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Request for inspector based on anticipated problems at primary

By GEORGIA TYLER
Staff Writer

A request for a voting inspector in Deaf Smith County for next Tuesday's Democratic primary election is based on what the petition signers "anticipate" could happen.

And, some information in the petition may be inaccurate, according to voter registration records.

The petition filed with the Texas Secretary of State was submitted by Grace H. Gonzales of Hereford and signed by 15 persons. A voter certificate number was asked of each signer and all but one complied.

Signing and listing their voter certificate numbers were Delia Griego, Mary C. Dennett, Jesusita Griego, Apolonio Dennett, Jose B. Gonzales, Joe G. Chacon, Betty Gomez, Trinidad Gomez, Priscilla Garcia, Maria Vasquez, Teresa R. Vasquez, Cecilia Garza, Crisella Garza and Alberto Garza.

The 15th signer was Celia Ortega. Information provided by the

petition claimed that Ortega did not receive a new registration certificate this year because her mailing address had changed from a postoffice box number to a street address. By law, certificates may not be delivered to an address different from that on the card.

Deaf Smith County Clerk David Ruland, who also serves as voter registrar, reported Thursday that he was unable to find the name "Celia Ortega" on a voter registration list as far back as 1988. He said he checked lists prepared in 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992 and 1993.

The information on the petition alleges that the person named had "lived at the same address for 40 years or more and always voted, and not sent a renewal."

A copy of the petition was obtained by *The Brand* under the Texas Open Records and Open Meetings Act.

If a citizen's name is on the most recent voter list, a new card is mailed

to the person, at the last known address. If the address is no longer valid, the postoffice returns the card to the voter registrar.

A letter of investigation is sent to the voter if the postal service places a change of address label on the card, Ruland said, explaining registration procedures.

"We notify the voters and give them a chance to give us the new address," he said.

Ruland also pointed out that media announcements about voter registration are made to advise residents of requirements. The last mailing of voter certificates was in December.

"We had approximately 900 returned to us," he said. A newspaper advertisement in January called attention to the large number of returned cards and advised voters to contact the county clerk's office if registration certificates had not been received.

Three polling places were listed (See REQUEST, Page 2)



Budding computer whizzes

Fifth-grade students at St. Anthony's School here spend time in the school's computer lab, learning basic computer applications recently. The school has had the lab about five years and has added a new Macintosh computer this past year for the teacher. In addition, it has two laser printers and 14 individual terminals for student use. The lab is used daily by all students in the school, from kindergarten through sixth grade.

Fire marshal says city facing high fire danger

Tinder-dry conditions in Deaf Smith County have created a potentially explosive situation for Hereford Volunteer Fire Department, Fire Marshal Jay Spain said Thursday.

"It's getting awfully dry out there," Spain warned. "The March winds are building up and we're getting into the stormy season."

"Put those factors together with the dry conditions we already face and you can have serious fire problems," Spain, who has two sons on the fire department, is a veteran at fighting and understanding fires.

He pointed out, for example, that when a grass fire starts burning, it makes its own wind.

"Last February 8 we were fighting a grass fire in the southeast part of town," he said. "We were driving 40

miles per hour and couldn't catch up to the fire."

"That's how fast it moves," Hereford residents cannot legally have an open fire inside the city limits without a permit issued by Spain.

While there are no laws for burning trash in the county, citizens must get a permit to burn stubble fields from the Environmental Protection Agency.

Said Spain, "I urge people to use common sense when it comes to burning trash. If the winds build up, get your garden hose and put the fire out. Burn your trash another day."

Firemen are also concerned about children who play with matches. According to Spain, some children caused a small grass fire Wednesday inside the city limits. Fortunately, firemen were able to put it out before

the blaze spread.

Spain pointed out, "If a grownup causes a fire, he is civilly responsible for any damage caused to his neighbor's property. Naturally if he deliberately sets a fire, that's arson and we will file charges."

Last year more than 7,500 acres in Deaf Smith County were left charred by grass fires. Hereford firemen responded to a total of 81 grass fires.

Since January 1, firemen have responded to 17 grass fires in the county.

"All I'm asking for is for people to use common sense," said Spain. "Hereford is getting into the thunderstorm and tornado season. With the dry conditions we have and all those factors at work, we could face some grass fires big time."

DSC Chamber banquet today

"The Future Is Ours" will be the theme of the annual Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce banquet tonight in the Bull Barn.

John Sharp, Texas State Comptroller, will be the keynote speaker; the Hereford Chamber Singers will present special entertainment, and the "Citizen of the Year" award will be presented by Hereford Lions Club.

The banquet starts at 7 p.m. New chamber officers and directors will be introduced at the event. The public is invited, and tickets are \$15 each.

Number filing jobless claims drops by 57,000 individuals

WASHINGTON (AP) - The number of Americans filing first-time claims for jobless benefits fell by 57,000 last week to the lowest level since Christmas, the government reported today. It was the steepest decline since August 1992.

Analysts said a shortened holiday workweek contributed to the decline, helping to offset the continuing effects of wintery weather and the Los Angeles earthquake. But they also contend the labor market is improving.

The Labor Department said new applications for unemployment insurance totaled 318,000, down from a revised 375,000 during the

week ended Feb. 19. It was the lowest level since claims totaled 295,000 during the week ended Dec. 25 and the biggest drop since claims tumbled by 118,000 during the week ended Aug. 1, 1992.

The department originally estimated that claims totaled 385,000 during the week ended Feb. 19. Some analysts had attributed the 17,000 increase to the effects of the harsh winter and Los Angeles earthquake and to problems with adjusting the figures to seasonal variations.

The department is scheduled to release the latest monthly report on Friday.

Local woman recalls time spent on German exchange

By RICK LANNING
Staff Writer

Germany is just a golden memory to Donna Grotegut, a junior at Texas Tech, but it's a memory the daughter of Josef and Gertrud Grotegut of Dawn will never forget.

Last June, the 21-year-old agricultural economics student flew to the Rhineland under the International 4-H Youth Exchange program to spend six months with host farm families in East and West Germany.

The mission was a success that went far beyond her expectations, she said.

"It was exciting," said Donna, whose parents are German immigrants. "When the people found out I was from America and a Texan, they were very friendly."

She lived three weeks with each family, moving from West to East Germany as she studied farming techniques, cultural differences, and the collapse of the Iron Curtain.

While she learned much about how Germans farm, Donna said she learned even more about how they lived.

"Germans take time to enjoy themselves and life," she declared. "They work hard, just like Americans, but they work so they can play."

"They take time to travel, to appreciate their culture, and their history. I visited 800-year-old cities, for example, where musicians played in the streets and the people would sit at tables and drink a glass of wine or beer."

"It was an unforgettable experience."

