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HOME OF
Garth Merrick

Frito-Lay sells center

Today's weather OUTLOOK

Local weather information: KPAN Radio.

Partly cloudy skies
Tonight, partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of evening thunderstorms, patchy low clouds developing late, low in the upper 50s.
Friday, partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of afternoon thunderstorms, high in the mid-80s, south to southwest wind 15-20 mph with higher gusts.

Extended forecast
Saturday and Sunday, partly cloudy with a chance of thunderstorms, lows in the upper 50s to near 60, highs in the mid- to upper 80s.
Monday, partly cloudy with a chance of showers and thunderstorms, low in the lower 50s, high in the upper 70s.

Wednesday recap
High, 73; low, 49; no precipitation.

Farmland Industries will add a rail spur to speed unloading

By Don Cooper
Hereford Brand Managing Editor

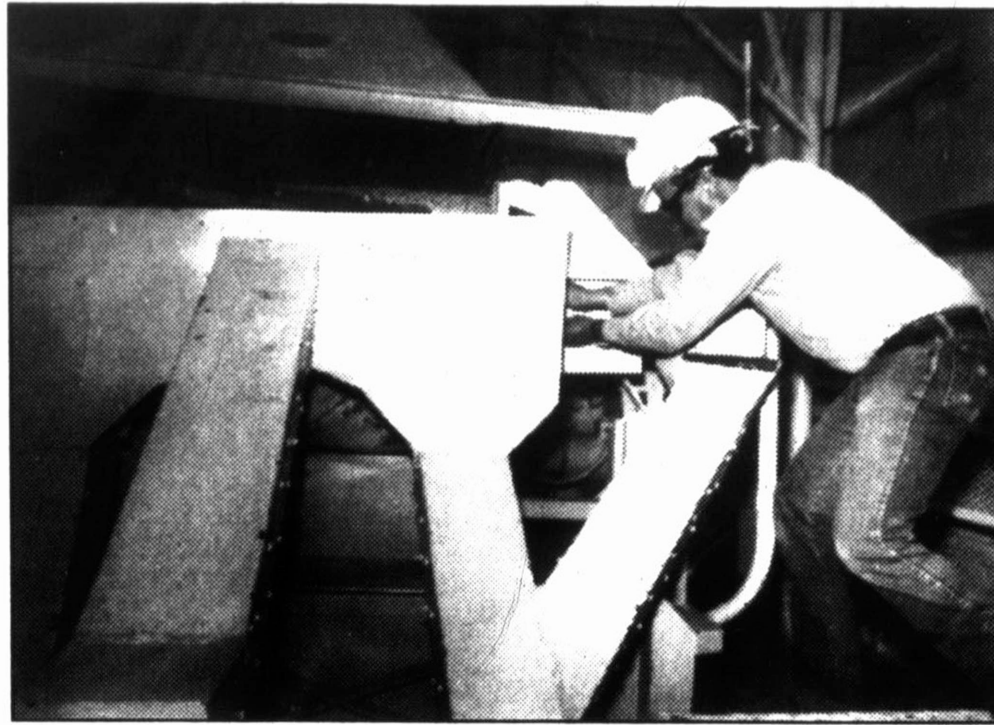
A Missouri company announced Wednesday it plans to acquire the Frito-Lay grain facility in Hereford.

The 10-million-bushel grain facility in Hereford has been used by Frito-Lay, which is based in Plano, to supply food-grade corn to its domestic snack plants and specific international businesses.

An official with Farmland Industries Inc. of Kansas City reportedly was in Hereford on Wednesday to meet with Frito-Lay employees and local officials.

Marv Hachmeister, director of operations for Farmland North American Grain Division, said the acquisition of the Hereford facility will allow "Farmland to supply corn to Frito-Lay and provide an excellent opportunity to expand our presence for marketing programs in West Texas."

Hachmeister reportedly has indicated the Hereford workforce will hold steady, with a possibility of expanding.



A Frito-Lay employee checks machinery at the Hereford grain facility. The 10-million-bushel grain center is being acquired by Farmland Industries Inc., a Kansas City-based company.

Deaf Smith County Judge Tom Simons said this morning he is excited about Farmland Industries' purchase of the Frito-Lay grain center.

"I really think it will be good for Hereford and Deaf Smith County," Simons said.

Farmland Industries plans capital improvements, including construction of a rail spur that will allow 110-railcar units to unload in less than 15 hours. The facility will conform to Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway shuttle program require-

ments and will provide opportunities for Midwest producers to supply grain efficiently and competitively to the region's traditional feedgrains market.

Under the Farmland Industries plan, the Hereford center will utilize all 10 million bushels of storage for Frito-Lay processing needs, as well as assist with marketing grain to feedlots in the surrounding area.

Tim Daugherty, president of the Farmland North American Grain Division, said, "This project is an important part of our strategy to identify and develop market opportunities for our producers' grain. It will play a key role in linking the cooperative system together with grain consumers."

Farmland Industries Inc. is the largest farmer-owned cooperative in North America with 1998 company sales of \$8.8 billion in all 50 states and 90 countries. When including Farmland's share of sales of its affiliated businesses, sales were \$11.9 billion. Focused on meeting the needs of its 600,000 farmer-owners in the United States, Canada and Mexico, Farmland is a highly diversified company with major business lines in crop marketing, and the processing and marketing of pork and beef products.

The company's Webpage is <http://www.farmland.com>.

Producer prices up slightly

WASHINGTON (AP) — Prices paid to factories, refineries, farmers and other producers rose 0.5 percent in April, as soaring energy prices were offset by declines in prices for food and other products.

The seasonally adjusted rise in the Labor Department's Producer Price Index for finished goods followed a smaller 0.2 percent rise in March, and brought the annual rate of inflation at the wholesale level to 1.1 percent so far in 1999, compared with a 0.1 percent price decline for all of 1998.

Excluding the volatile food and energy categories, core producer prices — which economists watch most closely for early signs of inflation that could eventually affect consumers — climbed only a mild 0.1 percent in April.

"Aside from energy, prices for just about everything else show no sign of picking up," said Bruce Steinberg, chief economist for Merrill Lynch & Co.

In a separate report today, the department said first-time claims for unemployment benefits held steady at a moderate 303,000 last week. A more reliable four-week moving average of jobless claims dropped by 4,000 to 304,250.

That suggests little change ahead in the nation's unemployment rate, which edged up to 4.3 percent in April.

Economists worry that inflation could become a danger if American consumers, secure in their jobs, continue to spend briskly as price-containing pressures caused by recent low demand for U.S. products overseas begin to wane.

In a third report today, the Commerce Department said retail sales rose 0.1 percent in April to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of \$239.3 billion. That was a smaller increase than many analysts had expected, but compared to April last year, sales were up 7.5 percent.

"The fundamentals driving consumer spending remain positive; however, higher gasoline prices have put a crimp in consumers' pocketbooks," Steinberg said.

A 0.3 percent drop in demand for durable goods was led by an 0.8 percent decline in sales at auto dealers that was partially due to the end of new year's discounts.

FARM SAFETY

Kids learn how to avoid injuries, death

By Dianna F. Dandridge
Hereford Brand Staff Writer

Thousands of farm children and adults suffer avoidable injuries and even death each year because of inattention and negligence.

"Making students aware of the dangers on a farm is the first step to preventing a tragedy," Beverly Harder, Agricultural Extension Agent for Deaf Smith County, said.

This was the sole purpose of the Progressive Farmer Farm Safety Day Camp, attended Wednesday by nearly 350 local fifth-grade students.

"Agriculture is a dangerous business," said Johnny Arjona, Cargill grain safety expert. "It's dangerous because we make it that way by not thinking about what we are doing and not using common sense."

Arjona explained how easily someone could get trapped in grain and the difficulty of pulling someone out saying it takes more than 350 pounds of pressure to remove someone under three feet of grain.

"Piles of grain and grain elevators are dangerous places," he said. "They're not a place to play."

The day camp initiated by Pro-



Amber Walker learns how poor visibility is on a big farm tractor.

gressive Farmer and put together by local groups is an effort to make children realize the dangers of seemingly

everyday occurrences which are often taken for granted.

The students participating in the event visited with Vince and Larry, the famous crash-test dummies, and watched as they demonstrated the fragility of the human skull.

"If there's not a seat belt there, don't ride there," Vince said.

Even though this idea was first presented in relation to riding in the back of pickups, it was presented again and again, as students learned about tractors and off-the-road vehicles.

Students climbed aboard new tractors to experience the poor visibility a driver experiences. They also watched as stuffed effigies were caught in the moving drive train and ripped apart.

"We don't want to scare the kids about being on a farm or the farm equipment," one Case Equipment demonstrator said. "We just want them to be aware of the dangers and how to prevent accidents."

Students learned about more than just the mechanical dangers on a farm. They viewed live rattlesnakes, which the previous day

had been in their natural habitat, the fields of West Texas.

Nickie Stewart and Laura Waight, representatives of the West Texas Nursing Division, presented snake safety and gave the participants the old saying "red on yellow, kill a fellow; red on black, venom lack."

Other presentations include dog safety by the Hereford Police Department, chemical safety by Helena Chemical, first aid by the Hereford EMS and railroad safety by Burlington Northern Santa Fe.

"We want the students to see the common dangers of the farm and know the safety rules," Harder said.

The Farm Safety Day was a cooperative effort presented by Progressive Farmer, Texas Partnership for Farm Family Health & Safety, Deaf Smith County Sheriff's Department, Hereford Regional Medical Center, the Hereford Police and farm equipment and chemical dealers.

"We all depend on agriculture," Arjona said. "Our purpose is to keep the kids and their parents safe. Too much is taken for granted and when that happens, someone gets hurt. We all lose when farmers...suffer an injury."

BULLCHIP HONOREE



Garth Merrick (left) was named the recipient of the Bullchip Award, which was presented this morning at the Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce's "Fun Breakfast." The award was presented to Merrick, who is owner of Merrick Pet Foods. The spring breakfast was sponsored by Hereford State Bank.

Reno fires salvo after Senate vote

Senators reject mandatory background checks of gun sales at weapons shows

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton today urged the Senate to reconsider its decision against requiring background checks of all firearm sales at gun shows — a measure debated in the aftermath of the Colorado school shootings.

"For the life of me," Clinton said, "I can't figure out how they did it, or why they passed up this chance to save lives." He said there was "simply no excuse for letting criminals get arms at gun shows they can't get at gun stores."

Clinton spoke a few minutes after Attorney General Janet Reno blasted the Senate gun-control vote in some of the strongest language she has ever used about congressional actions.

Gun-control advocates believed the April 20 shootings in suburban Denver would help their efforts. But the Senate on Wednesday rejected, 51-

47, a measure by Sen. Frank Lautenberg, D-N.J., that would have imposed mandatory background checks on private sales of guns at gun shows. The law already requires checks on dealer sales at gun shows.

Senators instead voted 53-45 for voluntary background checks proposed in an amendment supported by the National Rifle Association.

"The U.S. Senate learned very little from Littleton," Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill., told reporters after the votes.

Clinton, leaving the White House today to make a speech, stopped to urge the Senate to reconsider. And he called on the entertainment industry to do more to limit violent programs, saying that violent television shows, movies and video games desensitize children and make the most vulnerable children more violence-prone.

He said the industry "should not market indiscriminate violence to children."

