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Education board sued over technology funds

By PEGGY FIKAC
Associated Press Writer
AUSTIN (AP) - Seventy-five school districts are suing the State Board of Education, saying it's sitting on \$89 million that under state law should be spent on technology in the classroom.

The school districts say that under the 1995 education reform law, they should be getting \$55 per student for technology this school year. Instead, the board has OK'd only \$30 per student, the districts said.

The \$89 million is the estimated difference statewide, said Austin lawyer Buck Wood, who represents the school districts in the lawsuit filed

Monday in Travis County state court. Texas Education Agency lawyer David Anderson said there's a discrepancy between the law's provision for increased state technology funding and the state budget, which doesn't provide for the increase.

That doesn't matter, Wood said. He said there's no requirement that the expenditure be part of the budget measure, and that the school districts are legally entitled to the money.

"In the last year, numerous studies have emphasized that Texas must devote more resources to public school training in technology," says the lawsuit.

One study has concluded that a failure to fund such training for students "almost certainly will lead Texas to the status of a backwater state in the next two decades," the lawsuit says.

"National studies have reached the same conclusion that students without high-tech skills will fall further and further behind in competition for good-paying jobs," it says.

The lawsuit says school districts must use local tax dollars to make up for insufficient state technology

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Greenawalt says HISD not part of funding suit

Hereford ISD Superintendent Charles W. Greenawalt said this morning the school district is not a plaintiff in the technology funding lawsuit.

The only district in this area that is involved in the suit is the Tulia ISD.

Greenawalt said the suit was filed by the Texas Association of Rural Schools, of which HISD is not a member.

Plaintiffs in the suit filed Monday in Austin say districts should be getting \$55 per student for technology this school year under provisions of the 1995 education reform law. The State Board of Education -- which is the defendant in the suit -- has approved \$30 per student this year.

Greenawalt said the Hereford school district stands to gain if the lawsuit is won by the districts.

He said increasing the technology funding would give the district an additional \$90,000 this year.

Series of major projects push August permits past \$1 million Total building permits for year at \$2.1 million

By WILLIAM SEELEY
Staff Writer

If new construction is any indication, "Hustlin' Hereford" is more than just a billboard slogan seen coming into town.

In the first eight months of 1996, the City of Hereford issued 93 permits for new construction worth an estimated \$2,170,170.

In the month of August alone, the value of new construction underway was estimated at \$1,081,630.

And this far in September building permits issued approach one million dollars -- McDonald's, \$350,000; First Baptist Church, \$285,000; and Deaf Smith County Electric Co-Op, \$10,000, to name a few.

And, later this month, Sonic Drive-In will begin construction on its new \$300,000 restaurant.

These days Hereford really is Hustlin', and in the next year or two there are tangible signs that the city will continue to grow.

Randy Niess, of Niess Theaters in Dumas, on Monday brought Hereford one step closer to getting its first-ever in-door movie theater. After visiting two local banks, Niess said financing of his \$500,000 project is "encouraging."

If plans proceed as expected, Niess said construction of his project could begin by year's end.

On the land adjoining the proposed theater site, a South Dakota developer has at least tentative plans to build a hotel and restaurant sometime next year, according to Mike Hatley, executive director of Hereford Economic Development Corp.

Asked about Hereford's recent growth spurt, Hatley said "I wouldn't say it's all a coincidence, but there's not a trend I can point a finger at either."

However, Hatley said he thought Hereford may have been overlooked in the past.

"If you're going to invest

somewhere," he said, "you're going to invest in a place where you're money is going to be returned."

"Certainly," Hatley said, "if I was going to invest, I'd rather invest in a town that's aggressive, instead of one that's sitting back on its laurels."

Hatley said that while HEDC cannot take all the credit for the city's growth, the fact that "we're out there spreading the word about Hereford, maybe indirectly has had an effect."

"Hereford is more progressive now, more aggressive," Hatley said, "maybe (businesses) are starting to realize that."

But perhaps the loudest cheerleaders for Hereford's growth is Mayor Bob Josserrand.

Josserrand, who has long supported "quality of life" projects in the city, takes a more subtle, improve-and-let-the-city-sell-itself approach to growth.

Josserrand, for instance, pushed

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Administration questioned on cheating citizenship firm

By JOHN SOLOMON
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) - Already under scrutiny for an election-year push to naturalize immigrants, the Clinton administration now must answer why it permitted a major citizenship testing outfit to remain open despite evidence of cheating.

The government believes that officials at the Florida-based Naturalization Assistance Services "specifically overlooked or disregarded cheating" by its testing centers, clearing immigrants who

couldn't speak English to become citizens, documents state.

Federal officials reported instances in which immigrants who paid money were given answers to their tests.

The Immigration and Naturalization Service suspended NAS last December, only to reinstate the outfit days later - even before a scheduled agency hearing into the problems.

And when the alleged fraud persisted and was highlighted on national television, the agency took less severe action in June: It sent NAS a "notice of intent to suspend"

that has allowed the company's testing outlets to continue operating.

The threat of the suspension is pending.

NAS chief executive Paul W. Roberts acknowledged some local testing centers it has contracted have had problems but he insisted the company has increased its monitoring.

"We have a zero tolerance policy for cheating, and the record will reflect that we have acted swiftly to revoke all licensees discovered engaging in impropriety," Roberts said in testimony to be delivered today to a House subcommittee.

NAS, whose officers include a former top federal immigration official, is the largest of six outfits permitted by the government to administer tests for a fee for immigrants seeking to become citizens. NAS says it has tested nearly 150,000 at more than 300 centers since 1994.

Immigrants who pass the test are exempted from the traditional questioning about U.S. history and government and the English language at their INS interviews.

But they still must be interviewed by INS examiners, a key double-check where most of the fraudulent tests have been detected.

County bids get approval

By WILLIAM SEELEY
Staff Writer

Deaf Smith County Commissioners on Monday spent most of the morning reviewing bids for county services.

Of four bids considered, the county's health insurance plan consumed most of the regularly scheduled meeting of Commissioners' Court.

After hearing six bids, Commissioners unanimously voted to keep its existing contract.

Commissioners also voted unanimously, without discussion, to purchase a new motorgrader for Precinct 4 from West Texas Equip-

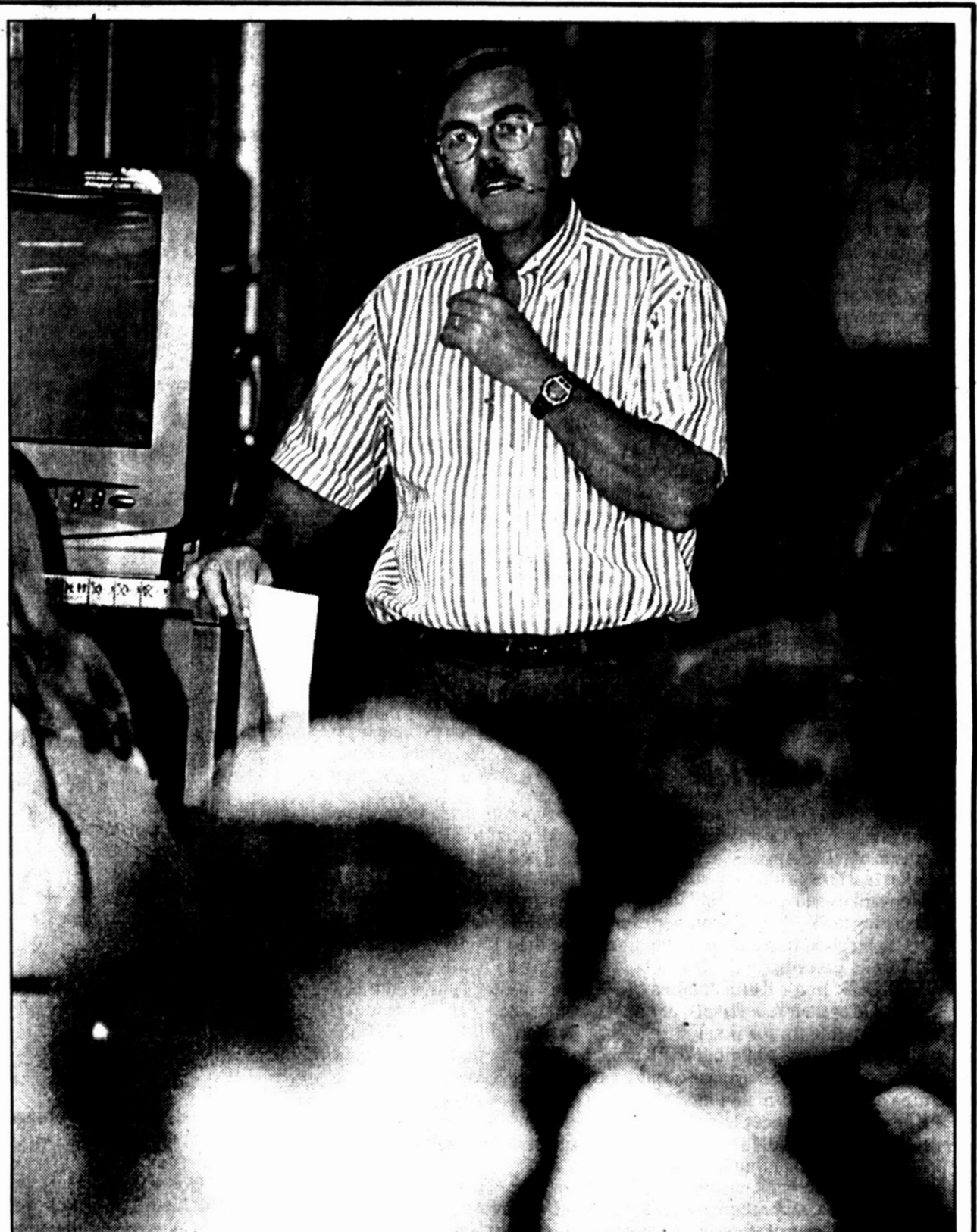
ment Company for a net cost -- including trade-in and maintenance -- of \$69,175.

