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Hasie says school trust fund employees 'swamped'

By PEGGY FIKAC
Associated Press Writer
AUSTIN (AP) - A State Board of Education member, saying the staff handling most of Texas' \$13.4 billion public school trust fund is overburdened, wants to prepare for possibly hiring private companies to oversee more of the money.

"We've got four people running \$10 billion for us," said board member Monte Hasie of Lubbock, senior vice president of an investment company and a Republican running for state Senate. "Four people can't manage \$10 billion."

"I'm talking to our in-house people. They are swamped," he said. "We've had real good people. We're asking them to do too much."

Even the possibility of farming out more of the Permanent School Fund to private managers raises concerns for board member Geraldine Miller of Dallas, also a Republican. She says the in-house staff has done a good job and should manage the entire fund.

Three private investment companies were hired last year to handle \$3.5 billion of the fund in a move that also marked its first venture into international markets.

The remainder of the fund is handled by a staff of 11 within the Texas Education Agency, including four money managers. Hasie said he wants the education board to be poised to act quickly in case an in-house money manager should leave.

At his request, board members this week are to consider asking for proposals from additional outside investment managers and establishing criteria for hiring them.

"This is not to hire any managers. It is only to have the information there if we decide to do it," he said.

Prison system is a 'big mess' Bullock claims

AUSTIN (AP) - The state's prison system "is a great big mess" and dumping the agency's nine-member governing board would help to fix it, Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock says.

"There has been enough questions about the board, members. I just can't justify it," Bullock said. "I would replace it by a person appointed by the governor and confirmed by the Senate and tell him, 'Go clean it up.' It's as simple as that."

The lieutenant governor, who oversees the Texas Senate, on Tuesday said he has discussed the idea with Gov. George W. Bush and Texas Department of Criminal Justice Executive Director Wayne Scott. He wouldn't say how either responded.

Allan Polunsky, chairman of the prison board, said it would be up to lawmakers to decide. He said it would not be appropriate for him to say whether he believes the board should be abolished.

Ray Sullivan, a spokesman for Bush, said the governor is willing to consider the idea, but does not have any concerns over the way Polunsky or the board has handled recent problems. A call to Scott was not returned.

Ms. Miller, who argued against last year's move to hire private managers, said putting out a request for additional managers would be premature.

She said board members had planned to wait until next year to evaluate the outside managers and that the state doesn't yet have an objective analysis of their performance.

If the internal staff needs help, she said, the answer is to hire more workers.

"Even though it's a small staff, and underpaid, they have managed to keep it (the fund) performing in the top 5 percent in the nation. I don't call that broken," she said. "They are swamped because they have to oversee the external managers that we've hired already."

The Permanent School Fund was created in 1854 with \$2 million in U.S. indemnity bonds from settlement of Texas boundary claims against the United States. Public lands also were dedicated to the fund, which grows through oil and gas revenues from those lands and through capital gains from investments.

The fund is expected to provide nearly \$1.3 billion to school districts in this two-year budget period.

Gas leak reported in Dawn

A crew working on the railroad in Dawn late Tuesday morning inadvertently caused a natural gas leak that sent gas company and fire crews scrambling.

The call came in at 10:10 a.m. that the 1-inch line along the railroad tracks in the eastern Deaf Smith County community had ruptured.

The Hereford and Dawn volunteer fire departments responded to the scene, as did a repair crew from Energas Co., which owns the affected line.

According to Oscar Barrera, Energas office manager, a Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad crew struck a low-intermediate pressure line that is used to supply gas within the limits of a city or town.

The leak was capped within a few minutes, Barrera said, as four Energas employees showed up in response to the call.

Jerry Harrison, construction and maintenance crew foreman for Energas, was joined by corrosion specialist Les Jarecki, senior service technician Ronald Ott and District Superintendent Don Halford at the scene.

Barrera said the line is not like a high-pressure main line that would have resulted in a severe gas leak. He said no Energas customers lost service.

There was no fire and no injuries were reported.

The fire department checked back in to the station at 11:06 a.m., less than an hour after the initial report was made.



Gas leak scene

Energas employee Jerry Harrison stands in a hole as he works to cap a leak in a gas pipeline at Dawn on Tuesday morning. Assisting Harrison are Energas employees Les Jarecki, kneeling; Ronald Ott, standing at center; and Don Halford, right. Crews from Energas and the Hereford Volunteer Fire Department

were called out after a Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad crew struck an abandoned meter connection near the railroad tracks, causing a leak in the 1-inch pipe. An unidentified railroad employee is shown at left, with firefighter Kirk Spain to his right. There were no injuries in the incident and no fire.

City, county get sales tax rebates

City's check helps year-to-date income top \$728,000

By WILLIAM SEELEY
Staff Writer

Texas Comptroller John Sharp sent the City of Hereford an \$89,038.90 sales tax rebate check this week, bringing the year's total return to \$728,575.80.

This month's check, generated from a 1.5 percent city sales tax, is \$16,713.56 higher than last month, and is more than 7 percent higher than September, 1997.

Of the 1.5 percent city sales tax, two-thirds goes to the city and the remaining one-third goes to Hereford Economic Development Corp.

The year-to-date city rebate total is also up from this time last year by nearly 5 percent.

Deaf Smith County, which collects a one-half percent tax on goods sold outside Hereford, received a \$34,329.33 rebate check this month for an increase of 14.19 percent over

the September 1995 rebate.

Sharp issued \$165.8 million in tax payments to more than 1,000 cities and 114 counties state-wide.

This month's disbursements are 9 percent greater than the total payments for the first nine months of last year.

The payments include taxes collected on July sales.

This month's rebate checks came one week earlier than usual "because the Comptroller's office is implementing a new sales tax processing system and (Sharp) wanted to ensure that all payments were made to Texas cities, counties and other taxing jurisdictions on time," a news release

from Sharp's office stated.

The regular refund schedule will resume in October.

Following are sales tax rebate figures for neighboring towns and counties. They reflect rebate check amounts this month compared with those of September 1996 and percentage of change.

CASTRO COUNTY--\$11,177.00, \$10,715.69, 4.3 percent increase; Dimmitt \$26,436.65, \$25,354.23, 4.26 percent increase; Hart \$1,471.97, \$1,207.51, 21.90 percent increase; Nazareth \$747.31, \$573.91, 30.21 percent increase.

OLDHAM COUNTY--\$3,548.89,

unable to compute percentage change since September 1995; Adrian \$698.06, \$541.86, 28.82 percent increase; Vega \$2,816.49, \$2,216.10, 27.09 percent increase.

PARMER COUNTY--Bovina \$2,007.33, \$1,660.51, 20.88 percent increase; Farwell \$5,859.06, \$3,347.89, 75 percent increase; Friona \$19,975.77, \$12,628.53, 58.17 percent increase.

POTTER COUNTY--Amarillo \$3,077,120.35, \$2,620,314.44, 17.43 percent increase.

RANDALL COUNTY--Canyon \$49,086.27, \$40,108.12, 22.38 percent increase.

Milk production cutback to lead to increases in prices

By ROBERT GREENE

AP Farm Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) - High feed prices and short supplies of hay have forced dairy farmers to curtail milk production, the Agriculture Department said today. The cutback will cause record farm milk prices and likely raise costs at the supermarket.

