he won several championships.

"I learned a lot from my dad, Gerry, while I was growing up,"

he explained. "He wasn't afraid to yell and get on my toes to do my job because he hated to lose and I hated to lose."

"He made me the hungriest guy on the race track."

After go-karts, Nadeau moved up to through the ranks in road racing, even going to Europe in 1996 to run in the Formula Opal Series.

There, he had five top-three finishes in 10 starts. Then it was back home to try stock cars, where he was considered an outsider.

All through his learning process, Nadeau supported himself by working with his father as a roofer and construction worker.

"I'm not afraid of hard work," he said.

And he's not short on patience.

"This is a three-year program, and I'm not looking to go out there and set the world on fire," Nadeau said. "I'm looking to learn from all the drivers, to gain respect from them."

Gaining respect won't be a problem if he keeps showing his tough side at races. Last month in Martinsville, Va., seven-time Winston Cup champion Dale Earnhardt bumped his way past the rookie on the tight, half-mile oval.

"I bumped him right back and stayed on his back bumper for about 50 laps," Nadeau said. "If you don't stand up for yourself, it can be pretty bad."

"If an alligator was pulling me down in the water, I'd somehow get out of it. I've always had that determination."

Basketball player ponders future

By KEVIN TAYLOR
Palestine Herald-Press
TRINITY -- Down at Post Office Drug, some of the regular coffee drinkers occasionally mention him by his first name. The same is probably true of Baskins Department store, where you can get everything from a good pair of boots to a t-shirt boasting the proud colors of the local high school, the Trinity Tigers.

To those in Trinity, a quiet community framed by old buildings, a railroad track and, of course, a Dairy Queen, Chris Mack is known around town as "Chris."

To those in Shepherd, Madisonville and points beyond, he may be known by other names, some of which are not for print in family newspapers.

"When he was a freshman, I took him off the freshman team and put him on the varsity," explains Trinity basketball coach Johnnie Taylor, who watched with envy as Mack became somewhat of a small-town superstar.

"When a freshman is on the varsity, he needs to start," says Taylor, "otherwise he needs to be playing. He scored 21 points his

first game ever, and he scored 50 points one night against Lovelady his sophomore year.

"You're going to hear something about him sometime down the road."

Unless things change sometime soon, however, Chris Mack, the Texas Sports Writers' class 3A Basketball Player Of The Year, may have played his final basketball game.

Chris Mack, you see, is a player without a future.

At 6-foot-1, Mack -- despite his ability to put the ball in the hoop -- may simply have gotten lost in the shuffle. At least that's the way he and his coach see it.

"I think the main reason I haven't gotten many offers is because we're a 3A school and I don't get enough recognition," Mack said. "I really haven't been noticed. If I had gone to a bigger school, I'm sure I would have gotten noticed more."

"I don't know what it is," says Taylor, shrugging his shoulders.

Neither Sam Houston State University in Huntsville, some 20 minutes from Trinity, nor Stephen F. Austin State University in nearby Nacogdoches has so much

as called for an interview, although Sam Houston State did offer Mack, a running back on the football team, a scholarship to play football.

"I don't want to go to a school and sit on the bench," Mack said. Even in small-town Trinity, Chris Mack wasn't unlike a lot of kids being raised in a single-parent household, where his mom, Christine Houston, provided a roof over his head, three squares and clothes.

One of four siblings, Mack's older sister, Nicole, graduated from Trinity in 1996. Mack's brother, Robert Houston, and sister, Crystal Houston, are in the seventh and eighth grade, respectively.

Just as Trinity's basketball season was about to get cranked up last season, Christine Houston's house burned to the ground, forcing her clan to seek shelter at her sister's, Rosa Franklin.

"I had a bunch of awards I had won, and they all burned," Mack said. "We lost everything."

At 18, Mack believes he can still improve, and is prepared to do whatever it takes to do so.

"I think I can still do better," he said. "I think I still have lots to

learn."

Taylor couldn't agree more. "I think he's going to get stronger and a little bit bigger," the coach added. "I think when he goes to college, wherever that is, with competition, he's going to get better. With us, he just dominates in practice."

Like a lot of go-to players, Mack had a quiet bond with his coach.

"For us, we wanted the ball in his hands at least 25 times a game," Taylor said.

If things go accordingly, Mack will get an opportunity to play on the college level, be it at Trinity Valley, Stephen F. Austin, Sul Ross State or wherever.

But even if things don't turn out the way he plans, there's at least one person who will be thrilled just to see him enroll in school.

His mother.

"If I do go, I know she'll be proud of me," Mack said. "I've got uncles that have gone to college, but I'll be the first from our family to go to college."

Any takers?

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Sabres lance Habs, 3-2

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) -- Geoff Sanderson scored off a rebound 2:37 into overtime to lift the Buffalo Sabres to a 3-2 victory over the Montreal Canadiens on Friday night in the opener of their Eastern Conference semifinal series.

Sanderson, who also scored in the first period, grabbed Brian Holzinger's rebound and beat Canadiens goaltender Andy Moog with a wrist shot into the top half of the net.

It marked the first time in 14 games that the Canadiens lost a game in overtime. Montreal nearly pulled out a victory after coming back from a 2-0 deficit in the third period.

Turner Stevenson and Vincent Damphousse scored 10 seconds apart with less than six minutes remaining in regulation to tie the game as the Sabres were caught sitting on a 2-0 lead.

Sabres goaltender Dominik Hasek played brilliantly and finished with 46 saves. He had 42 saves before Stevenson broke through with 5:44 remaining in the third period.

Montreal had a chance to win with two minutes left in the third when Shayne Corson rattled a wrist shot off the goal post. Less than a minute later, Mark Recchi hit the other post.

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Parry, Blake tied for lead at BellSouth

DULUTH, Ga. (AP) -- Craig Parry and Jay Don Blake better enjoy the spotlight while they can at the BellSouth Classic. Tiger Woods is lurking nearby.

Parry and Blake were the co-leaders Friday, each with a 9-under-par 135, but 77 players will have to finish the second round Saturday morning because of weather-related delays the first two days.

That includes Woods, seeking his first PGA Tour victory in 10 months. He didn't tee off until nearly 5:40 p.m. and got in nine holes before play was halted with the moon hovering overhead.

After breaking a streak of 11 straight 70-or-higher rounds with a 69 Thursday, Woods stood at six under after picking up three birdies in the suspended second round.

First-round leader Mark Calcavecchia was one over for nine second-round holes, leaving him at six under overall. David Duval, the hottest player on the tour with five victories in the last seven months, was at four under with nine holes still to play Saturday morning.

Parry, an Australian who plays only part-time on the PGA Tour, shot a 6-under 66 -- Friday's best completed round -- and put himself in position for his first victory in the United States.

"I would love to win over here," said Parry, who has 14 international victories and has been a runner-up four times in the United States. "It drives me nuts. I've been close quite a few times."

Playing the back nine first at the TPC at Sugarloaf course north of Atlanta, Parry had an eagle at No. 18 when he hit a wedge into the hole from 110 yards, then followed up with another eagle at 4 when he chipped in from 50 feet.

Georgia Tech sophomore Matt Kuchar, playing on a sponsor's exemption, stood at four under with 14 holes still to play in the second round.


Rockies beat Spos

MONTREAL (AP) -- Pedro Astacio won for the first time in seven starts at Olympic Stadium as the Colorado Rockies put together a five-run sixth inning Friday night to beat the Montreal Expos 7-5.

Ellis Burks' third-inning homer was the only hit off Montreal starter Dustin Hermanson (3-3) through the first five innings before Colorado got to him in the sixth as both Dante Bichette and Neifi Perez hit two-run doubles.

Astacio (3-4) allowed three runs and seven hits in 5 2-3 innings.

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Spurs not down about being down

By KELLEY SHANNON
AP Sports Writer
SAN ANTONIO -- After barely losing two games at Utah, the Spurs could arrive on their home court feeling discouraged or confident.

The Jazz are betting on the latter.

"Hopefully they'll go in there and get down on themselves, but I don't think that'll happen," said Jeff Hornacek of the Jazz. "To have two chances of beating us on our court is pretty rare. They'll have a lot of confidence going back to San Antonio."

Utah leads the best-of-7 Western Conference semifinal series 2-0 after defeating the Spurs 109-106 in overtime Thursday. The Jazz won the series opener 83-82 on Tuesday.

Jazz coach Jerry Sloan expects Game 3 at the Alamodome on Saturday to be a tough one.

"It's very difficult to win three games in a row against any team, particularly one that poses as many problems as these guys. With them going home now, they're going to come out hard," Sloan said.

The fourth game will be played Sunday in San Antonio.

In Game 2, the Jazz looked like the team that finished with the NBA's best regular-season record as Karl Malone scored 22 points, Hornacek added 21 and John Stockton scored 18.

The Spurs were powered by Tim Duncan's 26 points, but the Rookie of the Year missed his only field goal attempt and two crucial free throws in overtime.

Duncan sprained his left ankle during overtime. He stayed home and kept the ankle iced Friday as his teammates held an afternoon film session and light workout.

Duncan was listed as probable for Saturday's game.

"Tim's going to play. If he doesn't play, I'm not going out there either," said Spurs forward Chuck Person with a laugh.

San Antonio coach Gregg Popovich said he's glad his team is playing well and has been in a position to win on the road.

"It's very disappointing to not

"We can't get too down about those two, because they had home court. They got it. They went to the (NBA) Finals last year."

-- David Robinson

walk away with a win, obviously. We'll be ready for this weekend," Popovich said.

Robinson, who had 21 points, 14 rebounds and three blocks for San Antonio on Thursday, has been concentrating mostly on defense. But he said if he has to put his point production against Utah -- particularly with Duncan ailing -- that's what he'll do.

"I'm going to do whatever I have to do -- we've got to get a win," he said.

"We can't get too down about those two, because they had home court," Robinson said. "They got it. They went to the (NBA) Finals last year."

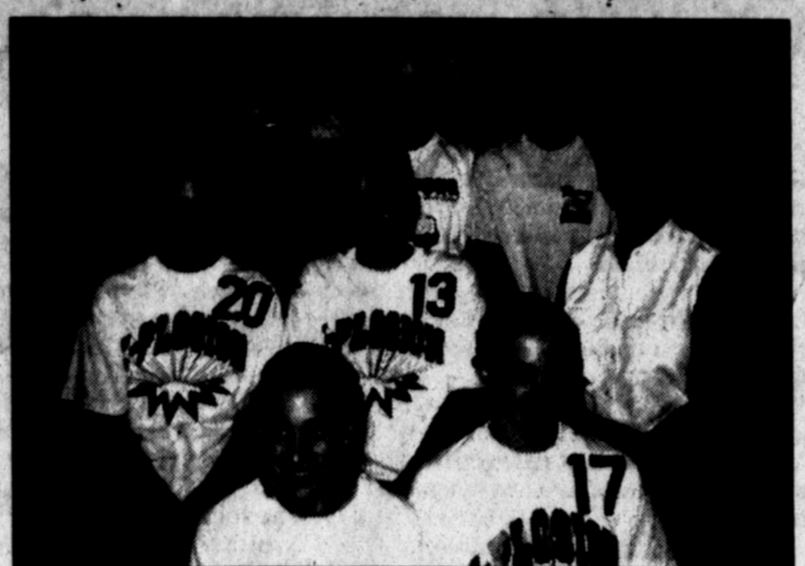
The Alamodome meeting Saturday will be the first time the two teams have played in San Antonio since Robinson suffered a concussion and knee injury when Malone knocked him out with an elbow in Utah in early April.

Malone insisted he didn't mean to hurt Robinson, but the league suspended him for a game.

Though Robinson has complained this series about Malone's kicking, both players say they've put the elbow incident behind them.

The same can't be said for Spurs fans.

Spurs supporters held a pep rally Friday afternoon in front the Alamodome. Some have given a new twist to the phrase "Remember the Alamo," proclaiming instead "Remember the Elbow."



Volleyballers take third

Hereford X-plosion took third place at the Albuquerque (N.M.) Regional Tournament May 2 to qualify for the national tournament in Dallas. X-plosion won their pool to advance to bracket play where they defeated Atonic Spiketees 15-2, 15-4; defeated Amarillo 14 Black J.O. 15-4, 15-5; lost to Amarillo Zastic 15-13, 15-5; and in the third-place game, defeated El Paso Sunspots (score not available). Members of X-plosion are (left to right), back row, Taylor Charest, Ashley Gonzalez, McKenzie Tabor and Laci Black; middle row, Joanna Olson, Holly Coneway and coach Charlene Sanders; front row, Kali Hall and Michelle Bernhardt.

Brewers chug 'Stros, 4-1

MILWAUKEE (AP) -- Mike Hampton lost for the first time this season and Houston's batters set an NL record for strikeouts in consecutive games as the Milwaukee Brewers beat the Astros 4-1 Friday night.

The Astros, victims of Kerry Wood's major league record-tying 20 strikeouts on Wednesday at Wrigley Field, struck out 11 more times, surpassing the NL utility mark for most strikeouts in consecutive nine-inning games.

The previous record was held by the San Diego Padres, whose batters struck out 29 times against the New York Mets from April 21-22, 1970.

