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White House wants 90-cent wage jump

By DIANE DUSTON
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) - The minimum wage would be increased by 90 cents and hour over two years, with a 45-cent raise the first year after enactment and another 45-cent raise the next year to \$5.15, one source said.

The increase over the current \$4.25 would be phased in over two years, with a 45-cent raise the first year after enactment and another 45-cent raise the next year to \$5.15, one source said.

President Clinton planned a Rose Garden announcement of the proposal today. In his State of the Union address he wanted to raise the rate, but delayed making a specific proposal until he could consult with Congress.

Chances of such an increase passing Congress are dismal, however, since majority Republicans are strongly opposed. The last increase, 45 cents an hour, was in 1991.

House Majority Leader Dick Army of Texas, in fact, has said he'd like to do away with the minimum wage altogether and would fight any increases "with every fiber of my being."

Without confirming the 90-cent-an-hour figure, White House spokeswoman Ginny Terzano said late Thursday, "The president thinks that an increase in the minimum wage altogether and would fight any increases "with every fiber of my being."

She added, "It's going to help working families and single mothers with children who are struggling to make ends meet."

House Minority Leader Dick Gephardt, D-Mo., said congressional Democrats had been working with the White House on the proposal and "we will work with the administration to try to get it done in this Congress."

The White House said it recognizes passing the bill will be an uphill battle, but hopes to define a debate that puts Clinton on the side of working-class Americans.

"The important thing to note is that the Democrats are for increasing the minimum wage and the Republicans are not," Gephardt said Thursday.

Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., has introduced legislation calling for three 50-cent increases over three years.

Army and other Republicans have said that raising the wage would cause Americans to lose jobs because companies unable to afford the increases would lay off employees.

But Democrats meeting privately on strategies to push the wage increase said the New Jersey Legislature raised the state minimum wage by 80 cents to \$5.05 an hour a few years ago and did not experience job losses.

In a draft statement timed to coincide with the announcement, the AFL-CIO praised the president's plans to raise the wage, but said "the real value of the minimum wage has dropped to its lowest level in 40 years" and the wage would have to be raised to \$5.75 an hour to bring minimum pay to the level it has been in the past, relative to average wages.

U.S. aid being cut in face of cash shortage

By GEORGE GEDDA
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) - Last fall, U.S. officials had the unpleasant duty of informing the Turkish government that American assistance was being summarily cut by \$25 million. The money was needed to help ensure the survival of the newly reinstated democracy in Haiti.

The phenomenon of moving foreign aid funds from one program to another to deal with crises is not uncommon. It occurred after the U.S. intervention in Rwanda last year as well.

To put it bluntly, the State Department has a cash crisis.

There's no help in sight. In his fiscal 1996 budget being released Monday, President Clinton is expected to request a slight increase over the \$19.7 billion State Department budget for 1995.

The Defense Department gets 15

time as much as the State Department and other agencies involved in international affairs, whose combined budget is only 56 percent of what it was in 1984, in constant dollars. In the late 1940s, one federal dollar in six was spent on foreign affairs; now it's one in 85.

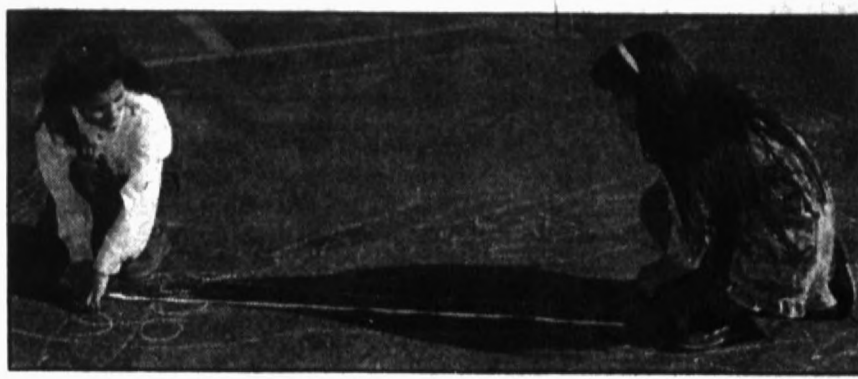
The bulk of the international affairs budget, about \$13 billion, goes for foreign assistance. That figure has been pared substantially, and the administration is expected to resist calls in Congress for far greater cuts.

Secretary of State Warren Christopher said Thursday that the administration faces "severe budget stringencies."

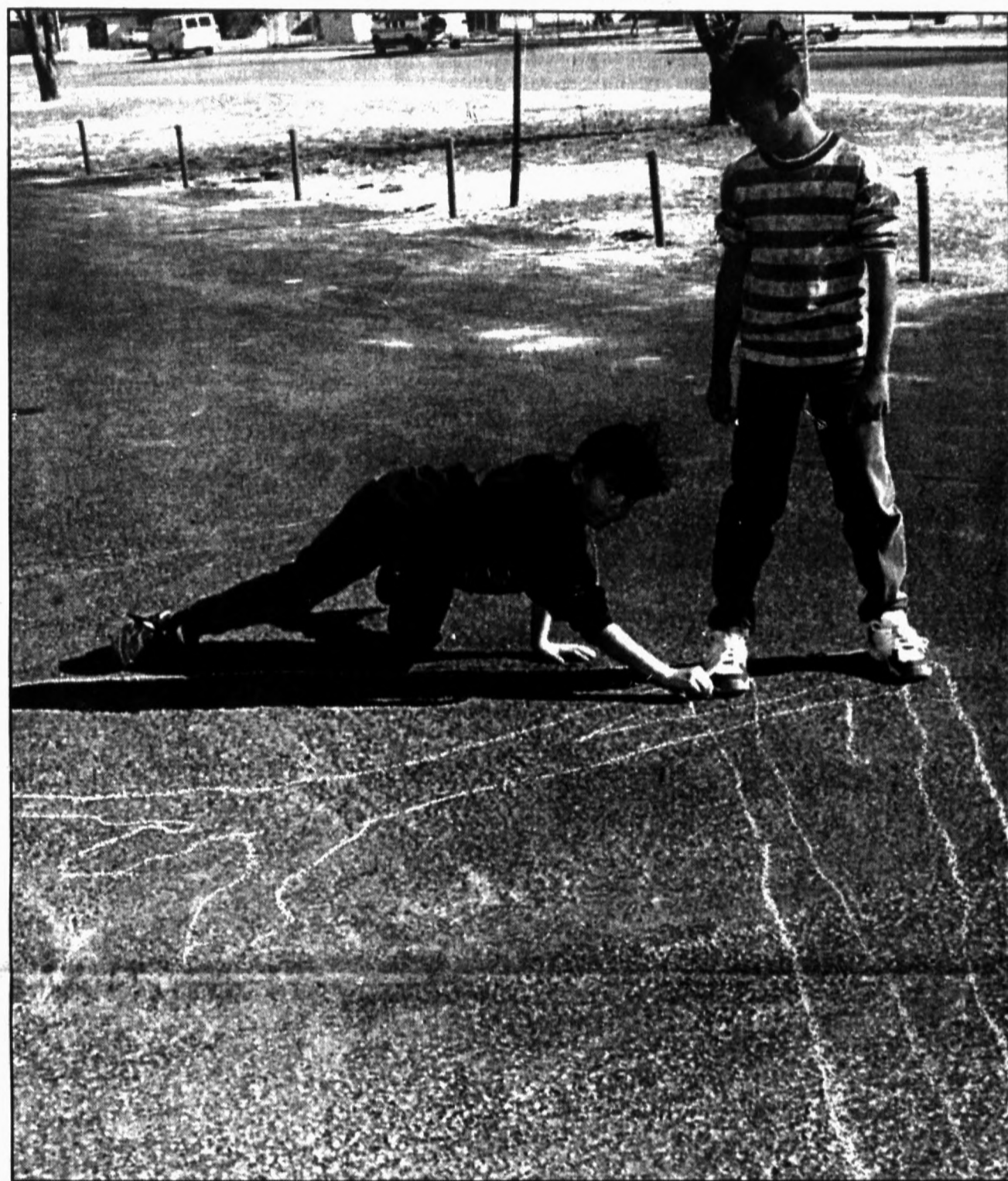
J. Brian Atwood, administrator of the Agency for International Development, put it another way: "We're already robbing Peter to pay Paul."

The cuts are being felt in large

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Shadow Markers



Future of TexPool uncertain

By PAULINE ARRILLAGA
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) - Treasury officials are working to rebuild public confidence in the state's \$2 billion municipal investment fund, while some lawmakers are pondering whether it should be abolished.

Rep. Ken Marchant, chairman of the House Financial Institutions Committee, said Thursday he would consider filing legislation to kill TexPool if the state cannot reduce its risk in the fund.

"If indeed there is no way to ensure that the state of Texas does not

have monetary exposure in the fund, then I feel like we should reconsider our position on the fund," said Marchant, R-Coppell.

The Dallas Morning News reported in Thursday's editions that Rep. Rob Junell, D-San Angelo, already has drafted a proposal to kill the fund. Junell, chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, declined to comment on the report.

Marchant said a House member had drafted a bill that is "not even approached to being done" and said nothing has been filed yet concerning TexPool. He would not say whether the completed proposal would call for abolishing the fund.

TexPool, created five years ago by the state Treasury, is an investment fund for local governments. A six-day run on the pool in December emptied the fund of \$2 billion.

State Treasurer Martha Whitehead, who insisted investor fears were unfounded, blamed the withdrawals on troubles in the Orange County, Calif., investment pool that forced the county into bankruptcy and a report on TexPool in the Wall Street Journal.

The Treasury sold \$2.37 billion of its securities to cover the withdrawals, resulting in a loss of \$55 million to the agency.

Over the past three weeks, several lawmakers have met with Mrs. Whitehead to discuss ways to increase the stability of the fund, Marchant said.

Marry sentenced to prison

A 30-year prison sentence was assessed a defendant in 222nd District Court who entered a guilty plea Thursday to forgery by passing.

