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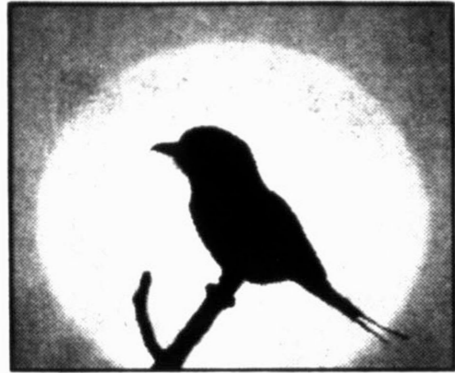
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HUSTLIN' HEREFORD HOME OF Ben Larson

Today's weather OUTLOOK

Mostly clear skies

Tonight, mostly clear with a low 60 to 65.
Saturday, mostly sunny with a high 90 to 95.



Extended forecast

Sunday through Tuesday, mostly clear. Lows 65 to 70, highs in the mid- to upper 90s.

Hereford weather

Thursday's high, 95; low, 62; no precipitation; year-to-date rainfall, 20.56 inches, according to KPAN Radio.

Hantavirus reported in Castro Co.

CASTRO COUNTY - Texas Department of Health officials have confirmed Castro County farmer has been diagnosed with hantavirus pulmonary syndrome.

This is the first case of the deadly virus reported in Texas since October 1997.

According to news reports, the physician who made the diagnosis failed to report the hantavirus infection to the TDH, as is required by state law. According to the department, the doctor acted on the patient's request.

Hantavirus is contracted mainly by breathing in tiny droplets from fresh or dried droppings, urine and saliva left by infected rodents.

TDH officials learned of the case July 8. The hantavirus infection was confirmed by a test July 23. According to health reports, the 51-year-old man became sick in April. He was diagnosed and successfully treated at an Amarillo hospital in May.

Hantavirus, a virus that originated in Asia and Europe, was relatively unknown in the United States until 1993. An epidemic of sudden deaths due to severe infection of the lungs in the Four Corners region of New Mexico, Arizona, Utah and Colorado led to its 'discovery.'

Hantavirus is contracted mainly by breathing in tiny droplets from fresh or dried droppings, urine and saliva left by infected rodents. The most common carriers are the deer mouse and cotton rat.

Dr. James Alexander, a TDH veterinarian in San Angelo, said the virus also can be contracted by touching anything in an environment where rodents have been active.

"There are no documented cases of person-to-person infection," Alexander said.

Fever, headache, shortness of breath, severe muscle aches, dry cough, vomiting and abdominal pain are potential warning signs of hantavirus.

Most of the symptoms do not respond to traditional treatment, Alexander said.

No specific medicine or treatment will cure the disease. The best treatment has been early diagnosis and hospital care.

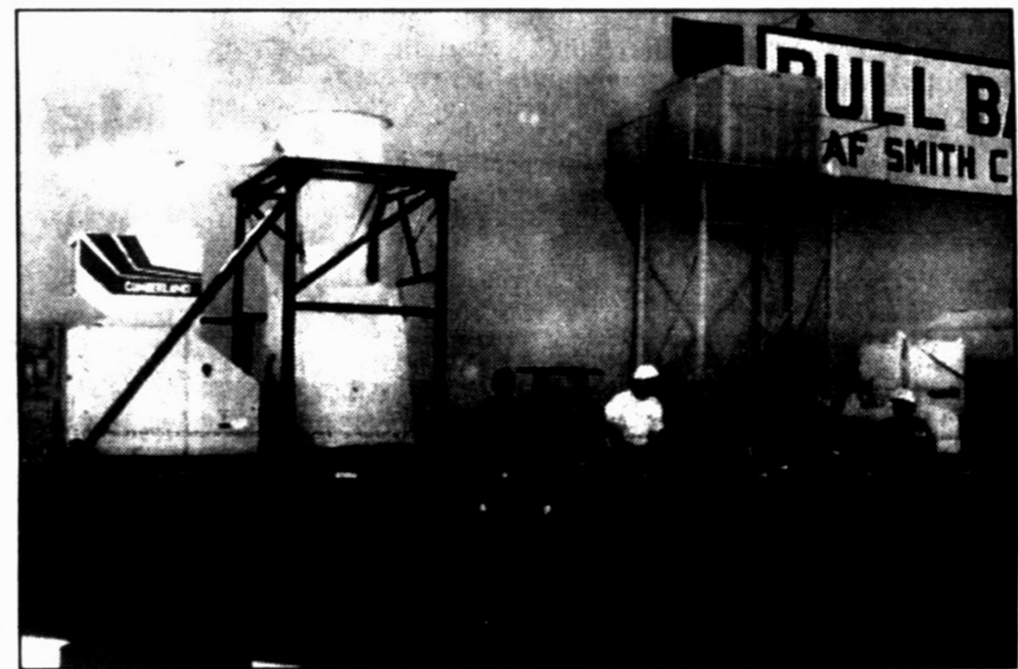
The disease has a 50 percent fatality rate, but Texas incidents have a higher rate of survival, Alexander said.



RECYCLING



Wearing oily rubber gloves, Gary Newdiger (left) works Thursday at the Texas National Resource Conservation Commission's Texas Country Cleanup campaign day. Newdiger and Kevin Edmondson (on ground) unload used oil filters from Joe Boeckman's pickup (above) at the collection point at the Deaf Smith County Bull Barn. An unidentified assistant (below, at left), Will Wyman of TNRCC, Deaf Smith County Extension Agent Mike Lloyd, Levon Harman of the Texas Department of Agriculture and Gordon Evard of U.S. Ag Recycling relax outside the Bull Barn.



