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Inside Today

VIEWPOINTS

■ What's an editorial, a column or an ad? Many newspaper readers are as unfamiliar with the language of journalism as most newspaper editors are with the workings of the internal combustion engine. Brand Editor Don Cooper tries to explain the differences among columns, editorials and advertisements. — **Page A4**



Cooper

LIFESTYLES

"There have been a lot of changes, but at the same time, the old standards have been the old standards for years."

■ Rhonda Romero, owner of Sculptured Nails by Rhonda, discussing the demand for artificial nails.



■ Artificial nails have been around for more than two decades, but now more women seem to be wearing them. — **Page B1**

FARM

"The cottonseed assistance is good news for the cotton industry. These payments, coupled with nearly \$9 billion that Congress appropriated for agriculture funding last year, will certainly help our West Texas Farm community that is currently facing a serious financial crisis."



Combest

■ U.S. Rep. Larry Combest, chairman of the House Agriculture Committee, referring to the USDA plan to aid farmers and ginners offset last year's losses.

■ USDA is plans to release about \$74 million to help farmers and ginners offset their losses from low cottonseed prices. — **Page B5**

Today's weather

OUTLOOK

Partly cloudy skies

Tonight Partly cloudy with a low in the lower 40s, south wind 10 to 20 mph.

Sunday Partly cloudy and breezy with a 20 percent chance of mainly afternoon showers and thunderstorms, high around 70, south to southwest wind 15 to 25 mph and gusty.

Sunday night Partly cloudy Low around 40.

SHE WEARS A BLACK HAT



Cheryl Hunter makes sure the rules are followed by Hereford Regional Medical Center.

Hunter makes sure the rules are observed

By Donald M. Cooper

Hereford Brand Managing Editor

Cheryl Hunter wears a black hat. Well, maybe not literally, but to some people at Hereford Regional Medical Center, Hunter wears a black hat figuratively.

That's because Hunter is the person whose responsibility is to make sure the hospital is following the correct path through the complicated maze of state and federal rules.

"In my job, it helps to have a sense of humor," Hunter said.

And, a good memory because of the myriad responsibilities involved with the position.

Hunter's title is performance improvement director/risk management director, but she's also the hospital's

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Builder, architect join forces

By Julie L. Carlson

Hereford Brand Staff Writer

What do you get when you put a SIPs (Structural Insulated Panel) roof on a top of ICF (Insulated Concrete Forms) walls?

Probably the most energy efficient home on the market.

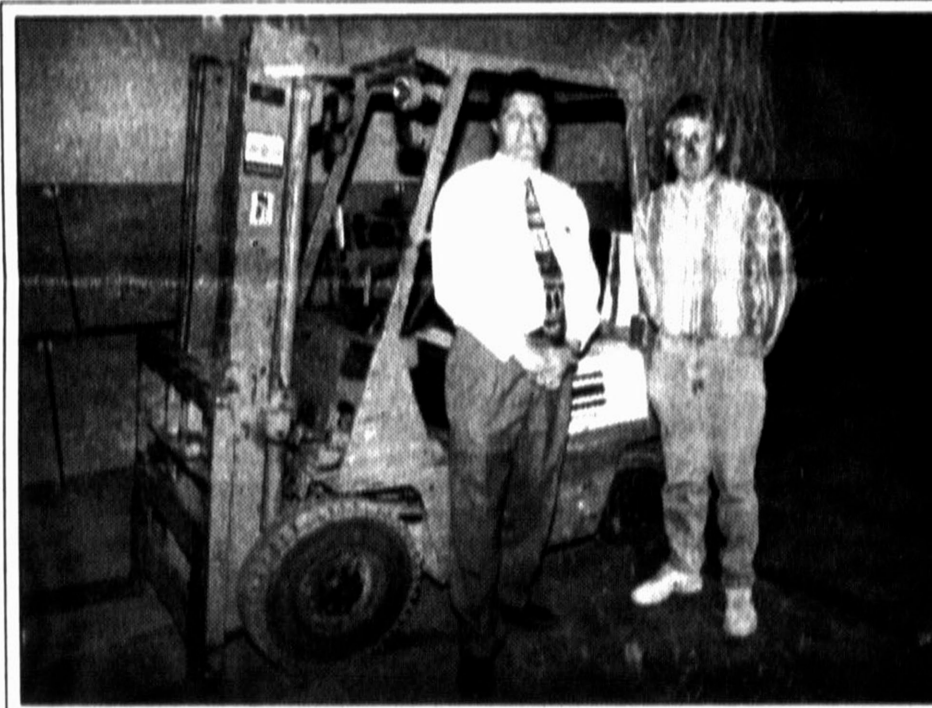
Hereford native Tom Clarke, president of Panhandle Enercon, has teamed up with architect Darrell Mann and engineer Fred Sultan, owners of Lubbock based Mann Sultan Innovations (MSI) to construct one of the strongest, quietest and draft-free homes in the nation.

The two companies were introduced by Hereford Texas Federal Credit Union manager Bob Baker. Mann was designing the Credit Union and telling Baker the type of ICF materials he was using when Baker mentioned Panhandle Enercon used materials similar to MSI's.

"He spoke very highly of Tom and he asked if I knew of Tom because the product I was using was very similar to his. That's basically how we met," Mann said.

Panhandle Enercon has been constructing homes for about a year and a half, MSI has been in business for about one year. Mann and Sultan have been practicing their majors in architecture and civil engineering, which they earned from Texas Tech University, for about 18 years.

MSI focuses on wall structuring, whereas Panhandle Enercon works with both wall structuring and roof



Darrell Mann (left) and Fred Sultan (not pictured) co owners of Lubbock based Mann Sultan Innovations, MSI, and Hereford native Tom Clarke (right) president of Panhandle Enercon, have recently merged to construct one of the most energy-efficient, air-tight and tornado-resistant homes on the market.

ing.

"We (MSI) never really had a roof system, we have a great wall system and then that's where we ended with our product. So the only thing we could come up with was using Tom's SIPs panels for the roof," Mann said.

MSI's homes would consist of ICF panels with conventional framing. Mann said conventional framing takes anywhere from 40-60 trees per house which he says are not very efficient homes. SIPs and ICF panels are made from recycled materials, producing a more purified, air

tornado resistant due to the solid walls of concrete between the polystyrene pallets.

"Imagine your home doubling as your own tornado shelter," Clarke said.

Both company's products meet all code requirements on the market.

"We meet every approval code, from HUD to FHA to ICPO codes, and so many others," Clarke said.

The panels are assembled in the Panhandle Enercon warehouse and transported to the construction site which saves on onsite construction labor costs.

Ag field hearings start

House panel kicks off round of sessions on farm policy overhaul

By Donald M. Cooper

Hereford Brand Managing Editor

Coming to a city near you! The U.S. House of Representatives Agriculture Committee! On tour!

U.S. Rep. Larry Combest, chairman of the House Agriculture Committee, will kick off a three month tour Monday as the panel begins a series of field hearings on overhauling U.S. agricultural policy.

Combest said the committee, which is looking at ways to correct inadequacies in the 1995 Freedom to Farm Act, which set U.S. farm

policy, will conduct regional hearings to gather information from producers about possible legislation.

The first of the field hearings will begin at 9 a.m. Monday in the Lubbock Civic Center Banquet Hall.

Other hearings on the schedule are March 17 at the Memphis (Tenn.) Agricenter International and March 18 at the Auburn (Ala.) University Hotel and Conference Center.

Other hearings are:

- March 27, North Carolina State University McKimmon Center, Raleigh, N.C.
- April 1, Lakota East High School, West Chester, Ohio.
- April 3, Kutztown University, Kutztown, Pa.
- May 1, Heidrick Ag History Center, Sacramento, Calif.
- May 2, Augustana College Humanities Building, Sioux Falls, S.D.
- May 12, City Council Building, Boise, Idaho, and
- May 13, Civic Center, Peoria, Ill.

In a conference call with Panhandle editors and publishers earlier this month, the agriculture committee chairman said the panel has been working the logistics of hearings because "we want to get out in the country and talk to as many farmers as possible."

Combest, a Lubbock Republican whose 19th District includes Deaf Smith County, said the committee will divide the country into about 10 regions, with hearings conducted in each region.

He said the regional hearings will allow all farmers to express their opinions about what is needed to improve the farm policy.

In a press release, Combest stated the full discussion of producers' plans and committee members' questions will limit the number of witnesses who can testify at the field hearings.

"Producers may be invited to offer testimony as a witness, or if not selected, producers may either submit specific views for the record or e-mail informal comments to the

"It really comes off the truck ready to put up, you know it's so easy you don't even have to think about it. We cut construction time probably in half by the way we construct a home," Clarke said.

"We construction observe and construct ourselves, we take care of the total management for the client as well as the onsite construction management. We go to all of our construction sites and oversee what's going on," Mann said.

Clarke and Mann agree a rapidly increasing demand for this futuristic construction has hit the Panhandle and the South Plains, mainly the Amarillo/Canyon areas. These types of homes are being built daily in the northeast, California, Mexico and New Mexico due to energy saving concerns from residents. Clarke currently has 10 jobs under construction, but says he's taking it slowly to assure for a safe and accurate job.

"When we first started we heard, 'it will never get started; it will never work; people won't do it; they won't understand it.' But it has been the complete opposite. I've never had a house on the market more than seven days," Clarke said.

As far as competitors — the two men say they don't have any and don't fear any anytime soon.

"Most people that were in this industry were fly-by-night, get rich-quick type of people. They would smear some glue on the panels and put some heavy weights on it and go, they weren't approved by all the codes. Before, the attitude was slash and burn, you know get your buck and get out, that's not the approach we're taking, this is a long-term deal," Clarke said.



BRAND PHOTO

U.S. Rep. Larry Combest, chairman of the House Agriculture Committee, will conduct the first of several regional field hearings Monday in Lubbock.

committee.

Producers who are not able to attend one of the 10 regional hear-

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Local roundup

Memorial, benefit funds set up

A memorial fund for Joseph Rodriguez Celaya has been established at the FirstBank Southwest to help with funeral expenses.

Celaya was the 11-month-old victim of the carbon monoxide poisoning accident on Feb. 28.

Also, friends and family of the infant have established a benefit fund at the bank to help with living and medical expenses incurred after the accident.

HEREFORD BRAND
Emergency services

Activities reported by emergency services personnel for March 3, 2000, include the following:

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Arrests

- An arrest was made in the 400 block of Knight for driving while intoxicated.
- A male subject was arrested in the 200 block of Avenue H for an outstanding municipal warrant.
- A 20-year-old male was arrested at 14th and Avenue F and charged with failure to maintain financial responsibility, MIP-alcohol, and possession of drug paraphernalia.
- A 19-year-old male was arrested at 14th and Avenue F and charged with two municipal warrants, MIP-alcohol, and possession of drug paraphernalia.
- A 17-year-old male was arrested at 14th and Avenue F and charged with MIP-alcohol and possession of drug paraphernalia.
- A 21-year-old male was arrested at 14th and Avenue F and charged with a county warrant and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Incidents

- An alarm at a business in the 100 block of E. Park Avenue was called in. Later determined to be a false alarm.
- A report of possession of a controlled substance was made in the 200 block of Avenue H.
- A burglary of a habitation was reported in the 200 block of Ironwood.
- A report was made of children crossing the street in the 700 block of N. Main.
- Loud music was reported in the 200 block of Avenue A.
- A report was made of a semi-truck parked in the 200 block of Avenue I.

Hearing

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ings may follow the proceedings at the committee's web site at <http://agriculture.house.gov>.

Producers who want to testify at one of the hearings are asked to provide information about their agricultural experience and their farming operations. The committee will select witnesses who have a breadth of information and who are qualified to provide specific testimony about federal farm policy and answer questions about possible alternatives.

Anyone interested in testifying at the field hearings in Lubbock should send a letter to the Chief Clerk, c/o House Committee on Agriculture, 1301 Longworth Building, Washington, DC 10515.

Producers are required to file an affidavit disclosing the amount and source of each federal contract or grant they received, although disclosure of farm payments or USDA loans is not required. Also, a brief biography must be provided and the witnesses will need to provide 100 copies of their testimony in advance.

Producers who are unable to testify at a field hearing may submit written testimony for the official record by May 20, 2000, but they must include their name, address, phone number and 10 copies of their testimony in their letter to the committee's chief clerk.

Anyone who wants to offer comments informally may e-mail farmpolicy@mail.house.gov. Statements for the official record cannot be accepted by e-mail.

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Al Gore

'Superdelegates' overwhelmingly supporting Gore

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WASHINGTON — Al Gore is the overwhelming choice among Democratic Party leaders and elected officials heading to the national convention as delegates, according to an Associated Press survey. More than 400 "superdelegates" have pledged their support to Gore, drawing him closer to the 2,170 delegates he needs to win the nomination.

Gore has won 42 delegates in presidential contests so far. Rival Bill Bradley, who has picked up 27 delegates from races so far this year, has less than three dozen superdelegates in the AP survey. The candidates are competing for 1,315 delegates next Tuesday in contests in 15 states and American Samoa.

Gore said he isn't taking anything for granted.

"I don't think that superdelegate support is worth much unless you have a lot of support at the grass roots," the vice president said Friday in an interview. "But combined with grass-roots support, it can help a great deal to have superdelegates speaking for you and endorsing your campaign."

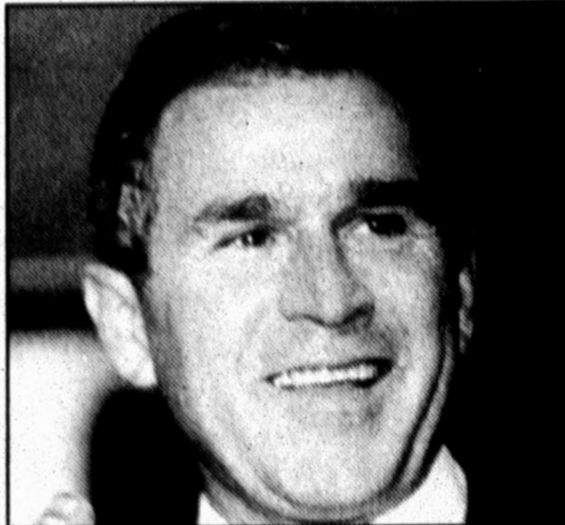
An AP survey conducted over the past few weeks found 418 delegates said they were committed to Gore. Three more said they were leaning toward voting for him. Bradley was the choice of 29 delegates, and he had one leaner. Some 117 delegates said they were uncommitted or had no preference.

The remainder of the 752 superdelegates named so far by the DNC had not returned calls or been located for the survey. An additional 49 people will be chosen by party leaders later in the election season.

The Gore campaign put its superdelegate count at 640 and included people who endorsed the vice president, attended a campaign event or personally gave him their word. The actual number of people who signed pledge cards was somewhere in the "mid 500s," said Gore's delegate director, Laurie Moskowitz, who began recruiting superdelegate support late last summer.

Bush is joined by women as he battles McCain, GOP gender gap

BUFFALO, N.Y. — In a none-too-subtle attempt to close his party's gender gap, George W. Bush is surrounding himself with women



Republican presidential candidates George W. Bush (above), Alan Keyes (top left) and John McCain are campaigning hard before Super Tuesday.



Bill Bradley

and talking up their issues as he and Republican presidential opponent John McCain head into their Super Tuesday showdown.

"I'm going to predict that that traditional old gender gap that we've heard so much about is going to turn itself inside out," Elizabeth Dole — a former GOP rival not seen by Bush's side in a month — said Friday in Syracuse, joining Bush in barnstorming New York from Long Island to the Canadian border. She appeared with the Texas governor at a breast cancer research center.

McCain complained Bush had gone too far with a radio ad criticizing one of the Arizona senator's votes to cut federal funding for breast cancer research. McCain also said third parties were attacking his environmental record on TV at Bush's behest. Bush denied the charge, although Texas investors Sam and Charles Wylie, prominent Bush donors, were behind the spots.

"Somebody is putting in \$2 million to try to hijack the campaign here in New York," McCain said. "It's everything I've been fighting against. Two million dollars in the last few days in this campaign can make a difference in a race that is a statistical dead heat."

New York is one of the biggest prizes at stake Tuesday, when 13 states — with nearly 60 percent of the delegates needed for the GOP nomination — go to the polls.

The ferocity of the fighting underscored the stakes. Polls have shown Bush with a lead in California and Ohio — two other Super Tuesday prizes — while New York is close.

Bob Jones University decides to drop ban on interracial dating

COLUMBIA, S.C. — The publicity nightmare that followed a visit by Republican presidential contender George W. Bush has prompted Bob Jones University to drop its ban on interracial dating.

"As of today, we've dropped the rule," Bob Jones III, university president and grandson of its founder, said Friday night.

Jones said the extraordinary national scrutiny of the fundamentalist Christian college led to the move.

HEREFORD BRAND
Obituaries

CARLOS JOSEPH CELAYA
Feb. 28, 2000

Services for Carlos Joseph Celaya, 11-month-old son of Vincent and Rachel Celaya, will be 10 a.m. Monday at San Jose Catholic Church with the Rev. Adalberto Ramirez officiating. Rosary will be recited 7 p.m. Sunday at Parkside Chapel. Burial will be in St. Anthony's Cemetery under the direction of Parkside Chapel Funeral Home.

The infant died Feb. 28 at his home. Survivors include his parents; one brother, Jesse Celaya of Hereford; one sister, Mariah Rodriguez of Hereford; his grandmothers, Evelyn Casias and Linda Celaya, both of Hereford; one grandfather, Carlos Casias of Seminole; and three aunts.

He was preceded in death by one grandfather.

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GABRIEL NIEVES
March 2, 2000

Services for Gabriel Nieves, 69, of Hereford will be 11 a.m. Monday at St. Anthony's Catholic Church with Magr. Orville Blum officiating. Burial will be in St. Anthony's Cemetery under the direction of Gilliland-Watson Funeral Home.

Mr. Nieves died Thursday at Hereford Regional Medical Center.

He was born March 24, 1930, in Del Rio to Genaro Nieves and Maria Rodriguez. He came to Deaf Smith County in 1969 and worked as a farm laborer.

Survivors include one son, Gabriel Nieves Jr., of Fort Worth; two brothers, Jesus Nieves and Genaro Nieves Jr., both of Hereford; four sisters, Erlinda Ramirez of Hereford, Manuela Narriz of San Angelo, Trinidad Cuellar of Del Rio, and Consuelo Cardenas of Chandler, Ariz.; six grandchildren.

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GLORIA F. VALDEZ
March 3, 2000

Services are pending for Gloria F. Valdez, 71, of Hereford who died Friday in Hereford Regional Medical Center.

Mrs. Valdez was born June 3, 1928, in Maud, Okla., to William Henry and Ruby Lucille Pool. She married Ross White in 1945. She married Rudy "Red" Valdez in 1976 in Hereford.

She was a sales clerk at Gibsons and Winns. Mrs. Valdez was a member of Temple Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband; one son, Connie White of Joplin, Mo.; three daughters, Donna Treadwell of Farwell and Kalanni and Kimberly Valdez of Hereford; two step-daughters, Rose O'Rand of Amarillo and Jennie Mendiola of Copperas Cove; one step-son, Rudy Valdez of Omaha, Neb.; five grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and eight step-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, David White, in 1963 and a daughter, Melinda Beth White Stacey, in 1991.

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Hunter

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corporate compliance officer and staff development director, as well as being responsible for safety/security, social work, infection control and discharge planning.

"I have several major functions for the facility," Hunter said, but the most important job probably is her service as Joint Commission coordinator.

The Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO) is the governing body for most of the nation's hospitals.

As the JCAHO coordinator, Hunter is responsible for seeing that the hospital complies with the commission's guidelines and preparing HRMC personnel for the annual JCAHO inspection.

Hunter joined the HRMC administration in December 1998, coming to the hospital from a similar position in Spearman.

The Spearman job, she said, "was my first rural hospital. In the rural community, you wear many hats, while at the larger facilities you focus on just one job."

Before taking the position with Spearman, Hunter, who is a registered nurse, had worked in a variety of positions with three Amarillo medical centers, Baptist St. Anthony's, the Veterans Administration and Northwest Texas Healthcare Systems (NTHS).

She became a registered nurse through NTHS in 1976 and is working on her bachelor's degree, taking night classes, at West Texas A&M University.

Also since 1994, she has been certified in healthcare quality management.

Hunter is a native of Amarillo — she was born in the hospital on the old Air Force base — and has lived in the city for most of her life.

She spent four years in Spearman and Portland, Ore., joking that she went to Oregon, "got married, had a baby, got divorced and came back here."

Hunter said it's been difficult to earn her degree because she's also raised nine children: three of her own, three foster kids and three stepchildren.

"When you work and have that many kids, it's hard to find time to breathe, much less go to college," she said.

Her duties at HRMC have provided "a real educational experience," Hunter said. "I've never had this much responsibility at one time. For the joint commission, I've been responsible for two or three sections, but not for the whole book."

"It's broadened my knowledge about how the various departments work," she said.

