

DOE will open nuke waste info office here

The U.S. Department of Energy will open radioactive waste management information offices in Hereford and Tulla Friday.

The Hereford office will be at 115 East First Street, the former Top Properties location. Both offices will be open Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The local information office will be staffed by Martha Shire, who is a

former office manager and legal assistant for a Hereford law firm.

Shire also has experience as an unemployment claims processor, job placements interviewer, real estate salesperson and marketing services director.

The purpose of the offices, according to the DOE, is to provide residents, local officials and the media with readily accessible nontechnical, credible information

about the DOE program.

Status reports on studies in Texas, access to technical reports, assistance in finding answers to questions and referrals for questions and rumors about the program will also be available, says the DOE repository office in Columbus, Ohio.

Based on environmental assessments of nine potentially acceptable sites in the nation, a nine-square-mile site near Vega is among

three proposed for detailed characterization to determine if the sites are acceptable for construction of the nation's first high-level nuclear waste repository.

A nine-square mile site near Tulla also was identified as one of the nine potential sites, but was not nominated for detailed site characterization.

Randall Robbins, a graduate of Texas Tech University in

agricultural economics, was hired to work at the Tulla office.

A public comment period on draft environmental assessments released in December closes March 20. Comments may be made at hearings Feb. 26 in Tulla, Feb. 28 in Hereford and March 1 in Austin.

Comments may also be submitted in writing to the DOE at 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C., 20585, attention

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The Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982 calls for DOE to site, design, construct and operate repositories for spent nuclear fuel and high-level waste from the nation's nuclear power plants.

The act lays out a detailed process and timetable leading to operation of the first such repository beginning in 1998. The selection of one of the sites will not occur until about 1990.

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Standing-room-only crowd at school meeting

By SPEEDY NIEMAN
Editor-Publisher

A standing-room only crowd of close to 500 people attended a public meeting here Monday night in the Community Center to comment and to listen about getting more involved in policies of the Hereford Independent School District.

Among the problems outlined at the outset of the meeting by moderator Pat Robbins were "intimidation of teachers by the administration, low morale of teachers, and obstacles to teaching brought about by the Mastery Learning program.

All those attending were requested to fill out cards, which included a space for recommending people to serve on an advisory board. A nominating committee will name the board members, and that board will meet with the school trustees at the next meeting on Feb. 11, according to

Public advisory panel will meet with trustees

Robbins.

"I hope we have twice as many people at the school board meeting to show them that we mean business," Robbins told the group.

After a brief introduction to start the meeting, Robbins asked for questions and comments from the audience. He, along with co-moderator Bud Patterson and teacher Nan Conway from Aikman, fielded many of the questions. Marc Williamson, assistant superintendent in charge of instruction, was present at the meeting and also fielded questions.

Many of the questions centered around the controversial mastery learning program which was initiated at the local level and not man-

dated by the state. A management system is mandated by the state, according to Conaway, but the mastery learning program is not.

Many teachers attended the session and some commented on the lack of preparation to implement the mastery learning program and the tremendous amount of paper work involved. Some said the program had benefits, but it gave them less time to teach. High school teacher N.D. Kelso expressed satisfaction with the program in high school and thanked the school board and administration for their cooperation.

All but one of the members of the

(See SCHOOL, Page 2)



Posing For Judges

Trisha Teel, daughter of Jerry and Denise Teel, won the intermediate division of the ladies lead line competition Saturday at

the Bull Barn. Her escort was John David Rickman.

Community development grant discussed by county

By KIM THOGMARTIN
Staff Writer

Deaf Smith County Commissioners learned more about a community development grant available in the county, after meeting Monday with Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce Executive Mike Carr.

Carr told commissioners that up to \$500,000 could be awarded to local applicants for industrial and agricultural development by the Texas Department of Agriculture. The county qualifies because of its membership in the Panhandle Agricultural Development Corporation, Carr explained, which commissioners voted last year to join.

The money, available to all eligible counties in the state on a first-come, first-served basis, could be used for

the purchase of land, buildings or equipment. Carr said the funds must be spent in a way that will either create or retain jobs in the county.

Commissioners agreed to meet Wednesday at 1 p.m. with the assistant director of the program. Carr said there is a mid-March deadline for the current application period.

County fathers also received comments about the sound system in the Bull Barn, which failed to operate properly during the junior livestock show last week.

Hereford Young Farmers President Gerald Marnell, who pledged \$500 of the club's money toward purchase of a new system, said, "All I can say is, you need something different out there."

Ron Sanford, mobile technician for

West Texas Rural telephone, recommended to commissioners that the main amplifier be replaced and the speakers rewired.

"The county would probably have to donate money for materials only," Sanford announced. "I think I can get the time and labor donated."

Commissioners asked Sanford to provide them with a cost estimate for the job and tabled a decision until a later meeting.

In other business, Charlie Ruiz was appointed to the Child Welfare Board while Ada Condarco was named to serve on the county's salary grievance committee.

Commissioners voted to stick with their present policy of asking for a \$1,500 deposit for dances at the Bull Barn, despite a request from the Hereford High School senior class to waive the deposit the night of their prom.

Austin Rose was re-appointed to serve as a county representative to the Panhandle Regional Planning Council. Rose is also a board member of the council.

Combest named to ag committee

Larry Combest, U.S. Representative from Lubbock, has been appointed to the House Agriculture Committee for the 99th Congress. Combest made the request for the seat soon after his election last November.

"I am very pleased with this assignment and believe it is one of the most important committee assignments for representing the 19th District of Texas," Combest said. "Because of my farming background and the extensive agricultural interests in West Texas, the people of our district will have a strong voice on agricultural matters."

