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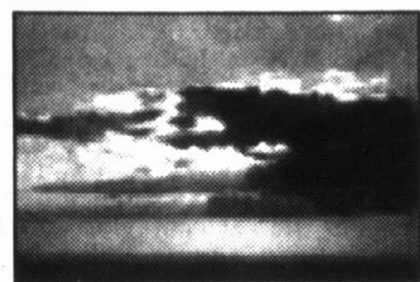
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TORCH gets the call

Today's weather

OUTLOOK



Chance of showers

Tonight, cloudy with a 60 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, locally heavy rainfall possible, low in the lower 50s, northeast to east wind 5-15 mph.

Thursday, cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, high around 70, northeast to east wind 10-20 mph.

Extended forecast

Friday, partly cloudy with a chance of showers and thunderstorms, low in the lower 50s, high near 80.

Saturday, partly cloudy with a slight chance of thunderstorms, low in the mid-50s, high near 85.

Sunday, partly cloudy with a slight chance of thunderstorms, low in the mid-50s, high in the mid-80s.

Hereford recap

Tuesday's high, 78; low, 56; precipitation, 0.52 inches, dime-size hail, according to KPAN.

Hospital district asks statewide group to find an interim administrator

By Don Cooper

Hereford Brand Managing Editor

A statewide organization will carry the torch for the Deaf Smith County Hospital District in its search for an interim hospital administrator.

Following a closed-door session, the board voted unanimously to have the Texas Organization of Rural and Community Hospitals (TORCH) select an interim administrator to oversee the daily operations of Hereford Regional Medical Center.

The position became vacant last week when John Studsrud submit-

ted his resignation, less than a year on the job.

The resignation, which will be effective July 1, was accepted by the board.

Studsrud was named HRMC administrator last fall replacing Jim Robinson, who resigned in February 1998 after a conflict with the hospital's medical staff.

Larry D. Krupala, president and chief executive officer of TORCH Management Services Inc. of Austin, said he expects to have an interim administrator in place by June 1.

The board also approved a three-year contract with Nu Med to operate a state-of-the-art nuclear medicine system at the hospital.

The system will replace a nuclear camera that has been removed from HRMC by Baptist St. Anthony's

Health System. The equipment had been installed several years ago by then-Baptist Hospital of Amarillo; however, no contract between the two hospitals was ever signed.

BSA officials wanted either payment of \$149,000 for the equipment or its removal. After lengthy negotiations, HRMC agreed to pay \$75,000 in two installments of \$37,500 each and BSA would remove the equipment.

The nuclear medicine system to be installed and operated on a contract basis by Nu Med offers multiple services not currently available at the hospital. Nu Med will reimburse the hospital about 58 percent of the charges, a situation that Studsrud described as "no risk" for HRMC.

Although the board accepted the

agreement with BSA last week, it could not approve the contract with Nu Med because it was not an agenda item.

The item was placed on the agenda of the special meeting because the contract had not been an agenda item at the meeting.

In other business, the board approved changes on bank signature cards.

While the cards were being signed by the new board officers, Director Bobby Owen, who was elected to the board on May 1, said he believes the hospital has too many separate bank accounts. He suggested consolidating the accounts and keeping track of the various accounts through the ledger.

The board will consider the matter later.

Good grades School district in line for TEA's recognition

By Dianna F. Dandridge

Hereford Brand Staff Writer

A packed house of teachers and administrators were on hand at Tuesday night's school board meeting to hear the preliminary announcements of campus and district TAAS results.

According to Deputy Superintendent Nena Veazey, early ratings from this year's TAAS scores indicate Hereford Independent School District will be named as a recognized district by the Texas Education Agency.

Aikman Primary, Northwest Primary, Tierra Blanca Primary and Bluebonnet Intermediate schools should be rated as exemplary campuses according to Veazey. Shirley Intermediate and West Central Intermediate and Hereford High School could be named recognized and Hereford Junior High School should be acceptable.

"None of this could have been done without the hard work and dedication of the teachers and the campus administrators," Superintendent Jack Patton said.

"In 1996, we looked at TAAS scores and wondered if our students would ever get to the 90 percent rate,"

Veazey said. "Now most of our scores are either in the 90 percentile or getting close. This proves the dedications and expectations of our teachers and administrators."

To be noted as an exemplary campus, 90 percent of all students, in all student sub-groups taking all tests, had to master all portions of the TAAS.

Final TEA scores are expected in August.

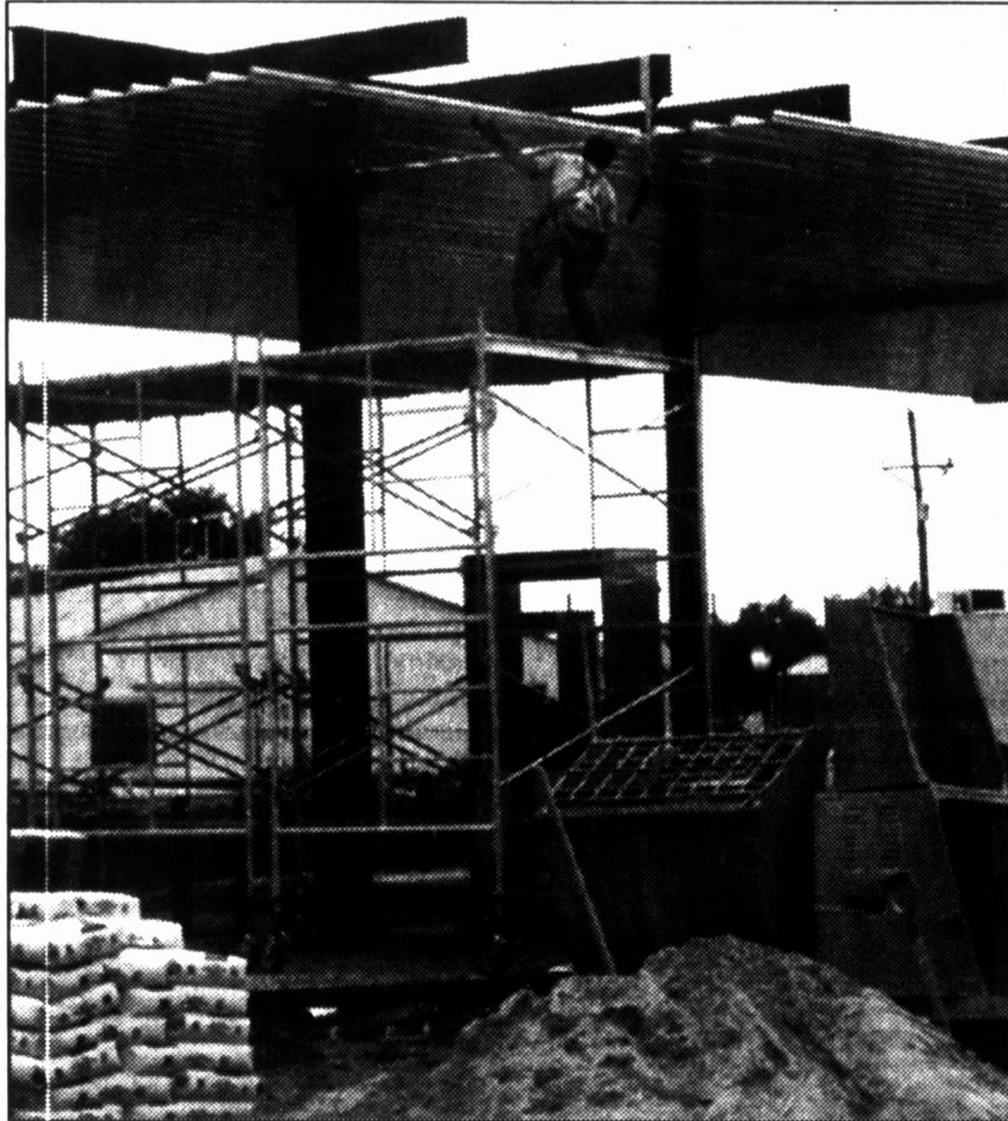
District energy manager David Morris presented the sixth annual energy report, citing water rates have increased 73 percent over the base year of 1993 and electric rates are up 4 percent. The only utility rate which has decreased is natural gas, which is down by 14 percent.

Morris uses Omni Comp's FASER Cost avoidance program to determine cost avoidance of utility usage. The system equalizes all factors and then compares what the cost would have been if everything had remained the same as for the base year.

Based on this data, the school district's cost avoidance was 21 percent.

The board also discussed the ad-

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Installing the canopy — A worker puts sheets of roofing in place for the canopy that will cover the gasoline pumps at a new convenience store under construction near the intersection of U.S. Highway 60 and South 25 Mile Avenue. A Kentucky Fried Chicken restaurant, which is under construction adjacent to the convenience store, is nearing completion and is expected to be open sometime in June.

