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Consumer prices jump 2.5 percent for all of '95

By MARTIN CRUTSINGER
AP Economics Writer
WASHINGTON (AP) - Consumer prices rose just 2.5 percent for all of 1995, the lowest reading in nearly a decade, as inflation remained moderate for the fourth straight year in a row.

Analysts said the docile inflation report would give the Federal Reserve more leeway to follow up Wednesday's reduction in interest rates with further cuts to spur a flagging economy.

"This inflation report tells us if the economy needs more help, then the Fed can supply it without fear," said Robert Dederick, chief economic consultant at the Northern Trust Co. of Chicago. "The inflation risk is smaller currently than the recession risk."

The Labor Department said that consumer prices were up a modest 0.2 percent in December with moderation in most categories helping to offset a big spurt in energy prices.

The 2.5 percent increase in consumer prices for the year was the smallest increase since a 1.1 percent rise in 1986. Consumer prices were up 2.7 percent in both 1994 and 1993 and 2.9 percent in 1992.

The four-year string of price increases below 3 percent represent the first time that has happened since 1965.

Analysts give credit for this victory over inflation to the Federal Reserve and believe it is one of the reasons that the Clinton administration is likely to reappoint Fed Chairman Alan Greenspan when his current term expires in March.

The Fed cut interest rates for the second time in seven weeks on Wednesday, reducing its target for the federal funds rate to 5.25 percent. Many economists believe with inflation remaining docile, the Fed will keep its attention on spurring economic growth.

The Fed's action helped push stocks to record highs for a fourth straight day. The Dow Jones industrial average rose 14.09 points to a new high of 5,395.30 on Wednesday.

HHS disavows group selling subscriptions

A group of young people soliciting magazine subscriptions under the guise of raising money for a senior trip is not affiliated with Hereford High School.

Sue Powell, a senior class coordinator, said Thursday that the school has received several complaints about young people trying to sell them magazines.

"It does not have anything to do with the senior class at Hereford High," Powell said adding that it was unknown who the young people are and where they are from.



New chamber officers

The Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce on Wednesday introduced its new board of directors officers. They are, from left, Wes Fisher, Past President; Tommie Weemes, President; Wade Easley, Vice President; and Jeff Brown, Treasurer.

Cardiovascular disease deaths show decline in county in 1994

By GARRY WESNER
Managing Editor
Four out of every 10 deaths in Deaf Smith County in 1994 were due to cardiovascular disease (CVD), according to a recently released report by the American Heart Association.

According to the report -- which uses the most recently available figures -- 56 of the 139 deaths in Deaf Smith County that year was due to one of six causes that are combined to form the definition of cardiovascular disease.

That translates to 40.3 percent of all deaths.

Overall, the report noted, 54,362 Texans died of CVD in 1994, which translates to 40 percent of the total 135,870 Texas deaths -- making CVD the number one killer in the state.

The AHA defines CVD deaths as being from any one of the following causes:

- Diseases of the heart;
- Hypertension with or without renal disease;
- Cerebrovascular diseases;
- Atherosclerosis;
- Other diseases of arteries, arterioles and capillaries; and
- Congenital heart anomalies.

According to the AHA-issued report, the number of CVD deaths in Deaf Smith County has decreased over the past three years.

In 1993, 64 deaths, or 43.5 percent of the total 147 deaths, were from CVD, while in 1992, 64 CVD deaths were reported among 127 deaths, for 50.4 percent.

For Hereford itself, the percentage has likewise decreased.

The report notes 48 of 128 city deaths in 1994 were from CVD, for 37.5 percent; in 1993 the numbers were 56 of 135 deaths for 41.5 percent, while in 1992 it was 60 of 114 deaths, for 52.6 percent.

For Texas overall, the report notes the 1993 CVD death rate was 40.1 percent, with 53,835 cases, while the 1992 rate was 40.6 percent, or 52,290 deaths.

The highest county CVD death rate in 1994 was Foard County, where 66.7 percent of the 30 deaths were from cardiovascular disease.

On the other hand, three counties reported no CVD deaths in 1994.

They were: Kenedy, King and Loving counties. Of them, King and Loving each reported one death for the entire year of 1994, while Kenedy

County had three deaths.

The heart association notes that, nationally, the number of deaths from cardiovascular disease has dropped only 3.8 percent from 1983 to 1993.

The slower decline is attributed to the fact that the overall U.S. population, particularly the number of middle-aged and older people, is increasing.

In addition, technology has allowed people to survive CVD incidences that were previously fatal, only to succumb later to subsequent cardiovascular illnesses.

To reduce the risk of heart attack and stroke, the AHA recommends having blood pressure checks regularly and urges people not to smoke, eat nutritious foods in moderate amounts, have regular checkups and exercise.

For more information, call the AHA at 1-800-AHA-USA1.

House group drafts plan to balance budget in 6 years

By ALAN FRAM
Associated Press Writer
WASHINGTON (AP) - A group of House Republican moderates is calling for a six-year budget-balancing plan without tax cuts, underlining rank-and-file GOP discomfort over the budget stalemate with President Clinton.

"We believe balancing the budget is the single most important reason we came to Congress," Rep. Mike Castle, R-Del., said as he and seven other moderates unveiled their idea Wednesday.

The group proposed enough savings from Medicare and other domestic programs to balance the budget by 2001, a year quicker than the seven-year compromise that Republicans and the administration have sought. After approving that package, Congress would then vote separately on tax cuts, paid for by spending reductions, the moderates said.

While the plan seems unlikely to garner enough support to move through Congress, it sheds light on the growing unease the impasse has caused some Republicans, who fear that failure to produce a deal could leave them with little to show for this Congress.

It also indicates that House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., and other GOP leaders who last week virtually abandoned hope of crafting a budget deal with Clinton will have to watch for restiveness among their troops.

House Budget Committee Chairman John Kasich, R-Ohio, unsuccessfully tried to dissuade the moderates from holding a news

Bush vows to work on reading in Texas

Governor calls low passing rates on tests 'crisis' in state education

By PEGGY FIKAC
Associated Press Writer
AUSTIN (AP) - Gov. George W. Bush says he'll lead the charge to combat a "crisis" in Texas education: hundreds of thousands of school children who cannot read.

The governor Wednesday called on educators, parents and businesses to join in the effort, saying he'll work to boost support around the state and to funnel millions of dollars toward improving reading through such initiatives as reading academies.

"It is a catastrophe when 350,000 students cannot read. ... We must do something about it right now, and that's what we intend to do," Bush said. "The crisis is obvious in the numbers."

One in four of the school children who took the state-required reading skills test last year failed it, he said. Of those 350,000 who didn't pass, 90,000 were in third and fourth grades.

Bush delivered his message at the Administrators' Midwinter Conference on Education, sponsored by the Texas Education Agency. He challenged thousands of school

officials attending the meeting to "go back to your communities and teach our children to read."

He also challenged parents to read with their children a half-hour a day, at least three times a week.

His goal, Bush said, is for Texas students to read on grade level by the end of third grade, "and then we must keep them reading on grade level throughout their entire public school careers."

Toward that effort, Bush said he will:

- Ask the Legislature in the next session to set aside \$35 million for reading academies, intensive reading skills programs in schools. Schools might set aside half the day for reading, for example, he said.

- Rally volunteers from the private sector and corporations. He said he has already met with business leaders to urge them to give time and money to help teach reading.

- Join his wife, Laura, and his mother, former first lady Barbara Bush, today to announce a Barbara Bush Foundation literacy initiative

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State braces for blast of winter

By The Associated Press
Texans braced today for the worst weather of the winter - freezing rain, sleet and snow - over the next several days.

The National Weather Service said significant precipitation would fall today and tonight, starting as freezing rain and changing to sleet and then snow, making travel hazardous.

Temperatures are expected to remain below freezing through the weekend, the weather service said, warning of "real pipe-busting weather" as readings bottom out at about 10 degrees Friday night.

"We're going into a potentially interesting situation, a potentially dangerous situation with ice in the forecast," said Alan Moller, a meteorologist in the weather service's Fort Worth office.

Freezing rain may result in accumulations approaching a quarter of an inch on roadways and power lines in the Abilene area by this afternoon, the weather service said, with accumulations of 2 to 4 inches of snow possible today and tonight.

Although readings of below freezing are expected in South Texas as well, temperatures aren't expected to rival the historic freezes of past year, the weather

service said.

Arctic air which spread over deep South Texas on Wednesday is the forerunner of a more significant outbreak expected to arrive this weekend. Lows by Monday morning associated with this outbreak are expected to be in the low 20s over north and west sections of deep South Texas.

A shallow, but quite cold Arctic air mass across Central and South Texas dropped temperatures on Wednesday below freezing along and north of a line from Langtry to Uvalde to San Antonio to College Station and near Lufkin.

Winds just over the top of this dome of cold air turned southerly late Wednesday, bringing Gulf moisture back into Central and South Texas.

As it falls down through the subfreezing temperatures, it will change to freezing drizzle, the weather service said.

Another reinforcing surge of Arctic air is expected on Friday, just as a stronger upper-air disturbance moves through South Texas.

This combination is expected to develop even more widespread freezing rain and drizzle, possibly becoming mixed with snow.

Cardiovascular Deaths 1992-1994

Deaf Smith County

1994	CVD deaths -- 56	
	Total deaths -- 139	40.3 percent
1993	CVD deaths -- 64	
	Total deaths -- 147	43.5 percent
1992	CVD deaths -- 64	
	Total deaths -- 127	50.4 percent

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	Total deaths -- 128	37.5 percent
1993	CVD deaths -- 56	
	Total deaths -- 135	41.5 percent
1992	CVD deaths -- 60	
	Total deaths -- 114	52.6 percent

Source: American Heart Association



New chamber directors

Five new directors of the Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce took their seats on the board on Wednesday. Four of them were elected by the membership, while Julia Laing takes her seat on the board as president of the chamber Women's Division. Shown from left are new directors Suzanne Finch, Diane Beavers, Julia Laing, Sid Shaw and Jimmy Bell.

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Local Roundup

Recycling postponed

This Saturday's regular recycling day co-sponsored by the Hereford Beautification Alliance and Community School has been postponed due to inclement weather. A make-up recycling day will be held at a later date.

Cold, snow to linger

Hereford recorded a high temperature of 32 degrees on Wednesday, according to KPAN Radio, with an overnight low Thursday of 11 degrees. Very cold temperatures and chances of snow will continue through Friday, with the forecast calling for a 70 percent chance of light snow tonight and a 40 percent chance on Friday. The low tonight will be 5 to 10 degrees with east winds of 10-15 mph. For Friday, skies will be cloudy and the high will be only around 15 degrees with northeast winds of 10-20 mph.

News Digest

HOUSTON - Barry Capece doesn't consider himself an Elvis Presley fanatic. That's a good thing, because the King's estate isn't overly fond of Capece, either. The Houston bar owner is locked in a legal tussle with the Memphis, Tenn.-based Elvis Presley Enterprises Inc. over the name of his 5-year-old nightclub, Velvet Elvis.

HOUSTON - The Texas Public Utility Commission is asking for "your patience, your understanding and ultimately your support" as it decides how new telephone area codes will be adopted in Houston and Dallas.

WASHINGTON - The Federal Reserve, hoping to avoid the mistake it made before the last recession, has cut interest rates for a second time in two months and many analysts believe more credit easing is on the way.

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka - At the break of dawn, relief workers dug through the burned-out rubble of 10 buildings destroyed by a suspected Tamil rebel suicide bomber in downtown Colombo.

But few expected to find any more survivors from one of the worst attacks in Sri Lanka's 12-year civil war, and the death toll rose to 60 as more of the many hospitalized people died.