Donna said her German experience helped her establish goals for herself and made her realize that the world was bigger than living on a farm in West Texas.

Her fellow 4-H travelers included three young men from Colorado, North Dakota, and West Virginia.

"We had totally different backgrounds, and yet so much in common," she said.

Their trips were sponsored and paid for by the Texas 4-H Foundation and the D.K. Caldwell Foundation, a non-profit Texas corporation.

After graduation from Texas Tech in Lubbock, Donna plans to attend graduate school and study international marketing. Her hobbies include basketball, camping, and skiing.

The Groteguts produce sugar beets, milo, corn, and wheat on eight sections near Dawn. Donna has two sisters, Monica, 23, and Jeannette, 28, and a brother, Chris, 24.

Her mother said she was pleased Donna chose Germany for her Youth Exchange destination.

"She could have had her choice of (See EXCHANGE, Page 2)



Foreign fruit

Donna Grotegut of Hereford picks cherries at a host farm somewhere in Germany. The Texas Tech student traveled to Germany last June through the International 4-H Youth Exchange program to learn about farming techniques in the Rhineland.

City, county above state average in cardiovascular disease deaths

Hereford and Deaf Smith County were over the state average in 1992 for deaths due to cardiovascular diseases, according to statistics released Wednesday by the American Heart Association.

The figures were taken from the association's Texas Affiliate Cardiovascular Death Statistics report, which was compiled from information recently released by the Texas Department of Health.

Of the 126,787 deaths of Texas residents in 1992, 41 percent were from cardiovascular diseases.

In Hereford, however, 53.5 percent of the 114 deaths were attributed to that cause, while 51.2 percent of the 127 total county deaths -- which includes deaths of Hereford residents -- were from cardiovascular disease.

Cardiovascular disease, the association reported, remains the number one killer in Texas, claiming the lives of 52,846 Texans in 1992. The Health Department's Bureau of Vital Statistics lists cancer as the next leading cause, with 29,995 deaths.

The heart association reports that deaths from heart attack, stroke and other cardiovascular diseases are declining, from 45.9 percent of all deaths in 1982 to 41 percent in 1992.

This decrease is attributed to advances in medical treatment and healthier lifestyles in recent years.

The American Heart Association has as its top priority preventing heart disease and stroke and, to that end, it provided some \$6.4 million for cardiovascular research in Texas last year.

Hereford, Deaf Smith County Cardiovascular Death Rates

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1992: 127 total deaths; 65 from cardiovascular disease; 51.2 percent of total.

1991: 130 total deaths; 58 from cardiovascular disease; 44.6 percent of total.

1987: 151 total deaths; 70 from cardiovascular disease; 46.4 percent of total.

1982: 129 total deaths; 64 from cardiovascular diseases; 49.6 percent of total.

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1992: 114 total deaths; 61 from cardiovascular disease; 53.5 percent of total.

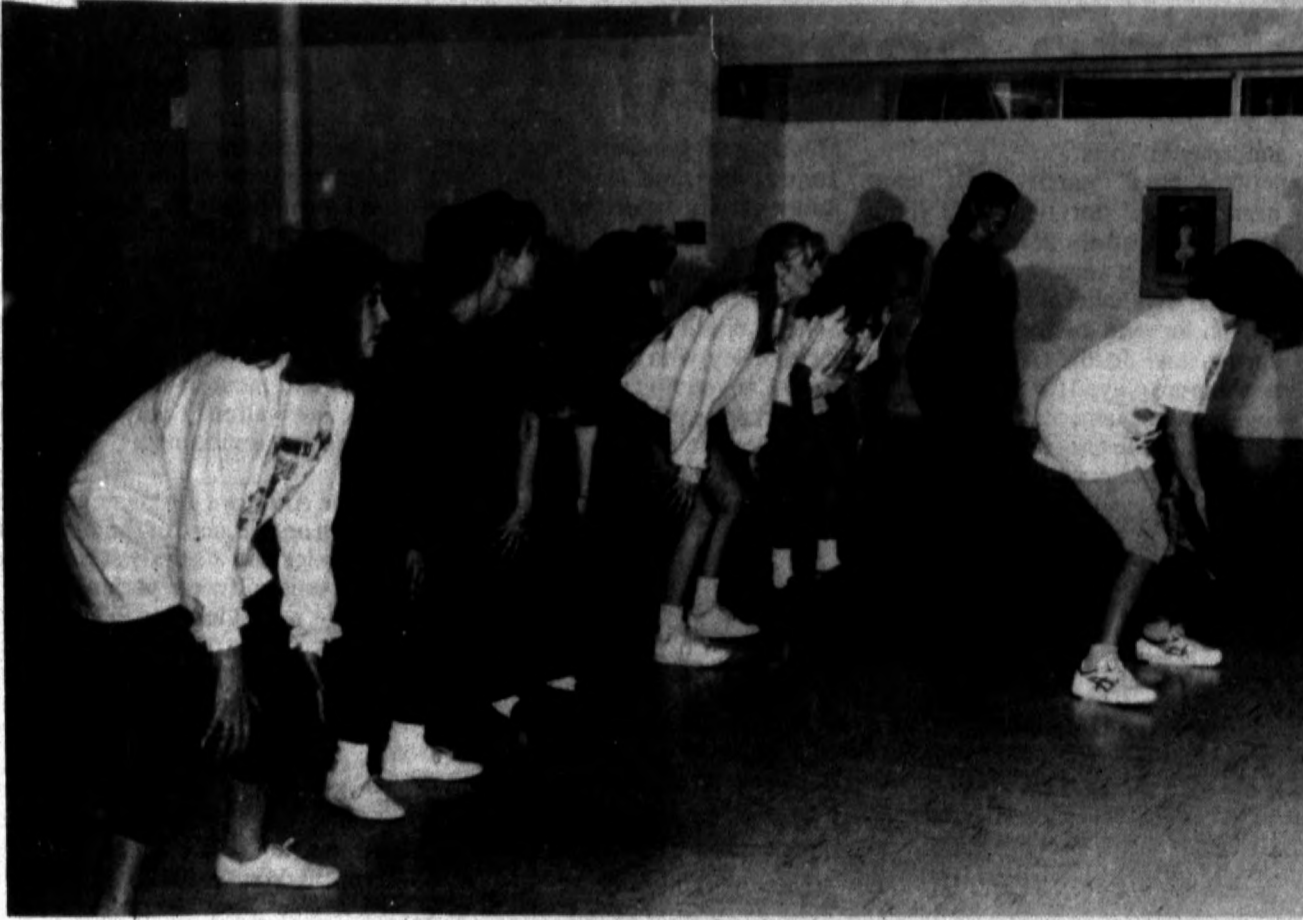
1991: 114 total deaths; 51 from cardiovascular disease; 44.7 percent of total.