The major league record is held by Seattle -- 36 strikeouts against Boston pitchers from April 29-30, 1986.

The Astros set the record when Moises Alou went down swinging against Bob Wickman in the eighth. Jeff Juden (4-1) gave up one run on four hits in 5 2-3 innings with four walks and seven strikeouts. Doug Jones pitched the ninth for his 10th save.

The Brewers went up 2-0 in the third.

Jose Valentin led off the inning with a fly ball to right that Dave Clark misplayed into a three-base error. Jesse Levis, a left-handed hitter who started only because he's Juden's personal catcher, followed with a sacrifice fly off Hampton (5-1) for a 1-0 lead.

Mark Loretta added an RBI single off second baseman Craig Biggio's glove, but Jeff Cirillo was thrown out at third on the play to end the inning. TV replays showed Cirillo was safe.

Bagwell, who had struck out five straight times, led off the sixth with a single to left. He scored on Alou's sacrifice fly to make it 2-1.

Red Sox bomb Royals, 14-3

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) -- Bret Saberhagen stayed unbeaten and reminded Kansas City fans why they got so upset when he was traded, and Boston had its biggest hit total in eight years as the Red Sox trounced the Royals 14-3 Friday night.

Saberhagen, who won two Cy Young Awards and a World Series MVP with Kansas City from 1984-91, improved to 5-0. In his first appearance against the Royals since being traded to the New York Mets after the 1991 season, he gave up seven hits in six innings.

Troy O'Leary hit two home runs and every Boston starter had at least one hit and scored at least once as the Red Sox got 20 hits, their most since a 20-hit attack against Minnesota on May 19, 1990.

The Red Sox scored three runs in the first, once in the second, and then scored three more in the third, fourth and seventh innings. Chris Haney (2-3) gave up eight hits and six runs in two-plus innings.

St. Louis ices Wings, 4-2

DETROIT (AP) -- The St. Louis Blues remained the only unbeaten team in the NHL playoffs, beating the Detroit Red Wings 4-2 Friday night behind Jim Campbell's two third-period goals in the opener of their second-round series.

Todd Gill and Brett Hull also scored for the Blues, who swept the Los Angeles Kings in the first round. Martin Lapointe and Tomas Holstrom scored for the Red Wings, who are trying to become the first team since 1992 to repeat as Stanley Cup champion.

Game 2 of the best-of-7 Western Conference series will be played Sunday afternoon at Joe Louis Arena. Action then shifts to St. Louis for Games 3 and 4 beginning Tuesday night.

With the score tied 1-1, Detroit forward Brent Gilchrist was sent off for obstruction tripping with 10.5 seconds remaining in the period. Then, just as time expired, Steve Yzerman was caught high-sticking Chris Pronger.

That enabled St. Louis to open the third period with a 5-on-3 advantage and the Blues needed only 18 seconds to make the Red Wings pay as Campbell, standing in front, snapped a shot past Chris Osgood for his fourth playoff goal and a 2-1 lead.

Tennis

acting. It isn't something he plays around at."

Rasera, whose native language is Dutch although he speaks English with only a slight accent, has also played a doctor in "The Elephant Man" and a man dealing with his girlfriend's incestuous relationship with her brother in "Fool for Love."

Rasera's said his hero is fellow Belgian Jean-Claude Van Damme, the kickboxer who left home to make it big in the American movie business.

"I'm not saying he's a great actor," Rasera said. "I do think what he did, to leave his country and become a star, I think that's really admirable."

As for his own acting ambitions, Rasera says his main purpose is to excel, not get attention.

"I just want to do well," he said. "If people notice me afterwards, then that's fine."

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GOP lawmaker pushes saving Truman yacht

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Inside Washington

WASHINGTON (AP) - A piece of American history is sitting in an Italian shipyard, destined for the scrap heap unless rescued by an unlikely champion.

It is the former presidential yacht, the USS Williamsburg, beloved by Harry S. Truman, who used it throughout his presidency.

Retired by President Eisenhower as "a symbol of needless luxury," the 244-foot vessel has fallen on hard times and may be carved up for scrap within days.

"Here we have a great ship, a great history, and once it's lost we can't recover it," said Sen. Dirk Kempthorne, a staunchly conservative Republican from Idaho who is trying to generate interest and private funding to save the Williamsburg from destruction.

Not lost on Kempthorne is the fact that when Truman was president, Republicans of his ilk were merciless in their attacks on the Democratic administration.

Would not Truman, known for his campaign against a "do-nothing" Republican Congress, find Kempthorne's help a little ironic?

"That's true, that's true," said the senator. But times have changed and Truman is far more admired now than when he left office with dismal approval ratings.

"One of our great presidents," is Kempthorne's assessment.

The Idaho senator said he first became aware of the Williamsburg when he would see it docked on the Potomac River during his commute to the Capitol.

"I kept seeing this big white ship," he said. "I made some inquiries to find out what ship that was."

At that point, the Williamsburg was moored next to a sewage treatment plant. Trees were growing through its deck, which was littered with broken beer bottles.

But there was hope that it would be restored and become a tourist attraction.

Five years ago, the plan for restoration of the Williamsburg was celebrated at a congressional reception. Before long, the ship was on its way to be transformed into a "floating embassy for the United States."

Spearheading that plan was Boris Kiriloff, an engineer and naval architect who owned a company called Boldcraft Marine in Jacksonville, Fla. There no current listing in

Jacksonville for either the company or Kiriloff.

"Once the ship was sent over to Italy, that's the last we heard of it, and we looked forward to the announcement it was coming back under its own power," said Kempthorne.

The announcement never came. Whatever chances there were of raising the millions needed to put the ship back in the shape it was in when

Truman used it evaporated. The Williamsburg now is in the hands of receivers who hope to recover its salvage value of about \$100,000.

When Kempthorne learned of the plans to destroy the vessel, he contacted the Italian ambassador in Washington to see what could be done.

Truman certainly would be saddened to learn of the Williamsburg's fate.

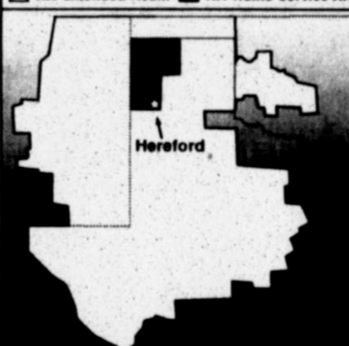
In his biography of the president, David McCullough wrote:

"Truman loved the Williamsburg. It's just wonderful," he often told its commander, Donald J. MacDonald.

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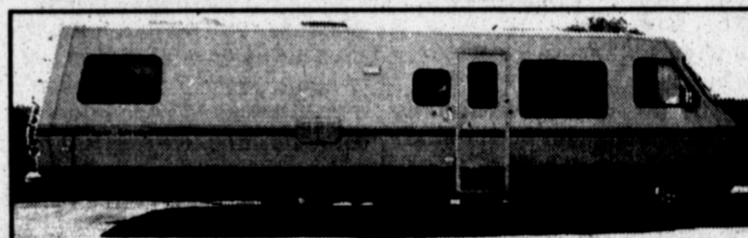
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Let Us Introduce Ourselves

For Joe De La O, good food is a family tradition. And, the boy from Juarez, Mexico, who learned to cook on his grandmother's knee, honors that tradition at his restaurant, Pepito's.

Joe was 8 years old when his family came to America and settled in the Panhandle. As he grew, he developed an enduring love for his adopted country while retaining a respect for his native culture. Part of that culture is a strong sense of family and a love of traditional foods.

Joe met and married Esmeralda while living in Muleshoe some 16 years ago. While working as a diesel mechanic, Joe gained restaurant experience working part time and looked forward to the day he could open his own business.

That opportunity came in 1987 when Joe and Esmeralda found a place to start in Nocona, Texas. There, as always, food and family were inextricably linked.

"In Nocona it all started with brothers," explains Esmeralda. "It was brothers and brother's wives."

There was no shortage of brothers, since Joe is the eldest of six. Joe was the owner, but they all worked together to keep the family strong and to build a successful business.

Nocona residents liked what the De La O's had to offer and the restaurant flourished. It was time for a new challenge. Leaving brother Cuco to manage the Nocona store, Joe and Esmeralda came to Canyon to open a second Pepito's.

First located near the outskirts of town on 23rd, Canyon's Pepito's struggled to gain a following. It was in 1992, when they moved to their present location at 408 23rd, that business really took off. Their latest plan calls for the acquisition of a catering van.

"It'll be like Pepito's on wheels," says Esmeralda.

Esmeralda handles the bookkeeping; Joe still does all the cooking himself. That sounds like a daunting task, but not to Joe.

"It's real easy cause I love it," he explains. "My favorite dish to make is Carne Guisada. I like the spices."

The Pepito's pattern of success became evident after a third Pepito's was opened in 1995 in Bowie, Texas. That location is managed by another brother, Ricky.

The growing family business has now opened a fourth location at Highway 60 in Hereford. Manuel De La O will operate the newest edition to the Mexican food empire. But, Joe's dreams don't stop there. As the eldest of the brothers, Joe is committed to giving each one an opportunity to attain success and share in the American dream.

"I'd like to put all my brothers into business," he says.

Hard work, commitment to family, and love of traditional foods, has been Joe's recipe for success. He's more than a little gratified at the result.

"Whenever I hear someone mention Pepito's I can feel proud of my



BIG PLANS Marking the opening of a new restaurant in Hereford. Manuel (left), Joe and Manuel's wife Ramona.

accomplishment," says Joe. "I am grateful to the United States for the opportunity to make it a success. And, most important, my success means I can help others."

Joe and Esmeralda have two sons, a sixteen year old, Joel, 3 year old, Ulise and 2 year old daughter, Cristian.

The De La O's have big plans. They'd like to expand into more markets like some of the bigger chain restaurants.

Anything is possible. The only limitation to those dreams seems to be based strictly on the size of the De La O family and the enthusiasm of Joe De La O.



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Lifestyles

Quarry tile, neutral paint give apartment Southwestern flair

New look can be accessorized to suit tenant

By BECKY CAMP
Lifestyles Editor

From the painted porch at the front door to the faux brick in the patio area, the look is new.

The use of quarry tile and bone colored walls with contrasting trim have given one apartment in Hereford a much needed face lift.

"We learned a lot about tile and how much work is required to lay it," Beverly Wilson, manager of the Masters Apartments at 122 E. 15th St., said.

When Wilson said "we," she was also including Jap Dickerson and Bennie Sapp. The trio provided the labor, not only for laying the floor tile, but for most of the other work required in the remodeling job.

"These apartments are more than 25 years old. Remodeling is a necessity to keep them in good renting condition," Wilson said.

Major remodeling was done in the kitchen area. Cabinets were removed above the bar and recessed florescent lighting was replaced with direct track lighting giving the small space a much more open look as well as additional light.

New cabinet tops were added and while the old cabinets were left in place, they were refinished.

Plantation blinds replaced other window coverings throughout the apartment.

Shag carpet was installed on the open staircase and in the loft bedroom.

"This is the 'new' shag carpet," Wilson said. "It is the latest look in carpet and is reportedly much better than the shag carpet widely used a few years ago."

The bathroom located in the loft also underwent extensive

changes including new tile in the tub enclosure, new sliding glass shower doors and a new counter top for the vanity.

"The grout in the shower is also something 'new'. It's gray in color and more like mortar than regular grout," Wilson explained.

