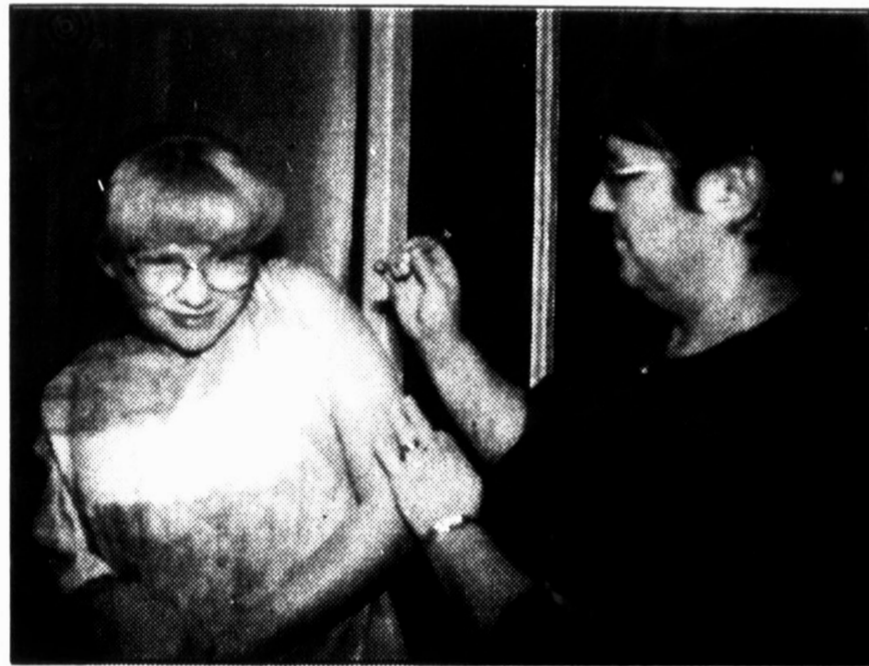


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Getting the point

Hepatitis B is a serious problem that affects people of all ages, with more than 240,000 people affected in the United States.



Amanda McElmurry (at left) winces as nurse Mary Ann Warren administers a Hepatitis B vaccination. Xavier Crox (below) closes his eyes and grins when he receives his shot. The Hepatitis B vaccinations were administered Wednesday to sixth-grade students at Shirley Intermediate School. Students at Bluebonnet and West Central schools were in line for their vaccinations today. The shots were provided free of charge by Hereford Independent School District.

Dianna F. Dandridge/Brand

HISD 6th graders get first in series of hepatitis shots

By Dianna F. Dandridge
Hereford Brand Staff Writer

You better not pout! You better not cry, 'cause you're going to get a shot anyway.

That may be what many Hereford sixth-graders are thinking as they line up for the first of a series of three free Hepatitis B vaccines.

Sixth-grade students should have brought home a permission slip during October, granting the school permission to include the children in the free vaccination program.

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Vaccinations were administered Wednesday at Shirley Intermediate School and were scheduled today at both Bluebonnet and West Central.

Parents were asked to be on hand for the first of the three shots. The rest of the series will be administered during the next three months.

According to information from the department health, Hepatitis B is a highly infectious viral disease which attacks the liver and can lead to severe illness, including liver damage, cancer and sometimes even death.

Children born on or after Sept. 2, 1992, will have the vaccinations included in the



regular series of childhood immunizations.

As of September 1998, all children just entering school had to at least be in the process of getting the required vaccinations.

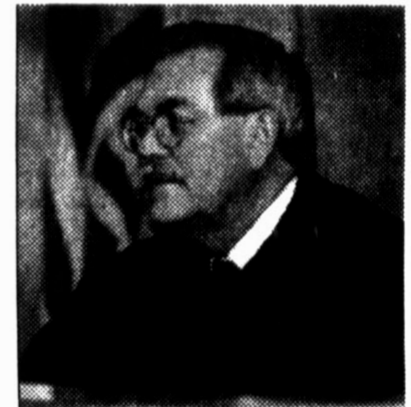
The Texas Department of Health is working with schools

trying to vaccinate as many children as possible.

"There hasn't been any outbreak," said Jack Stein, Hereford Independent School District public information officer. "This is just a public service for the students in the district."

Early voters made up the largest single bloc, with 1,364 residents casting ballots. On Election Day, Precinct 3 drew the heaviest traffic, with 812 voters visiting the polls.

County turnout topped Texas



County Judge Tom Simons ... Leading vote-getter

Deaf Smith County voters apparently were much more civic-minded than their counterparts around the state and nation.

Of the 8,460 registered voters in the county, 3,485, or 41.2 percent, cast ballots. That compares with about 32.5 percent in the rest of the state.

County Judge Tom Simons pulled in the most votes in the county, garnering 2,802 to outpace Gov. George W. Bush, who garnered 2,761 votes in his re-election bid.

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The ballot also allowed voters to cast straight party votes. Of the voters who cast straight party ballots, 756 were Republicans; 466, Democrats; 29, Libertarian.

In in the congressional race, incumbent Larry Combest, a Lubbock Republican, also followed the national trend, which saw only six incumbent House members go down to defeat; 401 House incumbents were re-elected.

Combest was never seriously challenged by Democrat Sidney Blankenship, an environmental activist who raises exotic animals near Adrian.

Blankenship's campaign was low-key from the beginning, and his attempt to focus attention on the environment never caught fire with the electorate.

In Deaf Smith County, Combest swept every precinct as he rolled up 77.9 percent of the vote. Blankenship did best in Precincts 2 and 3, which cast ballots at the courthouse and Hereford Junior High School, picking up 130 votes at each polling place.

Bush easily outpolled his Democratic opponent, Land Commissioner Garry Mauro, in the county, carrying every precinct by large margins. Mauro's best showing was in Precinct 3, where he picked up 109 votes.

Deaf Smith County voters followed the statewide trend by supporting all of the Republican candidates, from Bush through the judicial candidates.

At home, GOP candidate Jean Schumacher, a legal secretary for Hereford attorney Rex W. Easterwood, defeated Democrat Darla Hale in the race for 222nd District Court clerk.

Hale, who is assistant district clerk, had stressed her 15 years of experience in the office, but the voters decided to go with a new face.

The position opened after Lola Faye Veazey, who has held the position for more than two decades, decided not to seek re-election.

Schumacher's victory was complete, as she swept every precinct. She tallied 1,990 votes to 1,297 for Hale.

The closest county race was for Precinct 4 commissioner, where incumbent Johnny Latham eked out a six-vote margin over Republican Jerry O'Connor. Latham picked up 377 votes, while O'Connor garnered 371.

In the early voting, Latham managed a one-vote margin, picking up 111 votes to 110 for O'Connor.

Latham's best showing was in the Hereford Community Center polling place, where he picked up 213 votes to 132 for O'Connor, and at the Palo Duro Baptist Church polling place. At the church, Latham had 48 votes to just seven for O'Connor.

In the other county commissioner's race, Democrat Sammy Gonzales Sr. outpolled Republican Steve Hoffman, 313-276.

In the early voting, Gonzales had a 16-vote edge, 117-101, while he outpaced Hoffman 196-175 in the polling place at the courthouse.

The Libertarian Party, which managed to field candidates for most of the non-judicial statewide offices, received its best showing in Deaf Smith County from Larry S. Perry, the sole Libertarian candidate for the bench.

Perry received 484 votes in the county as he challenged Republican Larry Meyers for the Place 3 seat on the Court of Criminal Appeals.

Two other Libertarian candidates polled more than 100 votes in Deaf Smith County. J. Manuel "Monte" Montez, candidate for land commissioner, received 152 votes; Anthony Garcia, who was the party's nominee for lieutenant governor, picked up 115 votes.

In the early voting, 350 voters cast straight party ballots for the Republicans, while 156 Democrats cast similar ballots. Just seven voters favored a straight-party vote for Libertarians.

Fund sets date to take applications

Special to The Brand

Hereford's home-Grown holiday charity, the Christmas Stocking Fund, will be accepting applications for assistance from the 1998 program November 10-12.

Sign-ups will be held for only three days this year, but daily hours will be extended. Applications will be accepted in the west end of the Community Center from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day.

The Tri-County chapter of the American Red Cross, although not affiliated with CSF, will be providing volunteers to handle CSF applications.

Those registering for assistance must provide some form of personal identification and proof of Deaf Smith County residence. If applicants are seeking help with water, gas or electric bills, copies of those bills and appropriate account numbers are required.

CSF will enter its eighteenth season of operation in Hereford and Deaf Smith County this year. This year's fundraising campaign will

mark a dozen seasons of grassroots operation within the community following restructuring of CSF in 1986.

The Christmas Stocking Fund is run by a committee of anonymous volunteers representing a broad cross-section of the community.

CSF is a holiday charity based strictly on the generosity of the residents of Hereford and Deaf Smith County. It is not affiliated with any governmental entity, nor with any other organization. The charity assists the less fortunate of Hereford and Deaf Smith County during the Christmas season.

CSF volunteers screen applications and make the tough calls on assistance to be extended, keeping in mind that they must operate within a budget that is dictated by the sum of donations. Priority is given to the needs of children and the elderly.

The local charity assists with food, clothing, utility and medical expenses, and other special needs. CSF is funded strictly by

CSF made the holiday a little brighter for 140 families in 1997. Contributions to CSF hit a new record high last year of \$21,772, eclipsing the old record of \$21,451 that was set in 1993.

the caring and sharing of the local community.