At the same time, Hunter said there is a challenge in rural health care.

"People get used to doing things their own way for a long time and hospitals are very bad about compartmentalizing every thing. So, it's hard to get everyone to realize how all the departments have to work together," she said.

The need for interdepartmental cooperation is made more important because of the changes in the healthcare industry and the rules governing it. Hunter's job requires her to stay abreast of the changes in the rules — and let other healthcare workers know what the changes are.

"A lot of people interpret me saying that something has to be done differently as meaning I have an agenda, but I don't. It's not me, it's the rule," Hunter said.

"I'm not the best-liked girl on the block, but that's my job. Because my job says if something isn't done right, I have to step in because if you don't follow the rules, you don't get reimbursed by Medicare and Medicaid."

"Because of all the focus on fraud, part of my job is to make sure that we follow the rules for Medicare billing," Hunter said. If the federal government determines that a healthcare facility has not complied with the billing guidelines, it could face some stiff financial penalties.

Pointing to a thick stack of files containing new guidelines, Hunter said, "It seems like that they change the rules every day."

Looking into the future, Hunter said she has set two goals for herself.

She wants to earn her bachelor's degree within two years and her master's degree within five years.

"In 15 years, I want to live on the beach somewhere and paint," she said.

She said she began doing tile painting about four years ago and "I love it."

But sitting on the beach and painting aren't the only things she hopes to be doing in 15 years. Hunter said she would like to establish her own consulting firm and help healthcare organizations work their way through the maze of rules.

Just like she does now.

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Texas lottery

Cash Five

The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery:
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The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
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INSIDE

Its laid-back style helps 'Austin City Limits' survive

"I'm not just the floor manager. I'm also the glorified parking attendant, the laundry guy, the ironing man."

Show stage manager
■ Ray Lucero

AUSTIN (AP) — Since Willie Nelson took the stage for the very first show, stage manager Ray Lucero has helped capture 25 years of music magic on "Austin City Limits."

He's catered to stars before they were stars.

Lucero remembers a large-haired Lyle Lovett shopping demo tapes in between gigs at local lounges and a young Garth Brooks about 100 million albums ago.

And he's made sure legends delivered legendary performances, like the time Lucero comforted a grieving Jerry Lee Lewis, who was performing soon after his wife's death.

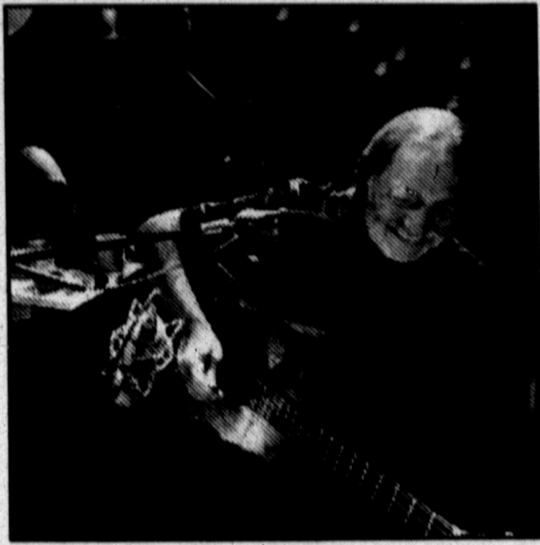
But he insists most of his duties are not glamorous.

"I'm not just the floor manager," he says. "I'm also the glorified parking attendant, the laundry guy, the ironing man."

Lucero is just one of many faces behind the laid-back show that has kept music from this laid-back city in the spotlight since "Austin City Limits" made its debut in 1974.

Quietly, it has become television's longest-running music series.

To music lovers, "Austin City Limits" is the show with the Capitol skyline backdrop (it's really cardboard and Christmas lights), down-home feel (free beer is served before each taping) and a repu-



WILLIE NELSON

Texas musical icon performed on the first 'Austin City Limits' telecast 25 years ago.

tation for showcasing fresh talent (pre-superstar Dixie Chicks, Lovett and Brooks, to name a few).

"It's like serendipity. It is," says Lucero.

"So many people have performed here. It's been tremendous, just tremendous," he marvels over the licks of a rehearsing Lovett.

"What's great about the show also is seeing all the classic, classic people like Fats Domino and Jerry Lee Lewis, B.B. King, Stevie Ray Vaughan."

Before Lucero can continue his list, a co-worker rushes in from the studio across the hall, yelling, "Ray, Lyle needs you!"

Lovett wants help finding an ice chest.

"Lyle's performance is extra special tonight," Lucero explains. He's sharing the stage with songwriters and close friends who have helped him graduate from a backup singer to a Grammy-winning country crooner.

"Things like that always happen," Lucero says.

It's that extra effort from Lucero and the other 50 full- and part-time staff — many of whom have worked unpaid for years — that keeps "Austin City Limits" center stage. Some of the country's most popular musicians continue to do the show for minimum union scale, about \$500.

"We make sure everybody's happy," said Steve Maedl, a production worker who's served the show for 13 years. "We aren't in it for the money."

"The folks here at 'Austin City Limits' make you feel as comfortable as you can," Lovett said. "I mean you see those big cameras pointed at you so it's not quite like doing a live show. You're naturally more self-conscious."

Terry Likona, the show's producer for 22 years, says creating a comfortable environment has always been the key to making the show work.

"There always seems to be a lot of tension in the air, and pressure, and so we just try to take a lot of that out of the picture and make it as relaxed and comfortable as possible, which is easy to do here in Austin. That's the whole style of Austin to begin with, which is another reason why it works so well here," Likona said.

John T. Davis, a music critic who for 20 years has covered the show for the *Austin American-Statesman*, says it's the focus on the music that has made the show stand out.

'AUSTIN CITY LIMITS' SCHEDULE

AUSTIN (AP) — The stars came out in force for "Austin City Limits" 25th season. The line-up, with show premiere dates, according to Public Broadcasting System. Air dates vary depending on local programming.

March 4 — Singers and Songs with John Prine
March 11 — Big Blues Extravaganza with Keb' Mo'
March 18 — Women in Song with Shawn Colvin
March 25 — Marty Stuart with Pam Tillis and Earl Scruggs
April 1 — Emmylou Harris,

Dave Matthews, Patty Griffin and Buddy & Julie Miller
April 29 — Bela Fleck and Friends
May 6 — Lyle Lovett
May 27 — Alison Krauss
TBA — Jewel
TBA — Tricia Yearwood

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Singer gets restraining order

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS People

MORRISTOWN, N.J. — A New York City woman who wrote that Whitney Houston is her "supernatural reincarnated mother" and has sent her a four-tiered cake, underwear and other gifts has been barred from contacting the singer.

A judge issued a temporary restraining order Thursday against Desiree D. Weeks, 36, in response to a lawsuit filed by Houston, who lives in Mendham, about 35 miles west of New York City. Weeks was not at the hearing.

Weeks began sending rambling letters to Houston's management company in August, calling Houston "Mommy" and her "supernatural reincarnated mother."

"Every chance I get I make it known I belong to Queen Whitney Houston," Weeks wrote in one letter.

She called Houston's 7-year-old daughter her "little sister" and Houston's mother "Nana," Houston attorney Thomas Weisenbeck said. Weeks also sent Houston a bra and underwear, a makeup kit, Valentine's Day candy and the cake, with plates and utensils, Weisenbeck said.

The letters came with various return addresses, including the Bronx Psychiatric Center.

Sally Ride

AKRON, Ohio (AP) — Sally Ride, the first American woman in space, is following in the footsteps of Amelia Earhart.

Ride will christen the Spirit of Goodyear airship on March 15 and climb aboard for the first official ride. The airship replaces the Spirit of Akron, which crashed in October.

In 1929, Earhart, an aviation pioneer, helped launch the Goodyear airship Defender in Cleveland.

"We're really happy that Sally Ride has accepted our invitation," Goodyear spokesman Mickey Wittman said. "We wanted someone in aviation, a woman and a hero — someone like Amelia Earhart."

Ride, 49, first went into space in 1983 on a six-day shuttle mission with four NASA crew mates. She is

now a physics professor at the University of California, San Diego.

Sharon Stone

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Sharon Stone's former housekeeper was charged with stealing jewelry and other items valued at \$300,000 from the actress' home.

Socorro Del Carmen Membrano, 48, pleaded innocent Thursday to one count of grand theft, according to a courtroom deputy.

Membrano had worked for Stone for nearly three years, and the alleged theft took place more than a month ago, according to prosecutors.

Membrano was held in lieu of \$300,000 bail. A preliminary hearing was set for March 15.

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COMMENT

Texans must find solution to water woes

Three years of drought in the last four have Texas state officials and regional water planning groups scrambling to find a remedy.

The droughts have had a multibillion-dollar negative impact on farming and ranching and ordinary people, too. And, for better or worse, the state's population is expected to double in the next 50 years.

State Sen. Jeff Wentworth, R-San Antonio, said recently that Texas' reservoirs are the lowest they have been in 22 years and 60 state water systems already are on mandatory water restrictions.

"Texas' future growth and prosperity depend on an available water supply," he added.

Toward that end, Wentworth said, the Edwards Aquifer Authority will begin cloud-seeding more than 6 million acres encompassing Bexar and a swath of counties north and northwest of here.

With that and new water legislation, regional water groups hope to improve Texas' water conservation, drought management and, if cloud-seeding succeeds, its rainfall.

Superb! But what about water quality? Water managers say that is a "given," but there is some evidence that it is not.

The Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission admitted this month that it erred in releasing 9,000 gallons of a tissue-destroying chemical into San Martin Lake in Cameron County that may have killed up to 7 million fish.

The TNRC is considering, over objections from environmentalists, lowering water-quality standards so a paper mill can continue to dump waste and other byproducts into a creek that feeds into Lake Sam Rayburn, one of Texas' largest and most popular fishing lakes.

The environmental watchdog U.S. Public Interest Research Group this week said three of the nation's most polluted waterways are in Texas.

We urge the Texas Water Development Board, Edwards Aquifer Authority and other water agencies to continue their cooperative efforts to plug for more water and maintain water quality.

It is vital that the TNRC be vigilant in fulfilling its motto: "Protecting Texas by reducing and preventing pollution."

San Antonio Express-News



Quote of the week

"... if you're not for George Bush being the next president of the United States, I consider that to be almost treasonous if you're a Texan."

Lt. Gov. Rick Perry, February 27, 2000

Editorial, column? What's difference?

When you do a job day in and day out, it becomes second nature, and you are surprised when you find out other people don't know as much about it as you think.

It's somewhat like the mother and father who think they have wonderful children, only to be stunned to learn that others think the kids are obnoxious little twerps.

After more than 25 years in the newspaper business, I know the language of journalism, and sometimes I forget that others don't speak it.

That struck home the other day when I got a couple of telephone calls. One caller let me know he disagreed with the "editorial" I had written; the other caller agreed with my "ad."

On both calls, I had to think a minute because I hadn't written an editorial about anything, and as a denizen of the newsroom, I certainly hadn't handled any advertisements.

That's when it hit me. Although I automatically distinguish among ads, editorials, columns and articles, many newspaper readers are as unfamiliar with newspaper language as I am with the workings of the internal combustion engine.

An ad is just the print version of a TV



Donald Cooper

commercial. Only the people with products or services they're trying to sell are buying space, not air time.

An article is a news story that is a straightforward reporting of what happened. A news story offers no opinion about the rightness or wrongness of what happened, it just relates the facts as the reporter saw them.

A news story should answer the questions: who, what, when, where and how.

A column gives a writer a chance to voice an opinion, entertain or inform.

When I wrote a column about my run-in with Roadrunner during my military service, I was just trying to entertain the readers; however, when I wrote a column opposing the death penalty, it represented my opinion about an important issue that our society is having to confront.

The column is just the opinion of a single

individual, and while the writer often hopes it will persuade others to share that viewpoint, it still represents only the individual opinion.

An editorial, however, represents the formal policy of the newspaper. While the editorial generally is not signed by an individual, it is where the newspaper stands on an issue.

When the paper takes a stand on the issue, as the *Brand* did last fall when it questioned the actions of the school district, its decision usually involves more than one person. For example, if I think the newspaper needs to voice its opinion on a particular issue, I write a rough draft of what I'd like to say, and then I give it to Publisher Mauri Montgomery.

If we're in agreement, he'll offer some suggestions about what needs to go in the editorial. If we disagree, we'll discuss the issue and try to find a common ground.

Now, given our political leanings, Mauri and I might not always find that common ground. However, if as the final arbitrator of newspaper policy, he decides the *Brand* supports something I oppose, that is the way it will be.

I am entitled to have my own opinion, but it does not carry the weight of an editorial — that is policy.

Donald Cooper can be contacted at cooper@herefordbrand.com

No rationale for schedule

Contrast that with John F. Kennedy's nomination in 1960; he ran in seven primaries to prove his ability to win elections far from his Massachusetts base, and victories over Hubert H. Humphrey in two of them — Wisconsin and West Virginia — proved his point.

Eight years later, Humphrey was the Democratic nominee, without running in a single primary. By 1972, Democratic commissions had written new rules to broaden the process. Delegates chosen by insiders were subject to challenge at the national convention, and the primary boom had begun.

Now both parties have commissions trying to figure out how to manage it. The National Association of Secretaries of State is seeking a system of regional primaries phased over four months. There's a proposal in Congress to do much the same thing.

Proposals like those, and others, for a national primary, for designated primary dates, and for party restraints on state attempts to leapfrog ahead in the calendar, all have been debated for years. But attention spans are short; once the nominees are set — usually at least five months before the conventions that ratify the primaries — the focus turns to the general election.

"Anyone looking at the current system knows it has to change," said Sen. Joseph Lieberman, D-Conn., co-sponsoring a regional primary bill with Sen. Slade Gorton, R-Wash. "I hope that we can make that happen before the 2004 campaign begins."

To make it happen nationally, Congress would have to override states' control of their own election laws. And for the parties to impose changes in 2004, they'll have to settle on changes at their 2000 conventions. Neither is likely.

The Democrats tried with a rule forbidding delegate selection until March 7, except in the Iowa caucuses and the New Hampshire primary, leadoff states by tradition and determination to defend that role. That produced the

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Capital highlights

Ed Sterling
Texas Press Association

Lottery losing favor in Texas

AUSTIN — Guaranteed minimum jackpots for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas drawings probably will have to be lowered by \$1 million because of weak ticket sales, lottery officials said Feb. 29.

The state has been losing money on the game and the only way to deal with the trend is to change the game or join in one of the multistate, high-stakes games such as Powerball, lottery officials told *The Dallas Morning News*.

"I'm sad to say we've reached the limit... with trying to hold out on our minimum jackpot at \$4 million," Executive Director Linda Cloud told lottery commissioners.

"It is going to be necessary to make an announcement to our players in the next couple of weeks that we are going to have to reduce the minimum jackpot."

Lotto Texas sales are down 28.5 percent for the first 26 weeks of the fiscal year, compared with the same period in fiscal 1999, officials said.

Cloud blamed lack of player interest in Pick Six on small jackpots.

"The only solution to this situation is to introduce larger jackpots for Texas players," she said.

Group wants exit test

A small group of University of Texas profes-

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VIEWPOINTS

What's all the worry about TAAS test?

Learning, as well as teaching, is undoubtedly an art with lifelong rewards and consequences. From birth, most humans and many other higher animals pursue learning experiences.

Part of that learning, at least for Texas children, is a marvelous thing known as TAAS - Texas Assessment of Academic Skills test.

Students, teachers, parents and administrators far and wide agonize over this organized proof of the superiority of the Texas education system.

Schools and teachers alike have been accused of "teaching for the TAAS." Administrators wait with bated breath for results reporting individual student, campus and district achievements. Campuses have TAAS test pep rallies. Students get so stressed out over the TAAS test that many report illnesses ranging from cramps and headaches to nausea and heart problems.

Benchmark tests are given periodically to determine the level at which students are learning and also to give teachers an idea of skills that need improvement.

Some students have gone



Dianna F. Dandridge

so far as to challenge the TAAS, claiming discrimination that prevents them from successfully passing the exit level TAAS and so depriving them a high school diploma.

For a number of years I have read various reports on the TAAS and I imagined the test to be a real brain-breaker. From the reports I read, I could only hold the TAAS test takers in the highest of sympathy. From all accounts, the TAAS test was more difficult than all the tests I have ever taken.

Recently I was provided with an Internet address which allows users to take a sample exit-level TAAS and have it scored electronically.

The questions are real questions from previous years' exams. Information and format for the online TAAS are nearly identical to tests taken by thousands of high school students each year.

In a moment of boredom I decided to see if I could get a high school diploma today if it meant passing the dreaded TAAS.

Reading or anything connected to words has always been my strong point, so I logged onto the reading portion of the TAAS first.

Following the instructions, I read through sample essays and articles - answering questions as they appeared. With each new item I fully expected an increasing difficulty. The difficulty never appeared - not for the reading or the writing - which really wasn't a big surprise.

After passing the reading and writing portions I plowed into the math, fully expecting to just scrape by, if I passed at all.

I opened the math test, glimpsed through the formulas, calculations and instructions and hoped I remembered how to use the horrific things.

Addition and subtraction never really slowed me down. I had to think a little while on some of the algebra, but

what I really feared was the geometry. I always hated geometry proofs and I probably never really understood them.

The worst problem came when trying to figure the area of a cylinder and opposite angles of a parallelogram when only one angle was provided.

Granted, I probably would have missed the area of a cylinder, if the formula had not been provided, but even I can follow a given formula and come out with the correct answer.

My high school algebra, math, and pre-calculus teacher will be happy to know I missed only eight questions - and three of those were because I apparently skipped the problems.

After the tests were scored, I have to admit feeling just a bit disappointed. Not in myself, but in the TAAS. I'm afraid I fail to see where any student of normal intelligence would have difficulties passing this test.

So I had my fifth grade son take the online version. He passed the reading, did

quite well on the writing and was within a few points of passing the math.

My son is undoubtedly an intelligent kid, but he's no Einstein, but at this rate I have no doubts he will have no problem passing the TAAS when his turn comes around.

I invite other parents and interested parties to take these dreaded tests and decide for yourself if it is as horrible as it has been made out to be.

The online address is www.tea.state.tx.us/student.assessment/online.htm

Individuals not connected to the Internet have access to sample tests simply by contacting the local school district.

I wonder if there are others, who like myself, feel the TAAS should be a bit more challenging, if anything?

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Primaries

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five-week drought in Democratic competition that ends Tuesday. The Republicans had five contests during those weeks.

In most cases, the states that write the primary schedule do it for both parties. Hence the Republican primary pileup on Tuesday, too.

The mega-primary of the mega-election day is California's, which used to be last but moved up for influence in the 1996 nominating campaign and saw everything settled for Bob Dole before the earlier date. So it was moved up again, to the first day Democrats allow.

It also got more complicated when a referendum created a California primary neither party would tolerate, putting the candidates of both and of minor parties on the

same ballot. To pry that apart, the Legislature set up separate counts for Republicans and Democrats to award the state's nominating delegates. That opens the possibility that one candidate could win the preference vote - McCain thinks he will - while another, Bush, wins all the delegates in the GOP-only count. "If there's a split decision, that's going to have to be a debate that takes place within the Republican Party," McCain said.

That primary system is under challenge in court; on April 24, the Supreme Court will hear arguments on an appeal seeking to overturn the all-candidate primary system, so that each party can choose its own nominees.

McCain's campaign went to court in New York to get him

on the primary ballot by overruling complex petition requirements that kept state GOP leaders, who back Bush, in control of the process. McCain won, and he's on.

Gore said in a campaign debate Wednesday night that an overhaul of the schedule should be considered.

"Maybe it would make more sense to have four regional primaries once a month and have a focus on issues," Bradley said. He added an apt appraisal of the current way:

"Sure, these primaries are a bit idiosyncratic," he said. "Who knows what's the rationale for when they occur..."

There isn't any. Walter R. Mears has reported on Washington and national politics for The Associated Press for more than 35 years.

Highlights

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sors want to require standardized tests for students seeking bachelor's degrees at public institutions.

An exit test would provide a way to judge the quality of instruction just as the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills measures public schools, they said.

Advocates pitched the idea to staff at Lt. Gov. Rick Perry's office, the *Austin American-Statesman* reported last week.

Ray Sullivan, a spokesman for Perry said the lieutenant governor is intrigued by the idea.

In the summer, a commission appointed by Perry to study ways to reform higher education will discuss ways to measure the quality of higher education.

More funds sought

Texas A&M University last week asked the state to increase to \$2 million the Aggie

bonfire investigators' budget and extend their deadline by more than a month.

Hundreds of witnesses, bonfire workers and A&M officials are being interviewed in the Nov. 18 collapse that claimed the lives of 12 students and injured 27 others.

Officials estimate the investigation will be complete by early May.

Four consulting firms are being paid to analyze and test the bonfire structure, interview officials and participants and evaluate safety procedures and supervision.

UT will raise tuition

Students enrolling at the University of Texas next fall will pay \$420 more a year in

tuition and fees.