A bid to continue supplying the county's fuel by Conway Oil Company of Hereford at a rate of 3.5 cents above refinery costs was also approved.

Finally, Tri-State Chemical was awarded the county contract for chemical waste disposal.

In other business, commissioners voted to leave intact the county's retirement plan for another year.

Commissioners also gave approval to advertise for bids on new carpeting in the Deaf Smith County library.



Preparing for the fund drive

County Judge Tom Simons, chairman of the 1996 United Way of Deaf Smith County fund-raising drive, speaks to volunteers during a training session on Monday. The campaign will kick off on Sept. 19 with a luncheon in the Community Center. The goal for this year's campaign is \$132,000, which will help fund activities of 12 charitable agencies that work in Hereford.

United Way nears start of annual fund-raising drive

Kickoff of the 1996 United Way of Deaf Smith County fund-raising drive is just a week away and organizers are putting the final touches on what they hope will be a successful effort to raise money to fund 12 charitable agencies.

A luncheon will be held on Thursday, Sept. 19, in the Community Center to kick off the annual fund-raiser.

The luncheon is open to the public for \$4.75 per person.

Those wishing to attend must make reservations by calling the United Way office at 364-5220.

County Judge Tom Simons is chairing this year's drive, with former United Way executive director Sally Nolen serving as assistant chair.

The theme for this year's drive is "Angels Among Us," Simons said, adding that Hereford school children are once again helping the campaign by drawing posters that will be displayed at local businesses.

The goal for this year's United Way drive is \$132,000, which Simons said is \$20,000 above last year's goal.

"We've made it the last two years, so we certainly intend to meet the goal," he said.

A training session was held Monday for United Way volunteers.

"We are excited about the fact we have had such good participation in the volunteer training," Simons said.

Additional volunteers are

needed, Simons said. Individuals interested in lending a hand with the United Way drive may contact the office at 364-5220.

Simons said there is a new twist this year, in the form of a "Day of Caring" the United Way board is instituting.

The "Day of Caring," he said, will be a time for local United Way volunteers and volunteers from the 12 agencies supported by United Way, to help a fellow agency.

This year's Day of Caring will be devoted to painting the interior of the YMCA building.

"We will pick a project each year," Simons said.

Members of the public are invited to turn out to help with that project as well.

City police report 70 percent jump in number of residents buckling up

By WILLIAM SEELEY
Staff Writer

Hereford Police Lt. Bennie Barrick reported this morning there has been a greater than 70 percent increase in the number of drivers in the city limits who buckle up.

The report, written as part of the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program conducted in Hereford and three other Panhandle towns over Labor Day weekend, also found that nearly 25 percent more motorists adhered to posted speed limits, Barrick said.

Information contained in the post-STEP survey report was collected by Barrick last week. As in a pre-STEP survey, Barrick said he divided the city into four quadrants and monitored traffic at several locations in each from his personal vehicle.

"How scientific the survey is, I don't know," Barrick said. "I can tell you it was unbiased and fair."

"I did the survey exactly how the state (Department of Transportation) told me to."

As successful as the STEP program was -- hundreds of citations and warnings issued and no accidents reported over the holiday weekend -- Police Chief David Wagner said the department will not authorize overtime for the program's continuation.

"Officers have been made aware of the problems and the positive effects of (increased) code enforcement," Wagner said. "And they'll be on the look-out for violations."

Barrick added increased code enforcement was "very tiring on the officers."

"Keeping a positive officer-demeanor is important to us," he said.

Barrick noted Hereford does not have, and will never have, a quota system for traffic citations.

Although, he said officers would be "aware" of problems of non-compliance and will likely give an increased number of warnings, particularly for lack of seat-belts.

"We knew by the third day into the program," Barrick said, "that motorists were complying with the seat-belt laws."

There were very few violations on Labor Day, Barrick said.

STEP grants were awarded by Texas Department of Transportation to Hereford over Labor Day weekend, Dumas and Borger for Independence Day and Labor Day weekends. Amarillo gets a year-round grant.

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Lifestyles

Ann Landers

Opinions heard from both sides about behavior of stroke victim

Dear Readers: At least 5,000 letters have arrived asking, "What is a Michigan handshake?" It's a firm, no-nonsense grasp that means "goodbye" and lets the recipient know you really mean it.

Dear Ann Landers: I am a faithful reader and am often amazed at the incredible job you do of educating, supporting and occasionally straightening out your readers. Now and then, however, you fall short.

Your advice to "Palm Desert" needs to be rethought. She said her husband, "Clyde," had propositioned her 47-year-old daughter. Apparently, the man had done nothing inappropriate in their 35 years of marriage, but he had suffered a stroke two years before he made the pass. His neurologist, however, insisted that Clyde knew exactly what he was doing.

Ann, it is very likely that Clyde's poor judgment was indeed due to his stroke. Neurologists generally are not trained in brain-behavior relationship, just as counselors are not trained in the physiology or pathology of the brain. Clyde and his wife need the services of a neuropsychologist. There are many "walking wounded" out there who have been pronounced OK by a neurologist. Then, the patient suddenly behaves in a bizarre manner and everyone is shocked.

Please, Ann, you reach millions every day. Tell these family members of stroke victims to seek the help of a trained neuropsychologist. They can call the American Psychological Association or the National Academy

of Neuropsychology for a specialist in their area. -- Ph.D. in Ventura, Calif.

Dear Ventura: Thanks for the input. And now I'll probably hear from dozens of neurologists saying they are better qualified than neuropsychologists to make this kind of diagnosis. The readers now have opinions from both sides and can make their own decision.

Dear Ann Landers: This is for "Bottomed Out in Detroit," who thinks he has changed more diapers than any other man in the world. It appears he wants special recognition for this outstanding accomplishment.

If more men were involved in caring for and raising their children, this would not seem like such an extraordinary feat. Women have been doing it for centuries with very little or no recognition.

So let's hear it for all the women who have cooked the meals, done the laundry, cleaned the house, mowed the lawn, painted the bathrooms, sewed curtains and clothes, assisted with homework, done the marketing, helped at school functions, coordinated the kids' parties, shopped for Christmas and birthday gifts, done the banking and bill paying, decorated homes, weeded the garden, took care of the family pets, handled repairs, nursed the sick, soothed hurt feelings, chauffeured the kids to sports, dance classes and music lessons, provided all or part of the family income -- and also changed diapers. All this after carrying the baby for nine months and then giving birth, which is not exactly

a day at the beach.