The Hereford Brand serves as the official collection point for CSF funds, and periodically publishes listings of CSF donors.

The Brand will begin accepting donations immediately after Thanksgiving.

Donations may be made in person at The Brand at 313 Lee Avenue, or they may be mailed to CSF in care of The Brand at Box 673, Hereford 79045.

Donors wishing to remain anonymous should notify The Brand at the time that they give their gift. The Brand will maintain a running tally of CSF contributions.

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1997. Contributions to CSF hit a new record high last year of \$21,772, eclipsing the old record of \$21,451 that was set in 1993.

CSF's third-highest fundraising total came in 1989, when donations hit \$20,718.

Among the less fortunate families that got help from CSF in 1997 were eight households coping with cancer. Help also went out to homes burdened with Alzheimer's disease, blindness, domestic violence, heart disease, paralysis, and parents in prison.

Food baskets, including a ten-pound turkey and a variety of staples, were delivered to 45 families that included 72 adults and 94 children, including 11 elderly and six disabled recipients.

Uncertainty didn't slow consumers from visiting the stores

NEW YORK (AP) — Uncertainty about the slowing economy and volatile stock market didn't stall consumer spending in October, with many of the nation's retailers today reporting healthy sales gains for the month.

Even with October's gains reported by major chain stores, many merchants still remain cautious with their expectations for the upcoming holiday season, especially given the fickleness of consumers today.

"For the first time in five years, many retailers aren't

saying this is going to be a great Christmas," said Jeffrey Feiner, managing director at Lehman Brothers Inc. "But it's premature to say exactly what will happen."

Retailers were experiencing one of their best years in recent history until late summer, when global economic and political turmoil began to slow the U.S. economy, sent the stock market plunging and dampened consumer confidence.

After a steep decline on Wall Street the first week of the

month, many anticipated a disastrous October. Sentiment improved as stocks surged at midmonth. The Dow Jones industrial average finished October with its biggest one-month gain since January 1987.

"The consumer was not in the negative mood in October that many had expected," said Walter Loeb, who runs the retail consulting firm Loeb Associates. "Yes, everyone felt poor at the beginning of the month, but that had relatively little to do with how the con-

sumer spent for the entire month."

The Labor Department reported that the nation's employers added 116,000 positions to their payrolls in October, suggesting U.S. economic growth is slowing.

The figure was at least 80,000 smaller than most economists were predicting. September's payroll increase was revised to 157,000, up from an earlier estimate of 69,000.

The figures were scheduled for release Friday morning, but

were inadvertently posted today on the Bureau of Labor Statistics site on the Internet.

They were confirmed by Bill Parks, a special assistant to BLS Commissioner Katharine G. Abraham.

Also today, the Labor Department reported that the number of first-time claims for unemployment benefits rose last week by 10,000 to a seasonally adjusted 312,000.

For retail sales, discount stores, including Wal-Mart and Kmart, were the big winners

in October, with their low prices continuing to attract budget-conscious shoppers.

Also faring well were specialty clothing chains, especially the Gap Inc., which includes Banana Republic and Old Navy stores.

Department stores suffered through another month of disappointing sales. With the warmer-than-normal weather through much of the country, they couldn't drive shoppers to their stores to buy fall clothing.

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Syndicated Columnist

Ann Landers



Ann Landers

Dear Ann Landers: For 20 years, I had a wonderful relationship with my mother-in-law, "Edna." Six months ago, everything

changed. Here's why: My 18-year-old daughter, "Tiffany," applied for telephone service when she moved to her own apartment. The phone company denied her application because their records showed she owed \$500 for service at a previous residence — my mother-in-law's address.

It seems that two years ago, Edna couldn't get phone service in her own name because of her bad credit history, so she used Tiffany's name AND her Social Security number. The phone company told us that in order to clear Tiffany's record, we would have to file a fraud report, which we did. I was so angry, I told Edna, "I can't believe you would do that to your own granddaughter." Edna replied, "Well, I can't believe you would file fraud charges against me!" She still hasn't apologized.

My feelings for Edna have totally changed. I will be part of this family for the rest of my life, and I need your advice on how to deal with this. — Ticked Off in Texas

Dear Texas: Your mother-in-law should not have used Tiffany's name and Social Security number surreptitiously, and you should not have filed charges against her. Relatives don't do that to one another. You should have paid the \$500 to clear Tiffany's record and then insisted Edna pay you back over a period of time.

Call Edna, and tell her, "Ann Landers said we should forgive one another, wipe the slate clean and put the past behind us." Let me know what happens.

Dear Ann Landers: A neighbor asked me to take care of his two golden retrievers and two cats while he went out of town for 10 days. I had watched his dogs once before for two days, and he paid me \$10, so I said, "Fine." I fed the dogs twice a day, gave medication to one, fed the cats and cleaned up after them.

When my neighbor returned, not only did he not pay me, he didn't even say "thank you." I called a kennel and asked what they would charge for the same service. They said, "About \$400." I am 12 years old and don't have any other way to earn money. I think my neighbor feels

guilty because he is avoiding me. How should I handle this? — Virginia Beach, Va.

Dear Va.: Tell your neighbor you are sorry you waited so long to collect for taking care of his pets when he was away. Be pleasant, and say, "I should have set a price, but since I didn't, I will be glad to accept whatever you give me."

Let this be a lesson to you. Next time you expect to be paid for a service, write the agreement on a piece of paper and have the person sign it.

Dear Ann Landers: My daughter, "Charlotte," invited 20 children to her birthday party. It dawned on me that if each child brought a \$10 gift, Charlotte would receive \$200 worth of gifts she probably wouldn't appreciate. It hit me hard that I was contributing to the next generation of spoiled, materialistic people.

We discussed an alternative. I sent a letter saying no gifts were expected, but if the children wished to make a donation of money or time to any charity, it would be appreciated. I enclosed a slip of paper on which each child could write what he or she had done in honor of Charlotte's birthday.

I was delighted to learn that donations were made to a food bank, hospitals and the Red Cross. I put the responses in a book that Charlotte can take out later and see how much good was done in her honor. She didn't mind passing up the gifts and felt wonderful about contributing to some worthy causes.

I think this idea is a good one, not only for birthdays, but for Christmas, Chanukah, anniversaries and so on. If you agree, Ann, pass it on. — Donna in Theresa, N.Y.

Dear Donna: Wonderful idea! Consider it passed. Too many children have too many toys that have lost their appeal. Your concept will teach them it's fun to give as well as receive — a lesson that will stay with them forever.

Forget to save some of your favorite Ann Landers columns? "Nuggets and Doozies" is the answer. Send a self-addressed, long, business-size envelope and a check or money order for \$5.25 (this includes postage and handling) to: Nuggets, c/o Ann Landers, P.O. Box 11562, Chicago, Ill. 60611-0562. (In Canada, send \$6.25.)

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Toujours Amis members have fun, learn football fundamentals

"Football Fun" was the entertainment for Toujours Amis Study Club at its recent meeting. All members wore maroon and white to show their support for the Hereford Whitefaces.

L.J. Vallejo, Andrew Ramirez and Cody Hodges summed up what being a part of the Herd means to them. They talked about commitment, their position and the friendships they develop through the game.

Coach Yenser explained the organizational part of the football season and Coach A-Z talked about the special teams part of the game. Coach Bridge

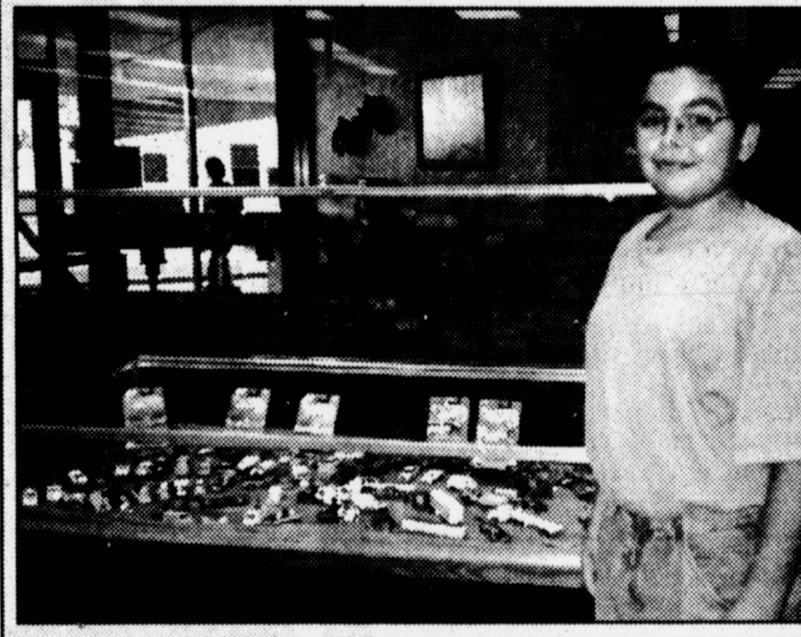
explained the defense and Coach Compton talked about the offense.

President Sally Nolen conducted a short business meeting then refreshments of Herd Football Cookies were served by hostesses Jan Reeve, Shannon Hagar and Sandy Josseland to members Melinda Bridge, Tammy Yenser, Jan Reeve, Teresa Allen, Jill Harrison, Tonja Horrell, Sherri Turnquist, Chrystal Anuszkiewicz, Laurie Paetzold, Marsha Winget, Kim Bigham, Lisa Formby, Trish Brown, Debbie Foster, Julie Laing, Becky Reinart and Nolen.