Durable goods orders decline

WASHINGTON (AP) — Orders to U.S. factories for big-ticket manufactured goods fell a sharp 2.3 percent in April, the second drop in the past three months, led by a steep decline in demand for autos and other transportation equipment.

The Commerce Department said today that orders for durable goods, items expected to last three or more years, declined by \$4.5 billion last month to a seasonally adjusted

\$194.4 billion.

The 2.3 percent decline followed a solid 2.7 percent increase in March and was the biggest setback since a 3.9 percent fall in February.

The big drop off caught analysts by surprise. They had been expecting a 0.4 percent gain in durable goods orders for April, reflecting strength in the overall economy.

The stock market, which had suffered four straight losing sessions

over growing concerns that the U.S. economy might be overheating and causing inflation to rise, viewed today's decline in factory orders as a welcome sign of a slowing economy.

"The fundamental message of these numbers is that the economy is undergoing a mild slowdown," said economist Jerry Jasinski, president of the National Association of Manufacturers. "The economy is coasting to a more sustainable pace

following two quarters of unusually strong growth."

Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin cautioned against reading too much into any one economic report. "I continue to think that our most likely track is what I have said many times before, low inflation and solid growth," he told reporters at Treasury.

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House endorses \$370 million in tax cuts



GEORGE W. BUSH

Selected sales tax relief has been a key part of the governor's proposals for funneling part of a state budget surplus back to taxpayers.

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas House has endorsed more than \$370 million in consumer tax breaks, reviving a holiday for school clothes, while put-

ting a priority of Gov. George W. Bush — business tax cuts — in serious jeopardy.

Hours of backroom dealing pushed the two tax bills against a midnight deadline Tuesday for getting Senate legislation House preliminary approval.

In the end, a bill to grant \$179 million in research and development tax credits was killed on a technicality after Democrat lawmakers argued it would cost too much.

Another bill — originally intended only for Internet-related tax relief — was loaded down with a series of other tax cut proposals. It was passed less than 30 minutes before the deadline.

"There is no question in my mind it was the right thing to do and the right thing for the state of Texas," said

Rep. Sylvester Turner, D-Houston, who called the "point of order" on the business-related bill.

According to Turner, the bill that survived included:

- About \$61 million for Internet access tax relief. Under this provision the state would exempt the first \$25 of monthly access service and would phase in an exemption for all information and data processing services from the sales tax.

- About \$60 million for a three-day school clothes tax holiday. The sales tax exemption would apply to clothes less than \$100.

Rep. Harold Dutton, D-Houston, had sponsored similar legislation that got stuck in committee after leading lawmakers became concerned that there wouldn't be enough

to accommodate all requested tax relief.

- More than \$250 million for a sales tax exemption for medicines.

The tax cuts given preliminary approval Tuesday, face another House vote today. They will then be sent to the Senate and eventually have to be meshed with \$451 million in relief already passed by the House for a variety of things, including school supplies and diapers.

Leading lawmakers have said since budget writers expect to have only about \$500 million in tax relief available some of the legislation would have to be trimmed or killed.

The business-related tax cuts killed Tuesday would have granted tax cuts for companies conducting research and development, job creation,

capitol investments and setting up daycare for their employees' children.

Defending them, bill sponsor Rep. Rene Oliveira, D-Brownsville, said not investing in such tax credits would put Texas at a competitive disadvantage in attracting new businesses.

"It is expensive, but what we reap in return will be worth it," Oliveira said.

Turner argued that the "tax cuts were for a particular special interest" and would not benefit everyone.

The bill "is too much at this time. I don't think we're ready for it," he said.

Turner, who sits on the House Appropriations Committee, said there is much that could be done with the funds left from the research and development bill.

"There are a number of things that remain a priority for the state of Texas that we did not fully address and I think that before you start cutting money away from not just this budget but future budgets you better take a lot at those priorities," he said.

Selected sales tax relief has been a key part of Bush's proposals for funneling part of a state budget surplus back to taxpayers.

Many backers of sales tax relief say the levy disproportionately hits poor people since they pay the same percentage on purchases as people with higher incomes. Texas' sales tax rate can be as high as 8.25 percent when local and state taxes are combined.

The research and development bill is SB5.

The Internet bill is SB441.

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Local roundup

HISD dismisses early Friday

A scheduled half day of classes will result in an earlier than normal dismissal of school on all HISD campuses Friday.

Students will be released from school earlier than normal and buses will operate on the early timetable.

Parents are asked to pick up their children at the earlier scheduled time.

Classes will resume Aug. 16, 1999.

HJH announces awards assembly

Hereford Junior High will hold the seventh grade awards assembly at 9 a.m. Thursday, in the varsity gym.

Eighth grade awards will be presented 10 a.m. Thursday.

Parents and relatives are invited to these special events. H awards will be given for each subject area and Outstanding Student awards will be presented at this time.

HISD summer lunch program

A summer lunch program will be offered once again by Hereford Independent School District and the Texas Department of Human Resources beginning June 7 and continuing through July 22.

Free lunches will be offered to all children between 1 and 18 years old, Monday through Thursday at the Hereford High School cafeteria and the West Central Intermediate School cafeteria.

Meals will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and are free to all children.

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Emergency services

Activities reported by emergency services personnel for May 25, 1999, include the following:

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Arrests

- A 27-year-old man was arrested and charged with domestic assault.

- A student was arrested at the High School and charged with criminal mischief at the school.

Incidents

- Criminal trespass was reported at a residence in the 500 block of Avenue H.

- Two Hereford High School students were charged with forgery.

- A juvenile reported as a runaway was located in the 200 block of South 25 Mile Avenue.

- Abandoned children were reported in the 800 block of South Texas.

- Gasoline theft was reported at a convenience store in the 100 block of Heibach.

- Criminal trespass was reported in the 1100 block of West Park.

- A domestic disturbance was reported at a residence in the 800 block of Blevins.

- A child custody dispute was reported in the 600 block of Irving.

- A domestic disturbance was reported in the area of McKinley.

- Disorderly conduct was reported in the 600 block of Irving.

- A two car accident was reported in the 200 block of Whiteface. No injuries reported.

- A two-car accident was reported in the 300 block of North 25 Mile Avenue.

- A domestic disturbance

was reported at a residence in the 800 block of North Lee. No assault was reported.

- Theft of service was reported at a business on West Highway 60.

- A two-car accident was reported in the 100 block of North 25 Mile Avenue. No injuries reported.

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SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Arrests

- A 27-year-old man began serving time on a violation of probation conviction for carrying an illegal weapon.

- A 23-year-old woman was arrested and charged with violation of probation on a theft by check charge, over \$20, under \$500.

- A 32-year-old woman was arrested and charged with theft by check, over \$20, under \$500 and Randall County theft by check warrants.

- A 48-year-old woman was arrested and charged with theft by check, over \$20, under \$500 and Potter County theft warrants.

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House passes industrial emissions bill

AUSTIN (AP) — Legislation requiring older industrial plants to cut emissions has received preliminary approval from the Texas House after lawmakers accepted several amendments favored by environmentalists.

The legislation, a priority of Gov. George W. Bush, was initially designed to allow so-called grandfathered plants to voluntarily apply for a flexible permit from the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission.

The permit would not have been as stringent as those issued for newer plants.

But facing a midnight deadline for preliminary House approval, bill sponsor Rep.

Ray Allen, R-Grand Prairie, late Tuesday accepted amendments requiring the plants to use the best available technology to upgrade their equipment by 2003 or shut down.

Allen, fearing the bill would be lost altogether because of the deadline, said he was willing to accept the amendments — for now.

"We knew that we had to move the bill forward," he said. "Sometimes in this process, the parliamentary maneuvering, the people who use the rules to the best of their advantage, live to fight another day."

With preliminary approval, the bill needs one more House vote before it is sent back to

the Senate, which passed a more flexible version. The initiative would then likely go to a conference committee to work out differences between the two versions.

Lawmakers will then have until Sunday to work on a final bill, Allen said.

He added that he plans to fight against many of the amendments added late Tuesday.

"I'll certainly try to strip some of them out," Allen said, adding that he was particularly concerned about the 2003 deadline.

"I consider that to be very dangerous," he said. "These ... affect lots and lots of people. For example, the largest polluter in its county is Texas A&M University. I don't think anyone wants to threaten to put Texas A&M University out of business."

Tom Smith, director of the consumer group Public Citizen, called the bill "an enormous victory for the environment."

But he remained concerned that the bill could still be watered down.

"The real battle shifts to the conference committee now where there is less attention," Smith said.

The legislation applies to an estimated 800 industrial plants built before 1971, when the state adopted new envi-

ronmental regulations. Grandfathered plants produce about 36 percent of the state's industrial pollution.

It also includes provisions to allow the plants to substitute reducing pollution with other conservation efforts, including creating nature preserves or buying older, high-emission cars to take them out of circulation.

The push to reduce air pollution is particularly important to areas like Houston and Dallas, which are in violation of national health standards for smog. They face new pollution-cutting measures over the next few years to bring them into compliance.