Probated sentences were given another defendant on pleas of guilty to two separate charges and probation of a defendant was revoked, on a motion by the state.

Ruben Marry Jr., 32, was sentenced to 30 years in Texas Department of Criminal Justice institutional division after pleading guilty to the forgery charge, a first degree felony.

Ernesto Molina Jr., 18, will serve

"We want to try to make sure that constituents that have been served by the pool continue to be served, but we need to make sure that the state is not at a significant risk in the pool ever again," Marchant said.

"We have discussed several options with Martha. We're trying over the next month to try to come up with a solution," he said.

TexPool had assets of \$3.7 billion at the beginning of December and \$1.4 billion at the end of the year. The fund currently contains \$2.6 billion and has 1,372 investors, Treasury spokesman Steve Garven said.

"TexPool is a sound, safe and secure program, and Treasurer Whitehead is ... committed to the program," Garven said.

The TexPool advisory board last week adopted several changes in the program in an effort to rebuild public confidence, Garven said.

The revisions included reducing the fund's average weighted maturity from 270 days to 90 days, reducing the maximum maturity of any investment from three years to 13 months, and prohibiting any investments in derivatives.

If TexPool were abolished, municipalities would have to turn to private firms to handle their investments. However, Garven said the state program is more convenient and less expensive, because the state has its own direct link to the Federal Reserve Bank for money transfers.

a seven-year deferred adjudication probation for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. A seven-year prison sentence, probated seven years, was assessed for burglary of a motor vehicle. On each conviction, he also was fined \$1,000.

On the probation revocation motion, District Court Judge David Wesley Gully revoked the probation of Bobby Rodriguez, 17, and sentenced the defendant to nine years in TDCJ, with diversion to Special Alternative Incarceration Program. His original sentence was 10 years.

Making their mark

On Thursday, Bluebonnet Intermediate School kindergarten and fifth grade students celebrated Groundhog Day by making some shadows of their own. The students went to the parking lot four times during the day -- 8:45 a.m., 10:45 a.m., 12:45 p.m. and 2:45 p.m. -- where they took turns outlining their shadows in chalk. Students then measured their shadows to compare the lengths during the day. At top, Lori Rodriguez, left, and Liliane Esparza check Lori's shadow with a measuring tape, learning that the 2:45 p.m. shadow was 241 centimeters, or 96.4 inches, or just over 8 feet, long. Below, Nickson Whatley, standing, watches as Erik Gallardo outlines his shadow. Nickson's afternoon shadow was in the same place as previous endeavors, giving him a three-way chalk figure stretching out across the parking lot.

Texas Republicans, Democrats meet together for friendly meal

WASHINGTON (AP) - The food was nothing to write home about and the setting was nondescript, but a Texas luncheon on Capitol Hill nonetheless proved historic.

For the first time since the 1950s, Democrats and Republicans in Texas' congressional delegation dined together, sharing a meal Thursday in an out-of-the-way Senate basement room.

Even though the delegation is renowned as one of the most cohesive in Congress, the state's lawmakers have caucused separately for decades -- Democrats on Wednesdays, Republicans on Thursdays.

The details have been lost over time. But it seems the dining separation began in the 1950s after House Speaker Sam Rayburn of Texas was angered by a Republican's behavior. Rayburn's edict against bipartisan lunches was enforced with gusto by a later delegation dean, crusty Democrat Jack Brooks of Beaumont.

"I always favored doing this before, but I didn't push it too hard because I was afraid Brooks would burn me with his cigar," quipped Rep. Charlie Wilson, D-Lufkin.

With Brooks' defeat last November, the way was clear for a tableside reunion. The result was

Thursday's lunch, attended by 28 of the delegation's 32 members.

"There wasn't any growling (or) gnashing of teeth and nobody got in a fistfight or challenged anybody to a duel," Rep. Joe Barton, R-Ennis, said afterwards.

At least on organizer was relieved the event came off without a hitch.

Rep. Pete Geren, D-Fort Worth, has professed concern that the luncheon would be a replay of a junior high school dance, with the boys on one side of the room and the girls on the other.

"There wasn't any growling (or) gnashing of teeth and nobody got in a fistfight or challenged anybody to a duel."

Rep. Joe Barton

"Everybody got to dance," said Republic Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison, who helped orchestrate the get-together.

"No wallflowers," Geren agreed.

Some lawmakers professed curiosity why reporters were standing in the hallway chronicling arrivals. "Are you gathering for this historic moment?" asked

House Majority Whip Tom DeLay, a Republican from Sugar Land.

"Isn't this neat?"

Not sighted were Democrats Henry B. Gonzalez of San Antonio, who is now dean of the delegation; Ron Coleman of El Paso and Ralph Hall of Rockwall, and Republican Steve Stockman of Friendswood.

After munching on hamburgers and fries or turkey sandwiches and chips, the Texans pronounced the meeting a success. They also suggested more bipartisan lunches will be in the offing.

"It was absolutely wonderful," said Mrs. Hutchison. "We did the things that we wanted to do, which was get to know each other, talk about our interests that are common and I think it's going to be very productive."

After members made the rounds of the U-shaped table, reminding colleagues of their names and committee assignments, the group got down to business. A key topic was the upcoming round of base closings -- of importance because of Texas' 19 defense installations.

"The delegation is doing exactly what we would expect: they are talking about business related to Texas," said House Majority leader Dick Army, a Republican from Lewisville. "I think we will do it at least once a month."

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Coming in Sunday's Brand

Last year, Hereford police answered more than 11,000 calls for service and drove more than a quarter of a million miles in their quest to keep city streets safe.

Officers investigated more than 4,000 total criminal offenses, from murder to drunkenness and from robbery to run-aways.

On Sunday, see a breakdown of those 1994 crime statistics and how criminal activity here compares with that reported in prior years.

Also see how many people were arrested here and look at some things officers do that are not related to actual criminal investigations or patrol duties.

Lifestyles

Ann Landers

Solution used for kicking smoking habit

DEAR ANN LANDERS: I may have a solution for people who smoke and want to stop. It worked for me, I started smoking at 15. By the time I was 40, I was coughing and wheezing and couldn't run half a block. I wanted to quit smoking but couldn't.

Then one August, I decided on a plan to stop for good. My 51st birthday was approaching on Nov. 27. Each time I lit a cigarette, and each time I put it out, I would say to myself, "I will stop smoking on Nov. 27." Since I was a pack-and-a-half-a-day man, that meant 60 repetitions daily for 90 days, or about 5,400 total repetitions.

As Nov. 27 neared, I was actually

smoking less and looking forward to the arrival of my birthday. I had my last cigarette the evening of Nov. 26 and have never desired one since. That was 16 years ago.

I would like to share this method with others who have the same problem and hope they find it as simple as I did. One footnote: When you are repeating this message to yourself, MEAN IT.--Bob in Tallahassee, Fla.

DEAR TALL: Thanks for a letter that will surely inspire a great many people to try your system--and some will succeed. Bless you.

DEAR ANN LANDERS: I have

a heartwarming story for all the dog lovers in your reading audience.

I'm a 37-year-old woman who has a passion for homeless dogs, and I currently have four. Two weeks ago, however, one of my pets got out of our yard and was killed. "Katey" was very precious to me. I buried her in my backyard, under the apple tree.

A few days later, I was passing out dog treats to my pets. When I gave "Hannah" her milkbone, she took it, calmly walked over to Katey's grave and placed it there and then solemnly walked away. I cried for half an hour.

Please, Ann, remind your readers to remember when they are ready to adopt a pet, to consider the local humane society. There are so many

animals who need good homes, and humane societies are just waiting for kind and caring people to walk through the doors.--Luling, Texas

DEAR TEXAS: Here's your letter, and I'll bet it produces results.

DEAR ANN LANDERS: I am strictly on the pro side of keeping adoption records sealed. My adopted daughter has been the joy of my life for 46 years. "Eva" has no interest in her birth family. We were told when we adopted her that she was the product of a Southern belle and a sweetheart who was not acceptable to her high-class family.

This summer, Eva was contacted by a woman who claimed to be her blood sister. She told Eva that their mother was a victim of spousal abuse and that her father was a bootlegging, ne'er-do-well bouncer.

How much better it would have been for Eva and her family if we could have remained blissfully ignorant instead of being intruded upon by one who felt Eva had a "right to know."

Blood relatives are relatives by accident. Adoptees are relatives by CHOICE.--No State, Except Confusion

DEAR FRIEND: How right you are. I'm sure many adopted readers will applaud what you have written.

Casual fashions in style for summer menswear

NEW YORK (AP)—The future of menswear is so relaxed it adds up to a full week of Casual Fridays, forecasts the National Association of Men's Sportswear Buyers in its annual survey.

But underline casual, definitely not scruffy. The trade organization's executive director, Jack Herschlag, notes that some men turned up at work in beat-up clothes at the

beginning of the Casual Friday movement. After a while, they decided they didn't like to see themselves that way - especially if they had after-work social plans - and began to opt for more fashionable casual clothes.

"Suddenly men became free, like women, to pull items from all parts of their wardrobe to put together outfits of their own creation, whether it's dressy, casual or active," he says.

Menus

HEREFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Breakfast

MONDAY-Mini bite pancakes with sausage, syrup or cereal, buttered toast, rosemary applesauce, milk.

TUESDAY-Scrambled eggs, buttered toast or cereal, buttered toast, orange juice, chocolate milk.

WEDNESDAY-Breakfast bagel or cereal, buttered toast, mixed fruit, milk.

THURSDAY-Sausage patties, biscuit and jelly or cereal, buttered toast, orange wedges, chocolate milk.

FRIDAY-Texas style cinnamon toast or cereal, buttered toast, banana, milk.

Lunch

MONDAY-Chicken nuggets with gravy, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, hot apple raisin cobbler, whole wheat rolls and butter, chocolate milk.

TUESDAY-Western burger,

cabbage apple salad, buttered corn, strawberry apple dessert, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Soft tacos with picante sauce, lettuce and tomatoes, pinto beans, Spanish rice, pineapple T.B., cinnamon roll, chocolate milk.