Presenting...



Library displayers for November are Charlotte Clark (photo above) and Jacob Ayala (photo below). Clark is a multi-talented resident who has lived in this area for several years. She began oil painting in high school. She acquired her BA degree from Texas Tech, majoring in Home Economics and minoring in Art. Her MA degree, Foods and Nutrition, was earned at Ohio State. Ayala is the student displayer for the month. He is the son of Luis and Pearl Ayala. Jacob has been collecting Hot Wheels since he was 3-years-of-age. He is now 13 and in the eighth grade at Hereford Junior High. Included in his collection of Hot Wheels are car classics, sports cars, farm equipment, and fire department and police vehicles.



HOSPITAL NOTES

Patients in Hereford Regional Medical Center on Nov. 5 were Alyssa Danielle Casarez, Veronica Corral, infant boy Corral, Ofelia D. Estrada, Violet

Flores, Jewell C. Hargrave, Dorma B. Kirby, Alice R. Lindell, Dianna Rodriguez, Ashley Soltero, Maria Del Rocio Soltero, Schuler G. Underwood.

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Bereavement series continues

Crown of Texas Hospice is offering a Holiday Bereavement Series from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Mondays.

The series began Nov. 2 and continues on Nov. 9, 16, and 23 at the Fellowship of Believers.

This bereavement support program is for anyone who has

experienced the death of a loved one. It will be guided by Mona Romero, LMSW, professional counselor for Crown of Texas Hospice.

The series is presented free as a community service. For more information, call 364-6632 or 1-800-572-6365.

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Area Events

LUBBOCK

The Shalom Fund of Covenant Presbyterian Church is sponsoring *Not By Chance* in concert at 7 p.m. Saturday at Covenant Church, 4600 48th St. at Salem, Lubbock.

David Bailey and Douglas Ebert are the performers who make up *Not By Chance*. They have appeared on national television and recorded three albums.

There is no admission charge for the concert. For more information call 806-792-6124.

Country Gospel Music Association will have representatives in Lubbock on Nov. 13-14 looking for country gospel talent and explaining membership benefit.

All country gospel talent will be allowed to perform and there will be an awards presentation.

The goal of C.G.M.A. is to promote country gospel artists, assist them in establishing a ministry of music and help them achieve a place in mainstream gospel music.

Artists may sign in at the door. The public is welcome and there is no charge to the artists or the public.

For more information call 806-885-1840 or 894-2528.

CANYON

As part of its year-long series of programs celebrating the centennial of the founding of the Taos Art Colony, the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum will present two films on Taos Art Colony, "A Spirited Place: Arts of New Mexico" and "Adventures in Kit Carson Land," on Sunday, Nov. 15 at 2:30 p.m., in the museum's Hazlewood Lecture Hall.

Both films provide important insights into the Taos Art Colony and Southwestern art in

general and the showing will last approximately 45 minutes.

The Panhandle Plains Historical Museum will host Canyon Rhythms, an art show and sale at the museum on Nov. 20-22.

The weekend event will provide something for the whole family with children's activities, the sound of live jazz, classical and swing music, and contemporary art.

Artists from throughout Texas, the Southwest and Michigan will showcase their work. Artwork in a variety of mediums includes sculpture, oils, furniture, jewelry, ceramics, woodblock prints, and batik.

Canyon Rhythms is a new fund-raiser for the Panhandle-Plains Historical Society.

AMARILLO

Amarillo Symphony's Randel Chamber Orchestra will open its 1998-1999 season with a performance at St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church on 8 p.m. Friday.

Music director and conductor James Setapen will lead the Chamber Orchestra and will be joined by three guest artists: violinist Corinne Stillwell; pianist Dr. James Rauscher and narrator Ilana Setapen.

For more information call the symphony office at 806-376-8782.

Amarillo Symphony Youth Orchestra will open its 1998-1999 season with a free concert at Crockett Middle School at 4 p.m. Sunday.

This will be the first performance led by the new music director Paula Fishman.

MULESHOE

The Moonlight Family and Community Education Club and Texas Agricultural Extension Office will hold their annual Muleshoe Arts and Crafts Bazaar on Nov. 13-14 in the Bailey County Civic Center at 2200 W. American Blvd.

Hours for Friday will be 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday will be 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

In addition to the variety of arts and crafts booths, there will be some special program presentations.

At 4 p.m. on Nov. 13, Holly Bills of Concho County Extension Service will present a program on tree ornaments.

At 11 a.m. on Saturday, holiday clothing accessories will be presented by Marilyn Neal of Castro County Extension Service.

Gail Gladden of Bailey County Extension Service and Bills will present a program on creative holiday sweets and treats at 2 p.m. Saturday.

There is no charge to attend these programs.



Chonda Pierce

FARWELL

Chonda Pierce will appear in concert at 8 p.m. on Nov. 14 at the Farwell High School Auditorium in Farwell on behalf of the Lunsford Scholarship Fund.

This fund was established after the death of Farwell resident Leslie Lunsford to provide for her children's college education and for future students who need financial assistance for college.

Pierce will present her true-

to-life Christian comedy in addition to her testimony and songs.

For more information call Rev. Beth Harrington at 806-481-3604.

CLOVIS

Tickets are now on sale for the musical revue "Cowboy Jubilee," to be presented at the Lyceum Theatre in Clovis, N.M., at 7 p.m. on Nov. 14.

The evening's entertainment will be a Broadway-style salute to the Singing Cowboy and the western musicals of Hollywood's Golden Era.

For more information, call 1-800-573-3659, ext. 02.

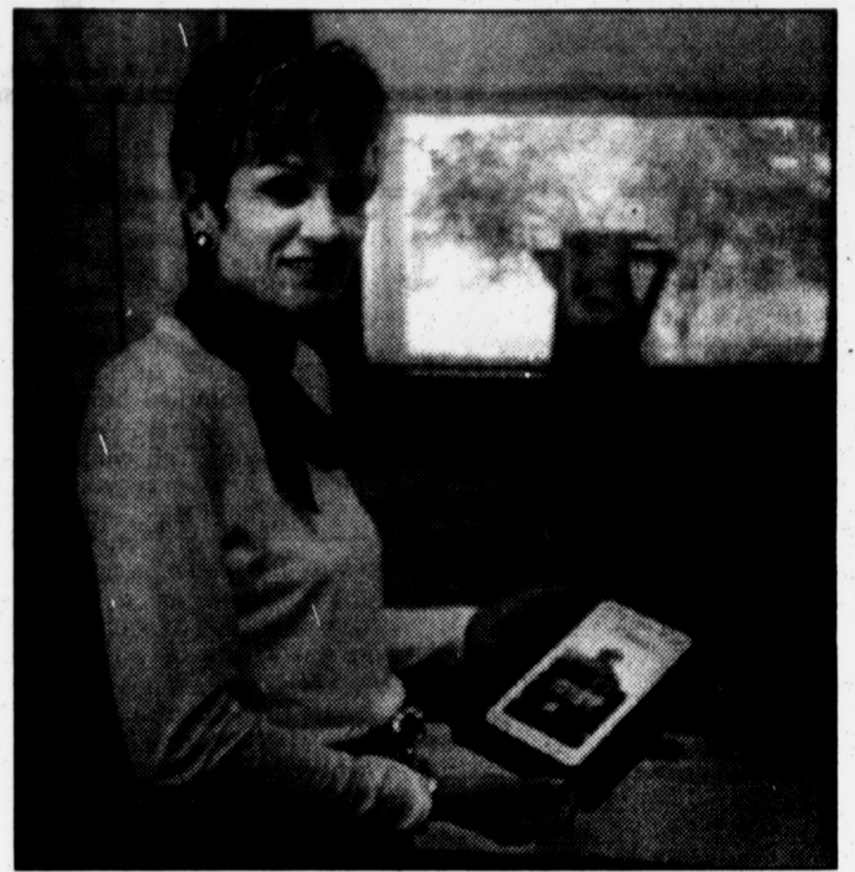
Aruna Lewis of Hereford will be among local entertainers performing at the first every "Wonders of Christmas" to benefit Operation Santa Claus and the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

The event will be held from 4 p.m. to 11 p.m. on Nov. 14 in the State Theatre, 504 Main St., Clovis.

The come-and-go event will feature more than 100 local entertainers including bands, dancers and soloists.

Lewis is a native of India who was raised in a Christian family and has been involved in Christian music since a child. She moved to the United States in 1990.

For more information, call 505-763-6028.



Christmas gift ideas from Deaf Smith County Historical Society include a historical society cookbook, displayed by Cindy Cole, or a family portrait. The portraits are being taken this weekend at the E.B. Black House. Appointments are necessary and can be scheduled from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. or 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. For more information or to make an appointment, call the Deaf Smith County Museum at 363-7070.

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Xi Epsilon holds model meeting

Xi Epsilon Alpha chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met recently in the home of Diane Kreig with Gaye Reilly as co-hostess.

President Connie Matthews led the opening ritual for the "model" meeting.

Guests, Kami Eades, Tamara Mims and Lisa McGaw, attended their second meeting and became the newest members of Xi Epsilon Alpha. They were presented items by each of the eight chapter committee chairman.

Ways and means co-chairman Holly Bixler passed out tickets for the Christmas floral arrangement drawing. The arrangement made by Terry Sparks will be awarded in a drawing held during the Westway Bazaar. Tickets can be purchased for \$1 each from any member or at the bazaar. The arrangement is currently on display at Poarch's Furniture and Carpet on Park St.