Other cities, like Austin and San Antonio, are close to violating the national standard.

In supporting the bill, Bush said Tuesday that it would mark a big step for Texas.

"I'm the first governor ever to have called companies in and say let's clean up your smokestacks and let's clean up your plants if you've been grandfathered," Bush said.

The state has never had a flexible permitting process before, Bush said.

"We're waiting for the flexible permitting ... and let these plants, mainly the refineries, to clean up their air," he said.

Senate ready to approve electric deregulation bill

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Senate was poised to approve legislation today to deregulate the state's utility market, the Senate sponsor of the measure said.

Sen. David Sibley, R-Waco, said he would ask the Senate to approve the House version of the bill that supporters predict could mean lower electric rates for most of Texas' residential customers. The House approved the bill last week.

With Senate approval, the bill will go to Gov. George W. Bush. As Senate sponsor, Sibley had the option of recommending the Senate reject any changes made by the House, which would have forced the two sides to negotiate the bill over the final days of the session. The session ends Monday.

Sibley likes the House version, which he says has good environmental and consumer protection measures.

Sibley also said he expects little or no opposition to the House bill in the Senate.

"We passed our version with just three dissenting votes and the House made it even better," Sibley said.

Under the legislation, electric rates would be frozen until 2002, when most electric customers could begin shopping for a new provider.

Bill supporters expect utility companies to be enticed into moving to Texas to offer lower prices and new technology, which could range from selling "green power" to providing gadgets that tell consumers when they are wasting the most electricity.

The bill has been criticized by some consumer groups that complained that it didn't go far enough in assuring lower prices for residential customers and in keeping incumbent utilities from keeping their market power.

Janeé Briesemeister, senior policy analyst for Consumers Union, said the bill improved significantly as it made its way through the legislative process.

"It got a lot better in the House," she said, noting measures to provide assistance to low-income customers and to help ensure that utility companies target residential and corporate consumers alike for future savings.

"There are still areas we'd like to see improved, but I agree the Senate should concur. The Legislature has decided to move forward with deregulation so we should start implementing it," Ms. Briesemeister said.

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Texas lottery

Cash Five

The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery:

6-22-25-36-38

Pick 3

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery, in order:

7-0-4

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Aikman luau -- Third grade students at Aikman celebrated a right of passage tradition Tuesday with the annual Aikman luau, complete with a roasted pig, fresh cut pineapple, bananas, kiwi and other tropical fruits. Chris Dollar, a parent of Chad Dollar helped serve the main course. Students dressed in grass skirts, flowered shirts and swim suits to perform during the celebration.

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Obituaries



MOZELLE HILL NEILL
May 25, 1999

Funeral services for Mozelle Hill Neill, 91, formerly of Hereford will be 2 p.m. Thursday at the First Presbyterian Church with Rev. Jeremy Grant officiating. Burial will be in West Park Cemetery under the direction of Gililand-Watson Funeral Home.

Mrs. Neill died Tuesday at the Ware Memorial Care Center in Amarillo.

She was born Oct. 31, 1907, in Merkel to the late O.G. Hill and Goldie Jones Hill. She came to Deaf Smith County in 1910. She was an English teacher at Hereford High school for 23 years. She had a master's degree from West Texas College.

She married Jim Neill on May 23, 1930, in Clovis, N.M. She was a member of Hereford Music Club, La Plata Study Club, and several bridge clubs.

Survivors include one brother, O.G. Hill, Jr., of Amarillo; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband.

The family suggests memorials be made to the First Presbyterian Church of Hereford.

THELMA HECK
SPRATLEN
May 18, 1999

ABILENE -- Funeral services for Thelma Heck Spratlen, 83, of Abilene will be 1 p.m. Friday at the Elliott-Hamil Funeral Home

Chapel of Memories in Abilene, with Don Couble officiating. Burial will be in Elmwood Memorial Park under the direction of Elliott-Hamil Funeral Home.

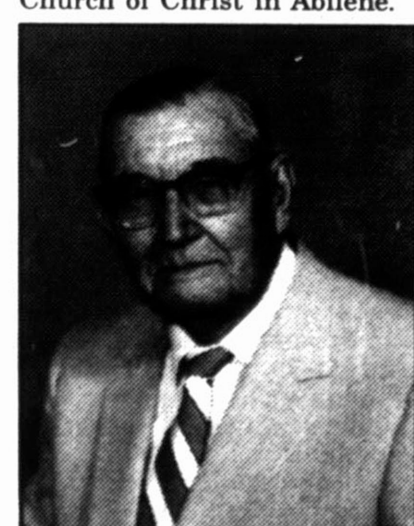
She died Tuesday.

Mrs. Spratlen was born in Plainview and graduated from Olton High School. She married James Belton Williams on Aug. 6, 1934. After his death, she married Louis Spratlen. She was a dorm supervisor at Abilene State School for 16 years.

She was a former member of Palm Street Church of Christ and a senior volunteer at Rose Park and a retired volunteer for the income tax program.

Survivors include three daughters, Yvonda Keeter of El Paso, Laverne Foy of Sweetwater, and Jean Lemons of Amarillo; two sons, Lynn C. Williams of Maxwell and Leland Williams of Olympia Wash.; one sister, Bertha Grant of Scottsdale, Ariz.; one brother, Bill Struve of Hereford; 14 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family suggests memorials be made to Northwest Church of Christ in Abilene.



B.M. NELSON
May 24, 1999

DIMMITT -- Funeral services for Bascom McTyiere Nelson, 93, of Dimmitt, will be 2 p.m. Thursday in the First United Methodist Church of Dimmitt with Rev.

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LIFESTYLES

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Spain bridal shower held in Watts home



Shower held—A bridal shower held Friday in the home of Jan Watts, left, in Canyon honored Trisha Spain, bride-elect of Kelly McMurrian. Also pictured are, second from left, Norene Pannell, great-grandmother of the bride-elect; De'Aun Spain, her mother; the honoree; Wanda Spain, her grandmother; and Ashley Spain, her sister.

Trisha Rene Spain, bride-elect of Kelly McMurrian, was honored with a bridal shower Friday in the home of Jan Watts in Canyon.

The couple will be married June 5.

Greeting guests with the honoree were De'Aun Spain, her mother; Wanda Spain, her grandmother; and Norene Pannell, her great-grandmother.

Ashley Spain, sister of the bride-elect, and Mackenzie Watts served refreshments of finger sandwiches, cake, nuts, mints, mock champagne punch and coffee.

Table decorations reflected the bride-elect's chosen colors of cobalt blue and white. Crystal appointments were arranged on a white tablecloth and the centerpiece was a money tree which was a gift from hostesses Rebecca Avila, Christine Evans, Marilyn Leasure, Jan Watts, Courtney Bolten, Sharon Frye, Amanda Romo, April Buck, Cristin Leasure and Nicky Walser.

At the Center

Senior Citizens

MENUS

THURSDAY—Chicken and noodles, buttered parsnips, carrots, sunshine salad, ice cream; or hamburger steak with gravy on noodles, D'zerta salad, sherbet.

FRIDAY—Breaded fish with lemon juice, macaroni and cheese, buttered mixed vegetables, coleslaw, lemon cake; or brisket, peaches.

MONDAY—Sliced ham with natural gravy, sweet potato patties, seasoned green beans, sliced tomato salad, meringue pie; or Salisbury steak, cauliflower, mixed fruit.

TUESDAY—Cornflaked baked chicken, mashed potatoes, capri blend vegetables, carrot/raisin salad, chocolate cake; or beef brisket, peaches.

WEDNESDAY—Roast beef

with gravy, mashed potatoes, seasoned black-eyed peas, tossed green salad, fruit cobbler; or chicken and dumplings, mixed fruit.

ACTIVITIES

THURSDAY—Pool classes, exercise class 10-10:45 a.m., oil painting 9-11 a.m., Thrift Store open 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

FRIDAY—Pool classes, line dance 10-11 a.m., Thrift Store open 9 a.m.-5 p.m., annual pancake supper 4:30-8 p.m.

MONDAY—Pool classes, Memorial Day.

TUESDAY—Pool classes, exercise class 10-10:45 a.m., Golden K Kiwanis 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

WEDNESDAY—Pool classes, ceramics 12 noon-4 p.m., Thrift Store open 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Pioneer reunion is Sat.

The annual Mid-Plains Reunion Celebration sponsored by the Mid-Plains Pioneer Association will be held Saturday in the Deaf Smith County Bull Barn.

Registration opens at 9 a.m. with the call to order for the business meeting at 11:30 a.m.

A covered dish luncheon will

be served at noon with meat, bread and drinks furnished.



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Ann Landers



Ann Landers

Dear Ann Landers: I am in medical school, training to be an orthopedic surgeon. I would like to offer

these suggestions to your readers so they don't show up in my office some day with a broken hip, back pain or a bent-over spine.