1987: 136 total deaths; 65 from cardiovascular disease; 47.8 percent of total.

1982: 104 total deaths; 50 from cardiovascular diseases; 48.1 percent of total.

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Lifestyles



Practicing for Saturday's pageant

Hereford residents, Fidelia Hernandez and Dusty Saul, are among the young women who will be competing in the Miss Top of Texas Scholarship Pageant to begin at 7 p.m. Saturday in the Hereford High School auditorium. Tickets are priced at \$4 each with \$1 to be donated to the Hereford Rape Crisis/Domestic Violence Center. Saturday's pageant is a preliminary to the Miss Texas and Miss America Scholarship Pageants. The winner of Saturday's pageant will compete in the Miss Texas Scholarship Pageant planned July 3-9 in Fort Worth.

CCA performance given 'thumbs up'

BY RICK LANNING
Staff Writer

You should have been there. The Americus Brass Band, described as the number one professional Civil War replica band in the country, performed at Hereford High School Auditorium Tuesday. Titled "Honor And Glory: Civil War Memories," the show was sponsored by the Hereford Community Concert Association. More than 600 hundred Hereford area residents, including a large number of young people, turned out for the performance.

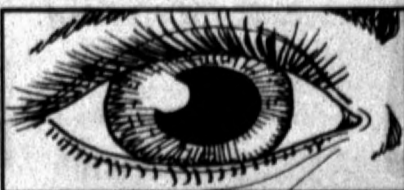
The program opened with the narrator, R. Hamilton Koch as an aging Professor Louis Zitterbart sitting on a rocking chair at the left corner of the stage.

Fondly clutching a cornet and holding a faded grey Confederate hat, the professor, Austrian-born and

Local home health agency is recertified

Hereford Home Health Care, a locally owned agency which has been serving area residents for almost two years, earned a "no deficiencies" rating in a recent survey by the Texas Department of Health.

The agency provides skilled nursing, physical therapy, medical social services and personal care to patients in their homes. All Medicare Certified home health agencies undergo an annual rigorous, unannounced two-day survey of patient care and staff qualifications. Janet Brigance, RN, owner and president of Hereford Home Health Care, said the survey "confirms what I have known all along--we have a great staff and provide excellent care." She also expressed appreciation for the cooperation and support of physicians, the community, and the patients and their families.



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conservatory-trained, describes how he conducted the original Americus Brass Band.

He tells of the young commander of the Sumter Light Guards, Lieut. David Winn, who rose in rank to command the entire regiment. He reads letters Winn actually sent to his wife, Francis Mary.

As the concert begins, the audience realizes this isn't just a band concert - it is a true story of a civil war that claimed over 500,000 American lives and how brass bands played a major part in that war.

The Americus Brass Band from Americus, Ga. was part of the 4th Georgia Infantry Regiment which had heavy losses during the bloody conflict. More than 900 of its 1,000 soldiers died in battle and the band lost over half its members.

As the conductor narrates his story, the band members in authentic Civil War uniforms play unforgettable songs from the era. The concert opens with the "Coronation March", followed by the "Americus Quick Step," "La Marsailles", and the Funeral March from Faust.

There is a touching rendition of "The Bonnie Blue Flag", then "Dixie Land," the "Quick Step", and the "Sumter Light Guard March".

Always the band members perform with authenticity. All of the band instruments, incidentally, originated from the Civil War era--cornets, alto horns, tenor horns, baritone horns, bass, drums, everything.

The band was founded in 1976 by a group of music students at California State University, Long Beach, who were drawn to the Civil War era. The group has appeared in a number of top film and television productions, including the ABC TV mini-series "The North And South,"

"Glory", a movie that won an Oscar, and the 1993 Columbia Pictures film, "Geronimo."

One of the more outstanding pieces last night had the band members resting around a campfire after a battle with the Union troops and singing "Eating Goober Peas"

There were other unforgettable moments...a nostalgic "Tenting On The Old Camp Ground", a marvelous duet of "Amazing Grace", sung by the lieutenant (Eric Love) and his lady (Karen Founds), and the touching "Lorena" sung by Founds who accompanies herself on the guitar.

The program closes on an uptempo note. "Yankee Doodle," played by bands from both the Confederacy and the United States of America; "The Yellow Rose Of Texas," played to honor the brave Nurse Rebecca (also portrayed by Founds); and the finale, "Battle Hymn Of The Republic."

A notation on the program explains it this way:

"On the eve of the Civil War, brass bands were flourishing in cities and towns across America.

"These ensembles were quickly drafted into local regiments to provide pomp and ceremony so important to the military standards of the day. Thousands of bandsmen enlisted in the armies of the north and south. The soldiers loved to sing along with the bands, making the Civil War the singiest war ever fought."

Hereford Community Concert Association members pool their membership fees into a fund to bring outstanding music and dance to the city. The size of the fund determines the number and type of concerts they can afford.

Like I said, you should have been there.

New Arrivals

James and Kyla McDowell of Hereford are parents of a baby boy, Grason Cale McDowell, 7 lbs, 6 1/2 oz., born on Feb. 25 at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

The infant has three sisters, Tallee, 11; Torree, 7, and Maddee, 21 months.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Gene Poteet of Hereford, Mr. and Mrs. Jim McDowell of Hereford and Mr. and Mrs. W.C. Russell of Amarillo. The baby also has a great-grandmother, Marybelle Godwin of Amarillo.

Kyle and Jennifer Streun of Bates City, Mo., announce the arrival of their first child, Jordan Matthew Streun, 6 lbs. 12 1/2 oz., on Feb. 16, in Lawrenceburg, Mo.

The infant is the grandson of Murlene Streun of Hereford and Joe and Nova Sherman of Plainview. Great-grandparents are Jimmy and Mary Sherman of Plainview, Mattie Huddleson of Plainview and Hazel Seright of Hereford.

April 23, 1564, is generally regarded as the birthdate of the English poet and dramatist William Shakespeare. He died on the same date 52 years later.

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Sports

Boys' golf team starts season in Andrews

By JAY PEDEN
Sports Editor

The last of the Hereford spring sports teams to start its season was the boys' golf team. That team gets underway with a tournament Friday and Saturday in Andrews.

Except for the girls' golf team, which resumes play March 11-12, all of Hereford's varsity teams will compete in tournaments or meets elsewhere this weekend: the baseball

team in Levelland Thursday, Friday and Saturday; the tennis team in Plainview Friday and Saturday; the girls' track team in San Angelo Friday and Saturday; and the boys' track team in Lubbock Saturday only.

The junior varsity baseball team will play Canyon at 4:30 p.m. Friday in Canyon, then play a doubleheader Saturday in Plainview, starting at 1.