Triskaidekaphobia

It is millennium's final Friday the 13th

PHILADELPHIA (AP) - Margaret Downey wants you to limbo under a ladder, waltz with a person costumed in a black-cat outfit and break as many mirrors as you can.

And she says the more superstitious you are, the better - it is, after all, the last Friday the 13th of the millennium.

"Friday the 13th is complete bunk, it's nonsense," said Downey, organizer of the Anti-Superstition Carnival in Philadelphia.

Similar events were planned in Los Angeles and Buffalo, N.Y.,

part of an effort organized by the Buffalo-based Center for Inquiry International to debunk superstitions associated with Friday the 13th.

"It's kind of our bread-and-butter event," said the center's Chris Mooney. "We have this sort of residual fear of Friday the 13th, and it would be a good thing to try and clear this up a little bit."

To do that, Downey is opening up the carnival to the public for the first time. The past two years, it was attended only by members of the Freethought Society of Greater Philadelphia.

To poke fun at the superstitions,

organizers will hold limbo dances under a ladder, toss mirrors and play superstition trivia games - all in the name of helping friggatriskaidekaphobes, or those who fear Friday the 13th.

The 13 members of the anti-superstition Friday the 13th club were to meet today, too.

"We'll meet, go under our ladders, open our umbrellas rain or shine, throw around some salt and knock on wood," said club member Murray Saltzman, 68. He might show up at the carnival tonight.

"It sounds interesting. I guess it's not bad luck to attend to two of

these events."

In Fredericksburg, Va., the Somerset Golf Club has taken a drastic step to mollify golfers who insist their longest drives inexplicably vanish from the 13th fairway and balls drop out of nowhere on the 13th green.

Hole No. 13 has been eliminated.

"Hopefully, that will do the job," head pro Don Kramer said, pointing to a paper 14 taped over the 13 on a sign near the tee. The succeeding holes have been renumbered so golfers now play through the 19th hole.



Teachers at Hereford Junior High School gathered Friday morning for the last of their pre-school work sessions. Classes begin Monday at all campuses in the Hereford Independent School District.

Reserved grid tickets go on sale

Reserved seats for Hereford Whiteface home football games will be on sale next week.

The sales to the general public will be Aug. 16-20 at the business office in the HISD Administration Building, 601 N. 25 Mile Ave.

Sales for season ticket holders concludes today.

After Aug. 20, single-game tickets only will be sold on a week-to-week basis at Troy's Sweet Shop, 1003 E. Park.

Reserved seat tickets cost \$4 each per game if purchased by Aug. 20. All tickets purchased after Aug. 20 and at the gate will be \$5 each, including student tickets. Students who purchase their tickets at their school before the games will pay \$2 per game.

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Local roundup

Junior High schedules open house

The staff of Hereford Junior High will host an open house Sunday from 2-4:30 p.m. All students and parents are encouraged to attend and the opportunity to meet the new principal, Lynn Luther, the teachers, team leaders and the rest of the school staff. Students will be allowed to pick up schedules and walk the schedules to determine where their classes are located.

PCS plans landlord meeting

Panhandle Community Services will host a landlord meeting at 4 p.m. Tuesday in the game room of the Hereford Community Center. The meeting is open to the public and all current or prospective landlords are encouraged to attend.

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News in brief

Demands lead to costly blackouts

DALLAS (AP) — Power outages forced James Shead to shut down his convenience store on the ground floor of the Dallas Market Center earlier this week, and his pocket felt the jolt. "When I have to shut down from 1 to 5 (p.m.), I'm probably losing 60 percent of my business," he said. Shead and scores of others became victims of "interruptible" electricity contracts this week. His store was forced to close for several hours Tuesday and Wednesday, TXU Electric warned the building's management of a possible third day of outages Thursday, which never happened. The five-building complex has an agreement with TXU that allows the company to shut off electricity when demand reaches dangerous levels. In exchange, TXU offers significantly lower electricity rates and usage levels drop off a bit. That's little consolation to Shead. "I don't know if this is in my lease," he said, "but I'm going home to read it tonight before I call my lawyer." Demand for electricity reached record levels this week and the results were evident statewide.

Elsewhere:

KICKBACK INDICTMENTS: Federal prosecutors say that contractors taking care of mothballed government ships took bribes in exchange for giving preferential treatment to subcontractors. Indictments including the accusations were unsealed at Houston Thursday. ... **COKE CRAZY:** There's a big gathering this weekend at Dallas-Fort Worth Airport of Coca-Cola memorabilia collectors. About 2,000 people are attending, seeking to buy or sell almost anything with the log of the soft drink on it. ... **SUV-FUEL:** An environmental group called has asked Gov. George W. Bush to support an increase in fuel efficiency standards for light trucks, including sport utility vehicles and minivans. Light trucks are allowed to get 25 percent fewer miles per gallon than cars, according to U.S. PIRG.



Park Avenue wreck — Emergency crews responded to a wreck at the intersection of Park Avenue and Centre Street about 3:30 p.m. Thursday. Police reports indicate an Oldsmobile Cutlass, driven by Jose Trevizo, 68, attempted a left turn and pulled in front of a Chevrolet pickup driven by Ian Isaacson, 17. Isaacson was unable to avoid hitting the Cutlass. Several people were transported to Hereford Regional Medical Center with non-life threatening injuries. Trevizo was cited for unsafe lane changes.

