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Magician's helper

Cliffy T. Clown, who performed at Hereford High School auditorium Saturday night in The New Musical Grays Stock Company's "Salute to 80 Years of Vaudeville," presents balloon art to two local youngsters who served as his assistants during his magic act. The show also included song and dance acts, as well as comedy skits, reminiscent of the vaudeville era.

USDA sees record soybean crop; corn also to increase

WASHINGTON (AP) - Farmers intend this spring to plant another record soybean crop and the biggest corn crop in 13 years, the Agriculture Department predicted today.

Wheat plantings, meanwhile, are expected to drop 6 percent from last year, while cotton is down 4 percent.

The Agriculture Department survey of 57,000 farmers across the country provides the first official indications of the major crops that will be harvested this year, barring drought or other disaster.

Farmers said they will plant 80.8 million acres of corn, a 1 percent increase over last year and the biggest acreage since 1985. Based on an average yield of 130 bushels an acre, that would translate into a harvest of over 10 billion bushels.

Acreages are down in several Corn Belt states as farmers shift to soybeans, but there are increases in the Upper Midwest, Texas and the Southeast.

Soybean plantings, which have been steadily rising as farmers seek to take advantage of higher prices, are estimated at 72 million acres. That is 2 percent above last year's record crop and would produce about 2.8 billion bushels based on yield of 39 bushels per acre.

Illinois and Nebraska farmers are leading the increase, with soybean plantings estimated up 400,000 acres in each state.

Winter wheat, which is already emerging and is harvested in early summer, totals 46.6 million acres, down 4 percent from 1997. Slow wheat prices have contributed to the lower acreage.

Kansas, which is expected to produce one quarter of the winter wheat, is down 6 percent from last year.

Acreages are down in several Corn Belt states as farmers shift to soybeans, but there are increases in the Upper Midwest, Texas and the Southeast.

Spring wheat plantings are expected to total 16.3 million acres, a 16 percent drop from last year. The only wheat crop showing an increase in acreage is durum wheat - used primarily for pasta - which is up 25 percent at 4.08 million acres.

The Agriculture Department reported that Minnesota farmers are turning to crops other than spring wheat because of disease problems the past few years. Acreage is also down markedly in North Dakota and in Montana.

Overall, wheat plantings for 1998 are expected to total 67 million acres, which would produce 2.6 billion bushels at an average of 39 bushels per acre.

Sorghum, a grain used primarily as an animal feed, is estimated at 9.02 million acres, a decrease of 11 percent from last year and down a third from 1996 levels.

Low prices have also taken a toll on cotton, which at 13.2 million acres is down 4 percent from last year. The Mississippi Delta states and the Southeast are expecting the steepest declines.

Tobacco acreage, which is controlled by a federal quota system, is estimated at 733,780 acres, down 8 percent from 1997.

Group organizing locally-owned bank

Plans to form a new locally-owned national bank in Hereford were announced Monday by Wade Easley, former senior vice president of FirstBank Southwest. Easley resigned his position at FirstBank Southwest, effective last Friday.

"I am in the process of organizing a local stockholder group and preparing an application for a national bank charter," Easley said Monday. "I just felt like we need a locally-owned bank in this community."

Easley said there was no specific time frame for the project. He noted the application will be made with the Office of the

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- Wade Easley



WADE EASLEY
... Organizing group

Comptroller of Currency and with Federal Deposit Insurance Commission.

"We understand that after an application is submitted, it usually takes about 90 to 120 days to reach the pre-approval stage," Easley said.

Because of legal requirements,

Easley said that was about all he could announce about the plans at this time. He was associated with First National Bank of Hereford and FirstBank Southwest for a total of 14 years. FNB sold to a Perryton financial group in December 1988 and was renamed FirstBank Southwest.

Medicare changes could have a major effect here

By DONALD M. COOPER
Brand Editor

Any changes in federal guidelines for Medicare and Medicaid could have a serious effect on Deaf Smith County physicians.

That's because 54 percent of the patients seen by local doctors are Medicare or Medicaid patients.

Who the patients are, and who's paying the doctor bills, are contained in a survey of physicians who provide local health care services. The survey was conducted by the Community Health Improvement Partnership, a grassroots organization that is examining the health care delivery system in Deaf Smith County.

The organization is directed by community health organizer Pat Stone and includes 23 partners, who are representatives of all segments of the county population.

Since September, CHIP has been gathering information about the health care system in Deaf Smith County, with the goal of determining what improvements are needed. The group will make specific recommendations for improvements to the Deaf Smith County Hospital District directors.

As part of the process, the partners conducted interviews with residents about their opinions of the strengths and weaknesses of health care in the county. The partners also conducted surveys of the physicians and employers.

In the survey of the physicians, 67 percent responded to the CHIP questionnaire.

Of the non-Medicare/Medicaid

DEFINING HEALTH CARE BENEFITS

Source: Community Health Improvement Partnership

Managed Care

- A system of health care delivery that tries to manage the cost, quality and access of health care. It includes a selected panel of contracted providers and some type of benefit limitation on subscribers who use non-contracted providers.

- It is actually a spectrum of systems ranging from managed indemnity, PPOs, POS, open panel HMOs and closed panel HMOs.

Indemnity Insurance

- Health care indemnity insurance typically means coverage offered by insurance companies reimburses the insured individual for medical expenses. The indemnity payments relates only to a specific covered loss for health care costs incurred by the insured person. An insured individual is indemnified for the "loss" after the fact.

- Providers generally are paid fee-for-service with no financial risk under indemnity plans.

Preferred Provider Organization (PPO)

- A term applied to a contractual relationship between a group of providers and health care purchasers in which the providers provide health services to a defined population. This typically involves negotiated payment, which may include discounts, ceilings and per-diem or per-discharge rates; financial incentives, such as reduced co-payments, for individuals to use contracted providers; and an extensive utilization review program.

Health Maintenance Organization (HMO)

- An entity that provides or arranges for the provision of a comprehensive range of basic and supplemental health care services to a defined group of individuals in exchange for a premium.

- The HMO then contracts with a limited panel of health care providers to provide services on a fixed per-capita payment basis for "lives" covered, which shifts the financial risk to the providers and creating financial incentives to reduce health care costs.

patients seen by the local physicians, 8 percent are covered by preferred provider organizations (PPOs) or health maintenance organizations

(HMOs), 18 percent are pay for themselves or don't pay at all, and 19

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GOP want SS panel to start its work soon

WASHINGTON (AP) - House Republicans are calling for a bipartisan panel to explore Social Security reform separately from the series of town hall meetings President Clinton will kick off next week.

"This panel will help to focus our efforts," said Rep. Jim Bunning, R-Ky., who chairs the House Ways and Means Social Security subcommittee.

The Ways and Means Committee Wednesday will meet to consider legislation to create the new commission, which House Speaker Newt Gingrich has said he supports.

Under the proposal, an eight-member panel, including Americans young and old, would have until Feb. 1 to design a plan to keep Social Security from being overwhelmed by baby boomer retirements. The effort would also include public outreach in congressional districts across the country and on the Internet.

Clinton administration officials have promised that all ideas for Social Security reform will get a fair hearing at four regional town hall

meetings Clinton has called, starting April 7 in Kansas City, Mo. The president has asked Congress to undertake reforms in 1999, and until then leave any federal budget surpluses untouched in case they're needed for Social Security.

"We need to begin immediately," argues the House Budget Committee chairman, Rep. John Kasich, R-Ohio, who wants to use projected budget surpluses to start personal retirement accounts for working Americans this year.

On Monday, a second top administration official voiced opposition to so-called privatization proposals.

"Moving to privatization, if what that means is a withering away of the existing Social Security system, would simply take the risk that all of us now share and place that risk directly on individuals," said Franklin Raines, director of the White House Office of Management and Budget.

"In many cases these are the very risks that Social Security was created to deal with," Raines added.



Photo by Don Cooper

Pulling cable

Latham Wilson, a heavy equipment operator for Dan Monk Construction of Amarillo, pulls fiber optic cable for Southwestern Bell. The Amarillo construction crew was working Monday at the intersection of Park Avenue and 25 Mile Avenue.

Move set to compare providers

WASHINGTON (AP) - As Congress debates consumer protections in the age of HMOs, a separate effort is under way to help Americans find quality health care by comparing doctors, hospitals and treatments.

Rather than creating rules governing what managed care companies can do, this effort focuses on creating "report cards" to help separate mediocre or poor doctors and hospitals from superior ones.

"We have very little information on the quality of health care in this country," said David Lansky, president of the Foundation for Accountability in Portland, Ore.

On Tuesday, in the latest such effort, the National Committee for Quality Assurance unveils a plan to, for the first time, incorporate measurements of quality when it decides which HMOs to accredit.

The committee has been collecting information for several years about how health plans stack up against one another. But it has never used that

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HEREFORD BRAND

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

We want to take this opportunity to express our thanks to all the Hereford business establishments and their employees for helping us host the annual Camping Rally for the Family Camping Club.

The club has members from all over the Panhandle of Texas and Eastern New Mexico. The membership enjoyed their three-day stay at the Bull Barn, as well as a very educational tour of H&R Manufacturing, a local business known literally the world over.

The campers enjoyed a meal at the Senior Citizen Center as well as two restaurants in Hereford and were very impressed with all. Merchants too numerous to mention contributed to the "Welcome to Hereford" package distributed to all the visiting campers.

The group camps out in RV's the last weekends of March through September, somewhere within a 200-mile radius of Amarillo. In the winter months, we hold meetings at a restaurant for business sessions.

Thanks, again, to the county for having such a super clean facility for us to meet in and around at the Bull Barn.

Local members:
 Jack & Helen Nunley,
 Dale & Betty Henson,
 Bud & Lurline Cawthon,
 Weldon & Betty Stephan

HEREFORD BRAND

Local Roundup

Flag collection box

A box has been placed on the first floor of the Deaf Smith County Courthouse to collect old, worn-out, tattered flags that should no longer be flown.

The flags will be retired in an official ceremony later this summer.

The box has been set out by Andrew Artho, a 16-year-old resident working towards his Eagle Scout.

Flags can be dropped off at the courthouse or taken by 214 Aspen anytime before July 1. Artho will collect flags from residents who are unable to get to the dropoff points.

For more information or collection, call 364-8033.

HISD meeting

Hereford Independent School District trustees will consider textbooks when they meet at 6 p.m. today in the board room at the HISD Administration Building, 600 N. 25 Mile Ave.

The board also is expected to consider approval of two LOCAL policies and vote for Region XVI ESC directors.

Clear, cold

Tonight, clear and cold with a low in the lower 30s, south to southwest wind 5-15 mph.

Wednesday, partly cloudy and breezy, high in the lower 70s, south to southwest wind increasing to 15 to 25 mph with higher gusts by afternoon. Wednesday night, mostly cloudy and breezy with a 40 percent chance of showers or thunderstorms, low 40 to 45.

3-DAY FORECAST

Thursday, mostly cloudy and cool with a slight chance of light rain, high near 60.

Friday, partly cloudy with a chance of morning rain, low 35 to 40, high 60 to 65. Saturday, mostly clear, low near 40, high 70 to 75.

MONDAY RECAP

High, 57, low, 28; trace of rain, hail.

HEREFORD BRAND

Emergency services

Activities reported by emergency services personnel for March 28-31 include the following:

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Arrests

--A 32-year-old woman was arrested at 112 Ave. H and charged with disorderly conduct.