THURSDAY-Turkey and dressing casserole, cranberry sauce, candied yams, green peas, fruit salad, hot rolls and butter, milk.

FRIDAY-Chili dog, tator tots with catsup, baked beans, orange frozen fruit, juice cup, bun, chocolate milk.

ST. ANTHONY'S SCHOOL

MONDAY-Submarine sandwich, carrot sticks, vegetarian beans, peaches, milk.

TUESDAY-Soft burritos, rice, tossed salad, cowboy bread, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Turkey pot pie, blackeyed peas, biscuit, jello, milk.

THURSDAY-Chili mac, green beans, whole wheat roll, applesauce, milk.

FRIDAY-Grilled cheese sandwich, ranch style beans, coleslaw, peach cobbler, milk.

Church News

ST. THOMAS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

"Peter the Catcher" is the title of the sermon by the Rev. Charles A. Wilson on the Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany. The Holy Eucharist is celebrated at 11 a.m. and there is a coffee hour after the service.

The regular Wednesday Public Service of Healing is at 7 p.m. with the Litany of Healing, the Laying-on-of-Hands with Holy Unction, and Holy Communion. We will use the proper liturgy "For the Sick".

Intercessory prayer requests from the community are most welcome. To have them included in the Prayers of the People at all services, please call 364-0146 and leave a message. In case of emergency or to make appointments for personal conferences, please call Father Wilson in Amarillo at 353-1734.

There is Christian Education each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. Children and youth meet in the Sunday school room in the Education wing. The Adult Class continues a series of videos/discussions called "Issues and Ethics" from the VISN Network on the Faith and Values Channel. The Adult Class meets in the Ruth Warner Room.

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

Pastor Red and congregation would like to invite you to join us for morning worship this Sunday at 10:30. The sermon will be "We're Going to the Other Side," a parallel between Jesus and the disciples crossing the Sea of Galilee and the church of the last days.

The Senior Adults luncheon will be Saturday at the Cracker Barrel. All Senior Adults are invited to meet Pastor Ted and Evelyn at the Church, we will leave at 11 a.m. Contact Johnnie Turrentine for reservations at 364-0999.

There will be a teen sponsored Valentine's steak dinner Feb. 11 in the church gym at 7 p.m. RSVP to the church office by 5 p.m. Thursday. Bring your sweetheart!

Men's breakfast will be held Saturday at 7 a.m. in the Nazarene Church Fellowship Hall. All men are encouraged to come and have breakfast and fellowship afterwards. Bring paint brushes and rollers as we will be painting the Nursery.

The Zone Teen Talent Competition will be starting Feb. 5 at 10 a.m. in the Amarillo First Church of the Nazarene. There will be quizzing, drama, singing, sports and anyone planning to participate at Youth A Rama. There will be a \$5 entry fee for each participant. Other Talent Zone Competition begins Feb. 22 with our church performance, Zone Quizzing Feb. 24 and Talent Feb. 25.

The Bible study on Tuesday mornings, with teacher Susie Merrick, is studying the book of Revelation.

The Sunday schedule includes Bible study at 9:30 a.m., morning worship at 10:30 and evening worship at 6.

Wednesday services, all at 7 p.m., are Kids Fall program, teen "Club Paradise" and adult Bible study.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Mark these important dates on your calendar--Feb. 3-5!

These are the dates for the Winter Bible Study. The study starts at 7 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, and at 10 a.m. on Sunday.

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Don't miss this grand opportunity to grow in the grace and freedom of Jesus.

COUNTRY ROAD CHURCH OF GOD

Pastor Woody Wiggins and the church congregation invite the public to attend all services and activities at the church.

Sunday school begins at 10 a.m. and the Sunday worship services are held at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Bible study is conducted at 7 p.m. each Thursday.

A nursery is available. Pastor Wiggins said, "If you are needing a place to worship, come be with us. We are here for those who are hurting."

CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY CHURCH

Pastor Don Cherry and the church congregation invite the public to attend all services at the church located on S. Main St.

We have dismissed Sunday school for the time being and changed our Sunday morning worship service time to 10:30. The Sunday evening service will remain the same (6 p.m.) as will the Wednesday night service at 7.

For additional information, call 364-5874.

CALVARY WORSHIP CENTER

Pastor Vincent Sandlin and congregation would like to extend a friendly welcome to everyone to come and worship with us this Sunday.

We have two services on Sunday. The morning worship is at 10 and evening fellowship at 6. A nursery is provided.

Bible study on Wednesday evening at 7 is led by Brother Vince. For additional information or prayer call 364-1757.

COMMUNITY CHURCH

Pastor Dorman Duggan and the church congregation would like to extend a warm welcome to everyone to come and worship with them Sunday morning.

Sunday school for all ages begins at 9:30 a.m. and the morning worship service starts at 10:30. A nursery is provided.

The Ladies Prayer Group meets on Tuesday at 9:30 a.m.

The Wednesday schedule includes children's church, youth groups, and prayer time, all beginning at 7 p.m.

For more information or if you need prayer, call 364-8866 or 364-2423.

TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday school begins at 10 a.m. and the Sunday worship services are held at 11 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Pastor Ed Warren and the church congregation invite the public to all services at the church located on S. Hwy. 385 and Columbia St.

For additional information, call 364-3487.

SUMMERFIELD BAPTIST CHURCH

The public is invited to attend all of the church services. Sunday school is held at 10 a.m. and the Sunday worship services are held at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. The Wednesday service is held at 7 p.m.

For more information, call 357-2535.

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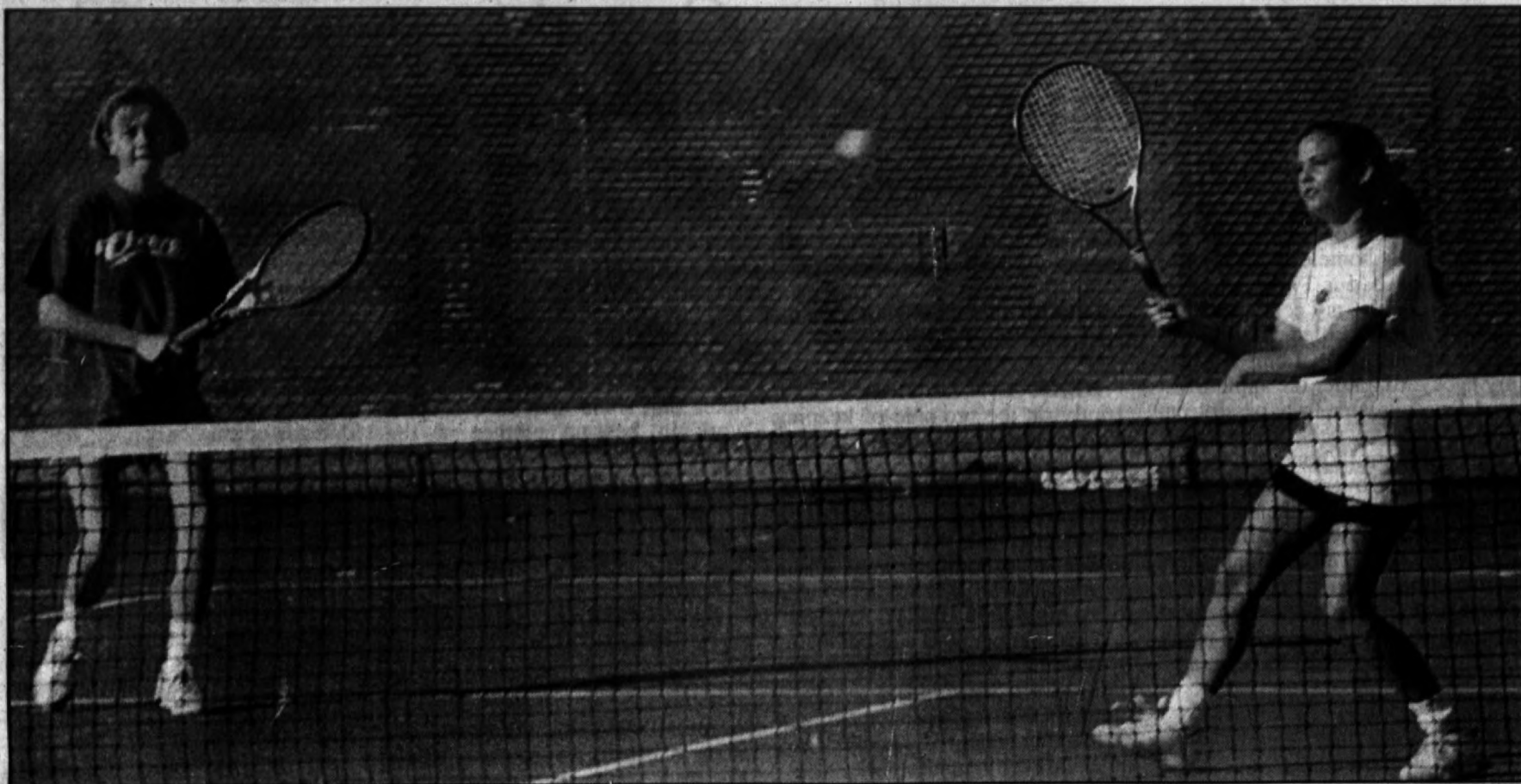
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Sports



Top doubles team

Natalie McWhorter (right) hits the tennis ball as doubles teammate Paige Robbins looks on. The Hereford girls, who took third

place in girls' doubles at last year's District 1-4A tournament, are back to try again this year.

Herd netters open spring season

Considering the nice weather this week, it seems Mother Nature knows that two Hereford teams are starting their spring schedules this weekend.

The girls' golf team started today, playing in a two-day tournament in San Angelo. The tennis team starts Saturday, when it hosts three teams at Whiteface Courts.

The tennis team returns many players from the group that took second in District 1-4A in team tennis in the fall. However, the focus in the spring is on individual and doubles play.