The JV golf teams, both boys and girls, will play in a tournament

Saturday in Tulia.

The boys' varsity golf team basically will start over with youth this year, after several seniors graduated last year.

Scott Burkhalter, a junior this year, played in one district round last spring, and Justin Griffith, now a sophomore played for the Herd at the regional tournament.

They're the only two golfers with varsity experience. Junior Carlos

Mendez, sophomores David Sims, Tom Munoz and David Farr have junior varsity experience during the spring. In addition, coach Stacey Bixler has three freshmen working out with the varsity: Cory Schumacher, Jeremiah Baros and Keith Riley, who moved to Hereford from Canyon this year.

Burkhalter, Griffith, Sims, Munoz and Riley are the five that will play in the Andrews tournament.

The team has waited this long for its first tournament because three of the top nine—Burkhalter, Sims and Schumacher—play basketball, Bixler said. Basketball finished Feb. 15.

"Since I had so many in basketball, this is going to be the first tournament of the spring we're going to," Bixler said, "and most of the teams down there have already played in one or two spring tournaments."



BENTON BUCKLEY
...named 2nd team all district

Harvesters lead all-district team

District 1-4A champion Pampa got most of the honors on the boys' all-district basketball team, which was released Wednesday, including most valuable player Seivern Wallace and coach of the year Robert Hale.

Hereford's Benton Buckley was named to the second team. The 6-foot, 2-inch junior was the only Whiteface honored.

"Benton played really consistently throughout district play," Herd coach Randy Dean said. "He raised his scoring average over 6 points per game during district play."

Buckley's scoring average during district play was 15.4; it was 11.1 for the entire season. Only performance during district play is considered for selection to the all-district team. Buckley had two exceptional games during district. Dean said: a 29-point, 9-rebound, 7-assist game against Borger and a 22-point, 6-rebound, 4-assist effort against Caprock.

Hale coached the Harvesters to a 10-0 run through district, a 26-9 record overall and a regional semifinal berth. Wallace, a 6-5 senior, averaged 17.5 points and 9.4 rebounds in district play for the Harvesters.

There were five players named to the first team, not including Wallace, and three were sophomores. Pampa and district runner-up each landed two players on the first team, and each added a player to the second team.

First team: Rayford Young, Pampa, 5-10, sophomore (20.3 points per game); Coy Laury, Pampa, 6-1, sophomore (14.2 ppg, 6.9 rebounds); Tim Baker, Borger, 6-4, sophomore (16 ppg, 11.0 rebounds); Jeremy Armstrong, Borger, 6-1, senior (16.0 ppg); and Cody Rogers, Randall, 5-10, senior (17.8 ppg).

Second team: Benton Buckley, Hereford, 6-2, junior (15.4 ppg); Jason Contreras, Caprock, 5-11, senior (15.2 ppg); Duane Nickelberry, Pampa, 5-9, junior (13.3 ppg); Joseph Mares, Dumas, 6-0, senior (10.2 ppg, 7.1 reb.); Jonathan Johnson, Borger, 6-1, senior (10 ppg, 6 reb.).



Golfers ready to start season

Members of the Hereford boys' golf team, from left, Tom Munoz, David Sims, Justin Griffith, Keith Riley and Scott Burkhalter,

prepare for their first tournament of the spring, to be held Friday and Saturday in Andrews.

Emmitt's surgery called successful

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) - Dallas Cowboys running back Emmitt Smith underwent surgery Wednesday to repair a shoulder separation that occurred in the final game of the regular season.

A statement from the team said the operation by Dr. Jim Andrews was a success, and the Super Bowl MVP likely will be ready for training camp. Smith is expected to remain hospitalized through Friday at HealthSouth Medical Center.

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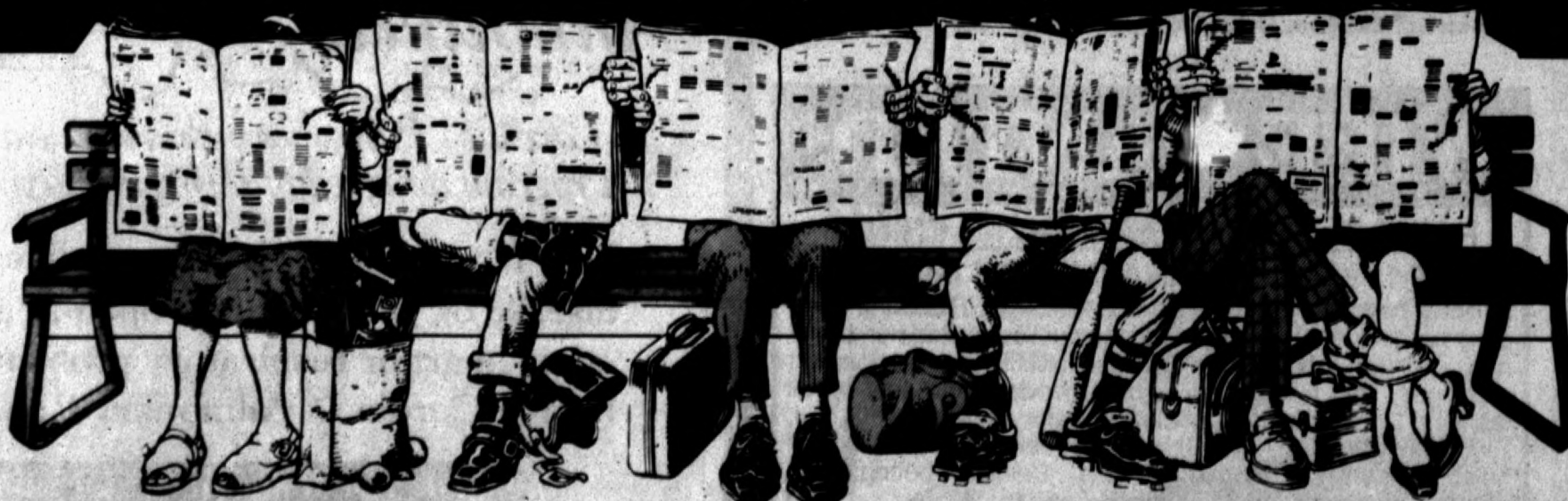
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Thon retires; rain cancels intrasquad games