--A 21-year-old man was arrested in the 100 block of Pine and charged with public intoxication.

--An 18-year-old man was arrested and charged with driving while intoxicated.

--Charges of evading arrest have been filed against a 20-year-old man.

--Charges of selling beer to a minor are expected to be filed against a convenience store clerk.

--A 6-year-old man was attacked by a dog in the 900 block of Avenue K. The dog and its owner were located. A citation was issued to the owner.

--A picnic table, valued at \$350 was vandalized at the Aquatic Park.

--A burglary of a vehicle was reported in the 100 block of Avenue J. A stereo, a CB radio, a cellular phone and a purse were taken.

--A fight between several boys was reported in the 200 block of Avenue F. Charges will be filed.

--A theft was reported in the 800 block of Irving. Value of the items is estimated at \$800.

--Suspicious person was reported

in the 200 block of Cherokee.

--Three subjects with outstanding county warrants turned themselves in.

--A domestic disturbance was reported at 440 Ave. H. No assault occurred.

--A domestic disturbance was reported at 112 Ave. H. No assault occurred.

--A criminal mischief was reported in the 100 block of Pine. The driver side window of a parked car was knocked out. Damage is estimated at \$300.

--A report of a paint pellet splattered against a window in the 100 block of Holly Sugar Road.

COUNTY SHERIFF

Arrests

--A 30-year-old man was arrested on a surrender of surety bond on a driving while intoxicated.

--A terroristic threat was reported.

--A forgery was reported.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

March 27, 1998
 10:25 a.m. Firefighters responded to a structure fire 5 miles south on U.S. Highway 385. Firefighters arrived to find smoke coming from the under side of a mobile home. Damage was minimal.

March 29, 1998
 12:43 p.m. Firefighters responded to a grass fire 2 miles east and 3 miles south Umbarber.

Clinton considers restructuring INS

WASHINGTON (AP) - Responding to criticism that the federal immigration service is overburdened and has conflicting missions, the Clinton administration is proposing a dramatic restructuring that would separate the agency's enforcement and service functions.

Fearful that congressional critics will seek to abolish the Immigration and Naturalization Service and farm out its functions to other agencies, the administration headed to Capitol Hill today with a proposal that would keep INS intact, yet radically changed.

In a draft of a letter to be submitted to the chairman of the House appropriations panel that funds INS, top administration officials said their proposed restructuring would untangle the agency's "overlapping and confusing organizational structure."

The reorganization "will greatly improve the ability of the INS to effectively and efficiently perform its duties," Attorney General Janet

Reno, domestic policy adviser Bruce Reed and budget chief Franklin Raines said in the letter.

The plan by INS Commissioner Doris Meissner, prepared in consultation with outside consultants, calls for a total divide in the agency's two-fold mission: Enforcing federal immigration laws and doing out benefits such as citizenship or legal permanent residency.

While the enforcement and benefits operations would be split, served by separate staffs with distinct chains of command, both would remain under control of INS headquarters in Washington. Although located in separate offices, the enforcement and benefits operations would share access to INS databases and technologies.

"What our proposal does is clarify and focus the mission of our field offices by aligning them on either the services side or the enforcement side," said an administration official familiar with the plan, speaking on

condition of anonymity.

"It will produce better services for deserving immigrants and continue to strengthen our enforcement efforts," the official said.

It remains to be seen how the blueprint will be greeted on Capitol Hill - where patience with the INS has been stretched thin as the agency has stumbled from misstep to misstep - or by the service's 26,000 employees.

Rep. Harold Rogers, R-Ky., who summoned administration officials to appear today before his appropriations subcommittee, has expressed support for a plan abolishing the immigration service. A fierce critic of INS, Rogers has said he has little confidence in the agency's ability to remedy its own shortcomings.

The current INS organizational structure, viewed as too decentralized by many, grants a great deal of power to district directors around the nation. Field managers, who in the past have bridled at directives from Washing-

ton, were summoned last week to the nation's capital and briefed by Meissner on the restructuring.

Administration officials acknowledge that there has been strong resistance among some of the rank-and-file.

While recommendations to split INS into separate agencies have circulated for decades, the drumbeat for change has grown louder in recent years.

Last year, the U.S. Commission on Immigration Reform recommended abolition of the INS, saying the agency was suffering from "mission overload." The bipartisan panel suggested the service's functions should be divided among the departments of State, Justice and Labor.

And Senate immigration subcommittee Chairman Spencer Abraham, R-Mich., has said a split of the agency should be considered, with its border enforcement duties perhaps going to the U.S. Customs Service.



Kiwanis students of the month

This month the Hereford Kiwanis club honored Clayton Douglas Brown, center, and his parents Jay and Terisa Brown, and Kate Denison, left, and her mother Nancy Denison. Both students are active in school and community activities.

Former TDCJ chief indicted

HOUSTON (AP) - Former Texas prison chief James A. "Andy" Collins has been indicted on conspiracy, bribery, money laundering and other charges stemming from the purchase of a meat substitute fed to prisoners, the Houston Chronicle reported today.

A Houston federal grand jury also has returned six indictments on the same charges against Yank Barry, president and chief executive officer of VitalPro Foods, Inc. of Quebec.

The indictments were returned in January and unsealed on Monday, the Chronicle reported.

Barry's company secured a \$33.6 million contract to sell VitalPro to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

The indictments allege that VitalPro paid Collins at least \$20,000 while Collins was still head of the

state prison system. In exchange, officials allege, Collins gave Barry a five-year extension on a contract to purchase the foodstuff and for giving Barry access to TDCJ.

According to the indictment, Collins told three former top aides to sign the contract extension in 1995.

Collins and Barry also are accused of conspiring to conceal the kickbacks by funneling them through a fake company.

Within a month of leaving the state prison system in 1996, Collins transferred \$12,000 to his personal bank account and \$6,000 to pay an American Express credit card bill, the indictment says.

If convicted, both men could each face up to five years in prison and a \$250,000 fine on the conspiracy count; 10 years in prison and a \$350,000 fine on the bribery count; 20 years and a \$5 million fine on the money laundering charges; and five years and a \$250,000 fine for false representation of a Social Security number.

Barry did not return telephone calls, the Chronicle said.

Collins could not be reached for comment, but attorney William A. White of Austin told the newspaper that they had "no inkling" that the indictments were to be returned.

"This is a shock," White said. "Why now? Why 2 1/2 years later, after they have had this same information for 1 1/2 years?"

He added, "All these allegations have certainly pretty much ruined his life and the life of his family, so I wouldn't say it's a blessing in disguise to ever be indicted, but I will say at least now you get a chance to face your accuser."

Collins was forced out of his job as chief of Texas prisons as the VitalPro matter unfolded. He had agreed to work as a consultant for the company, but Barry withdrew the offer because of news stories about the investigation.

A source close to the investigation told the newspaper that U.S. Justice Department officials decided to unseal the indictments and to ask both men to turn themselves in. By early Monday evening, though, neither apparently had done so.

Bre-X wants suit dropped Investors lost millions

TEXARKANA, Texas (AP) - Attorneys for a Canadian mining company and New York investment firms accused of one of the biggest gold hoaxes in history asked a judge Monday to throw out a multibillion-dollar investors' lawsuit.

U.S. District Judge David Folsom issued no ruling after the hearing but promised one at a later date.

American and Canadian stockholders say they lost \$6 billion dollars when a gold-mining operation Bre-X Minerals Ltd. was touted in Indonesia turned out to be a bust, making their Bre-X stock worthless. They also accused J.P. Morgan & Co. and Lehman Bros. Holdings of advising investors to the stock.

But attorneys for the investment houses said they provided no advice to Calgary, Alberta-based Bre-X and no information to investors that would have enticed them to buy.

Daniel Murdoch, one of the plaintiffs' attorneys, said the firms' employees wouldn't have been interested in "a short-term profit which resulted in a devastating loss."

Rather, the investment houses were aware the Bre-X gold mines were worthless, citing a test commissioned by J.P. Morgan that showed the mines to be bereft of gold, Murdoch said.

"There is evidence of knowing concealment of fraudulent information," Murdoch said.

Attorneys for the two investment houses asked Folsom to either dismiss the case or transfer it to a federal court in New York City.

Execution set for one-eyed-killer Appeal pending

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) - It's been almost 20 years since Henry Lee Lucas began confessing to more than 600 killings in 26 states. Now, a death date looms for him in three months.

State District Judge John Carter on Monday set Lucas' execution date for June 30 in the death of a woman whose body was found in 1979 under a bridge near Georgetown.

Although the one-eyed drifter later recanted all the hundreds of confessions he made, he was convicted of capital murder in the slaying of a female hitchhiker known only as "Orange Socks."

She had been sexually assaulted and wore only orange socks. Even his age is in question. Lucas says he's 62, but prison records show he's 58.

Williamson County District Attorney Ken Anderson said Monday that justice demands that Lucas be put to death.

"This has been a long and agonizing process," Anderson said. "I still have people - family members of victims or law enforcement officials - call my office or stop me on the street wanting to know the status of his case and when he'll finally be executed."

Defense lawyers contend that investigators eager to wrap up unsolved cases manipulated the fifth-grade dropout into making hundreds of false confessions. During a federal court hearing two years ago, Lucas asserted that he was working as a roofer in Florida when the hitchhiker was killed.

"We are putting together an appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court right now," Austin lawyer Rita Radostitz told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram on Monday. She is assisting in Lucas' case.

Bre-X attorneys argued that Folsom lacks such jurisdiction over a matter involving a Canadian company and Canadian markets.

But Paul Yetter, the Houston attorney for lead plaintiff Lane McNamara of McKinney, Texas, has argued that Bre-X did significant business in the United States that had significant effects in this country.

Last week, Barrick Gold Corp. was added as a defendant to the lawsuit for alleged involvement in the Bre-X scandal. The lawsuit is the first time that Toronto-based Barrick has been named in any lawsuit over the Bre-X debacle.

The lawsuit alleges that in the fall of 1996, Barrick concealed information that Bre-X's supposedly rich Busang gold find in Indonesia was a bust.

At the time, Barrick was negotiating a partnership with Bre-X to develop Busang. Bre-X ended up striking a deal in February 1997, with Freeport-McMoRan Copper and Gold Inc. of New Orleans at the behest of Mohamad (Bob) Hasan, a friend of Indonesia's President Suharto.

However, no gold was found at Busang and a later audit by an independent firm said massive fraud had been committed.

Bre-X collapsed and investors have filed lawsuits in Canada and the United States against the company, its directors and several brokerage firms to try to recover the investments.

The lawsuit is the only court action against Bre-X in the United States to be allowed to proceed.

LOTTO

TEXAS LOTTERY

AUSTIN (AP) - No ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Saturday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

The numbers drawn Saturday night from a field of 50 were:

3-19-26-31-36-50

Wednesday night's drawing will be worth an estimated \$8 million.

AUSTIN (AP) - The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday by the Texas Lottery, in order: **4-7-4**

AUSTIN (AP) - The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday by the Texas Lottery, in order: **4-3-6**

AUSTIN (AP) - The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Monday by the Texas Lottery: **6-21-25-35-36**

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The male midwife toad, a small European toad, fastens a bunch of eggs laid by a female toad to his legs and carries them until they hatch.