"We had a balanced team in the fall," coach Ed Coplen said. "Our (Nos.) 4, 5 and 6 boys were nearly as good as our 1, 2 and 3. But that doesn't work as well in spring, because you're going one-on-one with the district."

Several of the Hereford players who placed at last year's district meet are back this year. Natalie McWhorter and Paige Robbins took third in girls' doubles. B.J. Lockmiller and Tom Jarecki were fourth in boys' doubles. In boys' singles, Rob Reinauer beat out teammate Tyler Merrick for third place.

The probable favorites in singles competition are both from Borger: Dawna Denny, the girls singles champ last year, and Matt Thompson, the runner-up among boys last year.

"It's going to be real hard to get out of our district in both boys and girls," Coplen said. "At the district meet, it's just who gets hot that weekend."

Doubles favorites are harder to pick, because doubles teams change so often. As for Hereford's teams, McWhorter and Robbins will stay together, Coplen said, but Jarecki and Lockmiller may not play doubles together.

"I don't know what we're going to do with the boys," Coplen said. "We probably won't know until the end of February."

Hereford will host three tournaments this year. The first will be a small varsity tournament Feb. 24-25; Coplen planned it just because he couldn't find a good one to go to that weekend. The second will be a junior varsity tournament March 10-11.

The third tournament will be the big one: the Beef Capital of the World Tournament March 24-25. Last year's inaugural tournament was a big success, Coplen said, with sponsorship from many of the area's

cattle feeders and other businesses.

On Saturday, Hereford will play Clovis, N.M. at 9 a.m., then play Lubbock High at 1:30. Also in Hereford, Pampa will play Lubbock High at 9 a.m., then play Clovis at 1:30. Interestingly, Hereford won't play Pampa because then it would be technically considered a tournament.

Lubbock High will be especially good competition for Hereford, since the Westerners beat Hereford 12-6 in a dual match in August.

"This'll let us see how much we've progressed since back in August," Coplen said.

Herd cagers go to Borger

As the spring sports start their seasons, many Hereford basketball teams are winding down their seasons.

The varsity teams play a District 1-4A doubleheader tonight in Borger. The girls' game, at 6 p.m., will be the Hereford girls' second-to-last game of the season.

The Hereford boys have three more games in the regular season after tonight, but the Herd is fighting for a playoff berth. Borger also is still in the running, but a loss tonight would

virtually eliminate the Bulldogs.

Hereford will play Borger in three other games tonight in Borger: the sophomore boys at 4:30; the junior varsity boys at 6; and the JV girls at 7:30.

The ninth grade girls play their last game Saturday, when Caprock comes to Hereford at 10 a.m. The Hereford Junior High girls wrap up their season Monday in Canyon, with games at 5:30 and 6:45.

The seasons of the sub-varsity boys last an extra week. The freshmen boys go to Amarillo Saturday to play Caprock, with games at 10 a.m. and 11:30. The HJH boys host Canyon Monday, with games at 5:30 and 6:45.

Herd baseball scrimmages set

The high school baseball season starts soon, and chances are the Whitefaces won't strike. Hereford has two scrimmages coming up. The first is against Frenship, the team that knocked the Herd out of the playoffs last year. They'll meet at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday in Wolforth. The second scrimmage is against Dimmitt, at 1 p.m. Feb. 18 in Dimmitt.

There will also be an Alumni Game at 2 p.m. Feb. 18, and coach Pete Rodriguez reports that he has enough former players to take on the current Herd in the exhibition.

The season starts for real Feb. 21, when Estacado comes to Hereford for a 4 p.m. game.

Here are starting dates for Hereford's other teams:

Girls' track: Feb. 11, at the Lubbock Christian Indoor Meet.

Boys' track: Feb. 24, at the Frenship Tiger Relays in Wolforth.

Boys' golf: March 3-4, at a tournament in Andrews.

Bowling

Monday Night Mixed

Team	W	L
Juanita's Express Burrito	55.5	28.5
Mixed Up	46.5	33.5
Allied Millwrights	45.5	38.5
Bryan's Sprinkler Service	45.5	38.5
Maria's	41.5	42.5
Cheeto Bandits	39.5	36.5
7 Pin	35	49
Have Shoes Will Run	17	59

High game, women: Glenda Minson, 209; Mandi Jones, 190; Sandi Blevins, 185.

High series, women: Minson, 572; Blevins, 502; Janice Holmes, 494.

High game, men: Shawn Minson, 216; Tracy Minson, 203; Bryan Bone, 179.

High series, men: T. Minson, 587; S. Minson, 560; Roy Blevins, 501.

300 wrestlers coming here for Hereford Open tourney

About 300 young wrestlers will be in Hereford Saturday for the Hereford Open, a tournament hosted by the Hereford YMCA Wrestling Club.

The Open will be held at Hereford Junior High, starting at 9 a.m. Saturday and finishing up at about 6 or 7 p.m. Admission is free, organizer Rip Evers said. Evers is head coach of the Hereford wrestlers.

The tournament is sanctioned as a state qualifier, which means winners in Hereford will qualify for the state tournament Feb. 17 in Amarillo. It will draw wrestlers aged 6-15 from Amarillo, Wichita Falls, Dumas, Borger, Randall, Boys Ranch, Gruver, Albuquerque, N.M. and Carlsbad, N.M.

Members of the Hereford club, each of which will wrestle 4-7 matches during the day, are: Jeremiah Beltran, Felix Barrientos, Chris Rodriguez, Vince Burrows, Charlie Stubbs, Orlando Bustos, Joseph Bustos, Kris Kathy, Trey Lusk, Matt Lusk, William Shows, Javier Alonzo, Gilbert Rodriguez, Victor Duran, Matt Irish, Bryan Shows and Randall Burrows. Tony Hubner also is member of the team but is too old to wrestle in this tournament. The team is coached by Evers, Ron Duryee and Byron Shows.

The team has competed in 10 tournaments this season, earning 68 individual trophies. Most recently, the team competed in Wichita Falls, where Joseph Bustos at 85 pounds and Trey Lusk at 100 pounds earned titles as rookie state champions (for boys who are in their first year of competitive wrestling).

Jeremiah Beltran won his heavyweight division in Wichita Falls, earning his eighth first place trophy of the season. Also in Wichita Falls, Charlie Stubbs earned a third-place trophy and William Shows took a fourth-place.

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Hereford	6 2	17 8
Canyon	5 3	19 5
Randall	4 3	15 12
Borger	3 4	14 10
Caprock	2 6	4 22
Dumas	0 8	7 17

Tuesday's games

Hereford 68, Dumas 46
Pampa 90, Canyon 81
Borger 64, Caprock 54
Randall was idle

Girls

District	Overall	
Canyon	10 0	24 1
Randall	8 1	22 4
Dumas	7 2	20 10
Hereford	4 6	16 11
Borger	3 6	10 17
Pampa	1 8	6 19
Caprock	0 10	1 25

Tuesday's games

Dumas 46, Hereford 41
Canyon 50, Pampa 27
Borger 52, Caprock 41
Randall was idle

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Rockets bomb Jazz, stop road win streak

By CHRIS SHERIDAN
AP Sports Writer

Say good-bye to the longest NBA streaks of the season.

The Utah Jazz lost on the road for the first time since Nov. 19, dropping a 121-101 decision at Houston in a rematch of last year's Western Conference finals. Had they won, the Jazz would have tied the NBA record of 16 straight road victories set by the 1971-72 Los Angeles Lakers.

Meanwhile, the Orlando Magic got beat at home for the first time since April 29, losing 106-103 to Seattle to snap a string of 21 straight home victories. It was Orlando's first regular-season home loss since April 14, and its homecourt streak was the longest single-season one in the NBA since the Boston Celtics won 31 in a row at home in 1985-86.

In other games, Sacramento beat Chicago 88-68 and Detroit edged Cleveland 85-83.

Utah kept the game close through three quarters, but Houston went 7-for-7 on 3-pointers in the fourth quarter - Sam Cassell was 4-for-4 and outscored the Jazz 46-30 in the period.

Utah also had its 14-game overall

winning streak ended.

"In perspective, it had to end," said John Stockton, who became the NBA's career assists leader Wednesday night. "You have to look at it as one game, but no loss in a good loss."

Orlando was the last team without a homecourt loss this season. Thursday's game was close throughout, but Anfernee Hardaway, with a chance to tie the game, missed two free throws with 2.1 seconds left.

"If we're going to lose at home, at least we lost to good basketball team in a good game," Magic coach Brian Hill said. "I can't fault these guys. They played hard. They played their hearts out. And, we still have the best home record in the NBA."

Rockets 121, Jazz 101

Hakeem Olajuwon had 41 points on 15-for-22 shooting and Cassell scored 16 for Houston, which defeated Utah 4-1 in last year's conference finals.

"The streak was on everybody's mind, but you can only win the game by concentrating," Utah's David Benoit said. "The biggest thing is, it hurts to lose it against Houston, but

you have to consider that's not a bad team over there."

Vernon Maxwell added 12 points, Otis Thorpe 11 and Robert Horry 10 for the Rockets. Karl Malone led the Jazz with 26 points, Antoine Carr scored 18 and Stockton 17.

"The most important thing for us, it was a division game and it was against the hottest team and the hottest shooting team, and we held them to 41 percent," Rockets coach Rudy Tomjanovich said.

Sonics 106, Magic 103

Orlando played without Horace Grant (sore back) and Anthony Avent (in-grown toenail) and lost shooting guard Nick Anderson (aggravated wrist injury) during the game.

Gary Payton scored 26 points and Detlef Schrempf 22 for Seattle, which won its eighth consecutive road game. Shawn Kemp added 17 points, including a pair of free throws with 1:30 remaining.

"There was no pressure from the streak. We kept fighting, but they hit a lot of shots," said Shaquille O'Neal, who had 39 points and 15 rebounds. "We were undermanned,

and they just won the game. We'll be O.K."