After the meeting, members painted bird houses, while having refreshments of cookies, candy, hot cider and tea.

Those attending were Linda Arellano, Sharon Bodner, Deann Harris, Melinda Henson, Kim Hollingsworth, Peggy Hyer, Shelley Lewis, Susan Shaw, Pattie Urbanczyk, Kay Williams, Bixler, Kreig, Matthews and Reilly.

Classmates are sought

Members of the Hereford High School Class of '79 have announced they are seeking names and addresses of fellow classmates as part of preparations for a 20th reunion.

The class had scheduled the reunion to begin Aug. 6, 1999, and continue through Aug. 7.

Anyone who may have information regarding the whereabouts of these class members are asked to send the information to: H.H.S. Class of '79, P.O. Box 1583, Hereford, Texas 79045.

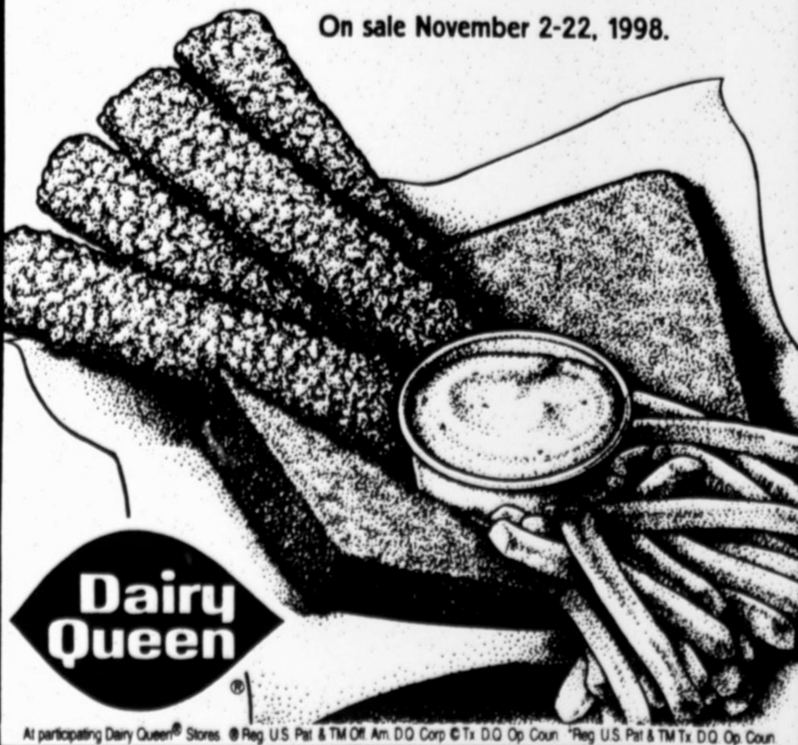
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Kopperl longs for day when road trips end

By Jeff Caplan
Fort Worth Star-Telegram

KOPPERL — The town of Kopperl dares to dream.

The dream in Kopperl is no secret: "Get a football field," said Denise Humphries, mother of Jessie Humphries, the Fort Worth-area's most productive Class 1A quarterback.

Kopperl is a town with a home football team and a football team without a home.

Dreams are all that superintendent Rock McNulty, football coach Clint Lowry and school board president Duane Hutson have. If not original, then at least apt, they've named their dream, "Field of Dreams."

And it really does exist — 100 acres of barren ranch land the school district recently purchased at the corner of Texas 56 and Farm Road 1251. McNulty draws the location on a piece of paper with the care of an architect sketching the beginnings of a visionary masterpiece. He puts his pencil down, raises his eyebrows and sighs.

That's where one day — "we don't know when or how," Hutson says — a shining football stadium will welcome the Kopperl Eagles under the lights on Friday night.

Instead, locked on 55 mph, the big, yellow school bus hauls the team an average of 100 miles one way every Friday. The trips journey down two-lane highways as wide open as the land that Kopperl's dreamers believe one day will spawn a football stadium.

"We are at the hopes and dreams stage right now," Hutson said.

"Right now," chimed McNulty, "we are praying for a miracle."

It might take a miracle the likes of winning the lottery to afford the construction of a football stadium. Kopperl, a town of maybe 150 folks tucked away off Texas 174 on the north end of Lake Whitney, is wading through the muck of a serious financial crunch with no real end in sight.

Ten football road trips year-in and year-out don't help ease the purse strings.

Eighty-eight students attend Kopperl High School from a sparse 108-square mile radius in Bosque County. Forty-three percent of Kopperl's residents are economically disadvantaged, living in the shadow of massive working ranches sitting on hundreds, sometimes thousands of acres of nearby land. Most of Kopperl's adult population goes to work beyond the city limits in cities such as Cleburne or Waco. The tax base is low, and so too are the funds that the school receives from the state.

But, there's a bigger, more troubling, more expensive problem.

Kopperl is an unincorporated city. Households rely on wells for water. Bob's Rural Garbage collects the town's trash. There are no city taxes, no mayor, no fire department and no police department. But the root of all evil as far as Kopperl's football backers are concerned is the city has no septic system.

The law requires the Kopperl school district to install its own sanitation system. The project will cost an estimated \$250,000, roughly \$1,000 per student in the elementary through high school grades.

"If you use more than 5,000 gallons of water a day, you have to have a septic system," McNulty said.

Before a population boom — in relative terms — hit the area, Kopperl's current system worked fine. The school has set aside the funds to pay for the septic system, if only the Texas National Resource Conservation Commission would get around to approving Kopperl's year-old application. They're still waiting.

To make matters worse, the septic problem has left the school's only practice field off limits. Rains cause sewage to seep through the ground. So just like on Friday nights, the Eagles load into the yellow school bus and take to the road. They wind up about a mile away at a baseball field that includes overgrown grass and an obstacle course of fire-ant mounds.

"We're used to it," said wide receiver Corey Pick, the area's Class 1A leading receiver with 33 catches for 901 yards and 12 touchdowns.

Lowry understood the situation when he accepted the head coaching position.

"The only way I would leave is if I was run out of town and they tarred and feathered me," Lowry said.

For all the heartaches and struggles, Kopperl, a heavy-duty basketball town, is determined to succeed at football. The gridiron program rose out of the ashes six years ago after a 50-year absence. No one seems to know why the Eagles stopped playing football

"The only way I would leave is if I was run out of town and they tarred and feathered me."

— Clint Lowry
Kopperl coach

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Amanda Schumacher placed 3rd in goat tying and 10th in breakaway roping in Sayre, Okla., Sunday.

Hereford Brand File Photo

Sultemeier wins at Sayre

From staff reports

SAYRE, Okla. — Ashley Sultemeier of Hereford won all-around cowgirl honors at the Tri-State High School Rodeo Association rodeo Sunday at Merrick Indoor Arena.

Sultemeier accumulated 23 points for the title winning the goat tying event. Sultemeier also was second in barrel racing, and seventh in pole bending.

Sultemeier won the goat tying with a time of 7.463 seconds, more than a second and a half ahead of Brandi Brown of Dumas

who took second place. Sultemeier edged out Hereford teammate Amanda Schumacher for second in goat tying 15.647 seconds to 15.861 seconds.

Schumacher also placed 10th in breakaway roping with a time of 4.706 seconds, just behind another Hereford cowgirl — Bridgette Hecht — who recorded a time of 4.641 seconds.

On the boys side, Monty Lewis of Hereford recorded a win in calf roping with a time of 10.818 seconds. Teammate Rodey Wilson was second in 10.889 seconds

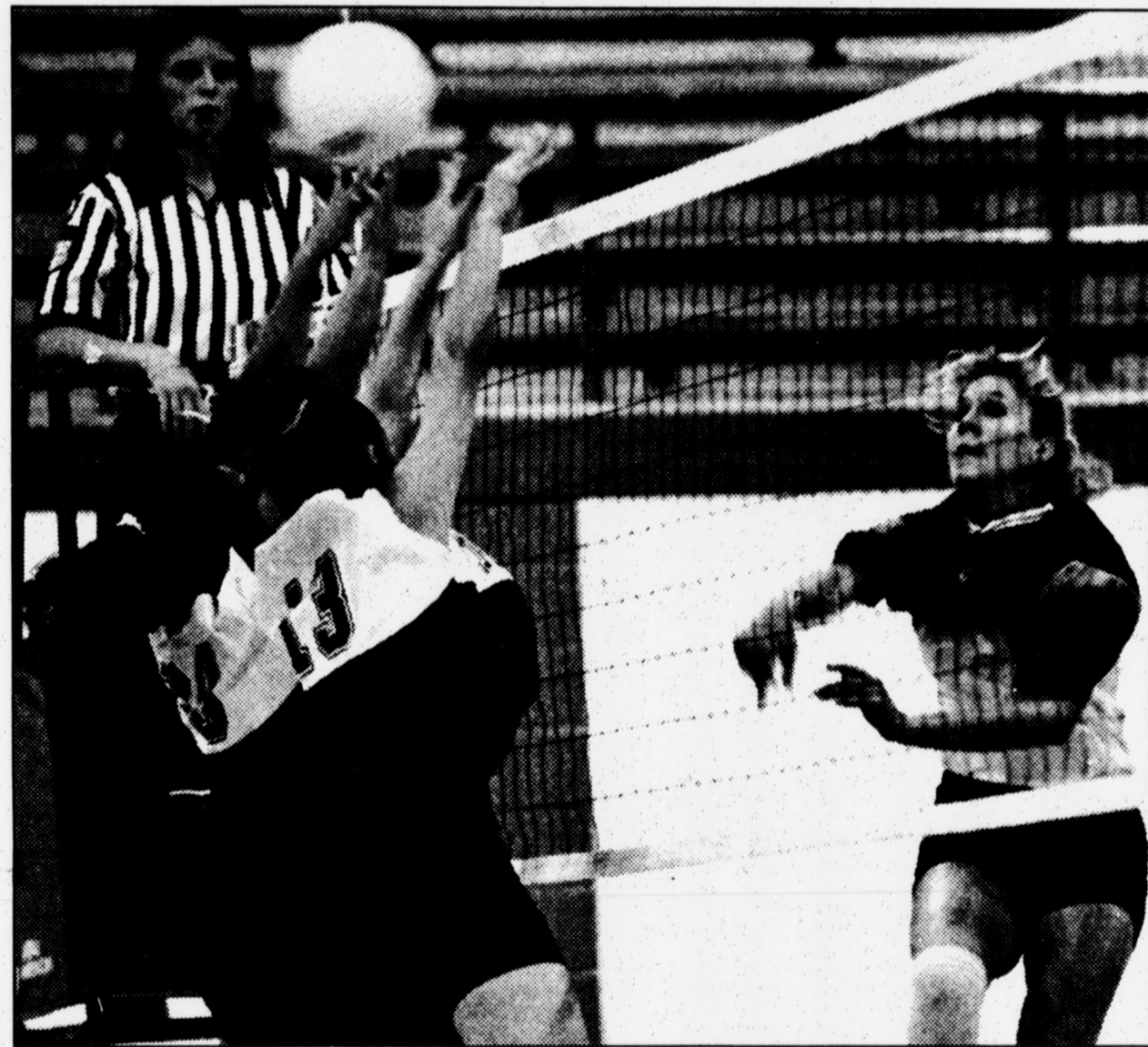
and Hereford's T.J. Good was seventh with a time of 14.301 seconds.