Changing an estimated 15,000 diapers doesn't look so awesome in the overall picture. So, "Bottomed Out," instead of looking for glory, turn to the women in your life (your wife, mother, sister, grandmother) and say thank you. Not only do they deserve it, they have earned it. -- Accolades to the Women From Out West

Dear Out West: That deafening racket you hear is the applause of millions of female readers. Thanks for the well-earned accolades.

When planning a wedding, who pays for what? Who stands where? "The Ann Landers Guide for Brides" has all the answers. Send a self-addressed, long, business-size envelope and a check or money order for \$3.75 (this includes postage and handling) to: Brides, c/o Ann Landers, P.O. Box 11562, Chicago, Ill. 60611-0562. (In Canada, send \$4.55.)

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Warren to speak on incontinence

Dr. Judith Warren, gerontologist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, will present a program on Managing Incontinence at 10 a.m. Thursday in the Blue Room of the Hereford Senior Citizens Center at 246 Ranger.

Individuals, family, friends or care takers of those trying to manage incontinence (the loss of urinary control) will receive information on prevention, management where the problem can be eliminated and ways to ease the discomfort and inconvenience it causes.

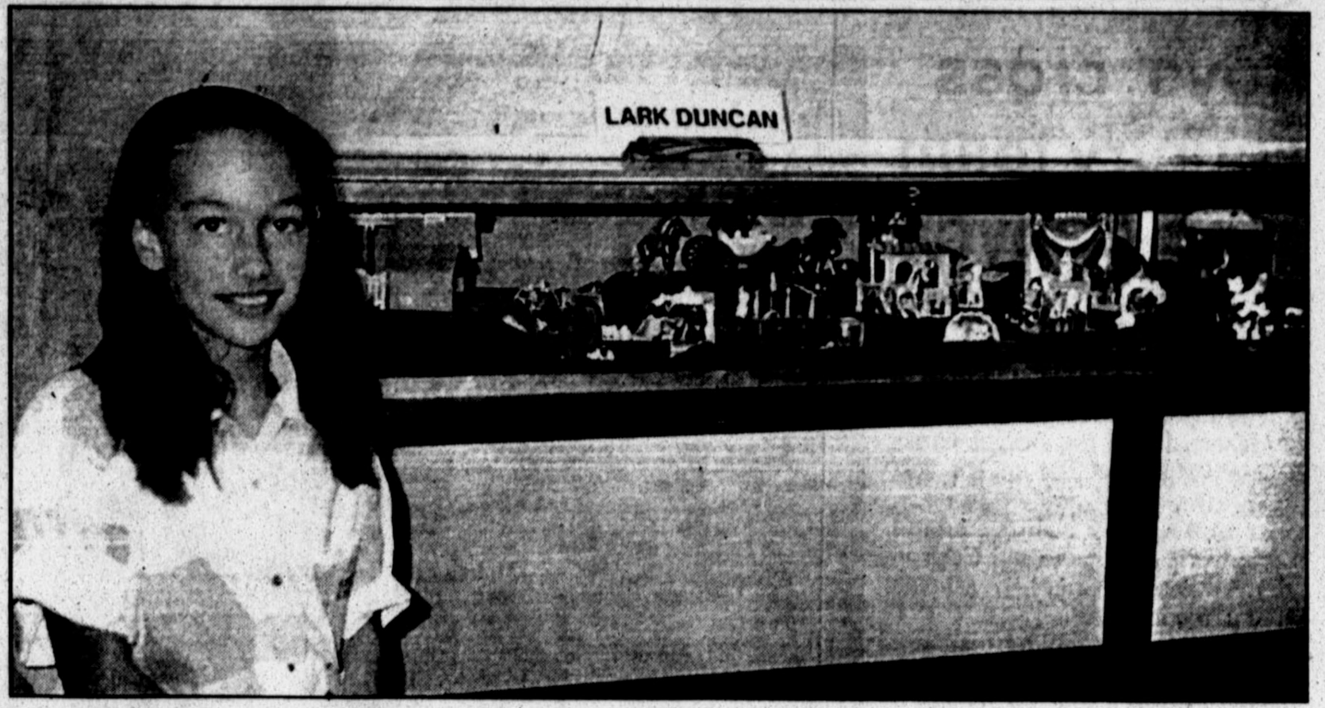
The program is free and open to the public.

For more information, contact County Extension Agent Beverly Harder at 364-3573.

Gilley among grads from Sul Ross Univ.

Terry Gilley from Hereford was among the more than 200 students who received degrees and certificates from Sul Ross State University in Alpine during summer commencement exercises on Aug. 10.

Gilley received a master of arts degree in political science.



Library display

Lark Duncan's pets don't shed hair around the house or need to go out in the middle of the night. Her Littlest Pet Shop collection is on display at the Deaf Smith County Library through the month of September. The daughter of Dave and Tracy Duncan, Lark likes to "bargain hunt" for additions to her collection and, according to her mother, has to go to at least three or four stores before she finds just the right one to buy. She now has thirty different sets.

Recycling is improving economy

By PEGGY FIKAC
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) - Recycling isn't just for the environment any more. It has created more than 20,000 jobs and added \$2.8 billion to the Texas economy, according to a recent study.

"Recycling is improving our state's economy as well as improving our state's environment," said Barry McBee, chairman of the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission.

"Recycling conserves natural resources. Recycling can save money. Recycling can even make money for businesses and for communities and for individuals in our state."

McBee on Monday released the study, prepared for the Southern States Waste Management Coalition, as the TNRC and a statewide recycling coalition announced the third annual Texas Recycles Day pledge drive.

In the drive, Texans who promise to start or increase recycling have a chance to win prizes at a drawing at the Texas Capitol Nov. 15. Grand prize is a Jeep Wrangler.

The recycling coalition includes representatives of business, government, schools, environmental organizations and civic groups.

The recycling analysis conducted by Weston Inc. says 20,218 Texans have jobs with recycling processors and manufacturers. That number doesn't include collection jobs.

The annual economic value was estimated by assessing the difference

in value of a material before and after a recycling process, according to the report. For example, if a particular material was worth \$20 per ton before a recycling process and \$50 per ton afterward, \$30 per ton was considered to be the value added by the processor.

"It's clear that recycling is now an established Texas industry," McBee said.

But the state still has a long way to go, he added. As much as 80 percent of the 22 million tons of solid waste put into Texas landfills each

year is recyclable.

With a nod to economic pressures that limits recycling of some materials, such as certain plastics, the state's goal is to recycle 40 percent of the solid waste headed to the dump.

Editor's Note: The telephone number to enter the drawing or learn more about Texas Recycles Day is 1-800-64-TEXAS. Pledge information also is available on the Internet at <http://www.tnrc.state.tx.us>

Breast cancer screening will take place at Senior Center

The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and Baptist/St. Anthony's Health System will conduct a breast cancer screening clinic at the Hereford Senior Citizens Center, 426 Ranger, on Sept. 23.

Participants will receive a low-cost screening that includes a mammogram and instruction in self-examination by a registered nurse.

The total cost is \$70.

A minimum of fifteen women need to register in order for the mobile mammography clinic to come to area towns.

Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance.

All exams are done by appointment only. Call 806-359-4673 or 1-800-377-4673 for more information.

Today in History

By The Associated Press
Today is Tuesday, Sept. 10, the 254th day of 1996. There are 112 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On Sept. 10, 1813, Oliver H. Perry won eight Emmy Awards, but lost best dramatic series to ABC's "NYPD Blue;" NBC's "Frasier" won five awards, including best comedy series.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Fay Wray is 89. Movie director Robert Wise is 82. Golfer Arnold Palmer is 67. Retired CBS newsman Charles Kuralt is 62. Actor Greg Mullavey is 57. Jazz vibraphonist Roy Ayers is 56. Singer Danny Hutton (Three Dog Night) is 54. Singer Jose Feliciano is 51. Actress Judy Geeson is 48. Rock musician Joe Perry (Aerosmith) is 46. Actress Amy Irving is 43. Director Chris Columbus ("Home Alone") is 38. Actor Colin Firth is 36. Rock singer-musician David Lowery (Cracker) is 36. Rock musician Robin Goodridge (Bush) is 30. Rapper Big Daddy Kane is 28.

Thought for Today: "The authentic and pure values, truth, beauty, and goodness, in the activity of a human being are the result of one and the same act, a certain application of the full attention to the object." -- Simone Weil, French philosopher (1909-1943).