1. Get your calcium. Few people, particularly young women, get enough. The most important years for calcium intake are from birth to age 30. After that, bone density decreases. Adequate daily intake is: 1 quart of skim milk, 3 cups of low-fat yogurt or 1/4 pound of cheese.

2. Exercise! Without some stress on the skeleton, one cannot make dense bone. Exercise with weights or by jumping. If you have arthritis, try low-impact, weight-bearing exercises like walking with wrist and ankle weights.

3. If you are a woman past menopause, consider estrogen-replacement therapy. It can actually increase bone density.

4. Get enough Vitamin D. Many elderly people do not go out in the sun or eat enough dairy products. A Vitamin D deficiency can cause poor calcium absorption. You need only 20 minutes of sun on your hands and face per day to get enough Vitamin D.

5. Get enough protein. Protein builds bones. Protein can be found in milk, meat, eggs, beans and grains.

6. Get enough calories. If you are dieting, your body starts using proteins, and this can lead to protein deficiency.

Small, thin women are the ones who get osteoporosis first. Extra weight on the skeleton, even if it is fat, makes strong bones. Eat enough to stay healthy.

Osteoporosis is largely preventable if people follow these rules. Broken bones cause deformity, disability and even death. Please, Ann, tell your readers to take care of themselves. — Future Orthopedic Surgeon in Virginia

Dear Future Surgeon: Thank you for sharing your medical-school information with my readers. And bless you for using simple language that everyone can understand. Tell your professors I gave you an A-plus today.

Dear Ann Landers: I am a member of a small group of women who meet twice a month at local restaurants for brunch. One woman consistently brings only \$2 or \$3 with her. She then turns to one of us and asks if we could loan her the difference. She never remembers to pay anyone back.

The third time she did this to me, I suggested it would

be a good idea if she carried at least \$10 before she left the house. She came up with a variety of lame excuses and said I was making a mountain out of a mole hill. She is not a big eater, and frankly, it is no big deal to pick up her tab now and then. The money doesn't bother me, Ann. It's the fact that I feel she is taking advantage of us, and I resent it.

This freeloader has been going on for more than a year. The woman is not rich, but then, neither are the rest of us. The others in the group aren't crazy about her mooching, but no one else seems interested in putting an end to it. The woman is becoming more than a mere annoyance to me. What should I do about it? — Pass the Salt in Wheaton, Ill.

Dear Wheaton: I hear the birds chirping, and they are saying, "Cheap, cheap." Be as blunt with Miss Freeloader as you were with me. Tell her flat out that you are tired of her coming up short and you want it stopped. Meanwhile, talk turkey to the other

women. Let them know the freeloader is getting to you and you need their backup.

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Hospital Notes

Patients in Hereford Regional Medical Center on May 26:

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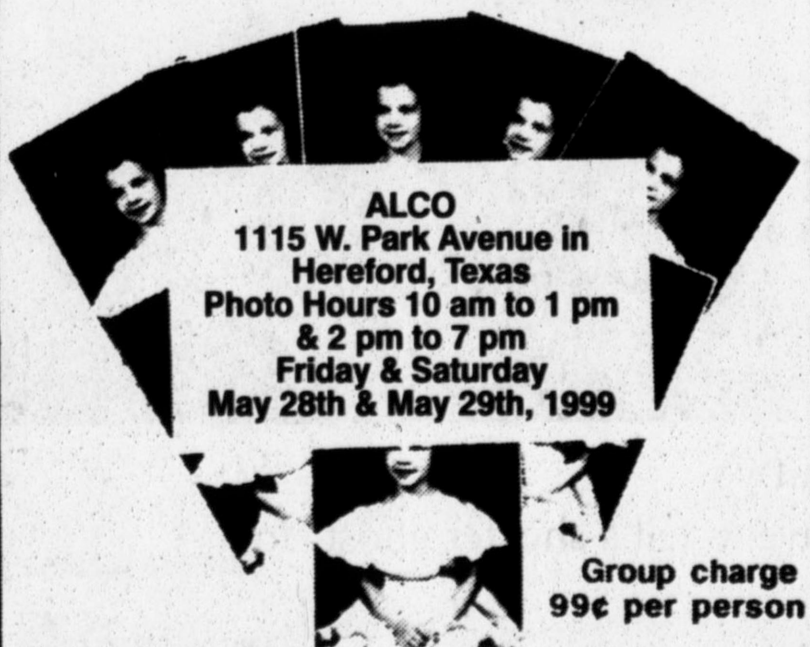
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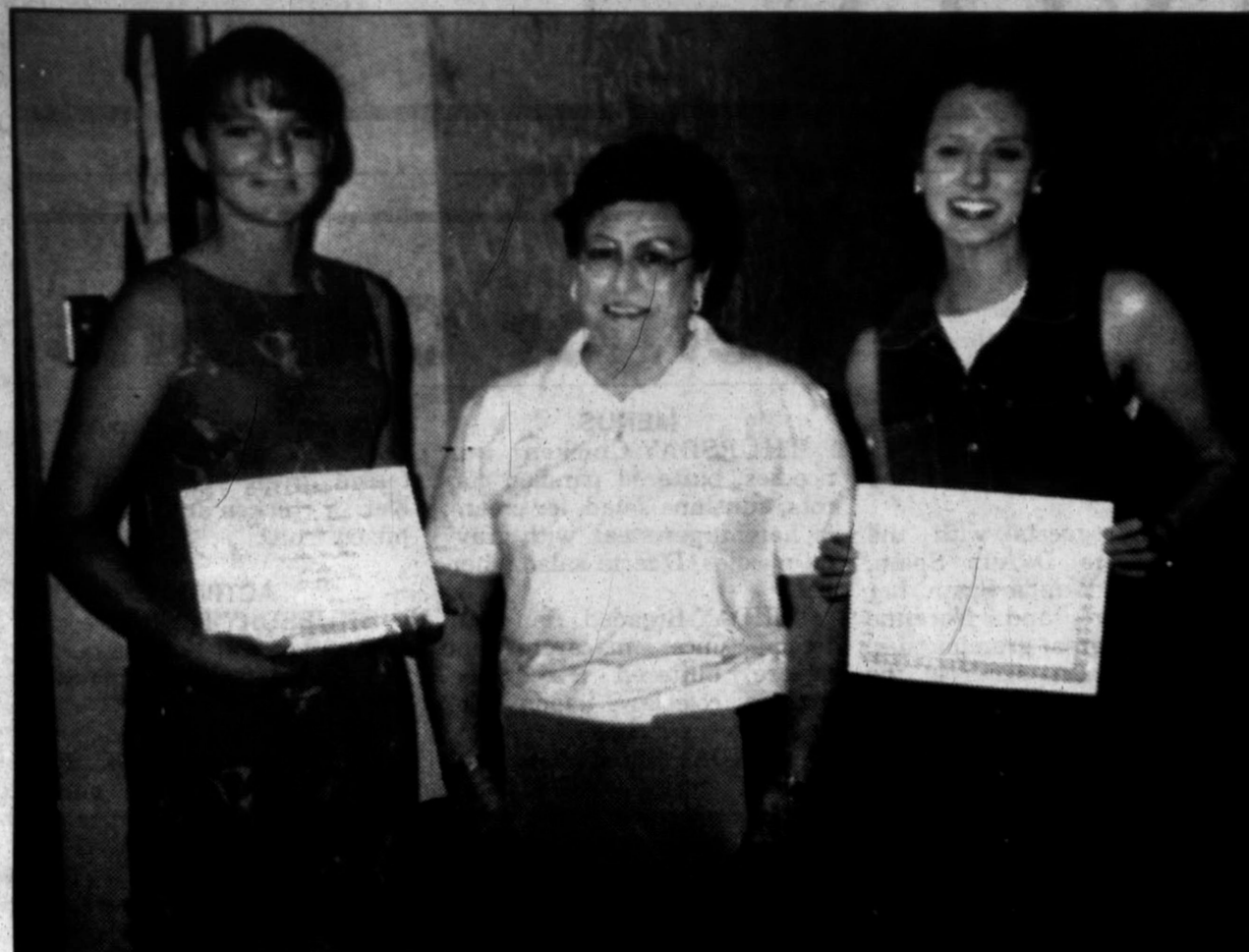
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Scholarships awarded—The Deaf Smith County Family Community Education Council awarded scholarships to Hereford High School seniors Meredith McGowan, left, and Jaime Steiert, right. Making the award presentations was FCE Council member Maudette Smith.

FCE Council elects officers, awards two scholarships

The Deaf Smith County Family Community Education Council held its final meeting prior to summer break Monday in the county library and elected officers to serve for the new year beginning in the fall.

Officers are Mariellen Homfeld, chairman; Kate Bradley, vice chairman; Audrey Rusher, recording secretary; Grace Covington, corresponding secretary; Bonnie Duke, treasurer and Tonie Vaughn, reporter.

FCE scholarships of \$125 each were presented to Hereford High School graduating seniors Jaime Steiert and Meredith McGowan. Both plan

to attend Texas A&M University. Scholarships are awarded to students with agriculture or human sciences majors and are based on the applicants' 4-H record books.