Reno told her weekly news conference: "I am stunned that less than

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Local roundup

Senior prom tickets are available

Hereford High School seniors who plan to attend the 1999 Senior Prom may purchase tickets during school hours through Friday in the math curriculum room at the high school. The cost is \$5 per ticket.

Hospital planning to hold health fair

Hereford Regional Medical Center will sponsor a health fair 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday at the Hereford Community Center, 100 Ave. C. The health fair is part of the hospital's observance of National Hospital Week, which will begin Sunday.

Weekend arts & crafts festival on tap

The first Hereford Arts & Crafts Festival will be 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday and noon-5 p.m. Sunday at the Deaf Smith County Bull Barn. For more information, call Earl Brookhart at Picture Perfect, 364-0249.

Make-A-Wish Foundation to celebrate

AMARILLO -- The Make-A-Wish Foundation of the Texas Plains will celebrate its 500th wish and 15th anniversary from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Saturday at the Amarillo Botanical Garden Center, 1400 Steit Drive. There will be cake and punch, clowns, entertainment, "Wish" stars and "Wish" pictures on display. All Make-A-Wish supporters are invited. For more information, call the Make-A-Wish office at 358-9943 or (800) 242-7167.

It's time to purchase bucket calves

Deaf Smith Agriculture Extensions agents say it is time to purchase bucket calves. Bucket calves must be purchased through May 20 and fed through the summer. The bucket calf program is open to students 5-12 years old. For more information or help finding a calf, contact Mike at the county extension office, 364-3573.

Adrian receives national recognition

An awards program will be held 10:30 a.m., May 18, in the Adrian School auditorium when the school will receive the National Title I Distinguished Schools Banner. Adrian is one of five schools in Texas to receive this recognition. The public is invited to attend the awards presentation and the lunch following.

Adrian honors retiring superintendent

The public is invited to a retirement reception honoring Pat Blankenship, superintendent for 33 years, 3-5 p.m. May 23, at the Adrian School cafeteria. A scholarship in Blankenship's name has been established with the first scholarship to be awarded during graduation. Contributions to the fund may be sent to Scholarship Fund, Adrian ISD, P.O. Box 189 Adrian, Texas 79001.

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Emergency services

Activities reported by emergency services personnel for May 12, 1999, include the following:

POLICE DEPARTMENT Arrests

- A 47-year-old man was arrested and charged with domestic assault.
- A 41-year-old man was arrested in the 1100 block of 13th and charged with driving with a suspended license, and driving without insurance.
- A 59-year-old man was arrested and charged with domestic assault. The man allegedly used a hammer on his wife. The victim sustained no serious injuries.
- Incidents**
- Theft of gasoline was reported at a convenience store in the 500 block of South 25 Mile Avenue.
- A sexual assault was reported.
- A domestic disturbance was reported in the 500 block of Avenue H. No assault was reported.
- Theft of service was reported in the 900 block of East First.
- A car window was broken during an argument between two sisters. Neither one wanted to file charges.
- A two-car accident was reported in the 200 block of North 25 Mile Avenue. No injuries were reported.
- A two-car-accident was

reported in the 200 block of Hickory. No injuries were reported.

- A two-car accident was reported in the 800 block of South Sampson. No injuries were reported.
- A two-car accident was reported in the 100 block of Dairy Road. No injuries were reported.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT Arrests

- A 44-year-old man was arrested and charged with public intoxication.

Incidents

- Deputies arrested a man for being drunk in county court.

- Deputies investigated a report of threatening phone calls.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

- 5:44 p.m. Firefighters responded to a wreck rescue in the 200 block of Hickory.

REGISTERED SEX OFFENDER

The following information is being released by law enforcement officials regarding a newly registered sex offender. The male offender lives on North Street and is charged with sexual assault of a child. For more information regarding this or any other registered sex offender in the county please contact Cpl. Terry Agan, at the Hereford Police Department, in writing.

TEA releases accurate dropout data

AUSTIN (AP) — More precise reporting required of school districts on students who leave school still can't account for about 13 percent of the youngsters, according to preliminary figures released Wednesday by the Texas Education Agency.

But while the numbers aren't yet final, they don't appear to show the dramatic under-reporting of dropouts that some had suggested was occurring, said TEA spokeswoman Debbie Graves Ratcliffe.

And to prompt more accurate reporting, Education Commissioner Mike Moses is

considering in the future classifying students whose whereabouts are unknown as dropouts in the accountability system that publicly rates school performance.

The new, more stringent reporting standards came after a 1996 state audit said weak oversight by TEA had resulted in a reported dropout rate that was less than half the actual rate.

In the audit's wake, the agency has begun collecting a "leaver record" to get more precise data on what is happening to pupils who depart in grades seven through 12.

"Before, schools didn't have

to tell us where these students who left school went, unless they knew they were dropouts. Since school districts are now held to a higher reporting standard, we're hoping their record-keeping will be even better and that may ultimately impact the dropout rate," said Mrs. Ratcliffe.

While the numbers aren't yet finalized, she added, "I think the early indications are that it (the dropout rate) was not being drastically under-reported as some people had thought."

In the 1996-97 school year, before the new standards were in effect, school dis-

tricts reported that 27.2 percent of the 1.62 million students didn't return.

Of those who left, 5.6 percent were reported as dropouts, 38.6 percent as graduates and small percentages as being in other areas such as alternative programs. The whereabouts of 53 percent weren't reported, and they weren't required to be.

In the 1997-98 school year, the first under the new reporting system, 24.9 percent of the 1.67 million students didn't return.

Of those who left, 5.8 percent were reported as dropouts and 43.8 percent as graduates. The whereabouts of 12.7 percent were reported as unknown. Among the rest who left:

- 18.5 percent transferred to another public school district in Texas.
- 7.3 percent were out-of-state transfers.
- 3.7 percent went to alternative programs.
- 1.8 percent went to home schools.
- 1.6 percent returned to their home country.
- 1.6 percent got their GEDs.
- 1.3 percent went to private schools.
- Smaller percentages had other circumstances, such as being incarcerated or going to college.

The state hasn't calculated a statewide dropout rate for the 1997-98 school year.

The longitudinal dropout rate for 1996-97 — the percentage who started seventh grade but dropped out before graduating — was 9.1 percent.

The annual dropout rate — those in grades seven through 12 who dropped out that school year — was reported statewide as 1.6 percent.



Campus teachers of the year -- Each year campus administrators evaluate and choose a teacher of the year from their campus. The winners are announced at the annual HISD Employee Appreciation Banquet, which was held Tuesday at the administration building. This year campus teachers-of-the-year were, back row, from left, Susan Sublet, Northwest; Carlynn Delozier, West Central; Mary Robinson, Stanton; Monica Alaniz, Bluebonnet; and Marge Bell, Shirley. Front row from left were: Connie Harrington, High School; Jeanette Coronado, Tierra Blanca; Sharon Crawford, Aikman; and Randy Farr, Junior High.

Schools banned from selling performance supplements

AUSTIN (AP) — School district employees could face stiff penalties for selling dietary supplements with performance-enhancing compounds to students under a bill tentatively approved by the House.

Rep. Glen Maxey, D-Austin, said Wednesday that concerned parents told him about coaches distributing such drugs to their children.

"They said a coach suggested to their son that if he wanted to make the team, he needed to bulk up ... and he could sell (such a drug) to him," Maxey said.

His bill would make such a practice a Class C misdemeanor, punishable by a maximum fine of \$500.

Maxey said that many compounds found in dietary supplements — such as creatine — are potentially dangerous substances with unknown long-term effects on health.

After filing the legislation, Maxey said he discovered that across the state, coaches received as many as 20 advertisements a month from dietary supplement companies encouraging them to sell the products to students.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS Texas lottery

Cash Five

The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Wednesday the Texas Lottery:

5-7-24-34-40-45.

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Wednesday by the Texas Lottery, in order:

1-8-8

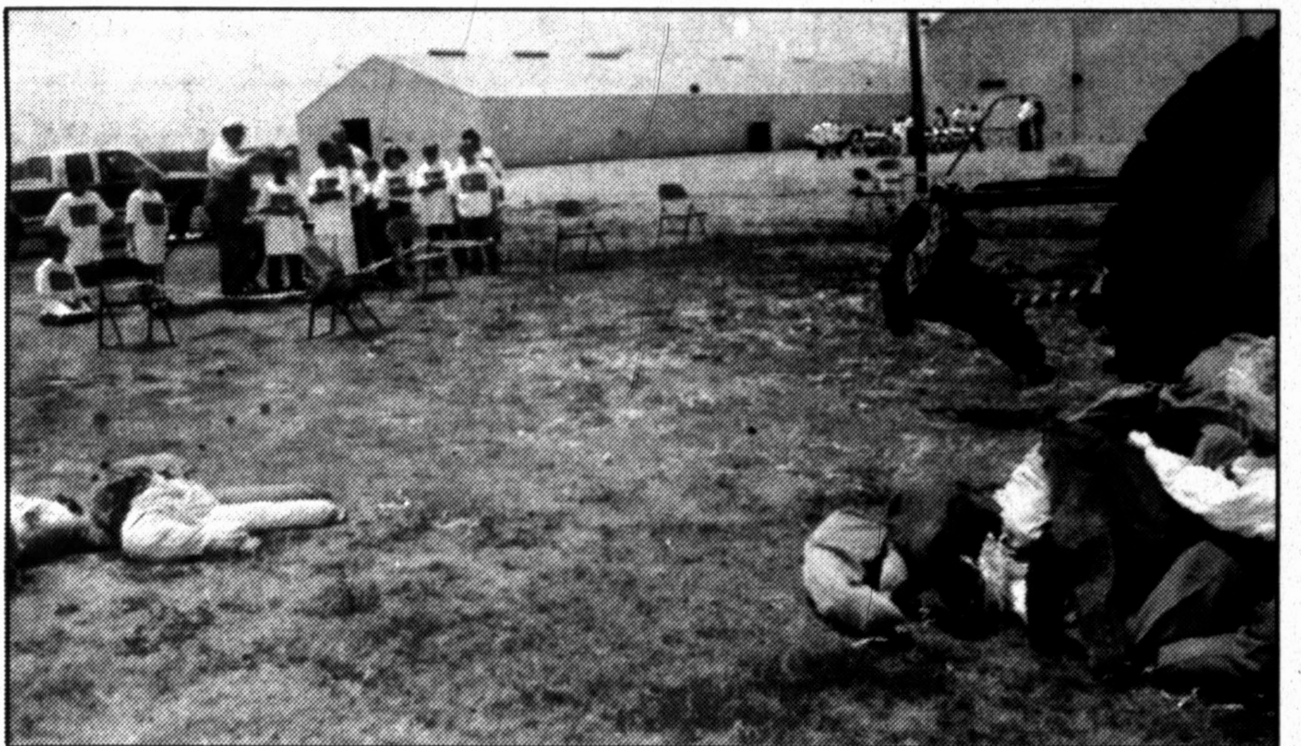
Lotto Texas

No ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

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

5-7-24-34-40-45.

Saturday night's drawing will be worth an estimated \$7 million.



Drive-train safety -- Participants at the Deaf Smith County Farm Safety Day Camp viewed the dangers of playing around with fast moving farm machinery. The drive train of this tractor turns at the speed of 16.6 rotations per second -- that's 1000 turns every minute. Demonstrators told the students they were as helpless as the shredded paper stuffed dummies which littered the ground. Demonstrators explained how easily loose clothing can get caught and trap the wearer.