Ten years ago: CBS Inc. announced that embattled chairman and chief executive Thomas H. Wyman was stepping down.

Five years ago: The Senate Judiciary Committee opened hearings on the nomination of Clarence Thomas to the U.S. Supreme Court.

One year ago: A plane carrying members of a skydivers club crashed in Shackelfords, Va., killing 10 parachutists, the plane's pilot and a man on the ground. NBC's "ER" won eight Emmy Awards, but lost best dramatic series to ABC's "NYPD Blue;" NBC's "Frasier" won five awards, including best comedy series.

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KUB Award recipients

The Keeping Us Beautiful (KUB) Award is a local award bestowed by the Hereford Beautification Alliance on groups, individuals and businesses who exhibit a strong and sustained commitment to the appearance of their neighborhood and community.

Less than one percent of the property owners in Hereford are chosen to receive this award each year.

Property is judged on neatness (free of weeds and junk cars), flowers and shrubs in season, house and trim painted and lawn mowed. Individuals within the community have noticed these property owners and recommended that they be granted this honor. The awards committee, composed of five anonymous persons, then chooses the winners.

Winners for the week of Sept. 9 are:
*Mr. and Mrs. Steve Conaway, 116 Rio Vista
*Mr. and Mrs. Doug Manning, 103 Rio Vista
*Serapio and Rita Cabezueta, 306 Norton
*Business: Quality Motel, East Highway 60.

Hereford Beautification Alliance wishes to congratulate these people for the high standards they are setting and offers its sincere thanks for their personal contributions to the improvement of the city's appearance.



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Sports

Boys' cross country team trips Canyon

The Hereford boys' cross country team did something Saturday that hardly ever happens: they won a meet despite the presence of two-time defending state champion Canyon.

Hereford won the Borger Cross Country Meet, beating out the best teams the area could produce. Hereford's 75 points edged Tucumcari, N.M. (78) and Canyon (82). All seven District 1-4A schools were at the meet.

"It was a great feeling for these guys to win this meet," Herd coach Martha Emerson said. "This was a tough field. It's been several years since Hereford has had a group of young men compete this hard and with a total team effort."

Hereford's top runner finished only ninth - Sergio Saenz in 17:16 - but the key to winning the meet was that Hereford's fifth runner finished 20th. In cross country, the finishing order of each of the top five runners makes up the team's score.

Following Saenz were: Tommy Mather, 12th in 17:22; Miguel Huerta, 15th in 17:30; Brandon Coleman, 19th in 17:46; Inez Lopez, 20th in 17:49; Miguel Carrillo, 44th in 19:00; and Adolfo San Miguel, 72nd in 23:03.

"The top five were 33 seconds apart this week. Last week it was 47 seconds," Emerson said. "It's still very early in the season, but this is the incentive we need to continue to improve. Every team will improve every week until district."

Hereford's girls finished fourth in the girls' division. They totaled 111 points and trailed Canyon (37), Pampa (65) and Amarillo High (66). "Our No. 2 runner (Jamic Harrison) was sick and did not compete," Emerson said. "The top four girls ran really well and were very close together."

Bethany Townsend led the Herd girls, finishing 10th in 12:32. She was followed by: Jessica Mejia, 15th in 12:46; Erica Delgado, 19th in 12:53; Teresa Lopez, 20th in 12:55; and Kiti Jennings, 49th in 14:28.

No teams scores were kept in the junior varsity divisions, but Hereford had some good individual finishes.

Adam Hernandez took fifth place in the JV boys' race, finishing in 18:09. Other Hereford boys were: Jason Stark, eighth in 18:46; James Mather, 16th in 19:26; Chris Briones, 25th in 20:04; and Brent Coleman, 27th in 20:08. No places were recorded for these runners: Chris Casarez, 21:17; Ray Lopez, 21:22; and Gabriel Ramirez, 21:45.

In the JV girls' race, Griselda Carrillo finished 16th in 13:45. Four other Hereford girls ran but didn't get places: Jessica Harrison, 14:15; Mayra Nava, 14:30; Danielle Garza, 15:37; and Denise Amaro, 15:45.

Ruiz to fight in Pensacola

Professional boxer Jaime Ruiz, a resident of Hereford, will take on William Alverzo in Pensacola, Fla., Wednesday.

Their fight is scheduled to go 10 rounds - the longest distance either fighter has gone - in the 120-pound division. The main event of the card is a fight between Ezra Sellers and Artr's Pendergass.

Hereford's Ruiz has a record of 5-9, while Alverzo's record is 11-2 with five knockouts. However, both fighters easily defeated a common opponent, Radolfo Robles, so Ruiz said it "should be a good even fight."

Hanspard gets Big 12 honors

By MARK BABINECK
Associated Press Writer
LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) - The Texas Tech Red Raiders have relied almost solely on the running game for their first two games. Yet Oklahoma State was powerless despite knowing exactly what was coming and who was delivering it.

Byron Hanspard gave the nation another name to consider for postseason awards glory with 272 yards and two touchdowns in Tech's 31-3 victory at Texas Stadium.

The performance was more than enough to earn the tailback Big 12 player of the week honors and accolades from coast to coast as highlights of his 72-yard first quarter scoring dash dominated the airwaves.

"He's more than lived up to his billing as one of the best in this conference," OSU coach Bob Simmons said Monday, though he added that Hanspard's numbers would have been smaller "if we could tackle."



Golf tourney benefits Make-A-Wish

The local Make-A-Wish Foundation chapter received a \$3,000 check as proceeds of the Bulls and Heifers Golf Tourney here Sunday. Shown holding the token check are, left to right: Bill Brown, Marcy Hughes, Dave Kaesheimer, Ruby Bonds and Gene Storrs, executive director of Make-A-Wish in Amarillo.

Madisons duo captures Heifers & Bulls tourney

Jim Madison and Robin Madison teamed up to win the Heifers and Bulls Couples golf tournament, which was played Saturday and Sunday at Pitman Municipal Golf Course.

The tournament raised \$3,000 for the Make-a-Wish Foundation, a group that makes wishes come true for seriously ill children. According to organizer Bill Brown, the money raised here will go to help a Hereford child.

The Madisons, of Amarillo, shot 61-66-127 to win easily. Two other teams totaled 131. Jerry Stevens and Linda Stevens (65-66) took second place on a scorecard playoff over Don

Leverett and Pam Strong (66-65).

There were three flights other than the championship flight:

First flight--1, Jim Feagan/Juanita Sims, 69-70--139 (won by scorecard playoff); 2, N.D. Kelso/Kelly Kelso, 68-71--139; 3, Ivan Rash/Mary Shelton, 68-71--139.

Second flight--1, Bill Hall/Ruth Hall, 76-73--149; 2, Benny Sadler/Stephanie Dawdy, 75-74--149; 3, Donnie Miller/Julie Albracht, 74-76--150.

Third flight--1, Sinky Scott/Rhea Scott, 79-76--149; 2, Gene Storrs/Ruby Bonds, 78-79--157; 3, Pete Heiman/Sandy Heiman, 78-80--158.

Netters go 2-2 in tourney

The Hereford tennis team won two team matches and lost two during the Amarillo Team Tournament, which was played Friday and Saturday in Amarillo.

Unfortunately for the Herd, the two losses came against District 1-4A rivals Randall and Pampa. Hereford opened the tournament by falling to Randall, 11-6, then rebounded to beat El Paso Bowie, 14-2, later Friday. On Saturday, Pampa beat the Herd, 12-6, but Hereford finished off with an 11-7 win over Levelland.

"The match against Randall was probably the worst we've ever played," Herd coach Ed Coplen said. "We played really bad. But when we played Bowie, we got better, and when we played Pampa, we got better. When we played Levelland,

Odell captures football contest

Dan Odell missed only three games in the weekly Hereford Brand Football Contest and beat out two others in the tie-breaker to win.

Odell can collect \$35 in Deaf Smith County Bucks for winning. The total score of his tie-breaker prediction was 32, only five points away from the actual total of Tascosa's 27-0 win over Hereford Friday in Amarillo.

Jim English took second place and \$25 after missing three games. His tie-breaker prediction totaled 35.

Bobby Baker was third, good for \$10. He also missed three games, and his tie-breaker totaled 42.

There were seven entrants who missed four games, and 96 entries overall.