The Republican congressman said it is going to be a tough year for agriculture and agriculture related programs due to the proposed budget cutbacks. "I intend to fight for an effective ag policy which realizes the farmer must make a profit," he stated.

"Now that the committee assignments are behind us, it is time to begin intensive work on the 1984 Farm Bill.

"I encourage the citizens of the 19th District to contact me on any concern they might have so that I may speak for them on the House floor," Combest said.

Sarpalius wants to 'fine-tune' bill

Sen. Bill Sarpalius, D-Canyon, has introduced a measure that will fine-tune Texas' education reform by clarifying the requirements for a student to participate in extra-curricular activities.

The measure, S.B. 244, will require a student to pass five state-approved classes to be eligible for extra-curricular activities. Current law requires a student to pass five academic courses to maintain eligibility.

Differences in the proposed law and existing law may be subtle, Sarpalius acknowledged, last week, but they are critical to the state's "borderline" students.

"We've got to realize that not every student in this state is going to be a college graduate," said Sarpalius, a member of the Senate Education Committee. "Many students are looking to high school to provide them with a foundation for survival in the real world, not a preparation for college.

"To punish those students doesn't seem right. It's not fair to keep a person from participating in an extra-curricular activity if he is passing all of his classes except geometry, the only course in which he may be having trouble," Sarpalius said.

According to the bill, students will have slightly more latitude in scheduling if they wish to participate in extra-curricular activities. Existing law, which is based on the now-famous H.B. 72 passed last summer by the Legislature, requires students to maintain passing grades in five academic classes.

Academic classes are courses such as English, math, science and history and are generally considered college preparatory courses. The new law still would require a student to pass five courses but would not limit the requirement to academic courses. Students would be able to count other state-approved courses, such as home economics or business, toward their extra-curricular eligibility.

Sarpalius said his bill was not designed to gut H.B. 72.

"We voted for education reform,

but we never wanted it to be unfair. All we're trying to do with this bill is make the world of extra-curricular activities available to all students, not just those headed for college," he said.

The senator said he made his decision to introduce S.B. 244 after seeing the results of a poll conducted by the Texas Association of Secondary

School Principals. The poll indicated 69 percent of those principals oppose the current five-academic-courses requirement.

That same poll also indicated 80 percent of the school principals would like to see a student's eligibility checked on a week-by-week basis.

(See SARPALIUS, Page 2)



By O.G. NIEMAN

That feller on Tierra Blanca Creek says people don't always believe everything they hear, but often repeat it just to be on the safe side.

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"With my luck," said the oldtimer in the coffee shop, "if I died and came back as a dog, my wife would come back as a flea."

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We attended the Texas Press Association's Mid-Winter Convention and Trade Show over the weekend at Fort Worth and were, once again, amazed at the everchanging technology in computerized newspaper equipment. Some of our computerized typesetting equipment is only a few years old and already is going out of style.

We don't know about some other businesses, but we've had problems with our computer bookkeeping system. It was very confusing to us, from the start, on deciding which kind of computer and software we needed for our business. Those computer people speak a different language, and that doesn't make it any easier!

Aside from the trade show and its large display of equipment and supplies, there were some good programs at the convention. It gives us

an opportunity to hear new ideas and to meet and discuss the newspaper business with other publishers across the state.

One of the highlights of the convention was the presentation of lifetime gold membership cards to those in the newspaper business for 50 years. Among the recipients was B.M. Nelson of Dimmitt, who recently retired. He's been in the business 59 years, but it was the first occasion he had time to go to the convention!

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On our return to Hereford, we discovered Sunday and Monday that a number of readers were very unhappy about an editorial column written by Reed Parsell which speculated on the affect of racism in jury trials. We should add that a few readers were also supportive of the views expressed.

While racism does exist and this newspaper is opposed to all forms of racial discrimination, the management did not agree with the manner in which Parsell chose to express his opinions. We believe a letter to the editor, Page 2, submitted by DA Roland Saul, provides a fair rebuttal to the column.

For a number of reasons, on which we will not elaborate, Parsell is no longer associated with The Brand.

Local Roundup

Heart Association sets game night

A game night to benefit the American Heart Association has been scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Friday in the east room of the Hereford Community Center. Senior citizens will be provided transportation to and from the event and may contact Margie Daniels at the Senior Citizens Center, 364-5681, for reservations.

Couples and groups are invited to play bridge, dominoes, 42, etc., with door prizes to be given away in each event. Tickets are priced at \$5 per person and \$3 for senior citizens over 62 years of age and may be purchased at Cal's One-Hour Cleaners, Hereford State Bank, First National Bank, Southwestern Public Service or from any heart association board member.

Proceeds from the event will go to the heart research fund.

Police arrest six on DWI charges

Hereford police made six arrests for driving while intoxicated and three for public intoxication over the weekend.

Other arrests made were for violations of probation, driving with no liability insurance, drunk in control of a motor vehicle and carrying a prohibited weapon.

Police investigated four reports for minor theft and talked to two persons who were the victims of obscene telephone calls.

Luz Villalobos reported the apparent theft of \$2,670 worth of furniture from a storage building. The lock had been opened with wire cutters.

A Hereford High school student reported the theft of a flute, valued at \$400, and a man complained that someone threw a dozen eggs at his car.

Police also answered several calls of domestic disturbances, arresting one man for disorderly conduct and public intoxication following an altercation early Sunday morning.

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Lifestyles

Meet Your Neighbor

By LISA BALL
Staff Writer

With two 3-month-old identical twins in the house, life is anything but slow for Daun Murray and her husband, Robert.