Steiert is the daughter of Jim and Kerrie Steiert. McGowan is the daughter of Jim and Lucy McGowan.

Outgoing chairman Jo Lee conducted the business meeting with the Bippus FCE Club holding opening exercises.

Bradley led the pledge to the flag and gave a reading titled "What is the Value of One Member?"

Rusher was welcomed as a visitor. Roll call was answered

by seven clubs with four having 100 percent attendance.

Members voted to have a booth during Town and Country Jubilee and also take part in the parade.

Delegates selected to attend the state meeting in Beaumont in September were Jo Lee, Maudette Smith and Mariellen Homfeld with Perry Keyes as an alternate.

It was voted to make donations to the Sandy Stagner Scholarship Fund and the Christmas Stocking Fund in memory of Speedy Nieman.

The next FCE Council meeting will be August 23 at 1:30 p.m. in the library.

Looking Back

Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, May 26, the 146th day of 1999. There are 219 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 26, 1868, the impeachment trial of President Andrew Johnson ended with his acquittal on all remaining charges as the Senate again fell one vote short of the two-thirds majority required for conviction.

On this date:

In 1521, Martin Luther was banned by the Edict of Worms because of his religious beliefs and writings.

In 1805, Napoleon Bonaparte was crowned king of Italy.

In 1865, arrangements were made in New Orleans for the surrender of Confederate forces west of the Mississippi.

In 1913, Actors' Equity Association was organized.

In 1940, the evacuation of Allied troops from Dunkirk, France, began during World War II.

In 1960, UN Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge accused the Soviets of hiding a microphone inside a wood carving of the Great Seal of the United States that they presented to the U.S. embassy in Moscow.

In 1969, the Apollo 10 astronauts returned to Earth after a successful eight-day dress rehearsal for the first manned moon landing.

In 1978, the first legal casino in the eastern United States opened in Atlantic City, N.J.

In 1981, 14 people were killed when a Marine jet crashed onto the flight deck of the aircraft carrier USS Nimitz off Florida.

In 1991, a Lauda Air Boeing 767 crashed in Thailand, killing all 223 people aboard.

Ten years ago: Reports began circulating that House Majority Whip Tony Coelho would resign to spare himself and the Democratic Party the ordeal of an investigation into his ethics.

Five years ago: President Clinton renewed trade privileges for China, and announced his administration would no longer link China's trade status with its human rights record. Michael Jackson and Lisa Marie Presley were married in the Dominican Republic. (The marriage, however, did not last.)

One year ago: The Supreme Court made it far more difficult for police to be sued by people hurt during high-speed chases. The Su-

preme Court ruled that Ellis Island — historic gateway for millions of immigrants — is mainly in New Jersey, not New York.

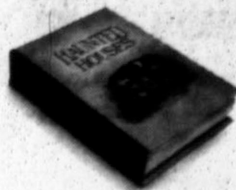
Today's Birthdays: Singer Peggy Lee is 79. Actor James Arness is 76. Actor Alec McCowen is 74. Opera singer Teresa Stratas is 60. Sports-caster Brent Musberger is 60. Rock singer-musician Levon Helm (The Band) is 57. Singer Stevie Nicks is 51. Actor Philip Michael Thomas is 50. Actress Pam Grier is 50. Country singer Hank Williams Jr. is 50. Former astronaut Sally K. Ride is 48. Actress Margaret Colin is 42. Country singer-songwriter Dave Robbins (BlackHawk) is 40. Actress Genie Francis is 37.



Early Christmas—L'Allegra Study Club gets an early start on Christmas with a donation to the Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce for use in purchasing Christmas snowflake decorations for Hereford. The funds were raised during the recent plant sale which L'Allegra sponsors annually. Melissa Clarke, study club treasurer, presents the check to chamber executive director Sid Shaw.



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The Punch Bunch -- The Hereford Boxing Club that took the Best Team Award in a Junior Boxing Tournament in Odessa on May 22, in which they took three first places and four second places, individually. Pictured are: (first row, from left) Josh Cuellar, Armando Cuellar, Adolfo Guerrero, Freddie Guerrero, Phillip Romo, and Jose Cuellar; (second row, from left) Nasario Garcia, Jessie Nunez, Roy Lancon, and Tony Cuellar; (third row, from left) head coach Javier Buentello, Omar Monsebaiz, Severo Padilla, Cesar Marquez, Mark Mendoza, assistant coach Armando Cuellar. Buentello and the club extends their deepest thanks to the Hereford Elks, the people of Hereford, the Hereford Juvenile Center and Baldos Mexican Restaurant for their support of the Boxing Club. Buentello also asks for more support of the club from the community.

LORDS OF THE RING



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Thanks For The Support -- Debbie Richardson (left), secretary of the Hereford Elks, and Dennis Paetzold (second from left), Exalted Ruler of Hereford Elks, present \$250 check to Boxing Club head coach Javier Buentello, (third, from left), for support of the Boxing Club's trip to Odessa. Pictured with them is assistant coach Armando Cuellar.

Hereford duo takes first place at ZIMA Golf Tournament

From Staff Reports

AMARILLO -- The Hereford duo of Sherri Strange and Rhea Scott did a little golf scrambling last Saturday as they took first place in the second flight of the ZIMA Ladies Partnership Golf Tournament at Comanche Trail Golf Course.

Rhea and Strange finished shot 133, four shots better than Stephanie Gregory and Lou Rogers, to take the second flight title.

"We did a good job as partners," Strange said.

Scott hit 2-over-par low ball on Friday at the tournament in the Tomahawk Golf Course at Comanche Trail. The duo shot 60 for the day.

"That was pretty good for her in this course," Strange said. "She couldn't make that in our golf course."

Strange and Scott shot 73 on Saturday.

Hereford JV split baseball games in Borger doubleheader

From Staff Reports

The Hereford Diamondbacks, Hereford Junior Varsity West Texas League team, opened their summer season last Saturday with a double-header split at Borger.

The Diamondbacks defeated the Canyon's JV team, 12-5.

RBI hits by Roman Alaniz and Isaac Alonzo gave the Diamondbacks a 4-2 lead early in the ball game.

In the fifth inning, with the bases loaded and the Diamondbacks up 5-4, Brandon Bingham hit an RBI

double to right field that increased Hereford's lead to 8-4.

Michael Rayne recorded the win. But the Diamondbacks were not so lucky against the Borger's Bats as they were defeated 8-7.

The Diamondbacks held a one run lead through the fifth inning, when they added four more runs to take a 5-1 lead.

But Borger came out on a six-run rampage to take a 7-4 lead in the sixth.

Isaac Alonzo was given the loss in the game.

Jazz stay alive in NBA playoffs after 88-71 win

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) -- The Utah Jazz can be ferocious when cornered. Coach Jerry Sloan wishes they wouldn't wait so long to get that way.

Fighting for their postseason lives Tuesday night, the Jazz landed hard elbows, grabbed tough rebounds, hit big shots and generally outmuscled the Portland Trail Blazers, winning Game 5 of their second-round series 88-71.

"We play that way now, but I have to wonder what the problem was that got us in this position in the first place," Sloan said. "We don't seem to have any urgency unless we're up against it."

Utah avoided playoff elimination for the third time in 11 days. The Jazz are 6-1 in their last seven do-or-die postseason games.

"That's when we play our best, is when we rise to the challenge that the other team presents to us," said Karl Malone, whose night in-

cluded 23 points, eight rebounds, one flagrant foul and one blood-drawing elbow to Brian Grant's face. "This team doesn't back down. We did what we had to do to win, and Portland will try to do the same thing on Thursday."

That's when the Jazz will get one last chance to win in the Rose Garden and force Game 7 on Saturday. Despite the defeat, the Blazers don't expect to go back at the Delta Center.

"It's hard to beat a Utah team one time, two times, three times, let alone four," guard Jim Jackson said.

"I think Game 6 is a defining moment for this team. We'll see how we handle it."

Malone, fined \$10,000 for elbowing Grant in Game 1 of the series, opened a six-stitch cut over Grant's right eye with another apparently inadvertent elbow in the first quarter. The two jawed constantly the

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NBA PLAYOFFS

Current and former Hereford Cowboys among rodeo leaders

Staff and wire reports

A Hereford professional cowboy is holding onto his spot in the top 10 money winners, according to figures released by the National Professional Rodeo Association.

Steve Purcella is No. 8 in the team roping (heading) category with earnings of \$16,839, unchanged from last week.

Also, Mickey Gomez of Mustang, Okla., and formerly of Hereford, held his spot in the top 20 money winners in team roping (heeling). Gomez has earnings of \$11,930, good for No. 16.