The cutbacks were noted in monthly supply and demand estimates released along with forecasts for the corn and soybean crops that will be harvested this fall.

The prospect for better corn yields in key states led the department to raise its harvest forecast today to 8.80 billion bushels, up from last month but still too low to replenish tight supplies.

The department lowered its soybean forecast to 2.27 billion bushels, as poor growing weather hindered crop development. Even though the harvest would still be the second-largest on record, supplies will be tight throughout the year, the department said.

"Milk production is down 1 percent in 1995 and will be flat in

1996-97, with continuing high demand that has us forecasting record-high milk prices," said Keith Collins, the department's chief economist.

Collins said the leveling off followed years of steady increases.

The report said farm milk prices should average \$14.95 in 1996-97 after rising \$1.85 this year to \$14.40. Prices in 1995 were \$12.54.

"The decline in milk production is occurring even though milk price increases are more than offsetting high feed costs," the report said.

The August corn forecast, the first based on field conditions, had called for a harvest of 8.7 billion bushels. Because this month's report calls for no change in corn use, supplies will be slightly better going into next year's harvest.

The eased demand caused the department to lower its price projection by 15 cents on each end to \$3 to \$3.45 a bushel this marketing year. Also, production of grain sorghum, another animal feed, was projected higher at 764 million bushels.

A wet spring delayed planting in much of the Corn Belt, where soybeans also are grown. With demand for soybeans strong, the reduced crop means supplies should hit a 20-year low going into the 1997 harvest.

Soybean prices should average \$7 to \$8 this marketing year, up from \$6.76 in 1995-1996.

Reporting on a third key crop, wheat, the department raised its supply estimate because of higher forecast yields, especially in North Dakota and Minnesota, and reduced exports. High prices and competition from other countries have held down overseas sales.

Despite higher production in the United States and elsewhere, world wheat supplies in relation to demand will be at their second-lowest level in more than 35 years.

Cotton production was forecast at 17.9 million bales, down 4 percent from last month and unchanged from a year ago. Extreme dry weather, insect problems and disease hurt yields in Arkansas and Louisiana.



Six on one

Students in Donald Hilton's fourth grade class at Nazarene Christian Academy take in some hoop action during recess on Tuesday. The teams did not appear to be divided equally, as it looks like one is defending six girls.

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Lifestyles

Girl Scout Council selects local woman to receive service award

Nancy Josserand has been selected by the Texas Plains Girl Scout Council as a Woman of Distinction. The Woman of Distinction Award was developed to recognize outstanding women who were Girl Scouts. Each year five women are selected who have not only accomplished a great deal but have given of

themselves -- their talents, their energy and their time to help others and make their a community a better place to live. Josserand was selected because of her many volunteer activities in Hereford. She works for the United Way, the HOSTS program at school and is very active in the First United

Methodist Church. She is on the board of the Panhandle Plains Museum and was a charter member of the Hereford Cattlewomen. She has been a volunteer for Texas Plains Girl Scout Council for many years and is currently a member of the nominating committee.

Cole presides for first meeting of garden club

Marguerite Cole, president, presided over the first meeting of the Garden Beautiful Club as it started the new year in the home of Louise Streun, who is first vice president. Streun and Dorothy Noland served members a brunch consisting of sausage ball, a fruit plate, apricot cake, coffee, orange juice and punch.

Those present were Doris Bryant, Audine Dettman, Jeane Dowell, Helen Spinks, Jerrye Wheeler, Cole, Streun, Noland and Carmichael. The club welcomed a new member, Darla Hale, and a guest, June Hubbard.

Her leadership, dedication and accomplishments provide a powerful role model for girls.

Josserand was nominated by United Way and Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Hereford. She was advised of her selection in a surprise presentation by local Girl Scouts.

She will be honored, along with this year's other Women of Distinction, at a dinner to be held Thursday, Nov. 7, in the Amarillo Country Club. Tickets are \$20 and may be obtained by calling the Texas Plains Girl Scout Council at 1-800-687-4475.

New yearbooks were distributed. Ruby Carmichael gave some garden hints.

Each member was asked to answer roll call by telling about her summer experiences. Some related travels that ranged from Alaska to Las Vegas to California, while others stayed home and gardened.



Former Girl Scout honored

Nancy Josserand, back row center, was advised of her selection as a Woman of Distinction by the Texas Plains Girl Scout Council in a surprise presentation made by local Girl Scouts. Representatives were, front row from left, Blaire Hatley, Troop 239; Kalya Esqueda and Kasi Gallagher, Troop 217; back row from left, Stephanie Henson, Troop 283 and Kathryn Spain, Troop 239.

Ann Landers

Dear Ann Landers: I am a 17-year-old guy, a high school senior with fairly decent grades. They aren't quite good enough for Harvard, Yale, Dartmouth or Notre Dame, but to be honest with you, I'm not sure I want to go to any of those schools anyway. In fact, I'm not sure I want to go to college at all.

My folks tell me that without a college education, a person can't make it in today's world. That brings me to another point. What does "making it" mean? My dad and two of my uncles have "made it," but they have ulcers and migraine headaches and don't seem very happy to me.

You can probably tell from this letter that I am at loose ends. Can you give me some help? -- Unfocused in South Bend, Ind.

Dear South Bend: Even though you don't consider yourself "focused," you sound to me like a fairly level-headed fellow.

I just finished reading a book that

is tailor-made for you. It contains dozens of fascinating autobiographies by young people who, like you, didn't want to go right to college from high school because they, too, were undecided about what they wanted to do with their lives. After you read what these young people have written, you will feel much more comfortable about your indecision. The book offers several attractive alternatives to going directly to college from high school. These young people wanted more adventure and time to explore their options.

The name of the book is "Taking Time Off." The publisher is Noonday Press. The authors are Colin Hall and Ron Lieber. The price is \$12 (in Canada, \$16.75). P.S. Hall took two years off after finishing high school and recently graduated from Amherst College. Lieber, who went directly to Amherst, now works for Fortune magazine, and Hall is with Morgan Stanley, a top-notch investment firm

in New York.

My advice is run, don't walk, to your bookstore today. If they don't have "Taking Time Off," ask them to order it and phone you when your copy comes in.

Dear Ann Landers: I've read many letters in your column about nicotine addicts. I had a pack-a-day problem 30 years ago and can relate. I tried to quit three times and failed. Then, I read an article about a method to quit smoking -- one cigarette at a time -- and decided to try it.

I usually smoked my first cigarette as soon as I got up in the morning. So I stopped smoking that first cigarette and then smoked as much as I normally did the rest of the day.

After a week, I no longer had a desire to smoke that first cigarette, so I started on my second of the day, which was right after breakfast. I still smoked as much as I wanted the rest of the day.

After about two weeks, I was ready to quit the third cigarette. After another three weeks, I went to the fourth. This process went on for about six months, until I gave up my final cigarette of the day. I haven't smoked for over 30 years.

I believe this process worked because I changed my smoking pattern gradually and didn't feel deprived. If my letter helps just one person stop smoking, I will be very happy. -- O.B., Brooksville, Fla.

Dear O.B.: And so will I. Your letter could save lives. Bless you.