The tuition hike is meant to hire more faculty, raise salaries and help needy students, the *Austin American-Statesman* reported last week.

Part of the increase, a \$10 per-hour charge, is being billed as a library and information-technology fee and will be used to support those services while freeing up money elsewhere in the budget.

Texas undergraduates taking 15 hours of classes a semester pay \$3,167 in in-state tuition and mandatory fees for a full school year. They would pay \$3,587 next school year. The totals do not include class-specific fees, so many students pay more to attend UT.



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Applications being accepted from students

West Texas Rural Telephone Cooperative is accepting applications for scholarships that will be awarded in May.

The 2000 scholarships are open only to students whose parents or guardians are WTRT members or to students who are WTRT members themselves. Applicants must also be either high school seniors who are candidates for graduation this spring, have completed high school or have received their GED.

The scholarships are open only to eligible, qualified applicants from the Hereford, Friona, Bovina, Farwell, Lazbuddie, Dimmitt, Adrian and Vega school districts. Scholarship monies will be disbursed in increments per semester.

An official application form, accompanied by two letters of recommendation, and a wallet-size photo must be submitted. One of the letters of recommendations must be from a teacher, principal or counselor from the high school that the applicant attends or attended, or from a college/trade school instructor if the applicant is enrolled.

In Hereford, applications may be picked up only at the WTRT offices on U.S. Highway 385 South.

Applications and rules may be picked up at the high school counselor's offices in Friona, Bovina, Lazbuddie, Farwell, Dimmitt, Adrian and

Vega. To be considered, applications must be fully completed, have no attachments other than the photo and two required letters of recommendation, and must be received at the offices of WTRT, Box 1737, Hereford, Texas 79045, no later than April 3.

Applicants may be asked to attend and interview at the discretion of the WTRT board.

Also:
• The scholarships may be used at any state or church-sponsored college or university, or at any accredited vocational or technical school.

• Recipients must maintain a minimum of 12 credit hours throughout each semester, or have full-time student status at vocational or trade schools.

• As soon as enrollment or pre-enrollment for the fall semester is completed, recipients send confirmation from the registrar's office to the cooperative. Should a recipient drop out of school for any reason, the unused portion of the scholarship will be rescinded.

• At the end of each semester, recipients are requested to send a report of their grades to: West Texas Rural Telephone Cooperative, Box 1737, Hereford 79045.

VFW

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post in Hereford plans to award \$2,000 in scholarships to qualified Hereford

High School graduates.

The scholarships will be awarded to students who plan to attend either college or a trade school.

Scholarship applications are available at the HHS counselor's office.

For more information, call Earl Stagner, VFW scholarship chairman, at 364-2231.

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The Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative will award five \$2,000 scholarships to eligible applicants whose parents are active members or employees of the cooperative.

Applicants may be either traditional high school graduates or students who wish to continue their education after an extended absence.

Applicants must provide at least three letters of recommendation, and selection will be based on grade-point average, community activities, service work and recommendations. Secondary criteria will include a written essay, SAT/ACT scores and academic honors.

Applications may be obtained from area high schools, extension offices of Deaf Smith, Parmer, Castro and Oldham counties, or the Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative's office in Hereford.

Applications must be received by March 10.

Press Associations

Applications are being accepted for two \$2,000 scholar-

ships awarded through the West Texas Press and Texas Press associations, according to Hereford Brand Publisher Mauri Montgomery.

The contest is open to applicants in the area served by WTPA member newspapers and whose career goals include working with a community newspaper. Hereford students are eligible to apply for the scholarships through the Hereford Brand's membership in WTPA.

The scholarships are named in honor of the late West Texas publisher Bob Craig of Hamlin, and will be awarded to a graduating high school senior and a college junior or senior pursuing journalism careers. Craig, who died in 1981, was the longtime publisher of the Hamlin Herald and member of West Texas Press board of directors. He served 18 years on the board in all capacities, including president in 1967 and secretary/treasurer in 1969.

Each scholarship will be divided into two payments of \$1,000 for two semesters. The winners must be enrolled in at least three hours of college or university journalism courses each semester that the scholarship is awarded.

Each applicant must fill out an application form and write an essay based on the theme "My Future and Career Plans in Community Journalism."

Prospective applicants in Deaf Smith County may secure a form from the news office of the Hereford Brand, 313 N. Lee.

Applications and essays should be sent to Mark A. Jordan WTPA Scholarship Chairman, P.O. Box 149, Decatur, Texas 76234, and be postmarked no later than June 15, 2000.

Winners will be chosen by the West Texas Press Association board of directors and will be announced at the Association's 70th Annual Summer Convention July 20-22 in the Inn of the Mountain Gods, Ruidoso, N.M.

Realtors urge caution in online homebuying

AUSTIN (AP) — House hunters surfing the Web should exercise caution because much of the real estate information found online is inaccurate or deceiving, a group representing Texas realtors said Friday.

"In many cases, people who know technology — but very little about real estate — are attempting to deliver complex information to consumers," said John Eckstrum, chairman-elect of the 50,000-member Texas Association of Realtors.

The group's parent, the National Association of Realtors, runs its own Web site that contains more than 1.3 million properties gathered from about 900 multiple listing services.

Other sites may not have accurate data and often do not offer the services of licensed realtors, the group said. "Consumers can learn a great deal by conducting their own research online, but they still need a Realtor to interpret the data and provide sound advice," it said.

McCain advisers believe he's knocked campaign off track

By Ron Fournier

AP Political Writer

LOS ANGELES — John McCain is railing against George W. Bush's campaign tactics and the evangelical leaders who "unfairly attacked" one of his advisers. Suddenly an aide jumps up from a hotel sofa, leans over a tray of coffee cups and slips him a note.

"Social Security," is scrawled on the paper, a reminder that — once again — the boss is off message.

Getting the hint, McCain abruptly changes the subject in his interview with newspaper editors and launches into his plans to bolster Social Security.

"We're going to be emphasizing that kind of issue rather than this negative campaigning," the Arizona senator said Thursday, hours before a Republican presidential debate. "I think Americans are turned off by" negative politics.

He should know. Republican analysts and some of McCain's own advisers believe his insurgent campaign has been knocked off track, first by a bitterly personal South Carolina campaign against Bush and, more recently, his scathing indictment

of Christian conservative leaders.

His pugnacious rhetoric has drowned out the message that carried McCain this far: a pledge to reform the political system and restore dignity to the White House. The Arizona senator is sending mixed messages to voters, particularly in states like California where he is relatively unknown.

Fellow underdog Bill Bradley has a similar problem on the Democratic side. His promise of a new style of politics never took root here — in large part, aides believe, because McCain's momentum dominated the media's attention.

Needing to shake things up, Bradley went after Vice President Al Gore in Iowa and New Hampshire and — after losing those contests — stepped the vitriol up a notch. It wasn't until Wednesday's debate here that Bradley returned to the thoughtful style that attracted voters early on.

His candidacy hanging by a thread, Bradley wanted to leave a good impression if it was to be his last.

McCain has troubles of his own, particularly in this all-important state, but unlike Bradley he still has a reasonable chance to secure an upset in Tuesday's 13-state showdown. But he must rediscover his message.

"The humble hero out to reform government and be fiscally responsible with Social Security and tax cuts — that's the John McCain who gave

George W. Bush a run for all his money," said California GOP strategist Don Sipple. "But he got sidetracked over political tactics."

"There's a fine line between being a maverick and being an irritant," said consultant Alex Castellanos of Alexandria, Va. "He suddenly looks like just another politician."

McCain knows they're right, and he hopes to return to his political roots — started with Thursday's debate.

"We've gotten too close to the process — who's doing what commercials and so forth," McCain told reporters.

He had aired two of the campaign's harshest TV ads in South Carolina comparing Bush's integrity to President Clinton's.

Aides later said McCain approved the advertising out of anger at Bush. The Texan had allowed a veterans' advocate to stand up at a campaign event and criticize McCain, a former Vietnam prisoner of war.

Last week, McCain called two evangelical leaders "agents of intolerance" in a bid for moderate voters in California and 12 other states that conduct GOP contests Tuesday.

The address triggered heated debate and galvanized religious conservatives, a key component of the GOP coalition that overwhelmingly backed Bush this week in Virginia's primary. Bush accused McCain of "pitting one religion against another."



JOHN MCCAIN
Some advisers believe he's derailed his own campaign.

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State hospital scores high

Special to the Brand
BIG SPRING — Big Spring State Hospital scored a 95 out of a possible 100 during last week's survey of the mental health facility by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations.

The three surveyors heaped praise on the hospital before leaving Friday afternoon for their home base in Chicago, Big Spring State Hospital CEO Ed Moughon said.

"They left a preliminary report that was outstanding," he said. "They were really impressed with how caring the staff was and how they knew all the patients. They could tell that our nurses, direct care workers, social workers and doctors knew about our patients and cared about their recovery."

"It's especially important in psychiatric care that patients have people around them who are sensitive to the patient's needs."

Three surveyors, who are specialized in three areas - nursing, medicine and administration - toured patient care units and talked to patients and employees; interviewed treatment teams and department heads; inspected living conditions; and poured over

volumes of patient, organizational and procedural charts.

"Our patients and employees don't know if the surveyors will talk to them," Moughon said. "They may see them in the recreational area and say they want to talk to that patient and see his or her chart."

"They may quiz the employee about fire drills or procedural matters. It's nothing we can prep them for. It's something they must know all the time to care for our patients."

Their Joint Commission's review is so thorough that

they searched through employee files before finding a handful of employees whose job performance review wasn't evaluated in a specific time period, Moughon said. "It is so intense. We have 670 employees and to find that shows how far they dug."

"Those were the small things we were marked off for in our survey."

Big Spring State Hospital and other health care facilities are reviewed every three years by JCAHO.

Big Spring State Hospital's score of 95 improved from a score of 88 in their survey in

1997. That's despite the implementation of more stringent JCAHO survey guidelines since then, Moughon said.

More attention has been focused on mental illness since December when U.S. Surgeon General Dr. David Satcher released the first-ever report on mental health.

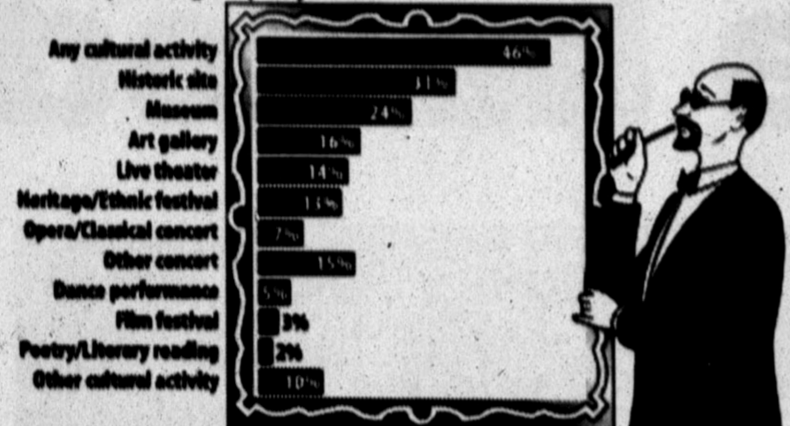
The new regulations put into effect this year placed a greater emphasis on patient care, Moughon said. And what was what the surveyors found was Big Spring State Hospital's greatest strength.

Keeping an Eye on Texas

Will it be the opera or the museum?

As many Texans head to the beach for Spring Break this month, consider this—almost half of all adults in the U.S. include cultural events in their vacations.

Percentage of U.S. travelers that included cultural events on trips during the past year



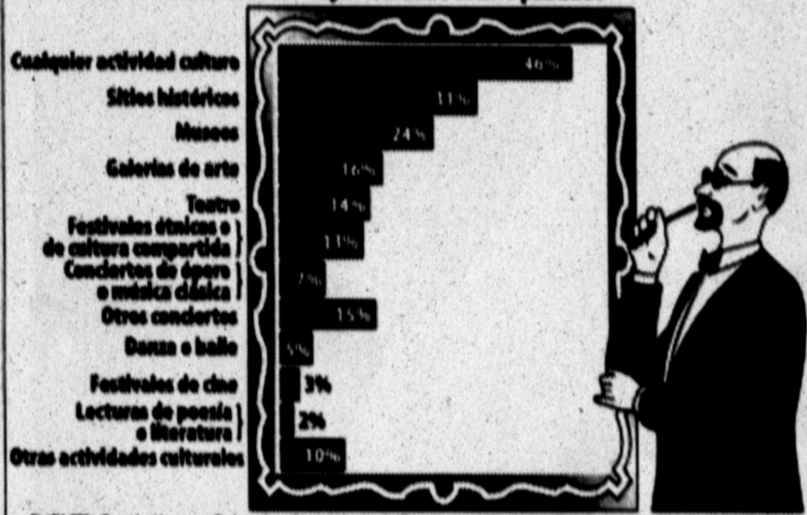
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El bienestar de Texas

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Aunque muchos texanos se van a la playa de vacaciones esta semana, ¿sabía usted que casi la mitad de todos los adultos en los Estados Unidos incluyen eventos culturales en sus vacaciones?

Porcentaje de viajeros estadounidenses que incluyeron eventos culturales en viajes durante el año pasado:



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Kelley to step down as the head of CIS

Special to the Brand
CANYON — Dr. Gary Kelley will step down as head of the T. Boone Pickens College of Business Department of Computer Information Systems (CIS) on Aug. 31 to return to full-time teaching.

Kelley has been head of the CIS department at West Texas A&M University since 1992.

"I have always been a teacher at heart," Kelley said. "While my administrative duties have been rewarding, it is more important to me at this point in my career to be a full-time faculty member rather than a part-time faculty member and administrator. I look forward to spending more time in the class-

room." Kelley joined the WTAMU faculty as an associate professor in 1983. In 1986, he became head of what was then known as the Department of Computer Information Systems, Administrative Services and Engineering Technology. He remained in that position until being named associate department of the Pickens College of Business in 1989, a post he held until taking over CIS in 1992.

Dr. John Cooley, dean of the Pickens College, said the search will begin immediately for an interim replacement.

"We hope to have a new interim department chair in place to begin the fall 2000 semester," Cooley said.

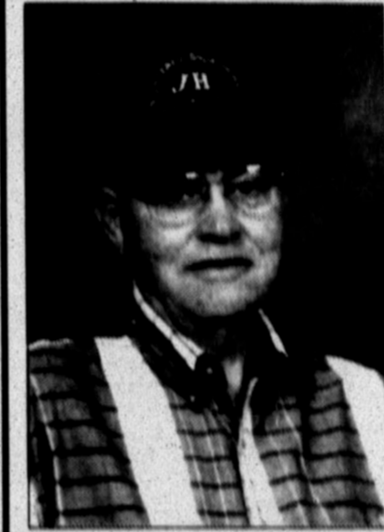
Clinton pressing Congress on guns

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — President Clinton criticized Congress today for not voting on gun-control legislation, and called the failure of a Senate vote on the issue Thursday "a great credit to the power" of the National Rifle Association.

Speaking to a gathering of communications technologists, Clinton decried the fact a non-binding resolution calling for final congressional action on gun safety by April 20 failed on a 49-49 vote.

Clinton said it is appalling that the measure was defeated "after all we went through this week," referring to the shooting death of a Michigan first-grader by a classmate and the killing of three people in Wilkesburg, Pa.

Gun safety is not a partisan issue, the president said. Defeat of the resolution is "a great credit to the power of the NRA in Washington. ... I think it is crazy what they're doing."



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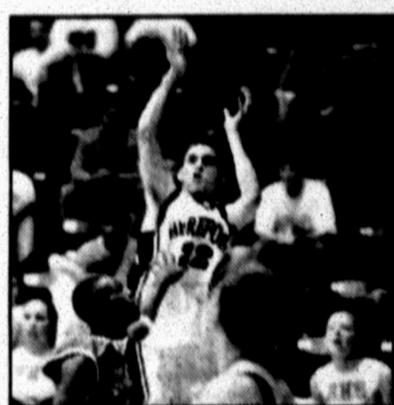
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Herd's stampede halted

■ Whitefaces suffer 59-50 regional semifinal loss to Denton Ryan, closes remarkable season at 23-11



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Cody Hodges goes up and over a Denton defender for a shot.

By Paul Mason

Special to the Brand

ODESSA — The Hereford Whitefaces ended their season Friday night at Odessa Junior College gym, falling to Billy Ryan High School of Denton, 59-50.

Plagued by turnovers and early foul troubles, Hereford never led in the contest, even though the point spread only reached 10 once and was tied at several points during the game.

Hereford trailed 16-15 at the first-quarter break and 32-27 at half.

The Whitefaces pulled to within one point at 38-37 with 4:39 left in the third quarter, but at the end of the period trailed 44-39.

In the fourth quarter with 4:19 left, Hereford cut the margin to 47-43, but turnovers and fouls, both created by frustration on the Whitefaces' part, sealed their fate.

Both Cody Hodges and Chayse Rives fouled out of

Perspective:

• 1999-2000 HHS basketball team brings in the new millennium as the most successful local cage team to take the floor since 1959.

• Loss ends sterling 19-game winning streak.

the game, which at times appeared to be more Australian football than basketball. Although the play got out of hand several times, it was never a factor in the outcome.

"We tried to keep our focus and I don't think that we ever gave up. We wanted it all. They were just a better team — tonight. Another night, it may have been different."

Hereford cager

■ Chayse Rives

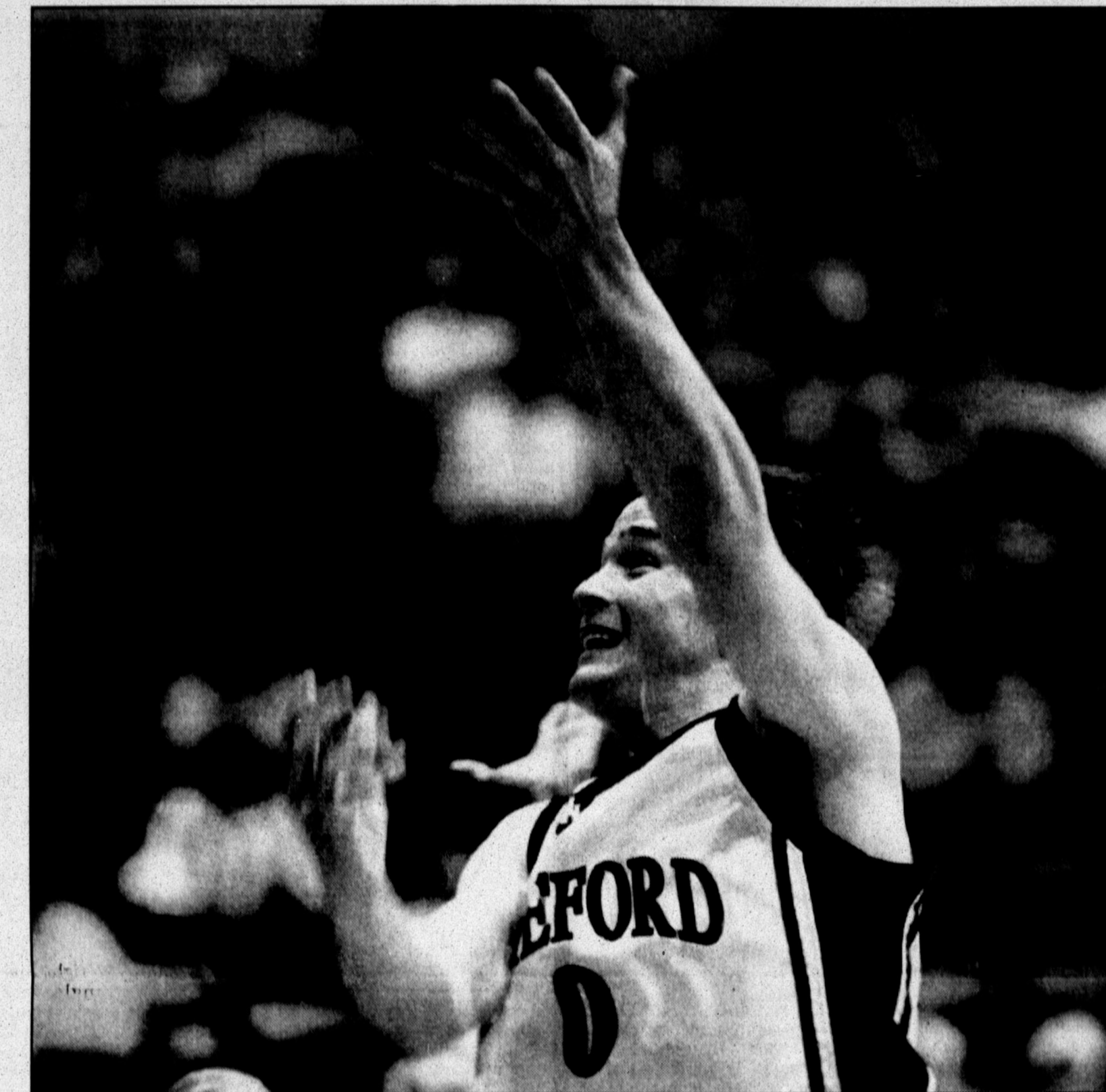
"The first half we had some breakdowns on both ends of the floor," Hereford coach Randy Dean said. "I thought the last two minutes of the first half were real critical to the game."