The standings through Monday:

All-Around Cowboy

1, Fred Whitfield, Hockley, Texas, \$83,753. 2, Herbert Theriot, Poplarville, Miss., \$38,355. 3, Joe Beaver, Huntsville, Texas, \$33,197. 4, Chad Hagan, Leesville, La., \$33,091. 5, Trevor Brazile, Childress, Texas, \$32,214. 6, Robert Bowers, Brooks, Alberta, \$28,920. 7, Ty Murray, Stephenville, Texas, \$25,424. 8, Tee Woolman, Llano, Texas, \$24,738. 9, T.W. Snyder, Colbert, Okla., \$23,679. 10, Guy Yarbrough, Balch Springs, Texas, \$23,411.

Saddle Bronc Riding

1, Rod Hay, Wildwood, Alberta, \$49,300. 2, Dean Schlattmann, Basin, Wyo., \$31,072. 3, Ryan Mapston, Geyser, Mont., \$27,228. 4, Tom Reeves, Eagle Butte, S.D., \$26,908. 5, Dan Mortensen, Manhattan, Mont., \$25,360. 6, Ira Slagowski, Carlin, Nev., \$23,332. 7, Steve Dollarhide, Wikieup, Ariz., \$23,297. 8, Rance Bray, Texhoma, Okla., \$21,386. 9, Todd Fike, Pavillion, Wyo., \$21,111. 10, Bobby Griswold, Moore, Okla., \$20,685.

Bareback Riding

1, Pete Hawkins, Weatherford, Texas, \$32,230. 2, Jeffrey Collins, Redfield, Kan., \$31,430. 3, Chris Harris, Arlington, Texas, \$27,085. 4, Mark Gomes, Nickerson, Kan., \$24,900. 5, Eric Swenson, Bonham,

Texas, \$24,365. 6, Denny McLanahan, Canadian, Texas, \$24,168. 7, Eric Mouton, Weatherford, Okla., \$23,228. 8, Kelly Wardell, Bellevue, Idaho, \$22,516. 9, Mark Garrett, Nisland, S.D., \$22,049. 10, Jason Wylie, Stanchfield, Minn., \$22,021.

Bull Riding

1, Gregory Potter, Weatherford, Texas, \$37,203. 2, Josh O'Byrne, Animas, N.M., \$26,725. 3, Cody Hancock, Taylor, Ariz., \$26,340. 4, Vince Stanton, Weiser, Idaho, \$26,340. 5, Myron Duarte, Auburn, Wash., \$25,607. 6, Scott Breeding, Edgar, Mont., \$24,890. 7, Mike Moore, Wellington, Colo., \$22,840. 8, Francis Wilson, Sidney, Neb., \$22,459. 9, Rex Phillips, Elko, Nev., \$21,385. 10, Chad Castillo, Tucson, Ariz., \$21,327.

Calf Roping

1, Fred Whitfield, Hockley, Texas, \$72,778. 2, Cody Ohl, Stephenville, Texas, \$45,863. 3, Blair Burk, Durant, Okla., \$43,249. 4, Tony Reina, Wharton, Texas, \$26,922. 5, Herbert Theriot, Poplarville, Miss., \$25,290. 6, Johnny Emmons, Grandview, Texas, \$24,992. 7, Ricky Hyde, Conway, Ark., \$24,973. 8, Ty Hays, Weatherford, Okla., \$23,430. 9, Jim Bob Mayes, Elgin, Texas, \$23,284. 10, Ronnie Hyde, Bloomington, Ind., \$22,388.

Steer Wrestling

1, Rope Myers, Van, Texas, \$34,936. 2, Byron Walker, Ennis, Texas, \$26,986. 3, Lee Graves, Calgary, Alberta, \$26,246. 4, Vince Walker, Oakdale, Calif., \$23,450. 5, Chad Hagan, Leesville, La., \$23,298. 6, Jason Lahr, Emporia, Kan., \$22,119. 7, Randy Suhr, Laramie, Wyo., \$21,081. 8, Mickey Gee, Wichita Falls, Texas, \$20,277. 9, Mike Smith, Baton Rouge, La., \$19,246. 10, Guy Yarbrough, Balch Springs, Texas, \$19,100.

Team Roping (Heading)

1, Speed Williams, Jacksonville, Fla., \$27,046. 2, Daniel Green, Oakdale, Calif., \$26,032. 3, Charles

Pogue, Ringling, Okla., \$24,899. 4, Kevin Stewart, Glen Rose, Texas, \$21,479. 5, David Motes, Fresno, Calif., \$19,144. 6, Mike Cervi, Midland, Texas, \$18,939. 7, Tee Woolman, Llano, Texas, \$18,311. 8, Steve Purcella, Hereford, Texas, \$16,839. 9, Jake Barnes, Cave Creek, Ariz., \$16,317. 10, Joe Beaver, Huntsville, Texas, \$15,222.

Team Roping (Heeling)

1, Rich Skelton, Llano, Texas, \$27,046. 2, Allen Bach, Turlock, Calif., \$26,032. 3, Britt Bockius, Claremore, Okla., \$24,899. 4, Martin Lucero, Stephenville, Texas, \$21,479. 5, Wayne Folmer, Stephenville, Texas, \$21,361. 6, Kory Koontz, Sudan, Texas, \$18,939. 7, Tyler Magnus, Llano, Texas, \$18,311. 8, John Paul Lucero, Stephenville, Texas, \$16,053. 9, J.D. Yates, Pueblo, Colo., \$15,909. 10, Monty Joe Petska, Turlock, Calif., \$14,162.

Steer Roping

1, Guy Allen, Lovington, N.M., \$17,401. 2, J.B. Whatley, Gardendale, Texas, \$17,066. 3, De Lynn Jones, Hobbs, N.M., \$14,861. 4, Trevor Brazile, Childress, Texas, \$13,312. 5, Marty Jones, Hobbs, N.M., \$13,188. 6, Bucky Hefner, Chelsea, Okla., \$9,749. 7, Rocky Patterson, Pratt, Kan., \$9,395. 8, Arnold Felts, Sonora, Texas, \$9,279. 9, J Paul Williams, Ponca City, Okla., \$6,716. 10, Tee Woolman, Llano, Texas, \$6,427.

Barrel Racing

1, Sherry Cervi, Midland, Texas, \$51,413. 2, Janet Stover, Decatur, Texas, \$31,873. 3, Ruth Haislip, Acampo, Calif., \$25,184. 4, Gail Hillman, Waller, Texas, \$22,916. 5, Talina Bird, Post, Texas, \$22,273. 6, Rachael Myllymaki, Arlee, Mont., \$21,081. 7, Jamie Richards, Kennelworth, Wash., \$20,801. 8, Monica Wilson, Cardston, Alberta, \$17,667. 9, Charmayne James, Stephenville, Texas, \$17,402. 10, Liz Loeffler, Potteet, Texas, \$17,246.

Youth soccer continues registration

The Hereford Summer Youth Soccer Association is now registering boys and girls for participation in the summer's league competition.

Full scale registration will continue on Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the San Jose Community Center at 735 Brevard St.

There will be a \$25 registration fee which covers accidental insurance and

a game shirt. The fee will increase to \$35 after May 29.

Informational and organizational meetings are being currently held every Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the community center. All persons are welcome to attend and provide input and ideas.

The soccer association is also looking for coaches, referees and

volunteers to help with the soccer summer league. A coaches' clinic are being scheduled for late May.

For more information about the soccer league, contact the following persons: Robin Meyers (276-5678); Bobby Griego (364-2322); Linda Coronado (363-9047) and Emilio Romero (364-8736).

Venafro's pitching performance gives Rangers 7-2 win over Devil Rays

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — Texas Rangers rookie Mike Venafro was the last to find out he won his first major league game.

"Not until I came in here and they handed me the ball and said 'congratulations,'" Venafro said from the locker room.

Venafro pitched 3 2-3 innings of scoreless relief to get the victory in the Rangers' 7-2 win over the Tampa Bay Devil Rays on Tuesday night.

Venafro (1-0) retired 11 of the 13 hitters he faced and needed only two pitches to retire Wade Boggs and Paul Sorrento on groundouts after replacing starter Ryan Glynn with a runner on second and one out in the fifth inning.

The left-hander entered with the Rangers leading 5-2 and proceeded to allow just two singles, to Fred McGriff and Miguel Cairo.

"He threw a quality sinker and got a lot of worms killed around home plate ... if worms can grow indoors," Rangers manager Johnny Oates said.

Venafro recorded eight groundball outs.

Glynn pitched in and out of trouble during his first major league start, stranding seven runners through four innings. He was pulled just two outs away from qualifying for his first victory.

Another rookie, Jeff Zimmerman, got the final three outs as the trio of first-year players gave up nine hits.

"It's exciting to see three kids from the minor league system that weren't on the ballclub when we opened the season come in here and do what they did," Oates said. "That's certainly encouraging, to put it mildly ... that's exciting."

Glynn allowed two runs and seven hits in 4 1-3 innings. He walked three and had three strikeouts.

McGriff, who went 4-for-5, had a run-scoring single in the third that made it 4-1.