AG files suit against payday lenders

Companies accused of charging up to 860 percent

McALLEN, Texas (AP) — Attorney General John Cornyn announced Wednesday the filing of lawsuits against "payday" lenders accused of violating Texas consumer protection laws.

Named in the lawsuit are EZ Cash and Quick Cash of the Rio Grande Valley and Cash Today, which has offices in Dallas, San Antonio, Fort Worth, Corpus Christi and Austin.

So-called payday loans are small, short-term loans made by unlicensed lenders, usually to customers who are a credit risk, at a high interest rate.

Annual percentage rates for such loans range from 650 to 860 percent, according to the attorney general. Interest rates for short-term loans made by unlicensed lenders are capped at 10 percent under Texas law.

"Businesses that break the law will not be tolerated — especially those that prey upon people most in need," Cornyn said in a statement.

Cornyn accused the three companies of making "usurious" loans and violating the Deceptive Trade Practices Act, the Texas Debt Collection Act and the Texas Credit Title.

Cornyn alleged that EZ

Cash and Quick Cash advanced money to clients, charged them a large fee and made the borrower write a postdated check to cover the amount of the loan.

If the borrower was delinquent on paying back the loan, the lenders allegedly deposited the check and threatened the customer with prosecution under state "hot check" laws when the check bounced.

Cash Today was accused of forcing customers to buy "advertising" in a publication circulated at Cash Today stores, charging them \$33 per 20-character line.

For every \$100 advance, Cash Today customers were allegedly forced to write a \$100 check and had to pay the \$33 fee every 14 days to make sure Cash Today held the check.

If the process continued for six cycles, it effectively created an annual percentage rate of 860 percent, Cornyn alleges.

The attorney general's suit is actually a counterclaim to a suit filed by Cash Today Publishing Inc., Cash Today of Texas Inc., Cash Today of Denton Inc., and Cash Today of USA Inc. sued the Consumer Credit Com-

missioner in Travis County for a declaration that their business practices did not violate the law.

Guy Wade, attorney for Cash Today, said his clients would "vigorously" challenge the counterclaim.

"We deny that we are violating the usury laws," Wade said. "We deny the misleading factual allegations in the attorney general's counterclaim."

Reynaldo Merino, an attorney representing EZ Cash owner George Moreno, said he had not seen the lawsuit as of Wednesday afternoon, but said Moreno provides a service to the community with his cash-checking business.

"He sometimes takes on risky clients and provides a service to those people who might not otherwise be able to cash a check," Merino said. Merino added that if his client charges high interest rates it's probably to protect himself.

"He's taking a risk for certain people," Merino said. "He needs to be compensated for that risk, if that is the case."

Merino also objected to allegations that EZ Cash preys on the poor. Moreno's clients include doctors, lawyers and other professionals, Merino said.

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College Report

West Texas A&M University's Third Annual Honors Banquet for the College of Education and Social Sciences was on April 30 in the Dr. Hazel Kelley Wilson Dining Room at the Alumni Banquet Facility.

Outstanding students and faculty from the college were recognized along with scholarship donors and recipients.

Hereford scholarship recipients were:

Derrick Bonds, a senior accounting major, Harrington Foundation Criminal Justice Scholarship;

Janet Liscano, a sophomore social work major, Mathama Ghandi Memorial Scholarship;

Lou Serrano, a graduate student in political science, Harrington Foundation Criminal Justice Scholarship.

The West Texas A&M University T. Boone Pickens College of Business honored outstanding students April 29 at its annual convocation.

Each department awarded scholarships for the 1999-2000 academic year and recognized students and graduates from the past.

Hereford students receiving recognition at the banquet, with awards and scholarship amounts were:

Dana Brisendine, a junior marketing major, Malouf and Iris Abraham Scholarship, \$500;

Janessa Goheen, a senior marketing major, Outstanding Marketing Graduate;

Natalya Stolyarenko, a junior general business major, Levi Cole Memorial Scholarship, \$400.



Auxiliary officers—Those elected as officers for the Ladies Auxiliary to Roy Wederbrook VFW Post 4818 were installed recently by past president Betty Boggs. They are, front row from left, Peggy Oakes, Terrye Rhyne, Colleen Schaeffer, Boggs, Becky Curtis, Earline Schneider; back row from left, Anita Vardell, Pixie Forbus, Marie Goheen, Laura Smith, Mildred Clements; and not pictured, Brenda Thomas.

VFW Auxiliary holds installation

Doris Huckert, public relations director with Hereford Care Center, was guest speaker at the May meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary to VFW Roy Wederbrook Post 4818. In response to Huckert's request, members of the auxiliary volunteered to assist with serving afternoon snacks and drinks to care center residents.

During the business meeting, installation of officers for the coming year was conducted by past president Betty Boggs.

Installed were Laura Smith, president; Betty Boggs, senior

vice president; Pixie Forbus, junior vice president; Anita Vardell, secretary; Mildred Clements, treasurer; Colleen Schaeffer, conductress; Peggy Oakes, chaplain/historian; Earline Schneider, guard; Becky Curtis, three-year trustee; Marie Goheen, two-year trustee; Brenda Thomas, one-year trustee; and Terrye Rhyne, patriotic instructor.

As a safety project, 159 fire safety coloring books and 169 light-a-bike stickers were presented to second and third graders at Aikman Elementary

School.

A report was given on the visit by members to adopted veteran Tommy Murphy on his 72nd birthday April 12.

Members were reminded to take food to respective schools on May 24 for Teacher Appreciation Day.

Attending the installation meeting and meal which preceded it were Inez Houston, Linda Meader, Erma Murphy, Edith Richardson, Sandra Sutton, Imogene Sweeney, Jessica Smith, Boggs, Clements, Forbus, Oakes, Rhyne, Schaeffer, Schneider, Smith, Vardell, Goheen and Curtis.

The next meeting will be June 7 with a meal at 7 p.m. followed by the business meeting at 8 p.m.

3 qualify for state

Students of Evelyn Dowell entering the Pastoral Music Festival in Lubbock were Flint Dollar, Lisa Coneway and Toby Duncan.

All qualified for state competition at Texas Christian University.

Dollar entered solos in Dif. I earning a Superior. He also received Superior ratings in the Hymn Event and Duet Event.

Coneway entered in the Mod. Dif. I category and earned Superiors in Solo, Hymn and Duet.

Duncan entered the Mod. Dif. I category and made Superior in the Solo Event.

All three received ribbons and certificates for their ratings.

Hospital Notes

Patients in Hereford Regional Medical Center on May 13:

Dorothy M. Chance, Bertha Drager, Hortencia Gutierrez, infant boy Gutierrez, Grace K. Sanders, June Scott, Maria Yanez, infant girl Yanez.

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Saturday, May 15
2:00-5:00
Andrea Brown

Aquatic Pavilion
Saturday, May 15
5:00-12:00
Randy Agan

Aquatic Pavilion
Sunday, May 16
5:00-10:00
Bob Walker

Veteran's Pavilion
Sunday, May 16

1:00-10:00
Luz Arriaga



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Reservations are taken for a special park location on a first come, first served basis. Reservations must be made in person at the City Hall.

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Ann Landers



Ann Landers

Dear Ann Landers: My husband and I returned to Denver last week after visiting family in Florida. The trip was great, but it ended on a sour note. While flying home, our seat mate turned out to be an extremely heavy woman who should have had two seats in coach or one in first class.

This woman must have weighed over 350 pounds and could not fit into her aisle seat without raising the arm rest. She took up part of my husband's seat, and he was pushed partway into mine. She could not put the tray down when lunch was served and ate on her lap with her elbows in front of my husband's face. Was it uncomfortable for us? You can be sure it was. In addition to the discomfort, it would have been impossible for us to leave our seats quickly in case of an emergency.

After liftoff, we complained to the flight attendant, who said there was nothing she could do about it since every seat was occupied. The airline's customer service also

turned a deaf ear, saying it is against the law to discriminate against fat people. Meanwhile, our needs were certainly not met. We felt discriminated against since we were unable to use the entire space for which we had paid.

Don't you agree that obese people who cannot afford a roomier first-class seat should be required to purchase two seats so normal-sized passengers can have the comfortable flight to which they are entitled? — Discriminated Against in Denver

Dear Denver: I sympathize with your complaints — they are valid — but please be aware that obese people who fly are equally uncomfortable about inconveniencing others. I feel sorry for them.

The options for obese people, however, are expensive. They can go first class, which is roomier, or buy two coach-class seats. Or they can ask to be put on a later flight on which there is more space and the possibility of a vacant seat.

Dear Ann Landers: By the year 2030, demographers say 69 million of us will be 65 or older, nearly double the number currently that age. Nine million will be 85 or older, compared with 4 million today. But exactly who is "old"?

Here is the way I see it: You Know You're Old When

— The magic begins. You put your keys on the dresser, and they mysteriously wind up on top of the fridge. You lay the remote on the TV and find it later under the sofa. You slip your wallet in your purse, and the next morning, it is on the front seat of your car. You can't imagine how these strange things occur. Relax. They are all part of the twilight zone of aging.

— You do a lot of arithmetic. "Let's see, he died, and he was — and I am four years younger, so, that means she is — and I'm — no way! Not possible." I say you are as old as you feel. The numbers don't mean anything. If you start doing arithmetic, you will never risk anything again.

— You develop TMI (Too Much Information). A sure sign of old age. I remind myself that every happening need not be reported in endless detail. Also, I try to shut up once in a while. It's called conversation. I talk, you talk. I talk, you talk. In between, there is some listening. Without listening, there can be no conversation.

— You laugh at yourself

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What's Happening

Area Events

AMARILLO

May is the 50th Annual Mental Health Month. "To Your Health! Mental Health Matters" is the theme of this year's campaign. To make people more aware of the many benefits of good mental and physical health, Texas Panhandle Mental Health Authority (TPMHA) is hosting the regular third Thursday workshop titled, "Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen," on May 20 from 1:30-2:30 p.m. in the training room of TPMHA Administration Building.

The presenter, Stan Waddell, M.A.M.F.C., LPC, will

discuss stress - the benefits of good stress and ways to handle the other stressors of daily living. Anyone who has any stress in their life, will benefit from hearing this entertaining, enlightening and energetic speaker.

Waddell, a graduate of West Texas A&M University and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, is the clinical coordinator for TPMHA Child and Adolescent Services. He has more than 10 years experience working with children and adults.

For more information, contact Carol Ann Vaughn, adult family and community educa-

tion liaison at 806-349-5621.

The Women's Center at the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center will present "Women in Touch," a monthly support group for women living with breast cancer. The "Women in Touch" support group will meet at 5:30 p.m. May 17 in the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center Amphitheatre, 1500 Wallace Blvd.

The program will feature Cathy Phillips, Ph.D., research scientist, VAMC/TTUHSC. The presentation is titled "Research Update."

For more information, call Cindy Horton at 806-359-4673, ext. 111.

TULIA

The Swisher County Turkey Shoot will be held Saturday at the Tulia Law Enforcement Range with competition beginning at 9 a.m.

Registration fee is required and door prizes will be awarded.

Proceeds will benefit Texas Special Olympics.