Gem of the Day: Best definition of a cynic: A person who spends months searching for an honest man and then asks him if he stole the lantern.

An alcohol problem? How can you help yourself or someone you love? "Alcoholism: How to Recognize It, How to Deal With It, How to Conquer It" will give you 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: Alcohol, c/o Ann Landers, P.O. Box 11562, Chicago, Ill. 60611-0562. (In Canada, send \$4.55.)

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60th birthday observed by Hereford Study Club

Hereford Study Club celebrated 60 years when members met recently in the home of Willie Braddy in Umbarger.

Originally called Hereford Child Study Club, the name was changed as the children grew up and left home. Lifetime member, Leta Kaul, is the only remaining charter member.

Hostesses Elizabeth Hellman, Betty Gilbert, Virginia Winget, Nedra Robinson and Braddy served a meal from tables decorated with a centerpiece featuring the number 60 and surrounded by small 60 sparkles.

President Joan Yarbrough presided at the business session. Roll call, minutes and treasurer's report were given.

Jeane Dowell read correspondence from United Way.

Elizabeth Hellman, first vice president, presented yearbooks for the 1996-1997 year.

Members attending were Jean Ballard, Doris Bryant, Morgan Cain, Hazel Ford, Mildred Garrison, Betty Martin, Carole McGilvary, Helen Spinks, Bessie Story, Mary Stoy, Evelyn Wilson, Braddy, Hellman, Gilbert, Winget, Robinson, Yarbrough and Dowell.



LAUREN HANSEN

Collage nabs second place

A collage by Lauren Hansen has been awarded a second place in the open class division of the State Fair of Texas.

Miss Hansen's collage, a portrait of her father with a cat, was a gift to her dad, Thom Hansen, on Father's Day. He submitted the artwork to the State Fair.

Miss Hansen, daughter of Kay Cavin, is a senior at Hereford High School and was an art student of Gayla Kimball.

A small man can be just as exhausted as a great man. —Arthur Miller

Senior Citizens

MENUS
THURSDAY-Mexican stack, pinto beans, Spanish rice, salad fixings, tostados, onion slices, apricots; or turkey stack.

FRIDAY-Tuna/macaroni casserole, buttered zucchini squash with tomatoes, perfection salad, crackers/whole wheat bread, dill pickle spears, lemon meringue pie; or chicken with noodles, fruit cocktail.

MONDAY-Chicken strips with gravy, whipped potatoes, buttered spinach, cottage cheese with vegetables, biscuits, peaches, sugar cookie; or ham, vegetable relish plate.

TUESDAY-Chicken fried steak with gravy, mashed potatoes, corn O'Brian, carrot/raisin salad, hot rolls, Boston cream cake; or baked chicken breast, green/yellow squash.

WEDNESDAY-Italian spaghetti, seasoned green beans, tossed green salad, dressing, garlic toast, fresh

fruit cup, oatmeal cookies; or chicken a la king, vanilla wafers.

ACTIVITIES
THURSDAY-Pool classes, exercise class 10-10:45 a.m., oil painting 9-11 a.m., blood pressure 9 a.m.-12 noon, choir practice 1-2 p.m., Thrift Store open.

FRIDAY-Pool classes, line dance 10-11 a.m., Thrift Store open.

SATURDAY-Games 12 noon - 4 p.m.

MONDAY-Pool classes, line dance 10-11 a.m., doll class 12:30-4 p.m.

TUESDAY-Pool classes, exercise class 10-10:45 a.m., Miracle Ear 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Diabetic Support Group 1 p.m.

WEDNESDAY-Pool classes, exercise class 10-10:45 a.m., crafts and ceramics 1-3 p.m.

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Sports

Herd spikers crush Canyon in district opener

By JAY PEDEN
Sports Editor

The Lady Whitefaces started District 1-4A play with a win over Canyon Tuesday in Whiteface Gym. Hereford, now 1-0 in district and 15-0 overall, dominated Canyon in the first game, 15-2, then broke away

from a 9-9 tie in the second game to win it, 15-9.

"We had a near perfect game in that first game," Herd coach Brenda Reeh said. "We earned most of those points. Our play intimidated them a little bit, and I think our crowd intimidated them. That was a great

Tuesday night (crowd) for us, with that many people in the gym."

Herd fans who filled more than half of the home side of Whiteface Gym were treated to a show in the first game - and Danielle Cornelius had the lead.

Cornelius had eight kills in the

first game, including two in a row as Hereford scored the first five points of the game, then four in a row as Hereford built a 12-2 lead - in the second rotation.

The Lady Whitefaces needed only three rotations to win the game, as Cornelius had a kill for a sideout, then Briar Baker served an ace, Cassie Abney got a kill and setter Kari Barrett tipped a bad pass over the net for a kill.

The second game wasn't as smooth, although the best Canyon could do was tie it at 9-9 after Hereford jumped out to a 6-1 lead.

"Our passing broke down," Reeh said. "We didn't get off to a good start. We made several bad passes early, and that shakes your confidence."

It wasn't all Hereford's fault, though.

"I think Canyon came out aggressively in the second game," she said. "Canyon tipped quite a bit in the first game, but they swung more aggressively in the second game."

Canyon scored three in a row to tie the game at 9-9 on a Courtney Sims kill and Reeh called a time out. Canyon didn't score again. Hereford eventually ended it with a three-point run: Barrett served an ace and Julie Rampley and Abney each had kills.

"At that point, at 9-9, we didn't talk any different strategy," Reeh said. "We just tried to relax and to hit

the shots we knew had been open all night."