After Royce Clayton's single made it 5-1 in the fourth, Tampa Bay got the run back in the bottom of the inning on Randy Winn's RBI single. Glynn avoided further damage when he struck out Jose Canseco with runners on first and third.

"I guess all the rookies kind of took care of it," Glynn said. "I'm not disappointed. The team won and that's all that matters at the big league level."

Bobby Witt (3-2) took the loss, giving up seven runs and nine hits in six-plus innings. The Devil Rays have lost four straight and tied a

season-low by falling two games under .500 (22-24).

"It starts with the pitching," Tampa Bay manager Larry Rothschild said. "When you fall behind, it's constantly an uphill battle. It just makes it tougher and tougher."

Rusty Greer's sacrifice fly and a run-scoring single by Juan Gonzalez keyed a three-run third-inning that put Texas up 4-0.

Gonzalez has six RBIs the past two games and extended his season-high RBI streak to seven consecutive games. He had two homers and five RBIs as the Rangers routed Tampa Bay 12-3 in Monday night's series opener.

Lee Stevens had a run-scoring double in a two-run seventh inning as the Rangers took a 7-2 lead.

The Rangers' consecutive game home run streak was snapped at 12.

JAZZ

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their first-round win over Sacramento. Utah also outrebounded the Blazers 45-31 and made just three second-half turnovers.

The Jazz are hoping to become the seventh team in NBA history to recover from a 3-1 deficit to win a series, the most recent being the Miami Heat, who beat the Knicks in seven games in 1997.

The Blazers, who haven't advanced past the second round since 1992, struggled offensively for the second straight game. Portland shot just 34.3 percent and missed its first seven shots of the fourth quarter.

Utah never trailed and began the second half with a 13-2 run, but the Blazers kept it close behind Rasheed Wallace and Isaiah Rider, who



JOHN STOCKTON

After winning the first game of the series at home, the Jazz lost Game 2 on a last-second layup miss by John Stockton. Utah then dropped two games in Portland over the weekend, losing three straight for the first time since the 1998 NBA Finals.

Grant, who left the Portland locker room by the back door and avoided reporters,

scored half of Portland's 58 points in the first three quarters.

The winner of the series faces San Antonio in the conference finals.



KARL MALONE

postseason, had just seven points in Portland's Game 4 win.

Stockton, who had 14 assists, also was cut on his leg during the game.

Rider led the Blazers with 16 points, while all of Wallace's 15 came in the first half. Bryon Russell scored 22 points on 9-of-13 shooting, and Jeff Hornacek had 14 for the Jazz.

continued his mini-slump by going 1-for-7 from the field and scoring eight points. Grant, Portland's second-leading scorer in the

"They missed a lot of shots out there, just like in Game 1," Sloan said. "I don't think it was anything we did."

For the first time in the series, the Jazz played a strong first quarter, scoring the game's first six points and leading 20-8 just seven minutes in. Malone hit five of his first six shots and scored 11 points in the quarter.

Utah shot 63 percent in the first half and was up by 14 early in the second quarter, but the Blazers kept it close and cut the deficit to 49-42 before halftime.

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Astros work extra innings to defeat Colorado, 2-1

Everett's RBI single to left field in 12th drives winning run for Houston

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Astros and Colorado Rockies, ranked first and fourth in the NL in hitting, didn't play that way.

"Two runs in 12 innings is quite an accomplishment against a great offensive team," Colorado manager Jim Leyland said after the Astros' 2-1 victory in 12 innings.

"We're not hitting very well right now, but we're seeing some good pitching. Good pitching shuts you down. Plain and simple, the pitching was great."

Houston's Carl Everett drove in the winning run with one out in the 12th with an RBI single to left through a drawn-in infield.

With the bases loaded and one out, Everett hit a potential double-play grounder to the third baseman Lenny Harris, who tied a Colorado record with three errors Monday night.

The ball went under Harris' glove and into left field, scoring Bill Spiers with the winning run.

"I don't think he would have had time to turn two," Spiers said. "I don't think the ball was hit hard enough to double up Carl."

Everett agreed.

"No way they get two," Everett said. "He was moving toward second and he would have had to turn and throw to the plate and then go to the first. There's no way he would have had enough time."

The play was originally

scored as an error on Harris. A few minutes after the game ended, official scorer Rick Blount changed the call to a hit.

"I had no choice on the play," Harris said. "I was trying to get the runner at the plate. He didn't hit it hard, but it took a curve to my left. I have no excuses, I should have made the play at home if I come up with the ball."

Craig Biggio drew a leadoff walk from Mike DeJean (0-2) in the 12th, and stole second on a close play. Colorado manager Jim Leyland came out to argue and was ejected by second-base umpire Jerry Layne.



"No comment," Leyland said when asked about his discussion with Layne. "I don't talk about the umpires."

Spiers bunted and the ball was fielded by DeJean, whose throw to third was too late to get Biggio.

"The way both pitchers were pitching, you knew you were going to have to do everything you could to get a run," Biggio said. "(Darryl Kile) was very tough and their bullpen was tough also, but fortunately we were able to put something together at the end and scratch out a run."

Jeff Bagwell was intentionally walked, loading the bases. Derek Bell grounded back to the mound, and Biggio was

forced at the plate, bringing up Everett.

Scott Elarton (3-1) pitched a scoreless inning for the victory.

"Hampton was outstanding and the bullpen did a great job holding a very good hitting team down," Houston manager Larry Dierker said. "In the end we won it because we got a little lucky."

The Astros tied it at 1 in the eighth on Everett's RBI double off reliever Curtis Leskanen. Bagwell walked with one out, and after Bell struck out, Everett followed with a double.

"Houston is a good club, might be the best in the National League right now, they have good starting pitching and a good bullpen and they have one of the best closers in baseball," Leyland said.

Kile pitched seven shutout innings, but left because of slight

stiffness in his back. "I was just out there trying to get outs, they missed some pitches they should have hit a long way," Kile said. "They won, that's the bottom line."

Mike Hampton allowed one run and five hits before being lifted for a pinch-hitter in the ninth.

"When you're going against (Kile), you don't have a lot of room to work with because he usually doesn't give up much," Hampton said. "His curveball is the best in the league and he was on tonight. I was just trying to keep us in the game."

NFL approves Redskins' purchase

ATLANTA (AP) — Communications mogul Daniel Snyder received unanimous approval from NFL club owners for his \$800 million purchase of the Washington Redskins. The 31 owners accepted his record bid in the only action taken at the start of the two days of NFL meetings.

Twenty-four votes were needed to approve the sale, which includes Jack Kent Cooke Stadium. Approval was widely expected following last week's endorsement by the NFL's finance committee.

Snyder brought in Fred Drasner and Mort Zuckerman, co-owners of the Daily News in New York.

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INSIDE

What do TV executives really think about their rivals?



David Bauder
The Associated Press

We're excited about our new fall schedule. Really excited. Really, really excited. It's our best schedule in years.

Now, I know we told you that last year. But this year, we mean it.

Really. That, in a nutshell, is what television executives at seven broadcast networks told thousands of advertisers when they unveiled their fall schedules last week. That's no surprise; the meetings are sales presentations.

What's really revealing is what these network executives say about their rivals.

Take away the jokes and glad-handing from the likes of Conan O'Brien, Drew Carey and Ray Romano. Take away the glitzy venues like Carnegie Hall and Lincoln Center. Take away, even, the posh parties and the free booze. It's the sniping that makes this frenzied annual ritual fun.

It seemed like such a cozy fraternity when Scott Sassa, NBC West Coast president, paid tribute to some of his favorite shows that aired on other networks: "NYPD Blue," "The Simpsons," "Buffy, the Vampire Slayer." Good programs help all of broadcast television, he said.

"We don't have to hurt

each other in order to succeed," Sassa told the ad executives.

How sweet. Within a few minutes, that magnanimity was completely forgotten. NBC showed a short film with Kathy Griffin of "Suddenly Susan" that depicted NBC viewers as smart, wine-sipping and wealthy urban dwellers who lap up every product they see advertised.

A typical Fox viewer was portrayed as a longhaired motorcycle gang member who crushes beer cans on his forehead. "I don't like watching things on TV," he said. "I just like watching things blow up."

Griffin moved on to Mrs. Crabtree, a befuddled elderly woman in a rocking chair watching CBS. This was a none-too-subtle reminder that CBS has many of the older, set-in-their-ways viewers that advertisers loathe.

"If you have your own teeth," Griffin said, "you recognize me."

CBS president Leslie Moonves didn't see the film, but he heard about it. And he seethed.

"Can't they come up with newer jokes than to show an old lady on the screen?" he said. "Tell Scott he'd better come up with some new comedy writers."

Moonves quickly lost the high ground, though.

CBS's presentation was brutal, with some lines mak-

ing audience members wince. Many believed Moonves has a chip on his shoulder because CBS, even though it's the new top-rated network, is looked down upon as the old-folks network.