Look for this week's games hidden in the ads on Pages 6 and 7 of today's Brand.

Frosh spikers defeat Canyon

The Hereford ninth grade volleyball team took a 15-13, 15-12 victory over the Canyon-freshmen Monday in Whiteface Gym. Crystal Mendiaz served for 10 points.

The Hereford Junior High teams went on the road to play Canyon Junior High and split four matches.

The Hereford eighth grade A team won 15-5, 15-2, as Pam Klein served for 11 points. Hereford won the seventh grade B match in three games, 15-12, 2-15, 15-9. Monica Grajeda served for six points.

Hereford lost the seventh grade A match, 16-14, 15-5, and lost the eighth B match, 15-4, 13-15, 15-10.

Herd spikers win Seminole touney

District play starts tonight

The Lady Whitefaces volleyball team breezed to the championship of the Seminole Invitational Saturday in Seminole, and they enter District 1-4A play today without a blemish on their record.

The Herd (14-0) hosts Canyon (7-4) today at Whiteface Gym. The action begins at 6 p.m. with a junior varsity match between the schools, and the varsity match will begin 20 minutes after the JV match ends.

Herd coach Brenda Reeh said the team has done well in the first part of the season and must carry that over into the second part, district play.

"We always will break the season into three parts," Reeh said. "Hopefully, what we do in the second part will give us the chance to get to postseason."

The 14-0 record is the best Hereford has even taken into district play. Hereford's list of victims is a who's who of Panhandle volleyball: Amarillo High, Tascosa, even 1-4A

rival Dumas. It's all been done with a team that lost seven players to graduation last year. The 1996 Lady Whitefaces wasted no time learning how to play together.

"I was looking for this kind of performance by the middle of district," Reeh said. "We've been able to execute at a much higher level than we even expected."

In Canyon, Hereford faces a team with great athletes - Courtney Sims and Valeree Valdez are all-state basketball players and pretty good volleyball players.

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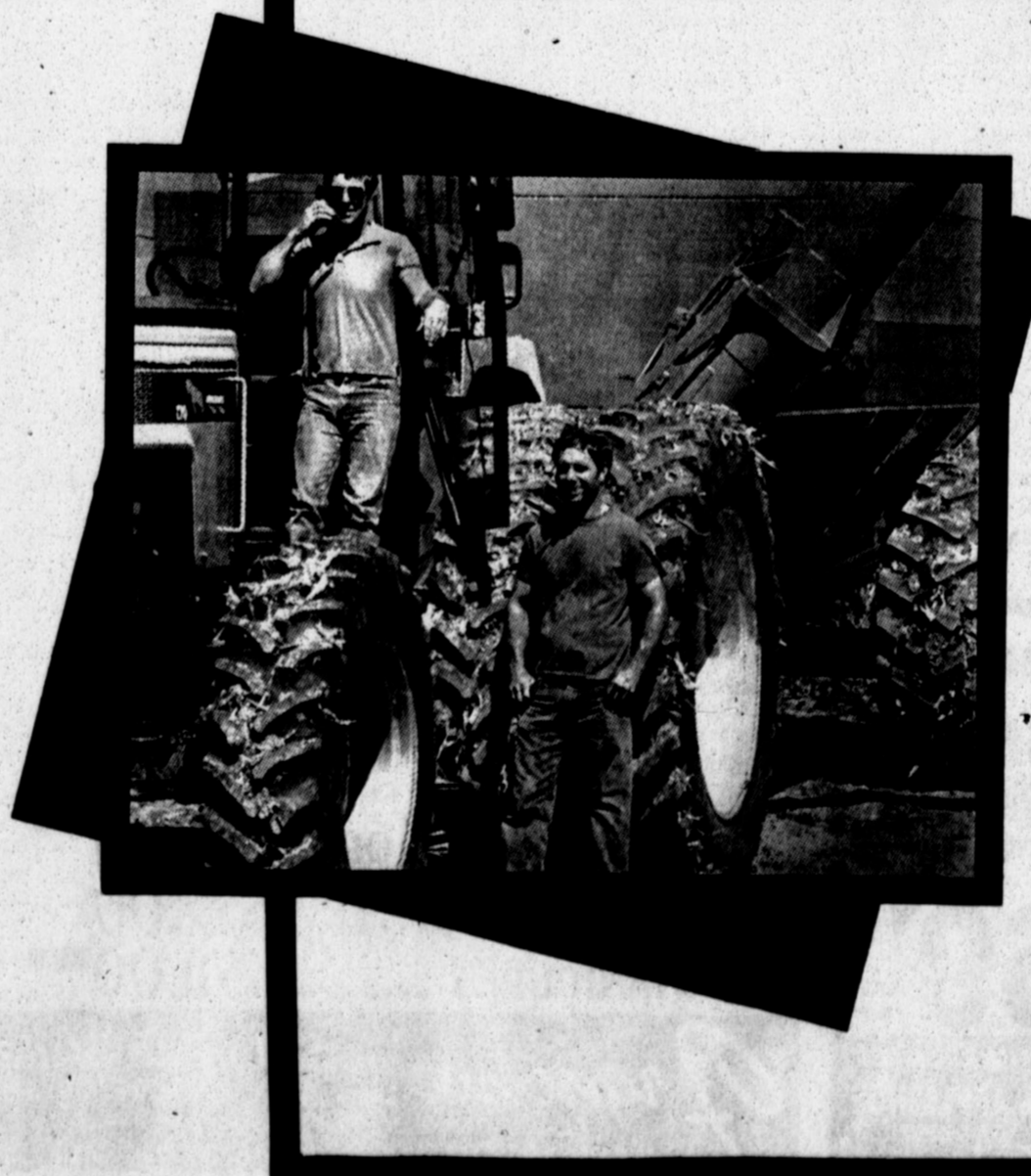
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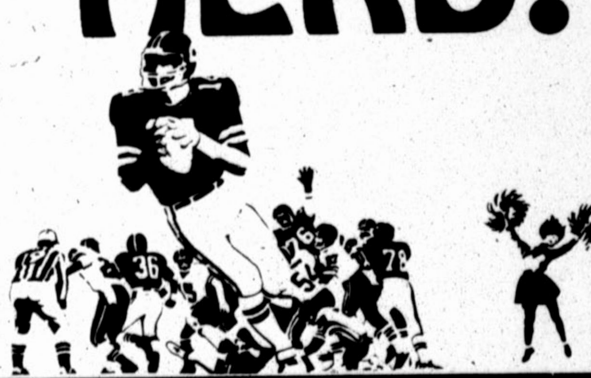
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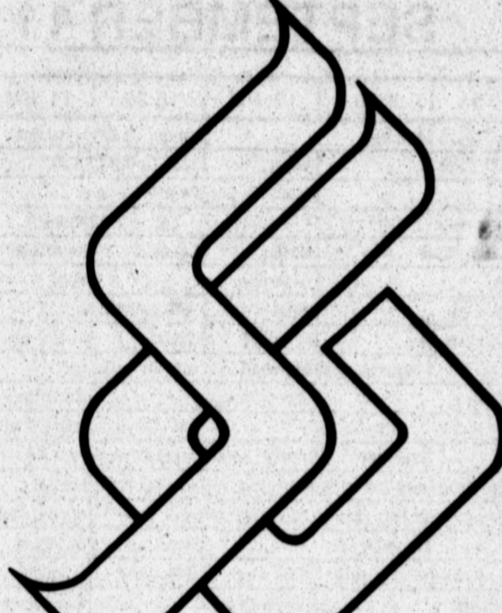
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Mule-drawn wagon tour accompanied by breathtaking stories

By MARK ENGLAND
Waco Tribune-Herald

WACO, Texas -- The "World-Famous James S. Wood" claims he isn't a bit modest. Standing at the entrance to Waco's Fort Fisher Park, wearing boots, jeans, a red bandana and a Texas-size hat, holding the reins to his draft mules, Becky and Debbie, he's easy to believe.

"I give a pretty good tour, if I must say so," Wood said.

He's not alone in that opinion. Wood's mule-drawn wagon tour of downtown Waco has been around for about five years. Like it, he is a throwback, someone who would have been at home in earlier generations when people pretty much told you what was on their mind. Don't ask if you don't want to know.