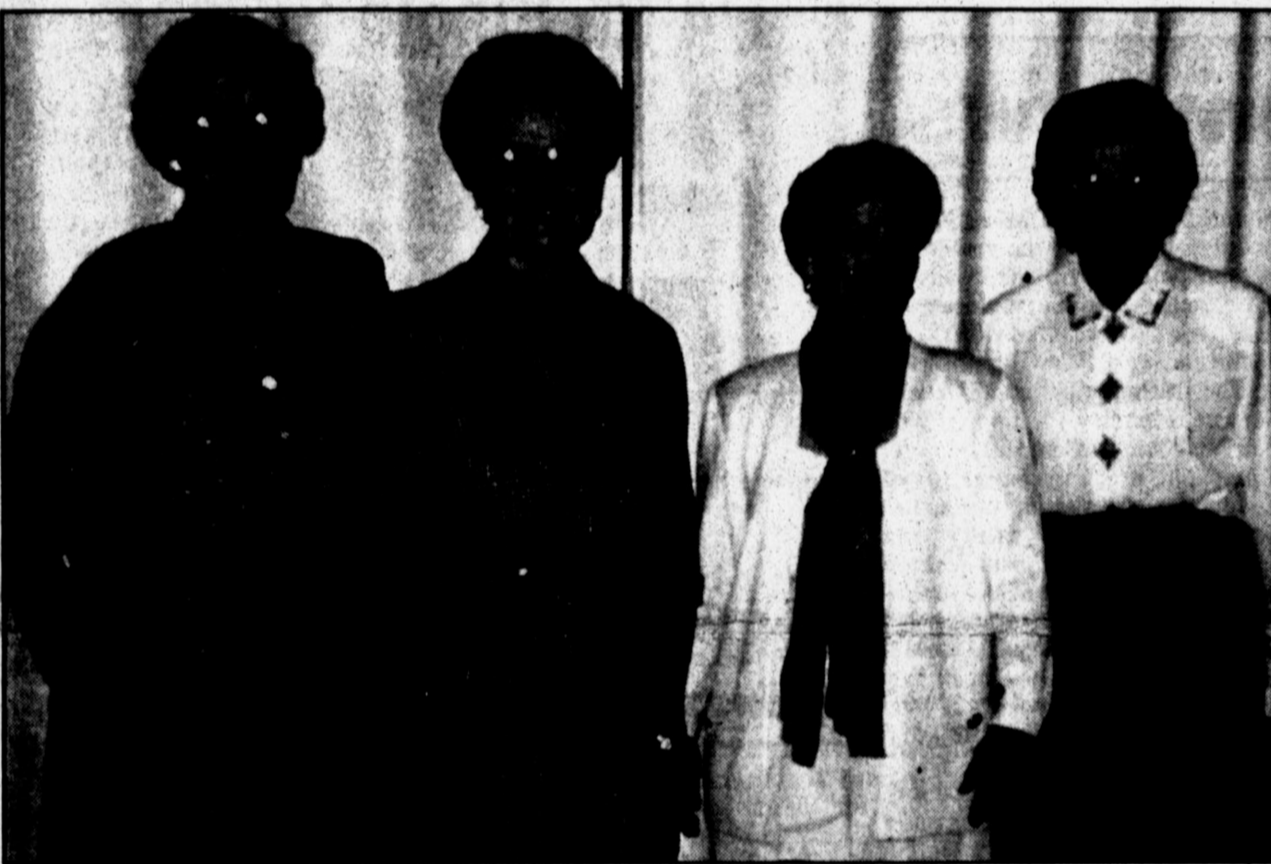
The Masters Apartments complex is made up of 20 units. Four are three bedroom flats; six are two bedroom flats; six are one bedroom lofts; and four are one bedroom lofts.

The newly remodeled apartment is a one bedroom loft, but improvements will be made to other apartments as they are vacated, according to Wilson.

An outside renovation project is planned for this summer when the patio areas will be extended to the curb, Wilson said.



Quarry tile has been installed in the downstairs area of this apartment as part of an extensive remodeling project. Removing some cabinets and using track lighting have added much needed light to the small kitchen area as well.



Bay View Study Club officers for the next club year were installed at the club meeting Thursday at Hereford Country Club. Beth Burran, left, was installing officer. New officers are, from left, Margaret Bell, president; Betty Rudder, corresponding secretary; Helen Rose, treasurer; and not pictured, Judy Mitts, first vice president; and Sue Sims, recording secretary.

Installation of Bay View officers features 'garden party' theme

The final meeting of Bay View Study Club for the 1997-1998 year was held Thursday in the Terrace Room of Hereford Country Club.

A garden party theme was followed throughout the meeting which began with brunch at decorated garden tables. The social committee hosted the members.

President Lou Davis conducted a business meeting. This included election of the following officers for

the next club year: Margaret Bell, president; Judy Mitts, first vice president; Sue Sims, recording secretary; Betty Rudder, corresponding secretary; and Helen Rose, treasurer.

Lois Gilliland was named an honorary member of Bay View, for signal service to the club.

Following adjournment of the business meeting, Pat Graham introduced Beth Burran, who installed

the next year's officers, using a theme of herbs in keeping with the garden party theme.

Those in attendance were Ruth Allison, Jeannie Caison, Roberta Caviness, Helen Eades, Pat Fisher, Mary Fraser, Virginia Garner, Nancy Hays, Elizabeth Holt, Nancy Josseland, Yiota Malouf, Ruth McBride, Katie McLeod, Lois Scott, Bell, Burran, Davis, Gilliland, Graham, Rose and Rudder.

Laycock set as HRSEA speaker

Kenneth Laycock, newly elected president of Texas Retired Teachers Association, will speak at the Monday meeting of Hereford Retired School Employees Association which will be held 11:30 a.m. at Hereford Senior Citizens Center.

Laycock, of Canyon, will discuss issues facing retired school employees of Texas.

Officers for 1998-2000 will be installed. Lunch will be available for those interested and a lucky person will win the "Share the Pot" activity. All retired school employees are urged to attend.

New Arrivals

Gary and Susan Jones of Oklahoma City, Okla., announce the arrival of Samuel David Wagoner Jones on April 27.

He weighed 8 pounds, 11 ounces and measured 21 inches long.

He is welcomed home by a brother, Ben, age 18 months.

Grandparents are Elane and B.L. "Lynn" Jones of Hereford and Betty and Buford Blackburn of Oklahoma City.

Great-grandmother is Martha Wagoner of Hereford.

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MR. AND MRS. BRENDON MICKLER
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Couple exchanges vows

Lisa Beavers and Brendon Mickler were married Jan. 31 in a ceremony on the home of Mr. and Mrs. David Kreig with a small gathering of family members and close friends. Barry Roberts officiated at the ceremony.

Diane Kreig, mother of the bride, was matron of honor. Bill White, grandfather of the bridegroom, was best man.

Music was provided by Erin Noland, organist and Darla Stengel, vocalist.

David Kreig was photographer. The wedding cake, made by Darla Rodriguez, was served by Janet Beavers.

After a wedding trip to Cancun, the couple is at home in Hereford with their 7-month-old son, Brandon Thomas Mickler.

The Successful Family

By TILLI BOOZER, M.ED., REC. SEC. CSAE, LPC, NCC
FAMILY HOME NURTURING HOUR FOR OUR SELF-ESTEEM AND CONCEPT

1. Sit around a table, or on the floor in the living room. Everyone has to be in close proximity.
2. One hour has to be set aside without interruption. No phone calls; no visitors.
3. Limit the time to one hour. Set a time; write down when the hour will end. When time is up, members may leave or stay on longer.
4. Keep the time and day for the family hour the same each week, if possible.

5. Have a snack and something for everyone to drink.

6. Try to stay on the issue.

7. Avoid criticism and suggestions that indicate someone is right; some is wrong.

8. End the hour with a family hug. Everyone is to make physical contact with each other.

Everyone has self-esteem. Self-esteem is how we feel about ourselves. Recognizing how we feel about ourselves is important because feelings are primary motivators of our behavior. We behave the way we feel. When we feel good about ourselves (high self-esteem), we are more capable of treating others the same way -- good. When we feel bad about ourselves (low self-esteem), we are also more capable of treating others the same way -- bad.

The nurturing hour with your family can put back the self-esteem

the world has a tendency to tear down in ourselves, our teens, and our children. Working together on keeping our self-esteem high will help us be nice and nurturing to ourselves, others, our children, friends, spouses, and co-workers. This is one of the most important functions of the family in today's challenging world.

Being aware of what we think of ourselves as parents, teens, and children is very important. Along with our feelings, our thoughts guide our behavior. We use our knowledge of ourselves to make choices, make decisions, problem solve, and identify right from wrong. If we do not think highly of ourselves (low self-concept), the choices and decisions we make will reflect our low self-concept. When we feel like a loser we will act like a loser, and others will treat us according to how we act and feel -- like a loser.

When we think highly of ourselves (high self-concept), the choices and decisions we make will tell everyone we think we are winners. A winner is someone who thinks good things about him/herself and acts that way. When you think of yourself as a winner, people treat you that way, and you treat others as winners.

To learn more about self-esteem and healthy choices and decision making, join the D.R.E.S.S. YOUR FAMILY FOR SUCCESS program Thursday evenings from 6-9 at San Jose Community Center. It is for all ages. For more information call Tilli at 364-4357.



SAMANTHA MACIAS, JEFF WEEKS

Former resident plans to wed in Angel Fire

Sam and Carolyn Macias of Angel Fire, N.M., formerly of Hereford, announce the engagement of their daughter, Samantha, to Jeffrey Weeks of Angel Fire.

Parents of the prospective bridegroom are Ronald Thomas Weeks and Jerry Kay Weeks of Angel Fire.

The wedding is planned for June 27 at Monte Verde Ranch American

Creek House in Angel Fire.

The bride-elect attended Hereford High School. She graduated from Farmington in 1991 and is currently employed as a sales representative for A.C. Houston Lumber in Angel Fire.

Weeks graduated from Mansfield High School in Arlington in 1987. He owns and operates his own construction company and is also foreman for A.C. Houston Lumber.

Red Cross Update

Congratulations to Tyson Forester for becoming a Lifeguard Instructor and a First Aid and CPR Instructor. Tyson will help keep our residents safe in and around the water.

Travis Sutton is a new instructor for our chapter having moved here from Nebraska. Sutton teaches First Aid and CPR and Preventing Disease Transmission. Call us to schedule those classes.

Special thanks to Romeo Ramirez for teaching a series of classes for the chapter.

Rick and Connie Whitehorn recently took the Babysitting Instructor and the Basic Aid Instructor class in Lubbock. They are

qualified to teach both the babysitting class and a first aid class for children called BAT. Call the office for information about these classes.

The nominating committee with Lupe Chavez as chairman, is accepting nominations for the Board of Directors. Call the office to leave suggestions or call Lupe at home to nominate someone.

The Board of Directors will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at the office. Regular business items, including approval of the budget for the new fiscal year, will be taken care of.

A CPR class will begin Tuesday, May 19 at 9 a.m. Call the office to register for the all day class.

Military Muster

Marine Pfc. Arturo Nava, son of Rosario and Arturo Nava Sr. of Hereford, recently completed the Personnel Clerk Course at Personnel Administration School, Marine Corps Service Support Schools, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

During the seven-week course, Nava received instruction on the preparation and maintenance of officer and enlisted service records. Nava also learned to prepare all personnel documents, including identification cards, promotion certificates, individual evaluation reports, and leave authorizations.

As a Marine Corps personnel clerk, Nava will be responsible for providing enlisted personnel with information and counseling about Marine Corps jobs, opportunities for general education and training, promotion requirements, rights and benefits. Nava also will keep records up to date, prepare reports, type letters, and maintain files.

The 1997 graduate of Hereford

High School joined the Marine Corps in June 1997.

Navy Lt. Cody L. Wilson, son of Mickey L. and Shirley J. Wilson of Hereford, recently completed the Officer Indoctrination Course.

During the course at Officer Indoctrination School, Naval Education and Training Center, Newport, R.I., students are prepared for duty in the naval staff field corresponding to their civilian profession.

The first five weeks of studies include naval history and traditions, personnel administration, military law, close-order drill, and other general military subjects.

During the final week, studies concentrate on the application of civilian professions within the Navy.

He is a 1989 graduate of Hereford High School and a 1993 and 1997 graduate of Texas A&M University with a BS and PHD degree, respectively.

Food and Family

By LAWRENCE HEADLEY R.D., L.D.
REDUCING SALT IN THE DIET
Why Americans use so much salt

Have you ever wondered why processed food has so much salt? It's because salt enhances flavor and helps prevent foods from spoiling.

It also affects the texture of food, particularly processed meat. While sodium chloride -- or salt -- is essential for good nutrition, we typically consume more than two to three times the amount of salt our

bodies need every day. Too much salt can affect blood pressure -- and may lead to hypertension. And nearly 75 percent of the excess salt in our diet comes from processed foods!

The recommended daily allowance for salt is 2,400 milligrams -- approximately one teaspoon.

This information comes from WIC -- the Women, Infants and Children Nutrition Program. For a free nutrition magazine, write the Texas Department of Health, Austin, TX 78756 or call 1-800-WIC-3678.

Bezner will preside at meeting of Deaf Smith Co. Historical Society

Members of the Deaf Smith County Historical Society are invited to attend the organization's annual meeting and luncheon planned for 10 a.m. Tuesday, May 12 at the Hereford Country Club. Cost of the lunch is \$10.

This is an open meeting for all members of the Historical Society and each member is encouraged to attend this yearly event. Reservations

may be made by calling Donna Brockman, executive director of the Deaf Smith County Museum, at 363-7070 by Friday.

The annual meeting will begin at 10 a.m. with president Jeri Bezner presiding, followed by a luncheon. The agenda will include annual reports by committees and the election of officers.