The loss dropped Orlando into a tie with Phoenix for best record in the league (35-9).

Pistons 85, Cavaliers 83

Grant Hill scored 22 points, Joe Dumars 17 and Mark West 16 for Detroit, which sent Cleveland to its fourth straight defeat.

Dumars made a 3-pointer with 22 seconds left and a free throw with 2.5 seconds left as the Pistons came back

from an 11-point deficit early in the second half.

Terrell Brandon led the visiting Cavs with 15 points, while Tyrone Hill had 13 despite going 1-for-7 from the field. Cleveland managed only one field goal in the final 5:04.

Kings 88, Bulls 68

At Sacramento, the Kings held Chicago to 11 points in the third quarter, 13 in the fourth and 35 percent shooting for the game.

Sacramento, which had its best

defensive game of the season, improved to 13-0 when holding opponents below 90 points. At 25-18, the Kings are having their best season since 1979-80.

"I can definitely say they are a lot better team than they were a few years ago," said Scottie Pippen, who led all players with 22 points and 11 rebounds.

Walt Williams had 20 points and Spud Webb 14, including 6-for-6 from the free-throw line to maintain his NBA lead of 95 percent.

NC dumps Duke in thriller

By The Associated Press

The game had everything - stirring comebacks by both teams, a 30-foot buzzer-beater, a highlight film jam and two overtimes.

The only thing missing from Thursday night's North Carolina-Duke classic was a sorely needed victory for the home team.

Jerry Stackhouse and Rasheed Wallace each scored 25 points as the second-ranked Tar Heels won 102-100, dropping the Blue Devils to 0-8 in the Atlantic Coast Conference.

"It was the greatest basketball game I've ever been in," said Stackhouse, whose rim-rattling reverse dunk in the first half silenced the boisterous crowd at Cameron Indoor Stadium.

Stackhouse was fouled on the play and hit his free throw to give North Carolina a 26-9 lead. But Duke was far from finished.

North Carolina (17-1, 7-1) blew its big lead and fell behind by 12 points midway through the second half before staging its own rally.

Duke (10-10, 0-8) forced the

49ers lose two assistants; Shell fired by Raiders

By BARRY WILNER
AP Football Writer

The Super Bowl champion San Francisco 49ers already have two losses since the season ended - Mike Shanahan to Denver and Ray Rhodes to Philadelphia.

The 49ers lost their offensive and defensive coordinators this week as the NFL coaching carousel continued turning rapidly. On Thursday, defensive coordinator Rhodes became just the third black head coach in modern NFL history. Two days before that, offensive wizard Shanahan went to the Broncos as head coach.

While Rhodes was being hired to replace Rich Kotite, the first black head coach of modern times, Art Shell, was fired by the Los Angeles Raiders. Mike White, former coach at California and Illinois, will take over.

Gone from the jobs they held at the beginning of the 1994 season are Shell, Kotite, Jack Pardee (Houston), Wade Phillips (Denver), Chuck Knox (Rams), Pete Carroll (New York Jets) and Tom Flores (Seattle).

Replacing them are White, Rhodes, Shanahan, Jeff Fisher with Houston, Kotite with the Jets and Dennis Erickson in Seattle. The only position currently unfilled is with the Rams.

Rhodes, 44, might appear to be a consolation prize for the Eagles after owner Jeff Lurie couldn't reach an agreement with former coach Dick Vermeil. Lurie moved quickly to scoff at such notions, however.

"This guy is a guy we've been eyeing for a long time," Lurie said.

second overtime when Jeff Capel hit a long 3-pointer as time expired. But a key steal and basket by Jeff McInnis helped North Carolina hand the Blue Devils their fourth straight home loss, the first time that's happened since the 1976-77 season.

It was another blow for a Duke team already reeling from the loss of ailing coach Mike Krzyzewski and its worst ACC start ever.

"I'm very proud of the way they regrouped," interim coach Pete Gaudet said. "They couldn't have fought any harder and that's all you can ask a college basketball player. Now we have to pack the bags and get ready for the next game."

In other Top 25 games, it was No. 7 UCLA 73, Southern Cal 69; No. 9 Michigan State 82, Penn State 62; No. 12 Arizona 84, Washington State 76; No. 16 Arizona State 78, Washington 73 in overtime; and No. 17 Stanford 92, No. 22 Oregon 87.

Duke tied it 98-98 on Trajan Langdon's 3-pointer in the second overtime, but North Carolina regained the lead on Donald Williams' basket and made it 102-98 when McInnis stole the inbounds pass and made a layup.

"I had seen during the game they got lazy sometimes on that play," McInnis said. "I faked going downcourt, turned and got it."

Ricky Price scored for Duke with 37 seconds remaining, and the Blue Devils got the ball back with a chance to tie or win after North Carolina missed two shots. But Steve Wojciechowski missed a jumper with two seconds left and Greg Newton's put-back attempt was short as time expired.

Cherokee Parks led Duke with 25 points and 13 rebounds. Williams had 24 points for North Carolina.

No. 7 UCLA 73, Southern Cal 69
Charles O'Bannon scored eight points during a decisive second-half run that led UCLA over its crosstown rival.

Former Southern Cal coach George Raveling attended his first home game since retiring earlier in the season because of injuries from a car crash.

UCLA (13-2, 7-2 Pac-10) trailed

most of the game and didn't take the lead for good until Ed O'Bannon's basket with 5:39 remaining. Lorenzo Orr led Southern Cal (7-12, 2-7) with 22 points.

No. 9 Michigan St. 82, Penn St. 62

Quinton Brooks scored a season-high 24 points and Shawn Respert added 23 as Michigan State won its sixth straight game.

The Spartans (15-2, 7-1) remained in first place in the Big Ten. Penn State fell to 12-5 overall and 4-4 in the conference.

Brooks made 12 of 16 shots from the field, and finished one point short of his career high. John Amaechi led the visiting Nittany Lions with 17 points and 10 rebounds.

No. 12 Arizona 84, Washington St. 76

Joe McLean scored five points in the last 53 seconds and Arizona withstood a furious finish by visiting Washington State.

The victory was the Wildcats' 19th straight over Washington State (10-6, 5-3 Pac-10). Ray Ows led Arizona (16-4, 6-2) with 19 points.

No. 16 Arizona State 78, Washington 73

Isaac Burton scored four points in the final 1:17 of overtime, lifting Arizona State over Washington.

Washington's Bryant Boston sent the game into overtime when he sank a 3-pointer as time expired. Boston finished with 25 points.

Washington (5-11, 1-7 Pac-10) took its first lead when Mark Sanford was intentionally fouled while making a layup. Sanford added a free throw and Boston hit a layup on the next possession for a 60-59 lead with 2:18 to play.

No. 17 Stanford 92, No. 22 Oregon 87

Dion Cross scored a career-high 29 points and Brevin Knight added 28 for Stanford, which held visiting Oregon without a basket in the final 9:45.

Knight had 19 points in the second half for Stanford (14-3, 5-3 Pac-10), which trailed by 11 points with 11:15 remaining.

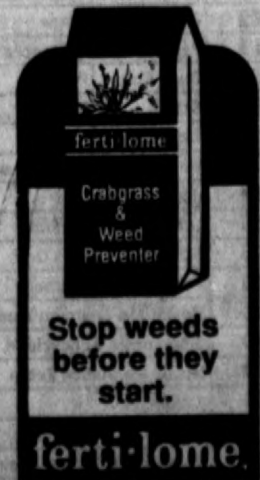
Orlando Williams had 16 points for Oregon (12-5, 4-4).

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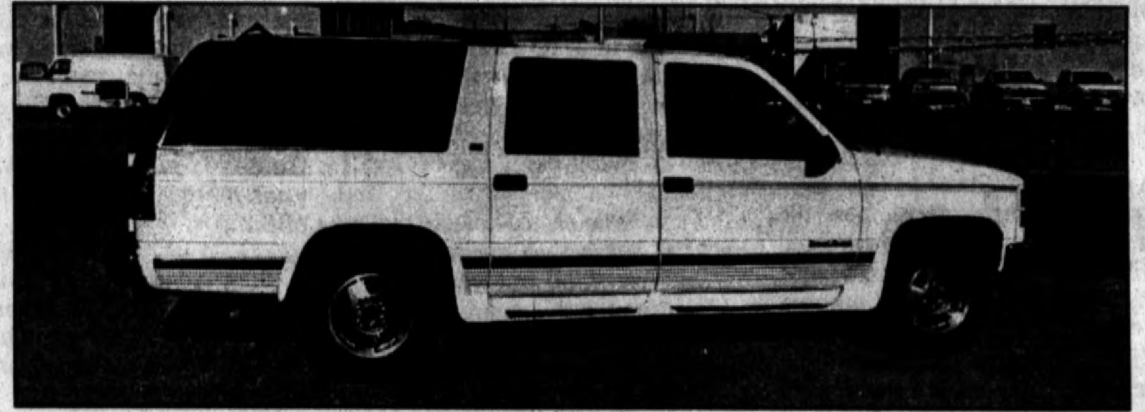
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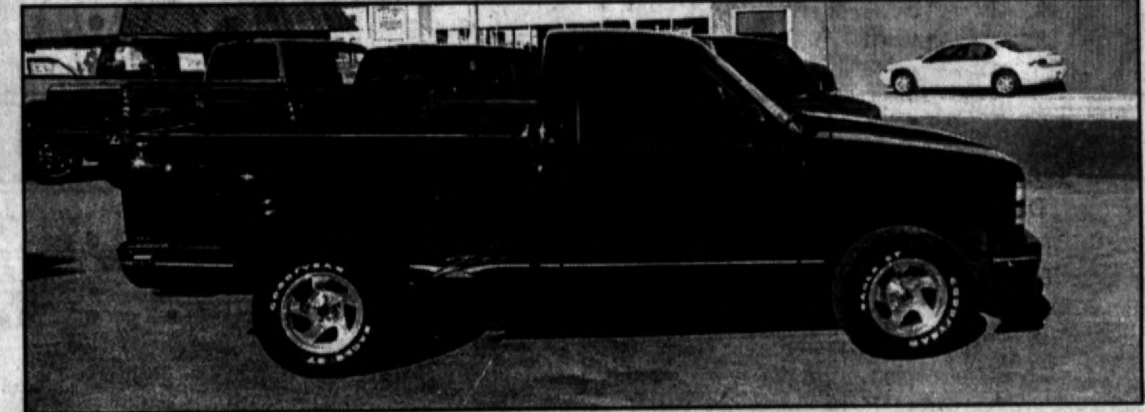
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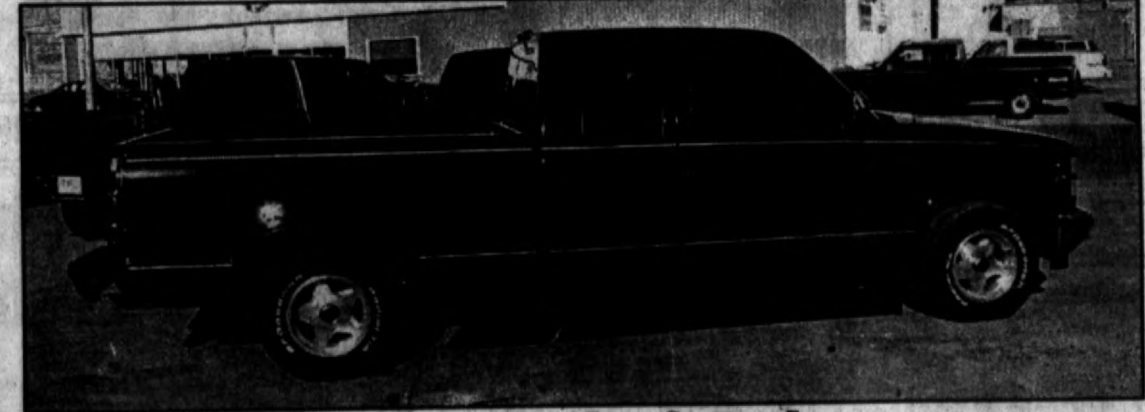
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Church News

TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH

The pastor, H. Wyatt Bartlett, and the church congregation invite everyone to come and worship with us Sunday. We especially invite those who are searching for a church home.

The Sunday school and Bible study begins at 9:45 a.m. with morning worship service at 11. The Masterlife study will be at 6 p.m. Sunday. The evening worship begins at 7. The pastor will preach at both morning and evening services.

The mid-week services are at 7 p.m. on Wednesday.

The church brotherhood will have a Valentine party for the ladies at K-Bob's Thursday at 6:30 p.m. All the men of the church are invited and bring your wife and one of our ladies who does not have a mate. If you plan to attend, please let Jane at the church office know as we need to know about how many to expect.

CENTRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST

The Central Church of Christ would like to extend an invitation to the people of Hereford to come worship with us. We would also invite you to watch the "Amazing Grace Bible Class" Sunday at 7:30 a.m. on channel 4. If you miss this, you can catch "Search" at 10:30 p.m. on channel 8. You will never be asked for money from either of these programs. This is provided by us for you. We just want to encourage people to get back to the Bible as our guide.

This week the youth at Central and the youth at the Spanish speaking church of Christ got together for a joint class. We are hoping that our love for each other and unity will increase. We are very thankful for our Spanish brethren.

We had a very special Sunday last week. We all stayed and ate a meal together followed by an afternoon service. It is great to see our love and fellowship increasing.

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday school is at 10 a.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church. We have classes for all ages. Our adult Bible class will continue the study of the book of Proverbs.

If you need a ride, call 364-1667 or 364-1668.

Our morning worship is at 11. "Excitement and Spiritual Gifts" is the title of the sermon, and it comes from I Corinthians 14:12-20.

Second year confirmation class will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday.

GOOD NEWS CHURCH

Pastor David Alvarado and the Good News congregation invite you to come and join us in worship on Sunday morning.

Our early service is at 9 a.m. and the service is all in Spanish. Our second service is at 10:40 a.m. and it is all in English. Everyone is welcome!

A Healing School will begin on Tuesday at 8 p.m. and will continue every week on Tuesday night at 8. The purpose of the Healing School will be to teach from the Bible what God has to say concerning healing and to pray for the sick. We invite everyone needing healing to come to the Healing School.

For more information or prayer call 364-5239.

CALVARY WORSHIP CENTER

Pastor Vincent Sandlin and congregation would like to extend a friendly welcome to everyone to come and worship with us this Sunday.

We have two services on Sunday. The morning worship is at 10 and evening fellowship at 6. A nursery is provided. Bible study on Wednesday evening at 7 is led by Brother Vince.

An organizational meeting of men will meet Saturday at 7 a.m. at McDonalds for a men's prayer breakfast.

The women will meet and organize a women's group to meet the first Monday at 7 p.m.

For additional information or prayer call 364-1757.

SAN JOSE CATHOLIC CHURCH

At the conclusion of the Sunday liturgies on Feb. 4 and 5, we will have the Blessing of Throats to commemorate the Feast of St. Blase of Feb. 3.

Congratulations to Florestella Rodriguez, who was appointed by Bishop Leroy Matthiesen as assistant liaison of the Charismatic Renewal in the Diocese of Amarillo. Florestella will give special assistance to Deacon Orvel Blunt, diocesan liaison, in communicating with Spanish-speaking prayer groups in the diocese.

It is not too late for teenagers in grades 7-12 to sign up for T.Y.M. mini-courses. These sessions give teenagers an excellent foundation in their Christian faith and help to shape a moral identity so necessary in these difficult times.

There will be an Adult Formation Session on Tuesday evening at 7:30 in the salon. The theme will be the "Vatican Council II: The Reform of the Church as We Know It".

Presentations will be given by Father Darryl in English and Deacon Jessie Guerrero in Spanish. This session will allow adults to learn about the circumstances that brought about the reforms of Vatican II and to ask questions about any changes they want to understand better. Parents of children or teenagers who wish to receive any sacraments are required to attend these sessions.

San Jose Church will be hosting a Valentine's Dance on Feb. 11 as a fundraiser for the new education/recreation building. Call Melody Pacheco (0885) or Fannie De Leon (8298) or Imelda De La Cerda (3310) for more information. Mark your calendars so we can all be present to celebrate together! The band for the dance will be "Algo Simple".

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Everyone is welcome to join FUMC members in our Sunday schedule which begins with Sunday school at 9:30 a.m. At the 10:45 a.m. worship, Rev. Eddie Alsop, District Superintendent of the Amarillo District of the Northwest Texas Conference, will be the guest preacher. Dr. Ed Williamson will conduct the Communion Service at the morning worship. The Sanctuary Choir will sing "In Remembrance" and the Carol Choir will perform "The Prayers I Make" as the offertory. UMYF will meet at 5 p.m. with a snack supper at 6:45 p.m. Evening worship will be at 6.

The United Methodist Men are planning a special evening on Feb. 11 as their Valentine gift to the single

women of the church. This event will be at 6 p.m. in Fellowship hall. Invitations have been sent to all single ladies known in the church and if any single person has not received an invitation, she is asked to call the church office. Transportation and a nursery will be available by contacting the church office at 364-0770. Please RSVP by Feb. 9.

Members of Boy Scout Troop 52 are finalizing plans for a pancake breakfast to be served Feb. 12 from 7 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. A menu of sausage, bacon, pancakes, coffee, milk and juice is planned. Cost per plate will be by love donation. The proceeds will go toward the Scouts' summer camp expenses. Troop 52 was chartered 60 years ago and has been sponsored by FUMC for 60 years.

CHRIST'S CHURCH FELLOWSHIP

We invite you to participate with us in study and worship Sunday morning. Classes begin at 9:30 a.m. and worship is at 10:45 a.m. We provide for the needs of the whole family with a well-staffed nursery and K.I.D.S. CHURCH; teen ministries; men's ministries; women's ministries; and all-church Wednesday evening prayer and praise. Please join with us and hundreds of other Christians in our community in praying for revival for

our town and our nation. It is time for God to move and the church to come alive.

Christ's Church Fellowship is located at 401 W. Park Ave. Our phone number is 364-0373. Please call us for prayer or encouragement, or for further information about our church. We also invite you to attend the REVIVAL at New Covenant Church in Muleshoe which is now extended into the second week. If you need a touch of joy and renewal, you'll want to attend this revival.

Sunday morning, Pastor Otto Schaufele will continue preaching on the topic of "The Anointing That Destroys the Yoke", part 3, from Isaiah 10:27. Come expecting to encounter the power of God.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Reverend Mert Cooper of Canadian will be the guest speaker for the Sunday worship service. The title of his sermon is "Remember Me". The Scripture lesson is Psalms 25:1-7 and Luke 14:14-19. This service, which begins at 10:30 a.m., is a Communion service.

Officer's training will begin at 9 a.m. Sunday in the pastor's study. All officers are urged to attend this training session even if it has been taken before.

The youth groups will serve a stuffed potato luncheon after the

worship service. This is a money making program for the youth. Come and enjoy.

The monthly women's luncheon will be held Wednesday. All women of the church are invited to bring a dish and enjoy both a good meal and fellowship. Working women whose lunch hour permits to not need to bring a dish, and are welcome. Husbands also are invited to attend.

FELLOWSHIP OF BELIEVERS

If you do not have a church home or if you are looking for a unique worship experience, you are invited to visit the Fellowship of Believers. Open forum study class is led by

Doug Manning at 9:30 a.m. and worship service is at 10:30 a.m. Doug Manning will speak this Sunday at the the worship service.

Nursery facilities are available. Free taxi service is available on request by calling 364-0359.

WESTWAY BAPTIST CHURCH

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By ELLEN SWEETS
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 DALLAS - Traffic tickets are no laughing matter, unless you do penance at a Comedy Defensive Driving School. Even then, it's not all chortles and chuckles.