Police, Emergency Reports

Emergency services reports for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. Thursday contained the following information.

HEREFORD POLICE

A 37-year-old male was arrested in the 200 block of North Lee for theft.

A 20-year-old male was arrested in the 200 block of North Lee on DPS

warrants for speeding and failure to appear.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 400 block of North 25 Mile Avenue.

Class B criminal mischief was reported in the 400 block of East 15th Street; and in the 600 block of Irving.

A dog running loose was reported in the 600 block of Avenue F.

Officers took possession of a green leafy substance in the 700 block of La Plata Drive.

Class C domestic violence was reported in the 100 block of Avenue F.

Officers issued six traffic citations. There was one minor traffic accident reported in the 1100 block of East Park Avenue.

DEAF SMITH SHERIFF

A 24-year-old male was arrested on a DWI commitment.

A 20-year-old female was arrested on a failure to identify commitment.

A 17-year-old male was arrested on an evading detention commitment.

An 18-year-old male was arrested for theft over \$1,500/under \$20,000.

A 19-year-old male was arrested on traffic violations.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

No calls.

EMS

Ambulances ran on three medical calls and one transfer to Amarillo.

PATIENTS IN HOSPITAL

Samuel W. Brown, Jesuita Castillo, Lillie B. Davis, Dora V. Guerrero, Infant boy Guerrero, Blasa R. Mancillas, Morgan D. Martinez; Elvise G. Stambaugh, M.H. Stephens, Edith Waggoner, Frank E. Watson, Irving H. Willoughby and Aide Zapata.

Poll indicates Forbes surging ahead

Candidates concentrating on New Hampshire GOP primary

By KEVIN GALVIN
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) - A new poll suggests Steve Forbes is surging ahead in New Hampshire, just three weeks before the state's influential Republican presidential primary.

Meanwhile, the Federal Election Commission reportedly is questioning whether his campaign received improper contributions from his family's company, Forbes Inc.

The poll released today by The Boston Globe and WBZ-TV showed Forbes would receive 31 percent of the vote if the primary were held today to 22 percent for Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole.

Dole, the front-runner for the past year, has been struggling to put a lackluster response to President Clinton's State of the Union address behind him on the campaign trail.

The poll has a margin of error of plus or minus 5 percentage points and came on the heels of recent polls showing contradictory trends.

The Washington-based Pew Research Center for People and the Press earlier this week said Forbes was leading Dole, by 29 to 24 percent. But the New Hampshire-

based American Research Group found Dole holding steady at 33 percent and Forbes at 16.

The Washington Post reported today that the FEC is questioning whether Forbes Inc., gave Forbes improper corporate contributions that were later repaid by the campaign.

In its filings with the FEC, the campaign showed numerous reimbursements to the company for travel, totaling \$6,575, and a payment to the company of \$36,136.61 for rent and telephones.

The campaign's general counsel, Paul Sullivan, said the campaign actually made payments for the use of corporate aircraft before the flights, as the FEC requires, even though it called them reimbursements in its report.

"All of it was done in compliance with the regulations," Sullivan said. He said the campaign was renting office space from a company-owned building in New Jersey.

Forbes has spent at least \$15 million of his own money on the race - mostly on television ads - and he said Wednesday he would not ask his campaign to reimburse him after the campaign.

"The money is invested. I'm not going to get that back. There's no way," he said on CNN's "Larry King Live."

Forbes was in Washington to visit his friend and influential Republican Jack Kemp, whose endorsement he and Dole have been seeking. Dole met with Kemp on Tuesday.

But between the two meetings Kemp said he would remain neutral for now, and Forbes said they didn't directly discuss an endorsement.

"We talked about the future of the campaign, but he's going to make up his own mind," Forbes said. "I knew what he'd said today, so when I saw him tonight I wasn't going to twist his arm. You don't twist Jack Kemp's arm."

Forbes predicted Wednesday night that Arizona's Feb. 27 Republican primary should be his first victory and positioned himself cautiously for the New Hampshire primary and Iowa caucuses.

Asked on CNN where he would chalk up his first win, Forbes replied, "We're looking to do it in Arizona."

But Forbes said he'd settle for "a strong fourth or a good third" in Iowa on Feb. 12 and "we're going for a

third or second" in New Hampshire on Feb. 20.

Forbes may be more optimistic after the latest poll indicated he was leading Dole in New Hampshire, but it also showed most voters want to know more about the 48-year-old multimillionaire magazine heir who has never held elective office.

The poll showed political commentator Patrick Buchanan with 11 percent.

Six other candidates lagged behind, although former Tennessee Gov. Lamar Alexander improved to 9 percent from 5 percent in the previous survey.

Texas Sen. Phil Gramm had 7 percent, Indiana Sen. Dick Lugar received 3 percent. Illinois businessman Morry Taylor, radio talk-show host Alan Keyes and California Rep. Bob Dornan each received 1 percent or less.

Of those responding, 73 percent were Republicans and 27 percent were independents, who are allowed to vote in the Feb. 20 Republican primary.

The report did not state the total number of voters polled by KRC Communications Research nor precisely when the poll was conducted.



Business changes ownership

Hustlers of Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce and others gathered Tuesday for a ribbon cutting for the new owner of The Pants Cage, Nancy Denton. Joining in the occasion were

two employees of the business, from her left, Louise Ferguson and Patsy Gallagher, and the former owner, Lajeane Henry. The shop is located in The Atrium, 426 Main.

New look in trading cards: saints sets selling briskly

By PAT LEISNER
Associated Press Writer

ST. PETE BEACH, Fla. (AP) - Here come the saints - the latest in trading cards.

Upset by trading cards that feature serial killers, Joan Pettiti decided saints would send a better message to kids.

"I thought to myself: 'This is really sick. Why can't we have better role models than this?'" she said Wednesday from her home near St. Petersburg. "I'd hate to have a kid want to collect Jeffrey Dahmer. Why not St. Paul the Apostle?"

The laminated Heavenly Saints cards, which cost about \$10 a set, feature 30 lifelike illustrations of the saints and a short description of their lives.

"We wanted them contemporary looking, not floating on clouds," said Pettiti, a grandmother of 11. "A child can relate more to someone who looks like us even though he lived 1,000 years ago."

The box includes longtime favorites and some lesser-known holy men and women: St. Valentine and St. Patrick, along with St. Apollonia, the patron of dentists and St. Moses the Black, patron of black Africans.

More than half of the first 1,000 sets have sold since hitting the market in November, Pettiti said. They're available in a few retail stores and through Ivia & Associates, a Davenport, Iowa, ad agency that helped put the package together.

Pettiti is already working on a second set. There are some 2,000 saints, so she has enough to keep her busy.

"The stories are fascinating. When you read as an adult after you're out of school 40 years, it has new meaning," she said.

Fair trial in bombing unlikely in Oklahoma, researcher declares

By PAUL QUEARY
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OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) -

Arguing that the bombing weighs more heavily on the minds of Oklahomans, a researcher for the defense said it is "extremely unlikely" that the two suspects could get a fair trial in the state.

Prosecutors want the trial held in Lawton or Tulsa; defense lawyers want it moved to another state.

"They recall a lot more in Tulsa and Lawton about what they saw in the media," said Kent Tedin, chairman of the political science department at the University of Houston.

Tedin, who conducted a survey of potential jurors, testified Wednesday during the second day of a hearing on whether to move the trial of bombing suspects Timothy McVeigh and Terry Nichols. The hearing resumes today.

Lawton, a military town 90 miles southwest of Oklahoma City, was originally chosen as the trial site by U.S. District Judge Wayne Alley.

But Alley was removed from the case because his courtroom and chambers in Oklahoma City were damaged in the blast. An appeals court said that the damage could have raised doubts about his impartiality.

Although he is not expected to rule before Friday, U.S. District Judge Richard Matsch cast doubt on the wisdom of his predecessor for choosing Lawton. Matsch said Lawton's small courthouse has "obvious deficiencies."

"It's a waste of time to even talk about Lawton," Matsch said, citing the \$1 million that both sides agreed would have to be spent to hold the trial in the city.

As for the survey of potential jurors, Tedin testified that it showed about 60 percent of people in Lawton, Tulsa and Denver had an opinion about McVeigh's guilt.

Tedin surveyed a total of about 2,400 people in those cities as well as Kansas City, Kan., Albuquerque, N.M., and San Francisco. He found 48 percent of respondents in Lawton, and 38 percent in Tulsa, think about the bombing every day or several times a week.

By comparison, only 9 percent of those surveyed in Denver and 6 percent in San Francisco think about the bombing that frequently, Tedin said.

On Tuesday, the judge heard from prosecution witnesses who testified that it would be possible to hold a fair trial in Oklahoma.

In another development, a woman whose two young sons were killed in the blast is suing McVeigh and other "unknown individuals" for \$30 million in a wrongful-death suit. Edye Smith's sons, Chase, 3, and Colton, 2, were in the day-care center on the second floor of the building when the bomb exploded.

At least five other wrongful-death suits have been filed in the case.

Meanwhile, CNN reported Wednesday that on the day he was arrested, McVeigh wore a T-shirt that bore a famous quotation from Thomas Jefferson. The network quoted sources as saying the shirt said: "The tree of liberty must be refreshed from time to time with the blood of patriots and tyrants."

McVeigh and Nichols could face the death penalty if convicted of murder and conspiracy in the April 19 bombing of the federal building. The blast killed 169 people and injured more than 500 others.

Look for the ridiculous in everything and you will find it.

—Jules Renard

Utilities' shareholders okay merger proposal

AMARILLO -- Shareholders of Southwestern Public Service Co. and Public Service Company of Colorado have approved the proposed merger of the two utilities to create a holding company called New Century Energies Inc.

The vote was announced on Wednesday, with an SPS news release saying the merger passed both groups by more than 70 percent.

"Our shareholders understand the changes under way within our industry," said Bill D. Helton, SPS chairman and Chief Executive Officer. "The vote today (Wednesday) signals their desire to see that our two firms join to create a strong and innovative company that can succeed in the more competitive utility industry that is quickly developing."

"There are significant benefits in this merger for our customers as well," Helton said. "Customers will share in the efficiencies the merger

will create, through continued quality service and future electric rates that will be lower than they would be otherwise. We are now focused on the state and federal regulatory approvals necessary as we work toward our targeted completion date of fall 1996."

The new holding company will become the parent company of SPS and PSCO, which will maintain their separate identities and continue to serve customers in their respective service areas. It will be headquartered in Denver, although SPS and PSCO will have their headquarters in Amarillo and Denver, respectively.

Also at the annual meeting, four directors were re-elected: Helton; Danny H. Conklin of Amarillo; R.R. Hemminghaus of San Antonio; and Don Maddox of Hobbs, N.M.

In addition, the company has announced a regular quarterly dividend of 55 cents per share on common stock.

READING

for school children and their families. This will involve about \$100,000 in "seed money" the first year, said the governor's spokeswoman Karen Hughes.

In addition, Bush said, the state will: - Target nearly all the \$29 million in federal funds for the state's Academics 2000 program to teach reading and basic skills in kindergarten through fourth grade.

- Spend a \$1 million federal grant for a training center to help teachers do a better job of teaching reading skills.

- Give schools additional help in measuring young children's reading ability.

Bush urged school officials to use increased flexibility available under last year's state education overhaul to find creative ways to teach reading and structure classes. He encouraged them to make reading a budget priority.

Parents also have a key role to play, Bush said.

"I urge Texans to give their

children the tools to start learning early - introduce them to books as babies. Keep reading to them as they grow," he said. "Read children's classics, read the Bible, read the newspaper. Read whatever interests your family."

"I know we can teach our children to read, but it will take all of us working together," he said.

Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock praised Bush's effort, saying, "I hope all Texans will join me in pledging their full support for Gov. Bush's initiative and will work together toward the goal of making sure all young Texans learn to read to the very best of their ability."

Texas Federation of Teachers spokesman Robert Nash said his group was "elated" at Bush's push for reading. "Kids absolutely have to learn to read before the other subjects are relevant," he said.

(A toll-free telephone number has been set up for people to offer ideas or ask for advice on the reading initiative. The number is (800) 819-5713.)

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Lifestyles

Late resident recipient of papal award

The late Mrs. Leonor Tijerina Lafuente of Hereford has been awarded the Benemerenti Papal Medal, an official with the West Texas Catholic newspaper reported Wednesday.

Bishop Leroy T. Matthiesen of Amarillo received word of the award on the day of Mrs. Lafuente's death, Jan. 17, 1996. The letter came from Archbishop Cacciavillan in Washington, D.C.

Bishop Matthiesen had nominated Mrs. Lafuente for the Papal Medal for her commitment to the ministry of the Diocese through the Cursillo Movement. Mrs. Lafuente had been a Cursillista for 33 years.

Mrs. Lafuente died at the age of 81. Local survivors included a son, Pedro Lafuente Jr.; three daughters, Linda Dominguez, Noiral L. Perez and Aurora Rodriguez; and a brother, Carlos Tijerina.



Illustrated by David LaRoche

Making stencils with kids

At our house, there's a kitchen drawer overflowing with plastic containers that spill out every time we jam it closed. It started as the Tupperware drawer but evolved into a catchall of margarine tubs and our latest collectible, a four-ounce cream cheese container from our local bagel shop.

Over the holidays, we used the handy storage units for leftovers. But it didn't take long before frustration reached the boiling point when searching through the fridge for Grandma's Swedish rice pudding only to find glutinous brown gravy under a lid labeled honey walnut cream cheese.

Now that the leftovers are gone, thank goodness, the drawer is jammed tight again.

Sorting through the chaos, my son discovered that lids outnumbered containers three to one. But their usefulness isn't over yet. Here is a clever idea for transforming plastic lids into sturdy stencils for fun indoor art activities.

On the underside of a lid, use a marker to draw a simple outline of a shape such as a square, triangle or circle. Keep it simple. Help your child cut out the shape with scissors, or an adult may use an X-Acto knife. Cut off the rim, if you wish.

To use the stencil, tape the lid to a sheet of paper, dip a piece of sponge in poster paint and dab lightly inside the cutout space. Lift the stencil. Because the stencils are plastic, they may be washed and used over again.

Here are some ideas for more stencil art:

Make a heart stencil and print Valentine cards and place mats.

Place the stencils over pictures in old magazines, trace the shape onto the pictures, then cut out the paper shapes. Glue shapes on construction paper to create "recycle" collages.

For children learning the alphabet, make a set of lids with one letter per lid. Trace and color the letters on paper to practice their ABC's. Spell simple words. Stencil your address and let your kids practice saying it.

Costumer creates wardrobes for stock show's 100th anniversary

By PATRICIA RODRIGUEZ
Fort Worth Star-Telegram
FORT WORTH, Texas - The woman's first mistake was wearing the antique western shirt to a show attended by Kay Gay. Her second was actually quoting a price when Gay asked how much she'd take for it.

The cream-and-black shirt was perfect for one of the costumes Gay was creating for the flag carriers for the grand entry at the Stock Show Rodeo. So Gay thought nothing of whipping out \$50 cash and buying the shirt right off the surprised woman's back.

"Well, I didn't rattle her for it," Gay says, laughing. "She wouldn't have quoted me a price if she didn't want to sell it."

Gay meant business when it came to outfitting the 14 female riders who kick off each rodeo performance. To celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Stock Show, Gay created costumes illustrating the different eras of women's rodeo clothing, from the leather skirts of the 1890s to the flashy sequined outfits of today. And each outfit had to be authentic.

"To me, the girls are the show part of the rodeo. They bring in the glamour," said Gay, who has outfitted the pivot-setters, or flag carriers, for more than a dozen years. Her husband, Neal Gay, is the rodeo's production manager.

"I wanted to show what it was like," she said.

Starting right after last year's Stock Show ended, Gay pulled together a wardrobe of antiques and reproductions, drawing on dozens of research books and old photographs. The result is a live-action history of women in rodeo, repeated at the beginning of each rodeo performance during the Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show.

The seven pairs of riders each wears a costume from a different era. In their earliest rodeo appearances back in the 1890s, Gay explained, women wore long leather split skirts, so her first pair of riders are dressed in calf-length suede skirts with matching vests.

But leather skirts proved to be too

heavy to ride in, Gay said, so within a few years women switched to twill or corduroy skirts, which make up the second set of outfits. But these, too, proved unwieldy.

"Some of the girls apparently were getting hung up in the saddle with the skirts, so they started putting rubber bands around their knees," to hold the skirts in, Gay said.

By the 1920s, these had evolved into bloomers, which replaced the split skirts for a time. In turn, these were replaced by sleeker-fitting jodhpurs by sometime in the 1930s, she said.

"The clothes were getting sexier, but there was still a lot of movement," Gay said.

Some of Gay's favorite outfits include the show chaps popular in the '30s and '40s. One pair of chaps is leather - trimmed with curly angora fur; another pair is elaborately stitched cream-and-black leather, worn with the antique shirt Gay had bought from its wearer.

Finally, the last pair of riders, who carry the Texas and U.S. flags, are dressed in modern rodeo clothing.

A longtime collector of Western wear, and a part of the rodeo business for 38 years, Gay was a natural choice to coordinate the centennial costumes. But it took months of research to discover the prevalent styles, and to find tailors and saddlemakers to

render them correctly.

One of the more difficult aspects was choosing the colors. Nearly all the pictures Gay found were in black and white, but in written descriptions she found many mentions of vivid colors. She's satisfied that the bright colors of her costumes - purple, royal blue, red, apple green, silver, gold - are authentic. And so is the flashiness, complete with feathers, lace, sequins and fringe.

"It's a show," Gay said. "When you go out there and see someone make a good barrel race and they're wearing plain jeans and a plaid shirt, it's like going to Las Vegas and seeing showgirls in cutoffs and a T-shirt."

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New Arrivals

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He weighed 8 pounds, 4-1/4 ounces.

Also welcoming Brennan are brothers Shane, Regan and Davin.

Grandparents are Don and Carolyn Waters of Hereford and Walker and Edna Freeman of Whitney.

Ann Landers

DEAR ANN LANDERS: I am a 28-year-old woman. I have a good job and believe I am smart and reasonably attractive. I have been living with a man (he's also 28) for three years. We are best friends. He is probably the kindest person I have ever known.

Here's the problem. "Bruno" is very untidy and extremely disorganized, has a deep-seated motivation problem, is somewhat spoiled and fancies himself a writer. I say "fancies" because he is unpublished as yet. He spent last summer unemployed and writing. He paid his personal bills and half of the rent. I paid all of the "joint" bills, such as gas, electric and water, most of the food and recreational activities. I tried very hard to be a supportive partner, but around the end of August, I started to nag him to go out and find a job. In October, he finally got one.

Bruno makes lots of promises about what the future, long-term and short-term, holds, even when I don't ask for promises. He has the best of intentions when he makes them, but I find myself disappointed when he doesn't live up to his word.

Ann, I am enchanted by Bruno's kindness, but I resent his freeloading. It's such a difficult dilemma because it seems like the problem boils down to the almighty dollar and that's reprehensible to me.

I love Bruno very much. I want to be a wife and mother some day. I want a home and financial stability. I don't know whether to stay where I am loved and cherished but may never have the things I've always wanted or leave and be single and try to find someone as kind as Bruno. My single friends tell me finding someone kind these days is not easy.

Ann, I would also like to add that the prospect of being single again scares me, although I know I would be OK eventually. Of course, this is a brief explanation of a complex scenario and only my side of the story. Do you have any advice for a woman who's confused?--Aspen, Colo.

DEAR ASPEN: I am not about to make this decision for you. If you are as ambivalent as you appear to be, I would urge you to get some counseling before you either agree to marry Bruno or decide to toss him out. I can tell you, however that you are not going to find the perfect man. The question is, are you willing to accept Bruno--warts and all? I wouldn't count on changing him.

DEAR ANN LANDERS: Some time ago, you printed an article that appeared in the Montreal senior newspaper, The Senior Times. I found it comforting, and I hope you will print it again.--Tom in Toronto

DEAR TOM: These days, when

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Sports

Caprock stays in Class 4A; District 1-4A won't change

Hereford's District 1-4A will include the same teams it has for the last two years, despite UIL realignment and changes that will affect Hereford High School sports teams in other ways.

Hereford will continue to compete with Caprock, Borger, Dumas, Pampa, Randall and Canyon.

Hereford Girls' Athletic Director Brenda Reeh seemed happy, calling from a district meeting in Amarillo.

"For us in volleyball...this is as competitive a district as we would ever find," said Reeh, who also coaches volleyball.

With three teams from each Class 4A district making the playoffs starting next year, Reeh said, the third-place team in District 1-4A has the chance to go far in the playoffs.

"As far as girls' basketball, we were concerned about Plainview, since they've done well in that 5A district," Reeh said. "We're happy

they're moving south."

Boys' athletic director Danny Haney was unavailable for comment. He was likely very busy putting together a football schedule that may include only nine games because of the odd number of teams in the district and the fact that the bye week no longer exists.

The only changes realignment brought that will affect Class 4A in this area are:

-The dropping of Plainview from Class 5A to 4A. The Bulldogs form District 2-4A with Lubbock Estacado, Frenship, Levelland, Snyder and Lamesa - the nearby teams that formerly made up District 5-4A.

-The formation of a District 2-4A. The playoff participants from 1-4A no longer necessarily get a bye in the first round. However, the champions of all districts get first round bye in the three-team system for football, volleyball and basketball.

UIL fills up Class 4A

Two-tiered football playoff plan cleared

By JAIME ARON
AP Sports Writer

The road to a two-tiered football playoff system in Class 4A was paved today by the University Interscholastic League's biennial realignment.

Beginning this fall, there will be 212 schools in 4A with two more coming the following school year. Factoring in the schools that went up to 5A and the handful that dropped to 3A, that's an overall addition of 26 schools.

The revamping allows 4A to finally grow to 32 districts with at least six schools in each. That's a big change from the last two years when, in a forced effort to reach 30 districts, things were stretched so thin that one district had only four teams.

To make it all work this time, the UIL lowered its 4A attendance cutoff from 715 to 700 and expanded the ceiling to 1,649 from 1,599.

Those numbers are based on a single day of attendance taken during the past school year. The figures are then used to adjust classes and reshuffle districts.

The reason for the new look in 4A was last fall's decision by the UIL to let three teams per district into the football playoffs to determine two state champions.

It'll work the same way 5A has done things since 1990, with the largest - not the best - school among the top three finishers in each district going into the Division I bracket and the other two qualifiers fighting for the Division II title.

How well that works won't be known until around Christmas.

But a quick scan of the incoming teams shows little reason to expect much change in the 4A hierarchy dominated in recent years by La Marque,

Corpus Christi Calallen and Stephenville.

Some of the best contenders to knock them off will be 1995 5A playoff teams Alice, Burleson, El Paso Eastwood, Grapevine, Austin Lanier, San Antonio McCollum and Texas City; and 3A playoff teams Alvarado, Brownboro, Lindale, Montgomery, Needville, Quinlan Ford, Springtown and Sweeny.

The class that may see the biggest change because of incoming teams will be 2A, the new home of 1A mega-power Thorndale.