"They were a good team and we made some stupid mistakes at the end of the game," commented Eric McNutt.

Cody Hodges added a like sentiment.

"They are a good ball team, but I don't think we played our best tonight. We needed some breaks and didn't get them."

"We tried to keep our focus



BRAND/Julius Bodner

In there — Slade Hodges flies inside for a layup in Friday night's regional semifinal basketball game against Denton Ryan. Hodges led the Whitefaces with 15 points, but a second half Hereford scoring slump contributed to the Whitefaces' loss and elimination in post-season play.

and I don't think that we ever gave up," said Chayse Rives. "We wanted it all. They were just a better team — tonight. Another night, it may have been different."

Slade Hodges led all scorers with 15 points, while Cody Hodges and McNutt both had 11.

For Denton, Micah Mack had 14 and Dupree Jones had 11 points. Cody Hodges of Hereford and Roy McKinney of Denton both had seven rebounds to top their teams.

CAGE SLUG-FEST

HHS cager Cody Marsh battles against two Ryan opponents for position under the board.



Denton Ryan 59, Hereford 50

H — 15 12 12 11 — 50
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Hereford: Slade Hodges 6-10 1-3 15; Tim Dudley 1-3 1-2 3; Eric McNutt 4-13 2-7 11; J.P. Holman 0-0 0-0 0; Cody Hodges 3-14 5-8 11; Mike Bedola 0-0 2-2 2; Cody Marsh 2-6 2-4 6; Chayse Rives 1-3 0-0 2; Steven Northern 0-0 0-0 0. TOTALS: 17-49 12-22 50

Denton Ryan: Jones 2-3 7-11 11; Parks 1-2 0-0 2; Evans 2-6 4-6 8; McKinney 4-7 1-3 9; Boyd 2-4 0-2 4; Swafford 3-8 0-0 9; Mack 4-9 4-6 14; Tomlinson 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 19-40 16-28 59

Halftime — Hereford 27, D. Ryan 32. Three-Pointers — Hereford 4 (S. Hodges 2, Eric McNutt 2); Denton Ryan 5 (Swafford 3, Mack 2).

Baseball team splits opening Levelland tournament play

By Jeff Blackmon

Hereford Brand Sports Editor

The Hereford Whiteface Varsity baseball team split two games during the first two days in the Levelland tournament.

The Whitefaces lost their first game on Thursday to Perryton by a final score of 13-3. The game lasted five innings, while junior Eddie

Lacey took the loss.

On Friday, the Whitefaces bounced back to beat Estacado 12-5. HHS found themselves down 5-2 after three innings before scoring nine runs in the fourth inning to take an 11-5 lead.

The runs propelled pitcher Michael Rhyne and the Whitefaces to victory. The sophomore buckled down and did not allow another Estacado

score.

The Whitefaces struck again in the bottom half of the sixth inning with one run and shut-out Estacado in the seventh for a 12-5 victory.

The HHS varsity baseball team has compiled an overall record of 2-3 for the season.

The team takes that mark into this afternoon when they face Levelland at 11 a.m.



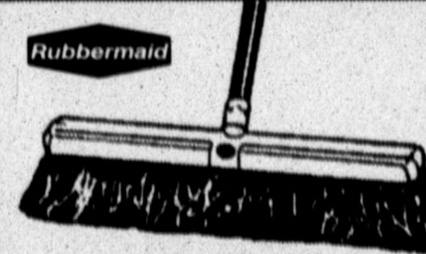
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Habitat programs like CRP can benefit wildlife's future

Government-sponsored programs that get land into habitat could play a vital role in the long-term future of the nation's wildlife. A majority of the available habitat in this country is on private land.--That's not necessarily bad.--Many times, private landowners do a better job on behalf of wildlife than can be done on state or federal land, particularly if they can realize a good economic return for doing so. Also, the government isn't necessarily supposed to be in the land ownership business--holding plenty of that commodity already.

There remains a need for private landowners to be offered incentives and assistance so that they can continue to provide top-notch wildlife habitat. When the dollar bills are right, they have a way of motivating action.

Several government conservation programs already in existence, and another that is proposed are aimed at helping to protect habitat remaining on private land, or assisting in restoring habitat that had been lost.

Those are important functions in these times of urban sprawl and continuing loss of wetlands, uplands, and other habitat. Countryside covered in shopping malls and housing developments doesn't make prime wildlife habitat.

One of the notable success stories is the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP). CRP provides farmers with incentives to convert highly-erodible croplands to grasslands or other wildlife habitat for a 10-year contract period. Today, some 36 million acres are enrolled in the program.

Instigated to take highly-erodible land out of crop production and return it to cover such as native grass, shrubs and trees, CRP has worked particularly well in the High and South Plains of Texas in saving water and reducing wind erosion of topsoil.

We have endured some "brownout days" in recent weeks as gusty winds have come through, but the skies have not become nearly so brown as they were just a few years ago before the inception of CRP. Folks on the South Plains saw a noticeable improvement in air quality once CRP grasses began anchoring

The Sportsman's Den



By
Jim
Steiert



fragile topsoil that used to blow around all over the place down there, and here in the Panhandle, too.

In some portions of the country, CRP has worked not only to save soil and water, but has provided the habitat for a notable recovery of pheasant and waterfowl populations. Many waterfowl species, as well as songbirds, shorebirds, and a myriad of migratory species, depend on grassland nesting habitat across the northern U.S. and Canada.

The past two years, CRP has paid remarkable dividends in the prairie pothole country of the U.S., giving duck nesting success a real boost thanks to abundant rainfall.

Unlike many "voluntary" programs that may seek some kind of easement from the landowner, but don't put any dollar bills in his pocket, CRP has been a win-win for wildlife and landowners. Wildlife get more and better habitat, and the farmer/landowner gets a check he can take to the bank.

Unfortunately, the United States has already lost more than half of its original wetlands, and is continuing to lose them at the alarming rate of 170,000 acres every year.

A couple of innovative programs are working to preserve and restore vital wetlands that not only provide wildlife habitat, but serve as natural water filtration systems and sources of recharge to underground aquifers.

The Wetlands Reserve Program is restoring some of the most important and productive wetland habitat remaining in the country--some 975,000 acres to date. WRP works under the strategy of placing conservation easements on marginal croplands and restoring them to wetlands.

Another effort on behalf of wetlands, the North American Wetlands Conservation Act (NAWCA) provides millions of dollars for cooperative conservation projects across the country.

NAWCA provides matching funds for wetland restoration work. NAWCA has invested over \$270 million in this effort so far, and has conserved 8.4 million acres of wetlands.

The proposed Conservation and Reinvestment Act of 1999 (CARA) would make more than \$350 million available annually for wildlife conservation.

CARA would utilize a portion of outer continental shelf oil and gas revenues to fund a whopping \$2 billion in conservation projects annually. Of that amount, \$350 million would annually go to state wildlife agencies for conservation.

I'd like to see a well-funded program directed toward reclaiming playas in the Southern High Plains that have been choked-off by siltation. Playas represent one of the most important remaining areas of wildlife habitat on the Southern High Plains, but many in heavily-farmed country have lost a substantial portion of their water-holding capacity to siltation. Once they fill with silt, these playa basins can no longer hold the volume of water, nor retain it for the duration of time they once did.

Some NAWCA money is going toward playa watershed protection, such as the sowing of filter strips around playa perimeters to strain out silt, but one day we need to take more direct action on the playa loss issue.

Jim Steiert is a multiple award-winning member of the Texas Outdoor Writers Association, and recipient of TOWA's first "Outdoor Book of the Year" Award.

Griffey makes his debut

SARASOTA, Fla. (AP) — Ken Griffey Jr. keeps insisting he merely wants to blend in with the Cincinnati Reds.

He did exactly that in his debut Friday. He barely caused a ripple, on the field or in the stands.

A crowd of 3,439, less than half the capacity at 7,500-seat Ed Smith Stadium, saw Junior strike out twice and single in his first game for his hometown team.

"It was fine," Griffey said. "Get my two or three at-bats like everyone else."

"It shouldn't be that big of a deal," he said, his cap backward and arms folded across his chest. "I don't want to sit there under a microscope every day. I just want to play

ball and be part of this team, that's it."

Griffey left after five innings in a 5-3 loss to Minnesota in a split-squad exhibition. The other Reds, including his father, bench coach Ken Sr., took a four-hour bus trip to Fort Lauderdale to play Baltimore.

Still, it was as if the fans hardly noticed they had a superstar in their midst. Griffey likes it that way.

"Why can't I just be a baseball player?" he said. "That's all I want."

The only real excitement involving Junior came right off the bat. He caught Torii Hunter's easy fly to center field opening the game, then Cristian Guzman followed with

a wind-blown ball to shallow left-center.

Barry Larkin broke back and Griffey called off the All-Star shortstop. Griffey made a nifty sidestep to avoid colliding with left fielder Alex Ochoa, reaching out at the last second to make a waist-high catch.

"He's smooth," Reds manager Jack McKeon said.

Simply seeing Griffey in a bright red jersey and pinstriped pants was plenty for McKeon. Even Griffey's diamond earring — the Reds decided to allow them this season, no surprise — seemed in fashion.

"He fit right in," McKeon said. Griffey, acquired Feb. 10 in

a trade that sent four players to Seattle, is considered a threat to break Hank Aaron's career home run record of 755. At 30, Junior already has 398 and has a \$116.5 million, nine-year contract with the Reds.

In the first inning, Larkin drew a walk to bring up Griffey. He lofted a long-but-obviously foul fly to right that cleared the single-deck ballpark.

Griffey struck out swinging on the next pitch, chasing a low-and-away slider from 20-year-old rookie Johan Santana. "It was good for me," said Santana, who has never pitched above Class A. "I was excited to face him, but I focused on my spots."

Exhibition games begin

The Associated Press

Moises Alou's return for the Houston Astros was a lot more impressive than Ken Griffey Jr.'s first game in a Cincinnati Reds uniform.

Alou homered on his first pitch Friday from Los Angeles' Mike Judd following a 17-month layoff for knee surgery.

"I look back on all the hard work I did in the off-season, it paid off," Alou said. "I've been swinging the bat pretty good this spring. My knee feels good. I am satisfied with the results so far, maybe a little surprised."

Griffey singled and struck out twice as the Minnesota Twins beat the Reds 5-3 in a split-squad game in Sarasota, Fla. And just 3,439 showed up at 7,500-seat Ed Smith Stadium on a sunny afternoon to watch Griffey's debut. Many fans wore Junior's No. 30 jersey.

"It was fine," said Griffey, acquired from Seattle on Feb. 10. "Get my two or three at-bats like everyone else."

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In Vero Beach, Fla., Alou led off the second inning by driving a fastball over the right-center field fence, the first of four Houston homers in a 6-2 victory over the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Alou, who hit .312 with 38 homers and 124 RBIs with the Astros in 1998, missed all of last year after falling off a treadmill and tearing the interior cruciate ligament in his left knee. He had surgery exactly a year ago Friday.

"Like I told Baggy on the ride here, it was a special day for me today," Alou said, referring to teammate Jeff Bagwell. "A year ago, I was in surgery."

Andres Galarraga, hardly looking like he missed an entire season, had two hits and two RBIs as the Atlanta Braves defeated the Kansas City Royals 7-3 in Kissimmee, Fla.

Galarraga started his second exhibition game in a row after sitting out last season while undergoing successful treatment for cancer in his lower back.

The Big Cat lined a two-out single to right in the first inning, driving in the Braves' first run. He came through again in the third, singling to left to give the Braves a 4-0 lead.

"I told myself when I got

my first hit of the spring, I would be ready," said Galarraga, who played first and batted fifth for the first three innings. "I got two hits, so I guess I'm ready."

In Jupiter, Fla., new Mets ace Mike Hampton had a rough outing in New York's 5-2 loss to the St. Louis Cardinals. Hampton, in his first game in a Mets uniform, allowed four runs and five hits in two innings.

"My location was bad," said Hampton, acquired from Houston in a December trade. "That's normal for everybody this time of year. This is typical, about where I was at this time last year."

In other games: **Phillies 12, Indians 5** At Clearwater, Fla., Chuck Finley, signed away from Anaheim for \$27 million over

three years, was perfect in his first spring outing for the Indians, retiring six straight batters with three strikeouts. **Tigers 5, Pirates 0**

At Lakeland, Fla., Rob Fick hit a two-run homer and Dean Palmer a solo shot for Detroit. Dave Mlicki, who won a career-best 14 games for Detroit last season, started and allowed three hits in two innings.

Orioles 6, Reds (ss) 4 At Fort Lauderdale, Fla., Calvin Maduro and Mike Timlin each threw two scoreless innings, and Jeff Conine hit a two-run single in the seventh.

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Indiana upsets Los Angeles

The Associated Press

Away from the friendly confines of Conseco Fieldhouse, the Indiana Pacers were no match for the streaking Los Angeles Lakers.

The Pacers, who snapped the Lakers' 16-game winning streak in January, became victim No. 14 in the rematch in Los Angeles.

"They played an excellent game at home and we didn't play that well," said Shaquille O'Neal, who had 31 points and 15 rebounds in the Lakers' 107-92 win Friday night.

Kobe Bryant added 22 points and had seven assists for Los Angeles, which took control early and remained comfortably in front.

"We're just playing with a lot of confidence right now, but there's still a lot of room for improvement," Bryant said. "It's not really hard to keep the intensity level high when you're playing against top-notch competition because they provide so many challenges for you."

In other games, it was Portland 101, Vancouver 91; Toronto 114, Boston 104; Atlanta 83, New York 70; Utah 89, Charlotte 87; and Denver 122, Golden State 88.

The Lakers opened a 30-16 lead by the end of the first quarter, and the Pacers got no closer than nine.

When Indiana threatened, moving to 82-73 early in the fourth, O'Neal took charge, scoring the Lakers' first nine points of the quarter to help

them pull away again.

The Pacers' Reggie Miller didn't get his first basket until 3:05 before halftime, although he finished with 22 points.

"In the first half, I wasn't aggressive enough, so I tried to be more assertive going to the basket and looking for more opportunities," Miller said.

The Pacers halted the Lakers' 16-game run, the league's longest this season, with a 111-102 victory at Indianapolis on Jan. 14.

"I think it was important to beat them and split the series, especially after losing to them at their place," the Lakers' Derek Fisher said. "If we do face them in the finals, we'll have the confidence that we can win a game against them."

Trail Blazers 101, Grizzlies 91
Steve Smith scored 19 points as Portland held off a late run to beat visiting Vancouver.

Rasheed Wallace and Bonzi Wells each added 16 points for the Trail Blazers, who had their 11-game winning streak snapped Tuesday by the Los Angeles Lakers.

Mike Bibby led Vancouver with 25 points and 14 assists.

Raptors 114, Celtics 104

Vince Carter scored 30 points and Celtics coach Rick Pitino was ejected in the third quarter as host Toronto beat Boston for the second time in three nights.

Pitino ripped into Boston

fans and media Wednesday night for having unrealistic expectations for the young team, following the Celtics loss to Toronto on Carter's last-second 3-pointer.

Pitino and star Antoine Walker weren't around to see the finish Friday. Both were ejected in the second half as the Celtics lost their fourth straight.

Hawks 83, Knicks 70

Jason Terry scored 17 points in his first career start and Dikembe Mutombo pulled down 20 rebounds as host Atlanta ended a three-game losing streak.

Hawks coach Lenny

Wilkins shuffled his lineup for the first time this season, starting Terry at point guard and Chris Crawford at power forward while Bimbo Coles and Isaiah Rider sat.

Latrell Sprewell led New York with 17 points.

Jazz 89, Hornets 87

John Stockton scored eight of his team-high 22 points in the final 4:40 as Utah won at Charlotte.

Karl Malone broke an 82-all tie with a pair of free throws with 1:22 left and Jeff Hornacek hit a 3-pointer with 49.4 seconds remaining to put the Jazz ahead 87-82. Eddie Jones led all scorers

with 31 points.

Keon Clark set career highs with 29 points and 16 rebounds as Denver's reserves led the Nuggets to a home win over Golden State.

Chris Gatling added 18 points and nine rebounds and the Nuggets backups outscored Golden State's 73-38.

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YMCA sets volleyball deadline

The Hereford YMCA is now accepting sign-ups for volleyball.

The volleyball league begins play on Monday, March 13 and costs \$102 per team.

The deadline to sign-up for the YMCA volleyball league is Thursday, March 9.

Games are played on Monday and Tuesday evenings

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The league runs for eight games plus a double elimination tournament ending the league.

For more information call the Hereford YMCA at 364-6990.

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Stars win, 4-1

PHOENIX (AP) — Once the Dallas Stars started scoring, they couldn't be stopped.

Aaron Gavey and Jamie Langenbrunner each had a goal and an assist as Dallas scored four times in a 10-minute span of the third period Friday night to beat the short-handed Phoenix Coyotes 4-1.

"We got that first goal and then we got on a roll," said Grant Marshall, whose first goal of the season started the spurt. "We looked like the Dallas team we should be."

With the come-from-behind victory, the Stars increased their Pacific Division lead to seven points over the second-place Coyotes, who were without four of their top players, including leading scorer Jeremy Roenick.

"We were hunkered down so hard defensively that we weren't creating any offense," Dallas coach Ken Hitchcock said. "Once we started to create, we started to have fun

with the game again."

In other games, it was Detroit 2, Washington 2; the New York Rangers 4, Florida 2; Chicago 5, Tampa Bay 1; and Calgary 4, Anaheim 1.

In the five games the Stars and Coyotes have played this season, the home team has never won. Phoenix won twice in Dallas, and the Stars have won three times at America West Arena.

"It's been like that for a while," said Mike Modano, who saw more time on the ice in the third period and had two assists as the Stars went to a double-shift. "I think the last couple of years we've had success in each other's building. Our third period here was good and their third period in Dallas was good."

Bad third periods are becoming a habit for the Coyotes, who are 1-4-1 in their last six. Seven times this season, Phoenix has held a lead going into the third period and has either lost or tied.

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It's SPELLING BEE time once again

Deaf Smith County spellers will determine champion this week

The Deaf Smith County Spelling Bee will be held Wednesday and Thursday, March 8 and 9 at the Deaf Smith County Library beginning at 3 p.m. both days.

Wednesday the junior level (students in grades five and below) winners from Deaf Smith County schools will compete.

On Thursday, the winner of the junior bee will return to compete with the senior level (students in grades eight and below) winners in the senior bee.

The winner from the senior bee will be the county champion and will advance

to the Regional Spelling Bee which is scheduled for April 15 on the campus of West Texas A&M University.



Community Christian
Junior: Hillary Edwards
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West Central Intermediate
Seniors: Jolee Solis, Corey Collier, Lindsay Drew



Bluebonnet Intermediate
Seniors: Stephanie Adame, Kalanni Valdez, Joshua Lucio



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Juniors: Chris Montoya, Klarissa Torres, Marcos Castro, Nadiya Dominguez.
Seniors: Amanda Estrado, Lydia Mendoza



West Central Intermediate
Juniors: Emily Luther, Jeff Lawlis, Oletta Jackson, Kayla Stevens, Tommy Ramirez



Bluebonnet Intermediate
Juniors: Joshua Davis, Vanessa Saucedo, John Warren, Johnny Benavidez, Jonathon Martin

Artificial nails in greater demand now than ever

By Becky Thorn
Hereford Brand Lifestyles Editor

Whether they are called artificial fingernails or just simply fake nails, and whether the process is acrylic, gel, silk or fiberglass, the industry is enjoying an immense popularity right now.

Fake nails have been around for more than 20 years, but now more women seem to be wearing them and thus more nail technicians are required to apply them.

One lady who has been wearing fake nails for 15 years said, "You may not have your hair done. You may not have your makeup on, but if you have your nails done, you feel good."

A patron at another shop echoed the same sentiment.

Possibly the most popular type of fake nails are the acrylic nails.

Rhonda Romero, owner of Sculptured Nails by Rhonda, has been doing full sculptured acrylic nails "off and on for 15 years and full-time in Hereford since August of 1990."

This process is done by building an acrylic nail on a form that is shaped to match the patron's natural nail. The

acrylic product is a combination of an acrylic liquid which is mixed with powder.

Lorie Valdez, owner of Perfect 10, specializes in gel nails which begin with artificial tips that are glued to the natural nail, cut to the desired length, then the nail and tip are covered with a gel solution. The nails are then placed under a laser light to cure.

"The worst complaint about gel nails is that they get hot in the light," Valdez said.

The biggest drawback to acrylic is the smell associated with the product. Valdez began her career as a nail tech doing acrylic nails, but said, "I got into gel because I got pregnant and couldn't stand the smell of acrylic."

Romero said the primary change with acrylic since she began applying them has been the reduction in the aroma of the product.