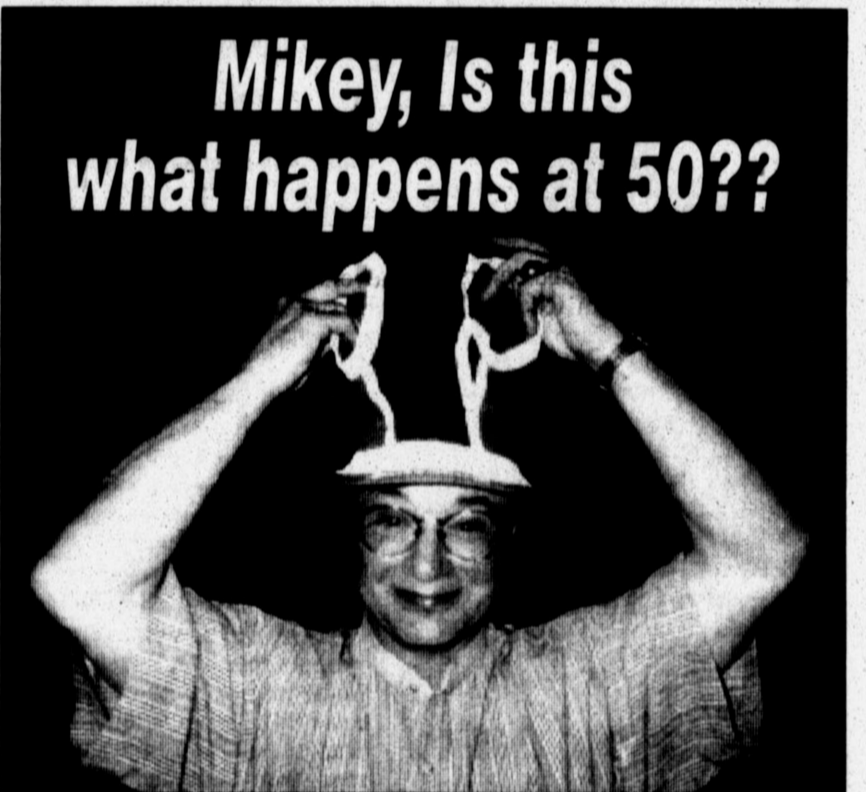
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MINDING YOUR OWN BUSINESS

Don Taylor

Marketing with Technology: High-tech tips for growing your business

How many web pages are already on the Internet? According to recent reports, more than 320 million. Entrepreneurs, web-page builders and access providers are adding one more site every minute. Will this become the small-business owner's marketing alternative of choice? Or, will the internet become a mega morass of information overload. Will we build great, enduring companies along the information highway? Or, will we find ourselves sitting in a commerce-congested traffic jam in cyberspace.

No one can answer these questions completely. At least not yet. However, just in case high-tech marketing does become the strategic weapon of choice for small-business owners, here are some tips for growing your business on-line.

Cyber Marketing Tips

- **Understand the medium.** The World Wide Web is a niche marketing medium. It is not a mass medium. The quality of a customer who visits your site is much more critical to your success than the quantity of visits. You do have global reach, but to a very narrow band of potential customers.
- **Limit your on-line time.** Using your computer and the internet for marketing requires discipline. Don't let the lure of marketspace consume hours you need for improving the core elements of your business. If you don't keep the quality in your products and services, on-line marketing may actually hasten your demise. If you don't keep your promises, your uplink may be your downfall.
- **Gear your on-line marketing to people.** You may easily forget who is on the other end of your on-line efforts. It is another person. Yes, your cyber connection is electronic, and your interface is a computer. However, on the other end of every electronic action is a potential customer, a real, live person. As with all other types of marketing, cyber marketing is all about people.
- **Don't expect overnight success.** All marketing efforts take time and some tweaking. Try different techniques. Try different graphics, copy and colors. Be patient. It will take some time for good customers to find your site. However, don't wait for success. Stay focused on making your site more useful and user friendly.

- **Cross promote.** One of the best ways to increase your marketing velocity is to cross promote. Your business cards, brochures, letterhead, mailers, invoices and advertising should all carry your web address. Likewise, be sure to give your phone number, mailing address and catalog and brochure information on-line. Don't miss any opportunity.
- **Don't underestimate the contact time.** Sound web-based marketing allows plenty of time for customer development. One or two quick e-mails may not reassure all customers. Unique products, services or solutions may require lots of additional service on-line. Set aside the time before you make the on-line commitment.
- **Keep your site up to date.** Web technology is dynamic. Potential customers will return to a unique site that changes and becomes more user friendly with subsequent visits. Work on visual appeal and content. Keep it fresh, up to date and fun. Remember, good on-line marketing is information based. Your job is to ensure that the information is relevant to your potential customers.
- **Use a quality access provider to host your site.** Your on-line marketing efforts won't convert to business if your host's server is off line more than on. Do your homework. Visit with references before you select a host for your site. You can host your own site, but understand the requirements before you do.
- **On-line marketing can increase your open-for-business hours, improve your image and help you sell information-rich products and services.** If you do decide to go on-line, go for results, not recognition.

Don Taylor is the co-author of "Up Against the Wal-Mart." You may write to him in care of "Minding Your Own Business," PO Box 67, Amarillo, TX 79105.

Between the Covers

By MARTHA RUSSELL

Greetings from "the information Mecca of the county." That's what one of our patrons called us today. She also told us that libraries are where angels hang out. She saw it in a movie. I like it.

Rebecca foxed me this time. Well, actually, I foxed myself. I know that she was going to be in Washington, D.C., this week. She will owe me three weeks writing the article when she gets back, and I intend to hold her to it.

Keeping track of my schedule and my family's schedule is about all I can handle. I have to keep a calendar on the refrigerator at home and a calendar on my desk at the library, and I still miss things. Keeping track of Rebecca's schedule puts me into overload some days. Life in the fast lane!!

Rebecca has become very active in Texas Library Association and especially Children's Round Table, an interest group that is part of TLA. As a member of CRT, she chairs its Legislative Committee. TLA Legislative Day is this week, when Rebecca and other librarians from all over Texas travel to Washington, at CRT's expense, to lobby for issues that are important to libraries.

So, Rebecca is in Washington, D.C., talking to legislators, trying to make them aware of issues that affect libraries overall and therefore Deaf

Smith County Library. I had to laugh at the instructions she was given in preparation for the trip.

Of course, they were to dress appropriately for meeting with such influential and important people, but the caution was to wear comfortable shoes, preferably sports shoes. The picture of librarians dress in suits and other appropriate business clothes and Reeboks, was amusing. This trip is evidently hard on the feet.

They were also cautioned to stay out of the tunnels, or they could easily get lost. We hope Rebecca comes back Wednesday! The final instructions were, on arriving at home, to get as comfortable as possible, go to bed and soon as possible, and sleep as long as possible.

It sound like an exhausting trip, but we hope, well worth it. It is the squeaky wheel that gets the grease, they say. Apathy about legislative matters that affect libraries can, without our noticing it, result in adverse circumstances. Rebecca is well suited for such a task as this, as she has never been accused of being apathetic or backward in expressing her concerns. I'm sure she will come home with lots of stories to tell.

In Judging Time by Leslie Glass, Detective Sergeant April Woo is assigned a case that screams of race, sex, class, and headlines. Two bodies, a man and a woman, are found

entangled on the ground in front of a trendy restaurant. One has been stabbed to death. The other has died of an apparent heart attack. Each is married to someone else. The dead woman is the wife of African-American pro football player turned stock broker, Rick Liberty, and the dead man is Liberty's best friend and perhaps his wife's lover.

Liberty is the prime suspect and media attention brings pressure from city hall to solve the case. April is not sure that Liberty is guilty. When the case takes a sudden and violent turn, a shocking piece of evidence come to light. Suddenly they are tracking a killer who is an expert at covering tracks and planting false leads, a killer who is much closer than they think.

One Must Wait, by Penny Mickelbury, is the story of two attorneys, husband and wife, who each find that they can't go on defending criminals, guilty ones, without violating principles. Together they resign their positions in prestigious law firms and look toward the future as the best of times.

Only a few days later, the husband, Alain, lies dead on a Washington, D.C. sidewalk. As his wife, Carol Ann, searches to find out why her husband was killed, the secrets of his life take her from the nation's capital to the blackwater swamps of Louisiana. She discovers that there

is more to her life with Alain, his death, and her own history than she ever imagined possible. And, for what she has learned, someone wants her to pay with her life.

Dust by Charles Pellegrino sounds something like a sci-fi. The change is almost imperceptible. Paleobiologist Richard Sinclair is the first to suspect that the environment has begun to wage bloody, terrifying war on humanity. What, at first, appears to be random, unrelated events are, in actuality, violent eruptions in a worldwide biological chain reaction.

Sinclair, along with a brave group of survivors, must learn to understand the catastrophe while it roils around

them, slowly crumbling a panicked world and energizing a reactionary fringe that welcome the end of the world. The survival of humankind depends on finding an answer immediately -- before all that's left is dust.

Other new fiction books are: N is for Noose by Sue Grafton, The Young Savages by Fred Mustard Stewart, Sea Swept by Nora Roberts, The Demon Spirit by R.A. Salvatore, Digging up Momma by Sarah Shankman

On the nonfiction shelf is the autobiography of Adeline yen Mah, Falling Leaves: The True Story of

an Unwanted Chinese Daughter. Born to a family of wealth and position, Adeline was deemed back luck when her mother died giving her life. She was considered inferior and insignificant by her older siblings who bullied her relentlessly. When her father remarried, she found herself at the mercy of a cruelly manipulative stepmother.

As the Red Army approached in 1949, her family moved to Hong Kong and she was shipped off to a boarding school in virtual isolation, forbidden visitors, mail, and all contact with her family. Burying herself in books, she dreamed of freedom and a new life. Today, she is a physician.

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Displays

Cody Hunt, above, a sophomore at Hereford High School, hopes to have a real Corvette some day. Until then he has a couple of small ones in his Hot Wheels collection which is on display at the Deaf Smith County Library this month. When asked about how he decides what cars to add to his collection, Cody said, "I just buy whatever I think is cool." Christi Duggan, at right, Community Christian School senior, is displaying samples of her art work at the library this month, also. Preferring pencil drawing, she has entered her work in various art contests and has come out a winner. After graduation from CCS, Christi plans to continue her education at Amarillo College and major in art.



Farm & Ranch

Texas water wells provide the perfect thirst quencher

Rising temperatures and necessary outdoor tasks mean residents, especially rural residents, soon will soon be out in the heat, sweating and burning up fluids, which must be replaced.

The drink of choice, according to Texas Agricultural Extension Service, is plain, old-fashioned, straight out of the tap - water.

Doctors and health experts recommend most people drink at least eight 8-ounce glasses of water a day.

Texas offers safe water to all city residents through the public water approval regulations, but rural residents must rely on other means to guarantee safe drinking water.

"Any tap water from a public water

system that's regulated by the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission is tested at least monthly and has to meet state and federal public drinking water standards," Dr. John Sweeten, an extension irrigation and water management engineer, said.

Sweeten and other water experts say even though rural water supplies are not tested that does not mean people have to turn to bottled water.

"Water doesn't have any significant nutritional value," Dr. Mickey Bielamowicz, extension nutrition specialist, said. "What's more, just because bottled water might taste better, that doesn't make it safer to drink. Sometimes bottled water

comes right out of a public water supply system."

Water taste and color is greatly affected by the minerals in the soil, such as iron, lead, sodium and manganese, but the mineral count only affects the taste and sometimes the odor, but not the drinkability.

Sweeten says there are a number of things landowners can do to guarantee safe water, but the first step is to contact the Texas Agricultural Extension Service for information regarding water management.

"On the farmstead, protecting the wellhead to ensure safe, potable drinking water must be a primary concern," Sweeten said.

According to information provided by the extension service, the location of the well should be the first consideration.

Determining ground water movement may require special monitoring equipment, which is installed and operated by trained personnel. This prevents the well from being located below a possible contaminating source.

Sweeten warns landowners that changing the location of the well in relation to the contamination sources may protect the water supply well, but not the ground water supply itself.

Storm water and ground water can carry bacteria, oil products, pesticides and other contaminants from one

place to another. Even though the soil acts as a partial filter, not all contaminants can be removed.

Sweeten said there are ways of getting around removing contaminants from rural drinking water, which will improve the safety, taste and the color of water.

Simple water filters and chlorinating systems are probably the least expensive, and can be purchased locally.

More extreme problems can be at least partially resolved with more expensive household water systems and reverse osmosis processes.

Sweeten explained reverse osmosis systems use a membrane to act as a molecular filter to dissolve solids in

the water.

A series of filters and semi-permeable membranes removes the minerals and sediment, which can affect the taste of the water.

Most experts agree the need for safe water is imperative, and most water in Texas, because of the scrutiny given to industry and other environmental factors, is safe.

With all this, the experts say drink the water and enjoy.

"I can't emphasize water too much," Dr. Dymple Cooksey, an extension nutrition expert, said. "Water is cheaper. It quenches thirst more effectively and it adds no calories."



Star award recipients

This year's FFA Star awards went to, seated from left, Zach Wall-Hereford Lone Star Degree; Ben Sublett-Star Chapter Farmer; Jerad Johnson-Star Greenhand; and, standing from left, Stephen Wheeler-Outstanding Ag Student. Superintendent Jack Patton was selected as an Honorary FFA member. Also pictured is his daughter, Jackie. These awards are given to individuals who have proven themselves at the Chapter, District, and State levels.

Kansas wheat looks good

KANSAS CITY, Mo. - This year's Kansas wheat crop will be good, but not as good as last year's, crop scouts said Thursday as they finished a three-day tour of the state.

Participants in the 1998 Winter Wheat tour predicted that Kansas farmers will harvest between 301 million bushels and 521 million bushels. The average estimated harvest, 416 million bushels, is higher than last year's estimate of 336 bushels.

The actual harvest last year was 506 million bushels.

The per-acre yield is expected to average 40.3 bushels per acre.

Last year, the per-acre yield was

estimated at 36.8 bushels, and the actual average was 42 bushels.