Not that you have to bother asking. "I read where someone won the Lotto jackpot Saturday night," Wood said, as a tour started on a Friday morning. "You can tell it wasn't me. If it was, I wouldn't be here. I like my job but not that much. If you're wondering, these are my mules. I think that's a stupid question, to be honest. You think I could hire someone to sit out in this heat and look at mules' butts all day?"

A swing under Interstate 35, along Lake Brazos, and Becky and Debbie were on their way, galloping along at 3 mph. If the speed's not breathtaking, some of Wood's stories are.

He told passengers about the Huaco Indians settlement on the river in the 1800s.

"Sometimes if atmospheric conditions are right, you can still hear their echoes," Wood said.

An Indian chant filled the wagon as it plodded along University-Parks Drive, Wood surreptitiously turning on a tape recorder. His riders laughed, as much at the corniness of it as anything else.

Wood will tell you outright that he'll do anything to keep it lively.

His only demand is a good audience. And it is a demand.

"If I tell them my first story and no one responds, they don't get no more stories on my tour," Wood said, snorting. "I'm not wasting my breath on people who don't want to have fun."

Wood was in luck this morning. Tammy Churchman of Robinson was showing off Waco to her friends, Cathy Fuller and John Ghauri of Houston. Churchman has lived here less than a year and is getting ready to move again.

"I thought I ought to tour the city where I live before I leave it," Churchman said, laughing.

Riders for Wood's tour come from far and wide. For some reason that Wood can't fathom, his homespun tour seems to be especially popular with German tourists. Sometimes they come with friends who speak English and try to interpret Wood's travelogue.

"I probably don't translate very well," Wood said. "It's hard to translate things like 'purt' near' and 'over yonder.'"

He also had a carriage ride until last month. A pickup rammed it, injuring Wood, his son-in-law and nephew. They're still recovering. Wood's over his bruises, but, for

now, Becky and Debbie are his only business.

Wood used to work at Texas Safari in Clifton as a snake handler and an alligator wrestler. Before starting his tour, he boned up on the history of Waco, reading all of the late historian Roger Conger's books. As the tour developed, Wood eventually worked in a few of his own stories.

"I got more information than tour," Wood said.

The stories literally poured out of him as his mules wound through downtown Waco, a canvas top protecting riders from the heat and two small fans circulating the air.

He talked about the trolley that once ran from Waco to Dallas; the building of the Suspension Bridge across the Brazos River and how cowboys hated paying a nickel a head for their cattle to cross it; the early 1900s when Waco had legalized prostitution, the women banished to a "reservation;" the building of the McLennan County Courthouse; and, of course, the tornado that almost demolished Waco in 1953.

"Some people thought City Hall was damaged," Wood said. "But that's the way it's always looked. Ugliest building in Waco."

Wood is frank, but he's also a self-admitted booster of Waco.

"This is my home," Wood said. "It's got everything you could want except for traffic jams."

As the wagon headed down Sixth Street, he pointed at the old Raleigh Hotel, now a state government office building, a couple blocks away, and noted that famous stars such as Marilyn Monroe and Elvis Presley once stayed there.

"As a matter of fact, if atmospheric conditions are right..." Wood said.

"Uh-oh," Churchman said, groaning and laughing at the same time.

Presley's "Hound Dog" blared from the speakers. Ghauri smiled and tapped his toe. But the song quickly ended.

"That's enough," Wood said. "We don't want to overdo it."

In the tour's home stretch, there's a quick stop at the Dr Pepper Museum, 300 S. Fifth St. Riders can pop in for a fountain drink with true carbonation while Wood and his mules take a break.

Back on the road, the steady pleasant ringing of the mules' hoofs made it easy to see how cowboys and plowboys sometimes get an urge to sing.

"Anybody got any questions?" Wood asked. "If nobody has any questions, I'm going to sing."

"Quick, someone come up with a question," Churchman said.

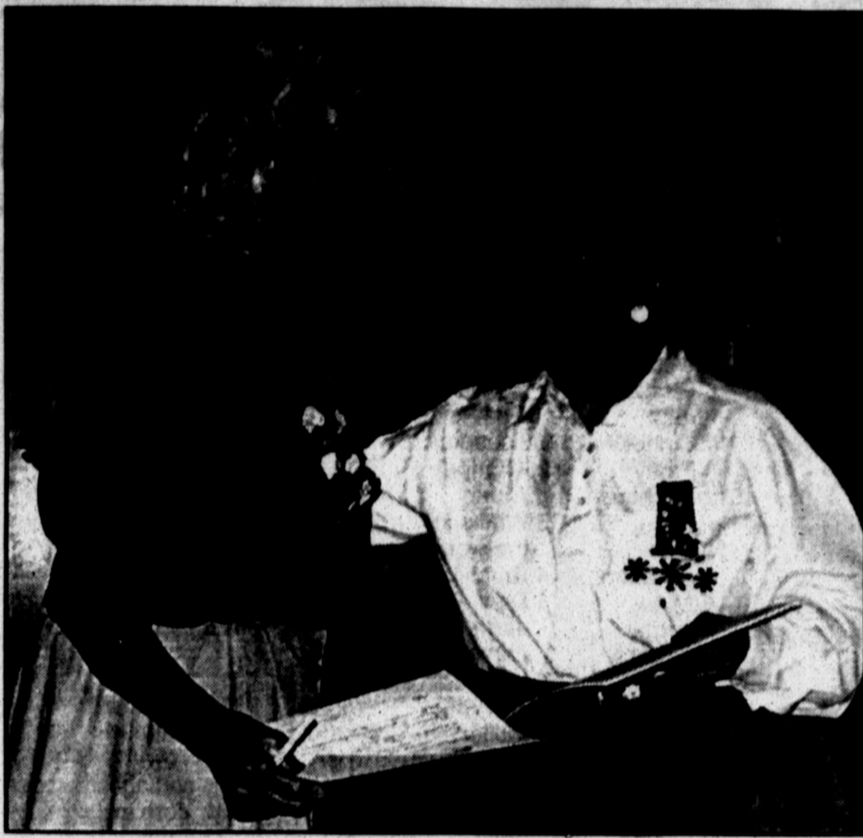
But everyone only came up blank.

"OK, I warned you," Wood said.

"Old McDonald had a farm, Eie, Eie, Oh. And on that farm he had a dog. You know, when I was a boy, I had a dog. He was a cross between a pit bull and Lassie. He'd bite you and then run for help. 'Eie, Eie, Oh.'"

As Becky and Debbie pulled into Fort Fisher, Wood turned the wagon around, making the neatest U-turn you ever saw, and parked it. As his riders unloaded, Wood bid them a fond farewell.

"OK, ride's over, get out, thank you, very much," Wood said. "What'd you expect for five bucks?"



Presentation of service awards

Troyce Hanna, right, outgoing president of American Legion Auxiliary Post 192, presents a citation for meritorious service to sergeant-at-arms Ruth King. Hanna presented meritorious service awards to all retiring 1995-1996 officers and chairmen. In return, Hanna was honored with a 50 year pin and gift of appreciation from the auxiliary.

Hints from Heloise

Dear Heloise: Do the many cords on the back of your computer or sound system make you crazy when you have to figure out which end of one cord matches the other end?

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The back of my stereo receiver has 18 pairs of cords (36 separate connections) that go to the television, CD player, tape player, speakers, etc. With that many cords, it's tough to trace down both ends of the same cord to make sure they're plugged into the right plugs on the different pieces of equipment. Color coding works! — Pete Hansen, Billings, Mont.

You are one clever guy! When we moved all our computers in the office, we took long self-sticking stickers and labeled them, folded them in half over the cord (cord was sandwiched between the sticky part of the stickers). This made putting everything back together a cinch! — Heloise

HANDY TYPEWRITER CORRECTION FLUID

Dear Heloise: My mom has a special light she turns on so that she can see the black buttons on her black television set.

Most of my electronic appliances are also black, but I used white typewriter correction fluid to paint V's on my volume controls. It helps so much that I wanted to tell someone else about it. — Lynette Gough, New Orleans

CEREAL-BOX LINERS

Dear Heloise: I use the bags from cereal boxes to slip over my cutting board before chopping or slicing vegetables.

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MOVING HINT

Dear Heloise: When moving recently, we made charts showing where all the pieces of crystal and china were placed in our buffet and one for the items in the curio. We used the charts when unpacking and put everything in its original place

without all the fuss of wondering where the pieces would go.