Lifestyles

Program on internet highlights meeting of La Madre Mia Club

The title of the program for La Madre Mia Study Club meeting Thursday night was "In Curious Pursuit of the Internet."

The club met at Foster Electronics where employee Shannon Redwine gave the program.

For those who had not viewed the Hereford web page that Foster Electronics composed, it was a good opportunity to see what has been done.

Redwine said that 62,000 people have visited www.herefordtx.com., the Hereford web site.

"The Pilot Club is the only club in Hereford to have information other than its name on the web page. We would like for other clubs to turn in

their histories to us," Redwine said. She explained that for no charge each club is allowed no more than 50 words and one picture.

Linda Cumpton, president, conducted a short business meeting.

Betty Taylor gave the report of the project committee. On the recommendation of this committee, the club voted unanimously to give the funds raised from the Christmas Tour of Homes to the Brent Cumpton Scholarship Fund and Big Brothers/Big Sisters.

Approximately 200 Easter baskets of spring flowers will be delivered to local care centers on April 4, according to Bettye Owen. This is a joint project of La Madre Mia and

Nouvelle Amis Study Clubs. Several members of both clubs will be involved in delivering the baskets.

Nicky Walser and Lavon Nieman, hostesses, served coconut cake with lemon sauce, jelly beans, coffee and cold drinks to Ruth Black, Francine Bromlow, Cindy Cassels, Merle Clark, Mary Herring, Gladys Merritt, Jan Metcalf, Nancy Paetzold, Susan Robbins, Mysedia Smith, Marline Watson, Judy Williams, Lajean Henry, Cumpston, Taylor and Walser.

The next La Madre Mia Study Club meeting will be April 9 in the home of Carolyn Baxter. Local 4-H club members will present a public speaking program.



Nikki Self, bride-elect of Kelly Davis, was honored with a bridal shower Sunday in the home of Gayle Binder. Greeting guests were, from left, Jamie Self, sister of the bride-elect; the honoree, Maureen Self, mother of the bride-elect; and Vi Pohlmeier, grandmother of the bride-elect.

Shower at Binder home honors Self

A bridal shower honoring Nikki Self, bride-elect of Kelly Davis, was held Sunday in the home of Gayle Binder.

The couple plans to be married May 29.

Greeting guests with the bride-elect were Maureen Self, her mother;

Vi Pohlmeier, her grandmother; and Jamie Self, her sister.

sweet peas, kitchen gadgets and folded kitchen towels.

A comforter set was the gift from hostesses Gayle Binder, Marilyn Culpepper, Betty Deckard, Pam Fogo, Carolyn Fry, Anita Gamez, Kathy Haney, Leota Kelso, Brenda Kitten, Kristi Lytal and Shirley Wilson.

Ann Landers

Dear Ann Landers: This is for "Losing It in Longwood, Fla." We, too, have a 17-year-old son who was a real handful. "Joey" lied, smoked pot, did poorly in school and had behavior problems. We tried to get help for him from his older brother, our friends and our priest, but Joey refused to accept help from anyone.

When Joey threatened to commit suicide, he was forcibly taken to our local hospital, placed under psychiatric care and scheduled for counseling. He was put on medication to control his anger and then released. Shortly after, he was caught vandalizing some retail establishments.

Because we couldn't control him, the police suggested we file a petition with the court to take over. It was the most difficult thing we've ever done. Joey was ordered to pay restitution, placed on probation for six months and required to attend weekly counseling and anger-management sessions.

That was a year ago. The change in this boy has been phenomenal. He is like a different person. He was nominated last summer to serve on the youth group council as the regional leader for our church. Today, he is a happy, law-abiding young man with a bright future. -- Tough Love Works in Portsmouth, Va.

Dear Va.: It works in a great many other places, too. I have been recommending "tough love" for years and will continue to do so. For

those who want more information on how this works, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: Toughlove, P.O. Box 1069, Doylestown, Pa. 18901 (www.toughlove.org).

Dear Ann Landers: This is in response to "Louisville," who joined the national debate about whether the toilet seat should be left up or down. In my house, you put the lid down. This prevents the dog from drinking out of it, klutzes like me from dropping makeup in it and toddlers from throwing their toys in it. Who wants to stare at the inside of a toilet bowl while you brush your teeth? The lids are there for a reason. Use them. -- Fed Up in Va.

Dear Fed Up: You weren't the only one who wrote. Here's more:

Dear Ann: When you stub your toe on the chair leg, do you curse the chair? If you bonk your head on the open cabinet door, why blame the person who left it open? That's like saying, "Look what you made me do!"

"Louisville" said her friend groped her way to the bathroom without turning on the light because she didn't want to wake her husband. Then, she fell into the toilet because the lid was up. Tell me, who would she have blamed if the lid were closed and she sat down on that? How could anyone feel her way to the toilet and not feel where she was about to sit? -- Family Man in Ill.

Dear Ann Landers: May I have the last word on the toilet seat debate?

A toilet is not the most attractive household appliance. Closing the lid improves its appearance and prevents things from falling into the bowl. If the lid was not meant to be closed, then what is its purpose?

I have composed a short poem on the subject that I hope you think is worth printing. Thanks, Ann. -- Lucy Prentice, W. Vancouver, B.C. Love When a wife will wash her husband's back,

Then get a towel from off the rack, That's love!

And when at night he warms her feet,

Although he shudders when theirs meet,

That's love!

Or when she makes his favorite cake,

Though the day is far too hot to bake,

That's love!

But of all the signs depicting love,

There are few that can compete

With the man-of-the-house remembering to

Put down the toilet seat!

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Hints from Heloise

Dear Heloise: I am concerned about the hint you published recently in our Dallas paper regarding the woman who placed a \$10 bill on a table in plain view close to her front door as a way of checking to see if her house had been burglarized.

I would suggest that this is a dangerous thing to do and might well be the reason her house was, in fact, broken into. It is never a good idea to leave valuables in plain sight to tempt a snooper or potential burglar. -- Barbara Wiskow, Dallas, Texas

Barbara, you are absolutely right about not leaving things in plain view. Our reader left the money on a table close to the front door, hopefully not in sight from the door.

If there are windows where one can see in, this is not a good idea to use.

Your words of caution are well noted. -- Heloise

HELOISE POP QUIZ

Dear Readers: Which of the following are uses for Epsom salts?

A. a soak for tired feet
B. stiffener for limp, lace curtains
C. fertilizer for some plants

The answer: all of the above. One of our most-asked questions is how to revive curtains that have become limp and lifeless. Well, Epsom salts is the answer.

Simply dissolve 1 cup of Epsom salts in a sinkful of water. Dip the curtains in the solution and let drip-dry outside on a warm, sunny day. -- Heloise

Dear Heloise: I found that baby towelettes can do a lot more than keeping our precious little ones clean.

I keep a box of scented baby towelettes in each bathroom. In between thorough cleanings, I wipe down everything except the mirrors. It takes just a minute every morning, leaves the bath smelling nice and makes the big cleanup job a lot easier. -- Charlene Chavez, Carrollton, Texas

Quick cleaning hints are some of my favorites, and this is right up there in the top 10! I do the very same and it takes only a few seconds to have the sink and counter looking sparkling. -- Heloise

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND PARTIES:

Bimbo Cereal Foods, Inc. has made application with the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission for Air Quality Permit No. 37806 to construct a Corn Flour Processing Facility in Dawn, Deaf Smith County, Texas. The location of the proposed facility is approximately 5.5 miles north on Highway 809 from Dawn, Deaf Smith County, Texas. Additional information concerning this application is contained in the public notice section of this newspaper. This notice is to be published on April 1st and April 2nd.

A TODAS LAS PERSONAS Y ENTIDADES INTERESADAS:

Bimbo Cereal Foods, Inc. ha hecho solicitud a la Comisión de Conservación de Recursos Naturales de Tejas (TNRCC o Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission) para el permiso Num. 37806 para construir un Molino de Harina de Maíz en Dawn, condado de Deaf Smith, Tejas. La dirección de la feilicidad propuesta es aproximadamente a 5.5 millas al norte de Dawn, en la Carretera 809, condado de Deaf Smith, Texas. Mas informacion con respecto a esta solicitud se encuentra en la seccion de avisos publicos de esta publicacion. Este aviso se publicara en 1 de Abril y en 2 de Abril.

Hospital Notes

Report from Hereford Regional Medical Center for the weekend:

Admitted: Helen Williams, Victor Estrada.

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A bridal shower honoring Tammy Greer Marnell, second from right, recent bride of Kirk Marnell, was held Saturday in the home of Cheryl Betzen. Special guests pictured with the honoree are, from left, Jennifer Doan, sister of the bride; Billie Greer and Kathryn Hamilton, grandmothers of the bride; Judy Greer, mother of the bride; Christine Marnell, mother of the groom; and Kathy Margrave, aunt of the groom.

Marnell honored with bridal shower

Tammy Greer Marnell, recent bride of Kirk Marnell, was feted with a bridal shower Saturday in the home of Cheryl Betzen.

The couple was married Feb. 14. Joining the honoree in greeting guests were Judy Greer, mother of the bride; Christine Marnell, mother of the groom; and Billie Greer and Katherine Hamilton, grandmothers of the bride.

Refreshments were sausage rolls,

spinach quiche, fresh fruit with cream cheese dip, assorted breads, caramel pecan cinnamon rolls and fruit punch with fresh strawberries.

The serving table was covered with an embroidered battenburg lace cloth. Fresh spring flowers surrounded the crystal punch bowl. Silver and crystal appointments and napkins in the bride's chosen colors of burgundy and green completed the decorations.

A king size designer comforter set

was the gift from hostesses Donna Albracht, Annette Albracht, Eileen Alley, Connie Backus, Cheryl Betzen, Shelly Diller, Betty Kriegshauser, Judy Kriegshauser, Nancy Paetzold, Martha Paetzold, Marian Yosten, Meri Lyn Odell, Lana Burns, Jaci Nikkel, Amy Ellis, Kelly Schroeder, Evelyn Adams, Mary Katherine Duvall, Melanie Kirkland, Camilla Pickard, Stephanie Fowler, Cecilia Albracht and Holly Coleman.

Volunteer College to emphasize new skills, teaching methods

BROWNWOOD -- Volunteer leaders interested in learning new skills and teaching methods still have time to enroll in Volunteer College, scheduled for June 12-14 at the Texas 4-H Center. Registrations must be postmarked by May 15.

"This is a great opportunity for volunteers to expand their knowledge in their particular area of interest and develop their own confidence in working with youth," Cheryl Newberry, program and marketing specialist at the center, said.

General sessions will focus on youth development research and principles, teaching strategies and a volunteer's role in youth development programming. Concurrent sessions will focus on specific disciplines and project/interest areas.

"Volunteer College participants will be able to choose the seminars that best suit their needs," Carroll Bonn, Texas Agricultural Extension Service 4-H and youth development specialist, said.

For example, the horse course will

discuss the horse project objectives, lesson plans and the various avenue of participation such as the 4-H state horse show, 4-H horse bowl contest and more.

The Consumer Life Skills session is designed to help young people understand the individual's role as a consumer and his rights and responsibilities in the marketplace.

Newberry added that this training will benefit all youth workers, not just those working with 4-H.

"The materials and topics that will be showcased can be adapted for a number of other youth programs, like Boy Scouts of America, Girl Scouts of the United States of America, Boys' and Girls' Clubs and more," Newberry said.