"There have been a lot of changes, but at the same time

the old standards have been the old standards for years," she said.

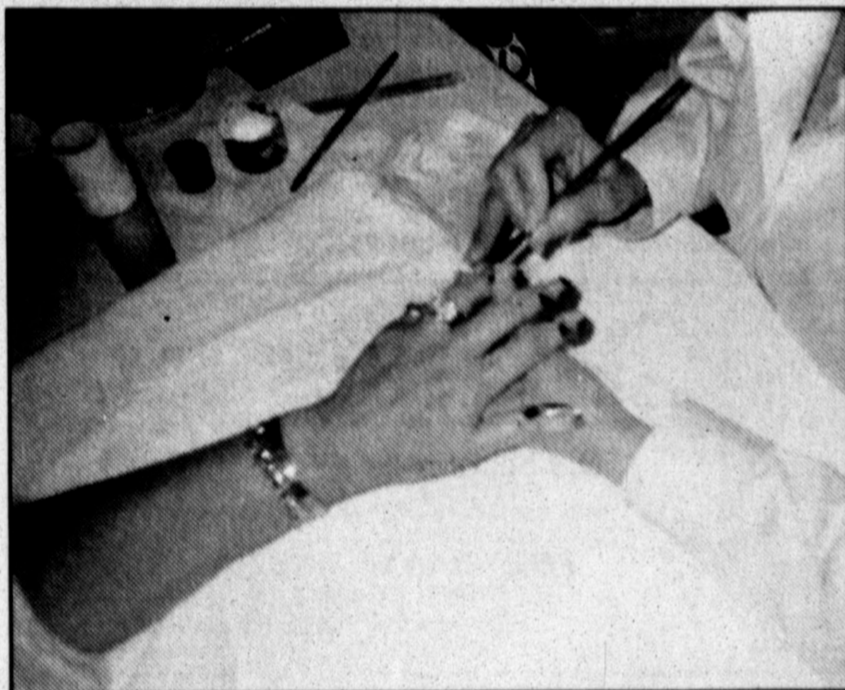
Romero and Valdez both stressed that each technician has her own techniques, her own way of doing things and her own clientele.

"Both technicians and patrons have their own opinions as to which is the best and which isn't the best," Romero said. "It's a personal preference for whoever is getting

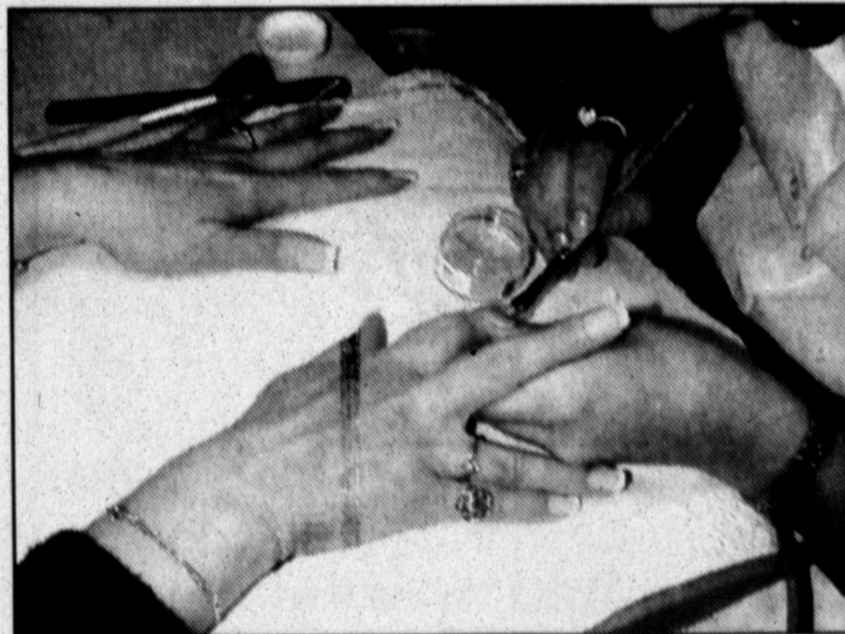
their nails done and whoever is doing their nails."

When Valdez began her business, she said, "It was going to be a part time thing, but it ended up growing and growing because I was the only one doing gel in town."

Now there are numerous nail technicians, some located in their own shops, some in beauty salons and some in other types of businesses.



Two types of fake nails are shown here. In photo above, acrylic is applied to forms shaped to fit patron's fingers. Below, tips have been applied to patrons own nails, trimmed to desired length and are overlaid with a gel solution.



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To the friends of the Acton family
Bill's death has left a hole in our hearts, a cloud over head, a call that will be missed, and a hug that disappeared. Only with cards & calls, and God's healing days, will we get through this sorrow. We do appreciate all that you have done for us.
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Engagement Announcements



Katerina Malouf, David Vermillion

George and Yiota Malouf of Hereford announce the engagement of their daughter, Katerina Malouf, to David Vermillion, son of Linda Vermillion of Hereford and the late Danny Vermillion.

The couple will be wed May 28 at St. Paul's Church on the Plains in Lubbock.

The bride-elect graduated from Hereford High School in 1996. She received an under-

graduate degree in psychology from Texas Tech University and will begin studies at Texas Tech's School of Law in August.

The prospective groom graduated from Hereford High School in 1995. He received an undergraduate degree in Zoology from Texas Tech University and is currently attending Texas Tech's School of Medicine.



Kassidi Painter, Wade McPherson

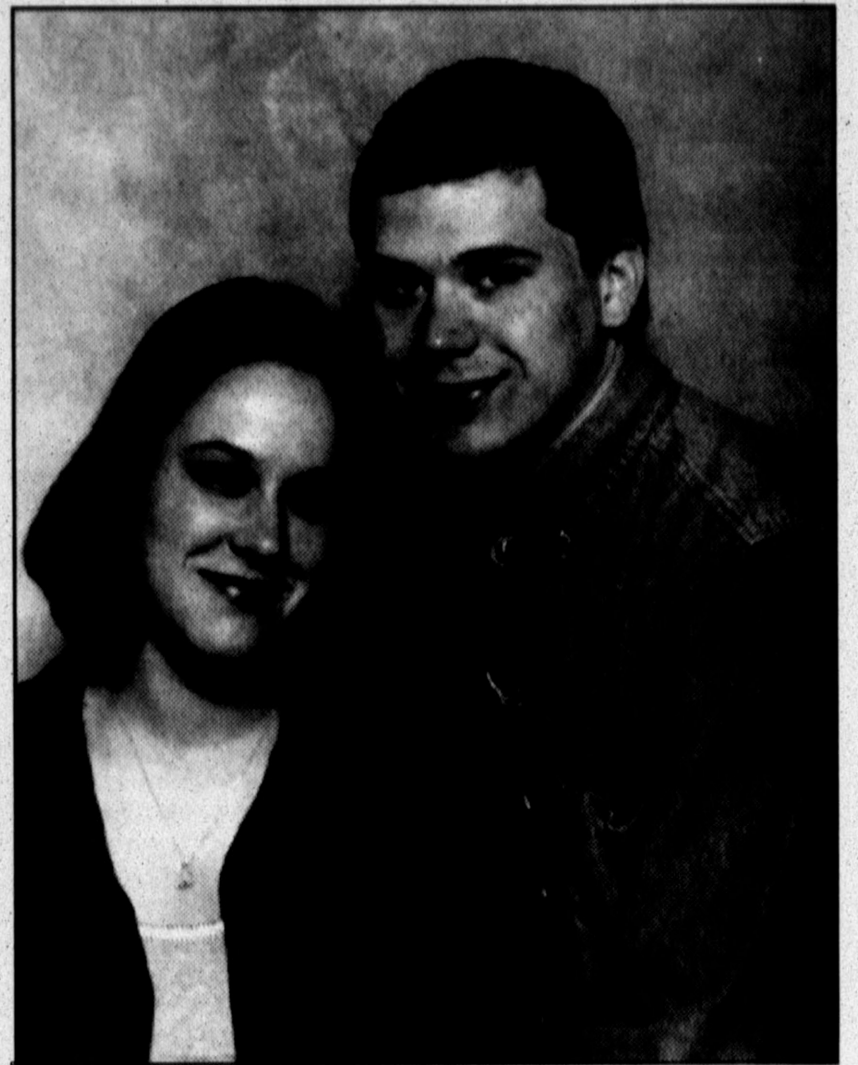
Kaylene and Jerry Hazel of Amarillo and Brian and LaNell Painter of Plainview announce the engagement of their daughter Kassidi Painter to Wade McPherson of Hereford.

Parents of the prospective groom are Gary and Karen McPherson of Hereford.

The couple plans to be married April 22 at the Country Home Bed and Breakfast in Canyon.

The bride-elect graduated from Amarillo High School and is currently attending Amarillo College and working for Cliff Skiles of Hereford.

McPherson is a graduate of Hereford High School and attended college in Kansas as well as West Texas A&M University. He is currently employed with Deaf Smith Electric Co-op.



Rachel Chamberlain, Heath Kirkeby

Emery and Rita Chamberlain of Broken Arrow, Okla., formerly of Hereford, announce the engagement of their daughter, Rachel Faye Chamberlain, to Thomas Heath Kirkeby.

The prospective groom is the son of Denise Kirkeby of Hereford.

The couple is planning to be married June 17 in Rhema Church in Broken Arrow.

The bride-elect graduated from Community Christian School in 1999. She is currently attending West Texas A&M University, majoring in accounting.

Kirkeby is a 1997 graduate of Hereford High School. He is attending WTAMU, majoring in history. He has enlisted in the U.S. Navy and will depart soon for active duty to train as a computer engineer.

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Ann Landers



Ann Landers

Dear Ann Landers: The letter you printed about sentence-finishers really hit home. The writer labeled these people "rude," and you agreed.

When my wife read that letter at the breakfast table, she said, "Well, I see you complained about me to Ann Landers today." I swore I didn't write the letter, but she didn't believe me.

I come from the Deep South and have a pronounced Southern drawl. I also have a tendency to go into a lot of detail, so it takes me awhile to tell a story. (My wife says it takes forever.) Being a Yankee, she isn't accustomed to slow talkers, and jumps in to finish my sentences. I find this annoying. If you print my letter, Miss Ann, it might help. — A Slow-Talkin' Dude in Talladega, Ala.

Dear Dude: Here's your letter, but be assured, you aren't the only one with the problem. Keep reading for comments from fellow sufferers:

Dear Ann: My in-laws are lovely people, but whenever we have dinner together, it's the same story. My mother-in-law used to be a drama coach in her younger days, and she never got over it. Everything has to be acted out, with her playing all the parts. Yes, I certainly am a "sentence-finisher," and I am not denying

it. But it's the only way to deal with people who go on and on and on and on. When my mother-in-law comes up for air, I finish her sentence, and change the subject. Believe me, everyone is grateful. If this letter shows up in your column, and she asks if I wrote it, I'll deny it. Please don't blow my cover. — Anonymous Son-in-Law

Dear Son-in-Law: Here's your letter, and my lips are sealed. I never divulge my sources. Relax.

From Augusta, Ga.: So, I'm a sentence-finisher. Sue me. My wife's kin are all big-time, non-stop talkers — ya-ta-ta-ya-ta-ta. If I didn't cut in, I'd miss my bus. One of these days, I'm going to make a recording of a family meal, and play it back for them. I don't expect it will change anything, but I'll get a kick out of seeing the reaction.

Highland Park, Ill.: I received a copy of your column about sentence-finishers in the mail. It was sent anonymously, but I know perfectly well who sent it. I am a self-admitted sentence-finisher, but it is the only way to shut some people up. As my great Aunt Mabel used to say, "Some folks have no terminal facilities."

West Lafayette, Ind.: My mother and I are both dyslexic. We have trouble getting certain words out of our mouths. I am greatly relieved when someone finishes my sentences. My mother and I have been doing this for each other for 30 years. It is sec-

ond nature for me to do this with others, and so far as I know, no one resents it.

New York: I have four sisters and two brothers. Growing up, our dinner-table conversation was a three-ring circus. We were all big talkers. The one with the loudest voice and the strongest lungs got the floor. Three of my sisters are now lawyers. The fourth is a judge. Both brothers are well-known radio and TV personalities, but I won't name them. They all have terrific speaking voices, and sharpened their skills at our dinner table. I do recordings for the blind. We consider our voices special gifts, and believe in giving something back.

Columbus, Ohio: I have been known to finish sentences because it's more polite than saying, "You are boring me to tears." Some folks talk endlessly without noticing that their audience has fallen asleep. When someone finishes MY sentences, I realize I've been going on too long, take the hint, and shut up.

Dear Ohio: Thank you and all the other sentence-finish-

ers who wrote. It brought to mind the Robert Burns quote, which I shall mangle in the interest of clarity: "Oh, if God the gift would give us, to see ourselves as others see us."

Ann Landers' booklet, "Nuggets and Doozies," has everything from the outrageously funny to the poignantly insightful. Send a self-addressed, long, business-size envelope and a check or money order for \$5.25 (this includes postage and handling) to: Nuggets, c/o Ann Landers, P.O. Box 11562, Chicago, Ill. 60611-0562. (In Canada, send \$6.25.)

New Arrival

Paul and Tina Plummer of Austin are the proud parents of a son, Brodie Rankin, born March 2.

He weighed 7 pounds, 8 ounces was 21 inches long.

Grandparents are Ben and Vondell Plummer of Hereford and Beulah Mills of Austin.

YOUR EYES

Hazards of Spring Cleaning



With Spring right around the corner, many of us are thinking about giving the house a thorough cleaning. If you're not careful, Spring cleaning can be a hazard to your eyes. Many cleaning materials today contain strong chemicals, such as bleach and chlorine that can be very harmful if splattered.

Chemicals like chlorine can burn your eyes' delicate tissues with only a few seconds' exposure. Other chemicals like acids or ammonia can destroy your vision. If a chemical does get into your eye, flush it with water immediately. Position your open eye under a running water faucet and roll your eyeball as much as possible to flush the chemical out. Wash the eye for at least 15 minutes and have it examined by a doctor as soon as possible.

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A support group for care givers meets every Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. in the library of King's Manor with Shelly Moss, director of social work, as facilitator.

This support group provides a forum in which to deal with the many emotions that come

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The care group is open to the community and there is no charge.

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LIFESTYLES

Calendar of Events

MONDAY
Deaf Smith County Historical Museum: Regular museum hours Monday through Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday by appointment only.
Odd Fellows Lodge, IOOF Hall, 7:30 p.m.
Rotary Club, Hereford Community Center, noon.
Heavenly Treasures Day Care, St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
Planned Parenthood Clinic, open Monday through Friday, 110 N. 25 Mile Ave., 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
AA meets Monday through Friday, 411 W. First St., noon and 8 p.m. For more information, call 364-9620.
Hereford Regional Medical Center Auxiliary, 11:45 a.m.
Delta Xi Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society for Women Educators, Hereford Community Center, 6:30 p.m.
VFW Auxiliary, VFW Post Home, 6:30 p.m.

TUESDAY
Hereford Rebekah Lodge No. 228, IOOF Hall, 7:30 p.m. in the winter and 8 p.m. in the summer.
Good Shepherd Clothes Closet, 625 E. Hwy. 60, open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9-11:30 a.m. and 1:30-3 p.m. To contribute items, call 364-2208.
Golden K Kiwanis Club, Hereford Senior Citizens Center, noon.
Hereford AMBUCS Club, The Ranch House Restaurant, noon.
Care Givers Support Group, Library of King's Manor, 5:30 p.m.
Alpha Alpha Preceptor Chapter, 7:30 p.m.
American Legion and Auxiliary, Legion Hall, 7:30 p.m.
Hereford Chapter of Crown of Texas Hospice, 6 p.m.
Advisory board of Amarillo State Center Industries-Hereford, noon.
La Aflatus Estudio Club, 3 p.m.
Xi Epsilon Alpha Chapter, 7:30 p.m.
Toujours Amis Study Club, 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY
Noon Lions Club, Community Center, noon.
Al-Anon, Nita Lea Community Bldg., 14th St. and Avenue H, 5 p.m.
Nazarene Kid's Korner, Hereford Church of the Nazarene, 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
Bippus FCE Club, 2 p.m.
Presbyterian Women's Association, lunch at the church.

THURSDAY
San Jose prayer group, 735 Brevard, 8 p.m.
Kiwanis Club, Community Center, noon.
TOPS Club No. 941, Community Center, 9:45 a.m.
Hereford Toastmasters Club, The Ranch House, 6:30 a.m.
Al-Anon, 411 W. First St., 8 p.m.
Immunizations against childhood diseases, Texas Department of Health, 300 Witherspoon, 7-11:30 a.m. and 1-5:45 p.m.
Merry Mixers Square Dance Club, Community Center, 8 p.m.
Hereford Whiteface Sams Club, Hereford Community Center, 6 p.m.
Hereford Day Care Center board of directors, Hereford Country Club, noon.
Los Ciboleros Chapter, DAR, 2 p.m.
La Madre Mia Study Club, 7:30 p.m.
Calliopean Study Club, 7 p.m.

FRIDAY
Community Duplicate Bridge Club, Community Center, 7:30 p.m.
Nazarene Kid's Korner, Hereford Church of the Nazarene, 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
Cultural FCE Club, 2 p.m.
Hereford Senior Citizens Association board meeting, Senior Citizens Center, 9 a.m.

SATURDAY
AA, 411 W. First St., 8 p.m. on Saturdays and 11 a.m. on Sundays.



March is National Red Cross Month and the local chapter has set up a display at the Deaf Smith County Library, shown above with Tri-County Chapter manager Deanna Edwards.

Red Cross Update

By Deanna Edwards

Tri-County Chapter Manager
March is National Red Cross Month! Go see our display at the Deaf Smith County Library. We have an excellent selection of First Aid Kits for any one or any situation; available year-round at our office located at 224 S. Main and through the month of March they will also be available at Inkahoots, 342 Miles.

We had a great time Tuesday evening at our Disaster Team Meeting. Bill Amero, the Pan-handle disaster coordinator for the Red Cross, taught Emergency Assistance I and II. Tonya Kleuskens is the chairperson for this committee and provided a wonderful meal for us. Also attending were disaster team leaders Edward Harvey and Danny Jones, as well as Melissa Clarke, Bill and Shelly Riggall, Dale Kleuskens, Roger Fields and Sally Walker. Anyone who would like to assist the Tri-County Chapter in the event of a disaster please contact our office at 364-3761 for the next available class! We will never have enough disaster volunteers!
Possibly the last Lifeguarding

Class before summer will begin March 11. If you are considering this as a summer occupation, call the office today to register. Tyson Foerster will be the main instructor for this class.

Sunday, March 12 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. will be CPR for the Professional Rescuer. It will continue Monday through Friday from 6-9 p.m. and Saturday, March 18 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Babysitter Class is coming! Saturday, March 18 at the Red Cross office. Enrollment is limited! Call today for your reservations and additional information.

An Adult CPR class will be held from 6-10 p.m. Thursday, March 9. A Community First Aid and Safety class is set from 6-10 p.m. on Thursday, March 16 and Infant and Child CPR class from 6-10 p.m. on Tuesday, March 21. Tri-County Chapter's classes are all taught by volunteer instructors. As a service to them we require pre-registration with payment a day in advance of scheduled class. Thank you for your cooperation.

The Tri-County Chapter is supported by the United Way.



Rev. and Mrs. Gene Suttle ...observe golden anniversary

Former DS residents celebrate anniversary

Former Deaf Smith County residents Rev. and Mrs. Gene Suttle of Bangs observed their 50th wedding anniversary March 3.

A celebration is planned March 4 with a family dinner in Grapevine hosted by their children and spouses, Janene and Ben Pearson of Grapevine, Gene and Lisa Suttle of Amarillo and Kay Suttle of Austin, and their five grandchildren. Suttle and the former Claudy

Alene Crutcher were married March 3, 1950, in Bangs.

They lived in Deaf Smith County for 16 years were Rev. Suttle pastored Dawn and Westway Baptist churches. He served as interim pastor at Temple and Avenue Baptist churches. He was also a teacher at Stanton Junior High and Hereford High School.

Mrs. Suttle served as secretary at First Baptist Church and Hereford High School.

Military Muster

Navy Hospitalman Apprentice Tracy J. Danley, son of Betty Danley and Chuck Danley of Hereford, recently graduated from Field Medical Service Technician Course at Field Medical Service School, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

During the course, Danley learned how to operate with Marine Corps combat units as a Navy hospital corpsman or dental technician. Danley learned the specifics of battlefield survival and personal protective measures. He also learned basic

infantry tactics and how to use weapons for self-defense.

To graduate, Danley was required to demonstrate basic proficiency in emergency medical techniques, casualty evacuation, field sanitation and preventive medicine procedures. Marines depend on Navy corpsmen and dental technicians like Danley to provide quality medical care when serving around the world.

Danley, a 1998 graduate of Hereford High School, joined the Navy in November 1998.

A sincere THANK YOU from the family of Manuel Valdez Sr.