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Emergency services

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

- POLICE DEPARTMENT Arrests**
- A 36-year-old man was arrested and charged with outstanding Hereford Municipal Court warrants.
 - Incidents**
 - A molotov cocktail was thrown at a residence in the 500 block of East Fifth. No damage was done and a resident extinguished the fire.
 - A prowler was reported in the 300 block of Norton.
 - A two-car accident was reported in the 100 block of South 25 Mile Avenue.
 - A two-car accident was

- reported in at the intersection of Park Avenue and Centre. No serious injuries were reported.
- A two-car accident was reported in the 100 block of West Park Avenue. No serious injuries were reported.
- SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT Arrests**
- A 17-year-old woman was arrested and charged with terroristic threats.
- Incidents**
- A case of child abuse was reported.
- FIRE DEPARTMENT**
- 3:27 p.m. Firefighters responded to a wreck rescue at Park and Centre.

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Final summer fun fling



Donating melons — Summer means time for sweet, juicy red ripe watermelons and thanks to a couple of local melon producers, C.L. Stonewall, left holding a cut melon and H.J. Cockburn, in overalls, participating students in the Texas Migrant Council Head Start program had one last sweet summer fling Thursday morning in Dameron Park. The growers, who normally hawk their wares under the shade of the park trees, cut and sliced the juicy fruits for the kids' mid-morning snack. The children had their choice of smaller super sweet seedless melons or the larger seeded varieties.

New law adds emergency number

Drivers license will provide optional contact info

HOUSTON (AP) — A Houston woman's painful ordeal after her daughter was killed in a traffic accident may wind up helping other frantic families who are looking for missing loved ones. Rebecca Hall spent three days trying to find her daughter, 21-year-old Elizabeth Waller, in December 1996 before she found her in a morgue. Ms. Hall successfully campaigned during the last Legislature for a new state law that will become effective Sept. 1. It requires that space be allocated on the back of driver's licenses for a person's emergency telephone number. "My daughter was in the morgue for three days before I contacted them," Ms. Hall told the Houston Chronicle. Her daughter had a different last name and was on Christmas break from college when she died of injuries in the wreck. A member of Mothers Against Drunk Drivers, Ms. Hall said a license emergency

contact number will allow law enforcement agencies and hospitals to quickly notify families in case of accidents. She said it would save not only time and money, but also anguish for families. "It's such a logical idea to have a space on the back of driver's licenses to list a parent's, spouse's or other emergency contact number," Ms. Hall said. The bill that would require the Texas Department of Public Safety-issued driver's license to have space for the emergency number was sponsored by State Rep. Scott Hochberg, D-Houston. The bill was added as an amendment to the Sunset leg-

"This will not be computerized information. It will be optional for drivers to write a contact number on the back," Mike Cox, DPS spokesman.

islation for DPS, he said. "It will be a strip like on the back of a credit card that will allow people to write in a telephone number as an emergency contact," Hochberg said. The back of licenses already have space to list allergic reaction to drugs or any driving restrictions. "This costs virtually nothing to add," he said. The law will allow DPS to use up all existing card stock before making the change. DPS spokesman Mike Cox in Austin stressed that drivers won't be required to fill in an emergency number. "This will not be computerized information. It will be optional for drivers to write a contact number on the back," Cox said.

Age disparities account for one in five pregnant teens

WASHINGTON (AP) — Just 7 percent of sexually active teen-age girls are sleeping with much older men — but those relationships account for nearly one in five teen pregnancies, a new study finds. By looking at all teen sex, not just liaisons that lead to childbirth, the new data refined earlier research that found most teen mothers had older partners. In fact, two-thirds of these girls are having sex with boys close to their age, according to the study published today in Family Planning Perspectives, the research journal of the Alan Guttmacher Institute. Still, teen girls who are having sex with older men — particularly those six or more years older — were less likely to use contraception and less likely to have abortions than their peers involved with younger men. As a result, they make up a disproportionate share of the teen mothers, facing an increased risk of poverty, welfare and dropping out of school. "You're dealing with a relatively small number of young women," said Jeannie Rosoff, president of Guttmacher. Still, she added: "If I had my 15-year-old going out with an older guy, I would probably be pretty panicked."

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with age. This study, which used data from a 1995 government survey of families, found that 64 percent of sexually active girls ages 15 to 17 had partners who were within two years of their age. Another 29 percent had sex with partners three to five years older. Two-thirds of girls with men six and more years older than they are used contraception, compared with three-quarters of girls with boys close to their own age. And girls with younger boys who got pregnant were nearly twice as likely to abort than girls with older men. The question is why teen-age girls who are with older men seem more willing to get pregnant — and to carry those pregnancies to term. Many suggest that men are taking advantage of their younger, more vulnerable partners. That theory, backed by data released in 1995, sparked a controversial call to crack down on statutory rape and predatory men who lure teen-age girls into sex. "Power differences, particularly between younger girls and older guys, lead girls into risky situations, like unwanted sex or involuntary sex or sex with no protection," said Bill Albert of the National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy. Patterns of contraception may offer a less nefarious ex-

planation. Earlier studies have found that as men get older, they are less likely to use condoms. That is usually offset by their female partners, who start using birth-control pills and other methods of contraception as they get older. So a man in his early 20s may not want to use a condom, even though his teenage partner has not yet begun using an alternate method of birth control, said Laura Duberstein Lindberg, who studies these issues at the Urban Institute but was not involved with this research. "You're getting a gap in life experiences," she said. "She has to struggle all that much more to insist he uses a condom." But that would not explain why these girls are less likely to abort or why they are more likely to tell researchers that their pregnancies were intended, said Lindberg, speculating that they may have more confidence in their older partners' ability to provide for them and their future children. "He is more likely to be employed or educated than teen dads," she said. Researchers hope the study will clarify earlier work that found most teen-age mothers had older partners — data seized by some lawmakers who blamed predatory older men for the problems of teen pregnancy.