Newberry also noted that by networking, there will be a number of programming ideas that Extension hopes to learn from these other groups.

Dr. Robbie Kendall-Melton, associate dean of education at the

University of Tennessee, will be the keynote speaker. Her award-winning research is in the field of effective teaching, cultural diversity, special education and educational technologies.

Cost for the entire weekend is \$84. Cost for guests arriving June 13 and staying through lunch June 14 is \$62.25. A \$20 non-refundable deposit should be mailed with registration for guests staying the whole weekend, Saturday only or Sunday only participants pay \$15.25. The price includes meals. Those who plan to attend both days but do not spend the night pay \$20.50. Cost includes lunch for the two days only.

Registrants are to pay for day registration in full. An additional \$10 fee will be added to all registrations received after that date.

For more information or to get complete session offerings and times, please call Beverly Harder, your local county Extension agent at 364-3573, or the center at 800-432-8342.



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Today in History

By The Associated Press
 Today is Tuesday, March 31, the 90th day of 1998. There are 275 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History
 On March 31, 1968, President Johnson stunned the country by announcing he would not run for another term of office.

On this date:
 In 1492, King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella of Spain issued an edict expelling Jews from Spanish soil, except for those willing to convert to Christianity.

In 1889, French engineer Alexandre Gustave Eiffel unfurled the French tricolor from atop the Eiffel Tower, officially marking its completion.

In 1917, the United States took possession of the Virgin Islands from Denmark.

In 1921, the first U.S. dance marathon held in New York City, ended with Alma Cummings setting a world record of 27 hours on her feet.

In 1933, Congress authorized the *Carnegie Conservation Corps*.

In 1943, Rodgers and Hammerstein's musical "Oklahoma!" opened

on Broadway.

In 1945, the Tennessee Williams' play "The Glass Menagerie" opened on Broadway.

In 1976, the New Jersey Supreme Court ruled that coma patient Karen Anne Quinlan could be disconnected from her respirator. Quinlan, who remained comatose, died in 1985.

In 1986, 167 people died when a Mexicana Airlines Boeing 727 crashed in a remote mountainous region of Mexico.

In 1995, Mexican-American singer Selena, 23, was shot to death in Corpus Christi, Texas, by the founder of her fan club. Yolanda Saldivar was convicted of murder and sentenced to life in prison.

Ten years ago, the novel "Beloved" by Toni Morrison was awarded the Pulitzer Prize for fiction, while the Charlotte (N.C.) Observer won the prize for public service for its coverage of the Praise The Lord scandal.

Five years ago, the U.N. Security Council increased international pressure on Bosnian Serbs, authorizing NATO warplanes to shoot down aircraft that violated a ban on flights over Bosnia. Actor Brandon Lee, 28,

was killed during the filming of a movie in Wilmington, N.C., by a prop gun that fired part of a dummy bullet instead of a blank "Star Dust" lyricist Mitchell Parish died in New York City at age 92.

One year ago, Jury selection began in Denver in the trial of accused Oklahoma City bomber Timothy McVeigh. The Supreme Court ruled that the government can force cable television systems to carry local broadcast stations.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Richard Kiley is 76. Actor William Daniels is 71. Hockey Hall-of-Famer Gordie Howe is 70. Actress Shirley Jones is 64. Country singer-songwriter John D. Loudermilk is 64. Actor Richard Chamberlain is 63. Musician Herb Alpert is 63. Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., is 58. Actor Christopher Walken is 55. Comedian Gabe Kaplan is 53. Vice President Al Gore is 50. Actress Rhea Perlman is 50. Actor Ed Marinaro is 48. Rock musician Angus Young (AC/DC) is 39. Actor Ewan McGregor is 27.

Thought for Today: "What is it to be a gentleman? The first to thank and the last to complain." -- Serbian proverb

To Your Good Health

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I'm asking you for the third time to explain Barrett's metaplasia. I take Zantac 75 and I'm on a stringent diet. I've always done the changes still have it. Will I ever get rid of this condition? **S.K.**

ANSWER: Barrett's metaplasia is a change in cells lining the lower part of the esophagus. Barrett's esophagus, there can be placed in the lower part of the esophagus with the esophagus.

Esophageal treatment suppresses production of stomach acid and heart burn. There are many drugs that can be used for that purpose. I suggested that isn't necessary. Barrett's happens at men's length from caffeine, meats, fatty foods, alcohol, orange juice and alcohol is advised.

Treatment often does not return the lining cells to their original state, but it does keep matters from getting worse.

The ominous aspect of Barrett's metaplasia is the chance that the altered cells could become cancerous. That's the reason for repeat scope examinations of the esophagus.

Should suspicious changes be seen, there are a number of ways to attack the problem.

One is photodynamic therapy. A drug sensitizes Barrett's cells to low-intensity light. After taking the drug, scope with a light source is threaded down the esophagus to destroy the cells.

There are many other treatment options, but I'm jumping the gun. You don't need any treatment other than that which you have been given.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I am 75 and physically active. I jog and lift

weights. Recently I had a blood work-up at a lab. They circled the fact that I had a "sedimentation rate" of 7.

What causes sediment in one's blood? What does this condition do? How does one correct such a condition? -- S.K.

ANSWER: Your sedimentation rate is fine. For women younger than 50, a sedimentation rate of 0 to 20 is normal. Older than 50, a rate of 0 to 30 is acceptable. The corresponding numbers for men are 0 to 15 and 0 to 20.

The test's name apparently con-

fused you. There is no sediment in your blood. Rather, the test measures the distance blood drops in a calibrated tube.

High sedimentation rates indicate infection, inflammation or cancer could be brewing somewhere in the body. It's not a very specific test. It does not give a clue what's wrong. It can indicate only that something might be wrong. . . .

Dr. Donohue regrets that he is unable to answer individual letters, but he will incorporate them in his column whenever possible.

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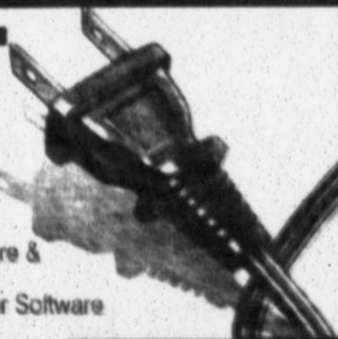
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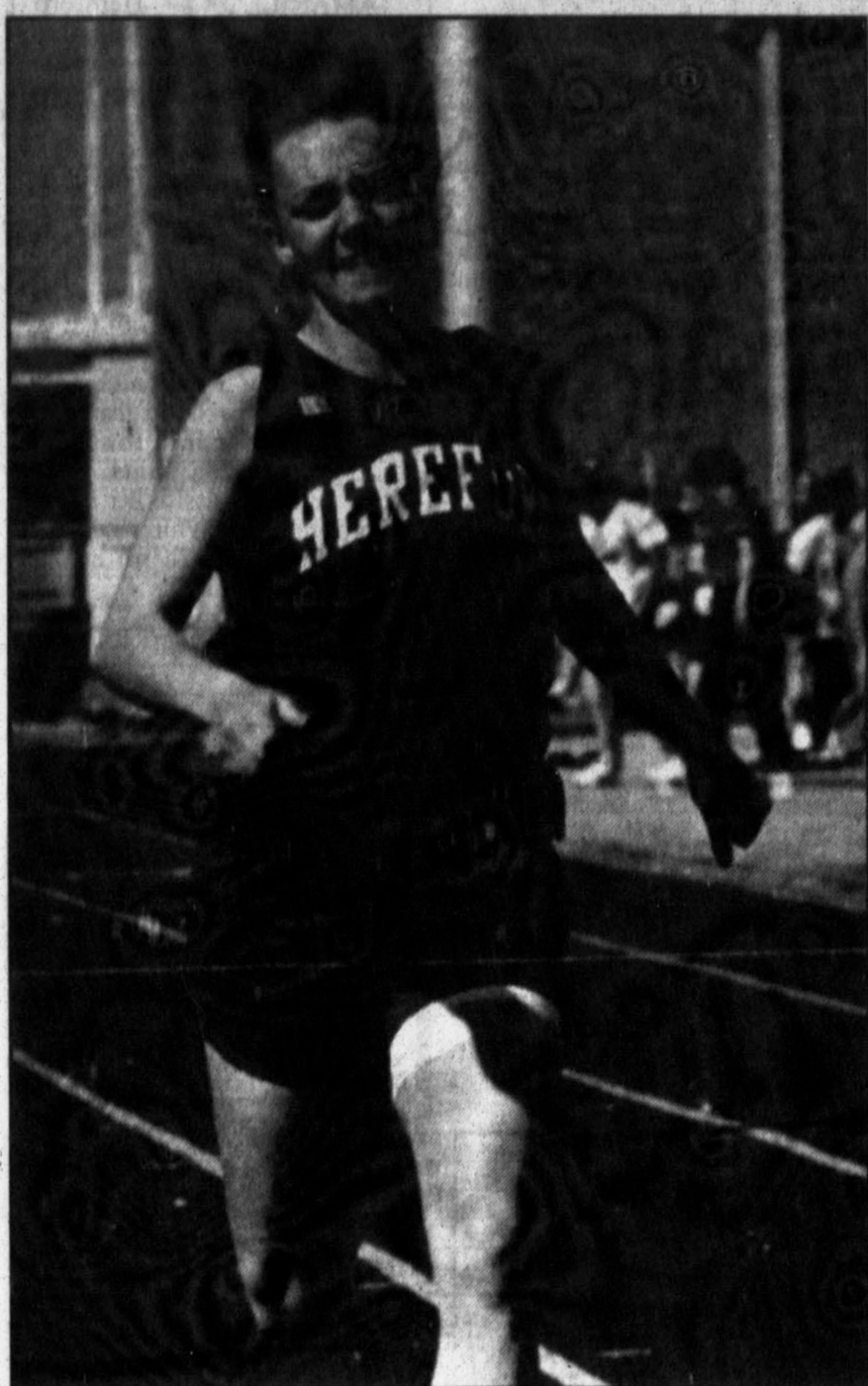


Photo by Julius Bodner

Hereford's Kate Denison nears the finish line in the 400 meters Saturday at Whiteface Stadium.

Herd girls capture 2nd

By BOB VARMETTE
Sports Writer

There's no substitute for depth in track. More team members mean more athletes to enter in events, and that usually translates into more team points.

That's the Pampa Lady Harvesters. Despite seeing the host Hereford Lady Whitefaces win five events, Pampa cruised to the girls team title at the Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce Track Invitational at Whiteface Stadium, scoring 132 points to second-place Hereford's 89.

"They're loaded, they have so many kids in track," Hereford head girls coach Ray Baca said. "Our best kids beat their best kids, but... they beat us to death on their depth."

But Baca said he wasn't disappointed in the Lady Whitefaces' second-place finish.

"We did really well," he said. "Honestly, going into the meet, I was thinking third or fourth. I was surprised we competed as well as we did against Amarillo High and (Amarillo) Palo Duro."

Freshman Brionne Yosten again won two events for Hereford. Yosten won the 800 meters in 2:21.13 and the 3,200 meters in 11:41.33.

"She's run 15 finals this year," Baca said. "She's won 12, second in two and third in one... She's got to be first or second in the state as far as her time in the two-mile and in the 800."