"These two are just about the most exciting thing in my life," she said of the twins, Joseph and Jacob.

Growing up in Dimmitt, Mrs. Murray moved to Hereford after she and her husband married. Mr. Murray has been living here since 1978, when he came to stay with his father. Together, father and son own Bob's Heating and Air Conditioning.

While in Dimmitt, Mrs. Murray worked at Cobb's Department Store and attended West Texas State University where she majored in elementary education. She presently has taken a break from her studies to care for the twins.

"Your time is so much more valuable with twins," she explained. "You have to be really organized and to go out you must plan everything and not make any unnecessary stops."

Since coming here, she has attended the meetings for Newcomers Club. She enjoys snow skiing, especially at Taos, N.M., cooking and jogging.

Mr. Murray is attending Amarillo College and hopes later to receive a degree in applied science from WTSU. He is active as a volunteer fireman and enjoys hunting, horseback riding and working. He also has an interest in cars.



DAUN MURRAY
... with twins, Joseph and Jacob

Club plans bake sale

Sugar Works Cake Decorating Club met in the home of Carol Odom Thursday as members discussed receiving mail boxes.

Paula Gamez read the poem "Thank god for Little Things," and the financial statement and minutes were approved. Members also discussed the bake sale to be Feb. 9 at Sugarland Mall starting at 10 a.m. Sue Rogers is to make the cake this month for the Satellite Center. The

program for the meeting was how to make ears of corn, grape clusters and leaves from icing.

Members present were Gamez, Juanita Diaz, Anita Diaz, Odom, Sherry Davis, Rogers and Mary Lou Abendschan.

The family that stays together is not likely to repeat the experience after being cooped up in one hotel room for three nights.

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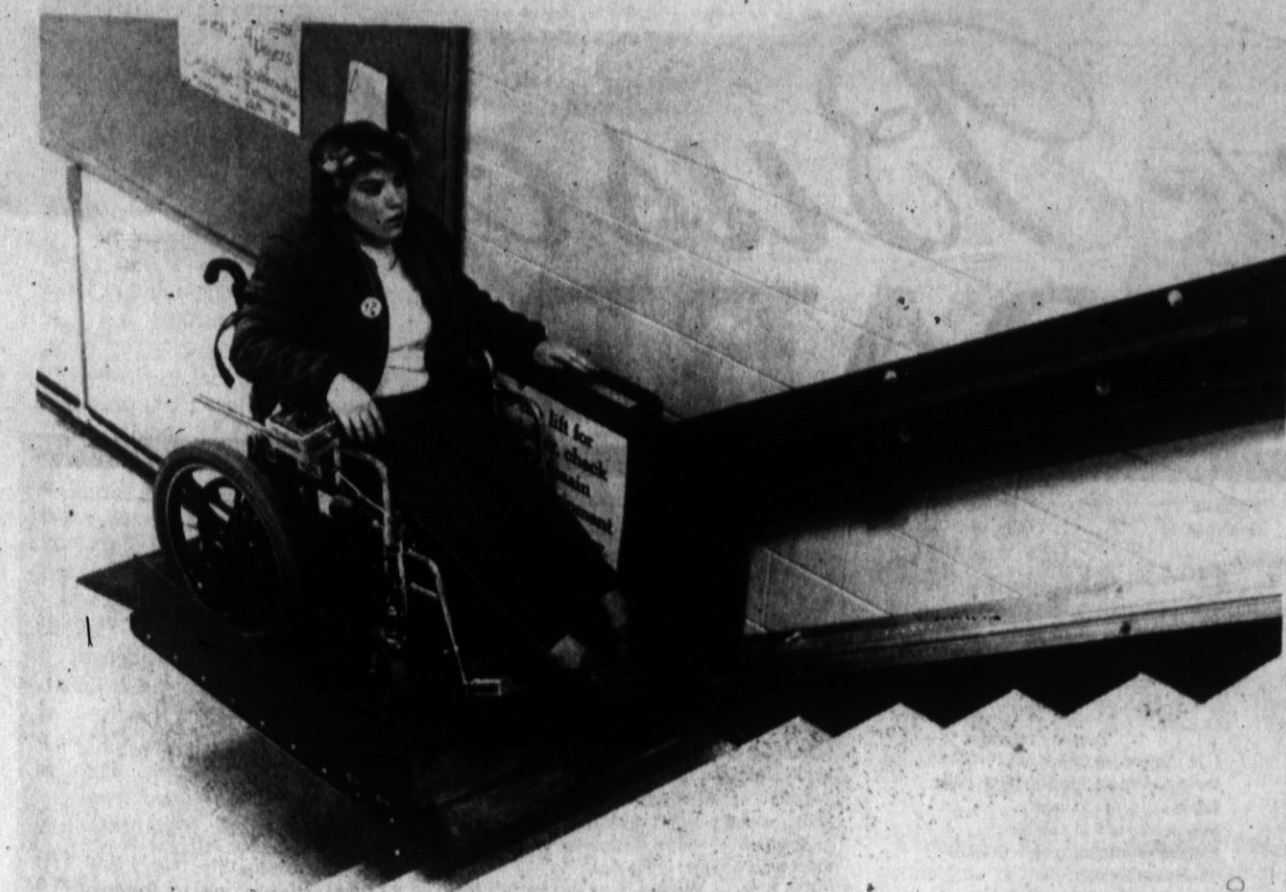
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Going Up

Pictured is Karen Cowell of Gruver starting up the chair lift in the Henson Activities Center on the Campus of West

Texas State University. She is president of the Handicapped Students Association.

WTSU makes strides on campus in helping handicapped students

WTSU - No otherwise qualified individual shall be excluded... shall be discriminated against.