For example, the 1996 welfare reform law called for states to step up prosecutions of statutory rape, and some members of Congress have cited this data in arguing that girls should be required to get parental consent for abortions or birth control. Policy makers may still want to focus on the relationships between teen-age girls with older partners, despite their small numbers, because of their greater likelihood of ending up with children. The Guttmacher Institute receives most of its funding from large foundations, though a small amount comes from Planned Parenthood of America. Its public policy institute focuses on reproductive health issues and publishes the journal. Independent researchers review articles before publication.

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Texas lottery

Cash Five
The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Thursday by the Texas Lottery:
3-10-13-18-36

Pick 3
The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
9-0-6

LIFESTYLES

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Contribution—American Business Club of Hereford president Pat Michael, right, presents a check for Big Brothers Big Sisters to executive director Stacey Urbanczyk. AMBUCS makes contributions to several local organizations from funds raised in part by lawn mower and shotgun drawings.

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Ann Landers



ANN LANDERS

Dear Ann Landers: I love your how-we-met stories, but I've noticed that most of them are from a generation older than mine. I hope you will print my story so the younger readers in your audience will know that romance awaits them, too.

After I graduated from high school, I took a job at a fast-food restaurant where I was put in charge of training new crew members. One day, a co-worker came in with a few friends. As soon as I laid eyes on "Carrie," I knew she was the girl I was going to marry. When my co-worker came in the next day, I asked for her friend's phone number, which she promptly gave me. I called, but the voice on the other end didn't sound like my "dream girl," and the conversation went downhill from there. I figured it was all over.

The following day, a new trainee showed up at work. Imagine my surprise when it turned out to be Carrie. It seems the phone number my co-worker had given me belonged to someone else. Believe me, I gave Carrie special attention, and she was better trained than anyone in the restaurant. Two months after she started work, we were engaged. We just celebrated our fourth wedding anniversary with our three

children and are still as happy as newlyweds. — Happy Husband in Illinois

Dear Husband: Three children in four years? I hope your wife is as happy as you are. Thank you for a delightful how-we-met letter. It pleases me that more readers like them than don't.

Dear Readers: I assume that those who do not enjoy the how-we-met letters are not reading this, so, for those who DO like them, here's another one.

Dear Ann Landers: In May 1944, I had a new assignment as a WAC lieutenant. I was sent to the offices of the U.S. Strategic Air Forces in Europe, just outside of London, working for a major general.

Three weeks after I arrived, a handsome young man came in to consult with the general on a new project code-named "Aphrodite." (She was the Greek goddess of love.) He must have noticed me because he waited until I returned from my lunch break, and asked me for a date.

We had many dates during the next nine months, and in March, we met in Paris, where I had been sent as a courier. While sightseeing, we ran into a friend who was a wing commander in the Royal Air Force. He was flying back to England the next day, so we hitched a ride. His plane, a small British model, was cold and noisy. I sat in the co-pilot's seat. I was wearing a parachute, had cotton in my ears and was holding an airsickness bag on my lap. I

looked a mess.

Midway across the channel, my boyfriend tapped me on the shoulder and shouted, "Take that darn cotton out of your ears — I want to ask you something." When I did, he shouted, "Will you marry me?" I yelled back — "Yes!" We were married when we returned to the States in August of 1945.

We've had an exciting life for 53 years and were blessed with three children and two grandchildren. — Lucky Lieutenant in San Jose, Calif.

Dear Lucky: I'd say that handsome young man was lucky, too. Thanks for a sweet heart-warmer.

Dear Ann Landers: I saw this amusing plaque in my veterinarian's office and thought you might like to use it as your Gem of the Day: "Dogs think they're human. Cats think they're God." — No Name, Natch

Dear Natch: Truer words were never spoken, as any cat or dog owner will tell you.

What can you give the person who has everything? Ann Landers' booklet, "Gems," is ideal for a nightstand or coffee table. "Gems" is a collection of Ann Landers' most requested poems and essays. Send a self-addressed, long, business-size envelope and a check or money order for \$5.25 (this includes postage and handling) to: Gems, c/o Ann Landers, P.O. Box 11562, Chicago, Ill. 60611-0562. (In Canada, send \$6.25.)

Rowland speaks to Toastmasters

Jigger Rowland spoke on officers training at the Thursday morning meeting of Hereford Toastmasters at the Ranch House Restaurant.

Margaret Del Toro was presiding officer with Lydia Villanueva leading the pledge, and Dan Hall offering the

invocation.

Del Toro served as toastmaster, Mike Schumacker was timer and wordmaster. He introduced the word "foment." Clark Andrews was AH counter and grammarian.

Topic master Sharon Cramer

selected table topics for speakers David Castillo, Schumacker, Villanueva and Hall with Hall winning the vote for best topic speaker.

Special guest was Janet Tarr, Area 2 governor from Amarillo. Adolfo Del Toro was also in attendance.

Bippus homecoming held Sunday

The Bippus community homecoming was held Sunday with president Alta Mae Higgins welcoming those in attendance.

The worship service was opened with group singing led by Mary Ruth Baird and Seth Pietsek accompanied by Charlene Pietsek, pianist.

The morning message was brought by Randy Bird, pastor of Barn Church.

Mrs. Jack Dowd brought the memorial service for those deceased since the August 10, 1997, homecoming.

Kate Bradley and Mariellen Homfeld were in charge of the special recognitions. These were

for oldest lady, Sue Thweatt; oldest man, Jimmie Bradley; youngest girl, Kristi Homfeld; youngest boy, Caleb Pietsek; and traveling the longest distance, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Dowd of Laurel, Indiana.