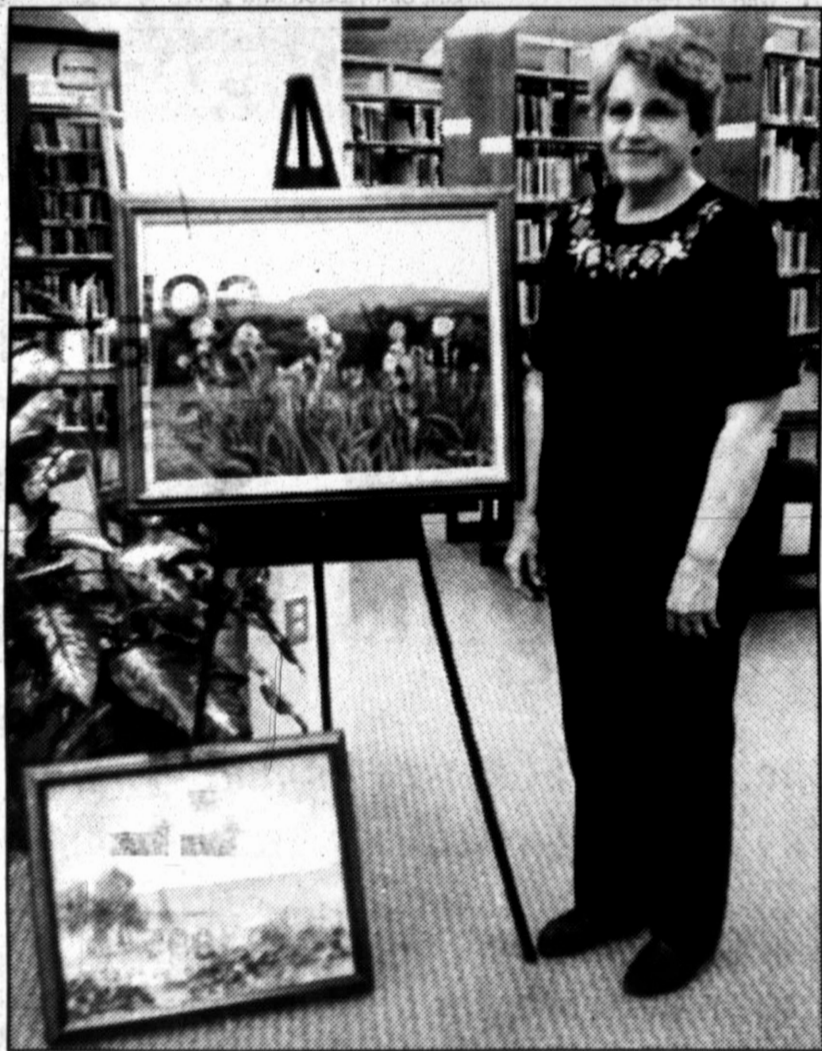
For more information, contact Lt. Dempsey and/or Chief McCaslin at 806-995-3555.

LEVELLAND

Registrations are now being accepted for the 1999 South Plains College Junior High Band Camp scheduled for June 7-12 on the Levelland campus.

The week-long camp is designed for middle school and junior high students who have completed at least one year of band.

For camp details or registration information, call Lynda Reid at 806-894-9611, ext. 2265.



Ruth Robbins did not start oil painting until she was old enough to attend classes at Hereford Senior Citizens Center, taught by Lorene Newman, but she is making up for lost time. Robbins most enjoys painting things that have meaning to her personally and remind her of her childhood. Several of her paintings are on display at the Deaf Smith County Library throughout the month of May.

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Ann

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more. Be grateful you can. Some people can't. If you are unable to find the humor in yourself, chances are, you won't find it anywhere else. The alternative is anger and despair. As Mary Pettibone Poole once reminded us, "He who laughs, lasts." — L.L.F., Ocean Park, Wash.

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Hereford Mayor Bob Josslerand appears to be getting some tips from young baseball players. Josslerand is scheduled to throw out the first ball at Saturday's Opening Day ceremony for the Kids Inc. baseball season.

Kids Inc. season approaches

Deaf Smith County Kids Inc. has announced a league Opening Day ceremony Saturday at the Kids Inc. Complex located on East 15th Street.

As part of the day, Hereford Mayor Bob Josslerand will offer the opening address and will

throw out the first pitch to officially mark the league's start.

The organizers of this year's Kids Inc. league are working hard to revive interest and participation in youth baseball, which some observers say has dropped off in recent years.

The league organizers also will submit results of all games, which will be published in *The Brand*.

Every participating Kids Inc. team will kick its season off during the event, and league officials will also offer a grand-prize drawing for a trip to see the Texas Rangers

vs. Colorado Rockies (includes four round-trip Southwest Airline tickets to Dallas Love Field and four tickets to the Ball Park in Arlington).

The concession stand will also offer a hamburger/coke combo for the Opening Day price of \$1.

Pistons stay alive, pound Hawks 79-63

The Associated Press
It was payback time for the Detroit Pistons. For the Portland Trail Blazers, it was just time.

Having suffered consecutive 20-point defeats and on the verge of elimination from the NBA playoffs, the Pistons handed the Atlanta Hawks a near-record 79-63 defeat Wednesday night.

"They were facing the prospect of going home if they lost," Atlanta guard Mookie Blaylock said. "They came out and did the job they had to do, and I tip my hat to them."

Portland snapped a six-

year drought and finally got to the second round of the playoffs, completing a three-game sweep of the Phoenix Suns, 103-93. The Blazers had not won a playoff series since they went to the NBA Finals in 1992.

In other games Wednesday, Sacramento took a 2-1 lead by nipping Utah 84-81, and New York routed Miami 97-73 to lead their series 2-1.

Tonight, Orlando is at Philadelphia, San Antonio at Minnesota, Indiana at Milwaukee and the Los Angeles Lakers at Houston.

NBA PLAYOFFS

UP TO PAR

(This week's local Highlights and Golf activities)

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SCRAMBLE

Two teams carded 29 to tie in this week's Wednesday Scramble at the John Pitman Municipal Golf Course. The tie means there will be a carryover at next week's Scramble.

A team comprised of Paul Hubbard, N.D. Kelso and Dave Anderson finished the scramble deadlocked with the team of Craig Nieman, Sinky Scott and Joel Sturgeon.

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Chisox' Ordonez adjusts to cleanup role

Slugger talks about job after game with Rangers is rained out

CHICAGO (AP) — The Chicago White Sox needed a cleanup hitter after Albert Belle left town, and now they think they've found one.

Magglio Ordonez might not put up Belle-like numbers, but he's shown in his short stint as the No. 4 hitter that he can be a consistent run producer.

"I think my concentration has been better and I'm getting a lot of good pitches to hit, and I'm being patient," Ordonez said after Wednesday night's game with the Texas Rangers was rained

out. Since moving into the cleanup spot April 15, Ordonez has batted .318 with seven homers and 25 RBIs. For the season, he's hitting .296 with eight homers and 29 RBIs.

Best of all for the White Sox, he's making decent contact, with only 11 strikeouts in 115 at-bats.

"I just want to be a good hitter. I can hit home runs, but I'm not a home run hitter," Ordonez said.

"With home runs, you just never know. Sometimes, you can go 20 or 30 games without one."

Ordonez was named the American Association Player of the Year at Triple-A Nashville in 1997, winning the

batting title with a .329 average. He was promoted to the majors and in 21 games showed promise with four homers and 11 RBIs.

Then last year he took the right field job, hitting .282 with 14 homers and 65 RBIs in 145 games.

Early this season, the Sox experimented with Paul Konerko at cleanup before moving up Ordonez.

At 25, Ordonez is currently one of the best bargains in baseball with a salary of \$275,000. He will continue to get RBI opportunities with Ray Durham, Mike Caruso and Frank Thomas ahead of him the order. All have a penchant for getting on base, especially 1997 batting champion Thomas, who has walked more than 100 times in eight straight seasons.

"Frank is always on and there will be lot of chances

for me," Ordonez said. The Rangers and White Sox will make up Wednesday's postponement as part of an Aug. 13 doubleheader.

Jim Parque, Chicago's scheduled starter Wednesday, will pitch in Friday's series opener against the Yankees.

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Hereford High schedules summer athletic camps

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Cost for each individual camp varies, but registration to attend three of four boy's camps carries a discounted fee of \$60. Registration information is as follows:

BOY'S BASKETBALL

Camp Dates: June 7-10
Cost: \$25.00
Open to incoming 3rd-5th, 6th-9th graders
Registration Date: June 7 at Whiteface Gymnasium
3rd-5th Grades
Camp Time: 9 a.m. to 12 Noon
6th-9th Grades
Camp Time: 1 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
CONTACT: Randy Dean, 363-7634

FOOTBALL

Camp Dates: June 14-17
Cost: \$25.00
Open to incoming 4th-6th, 7th-9th graders
Registration Date: June 14 at Whiteface Fieldhouse
4th-6th Grades
Registration Time: 8:15 to 9 a.m.
Camp Time: 9 a.m. to 12 Noon
7th-9th Grades
Registration Time: 12:30 p.m. to 1 p.m.
Camp Time: 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
CONTACT: Craig Yenzer, 363-7626.

WRESTLING

Camp Dates: June 21-24
Cost: \$25.00
Open to incoming K-6th, 7th-12th Graders
Registration Time: June 21 at Whiteface Fieldhouse
CONTACT: Mike Dominguez, 363-7626

GIRL'S BASKETBALL

Camp Dates: June 28-July 1
Cost: \$20.00
Open to incoming 4th-6th Grades, 7th-9th Graders
Registration Date: June 28, 8 a.m.-12 Noon at Whiteface Gymnasium
4th-6th Grades
Camp Time: 9 a.m. to 12 Noon
7th-9th Grades
Camp Time: 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
CONTACT: Key Harrison, 364-0187

GIRL'S SOFTBALL

Camp Dates: June 7-11
Cost: \$20.00
Open to incoming 4th-9th graders
Registration Date: June 7, 8 a.m. at Kids Inc. Complex
CONTACT: Brenda Kitten, 363-7633

VOLLEYBALL

Camp Dates: July 12-16
Cost: \$30.00
Open to incoming 4th-9th Graders
Registration Date: July 12, 8 a.m. at Whiteface Gymnasium
CONTACT: Brenda Kitten, 363-7633