The Bulldogs are two-time defending 1A champions and they have a 32-game winning streak. Everyone has said they needed better competition and maybe now they'll find it.

Thorndale is bringing plenty of high-caliber friends with it to 2A. Other top teams moving in include Roscoe and Crawford, the teams Thorndale defeated in the last two 1A title games.

Other perennially successful 1A teams joining 2A will be Crawford, Hico, Iola and Lindsay. In all, 20 1A schools are going to 2A and seven 3A teams are dropping in. Among that group are playoff teams Elysian Fields and Shallowater.

With so many teams cleared from 1A's power base, a school to keep an eye on may be Springlake-Earth, a strong 2A team among 10 going down to 1A.

As for 5A, schools must be bigger than ever to make it - at least 1,650 or more students.

The only noteworthy addition is New Braunfels, a solid 4A school that now must compete in District 26-5A, the home of Division I champion Converse Judson and Division II champion San Antonio Roosevelt.

Herd girls to play last home game vs. Borger

Senior members of the Lady Whiteface basketball team will play their last game in Whiteface Gym Friday - when Borger visits Hereford - and one will be presented at Basketball Queen.

The girls' game starts at 6 p.m. Hereford is 6-4 in District 1-4A play and 20-5 overall, while Borger is 3-6 and 14-17. Hereford won a close one over the Lady Bulldogs, 52-46, in their first meeting Jan. 9 in Borger.

The Borger and Hereford boys will play at about 7:30 in the second game of the district doubleheader. Hereford is 6-2 and 17-9; Borger is 1-6 and 9-19. Hereford won the first meeting 67-46.

The Hereford boys have one more home game after Friday: Feb. 16 against Randall.

The six senior Lady Whitefaces are Britney Binder, Julie Cole, Mindi

Davis, Heather Hodges, Tarabeth Holmes and Crystal Mercer. One of them will be crowned Basketball Queen at a pep rally at 3:20 p.m. Friday at Hereford High School.

The Basketball King will be chosen from the five seniors on the boys' team: Todd Dudley, Michael High, Nicholas Tarr, Brian Torres and Ronald Torres.

The King and Queen will be presented at Friday night's games. It will also be Parents Night for the members of the girls' team.

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Realigned Class 4A

AUSTIN (AP) - Here, from the University Interscholastic League, are the tentative UIL Class 4A district alignments for the 1996-97 and 1997-98 athletic seasons.

Region I

1. Amarillo Caprock, Borger, Canyon High, Canyon Randall, Dumas, Hereford, Pampa.
2. Lamesa, Levelland, Lubbock Estacado, Plainview, Snyder, Wolforth Frenship.
3. Canutillo, El Paso Bowie, El Paso Burges, El Paso High, El Paso Parkland, El Paso Riverside, El Paso Ysleta, San Elizario.
4. Andrews, Big Spring, Fort Stockton, Pecos, San Angelo Lake View, Sweetwater.
5. Brownwood, Graham, Granbury, Minerals Wells, Stephenville, Weatherford.
6. Fort Worth Arlington Heights, Fort Worth Castleberry, Fort Worth Eastern Hills, Fort Worth North Side, Fort Worth Polytechnic, Fort Worth Trimble Tech, Fort Worth Western Hills.
7. Burkburnett, Denison, Denton, Sherman, Wichita Falls Hirschi, Wichita Falls High.
8. Azle, Fort Worth Boswell, Fort Worth Brewer, Justin Northwest, Keller Fossil Ridge, Springtown.

Region II

9. Coppell, Dallas Highland Park, Grapevine Colleyville Heritage, Grapevine High, McKinney, Southlake Carroll.
10. Dallas Adamson, Dallas Lincoln, Dallas Samuell, Dallas Seagoville, Dallas Smith, Dallas Spruce, Dallas Wilson.
11. Dallas Hillcrest, Dallas Jefferson, Dallas Pinkston, Dallas Roosevelt, Dallas South Oak Cliff, Dallas White.
12. Greenville, Mesquite Poteet, Mesquite West Mesquite, Quinlan Ford, Terrell, Wylie.
13. Alvarado, Burleson, Cedar Hill, Cleburne, Everman, Joshua, Midlothian, Waxahachie.
14. Corsicana, Ennis, Hutchins Wilmer Hutchins, Kaufman, Lancaster, Red Oak.
15. Mount Pleasant, Paris North Lamar, Paris High, Sulphur Springs, Texarkana Liberty Eylau, Texarkana Texas.
16. Carthage, Gilmer, Hallsville, Henderson, Kilgore, Longview Pine Tree.

Region III

17. Athens, Brownboro, Jacksonville, Lindale, Mabank, Palestine, Tyler Chapel Hill, Whitehouse.
18. Brenham, Conroe Oak Ridge, Magnolia, Montgomery, Navasota, New Caney, Waller, Willis.
19. Cleveland, Dayton, Jasper, Livingston, Silsbee, Sour Lake Hardin Jefferson.
20. Bridge City, Lambertson, Nederland, Orange Little Cypress Mauriceville, Orange West Orange, Stark, Port Arthur Lincoln, Port Neches Port Neches Groves, Vidor.
21. Houston Furr, Houston Jones, Houston Kashmere, Houston Scarborough, Houston Waltrip, Houston Wheatley, Houston Worthing.
22. Channelview, Crosby, Friendswood Clear Brook, Friendswood High, Galena Park, Houston Forest Brook, Houston King.
23. Dickinson, La Marque, Needville, Rosenberg Lamar, Santa Fe, Texas City.
24. Bay City, El Campo, Freeport Brazosport, Port Lavaca Calhoun, Sweeny, West Columbia Columbia, Wharton.

Region IV

25. Lampasas, Marble Falls, Taylor, Waco Connally, Waco Midway, Waco University.
26. Austin Anderson, Austin Johnson, Austin Lanier, Austin McCallum, Austin Reagan, Austin Travis, Pflugerville Connally (1997-98 basketball only).
27. Boerne, Fredericksburg, Kerrville Tivy, San Antonio Kennedy, San Antonio Memorial, Uvalde.
28. Bastrop, Buda Hays, Del Valle, Gonzales, Lockhart, New Braunfels Canyon, Spring Branch Smithson Valley.
29. San Antonio Alamo Heights, San Antonio Burbank, San Antonio Fox Technical, San Antonio Houston, San Antonio Lanier, Schertz Clemens.
30. Beeville Jones, Floresville, Pleasanton, San Antonio McCollum, San Antonio South San Antonio West, San Antonio Southside.
31. Alice, Corpus Christi Calallen, Corpus Christi Flour Bluff, Corpus Christi Tuloso Midway, Kingsville King, Portland Gregory, Portland, Robstown, Rockport Rockport-Fulton.
32. Brownsville Lopez, Edcouch Edcouch-Elsa, Los Fresnos, Mercedes, Mission Sharyland, Pharr Pharr San Juan Alamo East (1997-98 basketball only), Raymondville, Roma.

Dallas hire Nettles to manage

AMARILLO, Texas (AP) - Jim Nettles, who spent six years in the major leagues with four teams, was hired Wednesday to manage the Amarillo Dillas of the Texas-Louisiana League.

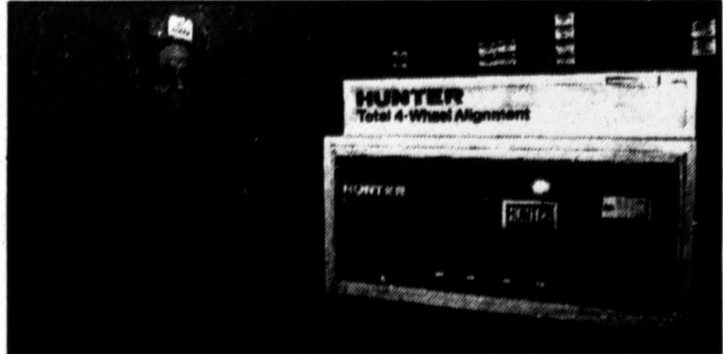
"I'm excited about the opportunity to join a league which is recognized throughout organized baseball as one of the premier minor leagues in the country," said Nettles, who replaces

Ross Grimsley.

Nettles played for the Minnesota Twins, Detroit Tigers, Kansas City Royals and Oakland Athletics during his 14-year pro career, which ended in 1981. Since retiring, he's managed in the minors for Seattle, Oakland and Toronto.

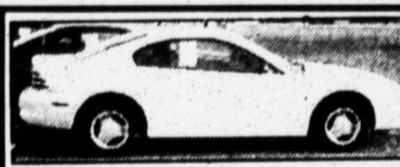
Nettles, the brother of longtime big-leaguer Graig Nettles, will be entering his 29th year in pro baseball.

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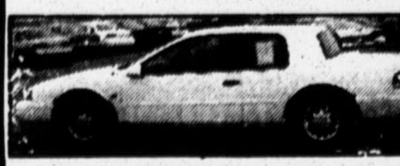
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Revitalized Suns blow out Hawks, 120-84

By The Associated Press
After struggling through the first half of the season, the Phoenix Suns appear to be on the rise again. Charles Barkley and Kevin Johnson, who both returned from injuries last week, scored 18 points apiece Wednesday night as the Suns routed the Atlanta Hawks 120-84. "I'm really pleased with the way our team is playing right now," coach Cotton Fitzsimmons said after watching his team win for the fifth time in seven games. "We're starting to get healthy and we're going to try our very best to make a run at it."

The Suns should get another boost when Danny Manning returns Friday night at Cleveland. Manning has yet to play this season because of a knee injury. "The key for us is health, and we've got another piece of the puzzle coming back," Barkley said. Wesley Person scored 22 points for the Suns, who shot a sizzling 64 percent from the field. "I think we're turning the corner," said Johnson, who had nine assists. "We haven't turned it fully yet, but we're heading in the right direction."

Atlanta is heading in the wrong direction. After having their 10-game winning streak snapped at Indiana the previous night, the Hawks returned home and suffered their worst loss in nearly three years. "We're didn't have our legs tonight," coach Lenny Wilkens said. "We couldn't guard a paper bag." Elsewhere, Boston beat Vancouver 131-98, Cleveland downed Milwaukee 81-71, Utah edged Portland 98-94 and San Antonio defeated the Los Angeles Clippers 115-106. Phoenix had no problems scoring against Atlanta's normally stingy

defense. The Hawks allowed 100 points just once during their winning streak, but the Suns reached the century mark with more than nine minutes remaining in the game. "They beat us every way they could," Wilkens said. Fitzsimmons took over the Suns on Jan. 17 after Paul Westphal was fired. Phoenix is still only 19-23, but the Suns could make a strong second-half run if they stay healthy. "After we got started, it was pretty impossible for them to get back in the ballgame," Fitzsimmons said. "We made a good team look horrible."

Cavaliers 81, Bucks 71
At Cleveland, Terrell Brandon had 23 points, nine assists, eight rebounds and a career-high five blocks as the Cavaliers handed Milwaukee its fourth straight loss. Brandon's performance came one day after he made his first All-Star team. The Bucks matched their season low for points and shot just 35 percent from the field against Cleveland, which has won its last eight meetings with Milwaukee. Glenn Robinson scored 21 points for the Bucks.

Robinson and James Robinson, who got in a scuffle after Tuesday's practice, led the comeback. Clifford Robinson scored 33 points for Portland, while Karl Malone had 28 for Utah.

Spurs 115, Clippers 106
At San Antonio, Avery Johnson scored a season-high 26 points and Vinny Del Negro added 23 for the Spurs. Pooh Richardson led the Clippers with 24 points, including four 3-pointers. David Robinson had 15 points and 10 rebounds for San Antonio. Clippers coach Bill Fitch was ejected in the third quarter after getting two technical fouls for arguing a call and slightly bumping an official. The victory was San Antonio's second straight after losing four of five.