During the business meeting, officers were elected for the 1999-2001 term. They are Higgins, president; Dan Hall, vice president; Baird, secretary; and Kate Bradley, historian.

A potluck lunch was served following the business meeting, then the afternoon was spent in visiting and playing games. Those attending were Don

Fortenberry of Friona; Dan and Michael Hall of Canyon; Mary Dorris of Clovis, N.M.; Stella Sevier of El Paso; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Dowd of Laurel; and from Hereford, Randy and Linda Bird; Mr. and Mrs. Victor Fortenberry; Mary Ruth Baird, Matthew and Trevor; Lou Hall; Sue Thweatt; Ernest Baird; Charlene, Seth and Caleb Pietsek; Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Bradley; Mrs. Jerry Homfeld, Kristi and Roy; and Higgins.

Menus

HEREFORD I.S.D.

Breakfast

MONDAY—Waffle stix with syrup; or cereal, buttered toast, mixed fruit, milk choice.

TUESDAY—Breakfast pizza; or cereal, buttered toast, orange quarters, milk choice.

WEDNESDAY—Scrambled eggs with Canadian bacon, flour tortilla; or cereal, buttered toast, rosey applesauce, milk choice.

THURSDAY—Sausage pattie, biscuit and jelly; or cereal, buttered toast, orange juice, milk choice.

FRIDAY—Texas toast, hash browns; or cereal, buttered toast, banana, milk choice.

Lunch

MONDAY—Pepperoni pizza, creamy cole slaw, mini corn on cob, "candied apple half," milk choice.

TUESDAY—Steak fingers with gravy, mashed potatoes, black-eyed peas, whole wheat roll, hot cherry cobbler, milk choice.

WEDNESDAY—Rib-a-que on bun with barbecue sauce, tater tots with catsup, border beans, orange cream bar, milk choice.

THURSDAY—Nacho grande with picante sauce, lettuce with tomatoes, Spanish rice, refried beans, pear delite, cowboy bread, milk choice.

FRIDAY—Cheese burger, burger salad, French fries with catsup, fruit cup, no bake cookies, milk choice.

ST. ANTHONY'S SCHOOL
MONDAY—Pigs in a blanket, vegetarian beans, tater tots, applesauce, milk.

TUESDAY—Hamburgers, lettuce-tomato-pickle slices, French fries, cherry cake, milk.

WEDNESDAY—Turkey and gravy, green beans, mashed potatoes, hot rolls, mixed fruit, milk.

THURSDAY—Canadian bacon pizza, corn, coleslaw, Jello, milk.

FRIDAY—Nacho grande, pinto beans, tossed salad, peach cobbler, milk.

PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF HEREFORD

TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

The City of Hereford is submitting a proposed amendment to its approved 1997/1998 Texas Community Development Program (TCDP) contract to include additional sewer improvements associated with this contract. The improvements included in this contract amendment request are proposed to be made to the sewer collection system in the City of Hereford. These improvements will be in the general vicinity of other sewer improvements approved as part of the City's TCDD project.

A public hearing concerning the proposed contract amendment is scheduled to be held at 7:30 pm on August 16, 1999, at City Hall. The purpose of this public hearing will be to discuss the proposed amendment and solicit citizen input on the proposed change in the scope of the City's project.

All citizens are encouraged to attend this public hearing and present their views to the City. The City Hall is accessible to disabled persons; disabled individuals who might have difficulty in attending this public hearing should contact the City Secretary's office to arrange for special assistance. Para residentes necesitados de interpretes, favor de comunicarse con la municipalidad antes de las audiencia publica. If you cannot attend in person, written comments may be submitted and will be accepted by the City until this public hearing is concluded.

A copy of the proposed amendment is available for review during normal business hours at City Hall. For further information concerning the City's 1997/1998 TCDD project and this proposed contract amendment, please contact Chester R. Nolen, City Manager, City of Hereford at (806) 363-7100.



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BOWFINGER
1:30 & 4:00 7:00 & 9:00

DEEP BLUE SEA
1:30 7:10

THOMAS CROWN AFFAIR
4:30 9:15

MYSTERY MEN
1:30 & 4:00 7:00 & 9:10

THE HAUNTING
1:30 & 4:00 7:05 & 9:25

RUNAWAY BRIDE
2:00 & 4:15 7:05 & 9:15

BROKENDOWN PALACE
1:30 & 4:10 7:15 & 9:20

Due to the beginning of school we will no longer be showing matinees during the week

SPORTS

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Tigers stop Rangers, 3-1

ARLINGTON (AP) — Aaron Sele got a career-high 13 strikeouts against the Detroit Tigers. He also saw his five-game winning streak come to an end.

Tony Clark had three hits, including a homer, and the Tigers limited the Rangers' dangerous lineup to five hits in a 3-1 victory Thursday night, despite the most strikeouts by a Rangers pitcher in seven years.

Sele (12-7) pitched seven innings and had the most strikeouts for Texas since Roger Pavlik fanned 13 against Seattle on Aug. 7, 1992.

"It's a shame that he came out and gave us a chance to win and we couldn't do anything with it," Texas' Roberto Kelly said.

Sele saw his five-game winning streak stopped. He allowed three runs and eight hits.

"Strikeouts don't matter," Sele said. "We lost the game."

In the only other AL games, Minnesota topped Toronto 3-0 and Tampa Bay beat Kansas City 7-6.

The light-hitting Tigers got a rare victory because they dodged the critical late-inning mistakes that have been beating them all season.