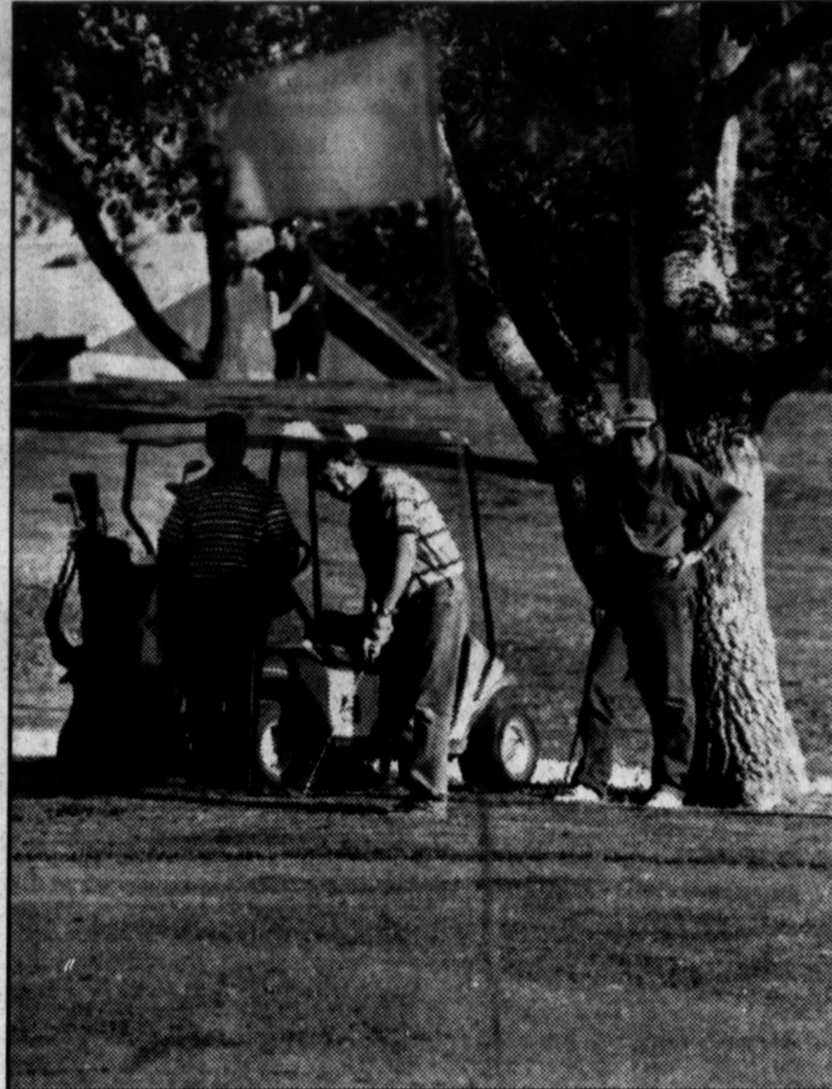
BASEBALL

Camp Dates: June 2-4
Cost: \$25.00
Open to incoming 4th-6th, 7th-9th Graders
Registration Date: June 2 at Whiteface Baseball Field
4th-6th Grades
Registration Time: 8:15 to 9 a.m.
Camp Time: 9 a.m. to 12 Noon
7th-9th Grades
Registration Time: 12:30 p.m. to 1 p.m.
Camp time: 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
CONTACT: David DePriest, 363-7626



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Keeping a pledge -- Members of the Hereford Whiteface Booster Club, along with boys basketball coach Randy Dean and girls basketball coach Key Harrison, accept a \$222 contribution from Jerry Stevens of Stevens 5 Star Car & Truck Center. The contribution was based on a challenge the dealership offered the high school basketball teams -- that the dealership would pay \$3 for every three-point basket made in the Class 3-4A playoffs. The girls hit 39 and the boys hit 35.



BRAND/Mauri Montgomery

Sam Metcalf chips from the rough during the weekly Wednesday scramble at John Pitman Municipal Golf Course. Metcalf and his team, which included Freddie DeLeon (left), Darrell Matthews (right) and Roy Riley, carded a 32.

Two teams tie in golf scramble

Two teams carded 29 to tie in this week's Wednesday Scramble at the John Pitman Municipal Golf Course.

The tie means there will be a carryover at next week's scramble.

A team comprised of Paul Hubbard, N.D. Kelso and Dave Anderson finished the scramble deadlocked with the team of Craig Niemjan, Sinky Scott and Joel Sturgeon.

Two teams in the 10-flight

field shared second place after turning in scores of 30.

Ron Mann, E.B. Durrett, Wendell Burdine and Keith Norvell finished with a 30 to tie with a team made up of L.V. Watts, Tony Barker, Gayle Cornelius and Don Davison.

Golfer scores an ace

Joe Cabezuela recorded a hole-in-one Wednesday while playing at John Pitman Municipal Golf Course.

Cabezuela's ace came on No. 3, a 125-yard hole. He used a pitching wedge.

The ace was witnessed by Joel Sturgeon, Marin Rivas and Rosie Gonzales.

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Cleveland Indians go on auction block

CLEVELAND (AP) — The Cleveland Indians, one of baseball's most successful franchises in the last five years, are for sale.

The team's board of directors hired two investment firms, Goldman Sachs Group Inc. and McDonald Investments Inc., to identify potential buyers for the franchise, owner Richard Jacobs said today.

Any deal would have to be approved by big league club owners.

Jacobs, team chairman,

president, CEO and controlling stockholder for more than 12 years, said the board of directors had agreed it might be an appropriate time to consider a sale.

Jacobs noted that the NFL's Washington Redskins recently sold for \$800 million. That price includes Jack Kent Cooke Stadium and the Redskins' training facility.

"If the Redskins can command \$800 million, the Indians should bask in that also," Jacobs said.



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'Atomic Train' still dangerous, but not THAT dangerous

By Lynn Elber

The Associated Press — It's still dangerous. It's just not THAT dangerous.

NBC is making a significant cargo change for its miniseries "Atomic Train," which begins this weekend.

The drama was being hastily edited to replace references to nuclear waste with the phrase "hazardous waste," network spokeswoman Rebecca Marks said.

The title will remain the same. "Atomic Train," about a runaway Idaho-to-Denver train carrying a nuclear weapon and, originally, nuclear waste, did not accurately depict safeguards used in connection with such waste, Ms. Marks said.

miniseries) is fictitious, rather than be inaccurate about the transporting of material we decided to change the nature of the material," she said. Nuclear waste is moved in casks that are not shown in the film.

A tacked-on disclaimer will tell viewers the miniseries is not based on fact and that NBC does not "suggest or imply in any way that these events could actually occur."

The decision to change the film was strictly internal and no NBC executive had been contacted by any nuclear industry representative requesting changes, Ms. Marks said.

NBC itself has a relative in the business. General Electric, the network's parent company, includes the GE

Nuclear Energy unit, which supplies parts and services for reactors.

In "Atomic Train," which stars Rob Lowe and airs Sunday and Monday, the wayward train crashes west of Denver. Fire detonates a Russian nuclear weapon placed on board by a disposal company contracted by the government to dispose of such weapons.

In reality, nuclear weapons are always transported by truck and are disarmed.

Though the network said it acted independently, the miniseries hasn't escaped criticism.

"There is no way something like this could happen," Energy Department spokesman Derek Scammell said. "It is just not feasible.

With all due respect to Hollywood, this is going to be a typical Hollywood movie."

In a letter to NBC, the president of the Idaho chapter of the Health Physics Society, which specializes in radiation safety, called the movie's premise wrong and asked NBC to add a disclaimer similar to that eventually adopted by the network.

The Nuclear Energy Insti-

tute, which represents utilities with nuclear power plants, issued a "containment strategy" for reaction to the film.

The April 27 memo suggested an "aggressive effort" to provide industry employees, state regulators and elected officials with information to field any questions raised about safety.

But Sen. Richard Bryan, D-NeV., a prominent oppo-

nent of nuclear waste transportation, said the film in its original version had an important message: Such waste represents a disaster waiting to happen.

"There are 50 million people in 43 states, living within a mile or less from nuclear shipment routes," Bryan said. "I keep telling people, this is nuclear waste that would be laid at your doorstep."

'Monica's Story' discounted

NEW YORK (AP) — Less than three months after the release of "Monica's Story," the former White House intern's best seller has joined the ranks of the "remaindered" books offered at a big discount.

"It's a common approach that publishers use to try to boost sales of a hardcover that's lagging," said Jim Milliot, business and news editor for the trade magazine Publishers Weekly.

"Monica's Story," easily the year's most-publicized book, came out in early March, the day after Barbara Walters interviewed Ms. Lewinsky on national television.

Although hated by reviewers, it was hardly a commercial flop. John Murphy, a St. Martin's Press spokesman, said the book easily sold out its initial printing of 350,000 and has now sold about half a million copies in the United States alone.

"We're very pleased with how the book did," Murphy said. He added that the publisher is hoping to clear the way for the mass market paperback, to come out this summer with a first printing of 500,000.

St. Martin's is urging stores to sell the hardcover at half its \$24.95 list price.

Written by Princess Diana

biographer Andrew Morton, Ms. Lewinsky's memoir about her affair with President Clinton immediately topped best-seller lists and soon faded.

Within weeks, "Monica's Story" was being outsold by another Clinton-related book, "All Too Human," by former White House aide George Stephanopoulos.

Ms. Lewinsky's book is now No. 1,675 on the sales list of Amazon.com, the online store.

"I don't think anybody is surprised," Milliot said Tuesday. "I think most predictions were that it would have a short shelf life."

COMICS

The Wizard of Id By Brant Parker & Johnny Hart. Panel 1: 'THIS IS THE GALLOPING GOURMET, SIRE.' Panel 2: 'GALLOPING?...YOU TRAVEL A LOT?' Panel 3: 'NO, MY SPECIALTY IS "1001 WAYS TO PREPARE PRUNES"'

Marvin By Tom Armstrong. Panel 1: 'WHO'S THAT GUY STANDING NEXT TO MY MOM?' Panel 2: 'THE LOCAL GARDEN CLUB SENT HIM OVER WHEN THEY HEARD SHE WAS PUTTING IN ANOTHER FLOWER BED.' Panel 3: 'TO OFFER ADVICE?' Panel 4: 'TO PLAY "TAPS"!' Panel 5: 'TO PLAY "TAPS"!' Panel 6: 'TO PLAY "TAPS"!' Panel 7: 'TO PLAY "TAPS"!' Panel 8: 'TO PLAY "TAPS"!' Panel 9: 'TO PLAY "TAPS"!' Panel 10: 'TO PLAY "TAPS"!' Panel 11: 'TO PLAY "TAPS"!' Panel 12: 'TO PLAY "TAPS"!' Panel 13: 'TO PLAY "TAPS"!' Panel 14: 'TO PLAY "TAPS"!' Panel 15: 'TO PLAY "TAPS"!' Panel 16: 'TO PLAY "TAPS"!' Panel 17: 'TO PLAY "TAPS"!' Panel 18: 'TO PLAY "TAPS"!' Panel 19: 'TO PLAY "TAPS"!' Panel 20: 'TO PLAY "TAPS"!' Panel 21: 'TO PLAY "TAPS"!' Panel 22: 'TO PLAY "TAPS"!' Panel 23: 'TO PLAY "TAPS"!' Panel 24: 'TO PLAY "TAPS"!' Panel 25: 'TO PLAY "TAPS"!' Panel 26: 'TO PLAY "TAPS"!' Panel 27: 'TO PLAY "TAPS"!' Panel 28: 'TO PLAY "TAPS"!' Panel 29: 'TO PLAY "TAPS"!' Panel 30: 'TO PLAY "TAPS"!' Panel 31: 'TO PLAY "TAPS"!' 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 Since 1901
 Want Ads Do It All
 You Want It
 You Got It!
CLASSIFIED
 364-2030
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 313 N. Lee

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1. ARTICLES FOR SALE

REBUILT KIRBYS 1/2 price with warranty. Other name brands. \$39 & up. Sales and repairs in your home, on all makes and models. Call 364-4288.

THE ROADS of Texas and The Roads of New Mexico are on sale at The Hereford Brand in book form. Both maps are \$14.95 each plus tax. Discover roads you never knew were there. Hereford Brand, 313 N. Lee.

ONLY 4 REMAINING! Scratch and Dent Sale! 8x8 and 8x10. Discounts up to 50%. Morgan Buildings. I-27 @ Bell. 358-9597.

POOLS-PRESEASON SALE! Save 20%. Morgan, I-27 @ Bell. Amarillo. 806-358-9597.

REDUCE: LOSE weight while you sleep. Take OPAL tablets and Hydrex Diuretic. Available at Edwards Pharmacy.

GREEN ACRES Membership for sale! \$200. Call 364-0419.