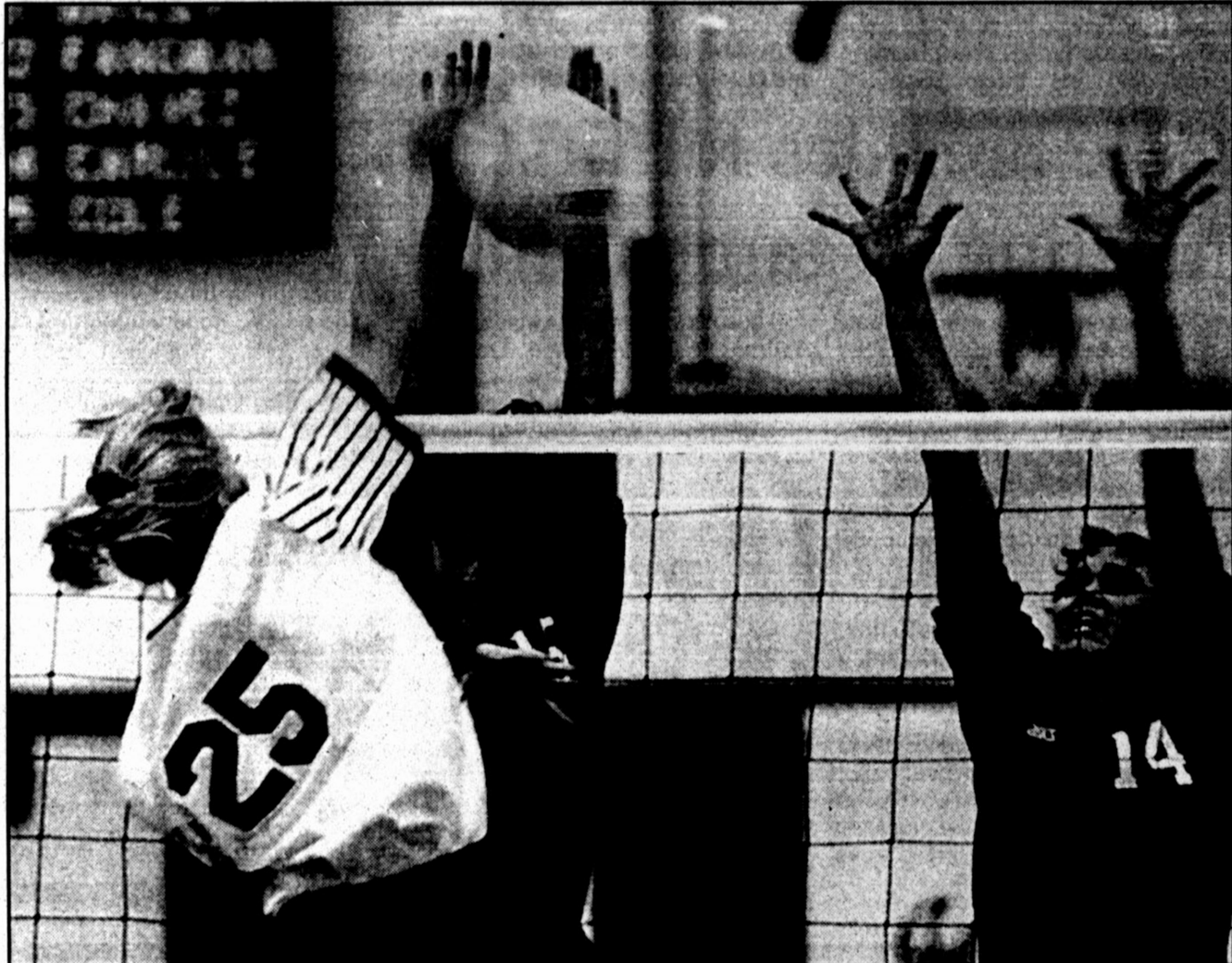
Hereford's next match will be against Caprock Saturday in Amarillo, and the time has been changed because of the Herd's football game scheduled for the same day.

Since the football game starts at 2 p.m., the volleyball match has been moved to 10 a.m. - that's when the junior varsity match starts; the varsity matches begins 20 minutes after the JV match ends.

The Herd football team will meet Palo Duro at 2 p.m. Saturday at Dick Bivins Stadium in Amarillo.

Hereford also won Tuesday's

junior varsity volleyball match, 15-8, 15-6, over Canyon. Sonya Matthews served for eight points in one game, and Sarah Matthews served for six points in the other game.



No spiking zone

Hereford's Danielle Cornelius concentrates on blocking the attack of Canyon's Courtney Sims (25), and Hereford's Meredith Tabor (14) helps block. The Lady Whitefaces won their District 1-4A opener, 15-2, 15-9, over Canyon Tuesday in Whiteface Gym.

HHS tennis team falls in Borger

The Hereford tennis team opened District 1-4A play Tuesday in Borger and lost to the Bulldogs 14-4.

Coach Ed Coplen said it was a bad performance by the Herd. Hereford swept through district with a 6-0 record last year, but with six top players graduated, the Herd program is rebuilding.

Borger also lost some players to graduation, but they apparently weren't hurt as badly as Hereford.

"Borger is pretty good," Coplen said. "I didn't know they were going to be this good. They're probably going to be the first- or second-beat team in this district."

Hereford got three of its four wins from veteran boys Rob Reinauer and

Andrew Carr - each won his singles match, and they teamed up to win a doubles match. Tamara Diller in girls' singles got Hereford's only other victory.

Hereford has five more district matches left.

"We're going to keep plugging along, keep trying to get better each time we play," he said.

Here are the complete results of the Borger match:

BORGER 14, HERD 4

Boys' singles--Rob Reinauer (Hereford) def. Greg Thompson, 6-2, 6-0; Andrew Carr (H) def. Matt Moles, 6-4, 6-4; Josh Deskin (Borger) def. Brent Berend, 6-4, 6-1; Will Washer (B) def. Dustin Lewis, 7-6,

7-5; Jeff Parkhurst (B) def. Josh Ory, 2-6, 7-5, 6-3; and Luke Dill (B) def. Nelson Beville, 6-1, 6-0.

Boys' doubles--Reinauer/Carr (H) def. Thompson/Moles, 4-6, 6-2, 6-3; Deskin/Washer (B) def. Berend/Lewis, 6-4, 6-1; and Parkhurst/Dill (B) def. Ory/Beville, 6-1, 6-2.

Girls' singles--Jennifer Carlile (B) def. Holly Weishaar, 6-2, 6-3; Maggie Green (B) def. Rachel Bezner, 6-4, 6-2; Shea Fraley (B) def. Annie Hoffman, 6-3, 4-6, 6-4; Erica Owen (B) def. Monica Rodriguez, 6-2, 6-2; Tamara Diller (H) def. Haylee White, 6-2, 6-3; and D'Ann Lowder (B) def. Amanda Kriegshauser, 6-2, 6-2.

Girls' doubles--Green/Fraley (B) def. Weishaar/Bezner, 6-2, 6-3; Carlile/White (B) def. Hoffman/Diller, 6-3, 6-3; and Owen/Furlow (B) def. Kriegshauser/Diana Detten, 6-4, 4-6, 6-4.

Defense may have to carry Dallas back to Super Bowl

By DENNE H. FREEMAN
AP Sports Writer

IRVING, Texas (AP) - If the Dallas Cowboys get back to another Super Bowl, the defense may have to carry the load.

Last year it was the offense that earned Dallas its third Super Bowl ring in four years. The defense was only the 16th best in the NFL.

It's not the "Doomsday Defense" like the Cowboys had in the 1970s, but it may be better than last year's Super Bowl champions.

"I've been telling everyone we have a better defense than last year," said wide receiver-cornerback Deion Sanders. "Because of all the acquisitions we've made, we're definitely better."

The early September statistics give credence to Sanders' observation. The Cowboys currently own the third best defense in the NFL.

Some of the credit goes to coordinator Dave Campo who saw linebackers Dixon Edwards and Robert Jones, tackle Russell Maryland, and cornerback Larry Brown walk through the free-agent door.

Campo has taken such newcomers as linebackers Fred Strickland and Broderick Thomas and lineman Tony Casillas and worked them into a cohesive unit that plays a more aggressive game than the 1995

Cowboys.

"We have a much more aggressive scheme this year," said Dallas coach Barry Switzer. "We are more physical and thicker inside. And we're not as predictable as we have been in the past. We're not missing tackles and have very few mental mistakes. With Kevin Smith back and teaming with Deion on the corners, we're getting a lot of coverage sacks."

Smith, who missed the season last year after getting hurt in the opener, has rebounded strongly with two interceptions in two games.

"Having Smith back has really helped us," Switzer said. "It has been a big key to the way we are playing on defense."

Casillas has given the Cowboys depth in the solid first team defensive line featuring Tony Tolbert and Charles Haley at the ends, and Chad Hennings and Leon Lett at tackle.