Perhaps you sent a lovely card. Or sat quietly in a chair. Perhaps you sent a funeral spray. If so we saw it there. Perhaps you spoke the kindest words. As any friend could say. Perhaps you were not there at all. Just thought of us that day. Whatever you did to console our hearts. We thank you so much whatever the part.

*Manuel L. Valdez
Sylvia Hamilton, Emilio Valdez, Connie Vasquez,
Manuel, Sus, Mary, and Felicia*



Library display - Janie Lyons, Stephanie Henson, Clarissa Zamora and Cassie Daniel, members of Girl Scout Cadette Troop 283, pose in front of their latest display at the Deaf Smith County Library. Using Girl Scout memorabilia from as far back as 1924, the girls have assembled an exhibit of Girl Scout history. Items range from a 1920s era Girl Scout uniform, to a 33-1/3 RPM record of Girl Scout songs, to a present day vest complete with patches. The public may examine this interesting historical presentation throughout the month of March.

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- Playing like other children

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Certified specialists will be working with children at the administration building on March 10th from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm. APPOINTMENTS ARE REQUIRED and can be made by calling 363-7600.

A Parent or Legal Guardian will need to accompany the child to the screening to provide permission and needed developmental information.

If you need additional information call Annie Mercer at 363-7600.



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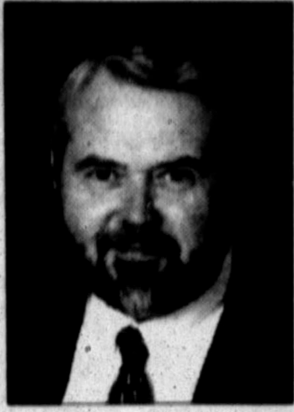
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- Mirando
- Jugar como otros niños

... o quizas tengan un IMPEDIMENTO FISICO.

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Para mas informacion, llame al 363-7600 y pida hablar con Annie Mercer.



MINDING YOUR OWN BUSINESS

Don Taylor

That Isn't What I Really Wanted

Most small-business owners know it's easy to get what you don't really want. So here's a little advice for all who make their living by serving others. Know what your customers want, and what they don't want.

If you are in a service business, it is critical to serve exactly what is ordered. That is giving the customer what they want, the way they want it.

Here are some words of wisdom I've gleaned from

unhappy customers. While you may not be guilty of any of these specifically, I'll bet that you have some customers who aren't getting exactly what they want from you. Wise readers that you are, I know you'll wear the shoe if it fits.

What I don't want...

- I don't want you to ignore my instructions. I am willing to listen to better ideas but since I am paying the bill, I want it my way.
- I don't want you to pay for your mistakes. When your people screw up, I expect you to eat the cost and correct the problem quickly. If you pass the cost on to me, I'll find someone who makes fewer mistakes.
- Don't tell me about the awards you've won. I want to grow my business not win awards. I don't care about the plaques and trophies you've got hanging on your walls. I'm paying for and expecting results.
- I don't want excuses. If I'm not getting what I want, giving me 100 valid reasons doesn't solve the problem. I expect you to make things happen not make excuses.
- I don't want to train your employees. I don't want a bunch of kids to service my account. If I wanted kids to do my work I'd hire them and pay them less than I'm paying you. I'll pay for what you know, not what you're learning.
- I don't want you to make promises you can't keep. If you can't do my work until Friday I can live with that. But if you promise Monday and don't start until Wednesday, I'll find another

source.

• I don't want you to say you're sorry. I expect results not apologies. I'm not saying it's wrong to apologize, but if it happens very often I'll look for someone who isn't as sorry as you are.

• I don't want you to change my company contact without letting me know. I value my business relationships, and ours is based on that trust. I don't like surprises, I have found new suppliers because of this very reason in the past.

• I don't want you to waste my time. I don't want to answer the same question over and over. I don't want to visit for 20 minutes about the ball game. I don't care what you saw on TV last night. I was too busy to watch and I have more work to do now.

• I don't want to be your most important customer. But I would like to be treated as if my business is important to you.

• I don't want you to run my company. I'll be happy if you runs yours really well and serve me effectively.

• Don't try to buy or keep my business with freebies. You can buy my lunch if there's a good business reason for a discussion, but don't insult me with meaningless matter. Send the fruitcake to your great Aunt Edith.

Some of you readers may feel these reasons are too harsh. Please remember, these aren't my ideas, they are the thoughts of good, viable customers. You'd be wise to find out how your customers feel and give them what they really want.

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

SOME BOOKS WORTH READING

Between the Covers

By Martha Russell
Deaf Smith County Public Library

You don't want to miss this year's Friends of the Library Spring House Party Monday, March 6 at 7 p.m. in the Heritage Room of the Deaf Smith County Library. Our featured speaker this year is Jim Steiert, author of **Playas: Jewels of the Plains**.



Now in its second printing, Jim's book contains a number of beautiful color photographs that illustrate the important role these small lakes play in life on the High Plains. Refreshments will be served, a drawing will be held for a door prize and the Family of the Year will be announced. Complimentary tickets are available at the library, from a Friends board member, at the *Hereford Brand* office and at the door.

Playa lakes are an unfamiliar phenomenon to this Eastern Oklahoma native. I am used to lots of ponds, creeks and rivers. Playas are just not the same thing. In the middle of a dry, barren looking pasture or field, a fairly good rain will produce a "lake" full of wildlife. This probably doesn't seem unusual to natives, but, even though we have been here ten plus years, I still find it fascinating.

Since we have moved to a new place that requires passing a playa lake in order to get home, I have become captivated by them and the waterfowl that frequent them. The big beautiful blue herons (at least I think that is what they are) are majestic as they stand, watching me drive by and so graceful in flight. The ducks have managed to stay through the winter. I'm anxious to see if they will raise little ones this spring. I keep promising myself that I will stop someday with binoculars and look more closely at them.

How often do you get to hear a real, live expert speak? Jim Steiert will be telling us about this amazing natural resource found in our own back yards. Don't miss it and bring along



a friend. Do you have spring fever yet? The globe willows are beginning to bud out, forsythia is blooming and there are tulips coming up in our yard. Of course, you always hold your breath waiting for that last big freeze that will zap the apricots. Well, never fear. Spring will come and along with it gardens and yard sales. The cycle of life continues.

We now have the seventh edition of **Garage Sale and Flea Market Annual**. This price guide also includes addresses for collectors' clubs and auction houses. The book begins with articles on holding your own garage sale; bargain hunting; and what's hot on today's market.

If gardening is your passion, but weeding is not, **Lasagna Gardening** by Patricia Lanza might be for you. No, it doesn't mean growing your own lasagna. The subtitle is **A New Layering System for Bountiful Gardens: No Digging, No Tilling, No Weeding, No Kidding!** The concept is an organic layering method using such materials as peat moss, animal manure (not hard to come by around here!), shredded leaves and other materials recycled from garden and household wastes, such as grass clippings, coffee grounds and vegetable peelings. The book also suggests laying out newspapers for mulch. Are you beginning to see the similarities with lasagna? The instructions are detailed and complete with plentiful illustrations. You know, it might mean growing your own lasagna or at least some of the ingredients for it, if you are a successful gardener.

In **Undue Influence** by Anita Brookner, Claire Pitt, who has lived most of her life under the watchful eyes of her parents, re-examines her day-to-day routine and her furniture in her London flat. She passes the time working in a bookstore where she meets a mysterious and attractive young man whose wife is ill and they begin a relationship that dramatically alters Claire's vision of herself, her past and



her future. **China Sea** by David Poyer is the story of Daniel V. Lenson, who, ordered to relieve an alcoholic skipper, finds he has inherited a damaged ship, an untrustworthy crew and an ambiguous mission. He is to take **USS Oliver C. Gaddis**, soon to become **PNS Tughril**, on her final voyage to be donated to Pakistan. But in Kirache, Dan gets new orders: take **Gaddis** still farther east and operate against modern pirates preying on commercial shipping in the remote, dangerous South China Sea.

Pursuing an elusive and shadowy foe into an exotic, isolated world of hazardous reefs and tropical islands, Dan gradually discerns a larger purpose behind his supposed objective. Who are these "pirates"? What expansionist cunning supports them? Abandoned by the navy and threatened by a mutinous crew, a murderous shipmate and an approaching typhoon, **Gaddis** struggles to survive without

crossing the shadow-line herself. **The Attorney** by Steve Martini continues the Paul Madriani legal thrillers. Having moved to San Diego to be closer to the woman in his life, Madriani takes on the case of Jonah Hale, an elderly man in dire straits. Because of the longtime drug addiction of their only child, Jessica, Jonah and his wife have been raising their eight-year-old granddaughter, Amanda. After Jonah wins a multi-million-dollar state lottery, Jessica revives her interest in mothering. When Jonah won't deal - maternal rights for a megabucks payoff - Jessica pulls out all the stops.

Enter Zo Suade, a flamboyant feminist activist with a talent for making children and their "victimized" mothers disappear. When the next move turns deadly, Madriani finds himself drawn into a web of deceit and high stakes action, in and out of the courtroom.

In **The Lion's Game**, Nelson DeMille has brought back the character John Corey, hero of his bestseller **Plum Island**. When members of the elite Anti-Terrorist Task Force meet Flight 175 from Paris with it's Libyan terrorist passenger, escorted by CIA and FBI agents, it becomes apparent that something is horribly, eerily wrong. But it is only

a prelude to the terror that is to follow.

John Corey has signed on as a contract agent with the Federal government's Anti-Terrorist Task Force, working in the high-pressure Midwest section. Kate Mayfield is John's senior in rank and junior in age - a bad combi-

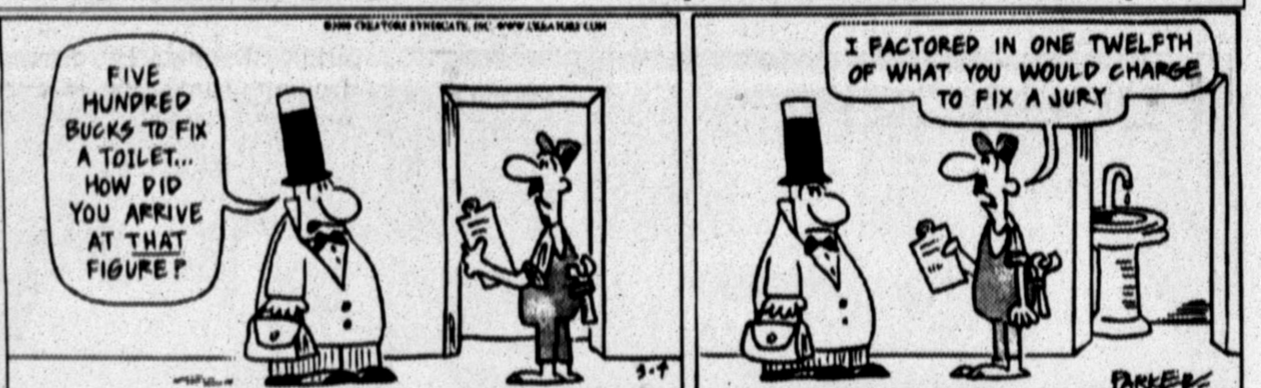
nation for both of them. As a bloody trail of terror streaks across the country, John and Kate soon learn that their quarry is more than a man; he has the instincts of a wild animal, the blood lust of a carnivore and the boldness and speed of a cat of prey. Other new books available

this week: **The Baron Brand** by Jory Sherman; **Mrs. Pollifax Unveiled** by Dorothy Gilman; **101 Horsemanship and Equitation Patterns** by Cherry Hill; and **Life After Loss** by Bob Deits.

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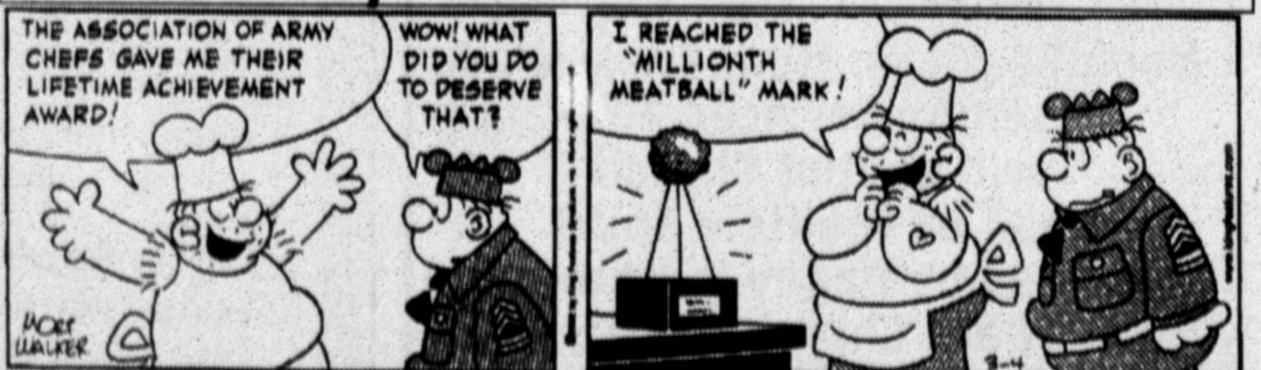
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In times of old -- Wind-powered windmills, at one time, pumped water for use in homes, feeding stock and even watering crops. Now underground water supplies are getting low and vast technological changes call for a more conservative use of a very limited resource.

Funds come to Deaf Smith cotton farmers

The United States Department of Agriculture expects to release approximately \$74 million to help farmers and ginners offset losses from last year's low cottonseed prices.

The payment proposal, according to a press release from House Agriculture Committee Chairman Larry Combest's office, was included in the final spending bill passed by Congress last October that provided financial assistance to producers or first-handlers of the 1999 cottonseed crop.

"The cottonseed assistance is good news for the cotton industry. These payments, coupled with nearly \$9 billion that Congress appropriated for agriculture funding last year, will certainly help our West Texas Farm community that is currently facing a serious financial crisis," Combest, R-Lubbock, said.

Hereford Farmer's Co-operative Gin manager David Varner said the funds will be paid to the gins on a per bale basis. He expects to see Deaf Smith County farmers claim \$4.50 to \$5 per bale. "Any funds that come in will be turned back to the producers," Varner

said. Regulation for the program must be published in the Federal Register before payments can be made and the program will be implemented by the Farm Service Agency office.

Last year the newly renovated Farmer's Gin baled approximately 29,700 bales. Varner reports the gin experienced some early problems with the press and some producers chose to take cotton elsewhere before the problems were worked out.

"We lost 5,000 to 7,000 bales when some producers couldn't wait, but the problems were minor," Varner said.

The 1999 local cotton quality was slightly below average, but Varner attributes that to newer varieties which didn't have time to mature.

As the year winds down Varner says there are no major expansions planned. He wants to finish the books and then work on improving efficiency and grades. He says moisture and drying systems may need some minor modifications.

"We just need to tweak what we've got, and make it work a little better," Varner said.

Pumpage threatens Edwards Aquifer

Overuse could lead to drying waterways

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — In advance of threats to this city's water supply, Central Texas residents are urging federal regulators not to restrict pumping beyond current limits.

The Edwards Aquifer, which feeds Texas' two largest springs, is projected to drop by summer to within feet of where the waterways begin to go dry. That would threaten several endangered species living in Comal and San Marcos Springs.

Drought "is now the biggest threat to the species,"

said Susan Butler, water resources director for the San Antonio Water System.

She and others urged the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service not to cut back aquifer pumping any more than the Edwards Aquifer Authority already plans.

The nation's largest metropolitan area that relies solely on ground water for its municipal supply, San Antonio could face mandatory rationing for home and commercial users as early as mid-March if dry conditions persist.

Butler cautioned that severe new restrictions on Edwards water might cause users to seek alternate water sources, which could have adverse environmental consequences elsewhere in the

state.

"Establishing and seriously funding a captive breeding program (for those threatened and endangered species) should be rigorously pursued," she said.

Butler also urged the federal wildlife agency, which must approve a conservation plan and permit, to consider all alternatives — not just pumping reductions.

"Water is more precious than gold to farmers and ranchers," Janice Schwausch, general manager of a family-owned ranch in northwestern Bexar County, said. "Restricting water rights beyond those in effect would be a striking blow to the farm and ranch interests."

The comments came during meetings at San Antonio, Uvalde and San Marcos on the proposed Edwards Aquifer Habitat Conservation Plan. Its goal is to maintain aquifer springflows and protect the habitat of seven federally protected species that live in Comal Springs at New

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Susan Butler, water resources director for the San Antonio Water system

Braunfels and San Marcos Springs.

The U.S. Endangered Species Act provides potential liability for criminal and civil penalties to aquifer pumpers who contribute to low spring flows if a member of a protected species is killed or harmed.

But if a permit based on the habitat conservation plan is granted, the threat of penalties is removed as long as pumpers abide by the program's terms.

They could include recharge dams for the aquifer, increased water conservation, stringent reductions in pumping during drought and removal of the species to man-made habitats if the springs start to dry up.

Turfgrass doing well despite ongoing drought

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — Turfgrass is growing and lawns are green, despite challenges from the ongoing drought, the Texas Agricultural Extension Service reports.

Extension turfgrass specialist Dr. James McAfee of Dallas said little turfgrass has been lost due to the drought.

McAfee said good management is the key to protecting turfgrass and preventing drought damage.

"The best thing to do is water correctly, mow properly and fertilize according to the turfgrass size and soil condition," he said.

McAfee said watering correctly means not overwatering.

"Overwatering leaves you with a weak plant going into the heat of the summer," he said. "Especially during a drought, that's the last thing you want to do."

McAfee said grass that is already brown or damaged

may still survive.

However, if grass doesn't fill in by mid-spring, McAfee said it's best to replant.

Texas A&M University agricultural economist Dr. Dennis Lard of College Station said the turfgrass industry contributes more than \$6 billion annually to the state's economy.

Lard said single-family households bear the greatest expense for turfgrass maintenance, contributing \$2.55 billion annually to the state's economy. He said commercial businesses and golf courses follow, spending \$442 million and \$292 million respectively.

Lard said these expenses include equipment and supplies, lawn service, water, and electricity for pumping and applying the water.

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Williams will make presentation at FUMC

Kakie Williams, with the Alzheimer's Disease Education Program, will give a presentation on Alzheimer's disease at 6 p.m. on March 12 in Ward Parlor at First United Methodist Church.

The presentation is open to the public and families and friends are invited to attend as nearly every household has experienced a loved one with the disease.

More than 4 million Americans, including more than 50,000 people in West Texas, suffer from Alzheimer's disease. This progressive and irreversible disorder of the brain causes symptoms that eventually lead to the patient being totally dependent upon a caregiver.

The Alzheimer's Disease Education Program provides dementia-related education and support to caregivers and family members of people living with Alzheimer's disease or related disorders.

Through presentations to groups and one-to-one contacts with patients and families, the program provides information about the disease process, the diagnostic process and caregiving strategies.

Toastmasters vote Castillo best speaker

David Castillo won the vote for best speaker at the Thursday morning meeting of Hereford Toastmasters.

Castillo's topic was "To Be or Not to Be" and evaluator was Dan Hall.

Also speaking was Tronica Owens. Her topic was "A Summer in the Troopers" and Jigger Rowland served as evaluator.

Margaret Del Toro presided at the meeting and Wayne Winget served as toastmaster. Adolfo Del Toro served as timer and Rowland was grammarian.

The vote for best topic speaker was a tie between Norsworthy and Hall.

Guests at the meeting were Don Tardy and Adolfo Del Toro.

Technology changes things for farmers

Recently while on my way to Amarillo, I passed a tractor traveling down Hwy. 60. As I pulled into the left-hand lane to pass, I noticed



Becky Thorn

the farmer (I'm assuming he was a farmer, maybe I should say tractor operator) was talking on a cell phone while he sat in a fully enclosed cab.

As I have related in this column before, I'm a farmer's daughter. I grew up on a dryland farm in central Texas during the drought years of the 1950s.

As I passed that tractor, it suddenly struck me how much things have changed for farmers in the last 50 years.

My dad was farming before I was born and he started out with a team of horses. Of course, from the time I was old enough to remember, he was farming with a tractor.

He spent a lot of time on that tractor, but none of it in such apparent "luxury" as today's farmers enjoy.

He plowed, planted or harvested in all kinds of weather conditions, but never on a tractor with an enclosed cab.

That was as close to luxury as things ever got. There was certainly no enclosed, climate-controlled cab with a radio, tape deck and/or CD player.

And there was no cell phone, either, needless to say. That was even before the days of CB radios or any other kind of communication with whoever was operating the tractor. Except to drive to the field and flag them down to deliver a message.

I suppose insulated water jugs existed in the days of my youth, but we were a poor farm family, so we never owned one. My mother saved bleach bottles - they were glass then - and insulated them herself by wrapping them in layers of cloth she had saved from the legs of my dad's worn out overalls.

Every morning when he got ready to leave for the field, he filled the glass jug with water then soaked the cloth until it was thoroughly saturated. This would keep the water at a reasonable drinking temperature until noon when the process would be repeated again.

(By mid-afternoon on a really hot summer day, the water would still get warm, but it was drinkable when you were really thirsty.)