That is the law. Yet for many handicapped people that is not the reality. Many are excluded, denied, and discriminated against. Without the means for educating themselves, they face tremendous odds competing in the job market.

In the past five years West Texas State University has made great strides in facilitating the university for disabled individuals and in closing the gaps that exist between handicapped students and the faculty, community, and other students. The Handicapped Students Association (HSA) has functioned as the determining force in WTSU's efforts for improvement.

The association was founded in 1979 when Jim Holston, coordinator, teamed up with several disabled students in order to encourage the university to improve its facilities and to provide a support group for all handicapped students on campus.

Since 1979, all classroom facilities have become completely accessible: elevators, wider bathroom stalls, shorter water fountains, sidewalks, etc., have been either installed or renovated. "We have never been turned down by the administration for any request to help make the university more accessible," said Holston.

In 1982, WTSU received \$1.85 million with a substantial portion earmarked for these types of renovations. Again in 1984, funds were set aside so that Old Main, the only classroom facility then without an elevator, would receive one. Most recently, \$12,000 was invested in the construction of special dorm rooms and a bathroom that could accommodate quadriplegics (persons who do not have full use of their limbs) and their attendants. Commenting on this achievement, Holston stated, "Two or three years ago it would have been an impossible task for the university to undertake the responsibility of accommodating quadriplegics. Today we have the facilities to do so."

Rocky Romero, a Dalhart freshman, and Steve Garcia, a Dimmitt junior, are quadriplegics. They live in Jones Hall on the WTSU campus with their attendants, Zeke Garcia, Dimmitt freshman, and Mario Bravomalo, a freshman from Troy, Michigan. Automatic doors, power beds, and a special shower that a

wheelchair can be rolled into are features that enable Steve and Rocky to function in an academic environment. Without these facilities they would not be able to attend college, an almost vital necessity for handicapped individuals. "We have to compensate for our physical limitations by improving our brains," said Steve. It is a fact that 50 - 85 percent of the handicapped are unemployed. But for those with college education, the chances of job placement are much greater.

"Unfortunately, many handicapped people are afraid to attend college," Holston said. "They are usually caught up in their own limitations and fear they will be regarded as freaks." So besides urging university administrators to make the campus accessible, one of HSA's primary purposes is to help handicapped individuals overcome the psychological problems that are inevitably experienced.

Holston believes the organization is wonderful in that, above all, it promotes dignity. "We try to educate the handicapped about all disabilities, not just their own." Special training programs are initiated so that these students can attend area high schools for special "Ask Me Anything You Want" seminars. "HSA provides an atmosphere where handicapped students can talk to each other about their disabilities and begin to focus on their individual talents and abilities instead of their limitations," said Holston.

Other HSA activities include co-sponsoring the Amarillo Special Olympics, arranging events for Handicapped Awareness Week, inviting speakers such as Tom Sullivan (author of "If You Could See What I Hear") to the campus, and compiling a faculty guide for Helping Handicapped Students. On the academic level, HSA finds note-takers for students who cannot write and arranges meetings with teachers so that special examinations can be administered.

Outside groups such as the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) donate at least 400,000 hours of work each year recording textbooks for dyslexic and other visibly handicapped students. "They are a tremendous source of encouragement and support for our students," Holston said.

Though handicapped individuals still face tremendous odds in the university and business worlds, through the efforts of WTSU and HSA, these students are given a chance to complete.

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College basketball crowds



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It's not just the familiar college basketball powers — Kentucky, Louisville, Indiana — that draw big crowds. BYU, New Mexico, Iowa and Vanderbilt ranked among the top 10 last season in average attendance per game.

Sutton has to punish Arkansas hoopster

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. (AP) — Arkansas sophomore William Mills will be sitting out at least three games as punishment for a discipline problem, Coach Eddie Sutton says.

"It's never easy for a coach to have to punish a young man," Sutton said Monday. "We've tried to be patient with him, and the coaching staff believes this is best for our team."

"We've had other great players we've had to sit down. They've responded in a positive manner. A couple are pretty good players in the NBA right now," Sutton said, referring to Darrell Walker of the New York Knicks and Alvin Robertson of the San Antonio Spurs.

The Razorbacks play Baylor Wednesday night at Waco, host Texas A&M Saturday in Fayetteville and then travel to Washington to take on Georgetown Sunday.

"The coaching staff and our players agreed this was just punishment," Sutton said of the 6-foot-7 Mills. "We had a team meeting and I didn't put it to a vote, but I asked our players if any of them wanted to say anything. They are an open group of people and would have said something if they wanted to, but no one said a thing."

"I hope William Mills will grow and mature from this. He understands what he did, and he accepted the decision. It's not easy but someone has to run the show and that's me. We put Darrell Walker on the pines for a long time when he was a sophomore and now he's a guy that if we call him, he'd do anything for our program."

Mills, a transfer from Tennessee, has started for Arkansas much of the year. A discipline problem kept him from playing against Rice until the final seconds last week. He started in Sunday's loss to Virginia. Sutton said, however, that Mills did not play

Technicalities keep man from honor

NEW YORK (AP) — Batting averages and earned run averages are routinely rounded off to the highest number. But the Baseball Hall of Fame's board of directors has refused to change its rules and admit the late Nellie Fox, who wound up just four-tenths of a percentage point short of election.

The Hall of Fame rules requires candidates to be named on 75 percent of the ballots cast. Fox got 295 of the 395 votes cast — 74.6 percent — in balloting by baseball writers announced Jan. 8.

He came within two votes of being elected, the closest any person has come to making it to Cooperstown without getting in. Hoyt Wilhelm and Lou Brock were elected in the voting.