Baca said from the time he first saw her run in junior high school, he

knew she could make a significant impact in high school track.

"I just didn't know she'd be this talented this quickly," he said. "I figured it would take us two years to get to where she's at right now."

Senior Kate Denison won again in the 400 meters, recording a finals time of 1:01.00. Baca said Denison has lost only one race this season.

"She has an incredible work ethic," he said. "She's been working out since the week volleyball ended."

Denison's strength in the 400 meters is mainly now slowing down much from the first 200 meters to the last 200 meters, according to Baca.

"Most high school 400-meter people will slow down anywhere from five to seven seconds," he said. "Right now she's around three to four seconds. We just got to get her faster."

Baca added if Denison can increase her speed during the remainder of the season, her times will definitely drop.

"Without a doubt," he said.

Hereford other individual first-place finisher, Kristin Fangman, won the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 15.84 seconds.

"She's been a little bit behind... Now she's getting into shape," Baca said. "She'll be down in the 14s by the time the season wraps up. She's not out of shape, but she'll get in better shape."

The Lady Whitefaces' other first place came in the 1,600-meter relay

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A LOVE TO PLAY

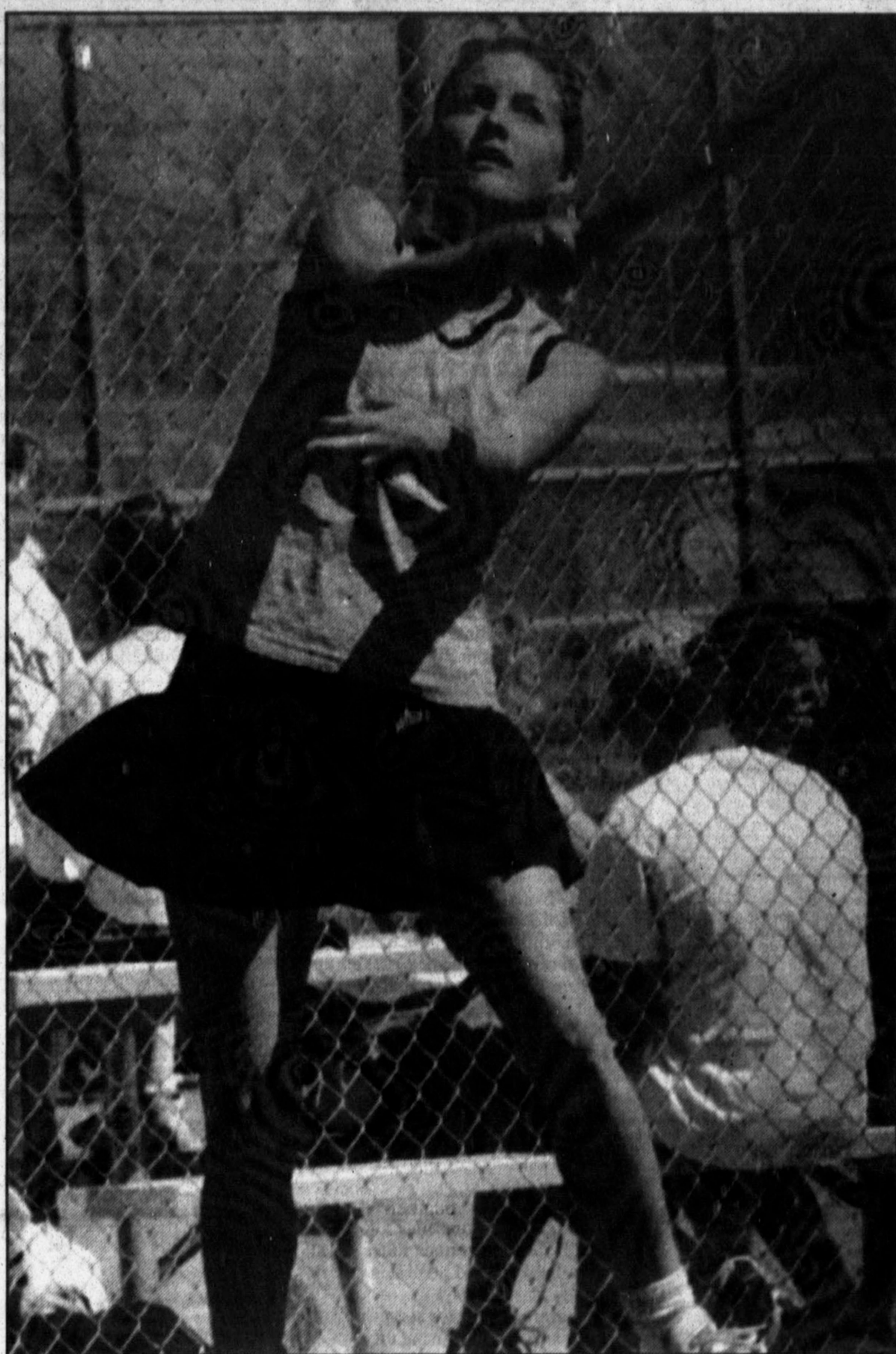


Photo by Julius Bodner

Hereford's Leann Bivens returns a shot during a match Saturday at Whiteface Courts.

THREE'S A CHARM

Weishaar wins 3rd straight title

By BOB VARMETTE
Sports Writer

Holly Weishaar captured her third-straight girls singles title, to help lead Hereford to a fourth-place finish in the Beef Capital of the World Invitational Tennis Tournament Friday and Saturday.

Weishaar was the only Hereford single or doubles team to win a title in the tournament conducted at Whiteface Courts and Hereford Country Club.

Dumas won the team title with 110 points. Snyder placed second with 98 points and Midland Lee third with 96 points. Hereford scored 84 points for fourth.

"I was happy with our singles players," Hereford head coach Ed Coplen said. "I was kind of unhappy with our doubles players. They just didn't play well. (But) I was happy that we beat Andrews. Andrews was at regionals."

Weishaar had trouble getting started in both her first- and second-round matches, dropping the first sets in both matches. But Weishaar cruised to a 6-4, 6-2 victory over Stephanie Lechler of Dumas in semifinals.

In her finals match, Weishaar was tested in her first set against Jennifer Cade of Dumas, 7-5, but had an easier time in the final set, winning it 6-4.

"She's playing well right now," Coplen said. "Her big test comes when we go to Pampa (Friday and Saturday). They've got two good girls singles players and Berger has one good singles player."

Coplen said Weishaar varied her play to win her final two matches.

"I was talking with the Dumas coach about that," Coplen said. "He thought she was thinking about her shots and doing some

different things to try to win. "Her serve was really working well. She was mixing up her game, coming to the net some, and playing baseline some."

In boys singles, Brent Berend captured third place, rebounding from a third-round 7-6, 6-0 loss to Trent Broach of Lee to win beat P.J. Haney of Fort Stockton, 6-5, 7-5.

"Brent Berend did really well for this week," Coplen said. "Third place is a real good finish for him considering there were a lot of good boys players here."

In doubles play, none of the four Hereford teams could advance past the second round of the winners bracket.

"I was real disappointed," Coplen said. "We just weren't aggressive. We're not swinging good. I don't know what caused

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Hereford's Amy Killingsworth practices putting recently at John Pitman Municipal Golf Course.

Girls 2nd, boys 4th at tourney

By BOB VARMETTE
Sports Writer

For the Hereford Lady Whiteface golf team, Friday's winds of 40 to 60 miles per hour proved to be a friend.

When winds died down to a mere 30 to 35 miles per hour Saturday, you might have thought their scores would've dropped, but that wasn't to be.

Still despite going from shooting a 367 Friday to a 386 Saturday at John Pitman Municipal Golf Course, the Lady Whitefaces nailed down second place in the Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce Invitational Golf Tournament.

"The girls played well the first day," Hereford head coach Stacey Bixler said. "Even though it wasn't as windy as Friday, it was still blowing 30 to 35 miles per hour Saturday. (But) they held on to their position."

Pampa won the girls team title with a 342-325-667. Melissa Gindorf led a trio of Lady Harvesters in the top five, shooting a two-day total of 157. Hereford's Amy Killingsworth tied for fourth with Keshia Witt of Muleshoe at 167. Killingsworth shot 87-80-167.

"Amy shot lower," Bixler said. "And Michelle (Bixler), Crystal (Luna) shot lower."

Jacque Bezner returned from an illness for her first competitive round this Spring by shooting an 83 Friday. But the Lady Whitefaces' cause was hurt when Bezner was forced to withdraw after nine holes Saturday.

The boys division saw the Whitefaces cut 44 strokes from the first day to the second round. Hereford finished fourth with a 351-307-658.

"If we would've shot a little bit better the first day," Bixler said, "I think we would've been there. That's a lesson -- we can't have everybody play bad the same day."

During Friday's windswept round, Bryant McNutt and Peyton Ward both shot 87s for the Whitefaces' low score of the day. Saturday, McNutt shot a 77 and Ward a 76. Thomas Maldonado made the biggest move, going from shooting a 91 Friday to a 76 Saturday.

"The wind, it gets to affecting you mentally," Bixler said. "You can have a bad hole or two, then (the wind) will start determining how you play."

On the boys side, Tullia won team honors with a two-day total of 623, shooting an even 300 on Saturday, the only team to score lower than

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Opening Day spawns sense of hope, renewal

"Hope springs eternal in the human breast: Man never is, but always to be blest."
-- Alexander Pope
"An Essay On Man"

Opening Day. No words can eloquently express the emotions contained in those two simple words.

It is rebirth and redemption all in one. It is the day every team is still undefeated.

With each Opening Day, there emanates from within me a sense of hope, but also a deep, almost indescribable, feeling of loss, of disappointments to come, come October.

I will indulge now in a good dose of self-pity, for I am no

The Toy Department
By Bob Varmette



ordinary baseball fan -- I am a Boston Red Sox fan.

It takes a special type of person to be a true Red Sox fan. It doesn't matter whether you know the name of every player who's ever played for the Red Sox, or their accompanying statistics.

No, to be a Red Sox fan, and

still maintain your sanity, hope must spring eternal, eternally it seems.

Much has changed on our planet since 1918. The United States has fought in several wars, had more than a dozen presidents; we've even sent men to the moon.

One thing, though, hasn't changed with the relentless march of time. The Boston Red Sox haven't won a World Series since 1918.

Eighty years. Woodrow Wilson was still president. The then 48 states were still involved in World War I, and Babe Ruth still played for the only team that matters.

His name was but just one of many names that played upon that

blessed plot just off Commonwealth and Massachusetts avenues -- Fenway. Ted Williams, Carl Yastrzemski, Jim Rice, Wade Boggs, Roger Clemens...

They're all gone now. Clemens' departure stings, maybe not the most, but it stings like hitting a fastball on a 35-degree day. As if the curse of Babe Ruth wasn't enough, now there's the curse of Roger Clemens.

The names change through the years, but the tradition, and the memories remain.

Tradition. You feel it just walking into Fenway. There is something special about this place.

The "Green Monster," the aging stands, all the past glories, the gloves that might have been

and the glories that have yet to be

There are so many hopes and dreams that go along with the tradition and the memories.

My father made me a Red Sox fan. He told me about heading for Boston in 1941; with his father and an older brother to look for work in the shipyards rapidly gearing up for U.S. involvement in World War II.

At 14, he was too young to work. Instead, he would sneak into Fenway to watch baseball.