"For the most part this season, we've been able to battle for five or six innings," Clark said. "But then we always seem to fall apart. Tonight we got good starting pitching, a good night from the bullpen and a few clutch hits. That's exactly the way you draw it up."

Tigers starter Dave Mlicki (7-10) allowed four hits in 5 2/3 innings to help Detroit end its four-game losing streak against Texas.

"I didn't have my best stuff," said Mlicki, who's won four of his last six decisions. "I had to battle all night against a very good lineup. I've been trying not to overthrow. Earlier in the season, I was trying to throw the perfect pitch."

Reliever Francisco Cordero struck out four straight Rangers in the sixth and seventh, Doug Brocail threw a scoreless eighth and Todd Jones pitched the ninth for his 18th save.

The Rangers completed their at 8-5. Texas held two of its biggest offensive stars, Juan Gonzalez and Ivan Rodriguez, out of the starting lineup.

Gonzalez missed his second straight game with a strained hamstring and Rodriguez struck out as a pinch-hitter with a runner on first to end the game.

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The Racketeers

Tennis team gets new look with coach, but have same old goals

By Yuri Soto
Hereford Brand Sports Editor

The first step of the return of success in Hereford High School tennis was taken when Amanda Nimetz was hired as head coach.

Now, the next step: Helping her squad improve as players.

Any improvements will be made little by little and the first test will come Saturday, when Hereford plays dual matches against Canyon Randall at 1 p.m. at the high school tennis courts.

Nimetz has seven boys and seven girls to her team. Their matches, whether singles or doubles, will count toward team victories and berths toward district and regional fall tennis championships.

In all, tennis in the fall is a team sport.

"Team tennis is a lot of fun because you're a team," Nimetz said. "The number one spot in the team counts as well as the number six spot."

Nimetz said getting along and playing as a team is key to being successful.

"We're all working toward something and we'll know something after this weekend," Nimetz said. "We'll know more this weekend when we play Randall."

What Nimetz will know after Saturday is how competitive the tennis team will be in the coming weeks.

That's the main goal Nimetz's team wants to accomplish against Randall and in her first year.

"This year what I want to accomplish is the idea that tennis here is going to be competitive," she said. "We want to go back to regionals and fight to get to that spot."

It is a very good goal for a team that has very young players. But there's more to that goal.

"We want for those kids to keep in shape, be ready for that third set and get the mentally prepared for the game," Nimetz said.

And, it's something the tennis team has just started to do. They have been at it most of last week with matches and conditioning.

"I want to start a foundation that I can build on each year," Nimetz said. "Right now, we're setting that foundation for the future."

Nimetz has already some players she can build on. On the boys side, seniors Riley Holland and Nelson Bevell are two key players who will lead a



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R.J. Rodriguez returns a serve toward teammates during practice warmups Thursday.

young boys tennis squad into the season.

The girls side will count on players like seniors Kim Scott and Kylee Auckerman as leaders.

"All four of them have shown incredible leadership since I've been here," Nimetz said. "They come and set the tone for practice."

The seniors in the team have the most experience in the team. Nimetz hope the

experience they have can help the play of the underclassmen.

Even the younger players are getting more experience. Most of them play outside the program.

"For my kids, all I ask of them is to give their 100 percent effort and try to win each and every point," Nimetz said. "What I am trying to do is to make my players the best that they can be."

They'll get that chance,

thanks to a new coach who still pumps adrenaline before a tennis match.

"That's one of the things that I missed when I was out of tennis for a year," Nimetz said. "If I could help them win a match and improve their game, that's a big reward."

Hereford tennis has already been rewarded with the arrival of Nimetz. That may be a sign of more rewards to come.

Pippen wants to be traded to Lakers

HOUSTON (AP) — A report that Scottie Pippen wants to be traded to Phil Jackson's Los Angeles Lakers is just another bump in the road to rebuilding an aging Houston Rockets team, coach Rudy Tomjanovich says.

"This job, I've found, has a lot of obstacles in it, and this is just another one," Tomjanovich said Thursday. "We deal with them the best way we can. I just try to stay positive."

Tomjanovich would not, however, answer questions about whether Pippen wants to stay in Houston.

"You guys would have to ask him that," he said. "I do my things privately with my players, and these things basically stay private."

Pippen's agent, Jimmy Sexton, told the Houston Chronicle in Thursday's editions that the Rockets and Lakers had discussed a trade and that Pippen hopes to be reunited with Jackson.

The former Chicago Bulls star, acquired by Houston in a sign-and-trade agreement last January, has complained about his role in the Rockets' offense.

During the first season of a five-year contract, Pippen averaged 14.5 points per game, the lowest since his rookie year. He hit a career-low 43.2 percent of his shots.

But Sexton told the newspaper Pippen has nothing against the Rockets.

"He and Phil Jackson have an extremely close relationship from 11 years working together day in and day out," he said. "Scottie is an attractive piece of the puzzle for a lot of teams, but it probably would not be an issue if Phil Jackson was not there."

Tomjanovich said he plans to tailor the Rockets' game plan to Pippen next season, but that's nothing new.

"With Scottie Pippen (we) probably did more than any other player we've acquired ... to accommodate," he said. "You know, there are going to be plays where you have to throw the ball to the other guys."

Sexton did not return a call Thursday from The Associated Press and Lakers officials refused comment.

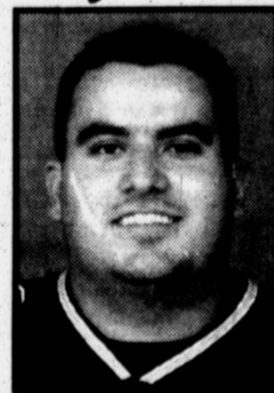
Trading Pippen wouldn't be easy. Any deal would require adjustments to offset the \$14.8 million he counts against the salary cap.