Safeties Darren Woodson and Brock Marion have been playing well.

Strickland, who came from Green Bay to sign with the Cowboys, has been a big improvement over Jones in the middle.

"I love this defense," Strickland said. "The front four makes my job easy. They don't allow the ball carrier to get to the linebackers or secondary with a head of steam."

Rangers to sell playoff tickets

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) - It's getting surreal for Texas Rangers fans - the team has announced plans to sell playoff and World Series tickets.

In anticipation of an American League West title, the Rangers announced Tuesday that division playoff tickets will go on sale Sept. 21.

Prices for games that series will range from \$30 for field- and intermediate-level box seats in the

infield and along the foul lines to \$15 for seats in the upper level and center-field bleachers. Standing room will be \$10.

League championship series tickets will go on sale Sept. 28. Per-game prices will range from \$45 for field- and intermediate-level box seats in the infield and along the foul lines to \$20 for seats in the upper level and center-field bleachers. Standing room will be \$15.

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Gabriel Jimenez shows off the medals he won at the Lubbock Tae Kwon Do One Championship, which was held Aug. 31. Jimenez took first place in sparring and third for forms.

O's catch White Sox in AL wildcard race

By The Associated Press
The Baltimore Orioles are still chasing the New York Yankees in the AL East, but they've finally caught the Chicago White Sox in the wildcard race.

David Wells pitched 7 1-3 solid innings and Rafael Palmeiro hit his 35th homer Tuesday night as the Orioles beat Chicago 5-1 to move ahead of the White Sox in the wildcard scramble.

The Orioles' fourth straight victory gave them a half-game lead for the wild card, knocking Chicago out of the top spot for the first time since Aug. 29. Baltimore remained 2 1/2 games behind the AL East-leading Yankees, who edged the Detroit Tigers 9-8.

"I don't think about the wild card. I think about the division," Orioles manager Davey Johnson said. "I want to see if we can catch the Yankees."

Wells (11-13) received a standing ovation from the crowd of 43,320 at Camden Yards as he left the mound in the eighth. He allowed one run on seven hits.

"The fans were great. It was pretty exciting out there," Wells said. "This is an important series. If we keep playing like this, we've got a great shot."

Cecil Fielder made a successful return to Tiger Stadium, driving in the go-ahead run in the Yankees' win over Detroit.

He got some help from Tim Lincecum, whose hard slide into second base broke up a potential double play on Fielder's grounder in the eighth inning and allowed Bernie Williams to score from third and break an 8-8 tie.

LA loses Butler to broken hand

Finley's homer lifts Padres

By BEN WALKER
AP Baseball Writer
On a night when the Los Angeles Dodgers and San Diego Padres both won to remain tied for the NL West lead, their center fielders wound going in much different directions.

Brett Butler, following his inspirational return to the Los Angeles lineup after being sidelined more than four months because of tonsil cancer, broke his left hand while trying to bunt in a 5-4 win Tuesday over Cincinnati at Dodger Stadium.

Butler is likely out for the season. Asked whether Butler could play again this year, Dodgers manager Bill Russell said, "I would say it's highly unlikely."

"It's got to be a devastating blow to him," he said.

In San Diego, Steve Finley hit a two-out, two-run homer in the bottom of the ninth inning that rallied the Padres past Pittsburgh 6-5. Wally Joyner drew a walk from Joe Boever and Finley followed with his fourth hit of the game.

"I was hoping I was going to get a chance to hit with one guy on," Finley said. "Really, the last pitch was a good pitch. I was just looking for a pitch to hit."

In other games, Colorado beat Atlanta 9-8, St. Louis defeated San Francisco 1-0, Houston downed Philadelphia 4-3, Chicago beat Montreal 10-3 and Florida topped New York 9-3 in 12 innings.

Butler was injured after squaring around to bunt in the fourth inning. He was hit in the throwing hand by a pitch from Giovanni Carrara's while holding the bat.

Butler, 39, was diagnosed during the winter with an infected right tonsil and was treated for about three months. On May 3, doctors found a plum-sized tumor encased in his tonsil, and had surgery later in the month to remove it.

In San Diego, the Padres won a day after Greg Vaughn's three-run homer in the eighth lifted them to a 6-5 win. San Diego won by the same score Tuesday as Vaughn hit his 40th homer overall, and ninth since being traded July 31 from Milwaukee.

Astros 4, Phillies 3
Craig Biggio hit a sacrifice fly that capped a three-run rally that lifted Houston over Philadelphia. The game drew a season-low 12,700 fans to the Astrodome.

Brian Hunter hit an RBI single, another run scored on a wild pitch by Curt Schilling (7-8) and Biggio had a fly ball that put Houston ahead.

Doug Drabek, in his first game since coming off the 15-day disabled list, limited the Phillies to one run in six innings. He was hit in the right hand by a line drive Aug. 22.

Dodgers 5, Reds 4
Raul Mondesi got four hits, giving him seven in a row in two days, as Los Angeles won for the 14th time in 18 games.

Mondesi, who had to leave Monday night's game because of a sprained right ankle, hit a two-run triple that capped a three-run first inning.

Mondesi also doubled and singled twice. He is two hits shy of the team record for consecutive hits set by Ron Cey in 1977.

Tom Candiotti (9-9) pitched four-hit ball for eight innings and Todd

Worrell got his major league-leading 41st save.

Rockies 9, Braves 8
Andres Galarrraga hit his league-leading 42nd home run and Colorado broke its own record for most home-field homers in a season.

Galarrraga's solo shot with two outs in the seventh inning tied the game at 6, starting a four-run burst. He hit the Rockies' 135th home run of the season in 70 games at Coors Field; last year, they set a major league mark with 134 homers at home in 72 games.

Colorado won its third in a row, and is 11-35 overall against Atlanta.

Cardinals 1, Giants 0
Mark Petkovsek again pitched well in a pinch for St. Louis, teaming with four relievers on a five-hitter at San Francisco.

Petkovsek (11-2) filled in for Alan Benes, who was hit in the wrist by a line drive in his last outing, and improved to 3-0 in five spot starts for the Cardinals.

Dennis Eckersley closed for his 27th save of the season and 350th of his career. Of St. Louis' 10 shutouts this year, six have been combined efforts.

Ray Lankford's RBI double in the sixth inning sent the NL Central-leading Cardinals to their 10th win in 11 games, holding their 2 1/2-game edge over Houston. San Francisco has lost five in a row and 10 of 11.

Cubs 10, Expos 3
Montreal set an NL record and tied the major league mark by using nine pitchers in the loss at Wrigley Field.

Expos starter Omar Daal lasted only two-thirds of an inning, and eight relievers followed. The St. Louis Browns in 1949 also used nine pitchers in a game.

Ozzie Timmons hit a two-run homer for Chicago. He is batting .321 with four homers and 12 RBIs in his 14 starts since replacing injured right fielder Sammy Sosa.

Marlins 9, Mets 3, 12 innings
Rookie Edgar Renteria's leadoff homer started a six-run burst in the 12th inning as Florida won in New York.