Good also placed second in ribbon roping with a time of 6.008 seconds.

Kip Kendrick of Hereford and Jace Crabb of Wheeler won the team roping event with a time of 5.598 seconds. Wilson and Kendrick teamed up for the third-lowest time of 6.347 seconds.

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BANGING THROUGH



Lyndi Carlile of Hereford (right) hits an attack over the attempted block of El Paso Bowie's Janet Galariz (left) and Adriana Andrade Tuesday night at Ector Junior High School Field House in Odessa during a Region I-4A area match. Hereford won, 16-14, 15-4. The Lady Whitefaces will meet Pampa at 11:30 a.m. Saturday at Amarillo High School Activity Center in a regional quarterfinal match.

MOJO REVENGE

Permian, OHS will tee it up in annual Basin Brawl Friday

By Chris Newton
Associated Press Writer

ODESSA — For more than 30 years, Odessa High has chafed under the knowledge that crosstown rival Odessa Permian has been bigger, stronger and faster, not to mention victorious and happy to crow about it.

But last year, Odessa High

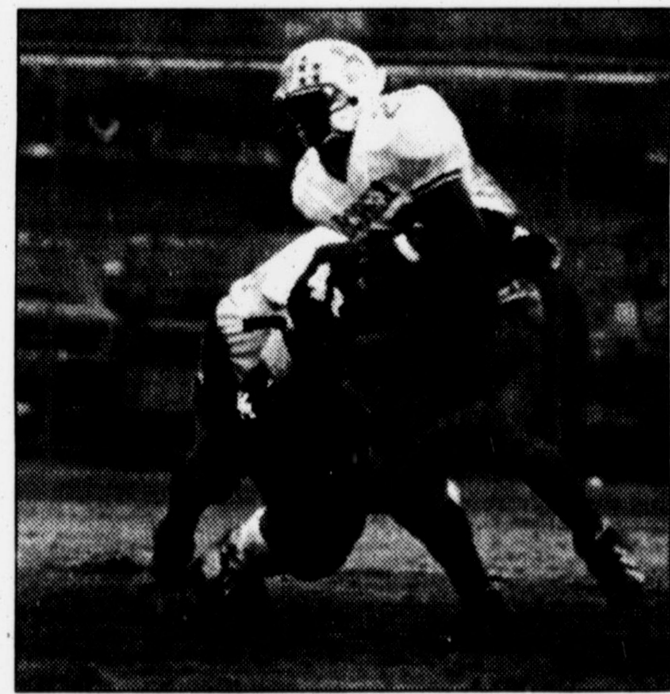
won, breaking the 32-year drought by beating the Panthers 20-17. This year, the crosstown civil war is more intense than ever, as Odessa High looks for its second straight victory and Permian seeks revenge.

"We want to beat them after what happened last year," said Permian receiver Roy Williams, who leads the district with 1,123 yards going into Friday's matchup. "We're going to play hard and do what it takes to win this game."

Every year, the state's

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Johnny Zammaripa of Hereford blows by the block of an unidentified Borger lineman to nail Bulldog tailback Eron Haynes behind the line of scrimmage Saturday afternoon at Whiteface Field during a District 3-4A game. Hereford won, 10-7. The Whitefaces will host Amarillo Caprock at 7:30 p.m. Friday in the final regular season game for both teams.



Rick Castaneda/Brand

Martin focuses on season's positives

NASCAR

Driver Standings
The Associated Press
1. Jeff Gordon, 5,143;
2. Mark Martin, 4,799;
3. Dale Jarrett, 4,444;
4. Rusty Wallace, 4,398;
5. Jeff Burton, 4,255;
6. Bobby Labonte, 4,146;
7. Jeremy Mayfield, 4,039;
8. Dale Earnhardt, 3,804;
9. Terry Labonte, 3,759;
10. Bobby Hamilton, 3,636;
11. John Andretti, 3,610;
12. Ken Schrader, 3,529;
13. Sterling Marlin, 3,493;
14. Jimmy Spencer, 3,364;
15. Chad Little, 3,293;
16. Ernie Irvin, 3,262;
17. Michael Waltrip, 3,243;
18. Ward Burton, 3,226;
19. Bill Elliott, 3,220;
20. Johnny Benson, 3,066;
21. Ricky Rudd, 3,040;
22. Ted Musgrave, 3,018;
23. Mike Skinner, 3,010;
24. Darrell Waltrip, 2,908;
25. Joe Nemechek, 2,854;
26. Brett Bodine, 2,832;
27. Geoff Bodine, 2,730;
28. Kenny Irwin, 2,640;
29. Kyle Petty, 2,599;
30. Kenny Wallace, 2,554.

By Hank Kurz Jr.
AP Sports Writer

ROCKINGHAM, N.C. — The best season of Mark Martin's career has been filled with misery.

His father was killed in a plane crash, his bad back has been so painful that he even thought about suicide and his bid for the Winston Cup championship came up short once again.

After twice losing out to Dale Earnhardt during The Intimidator's heyday, Martin's best performance wasn't good enough to beat Jeff Gordon.

After wondering if his days as a winning driver were over when he went without a victory in 1996, and after seeing almost

his entire team change before this season, Martin isn't feeling sorry for himself.

"It has been the greatest year of my life," he said. "I just hope that I'm as blessed next year as I have been this year."

"I have a lot of reason to believe that we can do it, that this race team can continue to make progress. But it's been a dream come true to me."

At the same time, it has been a year in which Gordon's dominance has left Martin wondering if he'll ever be a champion.

"Everybody has to face their limitations," Martin said. "I have to look at my limitations in the face every day, and I don't know for sure how capable I am of doing more than what I

did this year."

He won seven races after not winning more than five in the past. He took three poles, and finished in the top five 21 times and in the top 10 25 times.

"When

Dale

Earnhardt

was the

man, I ran

second to

him in the

points,"

Martin said.

"And now

that Jeff

Gordon is

the man, I'm

running second in

the points.

"When it's all over, you

might not ever be able to say

that Mark Martin was the



Martin

man."

In 1990, Martin led Earnhardt by 44 points with two races left, then finished 10th and sixth while Earnhardt won in Phoenix and ran third in the Atlanta finale to take the championship by 26 points.

In 1994, when Earnhardt won his series record-tying seventh championship, Martin rallied to finish second again.

If not for some bad luck in restrictor-plate races at Daytona International Speedway and Talladega Superspeedway, this might have been Martin's year.

Gordon's 344-point advantage includes a 321-point edge on those tracks.

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Revenge

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biggest high school football rivalry, which draws more than 20,000 people from around the region, truly pits friend against friend, brother against brother.

"This week we're all arch-enemies," OHS fan Pete Baggett said of his Permian-loving friends. "Next week, we'll all be running together again."

As always, the battle lines are clear. Nearly down the center of this West Texas city, the red banners supporting OHS meet the black banners backing perennial powerhouse Permian.

When asked if there was some small part of his soul that was secretly pleased OHS finally won, Permian coach Randy Mays smiled and thought about it — then responded with a stiff "No."

Permian (7-2), which has won six state championships since 1920, is the clear favorite over the Bronchos (4-5).

OHS quarterback Rick Leach said last year's victory takes some of the pressure off this year's team.

"We won't feel like we have to break the streak; it's already been broken," Leach said. "I've always wanted to play this game.

We've just got to focus on the game and not the hype."

Many of the players on this OHS varsity team have never lost to Permian. They constitute the first football class in recent memory to beat Permian on the freshman and junior varsity teams.

There are also plenty of subplots adding to the buildup. OHS coach Randy Quisenberry came to the school from Permian three years ago and some Permian fans think he might have pocketed some secrets from the playbook.