I could listen for hours to stories about Williams -- the Splendid Splinter. It was in 1941 that Williams hit .406. My father was there. I take pride in saying

that because I wish I could've been there, too.

My fate was sealed. But I am not a long-suffering Red Sox fan. I feel for those who have suffered into their 70s and 80s, waiting for that one miracle so that they can die happy.

I don't remember the 1967 World Series. I was too young. Probably as well, one less painful memory. St. Louis took the Sox in seven tough games.

I remember the 1975 World Series. In the eyes of many, it was one of the greatest World Series ever played.

The Red Sox won, heavy under-

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dogs to Cincinnati, but they took the Reds to seven games before, again, falling.

I was 11, and I remember it like it was yesterday.

Luis Tiant gazing into center field during his wind up. "Yaz" playing an incredible carom off the "Green Monster" one last time to rob Pete Rose of what surely should have been a triple.

And then there was the most memorable home run in the history of baseball -- Carlton Fisk's game-winning in the bottom of the 12th inning of Game 6.

I remember, the ball seemed to hang in the damp night air forever, as we all prayed for the ball to stay fair. I can still hear the overwhelming sound -- the jubilation -- when the ball bounced off the left field foul pole.

The jubilation would not last, silenced in Game 7 by a bloop single to center that gave the game, and the Series, to the Reds. God had shown once again a title was not our destiny.

But destiny had yet to deal the Red Sox and their fans the unkindest cut of all. The 1986 season seemed to be the year -- the year when all the long seasons of frustrations would finally be rewarded. This would be the year of destiny.

"Yaz" and Fisk and Tiant were gone, but two members of the 1975 team -- Rice and Dwight Evans -- were still playing active roles. The '86 Sox were a talented group, and they seemed to have destiny on their side.

Boston had made a miracle comeback in the ALCS against the California Angels.

The Red Sox were down three

games to one, down to their last strike, but they fought back to win Game 5, and eventually the American League pennant.

Had God become a Red Sox fan?

But the miracle in Game 5 was but an omen of doom.

In Game 6 of the World Series, at Shea Stadium, the Mets were down to their last strike. The Red Sox and their long-suffering fans were finally to be rewarded. After 68 years of "Almost," and "There's always next year," it was about to happen.

And then the world shattered before our unbelieving eyes.

Bill Buckner missed. Before we could recover from the shock, the Series was tied 3-3.

Game 7 was but the epilogue, the doleful denouement of a saga too sad to tell. The game, the Series, was but a part of the long record of futility shared by the Red Sox and their fans.

While the Mets and their fans raucously celebrated, a camera fixed upon a solitary Boggs as he wept in the Boston dugout. And we, the Red Sox faithful, wept with him.

We cried in bars from Boston to Burlington, in homes from Haverhill to Halifax, in lounges from Lexington to Laconia, on corners from Cambridge to Concord. And we cried without shame.

For we are Red Sox fans. For in an October to come, perhaps this year, there will be tears of joy.

For all the memories that haunt us like daggers of the mind, we find hope in the renewal of our passion on this very special day.

For this is Opening Day.

Herd holds off 'Dogs, 11-7

By BOB VARMETTE
Sports Writer

It's been longer than anyone can remember, but the Hereford Whitefaces are 2-0 in District 1-4A.

Hereford used 13 hits, 12 of them singles, to little ball Borger to an 11-7 district win in front of 150 at Whiteface Field Saturday afternoon.

"It's been a long while. I don't even remember," Hereford head coach Pete Rodriguez said about Hereford being 2-0 in district. "It feels good, but we're going to take them one game at a time."

Starter Cory Ortiz got the win for Hereford (7-8, 2-0 District 1-4A). Ortiz worked four innings before giving way to reliever George Castillo, surrendering three runs, two earned, on seven hits. He fanned three and issued three walks.

Junior Orozco took the loss for Borger (6-11, 0-2). He went three and two-thirds innings, allowing eight runs, all earned, on eight hits. He struck out one and walked three.

"This is the first time we've beat Borger since I've been here," Rodriguez said. "It's been five years."

The Whitefaces scored six runs in the bottom of the fourth inning. And they did it with two outs.

"That's something Hereford baseball hasn't done in a while," Rodriguez said. "I told them after the game that we did a good job. Usually, with two outs, we'll just hit a grounder or a line drive."

With the score 2-2, Hereford sent

10 batters to the plate.

Hereford's first two batters were both erased, but the Whitefaces' next six batters all scored, spelling the end for Orozco. Hereford used four straight singles, but the big blow came on a double by Anthony Lopez down the third base line, which scored two runs to give the Whitefaces a 7-2 advantage.

"I'm not going to say we don't have some power, because we do," Rodriguez said. "But if we get singles and they help us, I'll take singles anyday."

Borger's Victor Escobar led off the top of the fourth with a show of power by sending an 0-1 pitch from Ortiz high to the gap in left field. A gusty wind caught the ball and deposited it over the 380-foot sign to cut Hereford's lead to 2-1.

After Ortiz gave up singles to Borger's first batters in the fifth -- Tanner West and Escobar -- Rodriguez went to Castillo.

"That almost backfired on us," Rodriguez said. Castillo got out of the fifth unscathed, thanks to a pair of strike outs, but coughed up four runs in the sixth, pulling the Bulldogs to 8-7.

Hereford had its insurance policy paid up, though. The Whitefaces picked up three runs in the home half of the sixth inning to run their margin to 11-7.

Freshman Slade Hodges knocked in a pair of runs with a single off the bag at first base that bounced down

the right field line, scoring Anthony Lopez and Scott.

"I got a little nervous," Hodges said. "The pitch was right over the plate, I was just trying to drive in one run, but I got two."

"Slade came in and got a great hit," Rodriguez said. "That was a big hit for us. Those are the hits we haven't been getting in those situations."

Obed Mendoza and Justin Akkerman both singled to lead off the top of the seventh inning, but Castillo closed out the threat, striking out Tanner West for one of his four strike outs in relief of Ortiz. Escobar then lined out to Anthony Lopez at first to end the game.

"Nobody gave us much a chance to even win a game in district," Hodges said. "Now we're 2-0. That's good, but we're going to keep on going."

Hereford 11, Borger 7
Saturday
Borger 000 214 0-8 121
Hereford 110 603 x-11 133
Orozco, Minary (4) and Akkerman, Ortiz, Castillo (5) and Zambrano, WP--Ortiz, LP--Orozco, 2B--HHS: Lopez, 3B--HHS: McLaughlin, HR--BHS: Escobar, Records--Hereford 7-8, 2-0; Borger 6-11, 0-2, T-2:13, A--150 est.
Next game: at Amarillo Caprock, 4:30 p.m. Tuesday.

Hereford JV 17, Borger JV 16
Saturday
Borger JV 220 106 6-16 1313
Hereford JV 021 714 2-17 1113
Newell and Phillips, H. Zambrano, Lacey (5) and Pateck, WP--H. Zambrano (2-0), LP--Newell, S--Lacey (1), 2B--BHS: Lawson, Abie, HHS: Daniel, Pateck, 3B--HHS: Campbell, Records--HHS 5-3.
Next game: at Muleshoe, 4:30 p.m., 8:30 p.m. Friday.

Rodeo

Tri-State High School Rodeo Association
Event at Childress
Saturday
Hereford Results
Call Roping: 2. T.J. Good 9 points, 5. Monty Lewis 6
Ribbon Roping: 1. Rodey Wilson 10, 2. Monty Lewis 9
Team Roping: 4. Monty Lewis/Koby Smith 7, 7. Kip Kendrick/Ty Boggeman 4, 8. Kip Kendrick/Peccos Alford 3, 9. Joe Mac Boggeman/Clint McCoy 2
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the problems."

Both Hereford boys and girls tennis teams will play in a non-district tournament Friday and Saturday in Pampa. Coplen will be looking for improvement.

"We're not where I wanted us to be at this point," he said. "We can play better."

Beef Capital of the World Invitational Tennis Tournament at Whiteface Courts and Hereford Country Club Friday-Saturday
Team Standings: 1. Dumas 110 points, 2. Snyder 98, 3. Midland Lee 96, 4. Hereford 84, 5. Andrews 63, 6. Fort Stockton 61, 7. Canyon Randall 59, 8. Perryton 46

Hereford Results
Boys
Brent Berend def. Jeremy Gage, Perryton, 6-2, 6-0; def. Allan Smith, Snyder, 6-2, 6-4; Trent Broach, Lee, def. Berend 7-6, 7-0; Berend def. P.J. Haney, Fort Stockton, 6-5, 7-5; Andrew Carr def. Justin Joyner, Perryton, 6-1, 6-1; Haney, Fort Stockton, def. Carr 6-4, 4-6, 6-3; Carr def. Andrew Farrar, Andrews, 7-6, 1-6, 6-1; Carr def. Allan Smith, Snyder, 6-3, 6-2

Girls
Natalie Alexander, Snyder, def. Learn Bivens, default, Bivens def. Sarah Snow, Andrews, 6-0, 6-4; Alynn Marquez, Fort Stockton, def. Bivens 4-6, 6-2; Natasha Bryant, Randall, def. Bivens 7-6 (7-4), 6-4; Holly Weishaar def. Nicole Hugin, Fort Stockton, 4-6, 6-1, 6-2; def. Jordan Hardin, Snyder, 3-6, 6-0, 6-1; def. Stephanie Lechner, Dumas, 6-4, 6-2; def. Jennifer Cade, Dumas, 7-5, 6-4

Doubles
Overbeck/Thompson, Andrews, def. Bryant/Riley 6-3, 6-0; Bryant/Riley def. Symons/Hall, Perryton, score unavailable; Pedregosa/Ames, Dumas, def. Bryant/Riley 6-2, 6-0; Settle/Sessler, Randall, def. Bryant/Riley 3-6, 6-4, 7-2; Dettler/Kriegshauser def. Ragsdale/Nowlin, Perryton, 6-0, 6-2; VoHoler, Lee, def. Dettler/Kriegshauser 6-3, 6-2; Sanchez/Cotton, Snyder, def. Dettler/Kriegshauser 7-6 (7-1), 6-3; Mardock/Love, Randall, def. Dettler/Kriegshauser 6-3, 6-3

Tourney

Hereford in the second round. The Hornets' Cory Mahaney earned medalist honors, firing two rounds of 75 for a tournament total of 150.

"I think, overall, we played pretty good," Bixler said. "We learned some things. We had all of our district here, plus Tulla, and they're probably going to go to state (in Class 3A). We had a good field here."

Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce Invitational Golf Tournament at John Pittman Municipal Golf Course Friday-Saturday
Girls
Team Results: 1. Pampa 342-325-667, Hereford 367-386-753, 3. Borger 390-373-763, 4. Canyon Randall 397-387-784, 15. Perryton 409-390-799, 15. Canyon 415-385-799, 7. Muleshoe 405-367-802, 8. Dumas 418-394-812, 9. Friona 432-390-822, 10. Amarillo River Road 425-402-827, 11. Tulla 414-428-842, 12. Amarillo Caprock 441-459-900, 13. Dalhart 462-NS-NS, 14. Hereford "B" NS-474-NS

Medalists: 1. Cory Mahaney, Tulla, 75-75-150; 2. Stewart Dodson, Perryton, 76-77-153; 3. Adam Roberts, Borger, 82-74-156; 4. Evan Hayes, Borger, 80-80-160; 15. Matt Heasley, Pampa, 78-83-161; 15. Nathan Barner, Pampa, 78-82-161

Hereford Results: Peyton Ward 87-76-163, Bryant McNutt 87-77-164, Heath Henderson 86-78-166, Thomas Maldonado 91-76-167, Cody Sargent 89-85-174

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with a time of 4:10.85.