Renteria, who had four hits, connected on the first pitch from Doug Henry (2-8) for his fourth home run of the season. Alex Arias also had four hits for the Marlins, including an RBI double in the 12th.

A fan at the game died following a heart attack. The man, who attended the game at Shea Stadium with his son, was not immediately identified by New York City police.

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Catfish, seafood's poor country cousin, has risen to elitism as fifth most popular fish

By JOY AULT

Valley Morning Star
HARLINGEN, Texas--No longer seafood's poor country cousin, farm-raised catfish has climbed the ladder of food elitism.

Ten years ago, people either considered catfish a Southern institution, deep fried and served with hush puppies, or cringed at the thought of a fish that ate off of the bottom of rivers and lakes.

That image has changed. As the fifth most popular fish in the nation, no longer is catfish just a southern delicacy. In 1995, Texans ate 46 million pounds of catfish, beating the rest of the country by more than a whisker.

American's appetite for catfish is rewarded because it is low calorie, low fat, a good source of niacin and an excellent source of phosphorus.

And the perception of trash-eating fish has also been dispelled.

As a leader of the U.S. aquaculture industry, today's farm-raised catfish are fed a puffed, high-protein floating food pellet made from a mixture of soybeans, corn, wheat, vitamins and minerals. And because the food pellets float, farm-raised catfish feed at the top of the water.

The mild, almost-sweet taste of the catfish can be enjoyed as whole fish, steaks, fillets, strips or nuggets. And no matter how you enjoy your fish, you can't go wrong with catfish because their taste whether you broil, bake, blacken, steam, poach, grill or barbecue them.

The Catfish Institute has created free consumer materials. "The American Collection" recipe booklet includes recipes from some of America's leading chefs. "Catfish:

The Cultured Fish" offers a behind-the-scenes look at the U.S. farm-raised catfish industry. To receive these brochures and the "Catfish Meals in Minutes" recipe cards, write to: Farm-Raised Catfish Brochures, P.O. Box 9021, Bridgeport, N.J. 08014.

Actress Kristian Alfonso, a native New Englander, loves the taste of catfish, so much so she has been named 1996 Celebrity Catfish Lover by the Catfish Institute.

Alfonso, also known as Hope Brady on daytime television's "Days of Our Lives," offers her favorite catfish recipe below.

GRILLED CATFISH WITH FRESH SALSA

4 genuine U.S. farm-raised catfish fillets

- 1/2 teaspoon garlic salt
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- 3 medium tomatoes, chopped
- 1/4 cup chopped onion
- 2 medium jalapeno peppers, chopped
- 2 tablespoons white wine vinegar
- 1 teaspoon salt

To prepare catfish: Sprinkle farm-raised catfish fillets with garlic salt and pepper. Place them in a well-oiled grill basket or on a well-oiled grill rack. Grill uncovered directly over medium-hot coals about 5 minutes per side or until fish flakes easily. Serves 4.

To prepare salsa: In a bowl, combine tomatoes, onion, jalapeno peppers, vinegar and salt. Stir well. Let stand at room temperature for about 30 minutes before serving. Chill to store. Makes 3 cups.

From The Catfish Institute:

FARM-RAISED CATFISH - FINGERS with THREE SAUCES

- 1/2 cup yellow cornmeal
- 1 teaspoon chili powder
- Salt to taste
- 1/2 teaspoon oregano
- 1/3 cup milk
- 1 egg
- Vegetable oil
- 4 genuine U.S. farm-raised catfish fillets

In a bowl, combine first four ingredients. Beat together milk and egg.

Cut catfish into thick sticks. Dip sticks into milk mixture, then in cornmeal.

Heat oil to 350 degrees F. Fry sticks in small batches, drain. Serve immediately with sauces. Serves 8.

Sauce suggestions: Fresh or commercially prepared salsa, honey-mustard sauce or herb mayonnaise.

RANCHERO CATFISH

4 genuine U.S. farm-raised catfish fillets

- 1 cup finely crushed tortilla chips
- 1/2 teaspoon chili powder
- 3 tablespoons lime juice
- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 1 cup prepared salsa
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh cilantro, optional garnish

Preheat the oven to 450 degrees F. Lightly grease baking sheet. Cut each catfish fillet in half. Rinse in cold water and pat dry with paper towels. Combine the crushed tortilla chips and chili powder in a shallow dish. Mix well. Combine the lime juice and vegetable oil in another shallow dish.

Dip each fillet piece into the lime/oil mixture and then immediately into the seasoned tortilla crumbs to coat. Place

on prepared baking sheet. Sprinkle fillets with any remaining crumbs and bake in preheated oven until crisp and golden, about 8-10 minutes or until catfish flakes when tested with a fork.

Gently warm the salsa. Spoon salsa across the center of the catfish fillets. Sprinkle with fresh cilantro (optional) and serve. Serves 4.

Preparation time: 5 minutes. Cook time: 10 minutes.

OVEN-FRIED CATFISH WITH PINEAPPLE CHUTNEY

1 pound genuine U.S. farm-raised catfish fillets

- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 1/4 cup evaporated skim milk
- 2/3 cup corn flake crumbs
- 2 teaspoons cooking oil
- Pineapple Chutney:
- 1 can (8 ounces) crushed pineapple (may substitute 1 cup fresh diced pineapple)

- 1/2 cup chopped green apple
- 1/2 cup chopped red pepper
- 3 tablespoons sugar
- 2 tablespoons cider vinegar
- 2 tablespoons instant minced onion
- 3/4 teaspoon curry powder
- 3/4 teaspoon mustard seeds

To prepare catfish: Heat oven to 450 degrees F. Spray baking pan with non-stick coating; set aside. Sprinkle catfish with lemon juice. Dip fillets in milk, then roll in crumbs. Arrange fillets in prepared pan; drizzle with oil. Bake about 8-10 minutes or until fish flakes easily. Garnish with chutney.



Tickets for "Fall Fling"

Julia Laing, Deaf Smith Chamber of Commerce Women's Division president, presents local merchant Nancy Denton with tickets to the upcoming "Fall Fling" Fashion Show and Luncheon which is set for noon on Saturday, Sept. 28, in the Hereford Community Center. The annual show, which is sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce and participating merchants, will feature some of the newest lines and look for fall and winter. Ticket sales for the event begin today and are \$8 per person. They may be obtained at the Chamber office or from sponsoring merchants.

Game Night is Thursday

Hereford Pilot Club will host a Game Night from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Thursday in the Hereford Community Center.

There will be "42" and other games -- something for the whole family -- with prizes.

Cost is \$5 and all ticket holders will be entered in a drawing for a barbecue smoker and a beef certificate.

Study club has first meeting

La Afflatus Estudio Club started their new club year with a coffee in the home of Leola Cook on Sept. 3. The yearbook committee served as hostess.

After a short business meeting, refreshments were served to Virginia Beasley, Virginia Curtsinger, Opal Elliston, Della Stagner, Emily Suggs, Mary Williamson and friend Jean Drury, Aileen Montgomery, Roxie Phipps, Alberta Higgins and Cook.

Today in History

By The Associated Press
Today is Wednesday, Sept. 11, the 255th day of 1996. There are 111 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On Sept. 11, 1789, Alexander Hamilton was appointed the first U.S. secretary of the Treasury.