"When it seems like they know what kinds of things we're going to do, I think it is because they do," said Jeff Armstrong, a 1971 Permian alumnus. "I think he's taken our schemes to the other side."

Then there's the generational angle. Many of the boys on the OHS squad play to avenge their fathers' losses to Permian.

In 1969, OHS flanker Byron Harrison lost to the Permian Panthers, 28-13. Now his son, defensive tackle Matt Harrison, has taken up the torch.

"It was just as good a rivalry then as it is now," Byron Harrison said. "It's great to see these teams compete."

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Broncos.

In Hamilton County, Ohio, voters overwhelmingly rejected an issue that would have forced the Reds to accept a new ballpark on the fringe of downtown or stay put at Cinergy Field.

Now the Reds can move forward on a 45,000-seat stadium expected to open in 2003. The retro-style ballpark would be built next to the stadium where they've played since 1970. In the Denver area, Referen-

dum 4A asked taxpayers to extend the penny-per-\$10 sales tax that built Coors Field. The proposal provides \$270 million of the projected \$360 million to construct the new stadium, with Broncos owner Pat Bowlen picking up the remainder of the tab.

The new 76,125-seat, open-air stadium will be located on 83 acres adjacent to current Mile High Stadium, which will be torn down. Construction is expected to take about two years, meaning it would be ready for the 2001 football season.

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Martin finished 38th and 16th at Daytona; 23rd and 34th at Talladega. Gordon was 16th and first at Daytona; fifth and second at Talladega.

"We broke some parts, got in some wrecks that were none of our doing and took some big hits," Martin said. "Fortieth place at Darlington hurt."

While there were few mechanical failures, Gordon's dominance left room for none.

But Martin also knows there have been times when luck was on his side. In Las Vegas, the

transmission hung on just long enough.

"The transmission was locked up. I had to drive it in fourth gear to Victory Lane," Martin said. "It was fixing to quit on us."

"Our pit stops weren't up to speed and there were a number of things that should have cost us the race, but we won it. And then we built a stronger and better team."

Surgery scheduled for Nov. 16 should ease the pain of a lower back injury Martin said brought "honest suicidal thoughts" at times this season,

and a year together should improve his team for 1999.

Martin also spent part of the season trying to overcome the death of his father and two other relatives in a plane crash near Las Vegas in August.

Now, after going into 1997 wondering why he hadn't won the year before, and then going into this season wondering if his four victories in 1997 were a fluke, Martin looks forward to getting back on the track in February.

"I think my best years are still in front of me," he said.

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around World War II. This is the fourth year that the school has played 11-man, varsity football, where six-man might be a better fit.

The school board supports the program all the way. McNulty says football is in Kopperl to stay, stadium or no stadium.

"I want a football field," Lowry said. "The kids deserve that. I think it will happen."

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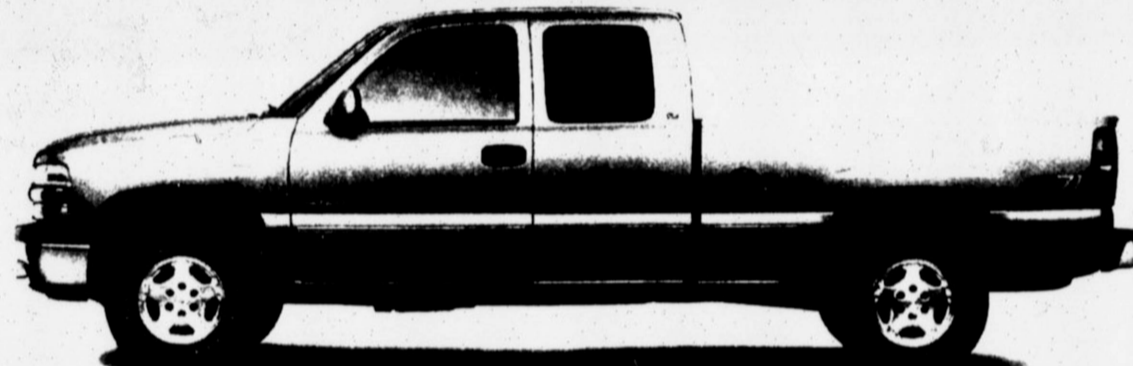
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Wilson teamed with Josh Morris of Vega for sixth place in a time of 7.795 seconds, and Blake Busby and Jay Johnson, both of Hereford, were eighth with a time of 8.872 seconds.

Jordan Satterfield of Hereford and Aaron Potter of Dalhart took 10th place with a time of 11.044 seconds.

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Clinton contends election outcome is 'vindication'

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton held his folded hands still on the Cabinet Room table, just containing his glee over Democratic election victories he celebrated as "a vindication" of his policies over politics.

Democrats "won because they had a clear message that was about America," Clinton declared Wednesday. "The American people basically said to all of us, all of us, 'We sent you there to work for us and we want you to find a way to do it.'"

The president, who tracked returns into the wee hours, refused to sour his day-after analysis with talk of the House Republicans' pending impeachment hearings. "That's a decision for them to make. I'm not involved in that and I'm not going to comment on it," Clinton said.

But he and Vice President Al Gore, who aims to succeed Clinton, were obviously happy with what their aides privately cast as a repudiation of the Republicans' impeachment strategy.

Following a late burst of GOP ads that tried to tar Democrats with the brush of Clinton's behavior in the Monica Lewinsky affair, Democrats — against the historical pattern — gained House seats and lost nothing to Republicans in the Senate.

"The lesson all people should draw is the people who were rewarded were rewarded because they want to do something for the American people," Clinton said. "I think it is a vindication of the policies and of the general policy of putting partisanship behind progress and of putting people before politics."

Democrats, he said, managed "an astonishing result."

The official White House line was "no gloating," and press secretary Joe Lockhart emphasized no champagne was uncorked in the West Wing.

But Clinton, described by his

"The American people basically said to all of us, all of us, 'We sent you there to work for us and we want you to find a way to do it.'"

- President Clinton

spokesman as "very pleased," invited reporters to the start of a meeting with economic advisers working on Social Security.

And Gore put out word ahead of his separate appearance with domestic-violence victims that he would entertain political questions. When attendees hissed at the first reporter to take the bait, Gore had to tamp them down by saying the query was "pretty understandable after what happened last night."

He trumpeted "a good night for America and also a good night for the Democratic Party."

First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, who logged more than 80 campaign appearances to the president's 130, kept a private schedule and offered no comment.

The president seemed especially satisfied that he had beaten the historical precedent that a sixth-year incumbent in the White House could expect to see his party lose seats in both the House and Senate.

"Let me say I'm very proud of what our party did yesterday in the face of the tide of history and an enormous financial disadvantage," Clinton said.

The White House hoped the results would make Republicans more inclined to cooperate with Clinton's legislative priorities in his remaining two years as president.

Clinton and his economic team assembled in the Cabinet Room to plot strategy for next year's Social Security reform effort. "Now that the election is over, it is time to put politics aside and once again focus clearly on the people's business," Clinton said.

Hyde wants only Starr, one other

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a strategy fitting the message voters sent Republicans, House Judiciary Committee Chairman Henry Hyde told GOP members of his panel Wednesday he presently plans to call only prosecutor Kenneth Starr and one other witness at impeachment hearings, House officials said.

Hyde met with his top investigators in his home state of Illinois, then held a conference call with Judiciary Committee Republicans in which he laid out a hearing schedule for an impeachment inquiry that would finish by year's end.

He told the panel members he planned to call Independent Counsel Starr to testify at a hearing on Nov. 19, according to House officials familiar with the conference call, who spoke only on condition of anonymity.

Hyde also said he plans to call an expert on the meaning of testifying under oath to help the committee in deciding whether President Clinton committed perjury in his testimony about Monica Lewinsky.

But the chairman added during the call that he was leaving several open dates for other witnesses to possibly be called if members or his investigators request additional testimony.

Democrats have been pressing Hyde to call Starr as they continue to try to make the prosecutor's conduct an issue in the panel's inquiry into a presidential affair and alleged coverup.

Before the conference call, Hyde issued a brief public statement that Tuesday's election results would not affect his plans for the inquiry.

Lucky winner



Holiday winner - Pat Allen receives \$500 in Hereford Bucks from Don Crompton (left), executive vice president of the Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce, at Renee's Repeat Boutique. Allen was the winner of the "Home for the Holidays" drawing. Also at the presentation were Dean Allen (second from right) and Renee Huckert, owner of the shop.

Unemployment claims bob, but remain low

WASHINGTON (AP) — Low unemployment in the United States continues to be little changed by hard times abroad.

The number of first-time claims for unemployment benefits rose last week by 10,000 to a seasonally adjusted 312,000, the Labor Department said today. Claims had fallen by a revised 17,000 the week before.

A more reliable four-week moving average of claims was at 312,000 for the period ended Oct. 24, reflecting a slight 2,500-claim rise.

Through most of this year, a spending spree by American consumers has helped insulate U.S. companies from economic problems spreading around the world.

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Iraq: another year, another showdown

WASHINGTON (AP) — For the third time in a year, the United States and Iraq are engaged in a military showdown because Iraq has refused to give U.N. inspectors full access to suspected weapons sites. The first two times, military action was averted when President Saddam Hussein yielded to U.S.-led military threats.

Regardless of how the current standoff plays itself out, some analysts believe the pattern of Iraqi action followed by American reaction must end.