No guesswork and saved much valuable time and energy. — A reader from Plano, Texas

SOUND OFF

Dear Heloise: You are my last hope! Is there help for those of us who store spices in the cabinet over the stove? Since the onset of the spice rack, spices are sold in jars, which cannot be efficiently or safely stacked. I look in vain for square-cornered cans and very few are left.

Wish they would return! — Jack O'Brian, Ft. Myers, Fla.

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.

To Your Good Health

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: My 18-year-old grandson has been diagnosed with collagenous colitis. What exactly is that? — H.G.

ANSWER: Just when experts feel they must know all there is to know about an illness, up pops an entirely new version.

Collagenous colitis was described only recently. It involves collagen affecting intestinal-tract function.

Collagen is supportive tissue, in many settings reminiscent of a sort of foam packing around organs. Among other duties, collagen supports skin and broadly provides the body's structural framework.

In collagenous colitis, bands of collagen form under the digestive tract lining, preventing proper food absorption. That causes diarrhea and abdominal pain.

As with most newly defined illnesses, understanding and treatment lag behind recognition. What prompts the peculiar deposition of collagen is not known.

On two counts, your grandson does not fit the typical patient profile for collagenous colitis, which typically strikes at middle age, favoring women.

The condition sometimes subsides on its own, and at other times it persists as waves of waxing and waning symptoms.

Currently, treatment is limited to a potpourri of familiar control medicines, such as cholestyramine, sulfasalazine and cortisone.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I am an elderly gentleman who lives alone. I get out and about by using the very fine bus system in our city. I can shop and go to the theater, etc., about any reasonable time of day.

There is a bus stop about four blocks from my home. Wouldn't you know it, lately I get lame about after walking three blocks. I get terrific leg pain and have to stop, and sometimes I miss my bus. It is a calf cramping. Is there medicine for this? Is it bad circulation? — Mr. J.E.

ANSWER: You probably have a circulation problem, one most likely caused by leg arteries clogged with cholesterol and fat.

Such pain should be fair warning to take steps to ascertain your blood cholesterol situation and to improve it, with diet, medicine or both.

Ultimately, you should be able to

resume your bus schedule without pain. You can start off with an incremental walking program. Set modest goals. Walk five minutes or until your pain appears. Stop and rest until the pain subsides. Resume walking until the next pain episode, then repeat the walk-rest-walk therapy.

If you wish you can use a treadmill exerciser. Many people graduate to 45-minute walks within six weeks. Set reasonable goals tailored to your abilities.

For more on leg cramps, see the Health Letter report on that subject. For a copy, send \$3 and a self-addressed, stamped (55 cents) No. 10 envelope to: Dr. Donohue—No. 119, Box 5539, Riverton, NJ 08077-5539.

DEAR DOCTOR: I saw a recent item in your column on potassium. What are the signs of too much potassium? We recently switched from a sodium-based to a potassium-based water softener. I am concerned. — M.M.

ANSWER: I rather doubt there's been any substantial increase in your potassium intake from the softener. You likely get far less than patients taking potassium supplements. When potassium excess occurs, it almost always represents ill-advised supplementation.

Healthy kidneys easily filter out any moderate excess of minerals.

In any event, a blood test would reveal your current potassium level. Excess potassium would bring fatigue, muscle weakness and abnormal heartbeats.

Dr. Donohue regrets that he is unable to answer individual letters, but he will incorporate them in his column whenever possible. Readers may write him at P.O. Box 5539, Riverton, NJ 08077-5539.

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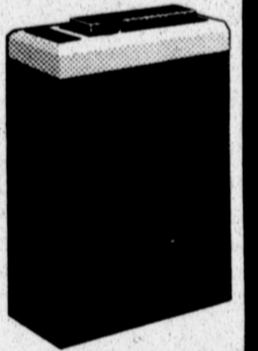
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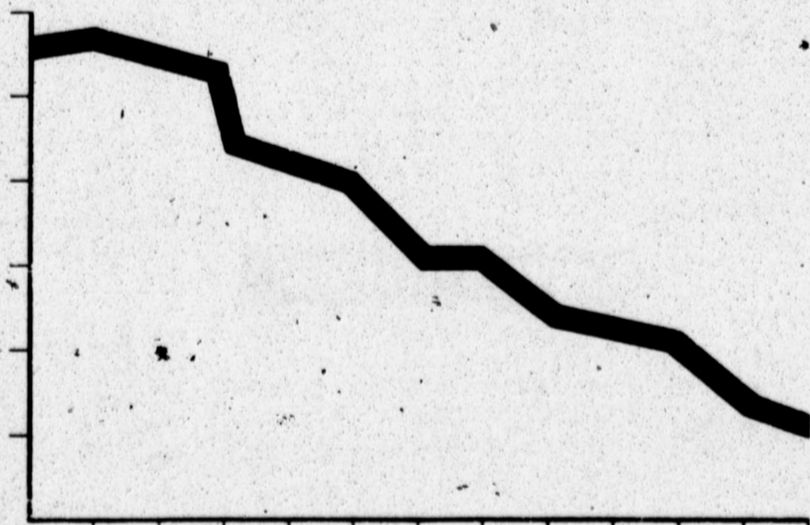
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Members of Boy Scout Troop 50 inspect Chris Ruckman's bicycle in preparation for the Bicycle Safety Awareness program to be held from 9 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Saturday at the Hereford Community Center. All youth are encouraged to bring their bicycles. The program is sponsored by the Pilot Club of Hereford with the assistance of its youth organization, the Anchor Club. Gary Billingsley is the leader for Troop 50.

Father of Bluegrass dies

By JIM PATTERSON
Associated Press Writer
NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) - Bill Monroe, with his huge mutton-chop sideburns and white cowboy hat, lived much of his 84 years as an icon and with a credit few people can claim.

He created his own genre of music - bluegrass - and influenced scores of musicians, from country stars to Elvis and the Beatles.

Monroe died at a suburban Nashville hospice Monday, five months after suffering a stroke.

The Father of Bluegrass combined fast-picking mandolin, banjo and guitar with a "high lonesome" singing style to create the distinctly American sound.

"No one can ever question that Bill Monroe changed music forever with his vision and his genius," singer Emmylou Harris said. "But he also inspired our lives with a relentless dedication to his work, and the unwavering integrity of always following his true voice."

Monroe influenced bluegrass legends like Lester Flatt and Earl Scruggs, as well as such newer stars as Ricky Skaggs and Alison Krauss, to name just a few.

Monroe's music "influenced the Delmore Brothers, The Blue Sky Boys, The Everly Brothers," Skaggs said. "The Everly Brothers influenced the Beatles and the Beatles influenced everybody."

"There's probably nobody really on the face of the Earth that ever influenced more music than Bill

Monroe," he said. Bluegrass, which took hold in the 1940s, relies heavily on banjos, mandolins, acoustic guitars and fiddles, with lightning-fast picking and a yodeling vocal style. It gets its name from Monroe's band, the Blue Grass Boys, and the grass of his native Kentucky.

Elvis Presley recorded Monroe's "Blue Moon of Kentucky" in 1954 on his way to stardom. Monroe's other records include "Kentucky Waltz," "Mule Skinner Blues," "Pike County Breakdown" and "A Letter From My Darling."

Monroe headlined around the world as a singer, songwriter and instrumentalist and was honored at the White House. He sold more than 50 million records and remained active in his 80s, despite bouts with cancer, pneumonia and heart trouble.

"I love to play music and hear it," he told The Associated Press in 1989. "I love to put the sounds and notes in there that I want to hear. I want to do the best I can for my friends and fans sitting out there in the audience."

Musicians who flourished under his personal tutelage include bluegrass giants Vassar Clements, Jimmy Martin, Carter Stanley, Byron Berline, Peter Rowan and Del McCoury.

Monroe was elected to the Country Music Hall of Fame in 1970 and won the National Medal of the Arts in 1995. He played at the Grand Ole Opry throughout his career.

Born Sept. 13, 1911, William Smith Monroe was a timid child whose early musical influences were

his older brothers, his Uncle Pendleton Vandiver (immortalized in the tune "Uncle Pen"), and local blues musicians.

He played in a popular duo with his brother Charlie Monroe until 1938, then went out on his own. His music evolved into very fast, intricate songs that featured Monroe's masterful mandolin playing and tenor "high lonesome" vocals.