On this date:
In 1777, during the American Revolution, forces under Gen. George Washington suffered defeat at the hands of the British in the Battle of Brandywine near Wilmington, Del.

In 1814, an American fleet scored a decisive victory over the British in the Battle of Lake Champlain in the War of 1812.

In 1885, author D.H. Lawrence was born in Eastwood, England.

In 1936, 60 years ago, President

Roosevelt dedicated Boulder Dam (now Hoover Dam) by pressing a key in Washington to signal the startup of the dam's first hydroelectric generator in Nevada.

In 1941, Charles A. Lindbergh sparked charges of anti-Semitism with a speech in which he said "the British, the Jewish and the Roosevelt administration" were trying to draw the United States into World War II.

In 1954, the Miss America beauty pageant made its network TV debut on ABC; Miss California, Lee Ann Meriwether, was crowned the winner.

In 1971, 25 years ago, former Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev died at age 77.

In 1973, Chilean President Salvador Allende died in a violent military coup.

In 1985, Pete Rose of the Cincinnati Reds cracked career hit number 4,192 off Eric Show (rhymes with "how") of the San Diego Padres, eclipsing the record held by Ty Cobb.

Ten years ago: On Wall Street, the Dow Jones Industrial Average plummeted 86.61 points, ending the day at 1,792.89.

Five years ago: Soviet President

Mikhail S. Gorbachev announced the Kremlin would withdraw thousands of troops from Cuba, a move bitterly denounced by the Havana government. In the Middle East, hopes grew for the release of Western hostages in Lebanon after Israel freed 51 prisoners.

One year ago: The prosecution in the O.J. Simpson murder trial in Los Angeles reluctantly began its rebuttal case, as ordered by Judge Lance Ito, after the defense refused to rest.

Today's Birthdays: Former Dallas Cowboys football coach Tom Landry is 72. Actor Earl Holliman is 68. Former Sen. Bob Packwood, R-Ore., is 64. Minnesota Gov. Arne Carlson is 62. Movie director Brian De Palma is 56. Singer-musician Leo Kottke is 51. Actress Virginia Madsen is 33. Singer Harry Connick Jr. is 29.

Thought for Today: "There would never be a moment, in war or in peace, when I wouldn't trade all the patriots in the country for one tolerant man. Or when I wouldn't swap the vitamins in a child's lunchbox for a jelly glass of magnanimity." -- E.B. White, American author and humorist (1899-1985).

Ladybugs elect officers

Ladybugs 4-H Club held its election of officers at the first meeting of the 1996-1997 year Monday in the Hereford Community Center.

Elected were Kara Landers, president; Amanda Wall, vice president; Sabrina Culpepper, secretary; Amanda McElmurry, reporter; Rhiana Noland, council delegate; and Beth Fuller, alternate

delegate. Members in attendance were Kari Davison, Lindy Vasek, Jennifer Winget, Lark Duncan, Marisa Davison, Landers, Noland, Wall, McElmurry and Fuller.

The next meeting will be at 4:30 p.m. on Oct. 14 in the Community Center. Business to be discussed will be crafts to make throughout the year.

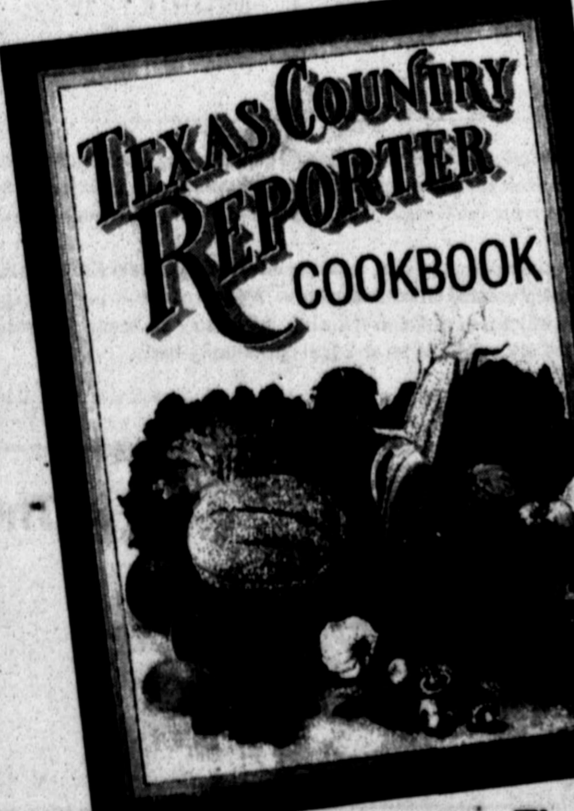
Micah Noland and Karla Vasek are the adult leaders.

Rotary Club hosts director of Rape Crisis

Tillie Boozer, director of Hereford's Rape Crisis Domestic Violence Center, during a keynote address to the Hereford Rotary Club on Monday, said Deaf Smith County has the second highest rate per-capita of domestic violence in Texas.

Boozer said that while the city is behind victims of domestic violence, her program is underfunded and in need of volunteers.

Boozer said volunteers of all backgrounds are needed. Those interested in becoming volunteers should call Rape Crisis Domestic Violence Center-Hereford Outreach Office, 364-7822.



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Rains welcomed, but have brought pests at same time

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) - The recent rains have been welcomed by producers, but the green-up process has brought infestations of armyworms and the fear that what little crop is available will be defoliated, reports the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Forrest Mitchell of Stephenville, Extension research entomologist, said this year's wetter climate could be conducive to the fall armyworm, but he added that currently this is only speculation.

James Robinson of Overton, Extension entomologist, said they have had more applications this year than in the last 20 years. He said some producers have sprayed three times to get the armyworms under control.

The armyworm is normal for this time of year. When it feeds, Robinson said, the armyworm larvae strips the foliage and then moves on to the next available food which could be any kind of small grain or grass.

"The fall armyworm is most often found in pastures and hay meadows in late summer and fall," Robinson said. "It inflicts serious damage in East Texas to common bermuda and the hybrid bermudas."

Robinson's advice is if you need the forage for hay or grazing, keep a close eye out for the worms.

"The quality of forage has a lot to do with it. If you had good quality forage you've probably got armyworms," Robinson said.

Mitchell suggests not treating for armyworms until it is known that they are destroying the crop.

"Leave it (the crop) alone unless you are certain they are eating the entire crop," Mitchell said. "The cost of treatment versus the return of the pasture has to be taken into consideration."

Robinson says that producers should treat for the armyworms when populations reach three to four worms per square foot.

Mitchell recommends cutting the forage for hay or grazing it down to kill the worms, but he adds that if this is not an option there are some products to use to rid the crop of the worms.

"Sevin products are the safest and the cheapest. Treatment by air is expensive, but the best way to deal with them because application by ground required a longer harvest time," Mitchell said.

Sevin has up to a 14-day harvest waiting period if applied by ground, so Mitchell suggests aerial spraying.

The following specific livestock, crop and weather conditions were reported by district Extension directors:

PANHANDLE: Moisture adequate. Range rated good to excellent. Corn rated good; cool weather slowing maturity. Cotton is rated good; boll weevils continue to be a problem. Peanuts rated good. Wheat planting continues; stands are good.