By The Associated Press
 He was one of the most promising shortstop prospects in years when he came up with the California Angels in 1979.
 He hit .286 with 20 homers and 79 RBI for Houston in 1983 at the age of 25.
 Then, five games into the 1984 season, Dickie Thon was beamed in the head by a Mike Torrez pitch.
 His career was never the same after that.
 On Wednesday, Thon called it quits after 14 years in the majors, saying continuing problems with his vision were forcing him to retire. Thon experienced vision problems and severe headaches periodically over the past decade since being hit in the head by the pitch.
 Thon's agent, Oscar Suarez, told the Oakland Athletics that Thon was

having problems seeing batted balls on defense.
 "Dickie looked pretty good at the plate," A's manager Tony La Russa said. "But looking back at it, there definitely was a time or two when he didn't react as well as I know he could on defense. It's a tough break, because he's a guy I always wanted to have playing for me."
 Thon also played for California, San Diego and Milwaukee and ends his career with a .264 batting average, 71 HRs and 435 RBIs.
 Rain washed out several intrasquad games Wednesday, but the Florida Marlins managed a nine-inning exhibition game with Florida State University and may have found themselves a prospect.
 Seminoles freshman David Yocum struck out the side in the first inning,

retiring veterans Bret Barberie, Dave Magadan and Jeff Conine. The Marlins eventually won the game 7-2.
 The Los Angeles Dodgers, Baltimore Orioles, Boston Red Sox and Cincinnati Reds has intrasquad games canceled. An early-morning downpour forced the Pittsburgh Pirates to call off an exhibition game with the Pacific Dolphins of the Korean League.
 The Chicago White Sox practiced indoors, and Michael Jordan was not unhappy.
 "My body needs to recuperate," he said. "My lower body is great because I don't play on it as much as basketball. My hands have taken a beating and my shoulders and my waist are sore."
 Jordan is looking forward to today's first intrasquad game at Ed

Smith Stadium where there is a 50-50 chance he'll face Cy Young winner Jack McDowell. The makeup of teams was not revealed Wednesday, so Jordan could go against rookie James Baldwin.
 "I don't want to embarrass myself," said Jordan, scheduled to play all six innings in right field.
 The Colorado Rockies agreed to terms with their last unsigned player, Armando Reynoso, just one day before the deadline for renewal of contracts. Reynoso, 12-11 with a 4.00 ERA, got a split major league-minor league contract worth \$200,000.

The Montreal Expos renewed the contract of Pedro Martinez, the pitcher obtained from the Los Angeles Dodgers for second baseman Delino DeShields.
 "I was expecting a little more respect from management, coming over here in a big trade for a player who's making \$2.5 million (DeShields is actually making \$2.7 million)," said a clearly miffed Martinez.
 Pitcher Rod Beck, shortstop Raycen Clayton and center fielder Darren Lewis are set to one-year contracts with the San Francisco Giants.

The Baltimore Orioles signed pitcher Jim Poole and outfielder Ryan Klesko, and the St. Louis Cardinals signed four players at low salaries and renewed the contract of injured pitcher Donovan Osborne for \$112,000 - a 20 percent cut.
 Ryan Klesko first baseman-1-year fielder Ryan Klesko agreed to a one-year contract with the Braves for \$111,000. The Mets signed three players - Ryan Thompson, Mauro Gozzo and Tito Navarro, all one-year deals. The Phillies renewed the contracts of pitcher Jeff Juden and Bobby Munoz.

IRS investigating Strawberry

VERO BEACH, Fla. (AP) - Los Angeles Dodgers outfielder Darryl Strawberry says nothing will disrupt his 1994 season, despite a report that he faces an indictment for alleged income tax evasion.
 The 31-year-old outfielder declined to address the subject of the ongoing investigation by the Internal Revenue Service directly.
 However, he did say he's not worried about anything derailing his plans for a strong comeback from the back problems that sidelined him for most of the last two seasons.
 "I don't think anything can disrupt me from reaching the goals I set out to accomplish," Strawberry said. "Things happen. There are different ways you deal with them. I've always dealt with them. There is nothing I

should be afraid of or run and hide from."
 According to a report in Wednesday's editions of the New York Daily News, government investigators have collected evidence that Strawberry did not report in excess of \$300,000 in income derived from signing autographs at baseball card and memorabilia shows when he played for the New York Mets (1983-90).
 If convicted, Strawberry faces a possible prison term.
 Strawberry, however, said he is concentrating only on baseball and reviving his career.
 "To be back in camp and playing for the Dodgers' ballclub is a big thrill," he said. "I appreciate having that opportunity.

"I realize I don't want to misuse the talent I have. I want to get the maximum production out of my career at this point."
 "I had doubts that I could come back from the injury; I doubt that I could raise myself back to the level that I was at. I've learned that things do happen and that they have a way of working out. I just want to take care of my business and get back to playing baseball."
 The Dodgers tried to move Strawberry over the winter, offering him in trade and placing him on irrevocable waivers in December. He went unclaimed.
 However, they've been supportive of the 11-year veteran since he's arrived in training camp.

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Comics

BEETLE BAILEY

By Mort Walker

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Ann Landers

DEAR ANN LANDERS: You recently printed a letter from a woman whose nephew was killed in a car accident because he didn't buckle his seat belt.

Last April, on the day school let out for spring break, I was in the passenger seat of a truck when we crashed into another truck. I was not wearing my seat belt. You don't realize how lucky you are until you've had a piece of glass taken out of your eye and you can still see. When I looked at that mangled truck, I wondered how I ever got out alive.

After spending four hours in the hospital, I came home with a miserable looking swollen face. I've had a lot of plastic surgery, but it is now almost a year later and there is still glass in my face and several scars to remind me how foolish I was not to buckle up.

To all teenagers who think, "It can't happen to me," please remember this letter, and vow to use your seat belt every time you get into a car.—Ocala, Fla.

DEAR OCALA: Thank you for a convincing testimonial. Here's another one:

DEAR ANN LANDERS: I had to write to you after reading the letter from "A Grieving Aunt in Kenosha, Wis.," whose nephew was killed in a car accident.

Exactly one week before this letter was published, my teenage son, who is in the military, was coming home

LOS ANGELES (AP) - For one motorist, Jack Nicholson proved as scary in person as he can be in his films.

Nicholson was charged Monday with misdemeanor assault and vandalism for allegedly beating the car of a motorist with a golf club, the city attorney's office said.

Nicholson publicist Sandy Bressler did not return a telephone call.

Nicholson allegedly got out of a Mercedes-Benz at a red light in suburban Studio City on Feb. 8 and, using a golf club, began hitting a car driven by Robert Blank, according to a police report.

In a lawsuit filed last month, Blank said Nicholson apparently was angry because he felt he had been cut off in traffic. The lawsuit alleges assault and battery, infliction of emotional distress and false imprisonment.

Nicholson smashed the car's windshield and dented the roof, then got back into his car and drove away with a male passenger, Blank said.

for the weekend when he had an accident. He was in the passing lane, and his tire went off the side of the road.

My son was not an experienced driver, and his first instinct was to turn the wheel sharply. The car went completely across the road and flipped over. Although the car was totaled, there was a happy ending. He had his seat belt on, and his only injuries were a few scratches and a bump on the head. The state police told us that if he hadn't been wearing his seat belt, he surely would have gone through the windshield and probably would have been killed.