Although this year's estimate is higher than last year's estimate, this year's crop likely will not be as good as last year's, said Ben Hancock, vice president of the Wheat Quality Council. The Pierre, S.D.-based organization arranged the tour.

Last year, scouts took a mid-April cold snap into account before calculating their estimates, making for conservative predictions, Hancock said. The wheat recovered and produced the state's largest crop since 1990.

The observers started their tour on Tuesday morning in Manhattan.

Traveling in 18 cars on different routes, they stopped in 537 wheat fields, measuring, inspecting and taking notes on the crop.

"The surprise to me was the amount of diseases - none," Hancock said. "I don't think I've seen a whole state so disease free."

Moisture levels earlier this year made scouts expect that they could find some diseases, Hancock said. Colder temperatures earlier this year may have helped keep diseases at bay, said Dean Stoskopf, a Hoisington farmer participating in the tour.

Some hail damage was noticed just south of Colby in Kearny County.

Rooted in Texas

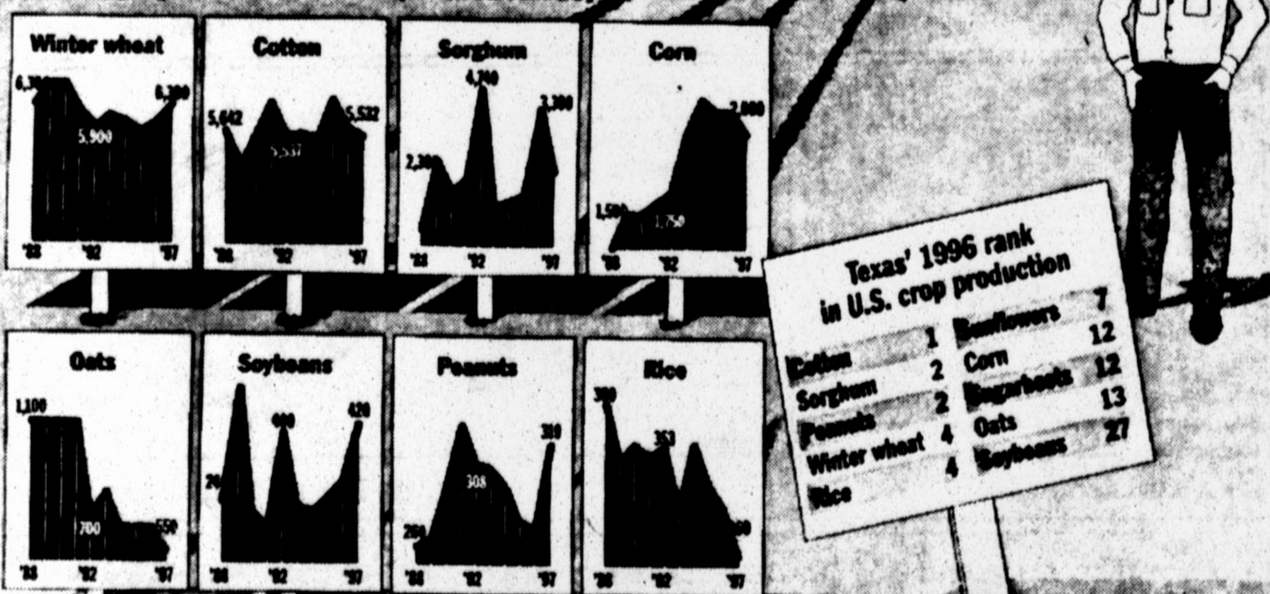
The past decade has brought many changes to Texas agriculture, but not in annual planting of the two largest crops, winter wheat and cotton. In 1997, 6.3 million acres were planted in wheat and another 5.5 million acres in cotton. Acreage for both crops was close to the annual average of the past 10 years.

Some crops have seen much more change in this period. Sorghum planting, while fluctuating from year to year, has trended upward thanks in part to the crop's drought-resistant properties. Acreage for corn has expanded more steadily. In contrast, rice planting has declined sharply. In four of the past five years, rice acreage has fallen below the crop's 10-year average, mainly because of poor weather conditions and

a loss in federal price supports. Oat planting has been cut in half, from 1.1 million acres in 1988 to 550,000 acres in 1997.

Texas farmers will probably plant more diversified crops in the coming years as federal income supports for many crops are reduced or eliminated—leaving farmers free to plant whatever mix of crops the market dictates.

Acreage planted in Texas (in thousands)



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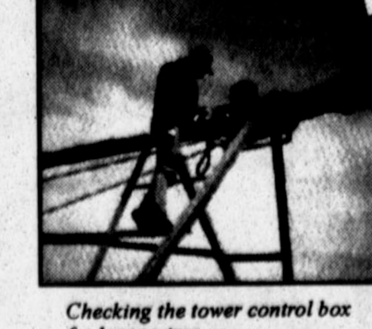
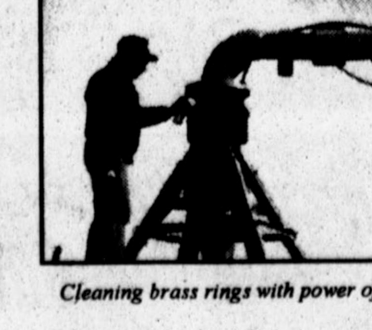
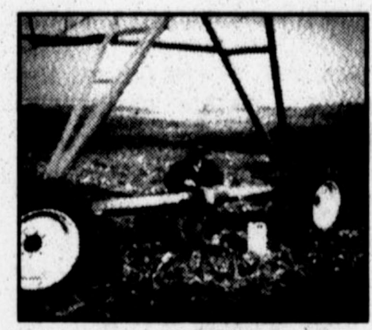
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Poultry industry waste regulated

Lawmakers seek to protect waterways

OKLAHOMA CITY - The final draft of Oklahoma's attempt to regulate the poultry industry, released Thursday, details initiatives geared toward keeping chicken litter out of streams and lakes in Oklahoma watersheds.

"I feel very good, this has been a long road," said Sen. Paul Muegge, D-Tonkawa, principal author of Senate Bill 1170.

The Senate is scheduled to vote Monday on the House-Senate conference committee report on the

High court protects TX water sheds

AUSTIN (AP) - Strict building guidelines enacted to protect water quality in Austin are legal, the Texas Supreme Court ruled Friday.

Austin voters in 1992 approved the Save Our Springs ordinance. It limits construction and impervious ground coverings in areas that feed Barton Creek, Barton Springs and the Barton Springs Edwards Aquifer.

A group of landowners in the areas sued the city in 1994. They claimed the ordinance was illegally enacted. They also said it was arbitrary, unreasonable and inefficient.

A trial court in 1994 threw out the ordinance. But the 3rd Court of Appeals in 1996 reversed that decision.

The Supreme Court upheld the 3rd Court's decision Friday.

"We perceive that the real crux of the (landowners') complaint is that the ordinance unreasonably reduces property values and requires excessive expenditures in order to comply with its provisions," Justice Greg Abbott wrote for the majority of the court. Justice Craig Enoch wrote a separate opinion concurring with the majority.

Abbott said the court's decision to uphold the ordinance has no bearing on the landowners' ability to challenge the ordinance as unconstitutionally interfering with their property rights. Under state law, property owners can seek damages or purchase of their land if laws or ordinances severely or totally reduce their lands' value.

Such a claim was not part of the case the court decided, Abbott said.

measure. "I think we came out with a product that's going to solve a great deal of problems," said Rep. M.C. Leist, D-Morris, the bill's House co-author. "I feel comfortable with it. It's as good a bill as we're going to get."

"We're supportive of the bill in its final form," said Randy Wyatt, a lobbyist for the Oklahoma Broiler Council.

The 31-page measure has been rewritten many times since it was filed early in the legislative session, which began Feb. 2. But it contains many of the ideas originally proposed to control chicken litter, which has been cited as a source of pollution in Northeastern Oklahoma watersheds.

One provision missing from the bill is Muegge's plan to assess corporate poultry processors a one-half cent fee for each of the more than 200 million chickens produced in the state each year to pay for regulating the industry.

"That was a difficult decision to make," Muegge said. He said tax dollars will be used to pay for the animal waste regulations, estimated

at about \$380,000.

Instead of fees, the companies have agreed to donate a total of \$150,000 to Oklahoma State University for educational training courses for poultry growers during the first year the bill is in effect. In subsequent years, up to \$50,000 would be contributed.

The bill does not address pollutants that pour into Oklahoma waterways from outside the state.

"There's very little in here that can help that," said Wyatt. "It's high time the federal government did look at these problems that go across the state lines."

Among other things, the bill requires poultry growers to register with the state and adopt best management practices for handling poultry litter. It also requires monitoring of land where poultry litter is spread to detect various nutrients including phosphorous, a component of chicken waste that can foul water.

The bill creates a Poultry Waste Transfer Fund to pay for the removal of litter from nutrient-threatened watersheds. It would be funded with appropriations, gifts and grants to the Department of Agriculture.

Field day focus - precision

The newest technology spreading across the farming and ranching industry - precision agriculture - is the focus of the annual field day at the North Plains Research Field on May 21.

"Much of the technology is so new that only a handful of producers are actually using it," said Thomas Marek, superintendent of the research field, a unit of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station.

With the flood of products, conventions and equipment being introduced in the marketplace, researchers with the Experiment Station and specialist with Texas Agricultural Extension Service are helping producers evaluate new technology.

"Increasing numbers of precision agriculture's end users - today's farmers and ranchers - are asking how it will work for them," said Marek, a research scientist and agricultural engineer with the experiment station.

"Helping producers make informed choices about items on the growing list of tools and methods designed for precision production is the clear objective of this year's field day," he said.

Two continuing education units (CEUs) will be offered to commercial, non-commercial and private pesticide applicators.

The opening session will include presentations on the value, accuracy and costs of yield mapping, ways to determine variability of soils, and infrared remote sensing methods.


Highlighted during the second session will be greenhouse results of detecting insects in wheat, discussion of effectiveness of spot sprayer technology as well as a demonstration of electroconductivity mapping tools.

Outdoor hands-on demonstrations will show participants a variety of new products including global

positioning systems, spot sprayers and remote detection devices.

A panel of experienced precision technology users will discuss what works for them in the High Plains.

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New FFA officers
Officers for the 1998-99 year were named at the 62nd annual FFA banquet on May 5. New officers are (l-r): Krista Warren, sentinel; Meredith McGowan, parliamentarian; Brent Carlson, student advisor; Jerad Johnson, reporter; Chad Christie, treasurer. Front row: Zachary Vasek, president; Ben Sublett, vice-president; and Ian Isaacson, secretary.

Matter of Fact

Rock Peters
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If you've ever shopped for a home computer and asked a question about a particular model, chances are you've been hit with a slew of technical terms that might have you wondering if you've been transported to another planet. It's easy to get lost when the conversation turns to "megabytes" and "RAM" if you're not familiar with such terms.

Believe it or not, it's the same in agriculture when we talk about issues important to our industry with folks who just aren't up to speed with the terms we use. A study by the National Association of Conservation Districts reveals most folks just don't know the technical terms of our industry such as "integrated pest management" or "drip irrigation" or "sustainable agriculture" or "biodiversity."

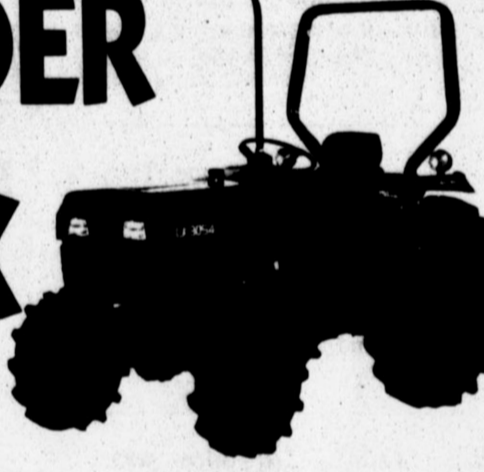
This lack of understanding is a major hurdle when discussing issues important to farming and ranching. That's why it's important to keep it simple when talking about farming and ranching issues with folks who are not familiar with terms commonly used in agriculture. The only way for everyone to appreciate what we do and how we do it is with understanding. All of us need to have a hand in helping the public grasp issues that affect not only agriculture but also consumers in the long run.

Just as with that home computer, it's easy to shake your head like you know what's being said. But a blank stare usually doesn't get much done when it counts.



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The House of the Week

One-of-a-Kind Farmhouse



VERTICAL AND HORIZONTAL SIDING, a cedar shake roof and a Gothic arched window on the prominent dormer are a few of the features that make this farmhouse a unique one.

By BRUCE A. NATHAN

AP Newsfeatures Plan G-86, by HomeStyles Designers Network, has many of the features inherent in a classic farmhouse, with a look and feel of a one-of-a-kind home. Its free-flowing design provides 2,820 square feet of living space.

The front porch, which wraps around the front of the home, is an ideal spot for spending a summer afternoon.

Inside, the formal dining room is set off from the foyer by a pair of decorative columns. The dining room has two means of entry to the covered porch, and its close proximity to the kitchen simplifies service during elaborate meals.