Pippen reportedly told Robert Barr, the Rockets' senior executive vice president for basketball affairs, to seek a trade with the Lakers.

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INSIDE

'Boys' receivers battling for spots

WICHITA FALLS (AP) — Five young receivers have put themselves in the spotlight of Dallas Cowboys training camp by diving for passes, juking defenders and showcasing their speed.

But only two of them are likely to make the team.

"Nobody, and I mean nobody, wants to be seen looking ugly out here," said MarTay Jenkins, a sixth-round draft pick. "Not for a single day, not even on a single play."

Dallas coach Chan Gailey has said the team could carry as many as six receivers. Three of those spots are guaranteed to go to Michael Irvin, Raghbi "Rocket" Ismail and Ernie Mills. Jeff Ogden is a virtual lock for the fourth spot, especially with James McKnight going down with a season-ending knee injury.

In camp competing for the remaining spots are fourth-round draft pick Wade McGarity, Jenkins, John Washington, Jason Tucker and Deon Mitchell.

Washington and Tucker, who were teammates at Texas Christian, each spent last year on the practice squads of other NFL teams. Mitchell is an undrafted rookie free agent signed earlier this week after being released by San Diego.

In the exhibition opener Monday night, McGarity made several nice catches, including a tough 15-yarder on a third down that kept alive Dallas' first-scoring drive. The score came on a 35-yard touchdown pass by Jenkins, who turned a short throw into a long gain with his blazing speed.

Washington tied for the team high with four catches and Tucker had one catch for 12 yards.

"We're looking for what

these guys are doing over the long haul," Gailey said. "It's not just one play, even if that play is a touchdown in a preseason game."

Gailey's philosophy has done little to alleviate the pressure the receivers feel they are under every play.

"You want to be at your best when folks are watching," McGarity said. "Why pretend it doesn't matter when we all know it does? Every one out here is a competitor, and if you're not one, you're probably come to the wrong place."

McGarity, who also has been solid on special teams, appears to be the early favorite for the fifth spot. His status is helped by the constant praise he's received from quarterback Troy Aikman.

"He does some really nice things as far as running routes," Aikman said. "Even if the ball isn't caught he's always right there in contention."

Jenkins said having a quarterback as consistent as Aikman puts more pressure on the receivers.

"He's so accurate that you want to be where you're supposed to be," Jenkins said. "The ball is going to be there, you've just got to be there too."

Washington, who had at least two impressive catches during Thursday morning's practice, said he prefers to concentrate on his performance rather than worry what others are doing.

"You just have to do your best every day and hope someone notices," Washington said. "I don't read the papers and I don't try to figure out where I'm going to fall. I just play hard."

Graf retires from Tennis

HEIDELBERG, Germany (AP) — Steffi Graf, who dominated women's tennis for a decade before injuries started hindering her career, announced today she was retiring from the game.

Graf, 30, won 22 Grand Slam singles titles and had more than 100 victories on the WTA Tour.

In her latest comeback, Graf posted a stunning, emotional victory over top-ranked Martina Hingis to win the French Open in June. She then lost in the Wimbledon final last month to Lindsay Davenport.

She announced her retirement at a news conference in

Heidelberg, near her hometown of Bruehl. Graf has an apartment in Heidelberg.

Graf won 107 WTA titles in a career that paralleled that of Germany's male star, Boris Becker.

Becker and Graf were responsible for making tennis one of the most popular and lucrative sports in Germany. Becker also retired earlier this year, playing his last match at Wimbledon.

In 1988, she completed a "Golden Slam," winning the four majors and adding the Olympic gold.

Nicknamed "Fraulein Forehand" for her devastating forehand shot.

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Sources have told the Houston Chronicle that the Lakers had offered Glen Rice and former Rocket Robert Horry, a deal the Rockets repeatedly have turned down. "Everything is difficult now," Rockets vice president Carroll Dawson told the newspaper. "It's all harder than it used to be. It used to be if somebody had a bad practice, you could trade him that night. The bigger the salary, the more involved it gets."

She said news of Pippen's desire to rejoin Jackson could make efforts to sign free agents more involved. The Rockets could be in danger of losing guard/forward Sam Mack, who has said he would prefer to remain in Houston.

But his agent, Bill Duffy, told the newspaper the Rockets have not made a firm offer to re-sign Mack, who

had been seeking a five-year deal but would probably accept a four-year contract.

"They haven't offered anything yet," Duffy said. "He's in Milwaukee today meeting with them (the Bucks)."

The Rockets had shipped second-year guard Rodrick Rhodes to Vancouver in exchange for Mack, who added to Houston's outside shooting capacity.

Barr, who had been with the team for 16 years, resigned Wednesday, saying he needs a break from basketball and wants to spend more time with his family. Barr also has refused comment on Pippen's future.

Despite disappointing offensive numbers for 1999, Pippen averaged 6.5 rebounds and was named to the NBA All-Defensive first team.

The Bear Necessities

Baylor's Steele hopes to have team on winning track after losing seasons

WACO (AP) — When Kevin Steele was being courted last December by Baylor, the veteran assistant coach knew the school didn't offer the best players, the richest contract or the most luxurious of stadiums.

What the downtrodden Baylor program did offer its new head coach was an opportunity in sales.

"The opportunity to sell a dream is here, because people are so hungry," Steele said. "If you can get people to buy into a dream, you've got a shot."

"All the ingredients to develop a championship-caliber attitude are here," he said. "You can make things happen. It doesn't matter what other people think — it only matters what the players believe."