Ann, if this letter saves just one life, it will be worth the time it took to write it. Please, whether you are a teenager, middle-aged or a senior citizen, when you get into a vehicle, buckle up before you do anything else. Our state just made it mandatory. I believe this should be the law everywhere.—Mother of Two in West Virginia

DEAR W.VA.: I agree. It's been the law in Illinois since 1988. I will never forget the words of a highway patrol officer who said, "I've never unbuckled a dead man."

DEAR ANN LANDERS: My brother, who was 82, recently died. I was very close to "Edward," and although he wasn't much of a scholar, he worked hard all his life, was a good family man and had excellent character.

I can't understand why his wife told the minister that Edward had a favorite Walt Whitman poem, which was read at the service. I'm sure my brother never knew who Walt Whitman was. When I asked his wife about this later, she said, "I wanted him to look smart."

There was no need to lie, Ann. She could have left out the poetry, and Edward would have looked just as good. Why do people feel the need to do this? I hated the pretense, and my brother would have hated it even more.—Loving Sister in Jacksonville, Fla.

DEAR LOVING SIS: Don't be so hard on Edward's wife. She meant well, and no harm was done.

Feeling pressured to have sex? How well-informed are you? Write for Ann Landers' booklet "Sex and the Teenager." Send a self-addressed, long, business-size envelope and a check or money order for \$3.65 (this includes postage and handling) to: Teens, c/o Ann Landers, P.O. Box 11562, Chicago, Ill. 60611-0562.

Two HHS students present club program

Clara Jackson and Patrick Hayes, representing the Oral Interpretation Class at Hereford High School, spoke to members of La Madre Mia Study Club when the group met Feb. 24. Barbara Manning served as hostess and Mary Herring was co-hostess.

The students, under the leadership of sponsor Lani Hall, told about the high school speech department and how they became interested in competition. Patrick gave a reading on "Lions, Kings and Dragons" by Margaret Perry. Clara presented poems: "On the Disinclination to Scream" by Molly Fisk; "Two Percent" by Genevieve Marault; and "An Open Letter to All of My

Harassers—They Know Who They Are" by Clare Braz Valentine.

Committee reports were heard during the business session with President Francyne Bromlow presiding.

Roll call was answered by "your role."

The next meeting was scheduled March 10 with Georgia Sparks serving as hostess.

Those present were Francyne Bromlow, Merle Clark, Linda Cumpton, Mary Herring, Barbara Manning, Glenda Marcum, Gladys Merritt, Bettye Owen, Mysedia Smith, Georgia Sparks, Betty Taylor, Marlene Watson and Judy Williams.

Get in step with geography

Here's an active game to keep your kids in step with geography. With your help, your kids and their friends will enjoy transforming a room into areas of North America, learning about states and provinces along the way.

Here's how to set up the game:

Push the furniture back in your family room or basement to create a wide open space. If you live in a warm climate, you may wish to play outside.

Next, post paper signs around the open space indicating the four directions, North, South, East and West.

Make a pile of sheets of newspapers and set aside.

An adult or older child should place a sheet of newspaper at the far west end of the room to represent a particular place such as California, Oregon, Washington or British Columbia. Place a sheet at the east end to represent an eastern state or province. (If time permits, cut out the paper in the shape of the states and provinces). For young beginners, start with only four or five locations.

To play: Gather the players in the center of the room, recite the names of the states or provinces represented by the sheets you have laid out, and point to them. Assign one child to be the "caller" and the rest "runners". The caller shouts

An expedition of English colonists, including Capt. John Smith, went ashore April 26, 1607, at what is now Cape Henry, Va., to establish the first permanent settlement in the New World.

Naturalist and artist John James Audubon was born in Haiti in 1785.

Ask Dr. Lamb

DEAR DR. LAMB: My mother is in a nursing home. She has inoperable colon cancer and had a colostomy for intestinal obstruction. After the operation she seemed so weak and frail, lying in bed. She didn't have the strength to push herself up in bed to eat. I really didn't think she would ever get out of bed again. I realize the operation made her weak, but I was surprised in the change in her. A little later, she began forcing herself out of bed to walk around the nursing home. In a few weeks, she had regained a lot of strength and seemed to be so much better, in spite of cancer.

A lot of the people in the nursing home are in bed constantly. Doesn't that weaken them? Shouldn't all those people be out of bed? I read about the benefits of exercise but you don't hear anything about inactivity, such as bed rest.

DEAR READER: You are a good observer. Bed rest is unhealthy. It is bad for individuals in the peak of health and will make matters worse for individuals who are sick, old or feeble. Of course sometimes people have to be at bed rest for medical reasons, such as being in intensive care after surgery, but when there is no contraindication, it is best to stay out of bed.

Bed rest is one of the severe forms of inactivity. It eliminates the impor-

tant influence of gravity on the upright body. That can cause a loss of sodium and water from the tissues and makes a person feel faint or actually faint when standing or getting out of bed. I did a lot of studies on young healthy men at bed rest to evaluate what would happen to astronauts during weightlessness. They would lose five or six pounds of water in the first 24 hours at bed rest.

The resting heart rate speeds up, whereas a fitness program causes a slow resting heart rate. Bed rest mobilizes calcium from the bones, aggravating or causing osteoporosis in people in nursing homes at bed rest. The muscles deteriorate until a person doesn't have the strength to handle personal hygiene or dress himself without assistance.

Dr. Lamb welcomes letters from readers with health questions. You can write to him at P.O. Box 5537, Riverton, NJ 08077-5537. Although Dr. Lamb cannot reply to all letters personally, he will respond to selected questions in future columns.

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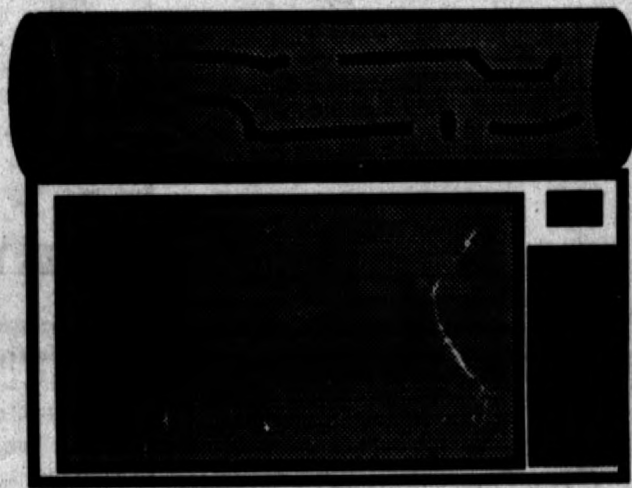
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NEW YORK (AP) - Now that the Olympics are finished, Nancy Kerrigan can get a make over while sipping Campbell's Soup with Mickey Mouse and wiggling her toes in Reeboks.