"It is time for a real national debate," said Zalmay Khalilzad, an Iraqi expert at Rand Corp. "There is a need for a fundamental rethinking." Current policy offers only

temporary respite between crises, Khalilzad said, and a strategy aimed at building up anti-Saddam Iraqi opposition would provide a more permanent solution. If pursued with determination, he said, the policy would allow the United States to galvanize the widespread hatred that he said Iraqis feel for Saddam because of long years of war and economic deprivation.

Pushing that solution, Congress approved \$97 million in military aid for Iraqi opposition groups. Khalilzad believes a determined U.S. effort to carry out the mandate could make a difference but cautions that countries of the region will not allow U.S.-backed opposition groups to set up bases from which cross-border

raids can be launched unless they are convinced the United States will stay the course.

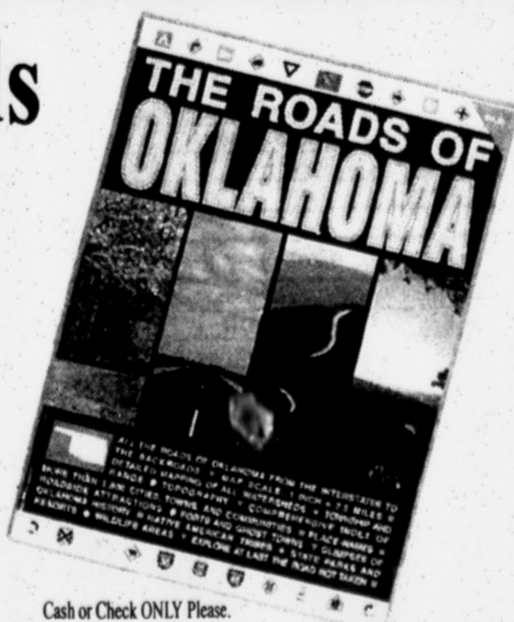
As for the current crisis, the administration has shifted tactics for dealing with the Iraqis. Compared with the crises in the fall of 1997 and this past March, there has been far less emphasis on public threats. The Clinton administration has decided to allow Iraqi actions themselves to shape international public opinion, and officials contend they have seen evidence the strategy is working.

President Clinton today disputed suggestions that he's been unable to hold together the Persian Gulf War coalition in forcing Saddam's compliance.

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News in brief

Hondurans clean up after storm disaster

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras (AP) — Hondurans buried more of their dead and formed blocks-long lines to get rationed water and gasoline, while officials struggled to feed and shelter a population still in shock from Hurricane Mitch.

Another huge task loomed: Accounting for the estimated 13,000 people missing after the storm rampaged across Central America.

Medical workers buried 13 flood victims in a common grave Wednesday in Tegucigalpa, placing two wooden crosses among the plastic-shrouded bodies before a bulldozer plowed earth over them. The bodies were too decomposed to identify, officials said.

They were among a national death toll estimated at 6,500, with as many as 1 million homeless. All told, officials say Hurricane Mitch killed nearly 9,000 people in the region.

"We really don't know what the numbers are. There are places we haven't reached yet," said Col. Rene Osorio of Honduras' national emergency committee.

A revived Tropical Storm Mitch plowed across the Gulf of Mexico and was expected to strike Florida today with heavy rain and wind and perhaps floods and tornadoes.

Rain already was falling across much of the state as moist air streamed ahead of the advancing storm.

Mitch destroyed banana crop

EL PROGRESO, Honduras (AP) — Bananas, one of the top sources of income for this impoverished Central American country, rot in fields flooded by the deadly Hurricane Mitch.

Children grab the few bunches of bananas undam-

aged by the flooding at the Chiquita Brands plantation and try to sell them for as much as \$1.50 a bunch to the hungry. That's more than twice the going rate and about a third of what the average unskilled worker earns in a day.

"We don't have anything to eat and no way of making money to buy food," a teenage boy who gave his name only as Angel said as he scrambled out of a muddy field with bananas on his back.

Mitch's rampage has delivered a devastating blow to the economies of Honduras and other Central American nations, which were just beginning to thrive after the region's civil wars of the 1980s.

Hugo Noe-Pino, the Honduran ambassador to the United Nations, estimates that 70 percent of the nation's economic output has been lost. Development efforts were put back at least 30 years, he said.

U.S. offers reward for terrorist leader

NEW YORK (AP) — Federal prosecutors believe there were few limits to where Osama bin Laden went to expand his campaign of terror against Americans.

The exiled Saudi millionaire centered his operation in Sudan but allegedly set up cells in Kenya, Tanzania, the United Kingdom and even the United States. Prosecutors say he made deals with like-minded groups in Iran, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Yemen and Somalia.

Federal agents for weeks have suspected bin Laden of masterminding the August bombings of the U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania, which killed 224 people, including 12 Americans.

Prosecutors on Wednesday unsealed a 238-count indictment that charges bin Laden and Muhammad Atef, the alleged military commander of the terrorist organization, with

murder and conspiracy in the bombings. They also offered a record \$5 million reward for bin Laden's capture. If convicted, the two men could be sentenced to death.

The indictment also outlines the wide and unnerving scope of bin Laden's alleged influence.

For example, the indictment claims that his group, al Qaeda, trained militants who killed 18 U.S. soldiers in Mogadishu, Somalia. It also allegedly forged alliances with Iran, with the National Islamic Front in Sudan and with an Iranian terrorist group, Hezbollah.

Bin Laden's influence even reached an office in the New York City borough of Brooklyn that aided refugees from the war in Afghanistan in the 1980s, prosecutors said.

Anti-abortion activist sought in slaying

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) — A shadowy figure with an apocalyptic nickname and a lengthy arrest record for anti-abortion activism may hold the key to the slaying of an upstate New York obstetrician-gynecologist.

James Charles Kopp, 44, reportedly nicknamed the "Atomic Dog" in anti-abortion circles, was being sought for questioning in the Oct. 23 sniper death of Dr. Barnett Slepian inside his suburban Amherst home.

Authorities said Kopp's 1987 black Chevrolet Cavalier was spotted in Amherst in the weeks before the 52-year-old abortion provider was killed by a single rifle bullet after returning from synagogue with his wife.

An international manhunt that includes federal and state authorities in the United States and Canada were searching for Kopp, but law enforcement officials said he is not considered a suspect in the murder.

Car, truck sales surge in October

DETROIT (AP) — Domestic sales of cars and light trucks surged a surprising 10 percent last month as nearly every automaker posted gains.

General Motors Corp. reported a 6 percent gain over last year's October levels, while Ford Motor Co. reported a 2 percent rise.

"Consumer confidence is down four months in a row, and with all of the financial crises going on in the world that doesn't seem to be affecting car sales. It's very surprising," analyst Mark Rowen of Salomon Smith Barney said Wednesday.

Sales by the Big Three automakers were up 8 percent, Asian automakers posted a 13 percent gain and the Europeans' sales increased 28 percent. The Europeans have posted double-digit gains every month this year, led by Germany's Volkswagen, Audi and Mercedes-Benz.

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GM continued its swift recovery from the summer's strikes, which all but halted its North American production. It had equally strong increases for cars and light trucks. It was first improvement from year-ago levels for the world's largest automaker since June.

GM has been offering generous rebates on many models to restore its market share in the wake of the strikes. Ford, Chrysler Corp. and some Asian automakers also are offering a variety of rebates and low financing rates.

GM is fighting to end the

year with at least 30 percent of the U.S. market or it would be forced to scale back production. GM's October share was 29.6 percent.

Ford's October sales improved despite an 8 percent drop in car sales, thanks to robust demand for its pickups and sport utility vehicles. Light truck sales were up 10 percent, with the F-series pickup setting an October record.

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Yoko Ono says she, Linda liked each other

LIVERPOOL, England (AP) — Beatles wives Yoko Ono and Linda McCartney liked each other. Really. So says Ono, anyway. In a newspaper interview published Wednesday, John Lennon's widow dismissed the commonly held belief that she and Paul McCartney's wife, who died of breast cancer in April, didn't care for one another.

"People always portrayed us as enemies, like two boxers on opposite sides of the ring, but of course it was never really like that," Ono was quoted as saying in the Liverpool Echo. "In later life especially, we became friends. We had an understanding of each other. We had both married Beatles and we knew what that was like."

In the interview, which coincided with the release of the new "John Lennon Anthology" album compiled by Ono, she also spoke of the lingering hurt over her husband's death in 1980.

"I am a woman who has lost my husband," she told the newspaper in John's hometown. "I think about John every day, and talking about him is one of my last links with him."

Tony Bennett

NEW YORK (AP) — Tony Bennett left his heart in San Francisco and became the darling of the MTV generation in his 60s. And he picked up a drug problem along the way.

"At every big party I'd go to, people were high on something," the 72-year-old crooner wrote in "The Good Life," about the heady Hollywood days of the 1970s.

"Cocaine flowed as freely as champagne, and soon I began joining in the festivities. ... Compounded with my pot smoking, the whole thing started sneaking up on me."

By the late 1970s, he spiraled into a dangerous drug-filled low as his personal life unraveled — his mother died, his marriage was faltering and the government was after him for back taxes.

"I found I was using drugs to ease my pain," Bennett said. In 1979, when the IRS threatened to seize his home, he went on a binge that nearly killed him. In the two decades since then, the eight-time Grammy winner has risen to new career and personal highs, without drugs.

Election's over; what now for Bush?

By Michael Holmes The Associated Press

AUSTIN — For 13 months, George W. Bush insisted he was focused on re-election. A decision on running for president, he said, would come later.