The prospect of turning the Baylor program around quickly would appear to be a longshot, given how quickly the bottom has dropped out of the once-proud program since the Bears' last winning season in 1995.

Over the past three years, Baylor has fired two coaches while winning only three conference games. At one point in 1996, coach Dave Roberts called his beleaguered squad "the worst team in America."

Little did Roberts know that things would get worse. The Bears (2-9, 1-7 Big 12) ranked 98th or worse nationally last year in five major team categories, including total offense and total defense. They were the only Big 12 team without a single 400-yard rusher.

It was a far cry from the days when coach Grant Teaff's teams were consistently competitive if not always great. That doesn't mean the Bears can't return to winning, Steele said.

"This is a program that was on the right track for a long time, but somehow, somewhere got derailed," said Steele, linebackers coach with the NFL Carolina Panthers for the past three seasons. "We're not pointing fingers, but we are doing everything we can to get it back where it needs to be."

The first order of business has been improving the morale of a team that has had no recent reasons to celebrate. Steele started with a rather unorthodox approach.

At his first team meeting, the former Nebraska and Tennessee assistant shocked players by telling them not to believe a word he said. Rather, they could decide whether to follow him after getting to know him in spring practice, he said.

Apparently, many decided to follow.

"(Steele) is going to take care of you if you take care of business," said linebacker Rodney Smith. "It is more positive and more disciplined than it was before he got here. What he wants done will get done."

Additional discipline might help the Bears beat back their biggest nemesis in 1998 — themselves. Baylor was the most-penalized team in the Big 12 last year.

"Before we can ever beat anyone else, we have to become a football team that doesn't beat itself," Steele said. "The good thing about it is we have good-enough players to win some football games this year."

A number of question marks loom for Baylor offensively. The quarterback situation is still unsettled, with senior Jermaine Alfred and junior Odell James vying for the starting job. Both played in 10 games last year.

Alfred completed 97 of 188 passes for 1,268 yards with two touchdowns and seven interceptions, while James completed 45 of 85 passes for 435 yards with one touchdown and seven interceptions.

Steele said no decision will be made on a starter before two-a-days.

The tandem of Darrell Bush (105 carries, 357 yards) and Derek Lagway (93-335) returns to provide some stability at running back, but only one receiver, sophomore Andra Fuller, has caught more than five career passes. That will probably translate into an emphasis on the run early in the season.

"(The offense) is not as complex," said center Joe Jackson. "The blocking schemes are a lot more simple. We just want to try and open holes for our backs."

The best of the Baylor backs on both sides of the ball could be cornerback Gary Baxter. One of the league's fastest players, Baxter could also see some at receiver.

Baylor returns eight defensive starters, but it's difficult to tell if that's a good sign. The Bears gave up 441 yards per game last year, last in the Big 12 and 101st in the nation. Steele and defensive coordinator Brick Haley believe the new attack-oriented flex system will improve those numbers.

The Bears also must deal with a schedule that probably will make them underdogs in every conference game, save for a road contest in Kansas that may be a toss-up.



RANGERS

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"Take those two out of the lineup and obviously they're not as good," Mlicki said. "Even with them out, you can't make mistakes against that lineup."

Juan Encarnacion's run-scoring single in the first and Clark's 19th homer in the third gave the Tigers a 2-0 lead.

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staged an immediate rally, pushing the yield down on Treasury's 30-year bonds. The moderate advance in wholesale prices, if matched at the consumer level, could ease concerns somewhat at the Federal Reserve about a potential breakout of inflation.

June, but sales climbed at an even faster 0.9 percent pace. That brought the inventory-to-sales ratio to 1.34, meaning it would take 1.34 months to exhaust inventories at the June sales pace.

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Lab officials face discipline

WASHINGTON — A former director of the Los Alamos nuclear weapons lab and two former counterintelligence officers face possible discipline arising from the mishandling of a China spy investigation at the research center, officials said.

Hecker, through his wife, declined comment to an AP reporter sent to his home. Vrooman and Craig could not be reached Thursday night for comment.

Los Angeles County prosecutors have charged white supremacist Buford O. Furrow Jr. with murder in the death of the 39-year Iletto, a shooting U.S. Attorney Alejandro Mayorkas said was carried out "deliberately, maliciously and with premeditation."

Neither Richardson nor Los Alamos officials would name the three officials, citing privacy policies. But government sources familiar with the recommendation identified the officials as:

Richardson took the action after reviewing a report by the DOE's inspector general into the mishandling of a three-year investigation into alleged espionage by a Los Alamos computer scientist, Wen Ho Lee.

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Gingrich's personal life target

MARIETTA, Ga. (AP) — Divorce lawyers for the estranged wife of former House Speaker Newt Gingrich have won permission to question a woman Gingrich reportedly has been seeing.

Published reports say Gingrich and Ms. Bisek, a 33-year-old aide to the House Agriculture Committee, have been seeing each other for years. In New York today, both the Daily News and the New York Post quoted sources who said the two have been seen together often in Washington.

Mrs. Gingrich's lawyer, John C. Mayoune, declined to say whether Mrs. Gingrich thought her husband was involved in a relationship with Ms. Bisek before Gingrich filed for divorce July 29.

Gingrich, architect of the Republican revolution in the House, served as speaker from 1995 until the end of last year, when he gave up his seat in Congress after the Republicans' disappointing showing in the national election.

His first marriage, to his high school geometry teacher, Jackie Battley, also ended in divorce. He has two daughters from that marriage. Jackie Gingrich has said her then-husband discussed divorce terms with her while she was recuperating in the hospital from cancer surgery.

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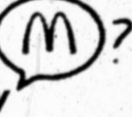
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