On the boys side, the Whitefaces finished in third with 75 points. Palo Duro won the boys division with 125 points.

"We wanted to win the meet, but Palo Duro is just too strong," Hereford head boys coach Joe Cabezuca said. "Their field events is what killed us. They racked up a bunch of points in the field events."

Hereford got a pair of firsts -- both in the running events -- from Henry Hernandez and the 1,600-meter relay team.

"The kids did a good job, considering the circumstances," Cabezuca said. "When you're home, you have a lot more distractions than another meet."

Hernandez won the 400-meter final with a time of 51.75 seconds.

"He did a great job, again," Cabezuca said. "He's pretty steady."

Hereford also got something of a pleasant surprise during the two-day meet. Tim Dudley, who's also on the golf team, won the junior varsity division high jump final with a leap of 6 feet, 2 inches.

"We've probably found a kid who can high jump varsity for us," Cabezuca said. "This was his first meet. We'll bring him up (to varsity) this week."

Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce Invitational Track Meet at Whiteface Field Friday-Saturday
Boys
Team Results: 1. Amarillo Palo Duro 125 points, 2. Plainview 85, 3. Hereford 75, 4. Lubbock High 64, 5. Amarillo Caprock 49, 6. Pampa 38, 17. Canyon Randall 37, 17. Canyon 37, 9. Levelland 32, 10. Amarillo River Road

Hereford Top 7 Placers
100m: 7. Nick Whitley 11.81(w)
400m: 1. Henry Hernandez 51.75, 5. Clay Brown 53.53
800m: 7. Morris Penaber 2:11.90
1,600m: 2. James Mather 4:56.60
3,200m: 6. Mather 11:25.4

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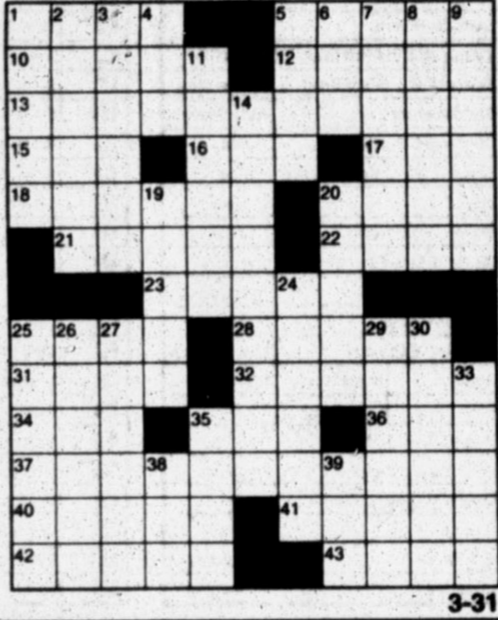
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GINGRICH BOOK

Newt blames himself for GOP slips since '94



Newt Gingrich

WASHINGTON (AP) - Blaming himself for some of the Republicans' darker days, House Speaker Newt Gingrich says in a new book that he underestimated President Clinton during a budget showdown and wasn't paying attention when party colleagues were plotting against him.

And he got heavy. In "Lessons Learned The Hard Way, A Personal History," Gingrich describes mistakes and miscalculations that have hampered his leadership since the heady days of the Republican takeover of Congress in 1994.

He also says, "I am astonished at how badly I underestimated the size and intensity of the problems that would confront me as speaker."

Liberals and the news media have waged a concerted campaign to undermine his leadership, he says, but more important were his own failures.

He recalls the public relations disaster of his complaining about having to exit from the rear of Air Force One on a presidential trip, his failure to read public sentiments in the government shutdown of 1995, the pain of facing ethics charges in 1996, his mishandling of disaster relief funds in 1997 and his shock last

summer at finding his colleagues were trying to unseat him.

"Sometimes even very experienced people can be utterly naive," he writes.

The problems can be physical as well as political.

One of his low points, he said, was before the president's State of the

Union address in February 1997, when Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott came by his office and advised him on how to sit on the podium "so as to minimize for the camera how overweight I had let myself become. I was bathed in embarrassment; things had obviously gone pretty far downhill."

Gingrich ends the book on a high note, saying he has learned his lessons and sees a bright future for a GOP-led government dedicated to a balanced budget, lower taxes and a prosperous and well-educated nation.

He suggests that Republicans might emulate Sen. Edward Kennedy, the liberal Democrat from Massachusetts. "We on our side are as yet not nearly as tenacious, as firm, as clear about our ends, nor as clever in our tactics as the good senator."

The Georgia conservative with a reputation for confrontational politics said he wanted to achieve too much too quickly in his early days as speaker. He said it was "inexcusable" that he, as a former Republican whip, failed to factor in the different agenda of the Senate and the power of the presidential veto pen.

He said he mistakenly viewed

Clinton as a weak president when Republicans forced a showdown over the budget in 1995. The ensuing struggle and government shutdown, blamed by many on the Republicans, hurt Bob Dole's chances in the 1996 election, he said.

Gingrich talks of the "agony" of late 1996 when Democrats had made advances at the polls, his father was dying and he was faced with ethics charges that had Republicans questioning his right to keep his job.

He won re-election as speaker after telling his colleagues how sorry he was for the problems he had caused. But he says he was tired, "and I was about to mishandle a legislative proposal in a way that would keep the problems coming."

That was an emergency funding bill to help the Dakotas and other areas of the country hit hard by natural disasters. Republicans tried to link passage to other measures concerning government shutdowns and the census, holding up passage. "We began once more to do what we had shown ourselves so adept at, namely, whipping ourselves into a do-or-die commitment."

He said that debacle in part led to the coup attempt that summer.

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Names in the News

"THE X-FILES"

VANCOUVER, British Columbia (AP) - The most popular television series ever shot in Canada is moving to Los Angeles.

Chris Carter, creator-producer of "The X-Files," told the cast and crew Friday night that the highly rated Fox-TV series would be leaving British Columbia for Hollywood next season.

Rumors that the popular series would leave Vancouver have been circulating for months; stars David Duchovny and Gillian Anderson both live in Los Angeles.

The show's publicist, Stephen Melnik, confirmed the move and said an official announcement would be made later this week.

"It's difficult to be away from your family for that long," said Tom Adair, business representative for "The X-Files" production union. "That's the only reason that would make any sense - not economic sense, it's emotional sense."

CHARLTON HESTON

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. (AP) - Charlton Heston says the Clinton White House reminds him of some characters in "The Wizard of Oz."

But the 75-year-old Heston told people at a fund-raiser for Rep. Roy Blunt on Saturday that "you'll have to sort out for yourself who they are."

Blunt, also without naming names, said some Clinton aides remind him of the Scarecrow (no brain), the Tin Man (no heart), the Lion (no courage) and the Wizard (a phony).

Heston, a vice president of the National Rifle Association, said "the fabric of our culture" is being torn apart and that the country seems to have become "a nation of warring gypsy camps, each with its own agenda."

Blunt, who is seeking a second term from a conservative southwest Missouri district, also said tighter gun control laws would not have prevented the tragedy at an elementary school in Jonesboro, Ark., in which four children and their teacher were gunned down, allegedly by two young students.

PAUL NEWMAN KEVIN COSTNER

CRISFIELD, Md. (AP) - The unwelcome mat is out for Paul Newman and Kevin Costner.

The duo are having a difficult time finding a community that will welcome filming of their new movie "Message in a Bottle." Residents on Tangier Island in Virginia and Martha's Vineyard in Massachusetts

have both rejected filming so far.

Tangier Island officials nixed filming earlier this month amid objections to script content, while Martha's Vineyard towns of Gay Head and Chilmark refused the movie due to concerns over potential damages to sand dunes.

The Maryland Film Office spent much of last week showing location scouts possible locales around the Chesapeake Bay. "We have shown them everything they could possibly see in Maryland," said Maryland Film Office Director Mike Styer.

Communities in Maine and the Carolinas remain on Warner's list, too.

CHRISTINA CRAWFORD

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Christina Crawford isn't finished yet with her "Mommie Dearest."

Twenty years after publishing the tell-all book about being abused by her adoptive mother, actress Joan Crawford, Ms. Crawford is hitting the road to promote a 400-page revision.

"I put in eyewitness accounts that had come to me after the book was published. It's now a complete chronicle of a very turbulent and chaotic, and compelling, and in some instances, loving relationship that covers almost 40 years," she said.

Ms. Crawford, 58, begins a series of speaking engagements Wednesday at the Royal Theater in Los Angeles. "April Fool's" with Christina Crawford" will also tour Seattle, New York and Chicago.

The evening will include a showing of the 1981 movie "Mommie Dearest," starring Faye Dunaway, though Crawford has criticized the film as "a piece of fiction."

The new book, which Ms. Crawford published by herself, is available through the Internet.

Joan Crawford, who starred in such movies as "Mildred Pierce," "Whatever Happened to Baby Jane?" and "Autumn Leaves," died in 1970.

MACAULAY CULKIN

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Macaulay Culkin won't be home alone anymore.

The "Home Alone" star is marrying actress Rachel Miner. Both are 17.

"We're so happy and proud that we found each other at such a young age. We look forward to spending our lives together," the couple said in a statement Monday.

No wedding date has been set, they said. Miss Miner co-stars in "The Diary of Anne Frank" on Broadway.

AXYDLBAAXR IS LONGFELLOW

One letter stands for another. In this sample A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

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HEALTH

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percent are indemnity. Indemnity insurance generally means the insured individual is reimbursed by the insurance company for medical expenses. Indemnity payments relates only to specific covered loss for health care costs incurred by the insured.

The figures show the local percentage of Medicare/Medicaid patients are significantly higher than the national average, which is 22 percent (Medicare) and 12 percent Medicaid.

The courtesy physicians - doctors, generally specialists, outside Deaf Smith County who have staff privileges at Hereford Regional Medical Center - have a lower percentage of Medicare/Medicaid patients.

Of the non-local physicians, 45 percent of their patients are on Medicare/Medicaid; 24 percent are covered by PPO/HMO plans; 15 percent are covered by major medical plans; and 16 percent are self pay or don't pay for services.

The other local figures are more in line with the national averages, which show 26 percent of the patients are members of PPOs/HMOs, 9 percent are self pay, 10 percent others, and 21 percent indemnity.

In looking at the physicians' workload, the average Deaf Smith County doctor will see 19 patients per day.

The survey shows that family practice physicians average 21 patients per day; internal medicine, 16; pediatrics, 13.

The physicians also stated the average wait for current patient to receive an appointment is a half-day, with six of nine saying they could see the patient on the same day.

Four of nine physicians said a new patient would be seen on the same day, but the average wait is almost two days. All nine physicians said they would see an emergency patient on the same day.

The non-surgical physicians reported they averaged 39.7 hours per week. A total of 12 hours of access is available on Saturday morning, while there is seven hours of access available after 5 p.m. on weekdays.

The major insurance carriers used by local patients is First Care, followed closely by Blue Cross/Blue Shield, HMO Blue and Insurance Management Services.