Ed Stack, president of the Hall of Fame, said its board of directors on Monday reconsidered the voting at the request of Chicago Tribune sports writer Jerome Holtzman, who had advocated the election of Fox.

Holtzman has pointed out that many numbers in baseball are rounded off, and suggested the same should be done for Fox.

Stack said the board considered the matter at its annual meeting, but let the voting stand.

"The Hall of Fame board of directors expressed its sympathy in the Nellie Fox situation, but did not feel that it was proper to change the rules for election to admit any candidate named on less than 75 percent of the ballots cast," Stack said.

Fox, who died in 1975, finished with a .288 career batting average. He had 2,663 hits and also set several fielding records at second base.

AP's Top 20 men's teams

St. John's vaults past Hoyas

By JIM O'CONNELL AP Sports Writer

In December 1951, St. John's was the No. 1 basketball team in the nation and Lou Carnesecca was in his second year of coaching at St. Ann's Academy.

In January 1985, St. John's is the No. 1 basketball team in the nation and Lou Carnesecca is in his 17th year as coach at St. John's.

There were 905 games between top rankings and about the only thing that didn't change was Carnesecca's aversion to the No. 1 tag.

"It's hoopla," the coach of the Redmen, 15-1, said Monday about St.

John's going to the top of the Associated Press poll. "It's good for the school, good for the kids. We have to keep our feet on the ground."

St. John's had to be walking on air last weekend after ending Georgetown's 29-game winning streak at a time when the Hoyas were No. 1. The Redmen beat Georgetown 66-65 Saturday at the Capital Centre.

It is the first time since December 1951 that the Redmen, who were ranked third last week, have held the top spot, according to the school's sports information office. They held the No. 1 position for just one week

then, before losing to Kentucky by 41 points. St. John's lost to Kansas in the national championship game that season — just two years after Carnesecca graduated.

St. John's received 52 of 63 first-place votes and 1,249 points from a nationwide panel of sportswriters and broadcasters. Georgetown received 10 first-place votes and 1,202 points in easily outdistancing Memphis State, which received the other first-place vote and 1,130 points in moving from fourth to third.

Georgetown, which had held the top spot from the preseason voting through nine regular-season polls, suffered its second consecutive loss Monday night, bowing to Syracuse 65-63.

Southern Methodist, which suffered only its second loss in 18 games this season Saturday at Texas Tech, 66-65, fell from second to fourth, receiving 1,016 points, 28 more than Illinois, which switched places with Duke, 867 points, from last week.

Oklahoma is seventh with 850 points, followed by Georgia Tech, one of two teams to jump eight places in this week's poll. The Yellow Jackets, 15-3, received 716 points in moving from last week's No. 16 ranking. They beat Clemson 64-59 and North Carolina 66-62 last week.

Syracuse received 698 points in moving from 11th to ninth place, while Michigan, 18th last week, joined Georgia Tech in the long jump category. The Wolverines, 14-3, rounded out the Top Ten with 636 points after victories last week over Michigan State and Kansas.

North Carolina leads the Second Ten, followed by Tulsa, DePaul, Oregon State, Louisiana Tech, Nevada-Las Vegas, Maryland, Villanova, Kansas and Alabama-Birmingham.

This week's newcomers, Maryland and Alabama-Birmingham, were both previously ranked this season. The Terrapins, 16-5, were ranked 19th four weeks ago before falling from the Top Twenty, while the Blazers, 18-4, were ranked in the first three regular-season polls, reaching 13th.

Indiana, which lost to Purdue and Illinois in falling to 11-6, and Virginia Commonwealth, which was beaten by Alabama-Birmingham and fell to 14-3, dropped from the Top Twenty.

Lady Longhorns wait no more to be No. 1

AUSTIN (AP) — Fans of the University of Texas women's basketball team waited for word this afternoon — when this week's Associated Press national rankings are released — on whether the Lady Longhorns have become the No. 1 women's basketball team in America.

Second-ranked Texas could move into the top spot because No. 1 Old Dominion lost for the first time — to unranked Tennessee — Friday. ODU beat No. 11 Western Kentucky, 76-57, Monday night, but that game would have no bearing on this week's poll

because the 60 coaches who vote in it did so Sunday night.

Texas has lost twice, by 10 points to Old Dominion and by two points to No. 8 Southern Cal.

Sixth-ranked and unbeaten Louisiana Tech is expected to move up, perhaps several places, after victories over No. 4 Northeast Louisiana and USC last week.

The Longhorns held the No. 1 spot last year from Feb. 15 until March 25, when they lost to Louisiana Tech in the Midwest Regional finals.