Eastern Michigan loses 2nd game

By The Associated Press
While Michigan State and Michigan further muddled a tight Big Ten basketball race, Eastern Michigan made a mess of its first appearance as a nationally ranked team in the school's history. Eastern Michigan cracked the AP Top 25 for the first time this week at No. 23. But the Eagles, riding an eight-game winning streak, lost Wednesday night for just the second

time in 17 games this season, 82-73 at Ohio University. "I thought we took some pretty quick shots and never got into a rhythm," Eagles coach Ben Braun said. "A big part of that was we did not establish our inside game. We got caught up in a jump-shooting game." Geno Ford led Ohio with 28 points, seven of those came during an 11-0 run that gave the Bobcats the lead for good in the second half.

Curtis Simmons had 21 points and 11 rebounds for Ohio, which is just 10-10 for the season. Derrick Dial scored 23 points and Brian Tolbert 22 for Eastern Michigan. Unranked Michigan State was in a three-way tie with No. 10 Penn State and No. 17 Purdue for the Big Ten lead after Wednesday night's games. Purdue embarrassed No. 20 Michigan 80-59 in Ann Arbor, the

Wolverines' worst loss at home since an 87-62 defeat against Indiana in 1985. Michigan State knocked Penn State out of sole possession of the league lead with a 61-58 decision at East Lansing. Elsewhere in the Top 25, it was No. 3 Kansas 84, Oklahoma State 66; No. 4 Connecticut 77, Rutgers 59; No. 5 Cincinnati 78, North Carolina Charlotte 64; No. 8 North Carolina 73, Duke 72; No. 9 Georgetown 91, West Virginia 67; No. 12 Wake Forest 66, North Carolina State 62; No. 13 Virginia Tech 74, North Carolina-Greensboro 48; No. 15 Texas Tech 78, Oral Roberts 74; and Vanderbilt 76, No. 22 Auburn 62.

Celtics 131, Grizzlies 98
At Boston, Todd Day scored 24 points as the Celtics rolled to their most lopsided victory of the season. Vancouver was coached by assistant Rex Hughes, who filled in for Brian Winters. Winters missed the game due to the death of his mother-in-law. Bryant Reeves, Byron Scott and Eric Murdock each scored 16 points for the Grizzlies, who lost their third straight. Eric Williams scored 17 points for Boston.

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Raiders get by Oral Roberts

TULSA, Okla. (AP) - Koy Smith led a 3-point barrage midway through the second half that carried No. 15 Texas Tech to a 78-74 victory over pesky Oral Roberts Wednesday night. The Red Raiders (17-1) trailed 57-52 with 10:42 left when they hit five straight 3-pointers during a 15-5 run. Smith, who finished with 27 points, had three of them. The Golden Eagles (8-8) tried to keep pace behind Tim Gill's hot outside shooting. Gill, who had 25 points, hit two 3s in a row to pull ORU to within 69-65, but he missed

a breakaway layup that would have tied the game at 71 with 2:25 left. Jason Sasser hit a pair of free throws, and the Eagles didn't score again until Gill hit another 3-pointer with 13 seconds left to make it 74-72. Smith hit two free throws to seal the game. ORU, which lost 66-65 at Arkansas on Saturday and earlier this year beat then-No. 25 Tulsa, led 41-38 at halftime behind Gill's four 3-pointers. Golden Eagles' coach Bill Self was called for a technical for walking

to midcourt to protest a call 16 seconds into the second half, and that helped the Raiders take a 42-41 lead. The technical also lifted the Eagles, however, and Kevin Scruggs' dunk capped a 6-0 run that gave them a 53-47 lead. Sasser scored 22 points and had eight rebounds for the Raiders. Gill made 7-of-10 3-pointers. Clifford Crenshaw scored 12, while Earl McClellan had a career-high 12 assists for ORU.

Michigan State 61, No. 10 Penn State 58
Both of this season's losses by Penn State (15-2, 6-2 Big Ten) have come in Michigan, with the first defeat coming at Ann Arbor. The Nittany Lions, in the Top 10 for the first time since 1954, shot 39 percent from the field (20-for-58) in losing to Michigan State. Penn State entered the game leading the nation in 3-point shooting at 47.3 percent. But the Spartans held the Nittany Lions to 6-of-26 shooting from 3-point range. "I thought they played good defense on everybody," Penn State coach Jerry Dunn said. "They got on everybody, right down the line." Quinton Brooks scored 15 of his 19 points in the second half for Michigan State (12-8, 6-2), which has won four straight games. But the victory wasn't easy for the Spartans, who didn't have a field goal in the final 3:28 and lost most of a 55-43 lead.

Jazz 98, Trail Blazers 94
At Portland, John Stockton made five of six free throws in the final 1:17 as Utah withstood a wild rally by the Trail Blazers. Portland's Clifford Robinson was fouled on a 3-point attempt with 5.2 seconds left, but he missed the first two of his three free throws and Stockton clinched the victory by making two free throws with 4.7 seconds remaining. Utah led 86-63 early in the fourth quarter before Clifford

Minor lifts OU past Longhorns

AUSTIN (AP) - Ryan Minor, whose 3-pointer and blocked shot in the last half-minute forced overtime, hit two free throws with six seconds left in the extra period to give Oklahoma a 67-65 victory over Texas Wednesday night. Texas had tied the game at 65 with nine seconds left on a basket by Longhorns freshman DeJuan "Chico" Vazquez. But Vazquez fouled Minor, setting up the game-winning foul shot, which ended a four-game losing streak for the Sooners (11-8). The Longhorns (11-6) trailed by as much as 10 points in the second half, then pulled within 49-47 with 5:33 left on a dunk by Kris Clack.

Reggie Freeman hit consecutive 3-pointers to put Texas ahead 56-53 lead with 2:05 to play. It was UT's first lead since the final seconds of the first half. Neither team could do much until Minor's 3-pointer with 24.6 seconds left tied the game at 56-56. Minor blocked a shot by Freeman with 17 seconds left. The Sooners had a chance to win in regulation but Ernie Abercrombie missed a jumper with 2.6 seconds. Minor had been held in check for most of the night. The senior, who leads the Big Eight at 20.8 points per game, scored only 14. Nate Erdmann led Oklahoma with 18 points, including six in overtime, while Dion

Barnes added 10. It was the second consecutive close loss for Texas, which fell 79-78 to Texas Tech on Saturday. Freeman led Texas with a game-high 20 points. No other Longhorn scored in double digits. Texas shot 34.2 percent (26-for-76) from the field and 21.6 percent (8-for-37) on 3-pointers. Brandy Perryman missed his first 10 three-pointers before making one with 12:45 left. He ended up 2-of-17 on 3-pointers, tying a school record for attempts. Overall, he was 3-of-19.

Rice comes back to defeat Baylor
HOUSTON (AP) - Shawn Igo scored 16 of his 26 points in the second half to help Rice turn a 14-point first-half deficit into a 79-64 victory over Baylor Wednesday night. Igo and Tommy McGhee helped the Owls (11-7, 3-3 Southwest Conference) turn things around. Igo finished with 14 rebounds, while McGhee scored 22 points. J.J. Polk added 14 points and six assists and Scott Oliver had 12 rebounds. Baylor (6-12, 1-5) was led by Brian Skinner's 15 points and 10 rebounds. No other Bear hit double figures in any category, although John Perkins had nine points, seven rebounds and six assists. After trailing 36-22 with 3:39 left in the first half, Rice used a 9-2 run to get within 38-31 at halftime. The Owls kept chipping away at the Baylor lead until moving ahead 47-46 with 12:58 to play on a 3-pointer by McGhee. Neither team led by more than four again until a pair of 3-pointers by Robert Johnson sparked an 11-1 Rice run that put the Owls ahead 70-59 with 1:12 left.

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TCU sneaks by Texas A&M

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) - Jeff Jacobs single-handedly erased a nine-point Texas A&M lead midway through the second half then hit a 3-pointer with 8.5 seconds left to lead Texas Christian to an 80-76 victory Wednesday night. Jacobs scored 21 points and had six 3-pointers for the Horned Frogs (11-10, 2-4 Southwest Conference). The Aggies (9-9, 1-5) trailed by as much as 12 early and was behind 44-38 at halftime. Then A&M went on a 20-5 run to open in the second half to take a 58-49 lead. Jacobs answered with two

3-pointers and three free throws to force a 58-58 tie with 11:18 to play. The Aggies remained close and led as late as 74-73. Calvin Davis came off the bench to lead A&M with 21 points and a game-high 13 rebounds. Gary Nottingham added 20 points and 11 rebounds. Dario Quesada and Tracey Anderson each scored 10 and Kyle Kessel had 10 assists. The Horned Frogs got 16 points from Anthony Burks, 13 from Damion Walker and 10 from Byron Waits.

N. Texas whips Southern Methodist
DENTON, TEXAS (AP) - Tony Jones came off the bench to score 14 points and George King added 12 points Wednesday to send North Texas cruising past Southern Methodist 62-55. The Eagles jumped out to a 28-21 first half advantage, but the Mustangs assembled an 8-1 run early in the second half to cut the UNT advantage

TCU sneaks by Texas A&M

to 33-29. North Texas (6-10) then scored 12 of the next 17 points and went on to claim the victory. SMU (6-11), which shot just 22.7 percent from the field in the first half and only 32.1 percent for the game, was led by Jabari Hearn's 12 points.

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Railroad mergers shrink number of companies

In 19th century, 6,000 lines served nation, now count is only 500

By KATIE FAIRBANK
AP Business Writer

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) - As railroads expanded, so did the American West. As the number of railroads shrink, the West is being left with fewer choices.

Largely due to mergers, the number of railroads in the U.S. has shrunk from some 6,000 during the 19th century to about 500.

Last year, following on the heels of the Burlington Northern Santa Fe merger, Union Pacific Corp. requested to buy Southern Pacific Rail Corp. The purchase would mean Union Pacific would eclipse BNSF as the largest freight railroad in North America.

"This is the largest railroad merger in the history of the U.S. and it impacts Texas more than any other state," said Barry Williamson, Texas Railroad Commissioner.

But not only is it the largest merger, it also includes a deal with the country's largest railroad.

Dependent on the merger being approved, Union Pacific would permit BNSF to use about 3,900 miles of track in the West, including

Texas, where the merger otherwise would leave shippers with only one railroad.

Bethlehem, Pa.-based Union Pacific would also sell BNSF another 335 miles of track.

In return, Fort Worth-based BNSF would allow Union Pacific to use about 370 miles of its tracks.

That would mean the two railroads would control about 70 percent of all of the petrochemical industry traffic in Texas and 90 percent of all traffic to and from Mexico.

A cozy relationship that concerns other railroads.

"They have effectively blocked any other competitor from coming into the western two-thirds of the United States," said Michael Haverty, president of Kansas City Southern Railway Co. "If they are allowed to merge, you're going to wind up with basically two railroads in the western U.S. and then eventually you'll see two in the east. And then finally you'll see two in the U.S. - if this is not stopped today."

"There's no question in my mind that this merger would create a monopolistic rail system. If left

unchecked, we could witness the return of the robber barons," said State Rep. Rob Junell, D-San Angelo.

"We have had mergers over the past 15 years, but they've all been compatible mergers. They're not all just gobbling up railroads," said Harvey Turner, spokesman for San Francisco, Calif.-based Union Pacific.

Robert F. Starzel, vice chairman of Southern Pacific, wrote in an editorial that without a merger, Union Pacific and Southern Pacific can't competitively challenge BNSF.