SOUTH PLAINS: Moisture adequate. Wheat planting continues. Sorghum turning color; very little mature. Corn harvest getting under way. Some insect activity in cotton. Cotton needs dry weather to mature;

less than 5 percent open. **ROLLING PLAINS:** Moisture short to adequate. Pasture and range conditions continue to improve. Livestock in good condition. Armyworms causing defoliation in peanut crops and pastures. Cotton crop has improved; rated in good condition.

NORTH TEXAS: Moisture adequate to short: Pastures are recovering. Hay baling under way. Soybean harvest under way. Sweet potato harvest continues. Planting of fall gardens continues. Rains have slowed grain harvest; some damage due to moisture.

EAST TEXAS: Moisture short to adequate. Pastures improved. Hay cutting continues. Cattle in good condition; markets slightly improved. Cotton bolls 75 percent open. Sweet potato harvest continues. Fall gardening under way. Pecans fair.

FAR WEST TEXAS: Moisture adequate. Native range forage is improving. Rains have been beneficial. Pink boll worm becoming a problem. Cotton aphids slowly building up. Cattle in fair condition. Black aphids are increasing in pecan production.

WEST CENTRAL TEXAS: Moisture adequate to surplus. Pastures looking good after rains. Rains helped fill stock tanks. Livestock in fair to good condition. Commercial orchards applying insecticides. Worms cleaning out volunteer wheat fields.

CENTRAL TEXAS: Moisture adequate. Forage production picking up due to rainfall. Live cattle market increasing.

Amtrak head to cut train service

By MICHELLE MITTELSTADT
Associated Press Writer
WASHINGTON (AP) - Amtrak can't afford to keep its Texas Eagle route running beyond November, the chairman of the nation's passenger rail service has told lawmakers asking him for a six-month reprieve.

Appearing before a Senate Commerce subcommittee Tuesday, Amtrak Chairman Thomas Downs said the rail service faces a \$243 million shortfall next year, even as Congress is contemplating a \$50 million cut in federal subsidies.

In a bid to save \$200 million, Amtrak last month announced that it would eliminate the Texas Eagle and three other lines on Nov. 10. Even with the cuts, Amtrak faces a \$66 million operating deficit next year.

Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, the Texas Republican who chairs the Commerce surface transportation subcommittee, and Oregon Democratic Sen. Ron Wyden asked Downs to delay the Nov. 10 route eliminations.

Delay could give state and local governments time to develop alternative solutions, they said.

"I haven't got the resources to do it," Downs replied. "I cannot give

what I haven't got."

Eliminating the Eagle, which runs three times a week between Chicago, St. Louis, Little Rock, Dallas, Fort Worth and San Antonio would mean that the entire state of Arkansas and more than a dozen Texas cities would be without passenger rail service. Those Texas cities include Dallas, Fort Worth, Texarkana, Marshall, Longview, Mineola, Cleburne, Temple, McGregor, Taylor, Longview, Austin and San Marcos.

The other three lines to be eliminated are:

-Pioneer, currently three-times-weekly service between Chicago, Denver, Portland, Ore., and Seattle, will be discontinued between Denver and Seattle.

-Desert Wind, now three-times-weekly between Chicago, Denver, Salt Lake City, Las Vegas and Los Angeles will be discontinued between Salt Lake City and Los Angeles.

-Lake Shore Limited daily between Chicago, Boston and New York is eliminated between Boston and Albany, N.Y.

Lawmakers expressed concern that route eliminations weaken Amtrak and could doom it.

"It can't be considered good policy to weaken the overall system in that way," said Mrs. Hutchison. Downs agreed.

"I don't like losing any element of the system," he said. "I believe it weakens the national system."

Red ink notwithstanding, communities in Texas and elsewhere are feeling the heartache.

In tiny Mineola, Texas, population 4,400, residents turned out last April for a triumphant celebration to welcome Amtrak service the town's leaders had spent six years trying to get. Mineola's most famous native son, San Francisco Mayor Willie Brown, returned home for the festivities.

A scant three months later, Downs informed Mayor Celia Boswell that service would be discontinued.

"Cities along the Texas Eagle route strongly believe that this train was programmed to fail," Ms. Boswell said, citing the elimination in 1993 of daily service, endless delays and no attempt to promote the route with advertising and marketing.

The ultimate responsibility for Amtrak's woes, some lawmakers said, rests on Capitol Hill.

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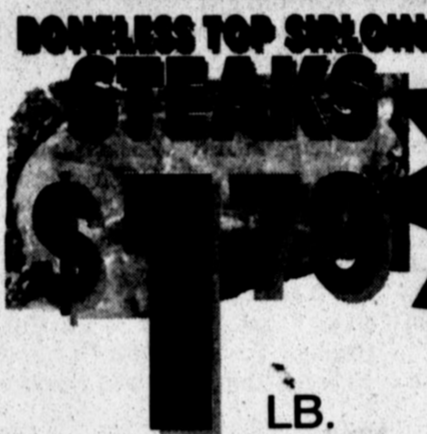
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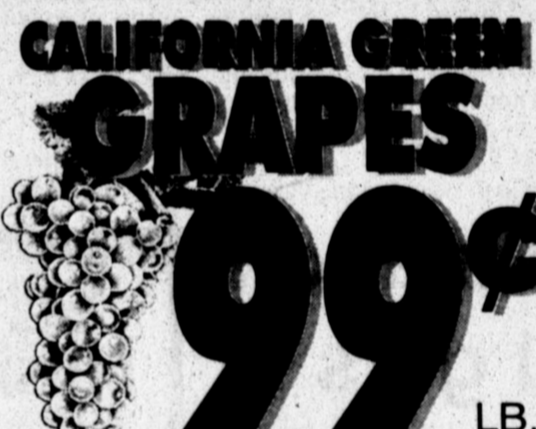


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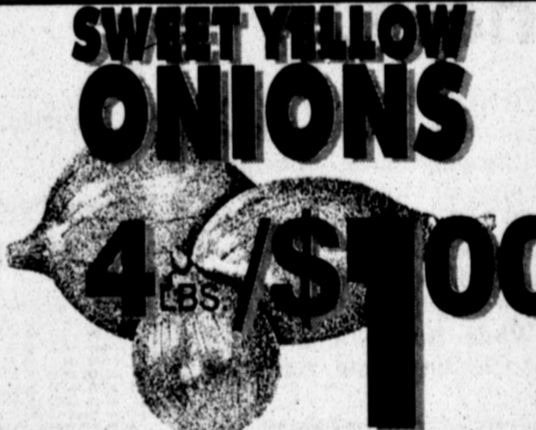
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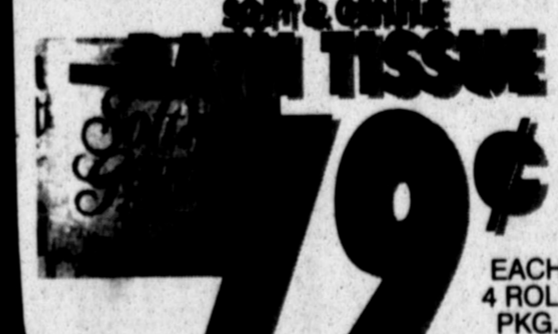
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