It's later. By burying Democratic rival Garry Mauro in Tuesday's vote, Bush achieved his oft-repeated goal of becoming the first governor in Texas history to win consecutive four-year terms.

Bush also lost his biggest excuse for not making that decision on whether to seek the White House.

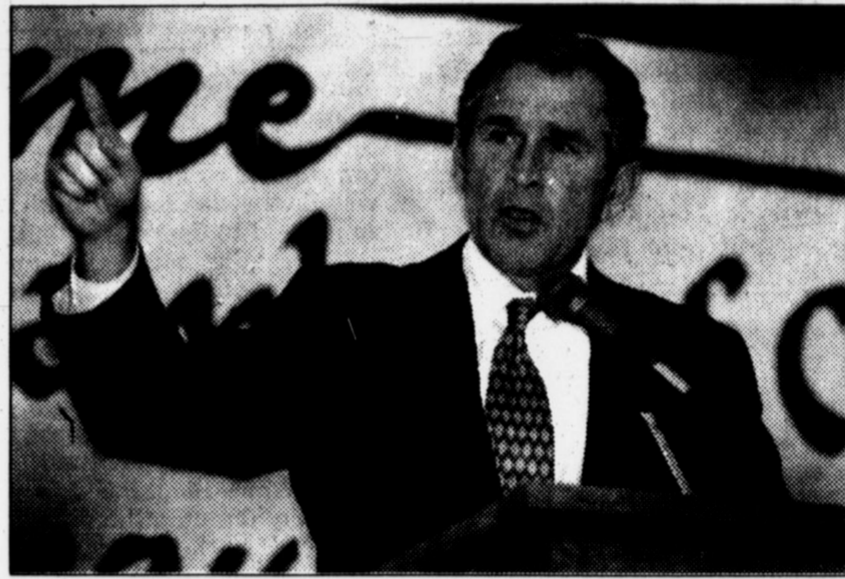
"Beginning now, George W. Bush is running for president until he definitely declares otherwise," said Chuck McDonald, an Austin consultant.

McDonald knows a little something about nationally known politicians. He used to work for Ann Richards.

"In 1990, when Ann Richards was elected governor and overnight became a national celebrity, the next day the press calls were fielding were asking: 'What are her presidential aspirations?'"

"There is no other story at that time. Now, the reality is Bush is running for president because he left that door open. And he's running until he closes it," McDonald said.

— Since October 1997, Bush has



Gov. Bush now will be pressed to decide on making a run for the White House in 2000, according to political analysts.

been coy. He insists he hasn't made up his mind.

"That's a decision that will take place after this coming election and after the legislative session," Bush said last year. "At that point in time, there will be a lot of things on my mind."

Wednesday, he reiterated his indecision.

"I don't know whether I'm going to run for president or not," he said.

Yes, there's still the 1999 Legislature. But time pressures, other candidates and national media speculation could speed up his timetable.

"I don't think he has to make a

decision within several days after the election. I think the scrutiny and intensity and national media spotlight will be ever-increasing. But he's been able to handle that quite well," said Reggie Bashur, a consultant who worked for both Bush and former Gov. Bill Clements.

Bill Miller, who has advised both Republicans and Democrats, said Bush need not decide immediately — but eventually.

"He can always replace the campaign with another excuse: 'I've got my legislative responsibilities.' But the truth is, the excuses become thinner and thinner until they're transparent," Miller said.

"The only way he can get out of that is to say he's not running," Miller said.

George Christian, who was press secretary to former President Lyndon B. Johnson, said Bush's strategy of not running has been very successful thus far.

"There isn't any question that a lot of Republicans around the country have anointed him already," Christian said. "The whole Bush thing is at its zenith right now. Sometimes, it's not best to be the immediate front-runner. But he can't do anything about that."

Christian said he doubts Bush would immediately leap into presidential politics.

"One of the things he can do is stick to his knitting here in Texas. I think he'll do that. He's not going to start suddenly running off in 1999 and campaigning for president. I would be surprised if he officially announced before the end of the legislative session," Christian said.

Even that may be out of Bush's control, however.

Bruce Buchanan, a political scientist at the University of Texas, said Bush has the luxury of a high profile, a well-oiled fund-raising machine and the allure of being a noncandidate.

"He's got enough money and name recognition to wait until the last minute if he wants to," Buchanan said.

DAILY CRYPTOQUOTES Here's how to work it: 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.

History of Bush on the presidency AUSTIN (AP) — Some of Gov. George W. Bush's own statements about running for president: "This is all a bunch of national people, who obviously have got a lot of time on their hands, trying to put words and thoughts in my head. I keep telling them ... I'm interested in being as good a governor as I possibly can be." — March 3, 1997.

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Tax relief provided for farmers, ranchers

These are tough times for Texas farmers and ranchers. On top of one devastating weather disaster after another, farm prices are as low today as they have been in many years. Farmers who experienced crop losses due to the adverse weather are in dire straights even if they have federal crop insurance. Insurance indemnities will help, but will make up only a portion of the lost income.

In the final budget working out of Congress in late October, there is a \$4 billion emergency farm relief tax-cut package. In addition to some tax relief provisions, the plan provides \$1.65 billion in market loss payments and \$2.35 billion more in disaster payments.

This emergency package, combined with assistance already available through the 1996 farm bill, provides a substantial federal response to the economic situation facing farmers.

KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON U.S. Senate Capitol Notes

This tax relief package will help farmers and ranchers cope financially with some of the devastating losses they've had to absorb this year. The agricultural tax-cut plan includes four provisions: To help an estimated 100,000 farmers nationwide who suffered losses, the plan contains immediate tax relief. Net operating losses for farmers and ranchers will be given an extended carryback period, instead of the general two-year carryback allowed. As a result, farmers and ranchers may be eligible to receive a tax refund using the net operating loss carryback.

Income averaging for farmers will be made permanent. It restores for farmers the three-year income averaging that was removed from the tax code in 1986. This will protect farmers from unintended tax consequences that result from wild income fluctuations unique to the agricultural economy. Farmers have little or no control over wide swings in their income or losses caused by weather conditions, unpredictable overseas markets and other factors. The Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997 allows farmers to average their incomes over a three-year span, but only through 2001. This section would make the provision permanent.

Farmers will be protected from having to pay taxes on farm program payments until the year in which those payments are actually received. This is a simple, common-sense change. Why should anyone be taxed on income they haven't yet received? Farmers who are self-employed will be able to deduct 100 percent of their health insurance costs by 2003, instead of 2007 as provided for in the old law. Enabling farmers and ranchers to fully deduct the cost of their insurance premiums is one of the most important provisions in the bill. Finally, when this bill is fully implemented, farmers and ranchers will enjoy the same tax treatment as our nation's largest corporations.

GOP hopes of Texas congressional seat gains dashed

WASHINGTON (AP) — Texas Democrats will close out the millenium holding onto their existing majority in the state's congressional delegation despite Republicans' pledge to shave that margin by a seat or two this campaign season.

As party operatives spent Wednesday dissecting and interpreting the previous evening's election results, Democrats credited a focused get-out-the-vote effort for their successes in Texas and nationally.

Republicans complained that they were unable to get their message out amid the din over the presidential sex scandal, even as voters, by wide margins, said l'affaire Lewinsky played little role in their decision-making.

"Democrats won, Republicans lost. They can't spin this, they can try this all day. They lost yesterday," crowed a jubilant Rep. Martin Frost of Dallas, who as chairman of the House Democrats' campaign effort led his party to a surprising five-seat net gain. Republicans still retain control of Congress, albeit with a razor-thin House majority.

Even as Republicans were making major incursions in Texas up and down the ballot on Election Night, helped by the re-election of popular Gov. George W. Bush, both parties dueling to a draw in the congressional arena.

Democrats fended off challenges against Reps. Charles Stenholm of Stamford and Frost himself, while failing to pick up their prime tar-

get: the seat of Republican Rep. Ron Paul of Surfside. That leaves the Democrats with a 17-13 edge in the Texas delegation.

Stenholm, who joked that rival Rudy Izzard threw "everything but the kitchen sink" at him, also had to rebuff attacks from term-limits supporters and environmentalists. The term-limits argument "may have backfired," he said, adding that voters were savvy enough to understand that his seniority has translated into additional clout in Washington.

Joining Stenholm in victory were all 28 other of the state's incumbents who sought re-election. In the state's only open race, to replace retiring Rep. Henry B. Gonzalez of San Antonio, his son and anointed successor, Charlie

Gonzalez, won.

"It's true almost every year that almost 90 percent of the incumbents are going to win, come hell or high water — and nothing disturbed that last night," said Jerry Polinar, a political scientist at the University of Texas-Pan American in Edinburg.

At least one incumbent acknowledged the benefits of being in office. "Obviously, there's an advantage to being an incumbent," said Paul, who held off Democrat Loy Sneyre. "I understand it. I had to beat an incumbent the last time."

National Republican Congressional Committee Chairman John Linder blamed the GOP losses nationally on a lack of "sharp edge" issues on which to campaign.

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Garage Sale at 108 N. Texas! Friday and Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Toddler bed with mattress, toys, "fall" children's clothes, kitchen items, etc. 37586

2 bedroom apartment. Stove and refrigerator. Water paid. Call 364-4370. 37535

For Rent! 3 bedroom, 2 bath house. 725 Stanton. \$450/month plus \$225 deposit. Call 364-4670. 37547

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6. WANTED

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8. HELP WANTED

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