Still, the mega-railroad concept has brought out other critics.

Waco economist Ray Perryman, working for the Texas Farm Bureau and Texas Cattle Raisers Association, said in an analysis that the merger would cost the state 3,900 permanent jobs, reduce Texas' annual gross product and create higher rates for shippers.

Those job losses would follow the 2,600 jobs expected to be cut because of the BNSF merger.

So because of the impact, the Texas Railroad Commission has been holding jam-packed public meetings across the state.

The decision is a federal one, but the Service Transportation Department will listen to what the state has to say. The Railroad Commission must submit its opinion by March 29.

"Texas will have a lot more weight in the decision-making process than normal because most of the line that is being merged is in Texas," Commissioner Williamson said.

Not all rail mergers have gained federal approval. In 1986, a proposal to merge Southern Pacific with the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway was turned down because of anti-competitive reasons.

And the impact on competition

will be the ultimate deciding factor here too.

"Job loss is a serious question. It's

important in Texas, but the real issue is competition. People can merge and cut jobs. That's not government's

business as is making sure companies don't make monopolies," Williamson said.



The term "red tape" originated in England during the 1700's when people used red string to tie official and legal documents together.

Television

THURSDAY

FEBRUARY 1

	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM
2	Eerie Ind.	MMC	Movie: Ice Castles	Lynn-Holly Johnson ** PG	Movie: Hands of a Murderer **	Movie: Elvis (1979) G'					
4	News	Ent. Tonight	Friends	Single Guy	Seinfeld	Caroline	ER				
5	NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	Great Drives	Mystery!		Masterpiece Theatre	Computer	Charlie Rose				
6	Videos	Videos	(-05) Movie: Mad Max Beyond Thunderdome (1985) Mel Gibson ***	(-20) Movie: Mad Max (1979) Mel Gibson ***							
7	News	Wf. Fortune	Videos	Before Stars	Movie: Patriot Games (1992) Harrison Ford, Anne Archer ***	News	Seinfeld				
8	Fam. Mat.	Newhart	Movie: Night Crossing (1981) John Hurt **		News	NBA Basketball Chicago Bulls at Sacramento Kings					
10	News	Home Imp.	Murder, She Wrote	Rescue 911	48 Hours	News	(-35) Late Show				
13	Roseanne	Simpsons	Single	Single	New York Undercover	Star Trek: Deep Space 9	M*A*S*H	Cops	Wanted		
14	Sportsctr.	College Basketball	Providence at Boston College		College Basketball Massachusetts at Temple		Sportscnter				
15	Waltons		Highway to Heaven	Rescue 911	700 Club	Movie: Magnificent Obsession (1954)					
16	Movie: A Million to Juan	Movie: Deadly Past Carol Alt 'R'			Movie: The Principal James Belushi ** R'	Movie: Private Lessons					
20	(5:00) Movie: Milk Money	Movie: 48 HRS. Nick Nolte *** R'			(-35) Movie: The Silence of the Hams 'R'	Inside the NFL	Comedy				
24	Movie: Regarding Henry	Movie: Power of Attorney Danny Aiello			Movie: Nosteratu Diaries-Embrace	(-05) Movie: Sensation Eric Roberts 'NR'					
25	Movie: China Seas (1935) Clark Gable ***	Movie: The Misfits (1961) Marilyn Monroe ***			(-15) Movie: Mutiny on the Bounty (1935)						
26	Club Dance	News	Life of Conway Twitty	Prime Time Country	Club Dance	News	Life-Twitty				
28	Invention	Movie Magic	Wild Discovery	Movie Magic	Know Zone	Time Traveler	Movie Magic	Invention	Wild Disc.		
29	Equalizer	Biography	Ancient Mysteries	Voyages		Law & Order	Biography				
29	Commiss	Unsolved Mysteries	Movie: Divorce Wars: A Love Story (1982) **		Unsolved Mysteries	Mysteries					
31	Dive World	College Basketball	George Washington at Dayton		NBA Action	Golf Mitsubishi Invitational Pro-Am					
32	In the Heat of the Night	Movie: Chinatown (1974) Jack Nicholson, Faye Dunaway ****				Movie: Heartburn (1986) **					
33	Doug	Tiny Toon	Munsters	Jeannie	I Love Lucy	Bewitched	M.T. Moore	Taxi	Kotter	Van Dyke	Newhart
37	Wings	Wings	Movie: The Outlaw Josey Wales (1976) Clint Eastwood, Chief Dan George ***		Silk Stalkings	Highlander					
38	Lazos de Amor	Acapulco Cuerpo y Alma	El Premio Mayor	Bienvenidos	Noticiero	P. Impacto	Veronica				
37	Gallant Breed	Story of the Roman Arena	A.D.			Arena					
40	(5:30) Auto Racing	College Basketball	Maryland at Virginia		Be a Player	NHL Hockey Los Angeles Kings at San Jose Sharks					

FRIDAY

FEBRUARY 2

	7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30	12 PM
2	Pooh	Care Bears	Gummy B.	Pooh Cmr.	Dumbo	Umbrella	Fraggle	Ducktales	Chip 'n Dale	Tale Spin	Movie:
3	Today				Leza		Geraldo		Gordon Elliott		Our Lives
5	TimeGrow	TimeGrow	Sesame Street		Lamb Chop	Storytime	Mr Rogers	Imagineland	Barney	Puzzle Place	Texas
6	Gilligan	Bewitched	Boss?	Griffith	Little House on the Prairie	(-05) Matlock	(-05) Perry Mason				Movie:
7	Good Morning America				Live - Regis & Kathie Lee	Montel Williams	Little House on the Prairie				News
8	News				Court TV	Griffith	Charlie's Angels		Geraldo		News
10	(6:00) This Morning		George & Alana		Carnie	Price Is Right	Young and the Restless				News
11	Bobby	Aladdin	Mighty Max	Cubhouse	700 Club		K. Copeland	Christian	Gabrielle		Danny!
14	Sportscnter		Sportscnter		Sportscnter		Sportscnter		Sportscnter		Corp. Battle
17	Xuxa	Healthcliff	Make a Deal	Name-Tune	700 Club		FIT TV		Rescue 911		Waltons
18	Busy World	Movie: Fatal Instinct Armand Assante			Movie: Romeo and Juliet (1968) Leonard Whiting, Olivia Hussey 'PG'	Movie: Tides of War (1990)					Movie:
20	Movie: Tracey	Movie: Little Giants (1994) Rick Moranis, Ed O'Neill 'PG'			Movie: Seams Like Old Times *** PG'	Movie: In the Line of Duty					
21	Countdown to Freedom	(-15) Movie: Switching Channels Kathleen Turner 'PG'			Movie: Flight of the Intruder Danny Glover ** PG-13'	Movie:					
23	Movie: Wednesday's Child	Movie: A Child Is Born (1940) **			Movie: Child of Divorce (1946) **	Movie: Hit and Run (1957) Hugo Haas *					
24	(Off Air)		VideoMorning			Mike Hammer	Quincy		Equalizer		
25	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	UN	Adam Smith	Home	Start	Housemart!		Karr's	Cuisine	Great Chefs
25	Remington Steele	McMillan and Wife					Mike Hammer		Quincy		Equalizer
27	Baby Knows	Your Baby	Sisters		Our Home		Biggers and Summers		Living	Our Home	Handmade
28	Press Box	Workout	Paid Prog.	Get Fit	Alan Warren Outdoors		College Basketball	George Washington at Dayton			Paddleball
28	(6:30) Scooby Dooby Doo	Bugs Bunny	Flintstones		Gilligan	Gilligan	Knots Landing		Starky and Hutch		Angels
31	Looney	Gumby	Rugrats	Busy World	Muppets	Muppets	Allegra	Gullah	Rupert	Busy World	Eureka
32	G.I. Joe	Woody	Knight Rider		Murder, She Wrote		Magnum, P.I.		Quantum Leap		People Ct.
33	Plaza Sesa	El Chavo	Chespirito		Papa Solt.	Dr Perez	Valentina		Morelia		
37	(5:00) A.D.		Classroom		History Showcase		I. Claudius		Africa		Real West
40	Flex Appeal	Bodyshape	Crunch	Bodyshape	Flex Appeal	Crunch	Gotta Sweat	Fitness	Auto Racing: 24 Hrs. Qualifying		

	12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30
2	Movie: Rock-A-Doodle G'	Pooh	C. Brown	Quack	Circus	Better		Movie: Pollyanna (1960) Hayley Mills, Jane Wyman 'G'			
4	Our Lives	Another World	Jenny Jones		Maury Povich		Oprah Winfrey		News	NBC News	
5	Body Elec.	Great Drives	Watercolor	Earth	Reading		C. Sandiego	Science Guy	Wishbone	Science	
13	(12:05) Movie: *** Dodge City (1939)	(-05) Cartoon Planet			Garfield	Brady	Saved-Bell	Saved-Bell	Fam. Mat.	Fam. Mat.	
17	Rush L.	One Life to Live	All My Children		General Hospital		Videos	Jeopardy!	News	ABC News	
19	News	Perry Mason	Geraldo		Warner	Animaniacs	Fam. Mat.	Dreams	Saved-Bell	Saved-Bell	
20	Bold & B.	As the World Turns	Guiding Light		Cur. Affair	Hard Copy	Ricki Lake		News	CBS News	
21	Danny!	Matlock	In the Heat of the Night		Taz-Mania	Eek!stravag	Batman	Goosebump	Full House	Fresh Fr.	
21	Corp. Battle	NFL's Greatest Moments	Just Do It		Senior PGA Golf Royal Caribbean Classic - First Round		Inside PGA	Up Close	Sportsctr.		
17	Waltons	Highway to Heaven	Punky B.	I'm Telling	Wild Animal	Masters	Family Challenge		Newhart	Newhart	
18	Movie: The Charge of the Light Brigade Trevor Howard	(-15) Movie: Nuke (1990) Glynn Johns, Ronald France			Movie: Absolute Begin.						
20	Movie: In the Line of Duty	Sonny Liston: Champion	Movie: Naked Gun 3 1/3		Movie: Little Giants (1994) Rick Moranis, Ed O'Neill 'PG'						
21	Movie: Morgan Stewart	Movie: Pure Country George Strait *** PG'			Movie: With Honors Joe Pesci 'PG-13'	(-15) Movie: Showdown					
22	Movie: Lizzie (1957) Richard Boone ***	Movie: Night of the Quarter Moon (1959) **			Movie: Whistling in Brooklyn (1943) Red Skelton **						
24	Wildhorse	VideoPM			VideoPM	Wildhorse Saloon			Club Dance		
26	Home	Start	Easy Does It	Homeworks	Graham K.		Cuisine	Great Chefs	Popular Mechanics	Wings	
28	Equalizer	Columbo					Mike Hammer		Remington Steele	Quincy	
29	Designing	Movie: Resting Place (1986) John Lithgow **			Spenser: For Hire		Cagney & Lacey		Supermit.	Designing	
29	(12:00) Paddleball	This is the PGA Tour	On the Line		Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Skilling USA	Prime Cuts	English Soccer Highlights		
29	Angels	CHiPs	Wild, Wild West		Movie: Pony Express (1953) Charlton Heston. **		In the Heat of the Night				
31	Papa Beaver	Gumby	Tintin	Looney	Beetlejuice		Muppets	Chipmunks	Tiny Toon	Looney	Clarisia
32	(-45) People's Court	Love Con.	(-15) Love Connection		PGA Golf: Pebble Beach National Pro-Am		Renegade				
33	Morelia	Como Tu, Ninguna	Dulce Enemy		Cristina		Primer Impacto		Dr Perez	Notic. Uni.	
37	Real West	Gallant Breed	History Showcase		I. Claudius		Africa		Real West		
40	NBA Finals	NHL Hockey Los Angeles Kings at San Jose Sharks			NHL 2Night		Be a Player	ATP Tennis	Outdoors	Rally	