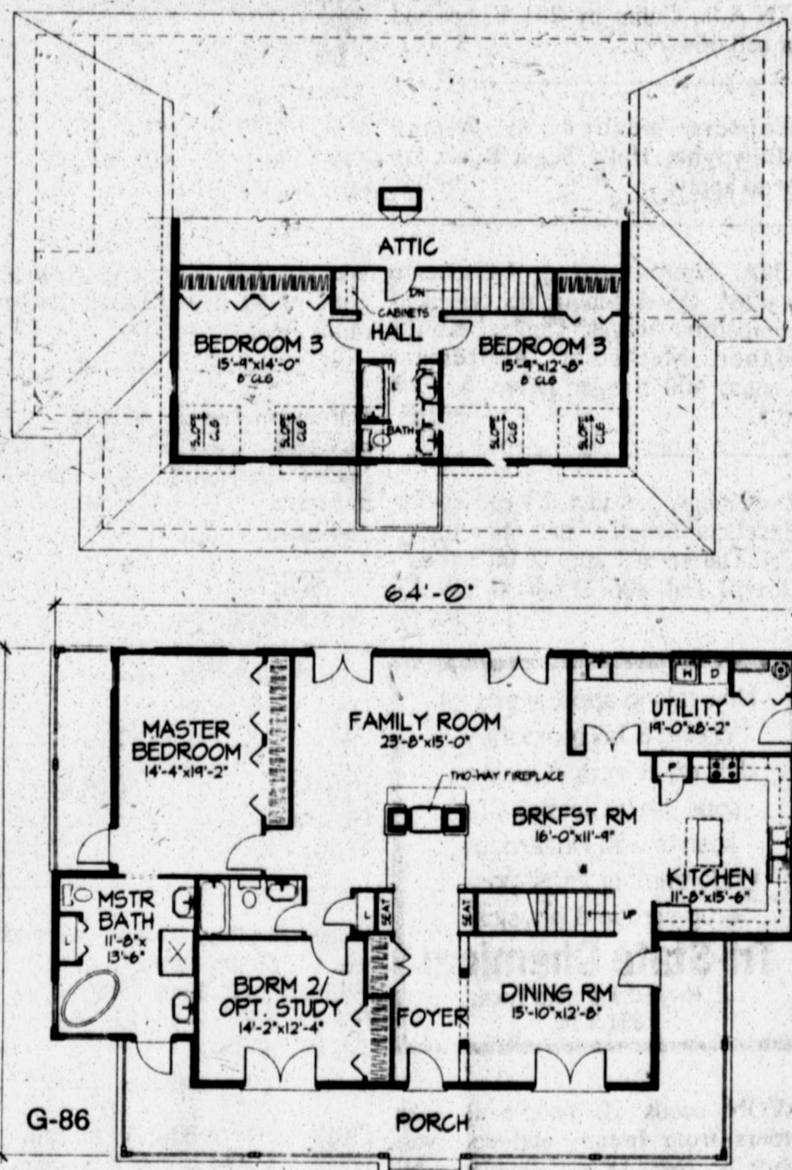
The central family room, complete with a striking two-way fireplace and two sets of double doors to the backyard, is suited

for both formal and casual entertaining.

The family room flows smoothly into the breakfast room and the large U-shaped kitchen. The kitchen features an island work station, a pantry closet and a windowed sink.

Across the home, the master bedroom has its own porch, a wall-length closet, a private bath with an oval tub, a separate shower, dual sinks and access to the front porch. Another full bedroom, which can be converted to a study, and a full bath complete the main floor which is crowned by 9-foot ceilings.

Upstairs, two nice-sized secondary bedrooms flank a dual-sink full bath. Built-in cabinets are found in the hallway near the staircase.



BEYOND THE FRONT PORCH, the dining room opens to the right of the foyer. Straight ahead is the family room which is connected to the kitchen by the breakfast room. A utility room is nearby and has access to the side yard. Across the home, the master suite, another bedroom and a full bath complete the main floor. Two bedrooms and a full bath comprise the upper floor.

G-86 STATISTICS

Design G-86 has a family room, dining room, kitchen, breakfast room, four bedrooms, three full baths and a utility room, totaling 2,820 square feet of living space. This plan includes a standard basement, crawlspace or slab foundation, and 2x6 exterior wall framing.

(For a more detailed, scaled plan of this house, including guides to estimating costs and financing, send \$4 to House of the Week, P.O. Box 1562, New York, N.Y. 10116-1562. Be sure to include the plan number).

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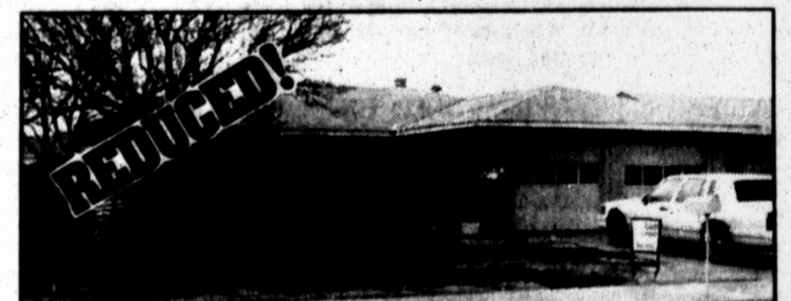
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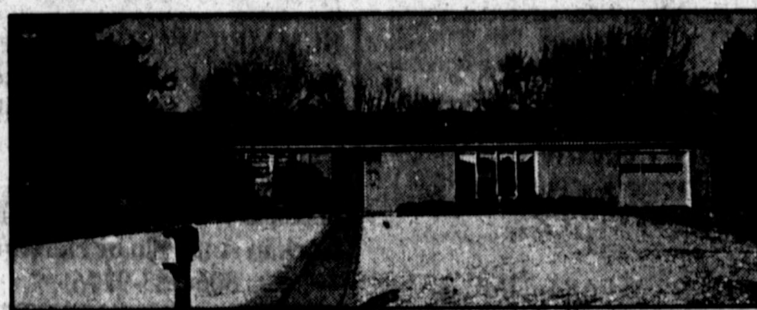
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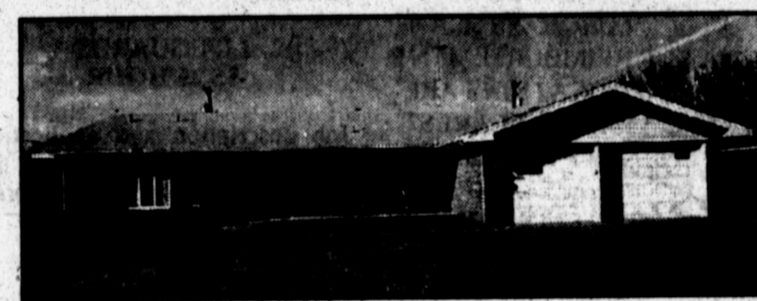
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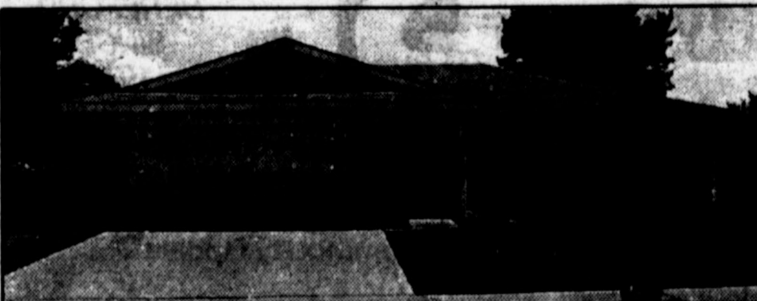
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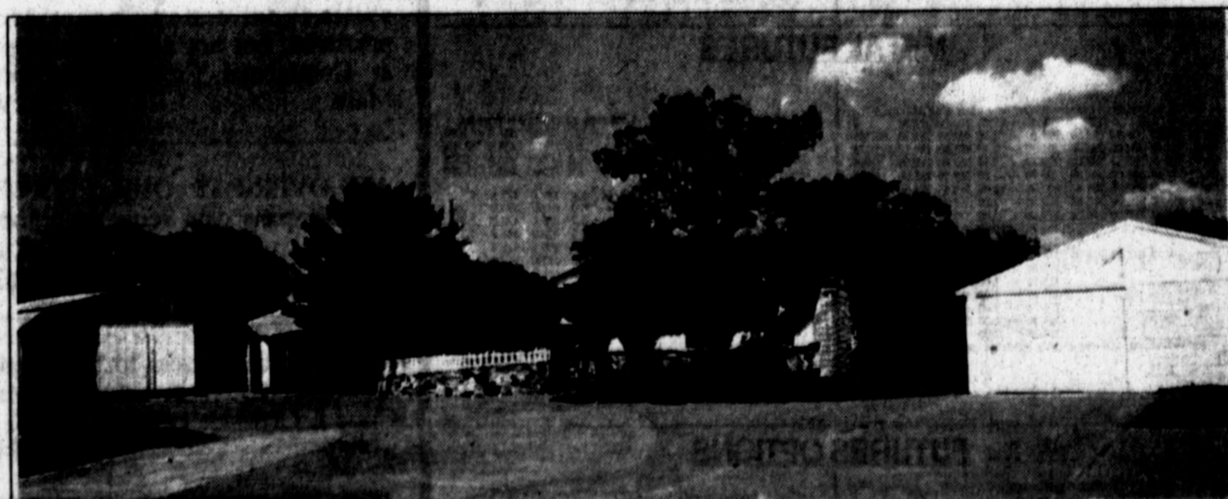
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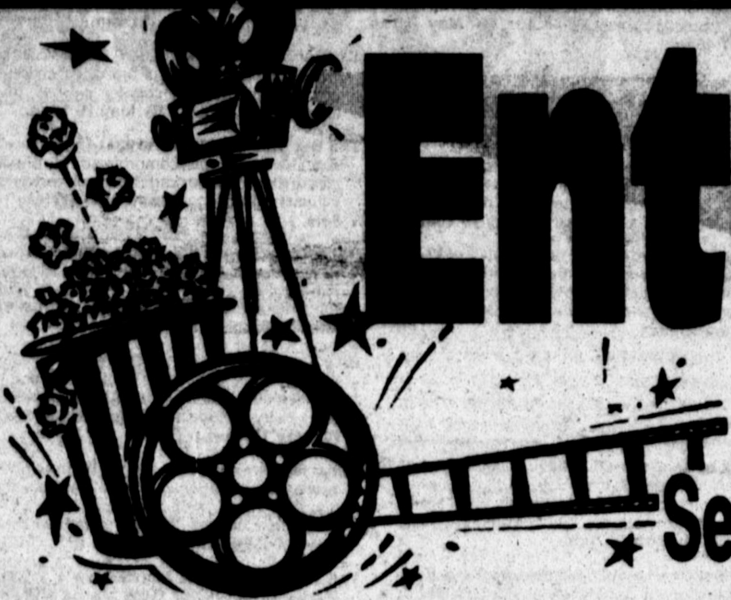
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Segal's *Only Love* not quite the same old story



Rob Morrow (*Northern Exposure*) and Marisa Tomei (*My Cousin Vinny*) star in *Only Love*, a romantic drama based on a novel by Erich Segal (*Love Story*). The two-part TV movie, which also stars Mathilda May, airs Sunday and Monday on CBS.

By Suzanne Gill
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Fame can really hold a person back. Just ask Erich Segal.

The Yale University classics professor became a literary superstar at the age of 33 with *Love Story*, a romance that blew away Mom and Dad's illusions about celibate college life. Now 60, Segal has since learned a few lessons of his own and written a stack of scholarly books and a few more novels. But his publisher wanted "another *Love Story*," as Segal puts it.

Enter *Only Love*, a novel of sweet sorrow in more mature years. A four-hour dramatic adaptation, starring Rob Morrow, Marisa Tomei and Mathilda May (*The Jackal*), airs Sunday and Monday, May 10 and 11, on CBS.

After a recent unsympathetic outing as John Wilkes Booth in *The Day Lincoln Was Shot*, Morrow (*Northern Exposure*) returns to his benevolent medicine man persona, playing Dr. Matthew Hiller.

In the early 1980s, Matthew signs up for a medical mission in Africa just as his best friend, Evie (Tomei), is marrying someone else. After a successful interview with the mission director (Jeroen Krabbe), Matthew trains in Amsterdam, Netherlands, where he meets fellow doctor Silvia Dalessandro (May).

Part 1 follows Matthew and Silvia's, um, love story and Silvia's efforts to set her own course in life despite being the scion of a very wealthy and very traditional Italian papa (Paul Freeman). But a crisis forces her to make a choice, and that plays out in Part 2, as loneliness finds each of the three leads. Then, after 14 years, an illness brings Silvia back into Matthew's life.

Filmed in Holland and South Africa, *Only Love* is rich in scenery and glam-

our. The *Roman Holiday* flashback romance stays buoyant, thanks chiefly to Morrow's light touch as the young doctor in love. May's Silvia has a luminous Old World chic, while Tomei's Evie is a sparkling cocktail of sexiness and intelligence.