2. FARM & RANCH

MATUA HAY for sale. Excellent horse feed. Call 364-7791.

RED TOP Cane seed for sale! Call 258-7394.

SADDLE PADS, reins, and head stalls. Call Ron Shirley at 363-1575. After 6:00 call 364-6965.

3. AUTOMOBILES

FOR SALE! 1987 Olds Regency. Good condition. Call 364-6437.

FOR SALE! 1987 Oldsmobile Regency Ninety-Eight. White with red leather interior. In good condition. Call 364-9192 after 6:00 p.m.

See Us Before You Buy
Marcum Motors Co.
 Clean Used Cars & Trucks
 413 N. 25 Mile Ave. 364-3565

1a. GARAGE SALES

INSIDE SALE! 129 Avenue J. TVs, bunkbeds, furniture, bedspreads, kitchen appliances, all size clothing, washer/dryer, maternity & baby clothes. Thursday, Friday, Saturday.

GARAGE SALE! 1104 Grand. Friday and Saturday, 9:00 thru ?? Clothes, toys, carseat and miscellaneous.

GARAGE SALE! Friday, Saturday and Sunday. 303 Brevard. Color TV, LP records, lots of everything!

GARAGE SALE! 415 Avenue E. Friday only. Washer, dryer, refrigerator and lots of miscellaneous!

GARAGE SALE! 337 Stadium. Friday, 8:00 til 5:00 and Saturday 8:00 til ?? Furniture, adult and children's clothing, miscellaneous.

GARAGE SALE! 233 Juniper. Saturday, 8:00-5:00. Sunday, 1:00-4:00. Miscellaneous Items!

4. REAL ESTATE

HOME BUYERS! 1999 Government Assistance Program is available to first-time home buyers with low to moderate income. You could receive up to \$7500 in assistance. Call Kyle Michaels at 356-9595 to apply.

MULTI-FAMILY CLEANOUT. Framed prints, treadmill, dining room table and 6 chairs. Lots of baby items, curtain rods and dorm appliances. Clothes and much more. Saturday 8-3. 2 miles South of town on 385, then 1 mile on FM 1055. Follow signs.

GARAGE SALE! Lots of miscellaneous, 235 Juniper. Friday, 9:00 til ??

GARAGE SALE! 214 Hickory. Friday, 8-?? Saturday, 8-?? (weather permitting). Clothes, twin girls baby clothes, waterbed, shoes, 12-gauge and 110-gauge shotguns and 9mm pistol, etc.

LARGE GARAGE Sale! 208 Centre. 8:00 a.m. Friday and Saturday.

GARAGE SALE! 205 Fir. Friday, 1:00 p.m. til ?? Saturday, 8:00 a.m. til ?? Ice maker, patio set, smoker cooker, clothes, 4 long evening dresses, tools, radial arm saw, Drake press, videos, books and lots more.

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1977 CHEVROLET Caprice. Excellent condition. Great Graduation Gift! \$1,500. Must see to appreciate. Call Sheila. 364-5331 (days) or 289-5503 (evenings).

1978 FORD Pickup Custom 100. Current tags and inspection. Good work truck. \$1,200. 364-5331 (days) or 289-5503 (evenings).

1996 EXPLORER XLT. Leather, loaded! Excellent condition. \$16,900. Call 364-3305.

For Sale

'98 Olds Silhouette GLS Mini Van
 Low mileage - Only 5,500 miles, with grey interior, 6 Leather Bucket Seats, 4 Doors. Owner selling because of death in family. Should sell fast so check it out!
 See John Stagner at Stevens 5-Star Car & Trucks

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By **THOMAS JOSEPH**

ACROSS

1 Practice in the ring
 5 Rustic home
 10 Bound
 12 Fight site
 13 Jostle, in a way
 14 Designer Bill
 15 Buck's mate
 16 Kinda
 18 Flashing light
 20 Envision
 21 Boat propeller
 22 Boat propeller
 24 Incline
 26 Orange outside
 28 Chest muscle, for short
 29 Explorer Hedin
 31 Before, to bards
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 36 Franks
 39 Epoch
 40 As a companion
 41 Sam or Tom
 43 Vast expanse
 44 Bread spreads

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1 Luges
 2 Cockpit worker
 3 Traffic light color
 4 Carnival city
 5 Truck parts
 6 Singer Guthrie
 7 Affects
 8 As an alternative
 9 Noted Egyptian leader
 11 Small change
 17 Marsh flyer
 19 Night
 22 Prepare for the prom
 24 Playwright Rattigan
 25 Summer cooler
 27 Squid defense
 28 Dot
 30 Tub
 33 Ipsy —
 34 Eyed
 35 Actress Witherspoon
 37 Frost
 38 Possesses
 42 Catch

Yesterday's answer

10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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LIMITED TIME OFFER! \$500 down on singlewide homes. \$1,000 down on doublewide homes. Nationwide Homes, 4701 Amarillo Blvd. E, Amarillo. 800-820-0103. \$233/month, 11.25 APR, 360 mos.

HOME FOR Sale! 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Big master bathroom, storage, big backyard. 107 Centre. \$1500 down, \$523/month. Call Jim at 364-8221.

4a. MOBILE HOMES

VALUE HOMES

Nice 14x70 2 Bedroom, 2 Bath, front kitchen mobile home. \$12,900. Will finance.

Used Doublewide 3/2 for Sale! Will finance.

We trade for anything at Value Homes!

Best interest rate in West Texas on a new or used mobile home. We finance!

Call 806-655-0223

5. RENTAL PROPERTY

APARTMENTS:

Blue Water Gardens
 HEAT, A/C, LIGHTS INCLUDED

Rent based on income. Accepting applications for 1,2,3, 4 bdrms. CALL Debra or Janis TODAY for information & directions. 12-5pm (806)364-6661. Equal Opportunity.

NEED EXTRA storage space? Need a place to have a garage sale? Rent a mini storage. Two sizes available. Call 364-4370.

BEST DEAL in Town! 1 bedroom efficiency apartments. Bills paid, red brick apartments. 300 block West 2nd. 364-3566.

NICE, LARGE, unfurnished apartments. Refrigerated air, two bedrooms. You pay only electric — we pay the rest. \$335/month. 364-8421.

Two Doctors' Clinics for Rent!
 Call C&R Co.
 806-364-4670

FOR RENT! 2 bedroom apartment. Stove and refrigerator furnished. Water paid. Call 364-4370.

EL DORADO ARMS has 1 and 2 bedroom apartments for rent starting at \$60/week and no deposit. Free gas, water and cable. Call 344-2475 or 363-1254.

FOR RENT: 2 bedroom, 1 bath house. Washer/dryer hookup. N. Progressive Rd. Rd 7 D. Call 364-2613 after 6:00 p.m.

FOR RENT! 2 bedroom house. Please call 364-8520 after 5:00 or on weekends.

1100 sq. ft. Office Space
 4 Offices, Carpeted
 In good shape
 and ready to go!
 Call C&R Co.
 806-364-4670

LARGE TWO bedroom apartment. Dishwasher, central heat and air conditioning, parking offstreet. \$310/month, deposit. Call 363-6569.

TWO BEDROOM duplex — stove, fridge, washer/dryer hookups, fenced, carport. Water paid. Also two bedroom mobile home — stove, fridge, fenced yard. Call 364-4370.

FOR RENT! Nice 2 bedroom house. Remodeled. \$225 per month. 503 Blevins. Call 806-762-4339.

1514 BLEVINS. 3 bedroom, 2 bath. \$500/month plus \$250 deposit. No pets. References. No HUD. Call 346-2903.

PRIME RETAIL/OFFICE Space. 800 sq. ft., excellent location. 902 N. Lee. Call 364-0686.

HOUSE FOR RENT! 1 bedroom, livingroom, kitchen, 1 bath. 123-B Avenue A. Call 364-6404.

ALONZO'S APARTMENTS! 1-, 2- and 3-bedroom available. Call 364-8805.

6. WANTED

DEPENDABLE COLLEGE student wants to mow your lawn. Experienced, reasonable. Free estimates. Call Brent at 364-1317 after 6:00 p.m.

8. EMPLOYMENT

AVON REPRESENTATIVES urgently needed! No door to door. 18 years or older and qualified. Cal! 364-0899. ISR.

SUMMER WORK! College students - '99 HS Graduates. \$9.85 per hr. appt. Entry level customer sales and service. Flex. PT/FT schedule conditions exist. 806-355-6592.

WORKSHOP DIRECTOR

The Hereford Workshop for the Mentally Retarded has a position available as the Director of the Workshop. The successful applicant will work under the direction of the Director of Vocational Services and will be responsible for the general success of the workshop.

Minimum requirements: High school diploma/GED plus 2 years experience assisting individuals in therapeutic activities. Preferred qualifications: Supervisory experience, long and short range goal setting, knowledge of training techniques, ability to develop an effective team, experience hiring, various report and schedule writing, ability to work under stress, public speaking, knowledge of local community, interpersonal skills. Salary: \$1,616 per month plus State of Texas benefits. Hours 8am-4pm, M-F.

Apply at the Amarillo State Center, 901 Wallace Blvd. 351-3232. All applicants must submit a college transcript showing 12 completed hours or pass the ABLE test.

An Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer/Veteran's Preference Granted

PLAINS MEMORIAL Hospital is now accepting applications for two positions. Admissions Clerk, experience preferred. Requirements include computer, typing and filing skills. Must be highly motivated with good public relations skills. Bilingual a plus. Also, position of Office Clerk/Receptionist at the Dimmitt Medical Center. To do insurance follow-up and post payments. Apply in person Monday-Friday, 8:00-5:00 p.m., Plains Memorial Hospital, Human Resource Dept.

JOHN SOULES FOOD has immediate growth related opportunities

Maintenance Technicians
 Vacuum Packaging Equipment
 Meat Production Equipment
 General Maintenance
 Must be experienced in basic electrical, hydraulics, pneumatics & mechanical.

Quality Assurance
 Quality Assurance Supervisors
 Quality Assurance Technicians
 Must have HACCP & GMP experience.

This is a well-managed, 25-year old company with a history of solid, continuing growth. We are in need of additional players to join this successful team. Mail your resume/salary requirements to:
 P.O. Box 4579
 Tyler, Texas 75712
 Or fax to: 903-593-5005

STOP
 Domestic Violence or Sexual Assault
 Call 363-6727

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State laws forbid discrimination in the sale, rental or advertising of real estate based advertising for real estate which is violation of the law. All persons are hereby informed that all dwellings advertised are available on an equal opportunity basis.

Writing Want Ads that really sell!

Unsure how to write a Classified Ad that will get results? Follow these pointers and you'll soon have an empty space in your storage room and cash in your pocket.

For starters, look at ads which offer the same item/products. Get a sense of going rates and ideas for how to make your ad stand out. Once you're ready to write, begin with exactly what you're selling: "Dining room set, maple, six chairs." Then, remember these hints:

- Give the price. A newspaper consultant says 70 percent of classified readers won't respond to an ad with no price.
- Use key words to describe what you're selling. The key words for a car are make, model, year, body style, color, mileage and price. If it's a house, key words are location, type of construction, number of bedrooms and baths, and condition.
- Don't use abbreviations. It's tempting to abbreviate and save money if ads are billed by the line. Brand ads are billed by the words, so spell them out so readers won't be confused trying to figure out abbreviations.
- Don't be misleading. Think accurate and factual when you write. Be sure to include a phone number and the best times to reach you.