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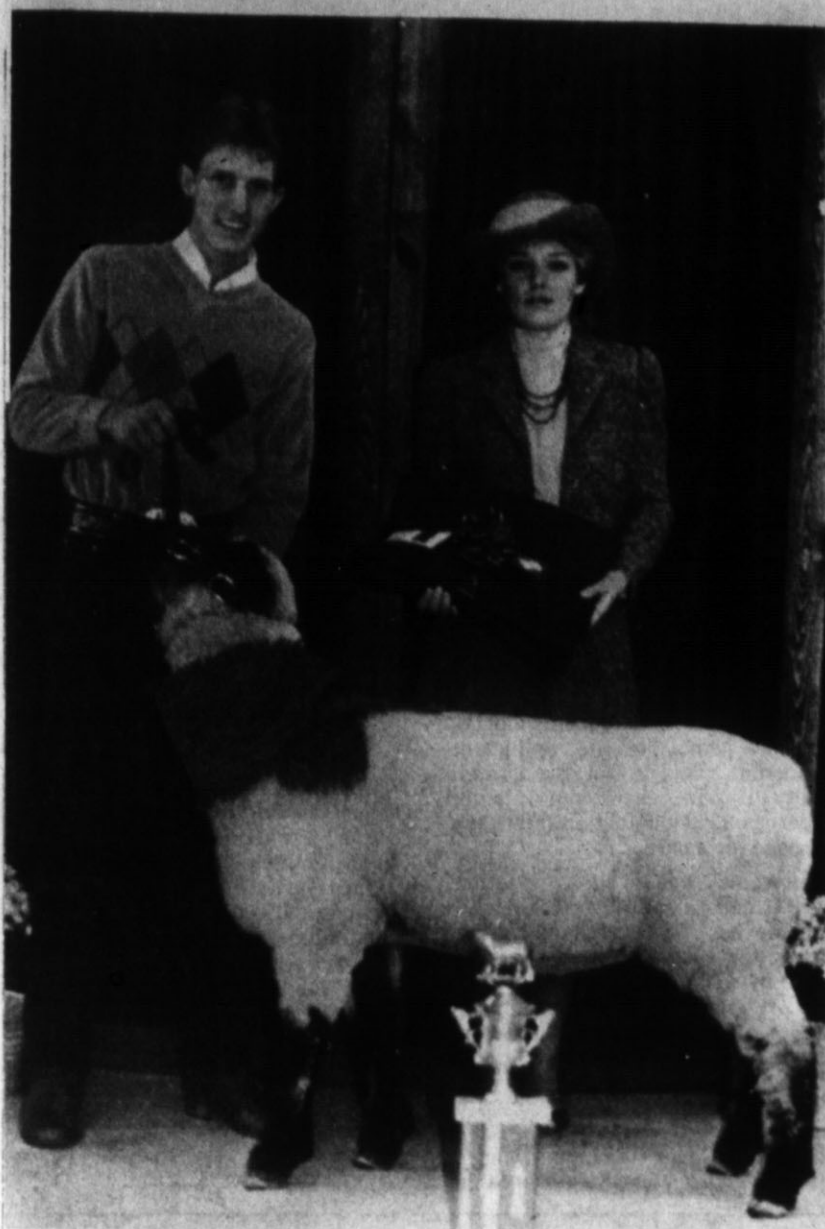
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Senior Winner.

Kristi Powell chose dusty pink wool for her prize-winning ensemble in the ladies lead line competition Saturday. Shaun Rickman was her escort and a family sheep entered the contest as well. The event was part of the Hereford Young Farmers junior livestock show and coordinated by the University Extension Service.

Lionel Richie wins six awards, Prince three

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The mellow crossover sounds of Lionel Richie outpolled Prince's ragged rock edge at the 12th annual American Music Awards, with a surprised Richie winning six awards and Prince, accompanied by a tattooed bodyguard, taking three.

Kenny Rogers won three trophies on the nationally broadcast show, making him the all-time American Music Awards champion with a total of 16. The awards Monday night honored winners of a nationwide public opinion poll.

Tina Turner, Anne Murray, Cyndi Lauper and the Pointer Sisters picked up two awards apiece during the three-hour ABC telecast at the Shrine Auditorium.

Offstage, Richie and producer Quincy Jones announced that several top recording artists including Richie, Bob Dylan and Bruce Springsteen were joining together Monday night to record a song, with the proceeds donated to relieve starving Ethiopians.

Prince and Richie were nominated in eight of the same categories, and Prince had 10 nominations overall, giving him a shot at breaking the record set last year by Michael Jackson, who won seven regular awards and also was the year's Award of Merit recipient for career achievement.

Richie, who was host of the show, was honored as favorite male vocalist and favorite male video artist in both black and pop-rock categories. His video clip, "Hello," was named favorite pop-rock video single and black video single.

"I cannot believe it. I was concentrating so much on making sure the show was going properly that when they kept calling my name I said 'Wait a minute — this is not in the program, this is not in the script,'" said Richie, who had previously won seven of the awards.

Prince, the 26-year-old sensation from Minneapolis, won for favorite black single with "When Doves Cry," as well as top black album and pop-rock for the soundtrack album to his hit film, "Purple Rain." He electrified the audience into a swaying mass with a live performance of the title song.

"For all of us, life is death without adventure," Prince said after his third trip to the podium. "Adventure only comes to those willing to be daring and take chances."

But the slim, androgynous Prince apparently preferred to take no chances at the awards, with a hulking, tattooed bodyguard accompanying him even to the stage to accept his trophies.

Rogers' awards included one he shared with Dolly Parton for favorite country single for their duet, "Island

in the Stream." Rogers' LP, "Eyes That See in the Dark" was voted favorite country album, and he also was named favorite male country vocalist for the fifth time.

Miss Lauper was named favorite female vocalist and video artist in pop-rock, while Miss Turner picked up the same awards in the black artist category. Miss Murray won favorite female country video artist, and her hit, "A Little Good News," was voted favorite country video single.

Miss Turner, whose first hit was 1960's rhythm and blues smash "A Fool in Love" with former husband Ike, said her latest album, "Private Dancer," was the result of a desire "to see what I could do on my own. It just really shows I can do it."

The favorite pop video group award went to Huey Lewis and the News, who hit it big last year with an album called "Sports."

Springsteen won favorite pop single for "Dancing in the Dark" but was not present to collect it. Daryl Hall and John Oates made it three years in a row as favorite pop-rock group, and Alabama also checked in as favorite country group for a third straight year.

The Pointer Sisters were named favorite black group, their first American Music Award, and also won as favorite black video group.