	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM
2	Movie: Polly Keshia Knight Pulliam ***	(-05) Movie: Polly - Comin' Home **			Movie: Mark Twain and Me **						
3	News	Ent. Tonight	Unsolved Mysteries	Dateline	Homicide: Life				News	(-35) Tonight Show	
5	NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	Wash. Week	Wall St.	A. Philip Randolph: For Jobs	Talking With David Frost	Wait for God	Manson				
6	Videos	(-05) Movie: Soapdish (1991) Sally Field. **			(-15) Movie: No Small Affair (1984) Jon Cryer. **						
7	News	Wf. Fortune	Fam. Mat.	Boy-World	Step-Step	Mr. Cooper	20/20		News	Seinfeld	Nightline
8	Fam. Mat.	Newhart	Hercules-Jimys.	Xena: Warrior Princess	News		Swaps		Simon & Simon		
10	News	Home Imp.	Due South	Miss USA Pageant			News		(-35) Late Show		
13	Roseanne	Simpsons	Strange Luck	X-Files	Star Trek: Voyager		M*A*S*H		Cops	Wanted	
15	Sportsctr.	PBA Bowling	Columbia 300 Open		Boxing Louie Espinoza vs. Kevin Kelley		Sportscnter		Basketball		
18	Waltons		Highway to Heaven	Rescue 911	700 Club		Movie: Run Silent, Run Deep (1958) ***				
18	Movie: Absolute Begin.	Movie: Bad Company Ellen Barkin 'R'			Extras	Outer Limits			Movie: Death Wish V: The Face of Death		
20	inside the NFL	Movie: Guardian Angel Cynthia Rothrock.	Juror: First	Movie: Flat of the North Star 'R'	Dennis M.	Dream On					
22	(5:15) Movie: Showdown	Movie: Shallow Grave Kerry Fox 'R'			Movie: Forrest Gump (1994) Tom Hanks, Robin Wright. *** PG-13'	Erotic					
23	Movie: Across the Wide Missouri (1951)	Movie: San Francisco (1936) Clark Gable. ***			Movie: Teacher's Pet (1958) Clark Gable. ***						
25	Club Dance	News	Championship Rodeo	Prime Time Country			Club Dance		News	Rodeo	
26	Invention	Movie Magic	Wild Discovery	Beyond 2000	Rivals!		Movie Magic	Invention	Wild Disc.		
28	Equalizer	Biography	Nautilus				Law & Order		Biography		
29	Commiss	Intimate Portrait	Movie: A Woman Scorned: The Betty Broderick Story								

Hints from Heloise

Dear Heloise: How do I remove candle wax from a carpet? — Carol McCraner, Overland Park, Kan.

It's really pretty easy. If the stain is fresh, be sure to let the candle wax harden before you try to remove it.

Scrape off as much dried wax as possible with the dull edge of the knife. Next, set your iron on the low-warm setting, lay a few paper towels or an old white cloth over the wax and iron over it. As the wax lifts, move the paper towels or cloth to a clean area and continue until all wax is lifted.

If a stain or residue remains, blot with spot remover, being sure to follow package directions. Good luck! — Heloise

PAN COOKIES

Dear Heloise: For all those people out there making pan cookies, here's a helpful hint. First, I spray the pan and then I spray a rubber spatula with a non-stick cooking spray. The cookie dough spreads evenly with little time or effort and the cleanup is much easier too! — Chaucery McCormick, Rochester, N.Y.

SURVIVAL 101

Dear Heloise: Because of the oncoming bad weather, I have packed my car with all the necessary things in case my car breaks down (flashlight, blankets, jumper cables, etc.).

I also include crayons and a small coloring book for my daughter to keep her occupied in case we are stranded for extended periods of time. It also comes in handy for long waits at the doctor's office. — D. Wiggins, De Soto, Kan.

Sounds like a good hint for all year long. Thanks for writing. — Heloise

PERFUME SAMPLES

Dear Heloise: I cut the perfume sample sheets found in most magazines and put them in our dresser drawers and in between our towels and washcloths. The scent is so soft and fragrant! — Shirley Kerstiens, New Albany, Ind.

Send a money- or time-saving hint to Heloise, PO Box 795000, San Antonio TX 78279-5000 or fax it to 210-HELOISE; I can't answer your letter personally but will use the best hints received in my column.

Bruxism destructive behavior say dentists

By BARBARA POWELL
Fort Worth Star-Telegram

BEDFORD, Texas — Every night, Debbie Williams was engaging in destructive behavior that she knew nothing about.

The only clues: Every morning, the 39-year-old Bedford woman woke up with a headache. Soon, she started having a sore jaw. Then, she began experiencing severe dizziness during the day.

Fortunately for Williams, her trouble is not only diagnosable but curable. She is a tooth grinder, a victim of bruxism, a condition that afflicts as many as one-third of Americans, dentists say.

Teeth grinding, besides being annoying to the listener, can wear down or crack teeth and cause arthritis in the jaw joint.

"I see a lot of patients who grind their teeth," said Jerry Boyd, a Colleyville dentist. "The largest percentage aren't even aware of it. But it's extremely obvious by the tooth wear that they grind their teeth."

Teeth gnashing and jaw clenching are not new. What is new is the way that dentists are viewing the behavior. Dentists traditionally have attributed teeth grinding to stress or to an ill-fitting bite.

Daytime grinding may be stress related, said Charles Holt, a Bedford dentist and a specialist in facial pain and temporomandibular joint disorders. But Holt said that the latest research, some of it being conducted at the University of Texas Dental School at San Antonio, suggests that nighttime grinding may be the result of a sleep disturbance disorder.

Low levels of serotonin, a neurotransmitter that tells muscles what to do, may keep muscles from relaxing at night and lead to tooth grinding. Ironically, people who grind their teeth may, by the increased muscle activity of their jaws, be contributing to the depletion of their levels of serotonin, dentists say.

Low levels of serotonin lead to restless sleep, insomnia and anxiety and may lower estrogen levels in women, Holt said.

Area happenings include ballet, music

AMARILLO

An exhibition titled "Hidden Kingdoms--The World of Microbes" will be on display at the Don Harrington Discovery Center from Feb. 3-April 28.

The exhibit offers the opportunity to uncover a crowded microscopic world living in a single drop of water, examine your own finger or an unsuspecting bug, get a first hand look at microbes or make a simulated "nose" sneeze, cough and snort by introducing an invading cold virus.

One area features a microbial zoo, another has good and bad microbes and in another exhibit area, visitors will examine the microbes used in the production of such foods as yogurt, cheese and beer.

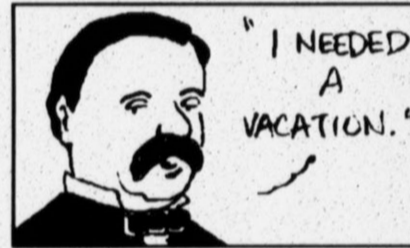
The Discovery Center's hours are Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday 1 p.m.-5 p.m. and closed on Monday.

Lone Star Ballet offers an evening of classical ballet and cutting edge dance for "Valentines" of all ages on Feb. 14 at 8 p.m. as they share the Civic Center Auditorium stage with the Sharir Company, the professional company-in-residence at the University of Texas, College of Fine Arts.

Lone Star Ballet, under the direction of Neil Hess, opens the evening with "Respighi Variations."

The Sharir Company will explore "More About Love" in honor of St. Valentine and will close the program with "Where Are The Elephants?", a witty tongue-in-cheek examination of circus motifs.

For ticket information, please call the Lone Star Ballet at 806-372-2463. This performance is funded in part



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The fool wonders, the wise man asks.
—Benjamin Disraeli

by the Texas Commission on the Arts and the Arts Committee of the Amarillo Chamber of Commerce.

The BEGINNING EXPERIENCE, a weekend retreat for separated, widowed or divorced individuals is scheduled for Feb. 16-18 at the DeFalco Retreat Center in Amarillo.

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE is non-denominational in its ministry. The purpose of the weekend is to help widowed, divorced or separated people to start over, to help wounds to heal, and make a new beginning in life. It is planned to emphasize self discovery and to help people come to terms with their loss.

A specially trained team of peers will lead the participants through a simple program of presentation, private reflection and group dialogue. The weekend is structured in such a way that if a person likes to talk and can discuss things freely with others, they may do so. However, if a person prefers to be quiet, no one will intrude on their privacy.

The program begins at 8 p.m. on Feb. 16 and closes at 4 p.m. on Feb. 18.

To register or for more information, contact Jan in Lubbock at 806-647-4192 or Ginny in Amarillo at 806-359-8314.

The classes will be held from 6 p.m.-7 p.m. in the American Cancer Society Office at 3915 Bell, Amarillo.

For full benefit of the program, plan on attending all sessions. Make reservations by Feb. 2. To register or for more information call 806-353-4306.

CANYON

Summer employment opportunities will be presented at the West Texas A&M University Summer Job Fair from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday at the Jack B. Kelley Student Center Commons.

Approximately 35 to 40 employers will be on hand to discuss summer internships, employment positions and cooperative education experiences.

For more information about the job fair, contact Sammie Singleton at 806-656-2397.

West Texas A&M University's music faculty members will take center stage Friday for the Faculty Grand Recital.

The annual event, a finale to the department's career day for high school musicians, will begin at 8 p.m. in Mar Moody Northern Recital Hall.

The public is invited, and admission is free.

The Canyon community invites everyone to participate in Dinosaur Day Feb. 10.

Dinosaur related educational activities fascinate all with insight into animals from another time at this one-day event.

The program includes fossil talks, educational games, films, puzzles and other activities.

Dinosaur Day will captivate the imagination and educate the mind of your children, while entertaining them with historically monstrous fun.

For more information, contact Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum, 2401 Fourth Avenue, Canyon, 79015. 806-656-2250.

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On January 22, 1996, original letters testamentary were issued to me by the Probate Court of Deaf Smith County, Texas, acting in Cause No. 697, styled in RE: ESTATE OF BOBBY RAY SHORT, DECEASED, in the County Court of Deaf Smith County, Texas, sitting in Probate, and in which court the matter is pending. I now hold those letters testamentary, and administration of the estate of BOBBY RAY SHORT has commenced.

All persons having claims against the estate of BOBBY RAY SHORT are required to present those claims to me at the address shown below prior to the expiration of the limitations period on the claims, before the estate is closed, and within the time prescribed by law.

Dated: January 30, 1996.

JENNIE MADELINE SHORT,
ADMINISTRATOR OF THE
ESTATE OF BOBBY RAY
SHORT
131 W. 3rd
Hereford, Texas 79045
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New life injected into historic district, San Angelo downtown business area

By JEAN PAGEL
Associated Press Writer
SAN ANGELO, Texas (AP) - El Paseo de Santa Angela - translated, "the pathway into San Angelo" - is leading to an eclectic resurgence on the banks of the Concho River.

The \$10 million project takes 12 acres to spread out a farmer's market, a plaza of pools, pavilions and restored train depots. Plans call for a beer garden and art museum amid the ranchy touches of cactus and limestone.

Four years of soliciting ideas and raising money went into this effort to save historic buildings and stir the city's downtown economy. Most construction on the strip should wrap up by this summer.

"The funkiness is, it has a distinctive West Texas flair almost like folk art," said Howard Taylor, director of the San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts.

"It's not like walking in the heart of Philadelphia or Manhattan or Dallas," Taylor said. "It feels like San Angelo, a distinctly home-grown quality."