I can't keep from wondering what my dad would think about all these technological advances.

All of this is just further proof to me that technology has affected even the most basic aspects of our lives. It is impossible for me to imagine what the next 50 years will hold.

DAILY CRYPTOQUOTES

DAILY CRYPTOQUOTES — Here's how to work it: AXYDLBAAXR is LONGFELLOW

One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

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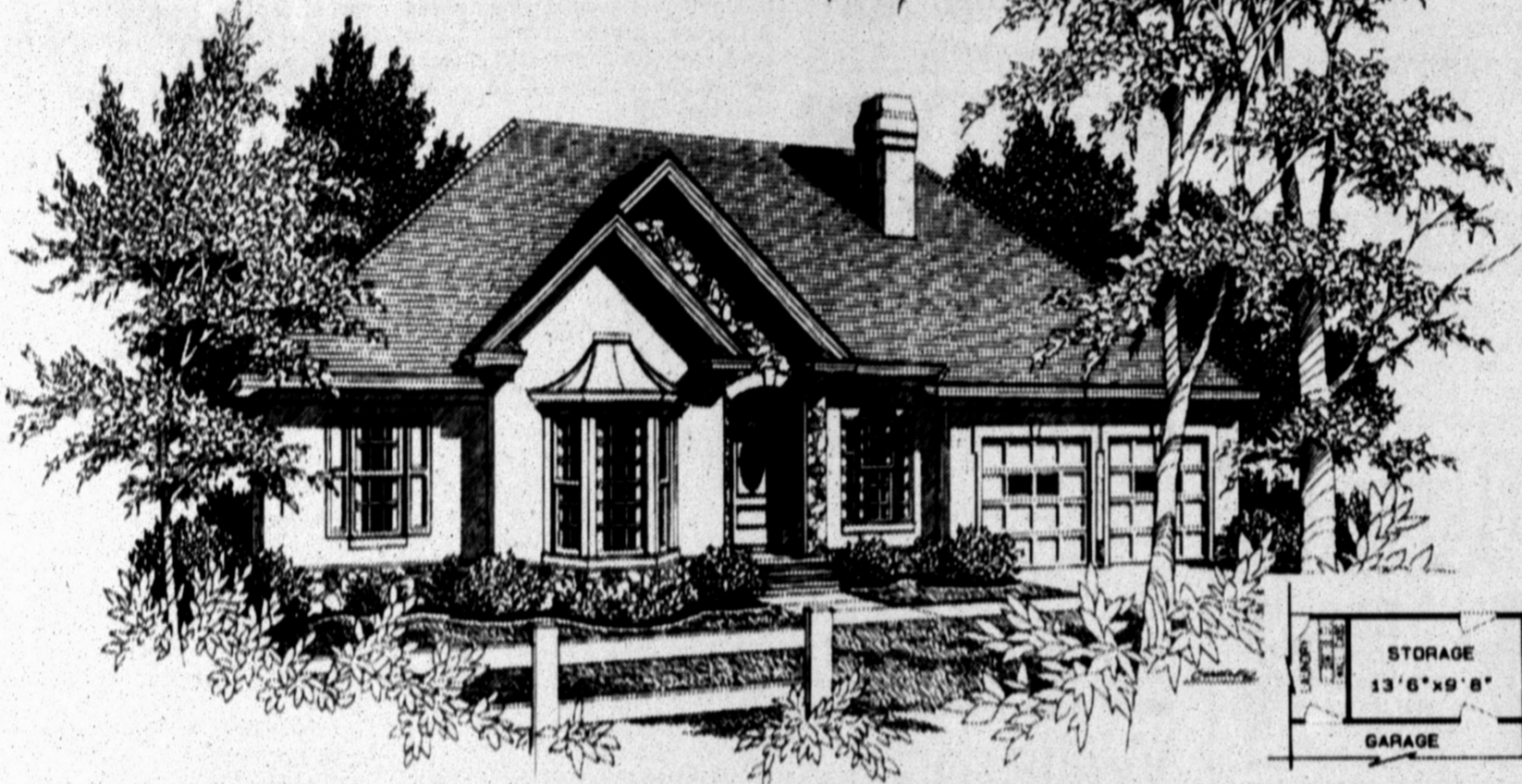
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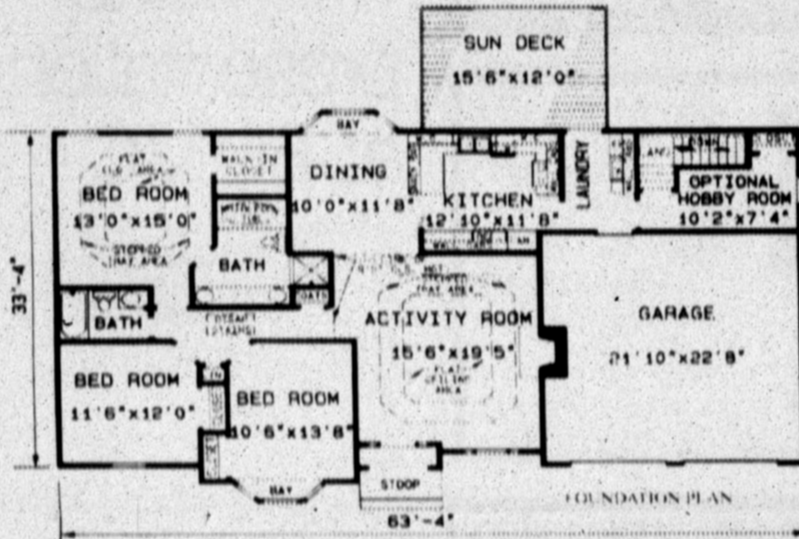
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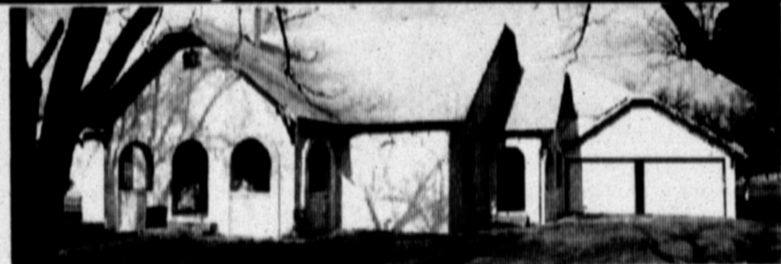
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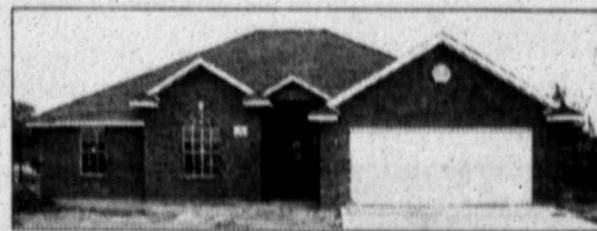
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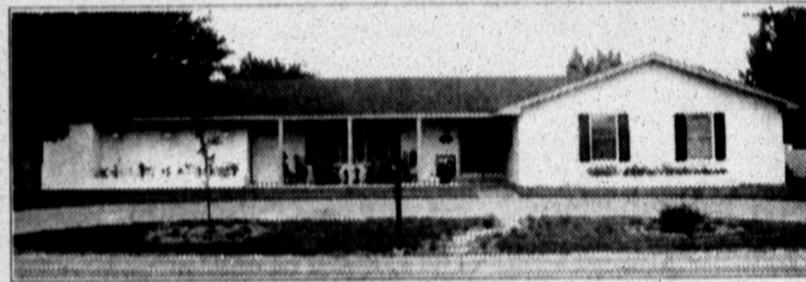


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- 323 Ave J. - 3 bdrm., 1, bath. Very large rooms, large living room & den. Nice big kitchen. Price lowered.
- 815 BLEVINS - 2 or 3 bdrm., 1 bath, brick home, central heat, utility room, patio, \$28,000.
- 432 N. TEXAS - Nice 3 bdrm., 1 bath, 1 car garage, central heat & air. Great location near schools, Senior Citizens & shopping center. \$41,500.
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Embattled efforts to solve crime exposed in *Murder*



Ellen DeGeneres stars in *If These Walls Could Talk 2*, airing Sunday on HBO. This excellently directed and acted follow-up to the critical and ratings hit *If These Walls Could Talk* looks at the experiences of three lesbian couples in different decades.

By Jacqueline Cutler
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Three love stories set in three distinct eras – the stiff primness of 1961, the political crusades of 1972 and the boundless optimism of today – make a terrific movie guaranteed to spark discussions.

The twist on the love stories is that they are all about lesbian couples, and all are exquisitely done by a spectacular team of directors, writers and actors in *If These Walls Could Talk 2*, premiering Sunday, March 5, on HBO. Its predecessor, *If These Walls Could Talk*, about abortion, was the highest-rated movie in HBO history.

Without using a cudgel, this trilogy shows how each love story is just that. The opening story, "1961," stars Vanessa Redgrave and Marian Seldes as lifelong companions Edith and Abby. When Abby falls from a ladder, the nurses at the hospital where Edith has an agonizingly long wait don't even think to notify her of Abby's death. Although the two women owned a house together, shared decades of love and were completely devoted to each other, their love was a secret.

When Abby's nephew and his wife (Paul Giamatti, Elizabeth Perkins) come to cash in on their inheritance, it never occurs to them that Edith should stay in her home. Redgrave's on-screen greatness is on full display in a scene where Edith weeps for her beloved.

"Vanessa is a goddess," says director Jane Anderson. "Vanessa has such humanism. Her understanding of the human condition and empathy is universal. She was kind to everyone on the set, and she was particularly kind to me because she allowed me to direct her. ... She so filled the set with her grief."

As the next story, "1972," opens, just 11 years have passed, but the national psyche has taken a huge leap forward. Michelle Williams (*Dawson's Creek*) epitomizes the decade's college lesbian in peasant blouses and jeans. Martha Coolidge, the segment's director, says she has very strong memories of those years. She expertly captures the raging fights that ensued on campuses at feminist meetings when straight women and gay women shrieked at one another.

Williams, looking younger than her 19 years, says, "I'm really attracted to that time. I read the books and saw the clippings and watched the movies." This segment also features a great performance by Chloe Sevigny (*Boys Don't Cry*).

And as Angst-ridden as the '70s were, the ebullience of the present permeates the last story, starring Ellen DeGeneres and Sharon Stone and directed by Anne Heche, DeGeneres' partner. In "2000," two women in a long-term relationship decide to have a baby. The segment is a lovely tribute to pregnancy at the turn of the century, showing how difficult it can be to make the choices that science has afforded us.

Stone is playful and delightful in the role, which she says she ran by her mother before accepting. "She had told me I was getting too conservative and not pushing the envelope," Stone says.

The movie's producers, sisters Suzanne and Jennifer Todd, realize that some people might tune in to a movie about lesbian love for salacious reasons. "If Howard Stern wants to watch it and talk about it on his show, sure," Suzanne Todd says. "We're not going to turn people away."

Regardless, DeGeneres says, "the entire message is love."

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Absolute Power ** (1997) Clint Eastwood, Gene Hackman. A master thief finds his life in jeopardy after he witnesses a murder involving the president of the United States. (CC) 2:30. Ⓜ March 5 4:30pm.

The Addams Family ** 1/2 (1991) Anjelica Huston, Raúl Julia. Long-lost Uncle Fester returns home under suspicious circumstances in this big-screen adaptation of the cult TV series. (In Stereo) (CC) 2:00. Ⓜ March 11 10pm.

The Adventures of Mark Twain *** (1944) Fredric March, Alexis Smith. A biographical sketch revealing the genius of one of the United States' most famed authors and humorists. (CC) 2:30. Ⓜ March 6 5:30am.

Algunas Nubes (1993) Sergio Goye, Claudia Hernández. 2:00. Ⓜ March 5 8pm.

Amazing Stories: The Movie V *** (1992) Andrew McCarthy, Joe Seneca. A quartet of tales culled from Steven Spielberg's 1985 TV series, including "The Sitter" and "Grandpa's Ghost." (In Stereo) 2:00. Ⓜ March 7 5pm, 12am.

Amazing Stories: The Movie VI *** (1992) Mark Hamill, Kathy Baker. A human magnet, a tree troll and a mind-boggling road trip are featured in a trio of tales from the 1985 TV series. (In Stereo) 2:00. Ⓜ March 8 5pm, 12am.

America, America *** 1/2 (1963) Sifis Gialleis, Frank Wolf. A Greek youth pursues his dream of immigrating to America in the late 1890s. Written and directed by Elia Kazan. 3:00. Ⓜ March 7 10:15pm.

And Now for Something Completely Different *** (1972) Graham Chapman, John Cleese. Silly walks and dead parrots are among the items in this compilation of skits from "Monty Python's Flying Circus." 2:00. Ⓜ March 5 3am.

Angel Flight Down (1996) Patricia Kalember, David Charvet. Passengers on a medical emergency plane face disaster when they crash during a snowstorm in the Rocky Mountains. (CC) 2:00. Ⓜ March 8 8pm.

Anna Christie *** (1930) Greta Garbo, Marie Dressler. A young woman's shameful past threatens her relationship with a lovestruck sailor. Based on the play by Eugene O'Neill. (CC) 1:30. Ⓜ March 8 10am.

Another Woman's Husband (2000) Lisa Rinna, Gail O'Grady. Premiere. The bond of friendship between two women threatens to become unraveled after one reveals an intimate detail. (CC) 2:00. Ⓜ March 6 8pm.

The Apartment **** (1960) Jack Lemmon, Shirley MacLaine. Three Oscars went to this tale about a man who lends his flat to philandering executives in exchange for a promotion. (CC) 2:15. Ⓜ March 6 9:30pm.

Au Pair ** (1999) Gregory Harrison, Heidi Noelle Lenhart. A new nanny must contend with two spoiled children and her high-powered employer's conniving girlfriend. (In Stereo) (CC) 2:00. Ⓜ March 11 5pm.

The Awful Truth *** 1/2 (1937) Irene Dunne, Cary Grant. A case of mistaken identity leads to divorce and a series of outlandish confrontations between a man and his ex-wife. 1:45. Ⓜ March 9 9:30pm.

B
Babes in Arms *** (1939) Judy Garland, Mickey Rooney. The children of touring vaudevillians decide to write, direct and star in their own musical revue. (CC) 2:00. Ⓜ March 9 11am.

Baby Monitor: Sound of Fear ** 1/2 (1998) Josie Bissett, Jason Beghe. After learning that her husband and nanny are having an affair, a woman plots the nanny's murder. (In Stereo) (CC) 2:00. Ⓜ March 11 11am.

The Bad and the Beautiful *** 1/2 (1952) Lana Turner, Kirk Douglas. A ruthless producer uses Hollywood hopefuls as stepping stones to the top of the Tinseltown heap. (CC) 2:00. Ⓜ March 7 4am.

The Barkleys of Broadway *** (1949) Fred Astaire, Ginger Rogers. A theatrical couple split up over a disagreement about their future only to find their love revitalized. (CC) 2:00. Ⓜ March 7 6am.

Being There *** 1/2 (1979) Peter Sellers, Shirley MacLaine. A simple-minded man, whose only knowledge of the world is from TV, is mistaken for a genius by tycoons and politicians. 2:15. Ⓜ March 6 11:45pm.

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- butterfly
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Aries - Don't get frustrated if you hit some unexpected bumps at work. Think creatively, and you'll discover that there's more than one way to skin a cat. Has your ear been ringing lately? Looks like you're the topic of discussion at work this week. Play your cards right, and a promotion could be near.

Taurus - A serious discussion with a loved one will make you realize something good about yourself. You'll discover that sometimes you have to take a step back in order to forge ahead. Single? Good news! A new romance may be on the way. Be sure to look your best this coming weekend.

Gemini - Be true to yourself - and others - this week. Don't make promises you can't keep. In fact, try not to say anything you're not absolutely certain of, or you could get yourself into trouble. A friend's good news will be the cause for celebration this weekend. Watch your spending this weekend, too.

Virgo - Don't be generous with other people's money. Presumptuous actions cause hard feelings. A promotion at work is likely. An associate's blunder will end up benefitting you. On Friday, you'll find yourself in the right place at the right time. Be strong when it comes to love.

Libra - A loved one's harsh words should be taken with a grain of salt. Don't let words said in anger get you down. Instead, take a look at the big picture. A break in routine will be a refreshing change. New faces and new places will stimulate your creativity. If you work under deadline pressure, this could be a week to implement a more organized approach.

Scorpio - Take the first step in accomplishing a long-term goal. You'll find that taking action gives you a sense of control. You'll be happy with what you initiated. Strapped for cash? A careful evaluation of cash flow is probably necessary. Be realistic when it comes to budgeting.

Sagittarius - Take care of routine matters before moving on to more ambitious projects at work. An organized schedule will be necessary to get everything accomplished. A younger family member will call on you for advice. Be sure to give an unbiased opinion. New love could be on the way.

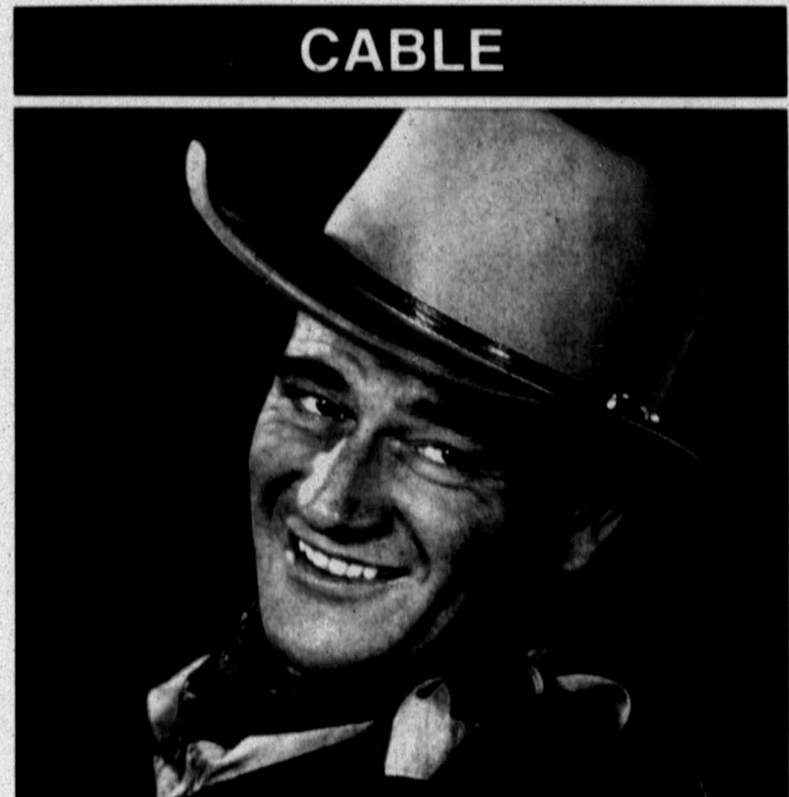
Cancer - Caught in a rut? Pull yourself out by doing something you've always wanted to try. Don't be afraid to make a change. Overcome frustrations with a loved one by expressing your feelings. Be honest about your feelings, and try to be kind in your approach. A Libra is involved.

Leo - A heated argument could lead you to say something you'll regret. Hurtful words could leave long-lasting scars. Tasks left until the last minute may be laced with mistakes. An organized approach is what you need. At work, be sure to give credit where credit is due. A major change is looming.

Capricorn - Don't let a period of doubt and uncertainty damage a good relationship. A heart-to-heart conversation will probably help clear things up. Your social life may be on the rise, but don't get carried away. Too many late nights could affect your health. Be sure to get plenty of rest.

Aquarius - This week, you may find yourself reflecting on the past. A mistake you made some time ago will serve as a guideline for today. A period of confusion could hurt a love relationship. Take some time to figure out what you really want. A social event turns out to be more fun than anticipated.

Pisces - Everything seems to fall into place. You'll feel as if luck has finally found you. This is an ideal time to implement change. You'll feel confident to reach for what you want. Do you deserve a promotion? Well, don't be afraid to go in and ask for one. Reach for the stars this week!



Thursday on A&E Network, *Biography* profiles the man born Marion Michael Morrison who later became a legend as actor John Wayne.