DO YOU LIKE TO TALK?
 Let Me Pay You
 Full or Part Time
 Farmers Insurance
 Call 364-7676

NOW HIRING Truck Driver for local grain hauling. Must have good record and at least 2 years driving experience. Call after 6:00 p.m., 364-9251.

HELP WANTED! Higginbotham Bartlett Lumber Co., 720 N. 25 Mile Ave. Sales person, deliveries, must be able to do some heavy lifting. Apply in person.

LAUNDRY ATTENDANT, Edwards Laundry. 213 13th Street. Apply in person.

Now taking applications for spring and fall Temporary Delivery Drivers.
 Qualifications are a Class C CDL license with Hazardous Endorsement, must pass a drug screen and physical.
TRI-STATE CHEMICAL
 E. Hwy. 60, Hereford, Texas
 364-3290

SCOTT OIL Change is accepting applications for Lube Tech. No experience required but preferred. Apply in person at Scott Oil Change, 413 S. 25 Mile Ave., Hereford.

SHERWIN-WILLIAMS has a position open for part-time inside sales. Apply in person at 1003 W. Park, Hereford.

DEAF SMITH Builders needs a Framing and Finish Carpenter. **EXPERIENCE REQUIRED.** Must have own tools and transportation. Apply in person at 128 N. Schley.

DRIVE & MAKE MONEY
 and be home most nights. If you live in the Hereford area, Winkles Trucks, Inc. can give you the opportunity to do all three!
 Paddlewagon unload and drop pay, per diem, paid medical, paid vacations, retirement plan, and sign-on bonus.
 Qualified drivers call:
1-800-447-2108
 between 8:00 am & 5:00 pm.
 MONDAY-FRIDAY. EOE

Do Unto Others As You Would Have Them Do Unto You

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 Domestic Violence or Sexual Assault
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CLASSIFIEDS/NEWS

9. CHILD CARE

HEREFORD DAY CARE
Offering an excellent program of learning and care for your children 0-12! State Licensed
Also - SPECIAL AFTER-HOURS pick-up for Kindergarten Children!
364-5062
248 E. 16th

11. BUSINESS SERVICES

Carla's Shearin' Shack
CARLA SHIRLEY
Owner/Hairylist
VICKIE WHEELER
Hairylist
\$5.00 ALL Haircuts
Mon.-Sat. 9 am to 8 pm
128 E. 5th St.
Walk-in Welcome
North rentals available.
363-1575

GARAGE DOOR and Opener Repair and Replacement. Call Robert Betzen, 289-5500. If no answer call mobile, 344-2960.

DEFENSIVE DRIVING Course is now being offered nights and Saturdays. Will include ticket dismissal and insurance discount. For more information, call 289-5851. #C0023-C0733, McKibben ADS.

WE BUY scrap iron, metal, aluminum cans, old batteries, tin, copper & brass. Call 364-3350.

TREE & Shrub trimming and removal. Leaf raking and assorted lawn work, rotary tilling and seeding of new lawns. 364-3356.

WE BUY cars and pickups running or not running! We sell used auto parts of all kinds. Call 364-2754.

Affordable Computers
• Service
• Supplies
• Upgrades
CCS
319 N. Main • 364-6067

HARVEY'S LAWN Mower Repair and Service, tune-ups, overhaul, oil changes, blade sharpening, etc. Pick-up and delivery. 705 S. Main. Call 364-8413.

F&G ROOFING and Construction. 15 years experience in all types of roofing needs. Free estimates. Good references. Call 364-4770 or 344-4770.

ROOFING, SMALL hot ROOFS and general roofing repairs. Call Weldon Toews at 364-5643.

FORREST INSULATION. We insulate attics, side walls and metal buildings. Free Estimates. Call 364-5477.

TIM RILEY CONSTRUCTION. All types remodeling, plumbing repairs. Interior and exterior painting. Roofing, cement work, ceramic tile, decks, metal buildings. Call 364-6761.

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Let us do it for you!
REASONABLE RATES!
Call **363-6388**
Leave Message

DAILY CRYPTOQUOTES
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.
5-13 CRYPTOQUOTE
KAO AK OPG FICGXIB
NWEJKW AG AK XPCNAMMWO,
NIG AG AK XPCNAMMWO
NWEJKW AG AK FICGXIB.
— NWOLJDAO XCJOHBAAO
Yesterday's Cryptoquote: A GOOD LISTENER IS NOT ONLY POPULAR EVERYWHERE, BUT AFTER A WHILE HE KNOWS SOMETHING.
— WILSON MIZNER

PLUG
Your Computer with the CLASSIFIEDS!
364-2030
SINCE 1901 **Hereford BRAND**
PO BOX 673 • 313 N. LEE • HEREFORD, TEXAS 76049
364-2030 • Fax (806)364-8364 • E-MAIL: hbr@herf.com

"What sculpture is to a block of marble, education is the human soul."
— Joseph Addison
Recognize your favorite Senior for his or her achievements with a placement of a personalized picture ad - your message and their picture in the Hereford Brand Graduation Section, Sunday, May 23, 1999.
The FINAL DEADLINE for placement in this special section is set for 10:00 am, Friday, May 14th.
Call today for details!
Hereford Brand Display Advertising Department
364-2030

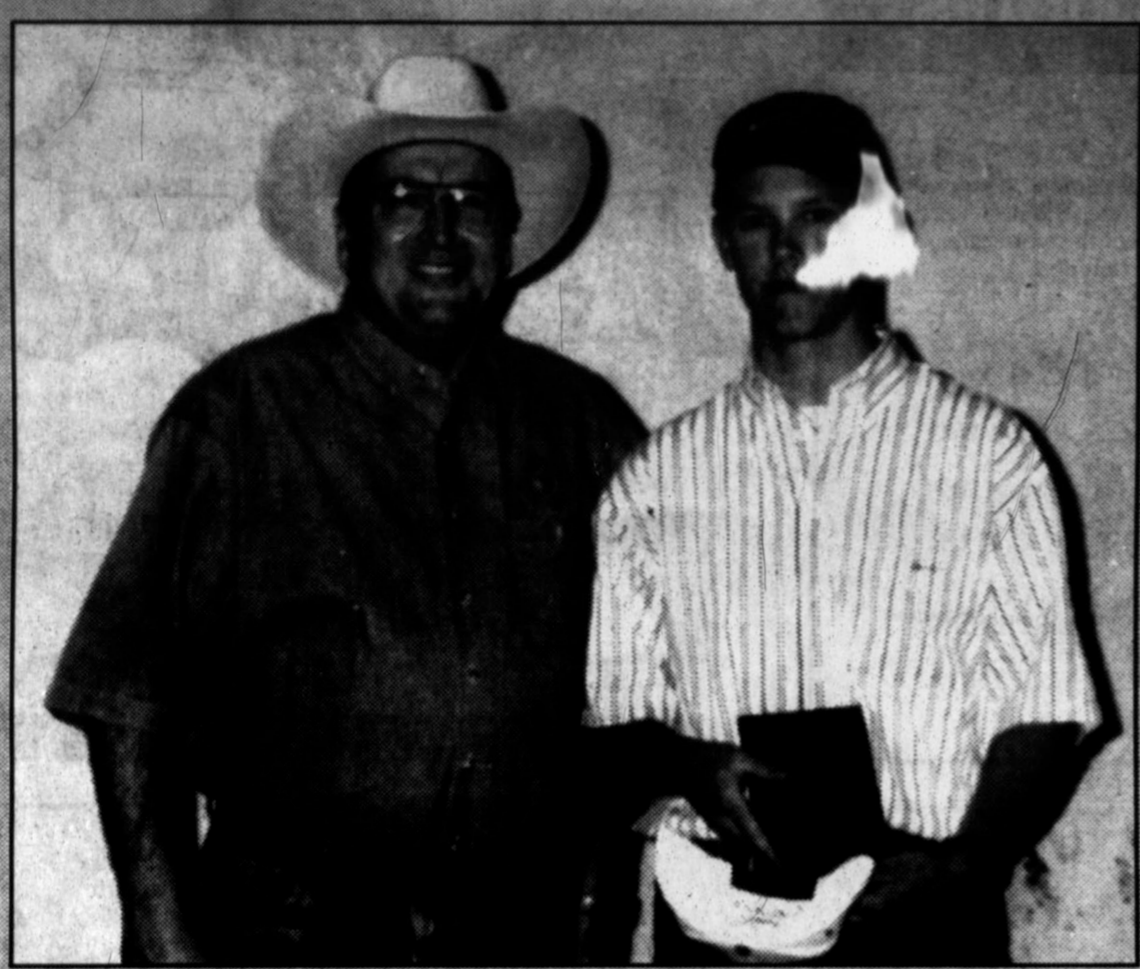
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COMMODITY SERVICES
1500 West Park Avenue • 364-1281
Richard Schlabs Amber Griffith
Phone 364-1286 Each Trading Day After 5:30 P.M. for Recorded Commodity Update
Prices effective: May 12, 1999

CATTLE FUTURES
CATTLE-FEEDER (CME) 50,000 lbs., cents per lb.
May 78.00 78.00 78.00 -25 78.25 42.75 4.70
June 77.75 77.75 77.75 -25 78.00 42.75 4.70
July 77.50 77.50 77.50 -25 77.75 42.75 4.70
Aug 77.25 77.25 77.25 -25 77.50 42.75 4.70
Sept 77.00 77.00 77.00 -25 77.25 42.75 4.70
Oct 76.75 76.75 76.75 -25 77.00 42.75 4.70
Nov 76.50 76.50 76.50 -25 76.75 42.75 4.70
Dec 76.25 76.25 76.25 -25 76.50 42.75 4.70
Est. val 1.000; vol 1.000; open int 17.676; -2.87.
CATTLE-LIVE (CME) 40,000 lbs., cents per lb.
June 61.00 61.00 61.00 -10 60.75 39.95 46.92
July 60.75 60.75 60.75 -10 60.50 39.95 46.92
Aug 60.50 60.50 60.50 -10 60.25 39.95 46.92
Sept 60.25 60.25 60.25 -10 60.00 39.95 46.92
Oct 60.00 60.00 60.00 -10 59.75 39.95 46.92
Nov 59.75 59.75 59.75 -10 59.50 39.95 46.92
Dec 59.50 59.50 59.50 -10 59.25 39.95 46.92
Est. val 11,000; vol 12,500; open int 103,900; -508.
HOOD-LEAN (CME) 40,000 lbs., cents per lb.
June 58.00 58.00 58.00 -10 57.75 45.12 30.95
July 57.75 57.75 57.75 -10 57.50 45.12 30.95
Aug 57.50 57.50 57.50 -10 57.25 45.12 30.95
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Dec 56.50 56.50 56.50 -10 56.25 45.12 30.95
Est. val 11,000; vol 12,500; open int 103,900; -508.