El Paseo de Santa Angela took root adjacent to the 40 acres where Fort Concho National Historic Landmark stands in reminder of the area's frontier past. From the fort, the project slopes to the Concho River.

City leaders envision it as a focal

point for festivals. Crowds already come to its RiverStage.

Lee Pfluger, a rancher helping head the redevelopment effort, said a team of architects came up with the "mercado" concept to supplant the overgrown lots and junk warehouses that were surrounding Fort Concho.

"Many of the old cultural heritage icons, buildings, were being demolished and converted into parking lots ... or just being left to deteriorate to where they were uninhabitable," Pfluger said.

He said the architects spent four days in February 1992 doing about 2,000 interviews to find out what residents wanted there instead.

Those interviews yielded a plan that became El Paseo de Santa Angela after the city issued \$2.7 million in certificates of obligation and raised additional cash through public and private grants.

Completed aspects of the project include:

- A senior citizens center in the restored freight depot. The center offers meals, a health clinic, aerobics and computer classes.

- A hub for the city bus system in the restored passenger depot.

- Two large stucco pavilions available for private functions like family reunions.

And, yes, there are restrooms and about 600 places to park.

"Great communities require common space that can be shared by everybody," said Taylor, director of the art museum that intends to build a gallery on the grounds.

"I defy you to find another city in the state of Texas that has that much public space in the heart of the city," he said. "Pretty exciting, pretty exciting."

Former city manager Stephen Brown said the project roughly traces the footpath that old Fort Concho soldiers took toward saloons across the river. He said San Angelo back then - in the late 1800s - attracted a volatile mix of fur traders, whisky dealers, ranchers, Kiowas and Comanches.

"If you got out without a fight, you were lucky," Brown said. "It was a tough place."

But modern-day residents managed to agree and cooperate enough to carry out the El Paseo project.

"Let's quit fighting and fussing over the same (tax) dollar," Brown said. "What we created is something to be used for generations to come."

Several turn-of-the-century buildings have been moved to the project's Old Towne area. Benches and lampposts provide trim to the sidewalks and mall. A quirky concrete structure called Celebration Bridge spans the river.

All this new construction has spun off a small frenzy of new business.

Henry Hogeda Jr. owns Enrique's Restaurante, which should open by March across from the pavilions. Hogeda also plans to build a separate booth-style shop with space for 20 or 25 merchants.

"Nothing else in town like it," he said of the location. "I don't think you can go wrong."

City leaders give the project credit for increased property values and new businesses emerging blocks away in long-vacant buildings.

Pfluger made a mental list of about one dozen ventures - offices and stores selling antiques, jewelry and lingerie - that have opened downtown since the project began. All took over buildings that had been empty for years.

"They'd been languishing there. Nobody wanted them," he said. "But once we publicized the focus on the historic city center, and people realized the potential, it became the 'in' thing to do."

Mayor Dick Funk said the project is helping counteract the economic blows caused when GTE and other companies cut jobs.

"It's a start. I don't think we're through," Funk said. "San Angelo is a community with a great deal of vitality in face of a lot of economic downsizing by large corporate America. We have continued to diversify and grow."

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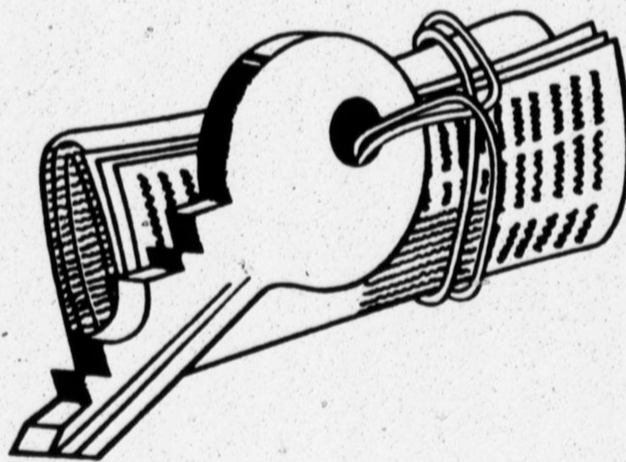
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Congress wants answers about travel by executives of government agencies

By **RANDOLPH E. SCHMID**
Associated Press Writer
WASHINGTON (AP) - Congress is asking who went on the road, when they went and why as two more federal agencies come under scrutiny because of extensive travel by their executives.

Criticism Wednesday focused on the Transportation Department and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration - and drew a quick retort that the real focus was election-year politics.

Energy Secretary Hazel O'Leary and Commerce Secretary Ron Brown also have been on the hot seat over travel expenses.

Brown's name surfaced again Wednesday as House Science Committee Chairman Rep. Robert S. Walker, R-Pa., said an audit indicates NOAA's 1994 travel expenditures were almost \$7 million above the \$27.9 million spelled out to Congress. He said NOAA money apparently is used routinely to pay for Brown's bodyguards.

Walker asked Brown for a list of overseas trips paid for with NOAA

money and to explain why the agency appears unable to police the use of government credit cards by its staff.

Walker said 5,000 to 6,000 NOAA employees - about half the staff - have government credit cards.

Just hours earlier, the House Appropriations Committee chairman, Rep. Bob Livingston, R-La., and transportation subcommittee chairman Frank Wolf, R-Va., released a study compiled by the Transportation Department's inspector general showing that 46 department officials took 699 trips in 1995.

"It appears some top political appointees and career officials may simply be traveling too much," they said. They cited specifically 48 trips by Federal Highway Administrator Rodney E. Slater and 35 by Federal Aviation Administrator David R. Hinson.

"Welcome to election year 1996," the department responded. In a statement, declaring the criticism "is about politics, not travel."

"Top administrators aren't sitting behind their desks in Washington. Why? Because the DOT invested \$27

billion in support of the nation's transportation infrastructure last year, and this administration demands that senior administrators, like commercial bankers, get out into the field to make sure that we're protecting our investments and listening to our customers," the department retorted.

"Even where travel may be justified, DOT agencies appear to frequently send too many people and allow them to stay too long," the report said. It cited 15 people sent to the Paris Air Show and 45 to an air traffic control meeting in Las Vegas by the Federal Aviation Administration.

The report on Transportation Department travel said some trips charged as official may have been at least partly political. For example, it listed an official who went to Portland, Ore., to meet with the editorial board of The Oregonian newspaper.

Costs that exceeded normal daily allowances also were cited as problems on some trips. One Coast Guard official paid \$251 for a New York hotel room, when the standard

federal payment would have been \$142. Another paid \$213 for lodging in Chicago, where the standard federal allowance is \$104.

The report also complained that the Coast Guard used its executive aircraft for trips when commercial planes would have been cheaper, that the department's division administrators have too much authority to approve travel and that some officials combined personal and official travel.

After earlier criticism of Brown and O'Leary, Republicans included travel restrictions on many Cabinet officers in their proposal for ending the federal budget impasse.

The Commerce Department reportedly exceeded its travel budget by 55 percent in 1994 and has not recovered all the money spent on private citizens' travel, according to an internal audit reported by the Los Angeles Times.

O'Leary became the focus of controversy over her estimated \$255,000 in foreign travel and the recent disclosure that her department had paid \$46,500 to evaluate news coverage and rank reporters.

Medical impact of clowns is focus of newest study

By **LARRY McSHANE**
Associated Press Writer
NEW YORK (AP) - A new study is focusing on an unexplored avenue of health care: the curative power of greasepaint.

The yearlong investigation of clowns visiting children in hospitals aims to find out if laughter really is the best medicine.

The study, to begin within weeks, is believed to be the first to assess "the medical impact of clowns," according to a news release announcing the research.

No joke. "We have plenty of anecdotal evidence that our work has positive effects, but now the scientists will objectively measure it," Michael Christensen, founder of the Big Apple Circus Clown Care Unit, said Wednesday.

The \$150,000 study, financed by the Richard and Hilda Rosenthal Center for Alternative-Complementary Medicine, will monitor the clowns' regular visits to six metropolitan hospitals.

Seriously. The 35-member group heads out in its painted faces and size 18-EEE shoes three times a week, 50 weeks a year. The troupe - founded in 1986 - tries to make light of the kids' medical problems, conducting "clown

rounds" of all patients and providing red nose transplants and chocolate milk transfusions.

The group works with many seriously ill patients, stopping by intensive care units and AIDS clinics. Clown doctors are selected after intensive auditions and undergo six months of training - not quite medical school, but the closest a clown can get.

For Christensen, the uplifting work has special resonance: His brother died of pancreatic cancer, inspiring him to create the Clown Care Unit. His character, Dr. Stubbs, is a staple of the group.

An actual doctor - Dr. John M. Driscoll Jr. of Babies & Children's Hospital at Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center - expects the study to turn up evidence that the clowns do help cure kids.

"When a child begins to laugh, it means he's probably beginning to feel better," Driscoll said. "I see the clowns as healers."

Are there any concerns that people might take this lightly or wonder if the money might be better spent elsewhere?

"Sure," said Big Apple spokesman Brian Worthy. "People think, 'It's clowns.' But we like to think we provide real medical value. People can get so focused on the high technology and drugs, they miss out on the human touch."

Bipartisan farm bill being readied for Senate

By **ROBERT GREENE**
AP Farm Writer
WASHINGTON (AP) - A bipartisan farm bill proposal that overhauls crop programs while protecting conservation and food stamps is being readied for possible Senate action.

Sen. Patrick J. Leahy of Vermont, senior Democrat on the Senate Agriculture Committee, was offering the measure with the support of Chairman Dick Lugar, R-Ind., Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan., and other key Republicans on the committee.

It's the first bipartisan measure to emerge from months of disagreement. Still, the amount of Democratic support remains unclear. So far, four Democrats back it, but none of them comes from a major Midwestern farm state where the effects of the crop overhaul will be felt most deeply.

Other opponents could include conservatives who object to food stamps.

Meanwhile, chances of farm legislation reaching the House floor today grew dim because of a procedural dispute with Democrats on the House Agriculture Committee,

which had approved a bill Tuesday. Republican and Democratic critics who say the sugar, dairy and peanut programs drive up consumer prices also were threatening to block the measure.

As with the House measure, the Senate bill would end traditional crop subsidies that move up and down with farm prices. Farmers instead would get guaranteed but declining payments based on past subsidies. Most government controls over planting decisions would end.

Dole and Lugar had offered such legislation, originally in a balanced-budget bill vetoed by President Clinton, as a starting point for today's debate.

The Leahy measure keeps that plan but adds conservation programs, nutrition and some extras for agriculture.

The additions will lower the budget savings for farm spending, perhaps cutting them in half.

The nutrition agreement was critical to Leahy's support. Although funding had been provided through Sept. 30, authority for the programs has run out. In addition to food

stamps, the measure covers spending for food banks and soup kitchens, and food for Indian reservations.

The popular but costly Conservation Reserve Program would be renewed for seven years, with new acreage able to be enrolled. The program pays landowners to take environmentally sensitive land out of production.

A \$200 million program to help farmers and livestock producers clear up environmental problems on their land is added. So is \$200 million to clean up damaged caused to the Everglades by nearby farming.

Permanent easements to protect wetlands in farming areas would be

restored. The easement authority had been ended in the Republican bill.

The bill would also permit New England states to form a Northeast Dairy Compact to protect dairy prices in their region.

Overseas food aid under Food for Peace, which also benefits U.S. farmers and grain companies, would be extended. The program had lapsed.

The Senate compromise has none of the dairy changes in the bill approved Tuesday by the House Agriculture Committee.

The other Democratic supporters were Sens. Bob Graham of Florida, J. Bennett Johnston of Louisiana and John Breaux of Louisiana.



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