So when Karen Crowell, Patty Lewis or Larry Gottlieb leans, jumps, shouts or skips across the little stage in a classroom on Upper Greenville Avenue, they're there to educate and entertain - pretty much in that order.

During a recent Sunday-morning session, Ms. Crowell makes the rounds of her captive audience, checking driver's licenses. People in the class are puzzled.

"You know why I do this?" she asks as she walks up one row and down another. "You'd be surprised at the number of people who pay their friends or relatives to come take the course for them."

Then, with a momentary pause, she looks at the class wide-eyed. "Can you believe that?" she deadpans. "Why on earth would anyone pass up an opportunity to get up at 7 in the morning on a sunny Sunday to attend defensive driving school?"

Several smile wanly. A few are

already yawning. To warm them up, she works the room, nudging each person to say who he is and what infraction landed him in front of her.

The 5-year-old Comedy Defensive Driving School, which now has 40 sites in Texas, was designed to make remediation more agreeable to traffic violators. It was started by two area entrepreneurs, Richard Schiller, 35, and Kyle Collins, 37.

Like the other comedians, Ms. Crowell took the job teaching defensive driving as a way to polish her routine and earn a few extra bucks during downtime.

"I thought, 'Hey, fine - this is going to be an audience for me for six hours,'" she says. "I came to enjoy doing it because I found I was teaching people something that they didn't know - and it was something that saves people's lives."

Who knew, the comedians say, that more traffic accidents happen in rural areas (because there are fewer stimuli to keep drivers alert); that it can be more dangerous to hit a pig than a deer (because of a pig's dense, low center of gravity tends to cause cars to flip over); or that only one state allows drivers to keep road kill (Louisiana)?

On this recent Sunday, the large classroom is filled to capacity. The group includes a long-haul truck driver, two lawyers, a college student, a teacher, a psychologist, a reporter and an Emergency Medical Service paramedic. Five out of 33 people took the course solely to reduce insurance rates. Most, however, had to choose between the course and major fines.

Melissa Woodruff was one of them. Ms. Woodruff, a registered sonographer who works with a radiology firm in Paris, Texas, got her speeding ticket in Lamar County between Honey Grove and Paris, on Highway 82. She was taking her two daughters to a dental appointment.

"I couldn't believe it," she says, still sounding incredulous. "I was talking to my kids as I drove. They were arguing about who was going to be first in the dentist's chair, if you can believe that."

"I looked at the speedometer and said, 'Oops, I'd better slow down.' That's when I saw the flashing lights. He said I was doing 70 in a 55. I don't think I was. But then people never do, do they?"

"I don't see the point of taking a whole day. But I did actually learn a few things."

She did not learn how not to speed on that particular stretch of road, however. She got another ticket on her way home from the course. At least she had slowed somewhat. This time she was cited for doing 67.

She'll be back. Maybe this time she'll get someone like Patty Lewis. To ease the angst, different comedians use different warm-up techniques.

Ms. Lewis uses several participatory exercises. In one, she distributes a set of placards, each with a word related either to reasons for driving safely or the consequences of unsafe driving. She then asks a set of questions with staccato speed. Each participant has to raise his placard at the appropriate time.

"Why should you obey the rules of the road? To preserve ... (and at this point she points to the person with the card that says 'public safety,' then the person with the one that says 'personal safety')."

"And why is it important to drive safely? To avoid ... (now the various people raise placards that say 'personal injury,' 'property damage,' 'fines,' 'license suspension')."

At this point Ms. Lewis shakes her head wildly and shouts, "AND TO AVOID BIG, BAD, HAIRY" - and the last placard is raised - "DEATH!"

The class laughs, but the point is made. The troops are engaged.

Comedy Defensive Driving School was founded "because I had taken a defensive driving course and it was really boring," says Schiller, the company's president. "I thought the best thing was to spice it up. I figured if people have fun, they tend to retain more information."

"We had to be accredited through the Texas Education Agency, so that means we have to cover a certain amount of material. People are entertained, but they have to learn - there's a test everyone has to take before the course can be completed."

There really is. And you must earn at least 70 to pass.

Something must be working. Since the doors opened in 1990, more than 200,000 people have taken the course, the owners say. Last October, the CEO Institute and the Caruth Institute of Owner-Managed Businesses at Southern Methodist University ranked Comedy Defensive Driving School 26th out of the area's 100 fastest-growing businesses.

"I don't know if that means we're really, really popular or drivers around

Dallas are really, really bad," Schiller says. "I prefer to think it's the former."

The course costs \$35. Municipal fines for traffic infractions vary, but in Dallas they can range from \$65 (for an unfastened seat belt) to \$280 (for no insurance).

Defensive driving courses, funny or not, are not universally loved, however. Last fall, Texas Insurance Commissioner Robert Hunter considered dropping defensive driving courses as a way to lower insurance rates or to avoid having points taken off your driving record. Defensive driving courses have come under fire from insurance companies, such as Farmers Insurance Group, the state's second-largest auto insurer.

"It's not fair for good drivers to subsidize riskier drivers," says Mark Toohey, a spokesman for the group.

For the time being, though, you can pay and you can play - kind of - by taking the six-hour course.

For some, the course works. For others, well, the jury's still out. During an informal ice-breaker in Ms. Lewis' class, one person admits to taking the course for the 14th time.

Another, who won the "contest" to see who had been clocked at the highest speed, proudly admits to doing 135. He was not back for driving too slowly.

He takes gentle ribbing good-naturedly and allows as how he appreciated the lightheaded way weighty subject matter is handled.

Darrel Dixon of Dallas also appreciated it. He was caught speeding on a stretch of Interstate 35, coming through New Braunfels.

"The first comedy course I did, they did a split shift," Dixon says.

"The morning guy was real entertaining. They guy who came in the afternoon couldn't get a single joke over. He was the comedian from hell. We felt bad for him. The funniest thing he did was go over to a table to get some matches. He slipped and fell. That was the only

laugh he got all afternoon. Slapstick worked for him."

But all was not fun and pratfalls. Ms. Crowell's class paid rapt attention to Marney Cullen, a birthing assistant and legal secretary who lives in Old East Dallas. She was snagged on the way to deliver a baby.

Until that day, Ms. Cullen says, she had a clean record. More disturbing, however, is something that happened before the ticket.

The same June night she was delivering a baby at Baylor University Medical Center, the man with whom she had lived for five years, a musician named Kerry Scott, was pronounced dead on arrival in the Baylor emergency room. He had been hit by a drunken driver.

Ms. Crowell, sensing raw pain, permits Ms. Cullen to talk. The room is silent except for the sound of her soft voice.

"He was coming back to Dallas from a gig in Lewisville. He was almost home," she says.

"After celebrating Kerry's life at an old-fashioned Irish wake, many of his friends chose to get in cars and proceed to drive off drunk - knowing Kerry had been killed by a drunk driver. Ironic, huh?"

Ms. Crowell says Ms. Cullen did a far more effective job of handling the hazards of drunken driving than she could have. She lets Ms. Cullen's narrative hang silently in the air as she surveys the faces of her listeners. Then, looking at her with unmistakable compassion, Ms. Crowell quietly says, "Thank you."

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State Capital Briefs Psychological testing, insurance asked in concealed handgun law

AUSTIN (AP) -- A law enforcement group wants Texans to undergo psychological exams and be required to carry liability insurance before they can carry handguns.

The Combined Law Enforcement Associations of Texas is pushing those ideas and another to allow voters to decide whether Texans should be allowed to carry concealed guns.

"If it's going to happen, let's try to do something that doesn't put people in peril here as best we can," Mark Clark, the group's legislative director, said Thursday.

Rep. Ron Wilson, author of concealed gun legislation, said he would keep an open mind about the proposals.

But the Senate sponsor said he

doesn't support any, particularly the one to put the gun proposal to voters.

"We had a referendum on Nov. 8," said Sen. Jerry Patterson, referring to Gov. George W. Bush's victory over Ann Richards.

Patterson's bill would require training, allow authorities to delve into a person's mental history records in a background investigation and rule out people who have been convicted of a felony, among other provisions. A four-year permit would cost \$140, he said.

Currently, Texans may have handguns at home or while traveling, carry them from purchase and take them on a hunting or fishing trip.

JUNK THE JUNK
 The Senate Economic Development Committee has begun

considering a package of bills to overhaul the civil lawsuit system. Gov. Bush, the first to testify on the legislation, said the proposals would end "junk lawsuits" and improve the state's economy.

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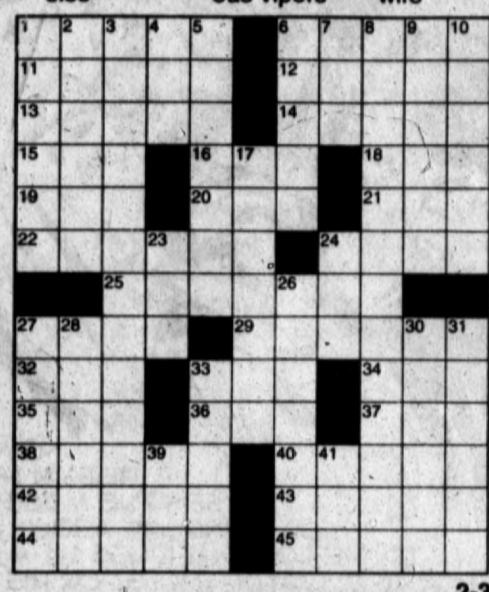
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Resurgence seen in rural Texas communities

By DIANE JENNINGS
The Dallas Morning News
COMFORT, Texas - Jim Lord lived in a prestigious Atlanta neighborhood five years ago. A computer executive, he drove a Mercedes and shopped frequently at the mall.

If anyone had told him he'd move to a small town in the Texas Hill Country, "I'd have said you're nuts, absolutely nuts," he says today.

Now that he lives in this town of 1,554, he drives a Ford van with 124,000 miles on it and spends his money at the general store. He extols his friendly neighbors and relaxed pace.

His conversion to small-town life is not unique.