GRAIN FUTURES
WHEAT (CBT) 5,000 bu., cents per bu.
May 2275 2275 2275 +1 2280 210 9.803
June 2270 2270 2270 +1 2275 210 9.803
July 2265 2265 2265 +1 2270 210 9.803
Aug 2260 2260 2260 +1 2265 210 9.803
Sept 2255 2255 2255 +1 2260 210 9.803
Oct 2250 2250 2250 +1 2255 210 9.803
Nov 2245 2245 2245 +1 2250 210 9.803
Dec 2240 2240 2240 +1 2245 210 9.803
Est. val 41,000; vol 12,500; open int 337,342; -2,877.
SOYBEANS (CBT) 5,000 bu., cents per bu.
May 475 475 475 -1 474 457 3.440
June 474 474 474 -1 473 457 3.440
July 473 473 473 -1 472 457 3.440
Aug 472 472 472 -1 471 457 3.440
Sept 471 471 471 -1 470 457 3.440
Oct 470 470 470 -1 469 457 3.440
Nov 469 469 469 -1 468 457 3.440
Dec 468 468 468 -1 467 457 3.440
Est. val 22,000; vol 12,500; open int 128,275; -807.
WHEAT (CBT) 5,000 bu., cents per bu.
May 2275 2275 2275 +1 2280 210 9.803
June 2270 2270 2270 +1 2275 210 9.803
July 2265 2265 2265 +1 2270 210 9.803
Aug 2260 2260 2260 +1 2265 210 9.803
Sept 2255 2255 2255 +1 2260 210 9.803
Oct 2250 2250 2250 +1 2255 210 9.803
Nov 2245 2245 2245 +1 2250 210 9.803
Dec 2240 2240 2240 +1 2245 210 9.803
Est. val 41,000; vol 12,500; open int 337,342; -2,877.

METAL FUTURES
GOLD (COMEX) 100 oz., \$ per oz.
June 378.00 378.00 378.00 -1.00 379.25 378.00 16,980
July 378.00 378.00 378.00 -1.00 379.25 378.00 16,980
Aug 378.00 378.00 378.00 -1.00 379.25 378.00 16,980
Sept 378.00 378.00 378.00 -1.00 379.25 378.00 16,980
Oct 378.00 378.00 378.00 -1.00 379.25 378.00 16,980
Nov 378.00 378.00 378.00 -1.00 379.25 378.00 16,980
Dec 378.00 378.00 378.00 -1.00 379.25 378.00 16,980
Est. val 32,000; vol 12,500; open int 107,427; -1,804.
SILVER (COMEX) 5000 oz., \$ per oz.
May 537.0 537.0 536.0 -0.5 538.0 487.0 609
June 537.0 537.0 536.0 -0.5 538.0 487.0 609
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Est. val 10,000; vol 12,500; open int 82,022; -1,121.

FUTURES OPTIONS
CATTLE-FEEDER (CME) 50,000 lbs., cents per lb.
Strike Price Call Put
690 0.77 0.77 0.77 0.77 0.77 0.77
700 0.50 0.50 0.50 0.50 0.50 0.50
710 0.25 0.25 0.25 0.25 0.25 0.25
720 0.10 0.10 0.10 0.10 0.10 0.10
Est. val 300; vol 300; open int 172 puts
CATTLE-LIVE (CME) 40,000 lbs., cents per lb.
Strike Price Call Put
60 1.00 1.00 1.00 1.00 1.00 1.00
65 0.80 0.80 0.80 0.80 0.80 0.80
70 0.60 0.60 0.60 0.60 0.60 0.60
75 0.40 0.40 0.40 0.40 0.40 0.40
80 0.20 0.20 0.20 0.20 0.20 0.20
Est. val 1,000; vol 1,000; open int 1,000
COMEX (CBT) 5,000 bu., cents per bu.
Strike Price Call Put
2270 0.25 0.25 0.25 0.25 0.25 0.25
2280 0.10 0.10 0.10 0.10 0.10 0.10
2290 0.05 0.05 0.05 0.05 0.05 0.05
2300 0.02 0.02 0.02 0.02 0.02 0.02
Est. val 10,000; vol 10,000; open int 10,000
GOLD (COMEX) 100 oz., \$ per oz.
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Judging competitor — Brent Carlson (right) of the Deaf Smith County 4-H Club finished ninth in the 4-H Invitational Senior Livestock Judging contests held recently at Tarleton State University. Carlson received a plaque and cap, which were presented by Dr. Dennis P. McCabe, president of Tarleton State.

Clinton says he's optimistic about compromise package

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton expressed optimism today about legislation that would give him nearly twice the money he wants for the bombardment of Yugoslavia, even as the package has become a hodgepodge of provisions dealing with tobacco, steel and other issues.

Bargainers from the two chambers expected to meet again today amid fading hopes of striking a compromise bill, whipping it through Congress and shipping it to Clinton for his signature by week's end.

Before they did, the president bypassed a chance to criticize the package.

"There is some effort to trim down the bill some and get it in a position where I can sign it, and I hope it will be done quickly," Clinton told reporters. "I'm, frankly, pretty encouraged this morning."

Wednesday afternoon, lawmakers agreed to spend \$11.7 billion for the fighting over Kosovo, the refugees and Balkan states that have accepted them, and to strengthen a slew of Pentagon

programs, dwarfing the \$6 billion Clinton requested. That is the biggest chunk of the bill, and the item with the strongest political appeal.

The measure also contains nearly \$1 billion he sought to help Honduras and other Central American countries rebuild from last fall's Hurricane Mitch, plus \$566 million to aid U.S. farmers struggling from low commodities prices.

By the time an often surly bargaining session ended just before 1 a.m., the bill's price tag had surged toward \$15 billion and confusion reigned. Lawmakers added tobacco language opposed by the administration, a new loan program for smaller steel companies unpopular with conservatives, and still faced questions about how parts of the package would be paid for.

Senate Appropriations Committee Chairman Ted Stevens, R-Alaska, said he did not know what would happen next beyond a meeting of GOP leaders "to figure out what we're going to do."

"Sure it's in trouble," said Rep. David Obey of Wisconsin, top Democrat on the House Appropriations Committee. "It's a mess."

Despite an earlier veto threat from White House officials, the bargainers approved a provision by Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas, that would bar the federal government from laying claim to any of the \$246 billion from settlements that states have reached with the tobacco industry. Clinton planned to use billions of those funds for federal programs, but governors want to keep it for the states.

"He won't veto," predicted Hutchison in an interview, saying it would jeopardize "money for troops in Kosovo doing his mission."

White House budget office spokeswoman Linda Ricci chided Congress for "trying to take advantage of emergency needs in Kosovo and Central America by loading up this bill with everybody's pet projects."

Texas Democrats say Bush is AWOL

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas Gov. George W. Bush is so busy running for president he's not paying enough attention to his state duties, the Democratic Party charged Wednesday.

Not so, Bush and his aides said, although the Republican governor and presidential prospect acknowledged that one of his top priorities in the Legislature — taxpayer-funded private school tuition for some children — is in trouble.

The Democratic National Committee cited a Houston Chronicle review of Bush's office calendars.

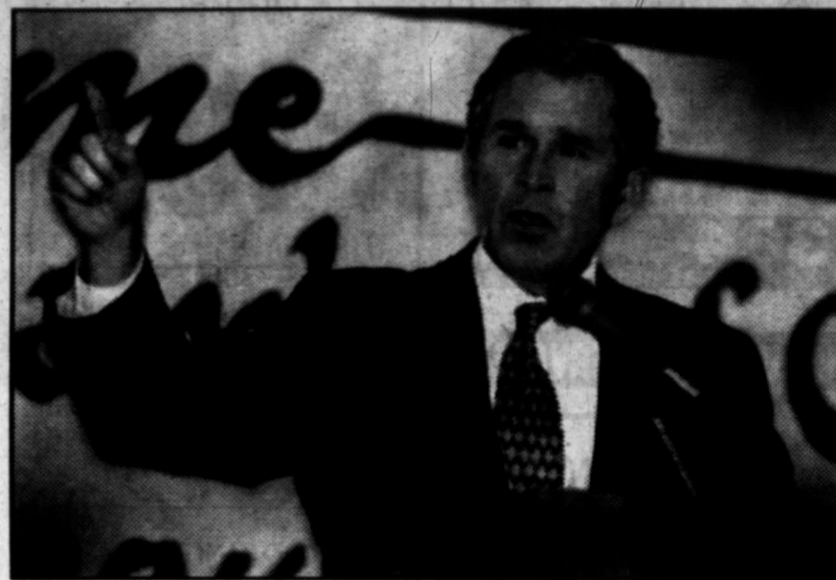
The newspaper reported that those records showed the Republican governor has had about half the personal involvement in this legislative session than he did during the last one, in 1997.

"Although Bush has stayed in Texas, his mind and priorities are focused on New Hampshire and Iowa," the Democrats said in a statement issued in Washington.

Bush, GOP front-runner in several presidential polls, has pledged to remain in Texas until the legislative session ends May 31. Campaign trips to Iowa and New Hampshire are tentatively set for mid-June.

Bush spokeswoman Karen Hughes accused national Democrats of trying to inject partisanship into Texas law-making.

"The people of Texas are counting on their legislators to work in a spirit of coop-



GEORGE W. BUSH

Is the Texas governor too busy running for president?

eration to cut taxes and fund improvements to our public schools," Ms. Hughes said.

She said Bush has spent considerable time meeting with lawmakers in their offices. "Official entries on his calendar don't always tell how much time he has spent with legislators," she said.

Bush, meanwhile, said that except for vouchers, he remains highly optimistic about the fate of his legislative program. That includes a property tax cut, lowering the minimum alcohol level for drunken driving, limiting Y2K-related lawsuits and requiring automatic detention for juveniles caught illegally carrying firearms.

"Most of the issues I campaigned on came out of the Senate, and there will be a moment of reconciliation (with the House)," he said.

Neither the Republican-controlled state Senate nor the Democratic-controlled House has approved a voucher bill. In the Senate, voucher opponents claim to have enough votes to keep the bill from being debated.

"I'm an optimistic, cheery fellow, but..." Bush said. "I think there's still a chance that vouchers may have some life in the Senate, but I'm not nearly as hopeful about that particular issue as I would have been at the beginning of the session."

Treasury pick expected to win easy approval

WASHINGTON (AP) — Lawrence Summers may be a harried leap in style from the unflappable Treasury secretary he's been nominated to replace, but on matters of substance the two could be twins. That's expected to earn

him an easy confirmation in the Senate.

Summers, 44, has served since 1995 as deputy to Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin, who announced his long-expected resignation Wednesday.

"The right course has been set," Summers said.

Senators key to the confirmation process appear to largely agree — if anyone in President Clinton's Cabinet has had a fan club on Capitol Hill, it's been Rubin.

Guns

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one month after the worst school shooting in our nation's history, the Senate has decided to make it easier for felons, fugitives and other prohibited purchasers to buy guns," Reno said.

And she said an amendment approved 53-45 "actually weakened one of the most effective gun laws we have ever had."

She said the Craig amendment, which called for voluntary background checks and was supported by the National Rifle Association, "may be disguised as gun-show legislation, but make no mistake: It will not prevent criminals and children from buying deadly weapons at gun shows. Instead, it will jeopardize our ability to continue the background checks that we currently do."


Aides explained that the Craig amendment would repeal the requirement that

pawnshops conduct background checks on people redeeming their own guns. Such pawnshop checks have been required only since last Nov. 1.

Reno said the part of the NRA that fears any gun regulation will lead to federal control needs "to relax for a while." She maintained that a majority of citizens supports guns checks and that the Brady Act that provides for them has not inconvenienced law-abiding gun users.

The sponsor of voluntary checks on gun sales said his measure struck a better balance between caution and the rights of gun owners and sellers.

Sen. Larry Craig, a member of the NRA's board, said the Democratic bill would have unfairly cracked down on "private citizens who come to gun shows."



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