"The whole story," Segal says, "surrounds (the question), 'What would you do if the first love of your life, the one you think is still the love of your life because she got away, came back into your life and needed you?' It's not original, but it's a quandary."

And if the drama tries to be something more and ends up mired in melodrama, that is not entirely the author's fault. Though Segal penned screenplays for *Love Story* and the Beatles' *Yellow Submarine*, he chose not to for *Only Love*, leaving that job to William Hanley (*Scarlett*).

And then there is another big change that Segal did not have a hand in.

"You want the truth? I might as well tell somebody the truth," he says. "I sold it with a different title. The publisher gave it that title."

"I don't want to be a spoilsport, but I would have preferred another title because it leads people to expect another *Love Story*."

One *Love Story* was enough, as it turned out — especially for Segal.

"Nobody tells you what to do when you become the flavor of the month. You learn afterward," he reflects. "I stayed at the party too long, and I paid for it by not being promoted at Yale."

"I went away, I reformed, I became a serious scholar and published lots of learned articles and ultimately got asked back."

Segal calls *Only Love* "a more sophisticated novel about grown-up people." But like his hero Matthew, he is still finding it hard to move on from his first romantic entanglement.

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TIME LINE

1787

The Constitutional Convention meets in Philadelphia and draws up the U.S. Constitution.

Composer Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart writes the Opera "Don Giovanni."

The Continental Congress excludes slavery from the Northwest Territory.

A

Absence of Malice ★★★½ (1981) *Paul Newman, Sally Field*. A federal investigator uses an overzealous newshound to implicate an innocent man in the disappearance of a labor boss. (In Stereo) 2:30. ● May 14 12:30pm; 15 1am.

Ah, Wilderness! ★★★ (1935) *Lionel Barrymore, Wallace Beery*. Playwright Eugene O'Neill's gentle coming-of-age comedy in which a small-town youth faces the trials of adolescence. 1:45. ● May 13 11pm.

The Angel Wore Red ★★★½ (1960) *Ava Gardner, Dirk Bogarde*. A priest leaves his order during the Spanish Civil War and becomes involved with a patriotic prostitute. 1:40. ● May 15 11:45am.

Anna Karenina ★★★ (1935) *Greta Garbo, Fredric March*. A lady of the Russian Imperial Court sacrifices her marriage to be with the army officer she loves. (CC) 2:00. ● May 10 3pm.

Arrowhead ★★★½ (1953) *Charlton Heston, Jack Palance*. Trouble brews in the Southwest when a cavalry unit attempts to sign a peace treaty with the Apaches. 2:00. ● May 16 10am.

Attack on Terror ★★★ (1975) (Part 2 of 2) *Ned Beatty, John Beck*. Agent Foster persuades Ralston, a longtime friend and Klan member, to aid the FBI's infiltration of the KKK. 2:00. ● May 10 1am.

B

Back to School ★★★½ (1986) *Rodney Dangerfield, Sally Kellerman*. Chaos erupts on campus when an obnoxious millionaire enrolls in college in an effort to keep his son from dropping out. 2:00. ● May 16 7pm.

Bad Boys ★★★ (1982) *Sean Penn, Ally Sheedy*. Time Approximate. Sentenced to reform school for a boy's accidental death, a hood comes face to face with his victim's vengeful brother. 2:05. ● May 16 10pm.

The Balled of Josie ★★★ (1968) *Doris Day, Peter Graves*. A widowed frontierswoman undertakes the renovation of a broken-down ranch so that she can go into the sheep business. 2:00. ● May 16 5pm.

The Band Plays On ★★★½ (1934) *Robert Young, Betty Furness*. Football players mix fame with notoriety when they become implicated in a scandal. (CC) 1:30. ● May 11 8am.

The Beniker Gang ★★★½ (1985) *Andrew McCarthy, Jennifer Dundas*. A family of orphaned children embarks on a cross-country journey that leads to Hawaii. 2:00. ● May 16 10am.

The Big Shakedown ★★ (1934) *Charles Farrell, Bette Davis*. A druggist compromises his principles to manufacture drugs for the underworld, infuriating his pregnant wife. 1:30. ● May 14 8am.

Bill & Ted's Bogus Journey ★★ (1991) *Keanu Reeves, Alex Winter*. Death takes the California airheads on an excellent adventure after robot doubles send them to a premature afterlife. 2:00. ● May 16 9pm.

Billy Two Hats ★★★½ (1973) *Gregory Peck, Desi Arnaz Jr.* After a botched robbery, a crusty Scottish outlaw and his half-American Indian sidekick try to elude a vengeful lawman. 2:00. ● May 13 1pm.

Blind Blues ★★★ (1988) *Matthew Broderick, Christopher Walken*. Eugene Jerome endures the rigors of Army boot camp in 1945 in this adaptation of Neil Simon's award-winning play. 2:00. ● May 15 7pm.

The Brady Girls Get Married ★★★½ (1981) *Maureen McCormick, Eve Plumb*. Marcia and Jan marry and end up sharing a house in this pilot for the short-lived "Brady Bunch" spinoff. 2:00. ● May 10 9:30am.

Breathless ★★★½ (1983) *Richard Gere, Valerie Kaprisky*. An auto thief who unintentionally killed a patrolman becomes obsessed with the woman who hides him from the police. 2:00. ● May 16 3am.

The Bride in Black ★★ (1990) *Susan Lucci, David Soul*. A woman discovers that a secret from her fiancé's past was behind the gunfire that killed him on their wedding day. 2:00. ● May 12 1pm.

Bringing Up Baby ★★★½ (1938) *Cary Grant, Katharine Hepburn*. A paleontologist's search for a missing dinosaur bone involves him with a madcap heiress and her pet leopard. (CC) 2:00. ● May 12 9am; 16 12pm.

Broken Arrow ★★ (1996) *John Travolta, Christian Slater*. An Air Force pilot is pitted against a renegade colleague who threatens the Southwest with nuclear annihilation. (In Stereo) (CC) 2:00. ● May 10 6pm.

Buford's Beach Bunnies ★ (1992) *Jim Hanks, Rikki Brando*. A fast-food tycoon offers a fortune to the woman who can successfully seduce his timid son. (In Stereo) 2:00. ● May 16 2am.

The Butcher's Wife ★★★ (1991) *Demi Moore, Jeff Daniels*. A skeptical psychiatrist falls under the spell of a clairvoyant whose visions work wonders for his patients. (In Stereo) (CC) 2:00. ● May 12 1pm.

C

Candyman: Farewell to the Flesh ★★★½ (1995) *Tony Todd, Kelly Rowan*. The daughter of a New Orleans aristocrat gains firsthand knowledge of the Candyman legend after her father is killed. (In Stereo) (CC) 2:00. ● May 14 8pm.

Carnival Story ★★ (1954) *Anne Baxter, Steve Cochran*. A down-on-her-luck German finds romance and tragedy when she joins an American-owned carnival. 2:00. ● May 10 3am.

Charro! ★★ (1969) *Elvis Presley, Ina Balin*. A reformed bandit battles outlaws who have stolen Mexico's famed gold-and-silver Victory gun. 2:00. ● May 15 2am.

The Children's Hour ★★★ (1961) *Audrey Hepburn, Shirley MacLaine*. Based on Lillian Hellman's play about the effect of a student's malicious lie at an exclusive boarding school. 2:00. ● May 13 9pm.

Cleopatra ★★★½ (1962) *Elizabeth Taylor, Paul Douglas*. An embittered woman marries a fishing-boat captain for security, but soon turns her attentions to his best friend. 2:00. ● May 12 11pm.

ANIMAL FACT

DINOSAURS WHOSE NAME MEANS TERRIBLE LIZARDS IN GREEK ROAMED THE EARTH DURING THE MESOZOIC ERA FROM 230 MILLION TO 65 MILLION YEARS AGO.

new word

LURK

To lie hidden

Did You Know?

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Kids' Crossword

1				2
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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Making no noise
- 3. Very angry
- 6. Sweet topping for pancakes
- 7. Young dog

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Type of blanket
- 2. Possessive form of "they"
- 4. Famous fable teller
- 5. To answer

Answers

Across: 1. Quiet 3. Irate 6. Syrup 7. Puppy
Down: 1. Quilt 2. Their 4. Aesop 5. Reply

Health Fill-In

Fill in the blanks below, and discover 12 activities that can help people stay fit.

1. _ W I _ M I N G	7. _ Y M N _ S T I _ S
2. _ A L _ I N G	8. _ A L L _ T
3. R _ N N _ N G	9. _ O G A
4. _ E N _ I S	10. S _ A T I _ G
5. _ Y C _ I N G	11. H I _ I N G
6. G _ L F	12. _ T R _ T C _ I N G

Answers

1. Swimming 2. Walking 3. Running 4. Tennis 5. Cycling 6. Golf 7. Gymnastics 8. Ballet 9. Yoga 10. Skating 11. Hiking 12. Stretching

HOW THEY SAY IT IN...

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SPANISH: SIETE

ITALIAN: SETTE

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Dodge City *** (1939) Errol Flynn, Olivia de Havilland. A cattleman appoints himself sheriff and sets out to dispense law and order to a rough-and-tumble frontier town. (CC) 2:00. **May 16 7pm.**

Doomsday Rock (1997) Connie Sellecca, Ed Marinaro. A scientist takes action when the government rejects his claim that a giant meteor is on a collision course with Earth. (In Stereo) (CC) 2:00. **May 16 9:30pm.**

Dragnet *** 1/2 (1987) Dan Aykroyd, Tom Hanks. Joe Friday's straight-arrow nephew and his laid-back partner crack a case involving evangelism and sacrificial virgins. 2:00. **May 12 12pm.**

The Dresser *** (1983) Albert Finney, Tom Courtenay. A valet flatters the aging, senile actor-manager of a wartime English touring company into giving another performance. 2:00. **May 12 3am.**

Drums of Africa ** (1963) Frankie Avalon, Lloyd Bochner. A railroad engineer and his nephew encounter opposition in their plan for a new rail route in East Africa. 2:00. **May 14 5pm.**

The End ** 1/2 (1978) Burt Reynolds, Sally Field. After learning he has three months to live, a man decides to make peace with his loved ones before attempting suicide. 2:00. **May 16 2:45am.**

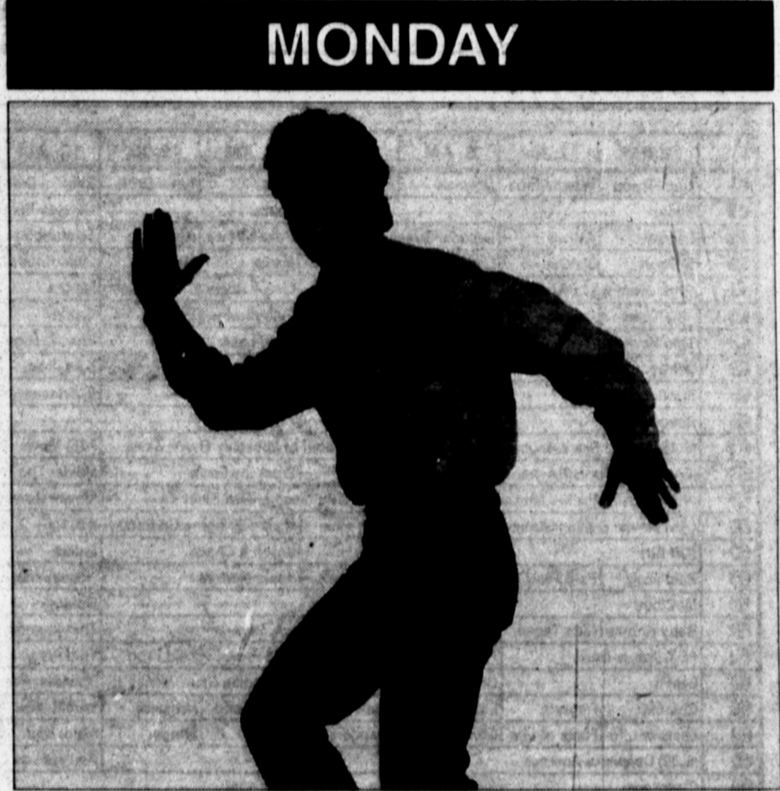
Escape From Alcatraz *** (1979) Clint Eastwood, Patrick McGeehan. Based on the true story of a hardened convict who engineered an elaborate plan to bust out of the famed prison in 1962. 2:30. **May 10 9:35am.**

Evil Has a Face ** (1996) Sean Young, William R. Moses. A police sketch artist's bond with a young molestation victim dredges up her own repressed memories of abuse. (In Stereo) (CC) 2:00. **May 14 10:30am.**

Exclusive ** 1/2 (1992) Suzanne Somers, Michael Nouri. A mass murderer brings an ambitious newswoman into a potentially deadly conflict with her husband. 2:00. **May 16 3pm.**

Fandango ** 1/2 (1985) Kevin Costner, Judd Nelson. Faced with adulthood and the pall of Vietnam, five college cronies take off across Texas for a last-ditch fling. 2:00. **May 14 1:15am.**

Far and Away *** (1992) Tom Cruise, Nicole Kidman. An Irishman and the wealthy woman he loves carry their class-crossed relationship to turn-of-the-century America. (In Stereo) (CC) 3:00. **May 10 4pm.**



Monday, A&E Network's *Biography* series takes an in-depth look at the comic behind the long-running sitcom about nothing in *Jerry Seinfeld: Master of His Domain*.