After a decade of stagnant or dwindling population, rural Texas is growing again. During the 1980s, 98 Texas counties, primarily rural, lost population. But from 1990 to 1992, only 24 counties lost population, according to a report from Texas A&M University.

The population uptick mirrors a national trend, but experts caution that the figures do not signify the return of the family farm. In fact, farm residents are so few nowadays - less than 2 percent of the population - that the U.S. Census Bureau no longer counts them in its annual population survey.

"It is not that rural, agriculture-dependent areas have suddenly revitalized," cautioned Dr. Steve Murdock, rural sociology professor at Texas A&M. "It is that many rural areas have changed."

In 1995, rural residents are as likely to run antiques stores as they are to run tractors. And rural Texas is no longer synonymous with cowboys and cattle, farmers and 4-H.

The reasons for the transformation, besides births and an improved statewide economy, include:

- Urban refugees seeking a more relaxed lifestyle.
- Technology making rural life more viable.
- Urban sprawl reaching farther into the country.
- Nontraditional rural business growth, such as tourism, retirement centers and prisons.

In Comfort, changes are readily apparent at the Ingenhuet general store, established 1867. Proprietor Gregory Krauter doesn't sell much hen scratch anymore. He does ring up a lot of watering-can rosettes for antiques dealers on his battered old cash register.

Comfort is still "very much agricultural," Krauter said. "But not predominantly like it used to be." Instead, new businesses center on tourism.

"Christmas in Comfort," for instance, is a festive weekend similar to others that pop up across the state year-round. According to the Texas Department of Commerce, tourism is increasingly important in rural areas. Visitors spent almost \$2.3 billion in nonmetropolitan counties in 1993, according to the department, up from more than \$1.9 billion in 1989.

At Krauter's store, that translates into more business. And, he said, "It's changed the type of customer."

Today's customer may likely be someone just passing through. "There are a lot more people around that you don't know," Krauter said.

In addition, the people coming to stay - 64 migrants in 1990-92 - are different from traditional rural residents. Instead of farmers and ranchers who work the land, "They already have their wealth," noted Krauter's mother, Gladys.

Lord and a partner, for example, bought the Comfort Common, a bed-and-breakfast operation, with money earned in the computer business. Down the street, Dr. Bob Potter, a part-time orthodontist, operates Antiques on High.

That's not unusual for city people who settle in the country, said Dr. Kary Mathis, professor of agricultural economics at Texas Tech University. "People who don't have money can't afford to move from wherever they are," he said. "People who have moved from urban areas to a rural area already have money."

Because their backgrounds and occupations are different from traditional small-town residents, so are the newcomers' attitudes, experts said.

Urban refugees often "have a different set of values, wants and needs than people who have lived there out of sight and mind," said Dr. Greg Taylor, program leader for community development with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

In some parts of the country, those attitudes have clashed, Taylor said.

For example, urban refugees often want to "ranch the view" instead of the land, or may have different views on environmental issues. When Atlanta media mogul Ted Turner considered buying a New Mexico ranch to raise buffalo in 1993, local ranchers formed a foundation to purchase the land to ensure its continued use as a cattle spread.

City folk also may "bring urban notions of services with them," said Calvin Beale, senior demographer with the U.S. Department of Agriculture. "They want better schools than are there and better shopping, and they want the trash pickup and to be on the sewer line."

That worries longtime residents of Comfort, an unincorporated area that offers minimal services. They also worry that the influx of newcomers will turn their hometown into a tourist trap.

"We don't want to become a caricature of ourselves," Krauter said. "It's happened to too many towns in this area."

He pointed to nearby Fredericksburg as being so overrun with tourists, "It's not real anymore."

Boo Dale of Cibolo, Texas, agreed. "I don't even like to go to Fredericksburg. You might as well be in San Antonio for all the traffic," he said. "It's all real chi-chi antique stores."

Fredericksburg residents don't feel that way, said Joe Kammlah, executive director of that city's Chamber of Commerce. "We're very excited about the growth we've had in both the tourism area as well as the other areas," Kammlah said. "The merchants and the people who are taking advantage of our tourism industry also realize you don't want to kill the goose that laid the golden egg, so they're very careful in maintaining the heritage of a small town."

In Comfort, it's not just old-timers who worry about overdevelopment. Both Jim Lord, the innkeeper, and Bob Potter, the antiques dealer, also are concerned about creating the same problems they came to Comfort to escape.

"I could take the way it is right now and leave it at that," Potter said. "We don't want fast-food places and traffic lights."

Though residents may drive the 40 miles to San Antonio frequently to visit a mall or museum, Comfort "is not a bedroom community," he said. "Hopefully, we're just far enough out, that won't happen."

It may not be. Many small Texas towns that once functioned as agricultural-supply centers have been swallowed by urban development, along with surrounding farms and ranches. Since 1980, the Census Bureau has changed the designation of nine Texas counties from "nonmetropolitan" to "metropolitan," a distinction that reflects urban sprawl, according to the Texas State Data Center.

Statistics show that counties next door to metropolitan areas grow faster than more remote counties. Still, even relatively isolated areas are attracting urban refugees.

Edwards County Judge Neville Smart marvels at the city folk buying ranchettes in his part of Texas, 150 miles northwest of San Antonio. "They move out here from the big city," he said, "and they think they're in heaven."

Smart works in Rocksprings, a town of 1,441, known as the nation's Angora capital. He sees the newcom-

ers, who typically buy pleasure ranches of 100-150 acres, as a mixed blessing.

"I've got a 13,000-acre ranch that's been in my family since the turn of the century," he said. "From under that hat, I think it's a bad thing because it's taken some of the best country in Edwards County out of production."

"On the other hand, I own the Rocksprings Abstract and Title Co. here. And they bring us a lot of business. We make money off 'em. I put that hat on and it's great."

Edwards County attracted 230 newcomers from 1990 to 1992, but not all of them are urban refugees. Rural counties, particularly those in the Hill Country, also have benefited from retirees relocating to the area, experts said.

Texas has a band of so-called "retirement destination" communities stretching from East Texas through the Hill Country into South Texas. Retirees "want to go to small towns, yet have the benefits of urban areas," said Taylor, the development specialist.

For older people, those benefits include sophisticated medical care, which now is more widely available in the country, thanks to modern technology. Today, for example, rural physicians may consult with colleagues in larger cities through telecommunications.

That same technology also broadens the labor force in rural areas by making more skilled job opportunities available, said Michael Brown, chairman of the telecommunications committee for the Texas Rural Development Council.

Brown, who works as president of Cognitive Training Associates of Waxahachie, said technology made it possible for him to locate his "distance learning firm," which offers classes through telecommunications, out of the urban mainstream.

Similar relocations will play a bigger role in small-town economic development in the future, he predicted.

But, he admits, not every small town will benefit as much as communities located near metropolitan areas or those with abundant scenic beauty.

"There are going to be towns where you could put the 'Telecommunications Valley' and it wouldn't make any difference," he said. People are "not going to go there (because) it's just not a preferable place to live."

Many of those towns appear to be located in West Texas. That region's population hemorrhaged during the 1980s and continues to bleed in the '90s. Most of the 24 Texas counties that lost population from 1990 to 1992 are located in West Texas.

"There is this huge swath of counties in the Plains, all the way from the Dakotas down into Texas, where most

of the counties are continuing to have loss of population," said Beale, the agriculture demographer.

Dickens County, located 60 miles from Lubbock, has successfully bucked that trend.

During the '80s, Dickens was one of the few counties in the nation to lose more than 25 percent of its population, said County Judge Woodie McArthur Jr.

McArthur, who moonlights as a farmer and rancher, watched with dismay as the county declined. In his hometown of Spur, stores were boarded up and locked. Public-school enrollment fell, dropping the local district from Class 2A to 1A for extracurricular activities. Churches adjusted their budgets as congregations dwindled.

Desperate, McArthur and others lured the only industry interested in the area - a maximum-security prison.

Once, he would have been impeached for broaching such an idea, McArthur said, but "The county was at the bottom."

The prison, which is owned by the county and run by a private corporation, contracts with the state to house 489 prisoners. When it opened in 1990, some 80 new jobs made an immediate impact in the county of about 2,600 people.

From 1990 to 1992, Dickens County gained 67 migrants, a population gain of almost 1.2 percent.

Businesses on the verge of closing stayed open. Houses were built. A hardware store opened. Now apartment construction is under consideration because, "We've got a housing shortage," McArthur said.

Despite the county's achievement, McArthur harbors no illusions of a population boom. Halting the population decline was the goal, he said.

"When you're losing 25 percent in 10 years, just stanching the blood flow was something," he said.

Experts say McArthur's caution is well-advised.

Two years of population gains are too little to tell if the shift will last. As quickly as people move to small towns - for economic opportunity or quality of life - they can leave, experts stressed.

"I don't think any town could consider itself secure," said Mathis of Texas Tech. "Let's go through another rural, agricultural, oil area recession or depression - and see what holds on, what lasts."

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The federal lawsuit filed last October said the four wanted safe investments, but broker Kathleen Hegenbart generated big commissions for herself through the buying and selling of high-risk securities.

Smith Barney's lawyers said any money lost resulted from a volatile stock market in the mid-'80s.


RADNOR, Pa. (AP) - Roseanne has a new mood to go with her new man.

Before her breakup with Tom Arnold, she refused to learn the names of her TV show's staff, addressing them by numbers on their T-shirts, executive producer Rob Ulin said in the Feb. 4 TV Guide.

But for this season she told him, "I'll learn all your names" and I think she has. The first day on the set she hugged everybody. It was much less scary than we thought it would be.

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Country Basket***

Four
Piece Juicy chicken fillet strips,
fries, country gravy and
Texas toast.

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Country Basket***

Four
Piece Tender juicy steak fingers, fries,
country gravy and Texas toast.

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Your
Choice Spicy beef or chicken with
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\$1.29 **Dude®
Chicken Fried Steak
Sandwich**

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crisp lettuce and tomato
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