SUNDAY MARCH 5

	7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30	12 PM
2	Sesame Street	Barney	Zoboo	Dragon	Wishbone	Wash. Week	Wall St	Economics	Economics	Adventure	
3	Monster	Monster	Flint	Flint	Digimon	Digimon	S Club 7	Big Wolf	Two-Kind	Kids	Angela
4	Ch of God	Grace	Marriage	In Search	Meet the Press	Baptist Church			NBA Show	NBA Basketball	
5	Timon	Bear	PB & J Otter	Out of Bx	Bear	Rolie Polie	Madeline	(:45) Movie: Belle's Magical World 'NR'	Movie:		
6	(5:30) Movie: The Good, the Bad and the Ugly (1967)				Movie: Pale Rider (1985) Clint Eastwood, Michael Moriarty. ***					Movie: Outlaw Josey	
7	Home Again	Paid Prog.	Better	Paid Prog.	Animal	This Week	Paid Prog.	Reporter	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	
8	Real Life	New Day	Church	First Baptist Church	Sunday Morning			College Basketball St. John's at Miami			
9	Hour of Power		Fox News Sunday		Movie: Medicine Man (1992) Sean Connery. **			Horse Racing		Paid Prog.	
10	Sportsctr.	NBA	Sportscenter		Reporters	Sportwkly	Sportscenter			College Basketball	
11	Movie:	(:20) Movie: Locked In Silence			Movie: Madeline Frances McDormand.			Movie: Aldrich Ames: Traitor Within 'PG'		Movie: Sea	
12	Movie: Baby Geniuses Kathleen Turner.	(:45) Movie: Kid Cop Jeremy Lelitt. 'G'						Movie: Spice World Melanie Brown. *		Diaries	
13	Movie:	Movie: Bye Bye, Love Matthew Modine. *** 'PG-13'			(:20) Movie: Amistad (1997) Morgan Freeman, Anthony Hopkins. 'R'			Movie: Ever			
14	Movie: Marie Antoinette	Movie: Romeo and Juliet (1936) Norma Shearer, Leslie Howard. ***'s			Movie: The Mark of Zorro (1940) Tyrone Power. ***'s						
15	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Mechanic	Mechanic	Inside NASCAR	Raceday		NASCAR	Trucks!	Car	
16	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Zooventure	Boneheads	A.R.K.	Hunter-Croc	Ultimate Guide		invisible Places	Inside	
17	(6:00) Movie: Chisum	Breakfast With the Arts			Open Book	House Beautiful		Ancient Mysteries		Unexplained	
18	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Designing	Designing	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Movie: Secret Sins of the Father (1994)		
19	Sports	Sports	Paid Prog.	Outdoors	H.S. Extra	Paid Prog.	Fishing	Trails	Hunt & Fish	Wm. Basketball	
20	Movie: Big Girls Don't Cry	Lois & Clark-Superman			In the Heat of the Night	In the Heat of the Night	In the Heat of the Night	In the Heat of the Night	Movie:		
21	Doug	Catdog	Rugrats	Rugrats	Spongeb	Hey Arnold!	Thornberrys	Rocket	Beavers	Kablam!	Doug
22	Tee It Up	Saved-Bell	USA High	USA High	WWF Superstars		Pacific Blue		Movie: Sneakers (1992) ***		
23	Plaza Sesamo		La Antorcha Encendida	El Balcon de Veronica	Republica Deportiva					Futbol	
24	Vic. at Sea	David L. Wolper Presents	Million Dollar Cars		History			Black Sheep Squadron	Movie: PT 109 (1963) Ty Hardin ***		
25	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Battlestar Galactica	Earth 2			Star Trek		Lexx: The Series	Movie:	
26	Bozo Super Sunday		Charles	Charles	Malibu, CA	Full House	Beastmaster		Lost World	Movie:	

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	12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30
2	Adventure	Literary	Literary	Place	Place	Cooking	(:45) Fannie Farmer's 20th Century Kitchen				Age Power!
3	S Club 7	Tara Lipinski-This Moment	Figure Skating: Pro Super Teams	Figure Skating: Pro Super Teams	Figure Skating: Pro Super Teams					Movie: Home Alone 2	
4	NBA Basketball: Jazz at Knicks		PGA Golf Dorai Ryder Open -- Final Round							NBA Basketball	
5	Movie: Treehouse Hat	MusicVids	Z Games	Flash	GrowPains	Bug Juice	Bug Juice	Smart Guy		Famous	Baby-Sitters
6	(11:30) Movie: *** The Outlaw Josey Wales (1976)				Movie: Magnum Force (1973) Clint Eastwood, Hal Holbrook. **'s					Movie: Stone Cold (1991)	
7	Speed Skating		Auto Racing NASCAR Winston Cup -- Carsdirect.com 400							News	ABC News
8	Basketball	College Basketball: Regional Coverage			College Basketball Indiana at Wisconsin					CBS News	News
9	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Battle Dome			Movie: Operation Condor 2: The Armour of the Gods			Simpsons	3rd Rock
10	(11:30) College Basketball	College Basketball: OVC Championship -- Teams TBA			WTA Tennis: State Farm Champ. Final					Senior PGA Golf	
11	(12:15) Movie: Sea People	(:45) Movie: Catch Me if You Can Matt Lattanzi. *'s 'PG'			Movie: Bean Rowan Atkinson. 'PG-13'					Movie: Croc. Dundee 2	
12	Diaries	Movie: Cousins (1989) Ted Danson, Isabella Rossellini.			Movie: Baby Geniuses Kathleen Turner.			(:45) Movie: The Newton Boys 'PG-13'			
13	Movie: Ever After: A Cinderella Story		Movie: Desperately Seeking Susan **'s		(:45) Movie: Loverboy Patrick Dempsey. ** 'PG-13'					Movie:	
14	Movie: The Black Swan (1942) ***'s		Movie: The Guns of Navarone (1961) Gregory Peck, David Niven. ***'s							Movie: The Pink Panther	
15	ClassicCar	Horsepower	Mechanic	Mechanic	Trucks!	Motor Madness	Magnificent Seven			AmLegnds	Shooter
16	Inside	On the Inside		On the Inside		Bridges: Reaching Out	IceMan: Stone Age			X-Creatures	
17	Unexplained	American Justice			Movie: The First Deadly Sin (1980) Frank Sinatra. ***		Movie: Something Wild (1986) Jeff Daniels. ***				
18	Movie:	Movie: Secrets (1995) Veronica Hamel. **			Movie: Secrets (1992) Christopher Plummer. **'s					Movie: House of Secrets	
19	Women's College Basketball		Women's College Basketball				ATP Tennis Citrix Championships -- Final				
20	(12:00) Movie: Freedom Song (2000) Danny Glover.		Movie: Cobra (1986) Sylvester Stallone. *				Movie: Absolute Power (1997) **				
21	Doug	Doug	Doug	Doug	Rugrats	Amanda	Eddie	All That	You Afraid?	Animorphs	
22	(11:00) Movie: Sneakers	Movie: Working Girl (1988) Melanie Griffith, Harrison Ford. ***					Movie: Beverly Hills Cop (1984) Eddie Murphy. ***				
23	(12:00) Futbol en Vivo		Picardia Mexicana		Movie: La Risa en Vacaciones III (1992) **					Duro	Noticiero
24	(11:00) Movie: *** PT 109 (1963)		Great Ships		Great Ships		Great Ships			Great Ships	
25	(12:00) Movie: *** Dead Again (1991)		Movie: Halloween (1978) Jamie Lee Curtis. ***		Movie: Halloween II (1981) Jamie Lee Curtis. **						
26	(12:00) Movie: The Freshman (1990)		Movie: The Russia House (1990) Sean Connery. ***				Soul Train Music Awards				

SUNDAY



Sunday on ABC, a child inadvertently gives life to her doll (Tyra Banks) when she tries to bring her mother back from the dead by magic in *Life Size*.

The Sting **** (1973) Paul Newman, Robert Redford. Seven Oscars went to this story about two Depression-era con artists who devise an elaborate revenge scheme. 2:15. **March 11 11pm.**

A Stolen Life ** 1/2 (1946) Bette Davis, Glenn Ford. A woman takes her drowned twin's place as the wife of the man they both fought over. 2:30. **March 6 3am.**

Stolen Youth (1996) Sharon Lawrence, Harley Jane Kozak. Unresolved issues resurface after a woman discovers that her 18-year-old son has been seduced by a close friend. 2:00. **March 9 2pm.**

Stone Cold ** 1/2 (1991) Brian Bosworth, Lance Henriksen. A cop's mission to infiltrate a biker gang leads to a terrorist confrontation at Florida's state capitol. 2:00. **March 5 5pm.**

Suddenly, Last Summer *** (1959) Elizabeth Taylor, Katharine Hepburn. A neurosurgeon becomes involved in the lives of a wealthy New Orleans matron and her institutionalized niece. 3:00. **March 5 2am.**

Sunset Grill ** (1992) Peter Weller, Lori Singer. A two-fisted private eye's investigation into his wife's murder leads to a deadly moneymaking scheme in South America. 2:00. **March 9 12pm.**

Suzy ** (1936) Jean Harlow, Franchot Tone. Fleeing from false murder charges, a woman falls in love with a man who turns out to be involved with her trouble. 1:45. **March 8 3:15pm.**

Switching Parents (1993) Joseph Gordon-Levitt, Bill Smitrovich. A 12-year-old boy sues to terminate his parents' custodial rights so that he can be adopted by his foster family. 2:00. **March 6 2pm.**

Taras Bulba *** (1962) Yul Brynner, Tony Curtis. A Cossack and his son lead the fight to freedom against the Poles in the 16th century. 2:30. **March 10 4:30pm.**

Teachers ** 1/2 (1984) Nick Nolte, JoBeth Williams. A lawsuit against a school for graduating an illiterate student spurs a burned-out instructor to search for his ideals. 2:20. **March 11 1:40am.**

Thelma & Louise *** (1991) Susan Sarandon, Geena Davis. A near-rape plunges two women into an escalating series of misadventures involving their lovers and the law. 2:50. **March 11 7:05pm.**

They Call Me Mister Tibbs! *** (1970) Sidney Poitier, Martin Landau. A police lieutenant is torn between his duty and concern for a friend seen leaving the scene of a crime. 2:15. **March 9 1:45am.**

The Thin Man **** (1934) William Powell, Myrna Loy. Retired detective Nick Charles and his wife, Nora, look for a missing inventor in the first of the "Thin Man" series. (CC) (DVS) 2:00. **March 8 11pm.**

A Thousand Men and a Baby (1997) Richard Thomas, Gerald McRaney. U.S. sailors save an Amerasian baby boy's life in Korea and hope to bring him back to the United States for adoption. 2:00. **March 11 11pm.**

Thousands Cheer *** (1943) Kathryn Grayson, Gene Kelly. MGM's stable of stars performs an entertainment extravaganza for American soldiers ready to depart for the front. (CC) 2:30. **March 11 7am.**

Three Little Words *** (1950) Fred Astaire, Red Skelton. Vaudevillian Bert Kalmar and piano player Harry Ruby become one of the most famous songwriting teams of the 1920s. (CC) 1:45. **March 7 1:30pm.**

Thunderbolt and Lightfoot *** (1974) Clint Eastwood, Jeff Bridges. A thief and his former partners work out a plan to rob the same bank they held up years ago, but later lost the loot. 2:30. **March 9 11:30pm.**

To Be or Not to Be *** 1/2 (1942) Jack Benny, Carole Lombard. Actors in Poland pose as Nazi bigwigs and affect the escape of an Allied pilot. 2:00. **March 8 7pm.**

Top Gun *** (1986) Tom Cruise, Kelly McGillis. A maverick Navy pilot is forced to grow up during the course of a specialized training program in California. 2:30. **March 10 7pm; 11 4:30pm.**

Trapped in Space ** (1995) Jack Wagner, Kay Lenz. Crewmembers must resort to suicide or murder when a meteor strike leaves their spaceship without enough oxygen for all. (In Stereo) (CC) 2:00. **March 11 2pm.**

Twilight Zone: Rod Serling's Lost Classics (1994) Jack Palance, Amy Irving. Startling revelations at a theater and a mysterious doctor figure in two original stories by Rod Serling. 2:00. **March 9 5pm, 12am.**

2001: A Space Odyssey **** (1968) Keir Dullea, Gary Lockwood. A renegade computer jeopardizes interplanetary explorers in Stanley Kubrick's groundbreaking space saga. 3:00. **March 6 1:30am.**

The Unsinkable Molly Brown *** (1964) Debbie Reynolds, Harve Presnell. A young couple's luck takes them from a squalid gold-mining existence into the lush life of high society. (CC) 2:30. **March 6 7pm.**

Valley Girl ** 1/2 (1983) Deborah Foreman, Nicolas Cage. A high-school socialite places her elite status at risk after she falls for a scruffy Hollywood punker. 2:00. **March 11 9am.**

V.I. Warshawski ** (1991) Kathleen Turner, Jay O. Sanders. A tough-talking female private eye takes on the dangerous task of finding a murdered hockey player's killer. 2:05. **March 6 1pm; March 7 7pm.**

Weird Science ** (1985) Anthony Michael Hall, Kelly LeBrock. Two high-school nerds accidentally create the woman of their dreams when an electrical storm zaps their home computer. (CC) 2:00. **March 11 4pm, 12am.**

What's New, Pussycat? ** 1/2 (1965) Peter Sellers, Peter O'Toole. A young engaged man is reluctant to give up the women who love him and seeks the aid of a married psychiatrist. 2:00. **March 5 7pm.**

Wheels on Meals ** 1/2 (1984) Jackie Chan, Sammo Hung. Two fast-food workers become involved with a lovely pickpocket who turns out to be a missing heiress. (Dubbed) 2:30. **March 5 2:30am.**

The Wild Women of Chastity Gulch ** (1982) Priscilla Barnes, Lee Horsley. Barroom belles join forces with the town's more upstanding women to keep renegade soldiers from pillaging their town. (In Stereo) (CC) 2:00. **March 11 5pm.**

Working Girl *** (1988) Melanie Griffith, Harrison Ford. Tenacity pays off for a scrappy secretary who becomes a Wall Street whiz while filling her injured boss's high heels. (In Stereo) (CC) 2:30. **March 5 1:30pm.**

SOAP TALK

Block joining AMC; Sorel checks into GH

By Candace Havens

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Fans of Hunt Block (ex-Ben Warren, *Guiding Light*) will want to tune in to *All My Children* on Friday, March 10, as he takes on the role of Guy Donahue.

Unaware of Guy's real agenda, Edmund Grey (John Callahan) hires him to care for Dr. Alexandra Devan Marick's (Finola Hughes) new stallion.

Another of ABC's soap operas welcomes a new cast member when Louise Sorel (Vivian Alamain, *Days of Our Lives*) takes her special brand of wickedness to *General Hospital*.

Sorel's new character is Donatella Stewart. The lifestyle maven enters the hospital during a heated confrontation between the staff and management.

Donatella isn't happy about the way she is treated and makes sure everyone within listening distance is aware of her displeasure.

The actress is scheduled for a month-long stay in Port Charles. Her first airdate is Friday.

Dear Candace: Please let ABC know that we don't want Janet Marlene Green Dillon (Robin Mattson) in the mirror again on AMC. Enough already! —Jan Meola, Ashtabula, Ohio.

Dear Reader: This story line makes one wonder what the writers are thinking. Rumor has it that the crazy angle is one way to write Mattson out of the soap gracefully.

While you may be tired of seeing the evil Janet, it does give Mattson a chance to prove she is one of the best actresses on daytime.

Dear Candace: I have money on this bet, so I'm hoping you can help me out. My friend says the woman who plays the mother on *Now and Again* is married to the man who plays Buzz Cooper on *GL*. I say there is no way they could be married. Which one of us is right?

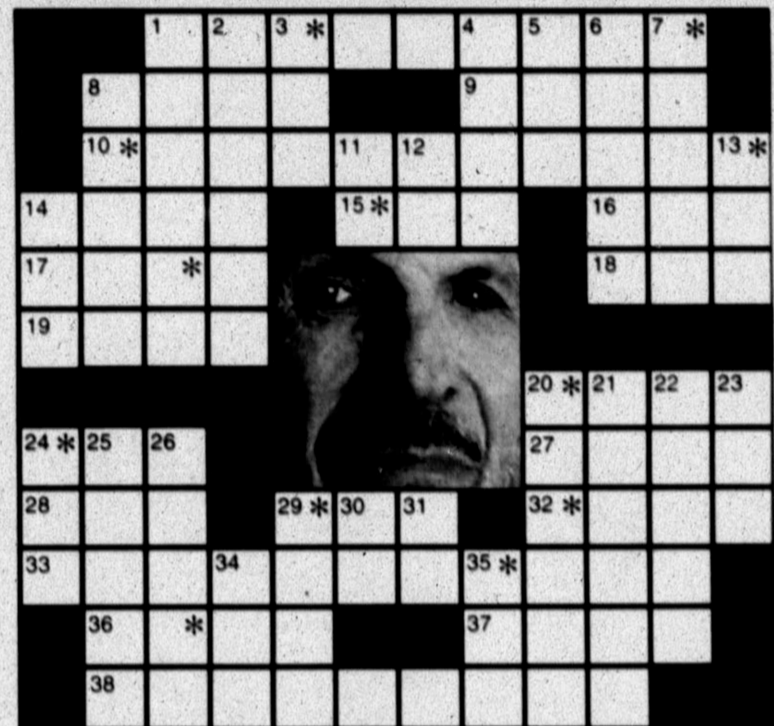
I don't think they are even close in age. —In the know in Maine.

Dear Reader: Justin Deas, who plays Buzz on *GL*, is married to Margaret Colin, who plays Lisa Schlegelmuch Wiseman on *Now and Again*.

They met on the set of *As the World Turns* when they played Tom and Margo Montgomery Hughes. They were wed in 1988 and have two sons, Sam and Joe.

Send questions of general interest to Candace Havens, Soap Talk, TVData Features Syndicate, 333 Glen St., Glens Falls, NY 12801, or e-mail to soaptalk@tvdata.com. Only questions selected for this column will be answered. Personal replies cannot be sent.

TV CROSSWORD



The identity of the featured celebrity is found within the answers in the puzzle. To take the TV Challenge, unscramble the letters noted with asterisks within the puzzle.

ACROSS

- Actor on *Now and Again* (2)
- Skin lotion ingredient
- In _____, mired by routine
- Actress on *That '70s Show* (2)
- Clark's love
- The _____ Man*; '59 police drama series
- NNW plus 90 degrees
- Francis or Murray
- Q-U connection
- Sandra and Ruby
- _____ *Houston* (1982-85)
- Mornings, for short
- Letters from Greece
- Charlotte _____
- _____ *the Rack*; '85 Edward Asner sitcom
- Animal pair
- Role on *Everybody Loves Raymond* (2)
- _____ *Miner's Daughter*; '80 Sissy Spacek film
- Signals
- The Dukes _____* (1979-85)

DOWN

- Role on *Seinfeld*
- Awakens
- Suffix for wind or boss
- Phyllis' hubby on *The Mary Tyler Moore Show*
- Uranium or copper
- _____ *Force*; '93 sci-fi series
- Linen collars
- _____ *in the Dark*; '82 Jack Palance movie

- _____ *Libbers*; '51 improvisation series
- Ben, to Hoss
- Hair covering
- _____ *A Dog*; '62 Angela Cartwright film
- Give _____ Heart*; '36 Kay Francis movie
- Did penance
- It _____ Two* (1982-83)
- Part of Mao's name
- Word from Annie's dog
- Polo, for one
- _____ *Love*; '89 Al Pacino film
- Chuck Norris' state of birth: abbr.
- Initials for Brice
- Note of the musical scale
- Slangy refusal
- The _____ Victor Show* ('51-'54)

Leonard Nimoy Solution



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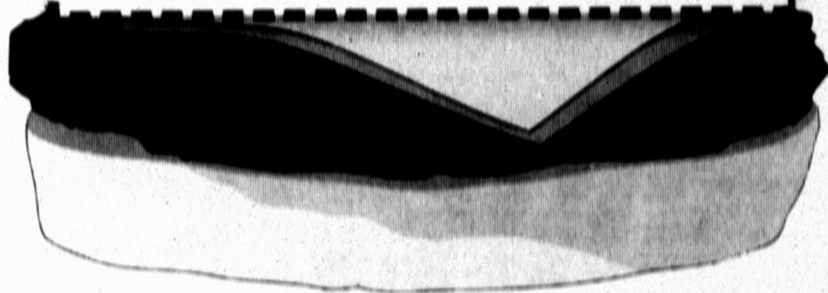
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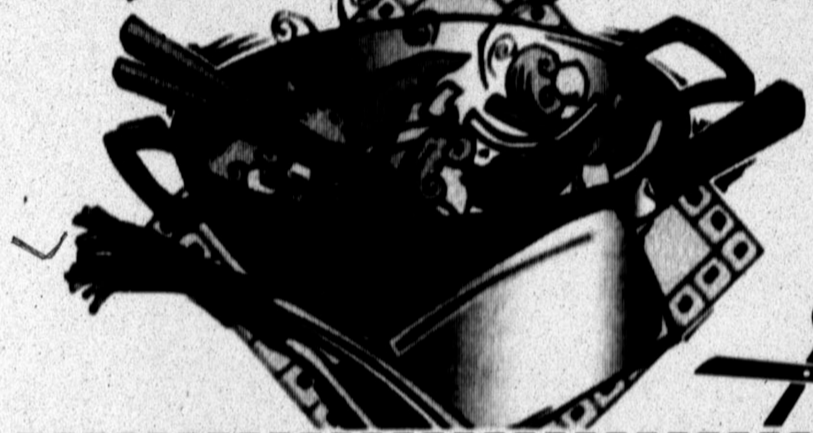
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