HIGHLIGHTS



The gang's all here for the union of Fran and Maxwell (Fran Drescher and Charles Shaughnessy, front row center) in "The Wedding," the season finale of *The Nanny*, airing Wednesday on CBS.

Here comes the Nanny: Fran and Maxwell tie the knot

By Teresa Ortega
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Bells will be ringing for the girl from Queens when, at long last, Fran Fine (Fran Drescher) walks down the aisle in a special hourlong season finale of *The Nanny*.

For viewers who have spent five years waiting and hoping for the much-postponed event, rest assured the wedding does indeed go on. Well-wishers can tune in to the extravaganza Wednesday, May 13, on CBS.

With \$1.4 million sunk into preparations for the fantasy nuptials, the event looks as elaborate as the real thing.

"We discussed and ordered everything," Drescher explains. "We looked at pictures of flowers and what the wedding bands were going to be. We dressed sample tables."

The effort shows in the large set, designed to fit the 100-plus wedding attendees -- some wearing beaded gowns, others multicolored yarmulkes -- including Drescher's real-life mother and father.

The wedding takes place in a reproduction of the new American Wing of

the Metropolitan Museum of Art, against the lighted skyline of Manhattan.

In a touching scene prior to the wedding, Sylvia (Renee Taylor) realizes her daughter is finally going to take the ultimate step away from the nest, and momentarily flashes back to see Fran as a child again.

Yet it's the scene at the altar that is the most compelling.

"Everybody can't wait for the wedding," Drescher says. "It's the single most-asked question worldwide: When are they going to get married?"

At the bidenominational service, Fran appears in a full-skirted, off-the-shoulder wedding dress with a long train.

Highlights of the ceremony include the singing of a traditional Hebrew prayer and Maxwell Sheffield (Charles Shaughnessy) slipping a 7 1/2-carat diamond ring onto his new wife's hand.

"It was the most beautiful wedding I've ever been to," Drescher remarks. "It came out so beautiful, and I was so happy with it."

This week, you're invited, too.

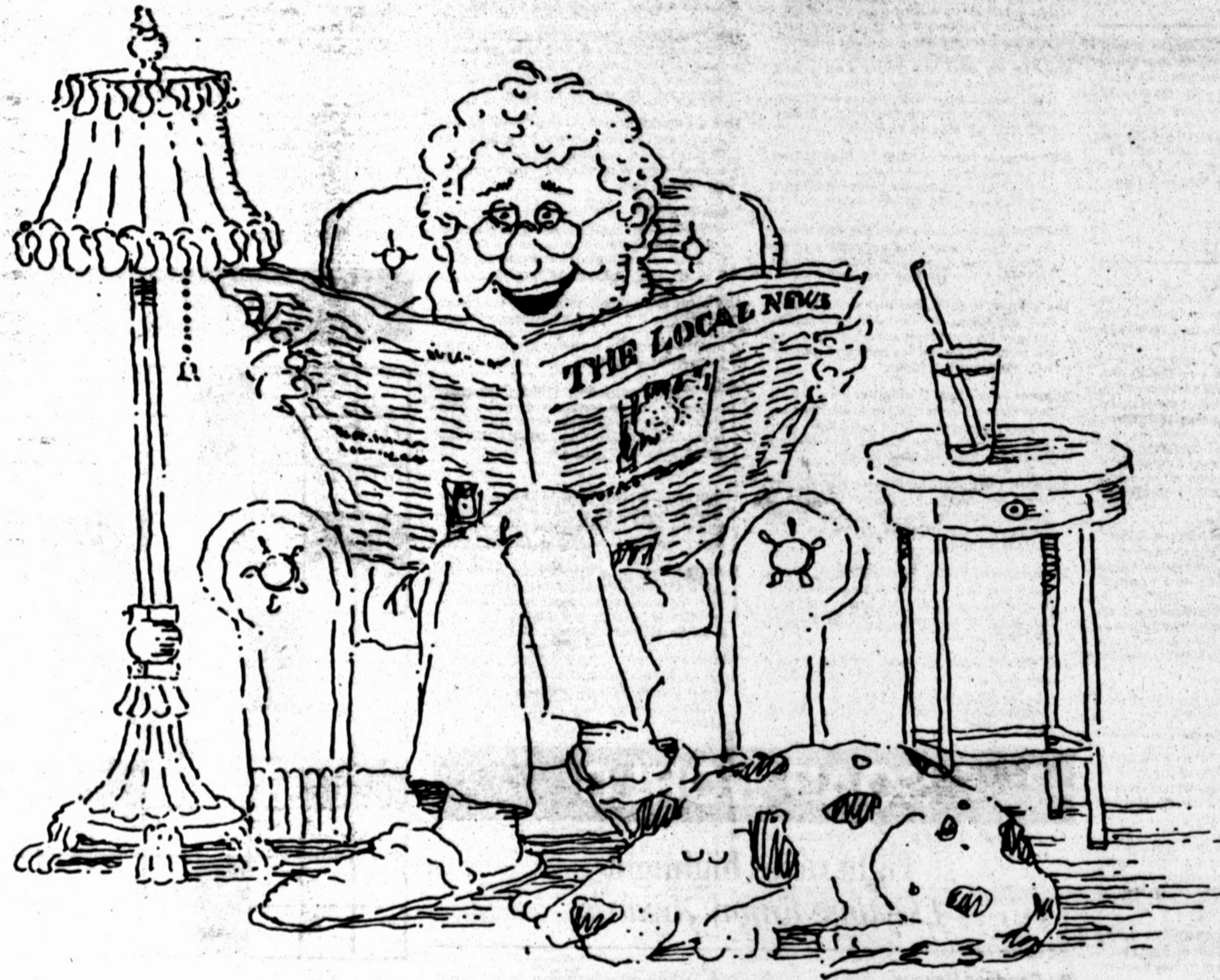
MONDAY MAY 11

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1	Tale Spin	Donald	Chip 'n' Dale	Tale Spin	Goof Troop	Timon	Aladdin	Dinosaurs	Growing	Growing	Brotherly
2	Days-Lives	Another World		Jenny Jones		Maury		Oprah Winfrey		News	NBC News
3	Body Elec.	Painting	Vegetarian	National Geographic		Life by the Numbers		Sandiego	Science Guy	Wahbone	Bus
4	(12:00) Movie: ** 1/2 Tribes (1970)			Flintstones	Flintstones	Looney	Dreams	Saved-Bell	Saved-Bell	Fam. Mat.	Fam. Mat.
5	Jeopardy!	One Life to Live		General Hospital		Port Charles	Pictionary	Rosie O'Donnell		News	ABC News
6	News	Empty Nest	Empty Nest	Beauty and the Beast		Beverly Hills, 90210		Fam. Mat.	Dreams	Saved-Bell	Saved-Bell
7	Bold & B.	As the World Turns		Gulding Light		Sally		Am.Journal	Edition	News	CBS News
8	Judge Judy	Medicine Woman		Little House on the Prairie		Metallix	Spider-Man	Turtles	Rangers	Fresh Pr.	Grace Under
9	Auto Racing: CART FedEx Champ. -- Rio 400			Scholastica		In-Line Skating		NBA Finals	Inside Stuff	Up Close	Sportscat.
10	(12:00) Home & Family			ShopDrop	Shopping	Big Valley		Bonanza-Lost		Burnett	Burnett
11	(12:15) Movie: ** 1/2 Never Too Late 'PG'			Movie: And Now for Something Different		Movie: Cheech & Chong-Brothers				Movie: 1,000 Gold	
12	Movie: Twelfth Night Helena Bonham Carter. ** 'PG'			(45) Movie: Never Say Never Again Sean Connery. *** 'PG'						5thElemnt	Movie:
13	(12:00) Movie: Feds (1988)	Movie: Turbo: A Power Rangers Movie		(15) Movie: Pontiac Moon Ted Danson. ** 'PG-13'						Movie: Beautician-Bat.	
14	Movie:	Movie: The Stranger Returns (1967) Tony Anthony. * 1/2		Movie: Little Nellie Kelly (1940) George Murphy. ** 1/2						Movie: Human Comdy	
15	Waltons	America's Country Hits	Crook & Chase	Dukes of Hazzard		Club Dance				Waltons	
16	Home	Housesmart!	Interior Motives	Great Chefs	Great Chefs	Travelers				Wings of the Luftwaffe	
17	Law & Order	Columbo		Columbo		Quincy				Northern Exposure	
18	Mysteries	Movie: Judgment Day: The John List Story (1993)		Designing	Designing	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Supermkt	Debt		
19	Fit TV Body	FOX Sports World Match of the Week		Musclesport USA		V-Max	Crank	Sports	Last Word		
20	Movie:	(15) Movie: The Man Behind the Gun (1953) ** 1/2		In the Heat of the Night		Kung Fu: Legend		Lols & Clark-Superman			
21	Rupert	Muppets	Looney	CharlieB	Tiny Toon	Monsters	Garfield	You Afraid?	Rocko's Life	Figure It Out	Tiny Toon
22	Movie: Stir Crazy (1980) Gene Wilder, Richard Pryor. ***			Baywatch		Saved-Bell	USA High	Baywatch			
23	Leonels	Huracan		Cristina		Primer Impacto		Club	Noticiero		
24	Armada	Masters of War	Holocaust			Real West		Armada			
25	NBA	Karate	Sumo	Soccer	WalkerCay	Mike Lupica		Indy Live Daily Report			

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	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM
1	Movie: Alice-Wonder.		(15) Movie: The Preacher's Wife Denzel Washington. *** 'PG'		Growing		Walt Disney Presents	Zorro			
2	News	Ent. Tonight	Details		Movie: Witness to the Mob (1998) Nicholas Turturo.		News	(35) Tonight Show			
3	Newshour With Jim Lehrer	Going Places		In the Footsteps of Alexander the Great		Charlie Rose		Newshour			
4	Major League Baseball Atlanta Braves at Cincinnati Reds					Movie: The Final Countdown (1980) Kirk Douglas. ** 1/2		Movie:			
5	News	Fortune	Funniest Home Videos	20/20		Practice		News	Seinfeld	Nightline	
6	Fam. Mat.	Coach	7th Heaven		Kelly Kelly	Alright		News	Beverly Hills, 90210	Heat	
7	News	Home Imp.	Cosby	Raymond	Movie: Only Love (1998) Marisa Tomei, Rob Morrow.			News	(35) Late Show		
8	Mad-You	Simpsons	Damon	Personal	Ally McBeal	Baywatch		Frazier	Cops	Real TV	
9	Sportscat.	Stanley Cup Playoffs Conference Semifinal Game 3 -- Teams to Be Announced				Baseball		Sportscenter		Baseball	
10	Wow! Most Awesome Acts	Africa's Heavyweights	Diagnosis Murder		Hawaii Five-0			700 Club		Bonanza	
11	Movie: 1,000 Gold	Movie: Second Jungle Book		Spotlight	Movie: The City of Lost Children Ron Perlman. *** 'R'					Poltergeist	
12	Movie: Down Periscope	Movie: The Crucible Daniel Day-Lewis. *** 'PG-13'			Reno Finds Her Mom			(35) Movie: Butter (1998)			
13	Movie: Beautician-Bat.	Movie: The Producers (1967) Zero Mostel, Gene Wilder.			Movie: The Last Days of Frankie the Fly			Movie: City of Industry 'R'			
14	Movie: Human Comdy	Movie: The Night of the Iguana (1964) ***			Movie: Sweet Bird of Youth (1962) Paul Newman. ***			Movie:			
15	Dallas	Today's Country	Prime Time Country		Monday Night Concerts			Dallas		Dukes	
16	Gimme Shelter	Wild Discovery	Deep Sea, Deep Secrets		Top Secret			Justice Files		Wild Disc.	
17	Law & Order	Biography	Poirot		Sherlock Holmes			Law & Order		Biography	
18	Intimate Portrait	Unsolved Mysteries	Movie: Someone She Knows (1994) Markie Post. **		Attitudes			Golden Girls		Golden Girls	
19	Sports	FOX Sports	Major League Baseball Florida Marlins at Houston Astros					FOX Sports News		Sports	
20	WCW Monday Nitro	NBA Basketball Playoffs Teams to Be Announced			Inside-NBA			WCW Monday Nitro		Movie:	
21	Doug	Rugrats	Hey Arnold!	Bewitched	Wonder Yrs.	Wonder Yrs.	Wonder Yrs.	Wonder Yrs.	M.T. Moore	Taxi	Newhart
22	Highlander: The Series	Walker, Texas Ranger	World Wrestling		WWF War Zone			Silk Stalkings		Highlander	
23	Sin Ti	Emerald	Pueblo Chico, Inferno		Cristina Ed. Es.			P. Impacto	Noticiero	Al Ritmo	
24	Masters of War	In Search of History	Hitler's Henchmen		Trains Unlimited			Secrets of World War II		In Search	
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