Barbara Mandrell won her fifth consecutive country vocalist award, accepting via satellite from Nashville, and Willie Nelson was named favorite male country video artist.

The show featured tributes to two-time American Music Award winner Loretta Lynn, who received this year's special Award of Merit, and to two singers who died last year, Marvin Gaye and Ernest Tubb.

Awards were determined by a nationwide public opinion poll of 20,000 record buyers who were asked to pick their favorite male and female artists, duo or group, single, album, video clip and male, female and group video artists from nominations in each of three major categories: pop-rock, soul and country.

German forces were stopped in France in the first month, and the rival armies dug trench networks. Artillery and improved machine guns prevented either side from any lasting advance, despite repeated assaults. Poison gas used by the Germans in 1915 proved ineffective. Over 1 million U.S. troops tipped the balance after mid-1917, forcing Germany to sue for peace.

"The Waltons" Richard Thomas is really a New Yorker, having been born in New York City on June 13, 1951.



STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Lyndell Williams
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN—Texas Comptroller Bob Bullock rocked the Capitol complex on its heels last week with his own unique method of trimming fat from government.

Bullock, before anyone could recover from the shock, cut 127 employees from his payroll and closed 12 regional offices, including some in Dallas, San Antonio, Fort Worth and Houston.

While Bullock says that he's now "down to the bare essentials of tax collecting; he still rules over a mighty force of some 2,550 workers. Stories about Bullock's whims, crazy-like-a-fox-tactics, and eccentricities are now legends among the Capitol crowd.

One favorite myth concerns former Bullock employee Bob Jordan, now the Deputy Commissioner for Budget and Planning under Land Commissioner Gary Mauro, and a highly regarded figure at the Capitol. Jordan walked by a table one night where Bullock and his top aides were holding court, and Bullock, who harbored some anger then towards Jordan, told one to fire Jordan when he came to work the next day.

Hire and Fire

"We can't do that. You fired

him last week," he was told.

"Well then, hire him back, and fire him again," Bullock said, as the story goes. Several folks swear it's true to a reasonable degree. And if Bullock has fired his fair share of employees in his long tenure, he has also trained a majority of the Capitol work force. Many of his former employees like Jordan, have gone on to greater accomplishments and earned high marks of respect.

Hiring Lid

Bullock's meat cleaver tactics combined with the warnings of the Legislature have caused several state agencies to impose a hiring freeze. Agriculture Commissioner Jim Hightower's office was the latest to join the freeze movement last week.

Two legislators, a Republican and a Democrat, have authored a bipartisan bill to eliminate about 20,000 state jobs through attrition. Eventually, no state agency could hire more than 100 employees per 10,000 Texans.

Two state employees groups, one a union, have asked for a stop to the massacre by calling for a task force to study ways to cut staff.

Polly's Pointers

Polly Fisher
Strain frying oil



DEAR POLLY — Is there anything I can put in oil or shortening after frying french fries to keep it from turning color or to keep it smelling sweet and clean so I can use it longer? — GEORGE

DEAR GEORGE — There's nothing you can add to the oil to do this job, but straining the oil or melted fat will do a good job of keeping it fresh and clean. You can strain it through several layers of cheesecloth in a strainer or colander, or — an easier way — pour it through a paper coffee filter. Store the oil in a tightly covered container in the refrigerator. You can reuse oil several times when filtered each time, then carefully stored. It will keep for several weeks. However, as soon as the oil starts to smell rancid, discard it. — POLLY

DEAR POLLY — When my granddaughter came to visit with her 4-month-old baby, I noticed his bunny sleeper was quite small for his comfort. I cut the lower part open at the hem, then added an extension made from a piece of receiving blanket folded in half and sewn to the bottom of the sleeper. This was a costly bunny sleeper and in good shape to be used longer, except for length. Just a few stitches saved several dollars. — MARION

DEAR POLLY — You can have a cozier house and save money on your fuel bills if you use a humidifier to add moisture to the air in your home. This is healthier for you and your family and the moisture in the air makes you feel warmer. You'll need less heat to stay comfortable. — JEANNE



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Most figures show

Americans eat less meat

COLLEGE STATION -- "It's misuse of industry figures -- not glut-tony -- that accounts for the seemingly high meat consumption in this country," says a Texas A&M University Agricultural Extension Service nutritionist.

According to Mary K. Sweeten, the animal agriculture industries keep track of how many pounds of "carcass weight" of meat animals are being produced. But carcass weight includes fat and bone that never make it into the supermarket package, she explains.

The number of pounds of meat sold in retail packages is also counted. However, these figures still include fat and bone which are not eaten and do not account for cooking losses.

When you divide either the carcass weight or retail pack figures by the

total number of Americans, it's easy to draw the conclusion that we eat a great deal of meat," says Sweeten. Carcass weight per capita figures show that Americans eat about 170 pounds of red meat per year, while the retail pack figure is 139 pounds each year.

Using these types of per capita consumption figures, the authors of many diet books and plans recommend that we reduce the amount of meat in our diets, she notes.

But when you look at how much cooked meat we eat, the figures are significantly lower, says the nutritionist. Research conducted by the National Livestock and Meat Board shows that Americans eat slightly less than four ounces of cooked red meat per day, for a total of 91 pounds per person each year.

Even this figure assumes that the average American eats fifty percent of the fat remaining one very cut of red meat served, which probably is

an overestimate of actual fat consumption, she says.

The four ounces of meat we eat per day represents a total of 327 calories, or 16 percent of a 2,000-calorie diet for the average American, Sweeten reports.

"These figures are just an average," she says. Some individuals are eating more than four ounces of meat per day and some less."