The 24-year-old figure skater has signed a multiyear contract with cosmetics giant Revlon, adding to her list of product endorsements.

Terms of the agreement were not given. The contract follows one Kerrigan signed with Walt Disney Co. for a reported \$2 million.

"Nancy possesses courage and beauty, qualities that women around the world admire," said George Fellows, chairman of Revlon North America.

In addition to the Disney contract, which includes a book and movie deal, as well as an ice special and personal appearances, Kerrigan has deals with Reebok and Campbell's Soup, among other companies.

NEW YORK (AP) - Well, David Letterman can afford to be gracious. He returned to his old haunt at NBC on Monday night with a \$14 million CBS contract and the highest-rated late night TV show.

His old "Late Night" theme music welcomed Letterman back on stage for his first official visit to the set where he spent 11 years as host.

"I love what you've done with the place," a relaxed, gracious Letterman told Conan O'Brien, his successor on NBC.

The appearance marked a shift in Letterman's relations with NBC, which angrily claimed Letterman's "Late Night" comedy bits as its "intellectual property" when he left the network in early 1993 after being passed over to replace Johnny Carson as host of the "Tonight" show.

ATLANTA (AP) - Nancy Wilson and Lena Horne, Muhammad Ali and former Mayor Tom Bradley are accomplished black Americans trumpeted by Turner Broadcasting System.

They were among 15 people honored Monday night at TBS' Trumpet Awards dinner. Others included poet Maya Angelou, novelist Terry McMillan, ABC newswoman Carole Simpson, and Anheuser-Busch executive Wayman F. Smith.

"The concept of this award is wonderful," Ms. McMillan said. "It's nice to know we are appreciated for what we do. I wish the list was longer - there are lots more of us."

Special recognition was extended to civil rights pioneer Rosa Parks; Judge Elbert Tuttle, senior judge of the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals; and Judge John Minor Wisdom, senior judge of the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.



Four-tined forks came into common use in American homes around 1800. Before that, two- or three-tined forks had been more customary.

In 1937, planes from Nazi Germany raided the Basque town of Guernica during the Spanish Civil War.

A nationwide test of the Salk anti-polio vaccine began in 1954.

Contact lenses can be a viable option. Bifocal contact lenses, in which one part of the lens is designed for near vision and the other for distance, are popular among many eye care practitioners and their patients.

Q: Where can I get more information about contact lenses?

For more information on contact lenses, order the two free brochures, "See the Difference Contacts Make," and "What you Need To Know About Safe Contact Lens Wear." Call the Contact Lens Council at 1-800-322-8640 (in Maryland, 301-428-3006), or write to the Contact Lens Council at P.O. Box 20/20, Clarksburg, MD 20871.

Q: What types of vision problems can contact lenses correct?

Contact lenses can correct nearsightedness and farsightedness. They can also correct vision problems in people with astigmatism and presbyopia. Many bifocal-wearers can wear contact lenses, too.

Q: What is the difference between nearsightedness and farsightedness?

Nearsightedness (also called myopia) is a condition which occurs when the eyeball is too long and light rays are focused in front of the retina. People with nearsightedness can see objects clearly close up but not at a distance. Contact lenses that correct this common condition are thinner in the center than on the edges; this helps redirect light rays to the retina.

Farsightedness (also called hyperopia) occurs when the eyeball is too short from front to back, causing light rays to be focused behind, rather than on, the retina. People with hyperopia have difficulty seeing objects close up. Contact lenses that are thicker in the center and thinner on the edges are prescribed to people with farsightedness.

Q: What does astigmatism mean?

Nearly 38 million Americans have an astigmatism. An astigmatism is an irregular curvature of the surface of the eye, but that doesn't mean you can't wear contact lenses. Today's "toric" contact lenses can be used to fit a patient who has an astigmatism.

Q: I wear bifocal eyeglasses, but I'd like to try contact lenses. Are contact lenses an option for me?

MACON, Ga. (AP) - They called it the Big House when Allman Brothers band members lived there in the early 1970s. Now the group's archivist and road manager is turning it into a bed-and-breakfast inn.

Kirk West bought the three-story Tudor house in Macon for \$100,000 and has put another \$100,000 into repairs. He and his wife, Kirsten, have already put an Allman Brothers museum into the front rooms of the 94-year-old house.

Kirsten West remembers what band leader Gregg Allman said when he heard of their wedding: "Poor little Kirkie - he'll have to give up the shrine."

"I didn't make him give up the shrine," she said. "I'm living in the shrine."

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Audit turns up \$4.9 million in illegal charges

YOU helped pay for yacht parties, bar tabs, fun trips

By JOHN DIAMOND
Associated Press Writer
WASHINGTON (AP) - Taxpayers in the past three years paid defense contractors for employees' trips to Hawaii, yacht parties, Boston Red Sox tickets, bar tabs and running shoes, congressional investigators reported today.

Two audits of seven defense contractors by the General Accounting Office turned up \$4.9 million in illegal or questionable charges passed on to the government by the companies. That amount was in addition to \$4.4 million in charges that the Pentagon's own contract watchdog agency had rejected.

"No, this is not Donald Trump's Visa bill," Sen. Jim Sasser, D-Tenn., chairman of the Senate Budget Committee, said in remarks prepared for a hearing. "It's the tab the American taxpayers are picking up for what defense contractors euphemistically call 'overhead.'" Sasser said neither the companies

involved nor the Defense Department were unique in this regard. "The point is that this abuse is happening all over government," he said. In fact, Previous audits of major defense firms turned up numerous instances of contract money used for such purposes as country club memberships, yachts and gifts.

The first audit report by the GAO, Congress' investigative arm, released today examined expenses submitted by six small defense contractors. That study, which was completed in the fall of 1992 but withheld until now, named the contractors but did not link any one example of abuse with a particular company.

Abuses uncovered by the GAO among the small companies included: -Bills from five of the six contractors for \$24,000 in alcoholic beverages. The bills included one submission for \$1,621 in government reimbursement for a "working" dinner attended by 21 employees and for which the bar tab amounted to nearly half the total.



The study found \$2 million in illegal or questionable expenses in addition to \$1 million rooted out by Pentagon contract auditors.

The second GAO study, also requested by Sasser, examined E-Systems Inc., of Dallas, a top defense electronics firm. Here, auditors identified \$2.9 million in illegal or questionable charges in addition to \$3.4 million uncovered earlier by the Pentagon.

Among other things, the GAO said E-Systems improperly billed the Pentagon \$1.9 million in costs associated with a merger. The company also violated a federal plea agreement and sought reimbursement of \$4,200 in court costs associated with the Justice Department's prosecution of four employees, it said.