Around the end of World War II, the classic lineup of the Blue Grass Boys was assembled: Monroe, vocalist-guitarist Lester Flatt, bassist Cedric Rainwater, fiddler Chubby Wise and most crucially Earl Scruggs, a master three-finger banjo player.

That lineup stayed intact until 1948, and recorded the basic bluegrass music canon.

"They set a standard right then that even right here in the '90s you can't beat it," McCoury said. "It was one of those combinations that comes around once in a lifetime."

Though the rise of rock 'n' roll caused a temporary dip in the popularity of bluegrass, Monroe never stopped playing, and came to the fore again during the folk revival in the 1960s.

"Bill Monroe's physical strength was legend," said bluegrass musician Tim O'Brien. "His will was even stronger. He single-handedly steered a whole musical community to his way of thinking and we're better for it."

Monroe's funeral was set for 10 a.m. Wednesday at The Ryman Auditorium, former home of the Grand Ole Opry.

No one TV show dominates 48th Annual Primetime Emmy Awards

By LYNN ELBER
AP Television Writer
PASADENA, Calif. (AP) - NBC's "Frasier" proved to be just what the doctor ordered as the "Cheers" spinoff landed its third consecutive Emmy for best TV comedy.

"Frasier" producer Peter Casey thanked the TV academy at Sunday's 48th Annual Primetime Emmy Awards for honoring the show about an egotistical psychiatrist able to

solve everyone's problems but his own.

"More importantly, we feel it sends an important message to the pompous, the long-winded and the incessantly fussy of America. It says, 'Yeah, there's a place for you,'" he added.

There was, it seemed, a place for everyone at this year's awards. No one show dominated the program - not even the top-rated "ER." The

NBC hit was named best drama but failed to capture a single performing award for its ensemble cast.

After several years of nominations, Julia Louis-Dreyfus and Helen Hunt won statues for their comedic roles.

"A lot of people say our show is about nothing, but of course it has been about plenty of something for me," said a tearful Louis-Dreyfus, named best supporting comedy actress for her role as Elaine on NBC's "Seinfeld" in her fifth bid.

Hunt was chosen best actress in a comedy for her role as young wife Jamie Buchman on the NBC series "Mad About You."

"I'd like to thank Paul Reiser, Paul Reiser, Paul Reiser, Paul Reiser," Hunt said of her co-star, who also hosted the awards ceremony.

John Lithgow took the best comedy actor award for role as his egotistical alien commander in NBC's "3rd Rock from the Sun." It was his second career Emmy.

Kathy Baker was named best dramatic actress for her role as physician Jill Brock in the now-cancelled "Picket Fences," while the best actor award in the category went to Dennis Franz of "NYPD Blue" for his portrayal of tough, vulnerable police detective Andy Sipowicz.

NBC led the networks with 20 Emmys, including nine awarded Sunday and 11 presented Saturday. HBO was second with a total of 14;

ABC followed with 12, CBS with 11.

Ray Walston snared a supporting actor award for "Picket Fences," while Tyne Daly collected her fifth Emmy in 10 nominations, winning this time for her supporting role as Miss Alice in CBS' canceled schoolteacher drama "Christy." Her previous Emmys were from the "Cagney & Lacey" police series.

"The Larry Sanders Show" won its first Emmy after 30 nominations as Rip Torn was honored as best supporting actor in a comedy series. "ER" defeated a strong field for best drama series including "Chicago Hope," "Law & Order," "NYPD Blue" and "The X-Files."

"Oh boy, oh boy, oh boy," said producer John Wells.

"The X-Files," Fox's quirky sci-fi show, and the miniseries "Gulliver's Travels" each finished with five trophies total after both nights' presentations, making them co-leaders of this year's Emmys.

HBO's "Dennis Miller Live" won outstanding variety, music or comedy series, over CBS' "Late Show With David Letterman" and NBC's "The Tonight Show With Jay Leno," among others.

NBC's "Gulliver's Travels" claimed the best miniseries award.

In an emotional moment, Los Angeles Dodgers outfielder Brett Butler, who just returned to baseball after cancer surgery, received a standing ovation when he was recognized in the audience.

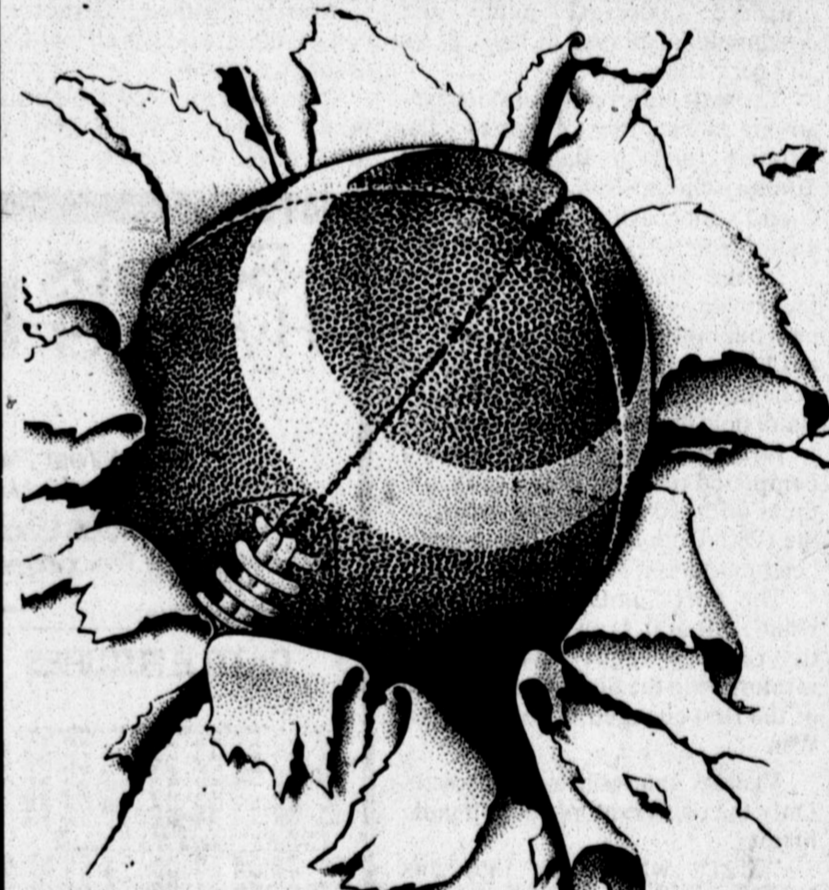
Emmy winners

By The Associated Press

Winners at the 48th Annual Primetime Emmy Awards:

- DRAMA SERIES: "ER," NBC.
- COMEDY SERIES: "Frasier," NBC.
- MINISERIES: "Gulliver's Travels," NBC.
- TELEVISION MOVIE: "Truman," HBO.
- VARIETY, MUSIC OR COMEDY SPECIAL: "The Kennedy Center Honors," CBS.
- VARIETY, MUSIC OR COMEDY SERIES: "Dennis Miller Live," HBO.
- ACTOR, DRAMA SERIES: Dennis Franz, "NYPD Blue," ABC.
- ACTRESS, DRAMA SERIES: Kathy Baker, "Picket Fences," CBS.
- ACTOR, COMEDY SERIES: John Lithgow, "3rd Rock From the Sun," NBC.
- ACTRESS, COMEDY SERIES: Helen Hunt, "Mad About You," NBC.
- ACTOR, MINISERIES OR SPECIAL: Alan Rickman, "Rasputin," HBO.
- ACTRESS, MINISERIES OR SPECIAL: Helen Mirren, "Prime Suspect: Scent of Darkness," PBS.
- SUPPORTING ACTOR, DRAMA SERIES: Ray Walston, "Picket Fences," CBS.
- SUPPORTING ACTRESS, DRAMA SERIES: Tyne Daly, "Christy," CBS.
- SUPPORTING ACTOR, COMEDY SERIES: Rip Torn, "The Larry Sanders Show," HBO.
- SUPPORTING ACTRESS, COMEDY SERIES: Julia Louis-Dreyfus, "Seinfeld," NBC.
- SUPPORTING ACTOR, MINISERIES OR SPECIAL: Tom Hulce, "The Heidi Chronicles," TNT.
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