As for managed care provider networks, most of the local physicians belong to HMO Blue, First Care and Providence HCS.

EMPLOYER HEALTH BENEFITS

The partners also conducted a survey of local employers. A total of 37 surveys were mailed, with a total response of 20 (54 percent).

The responses were from six of the top nine employers (90-plus employees); nine from employers of 26-89 employees; and five from employers of 25 or fewer employees.

The responses showed that the PPO managed care plan is the preferred health care option for local employers, with nine (45 percent) offering PPO plans, seven (35 percent) offering major medical (indemnity) plans, and four offering HMO (20 percent) plans. Two employers offer both indemnity and PPO options.

The characteristics of the employers who offer health benefit packages show that four of the seven who offer major medical plans have fewer than 40 employees; three of the four that offer HMOs have more than 70 employees; and those offering PPOs range in size from 18 to 482 employees.

The survey also found 99 percent of the employees are eligible for the company's HMO plan; 95 percent are eligible for the PPO plan; and 60 percent of all employees are eligible for the major medical plan.

The local employers generally subsidize more than half of the premium costs for their employees. Seventy-seven of the companies contribute more than half of the employee's premium, while 23 percent contribute to the dependent coverage.

The average monthly premium for an employee is \$200 for the major medical plan; \$117, PPO; and \$161, HMO. The average cost to the employee for coverage, according to the responses, is \$36 for PPO plans; \$40 for HMO plans; and \$0 for major medical plans.

Family premiums generally cost about 2.5 times more than the individual (employee) coverage. The average cost for family premiums is \$464 per month, major medical plans; \$341 per month, PPO; and \$478, HMO.

According to the responses, the average employee contribution for dependent premiums is \$225 for major medical plans; \$262, PPOs; and \$263, HMOs.

Wednesday: Physician need and shortage analysis

HMO

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data to determine whether a plan will get its seal of approval.

Beginning next year, 25 percent of a plan's score will come from that data and from consumer-satisfaction surveys. No plan will be able to earn an "excellent" rating if it does not do well compared with other HMOs.

In the past, HMOs have been judged only on their systems and policies.

Probe ordered into delay of report

DENVER (AP) - An anonymous 911 caller told police he saw three or four men fighting. He saw one of them dragged to a "new yellow car" and saw the men open the trunk.

Those details were never relayed to officers at the scene, who searched aimlessly for 58 minutes before they found the body of Mostapha Maarouf stuffed in the trunk of his Yellow Cab.

Denver's police chief ordered an internal investigation Monday into whether the lapse in procedure contributed to the death of Maarouf, a 27-year-old Moroccan immigrant.

"We can't answer that question yet. That will become clearer as soon as we get a full

autopsy report," Police Chief David Michael said.

Initially, police said neighbors in the middle-class neighborhood saw Maarouf being beaten and thrown into his trunk, and that no one called 911. They later confirmed they had received two calls while the attack was in progress: one from the taxi driver's friend who was at the scene, and one from a neighbor who was at the scene, and one from a neighbor.

Dispatchers told the officers in the field about the two calls, but left out the details. The officers canvassed the neighborhood for an hour looking for Maarouf before they located the man who initially gave the dispatcher many of the details of the attack.

Administration charges GOP's budget leading to gridlock

WASHINGTON (AP) - A Republican-written \$1.73 trillion budget for fiscal 1999 would stifle President Clinton's plans to expand education and other domestic programs and force a legislative showdown this fall, a top White House official says.

The Senate planned to continue debating that spending plan today during Congress' busiest week so far this election year. The House also planned votes today on a \$2.9 billion

measure financing emergency needs for U.S. troops in Bosnia and the Persian Gulf and for repairs to damage caused in the United States by this winter's El Nino storms.

The White House has objected that the House measure omits requested money for the International Monetary Fund and U.S. dues owed to the United Nations, and is paid for with cuts in low-income housing, airport projects, bilingual education and the Americorps national service program.

The administration threatened Monday to veto the bill if it contains the spending cuts.

On Wednesday, the House will vote on a \$217 billion transportation bill mapping highway and mass transit projects for the next six years. The administration says that measure would spend too much money.

White House officials also oppose the Senate budget because it would use any funds from a possible tobacco settlement to bolster Medicare.

Clinton wants to use that money to hire elementary school teachers, enhance child care and create anti-smoking programs.

"The question is do we ignore our priority of education in order to satisfy every possible highway and transit need identified on the Hill," White House budget director Franklin Raines told reporters Monday.

The result, said Raines, is that there may not be enough money left for administration priorities. And he

warned that when the budget's nonbinding proposals for specific programs get translated into actual spending bills this fall, Republicans "are headed to the same problems they had in 1995 and 1996."

Those were the years when budget showdowns between Clinton and Congress produced two federal shutdowns - both of which most people blamed Republicans for, polls showed.

Bob Stevenson, spokesman for the

Senate Budget Committee chairman, Sen. Pete Domenici, R-N.M., said the GOP budget included \$8 billion more for education than in 1997, wrapped into a block grant states could use for any education purposes.

Raines' effort to raise the administration's budget demands came as the fiscal fights that dominated the news for the past several years have faded into the background.

Gun laws examined

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) - The barrage of gunfire that killed five at a middle school a week ago has some Arkansas lawmakers calling for changes in the state's gun laws.

Juveniles who are convicted of murder can buy, carry and use handguns immediately upon their release from state supervision - at age 18. While adults convicted of felonies may never again possess a gun, youngsters are considered juvenile delinquents, not felons.

That disparity has incensed many legislators, horrified at the possibility that the two boys accused of slaying four girls and a teacher on March 24 at Jonesboro's Westside Middle School could legally tote guns the moment they are set free.

"As far as I'm concerned, when you murder five people you've forfeited your rights to guns forever," said Sen. Gene Roebuck, a Democrat from Jonesboro. "I don't think you can ever be trusted with guns again."

The slayings of four students and a teacher - and the age of the two boys accused of the crime - have focused national attention on the state. Attorney General Janet Reno and Gov. Mike Huckabee were to attend a community memorial service today, with videotaped comments from President Clinton, who is in Africa.

Mitchell Johnson, 13, and Andrew Golden, 11, face five counts of murder as juveniles. Both are younger than 14, the minimum age required to be charged as an adult in Arkansas.

Some states, including Iowa and North Dakota, have laws restricting adults who were convicted as juveniles from possessing guns. Most states do not.

"This isn't just an Arkansas problem," said Stephen Teret, director of the Johns Hopkins Center for Gun Policy and Research in Baltimore.

Under Arkansas law, anybody of any age can buy and possess a rifle. Those under 18 cannot buy handguns, but can possess them. Police said the boys in the Jonesboro slayings had three rifles and seven pistols when they opened fire last week.

Arkansas legislators now drafting bills for the 1999 session appear divided about whether adults convicted as juveniles should be barred from guns for life - or just for a long time.

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News in brief

Over ranchers' gripes, agency releases wolves into the wild

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) - It's a day environmentalists have dreamed of - 11 endangered Mexican gray wolves free in the woods along the New Mexico state line. For ranchers, it's a nightmare.

The wolves in three family groups were released Sunday into the 7,000-square-mile Blue Range Wolf Recovery Area in the Apache and Gila national forests.

The wolves' radio collars indicate most are still within a mile of the pens. The animals are starting to explore, said Hans Stuart, a spokesman for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Biologists hope the females will give birth this year to the first wild-born Mexican wolves in the United States in nearly a half-century.

Environmentalists have called the reintroduction a giant step toward restoring a damaged ecosystem.

Scientists study urine substance that fights AIDS-related diseases

NEW YORK (AP) - Something in a pregnant woman's urine can wipe out tumors of Kaposi's sarcoma, an AIDS-related cancer, and suppress HIV itself. But what is it?

After a false start, scientists say they're on the trail to finding out.

It all began with a chance observation a few years ago in a study of Kaposi's, a potentially lethal disorder that causes disfiguring skin lesions in people with AIDS. Researchers were creating Kaposi's in mice for study, and they noticed they couldn't get the disease to develop in pregnant females.

Apparently, something related to pregnancy was quashing the disease. A hormone called human chorionic gonadotropin, or hCG, is produced early in human pregnancies, so it seemed like a good candidate. Researchers reported in 1995 that doses of commercial hCG preparations killed Kaposi's cells in the laboratory and shrank Kaposi's tumors in mice.

Man convicted in Malcolm X's death land key role at mosque

NEW YORK (AP) - One of three men sent to prison for killing Malcolm X has been appointed to help run the mosque where the civil rights leader once preached.

Muhammad Abdul Aziz, who spent 19 years behind bars for the slaying, was chosen for the new post by the Nation of Islam. At a news conference Monday outside Mosque No. 7 in Harlem, Aziz denied that he played a role in the assassination - and said a new lie-detector test proves it.

"I did not kill Malcolm X," said the 59-year-old Aziz, who has always proclaimed his innocence. He was paroled in 1985.

Aziz said he will head the mosque and would also be Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan's new regional chief, assigned to reorganize the group's paramilitary Fruit of Islam guards, largely dormant since Malcolm X was killed.

Malcolm X was gunned down at the Audubon Ballroom in Harlem on Feb. 21, 1965. Aziz and two other men were sent to prison for the slaying.

Auditors contend government bookkeeping in disarray

WASHINGTON (AP) - For the first time in history, the Clinton administration has produced a detailed financial statement for the federal government showing its assets and liabilities.

Congressional auditors, however, contended that the document is badly flawed and shows how much needs to be done to get control of the government's books.

The General Accounting Office, which reviewed the financial statement prepared for 24 major agencies, said it showed that billions of dollars in government transactions and property can't be properly accounted for.

"Significant financial system weaknesses ... prevent the government from accurately reporting a large portion of its assets, liabilities and costs," the GAO said in a review that will be the subject of a congressional hearing on Wednesday.

Jones lawyers ask court to admit Lewinsky material

WASHINGTON (AP) - Two months after the trial judge rejected the use of Monica Lewinsky-related evidence in Paula Jones' lawsuit against President Clinton, Mrs. Jones' lawyers are asking an appeals court to allow the information into the sexual harassment case.

The Jones attorneys were filing written arguments today with the 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in St. Louis, hoping to use Ms. Lewinsky's case as another example of Clinton connecting sex with employment.

The president has denied any sexual encounter with either Mrs. Jones while he was governor of Arkansas or Ms. Lewinsky at the White House.

A former Miss America whose testimony is being sought in the Jones' lawsuit, Elizabeth Ward Gracen, has told the *New York Daily News* that she had sex with Clinton when he was governor of Arkansas, but she insists it was consensual.

Gore announces improvements to civilian GPS system

WASHINGTON (AP) - Vice President Al Gore says the government will triple the number of signals available for civilian use from the Global Positioning System, which provides pinpoint location information around the world.

Gore said Monday the upgrade should overcome atmospheric distortion that affects the current lone civilian signal by providing companion channels to check for accuracy.

The announcement builds on another one made in 1996, when the Clinton administration said that over the next 10 years it will eliminate small errors intentionally inserted into GPS to guard against its misuse by non-Pentagon users.

Taken together, the changes mean that by the middle of the next decade, hand-held GPS receivers sold to civilians should soon be able to pinpoint locations within 33 feet - 10 times as close as the current range of 325 feet.

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