Reservation deadline for conference set

Reservations for "A Weekend to Remember" marriage conference slated Friday, Saturday and Sunday at the Hilton Hotel in Amarillo, must be made by Wednesday.

The event, sponsored by the First Christian Church, is also open to those not members of First Christian Church.

The conference will be conducted by David Sunde of Riverside, Calif.

Sunde is currently president and founder of Marketplace Ministries and has worked on the staff of Campus Crusade for Christ for the past 19 years. He is also on the faculty and is a ministry team leader in the International School of Theology.

The conference will include several topics among those are "A Picture of Marriage Today" and "Why Am I Afraid In Our Marriage." The local cost of the conference which also includes projects, is \$135 a couple. The initial fee covers everything except meals.

For more information, contact Jim Donaldson at First Christian Church, 364-0373.



Health

Lawrence E. Lamb, M.D.

Growing moles

DEAR DR. LAMB -- I have a variety of moles -- old, new, small and large. They are not painful, but some are unsightly and some are growing.

My doctors have advised me to leave them alone. Do you agree? DEAR READER -- No. If some of the moles are growing, I would advise you to see a dermatologist. Whenever a mole changes -- which includes increasing in size -- it should be seen by a physician. Many of those that are enlarging should be removed to determine if they are malignant or not.

Most moles will not become a problem, but some become malignant melanomas. This is not the garden variety of skin cancer, but is quite dangerous. Early detection offers the best hope for a cure.

Any mole that is in a location where it can be irritated should also be removed. These include moles around the waist, which can be rubbed by a belt; those irritated by a strap over the shoulder; and definitely those on a man's face, which are constantly irritated by shaving.

I have discussed moles, along with other skin cancers, in The Health Letter, Special Report 28, Skin: Aging, Spots, Cancer and Sun, which I am sending you. Others who want this

issue can send 75 cents with a long, stamped, self-addressed envelope for it to me in care of this newspaper, P.O. Box 1551, Radio City Station, New York, NY 10019.

Sun exposure increases the chances of having a melanoma. If you have a lot of moles, I would be extra-cautious about exposing them to the sun.

The World Almanac

Q&A

- Which of the following presidents is NOT one of two presidents who were less than 50 years old when they died? (a) John Kennedy (b) Franklin Pierce (c) James Garfield
- What is the most points any football team has scored in a Super Bowl game? (a) 35 (b) 38 (c) 41
- Who won the Pulitzer Prize for national reporting in 1984? (a) Boston Globe (b) John Noble Wilford (c) Rick Atkinson

ANSWERS

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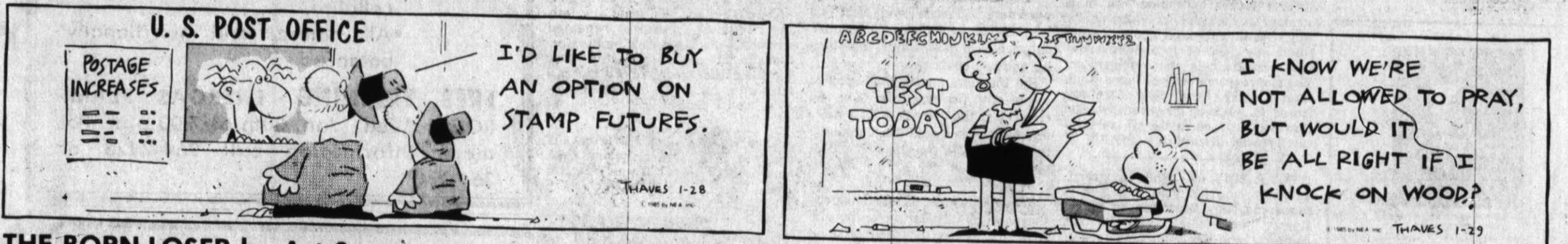
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Texas sculptor uses fantasy creatures

BEAUMONT, Texas (AP) — Oddly shaped creatures with cumbersome tails and unicorn-type horns exist deep in the recesses of Herring Coe's imagination. But sometimes one escapes in the form of a small figurine. Those that do depart Coe's subconscious now sit on a hallway shelf or hang on the walls of his home deep in the Old Town District.

Coe, 77, a nationally known

sculptor, calls these peculiar animals "might have beens," or "may yet be's."

He explains his terminology, saying that evolution could have molded these strange characteristics or that maybe these forms still could appear. Coe's intellect is that of a scientist, but critics term his work as sensitive and delicate art.

"I've been said to have a scientific

mind, instead of an artistic mind," Coe says, as he sits on his couch surrounded by past works. "They (the concepts) are terribly different, but they're both creative."

Indeed, his home portrays this dichotomy of stark science and creative clutter. No curtains hang at the windows, allowing the sunlight to dominate the rooms, giving Coe the light he requires for his intricate car-

vings. His work is everywhere, covering his walls and tables. One room, almost entirely surrounded by windows, contains just an easel and used pieces of clay. In another room, old art books and pamphlets surround a design table. Any disorder, though, seems to be planned, and neatly in place.

Coe, best known for his bronze statue of Dick Dowling situated in

the Sabine Pass Battlegrounds and his monument to the children and teachers who died in the New London, Texas, fire, says he originally wanted to be an astronomer. By the time he was graduated from high school, Coe determined his career would be electrical engineering.

He attended South Park College, forerunner of Lamar University, for two years, studying engineering. But

one day, watching his two younger sisters construct mud pies, he picked up a piece of clay and shaped a small Buddha. From there, Coe says he worked for a quarry, creating stone figures for architects.

In Sweden, the life expectancy of those born in 1980 is 72 years, eight months for males and 78 years, eight months for females.

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