All of the contractors examined by the GAO declined invitations to attend today's hearing.

The 1992 report covered six small defense contractors: Electromagnetic Sciences Inc. of Norcross, Ga.; Foster-Miller Inc. of Waltham, Mass.; MA-COM Inc. of Wakefield, Mass.; Sippican Inc. of Marion, Mass.; Sparta Inc. of Laguna Hills, Calif.; and SRS Technologies of Newport Beach, Calif.

Elsa Boggs, an assistant to the

chief executive officer at SRS, and Tony Bracken, marketing vice president for Sippican, both said their companies would have no comment. Calls placed to the other four contractors Wednesday evening were not returned immediately.

About \$62,000 in expenses related to the personal use of a company yacht. "The boat, a 46-foot sport fishing vessel, was used for both product testing and entertainment," the report said.

About \$333,000 in bills from one contractor for travel to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico; Jamaica, Grand Cayman Island and Hawaii for business meetings.

\$14,000 over two years for tickets and parking for Boston Red Sox baseball and Boston Celtics basketball games. Also from the same company: \$10,000 for "schooner rentals" for 40 employees and their guests, \$12,000 in cable television charges for retirees and \$5,800 for running shoes for employees.

A \$10,600 tab from one contractor for a buffet party with a three-page menu including caviar, salmon and smoked duck. The tab included \$1,500 for decorations and flowers and \$150 for lottery tickets given as Christmas party prizes.

Harding appearances not 'hot item'

LOS ANGELES (AP) - No Excuses jeans said "no thank you" to Tonya Harding. "We want somebody a little more universally liked," said Dari Marder, vice president of marketing for the jeans-maker. "At this point, we have no plans to use her."

Nancy Kerrigan is cashing in on her silver medal with lucrative appearances for Disney, Revlon, Reebok and Campbell Soup.

But Harding's people got nowhere when they explored a deal with No Excuses, Marder told the Los Angeles Times.

Harding apparently lacks the appeal of earlier spokeswomen such as Maria Maples, whose affair with The Donald broke up the Trumps' marriage, and Donna Rice, whose liaison with Gary Hart ruined his presidential hopes in 1988.

Even Nike, based in Harding's home state of Oregon, cut ties with the skater after she finished eighth at the Olympics and returned to face a grand jury probe into her role in the attack on Kerrigan.

Nike gave Harding \$25,000 to help with her Olympic-related finances.

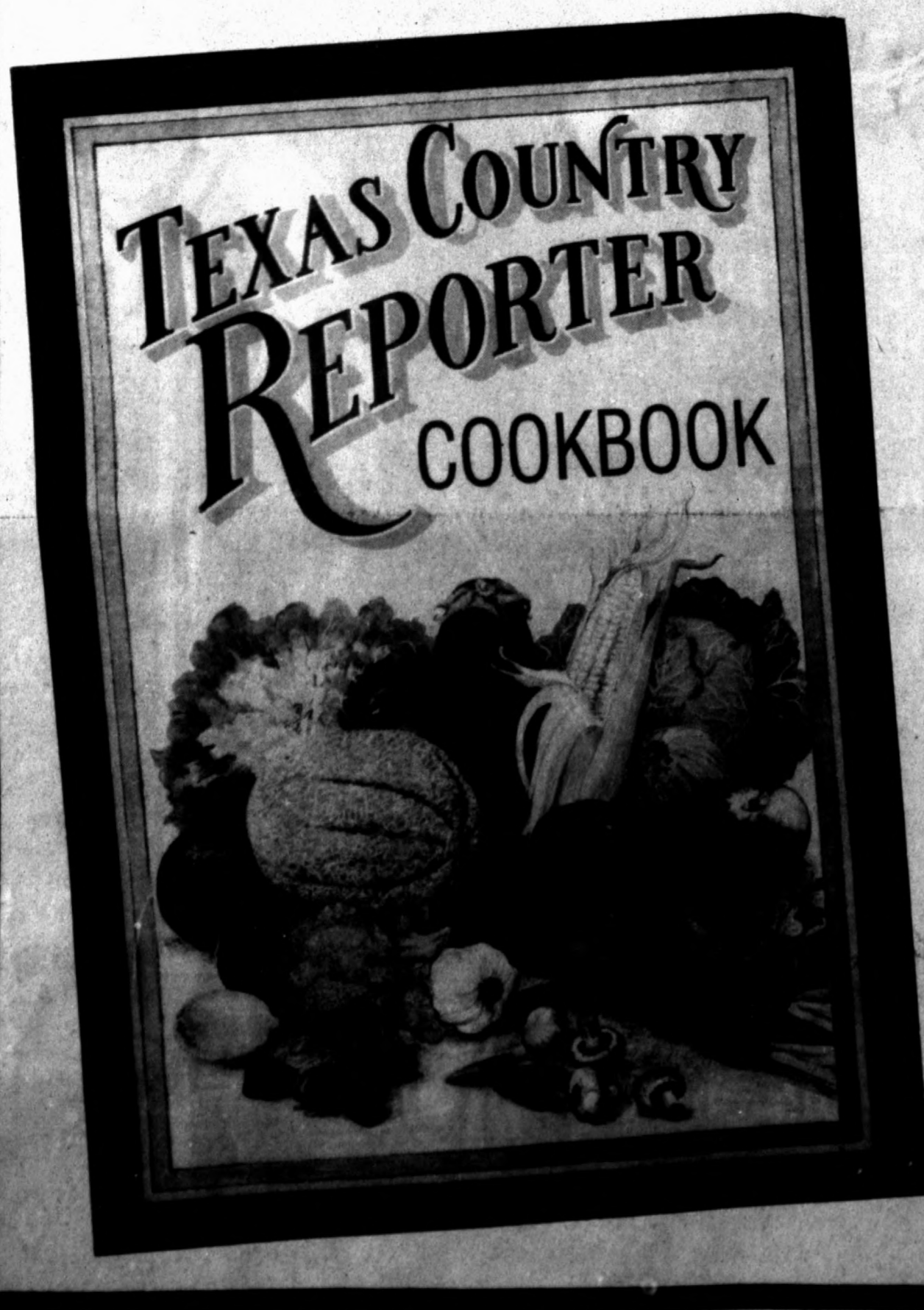
Chamber Singers..in the '70s

The Hereford Chamber Singers will present special entertainment at tonight's Chamber of Commerce Banquet. The group will celebrate its 25th anniversary by forming a reunion group of present and past members. The group photo above was made

several years after the unique choir was founded in 1974. A few have moved but most are still around. Bill Devers, top left, is a founding member and original director. Bobby Boyd, standing at front left, is a founder and current board president.

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