Moonves called NBC's Monday night schedule, with "Suddenly Susan" and "Veronica's Closet," the "NBC dumping ground for failed Thursday night comedies." He mocked NBC as the network

that promoted "Encore! Encore!" and "Wind on Water" as "must-see TV." Both flopped.

"Those are right up there with, I'll still respect you in the morning," he said.

Wham! He pointed out that all of CBS's shows have more viewers than the high-buzz WB programs, "Buffy, the Vampire Slayer," "Dawson's Creek" and "Felicity."

"You may not see many of our stars on the covers of magazines," he said. "But then again, we're not in the magazine business." Time Warner, which owns the WB as well as People and Entertainment Weekly, is a magazine publisher.

Pow! Nancy Tellem, CBS entertainment president, ridiculed the ABC comedy, "Two Guys, a Girl and a Pizza Place."

"This is one pizza place that doesn't deliver," she said.

Zap! Not every network hit

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COMICS

The Wizard of Id

By Brant Parker & Johnny Hart



Marvin

By Tom Armstrong



Blondie

By Dean Young & Stan Drake



Beetle Bailey

By Mort Walker



Barney Google and Snuffy Smith

By Fred Lasswell



quite so hard. But none hesitated in pointing out things that other executives really wished would go unsaid. NBC isn't about to show that the ratings for its dominant Thursday lineup have slipped alarmingly this year. But a lot of other executives had those figures handy.

There was one thing to unite all the broadcast networks. When a CBS execu-

tive wanted to encourage advertisers to stay away from cable, he brought along a visual aid. This represents the top 10 shows in an average week on cable, he said, and on cue eight men dressed as professional wrestlers hit the

Carnegie Hall stage, joined by two kids dressed as "rats."

Guffaw! Look at those poor saps at cable TV. Now THAT'S funny!

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TELEVISION

WEDNESDAY

MAY 26

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THURSDAY

MAY 27

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2	Barney	Teletubbies	Sesame Street	Arthur	Zoboo	Barney	Teletubbies	Reading	Mr. Rogers	Cooking	
3	Bad Dog	Bobby	Station	Knock	700 Club	Kangaroo	Wiggles	Dino Babies	Adv. Muffin	Bobby	
4	Today	Lezza	Sunset Beach	Lezza	Sunset Beach	Lezza	Sunset Beach	Judge Lane	News	Days-Lives	
5	Goof Troop	101 Dalmatians	Sing a Story	Pooh	Bear	Out of Ex	Madeline	Katie-Orbie	Marmaduke	Pooh	
6	Hillbillies	Hillbillies	Little House on the Prairie	Live - Regis & Kathie Lee	The View	Price Is Right	Young and the Restless	News	News	News	
7	Good Morning America	Good Morning America	Good Morning America	Good Morning America	Good Morning America	Good Morning America	Good Morning America	Good Morning America	Good Morning America	Good Morning America	
8	This Morning	This Morning	This Morning	This Morning	This Morning	This Morning	This Morning	This Morning	This Morning	This Morning	
9	Magic Bus	Magic Bus	Magic Bus	Magic Bus	Magic Bus	Magic Bus	Magic Bus	Magic Bus	Magic Bus	Magic Bus	
10	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Sportscenter	
11	Movie: Out-of-Towners	Movie: Out-of-Towners	Movie: Out-of-Towners	Movie: Out-of-Towners	Movie: Out-of-Towners	Movie: Out-of-Towners	Movie: Out-of-Towners	Movie: Out-of-Towners	Movie: Out-of-Towners	Movie: Out-of-Towners	
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2	Body Elec.	Alexander	Art	Anyplace	Trailside	Evening at Pops	Zoom	Science Guy	Wubbies	Arthur	
3	Menace	Casper	Ghostbusters	Candy	Oggy	Bad Dog	Walter M.	3 Friends	Pee-wee	Addams	
4	Days-Lives	Another World	Donny & Marie	Timon	Aladdin	Off the Wall	Mad Libs	GrowlPains	GrowlPains	Brotherly	
5	Hunter	Movie: Matlock: The Idol (1994) Andy Griffith	Movie: Matlock: The Idol (1994) Andy Griffith	Movie: Matlock: The Idol (1994) Andy Griffith	Movie: Matlock: The Idol (1994) Andy Griffith	Movie: Matlock: The Idol (1994) Andy Griffith	Movie: Matlock: The Idol (1994) Andy Griffith	Movie: Matlock: The Idol (1994) Andy Griffith	Movie: Matlock: The Idol (1994) Andy Griffith	Movie: Matlock: The Idol (1994) Andy Griffith	
6	Jeopardy!	One Life to Live	General Hospital	Rose O'Donnell	Rose O'Donnell	Rose O'Donnell	Rose O'Donnell	Rose O'Donnell	Rose O'Donnell	Rose O'Donnell	
7	Bold & B.	As the World Turns	Guding Light	Sally	Hollywood	Texas News	News	CBS News	CBS News	CBS News	
8	Angel	Forgive or Forget	Little House on the Prairie	Rangers	Rangers	Rangers	Rangers	Rangers	Rangers	Rangers	
9	Dog Show	Billiards	Indy 500 Carburbon & PH Stop	Rangers	Rangers	Rangers	Rangers	Rangers	Rangers	Rangers	
10	Movie: The Return of Tommy Tricker	Movie: The Return of Tommy Tricker	Movie: The Return of Tommy Tricker	Movie: The Return of Tommy Tricker	Movie: The Return of Tommy Tricker	Movie: The Return of Tommy Tricker	Movie: The Return of Tommy Tricker	Movie: The Return of Tommy Tricker	Movie: The Return of Tommy Tricker	Movie: The Return of Tommy Tricker	
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LEGAL NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organization conducted an accreditation survey of the South Plains Health Provider Organization, Inc. clinic located at 603 E. Park Avenue, Hereford, Texas, on May 5-7, 1999, to evaluate the organization's compliance with nationally established Joint Commission standards.

Anyone believing that he or she has pertinent and valid information about the quality of care issues and the safety of the environment in which care is provided, may request a public information interview with the Joint Commission's field representatives. Request for a public information interview must be made in writing and should be sent to the Joint Commission within thirty days from the time you read this notice, and must also indicate the nature of the information to be provided at the interview. Such requests should be addressed to:

Division of Accreditation Operations
Organization Liaison
Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations
One Renaissance Boulevard
Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181

The interviewee will be notified of the date, time, and place of the meeting.

This notice is posted in accordance with the Joint Commission's requirements.

Date Posted: May 26, 1999

NOTICIA PÚBLICA

La Comisión de Junta y Acreditación de Organizaciones de Salud (The Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations) condujo un cuestionario de acreditación de la clínica-South Plains Health Provider Organization, Inc. localizada en 603 E. Park Avenue, Hereford, Tejas, el día 5-7 de Mayo 1999, para evaluar el servicio de nuestra organización de acuerdo a los estándares nacionales.

Cualquiera que crea o piense lo contrario de que el/ella halla recibido información pertinente o valida sobre la calidad y la seguridad de la naturaleza por la cual el cuidado es dado, puede pedir una entrevista pública con los representantes de la organización. Permisos para esta entrevista de información publica deben estar por escrito y debiera ser mandada a la Comisión de Juntas dentro de treinta días de cuando lea esta noticia, y también debe indicar la naturaleza de la información que va a hacer dada para la entrevista. Estos permisos deben ser mandados a la siguiente dirección:

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Personas con permisos para una entrevista seran notificadas por la clinica de la fecha, tiempo, y lugar de la junta.

Esta noticia necesita estar a vista de la gente de acuerdo con los requerimientos de la Comisión de Juntas.

Fecha Puesta a la Vista: 26 de Mayo 1999

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Sandra Kay Stagner, deceased, were issued on May 20, 1999, under Docket No. PR-4478 pending in the County Court of Deaf Smith County, Texas, to John M. Stagner. Claims may be presented in care of the attorney for the Estate addressed as follows: John M. Stagner, Independent Executor, Estate of Sandra Kay Stagner, Deceased, c/o Jerry Smith, P.C., Attorney at Law, P.O. Box 1191, Hereford, Texas, 79045. All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

DATED: May 24, 1999.

/s/ Jerry Smith, P.C.
Attorney at Law
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Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary upon the Estate of PEARL H. PRUITT ROBBS, Deceased, were issued to me, the undersigned, on the 24th day of May, 1999, in the proceeding below my signature hereto, which proceeding is still pending, and that I now hold such letters. All persons who may have claims against said estate which is being administered in the County below named, are hereby required to present same to me at the following address: c/o Terry D. Langehennig, Attorney at Law, 320 Schley, P.O. Box 1655, Hereford, Texas 79045, before suit upon same is barred by the Statutes of Limitation, and within the time prescribed by law.

DATED this 24th day of May, 1999.

/s/ ROYCE PRUITT DAUGHERTY
Independent Executor of the Estate of PEARL H. PRUITT ROBBS, Deceased, PR-4480 in the County Court of Deaf Smith County, Texas

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NEW RULES

Meatpackers told
to change the way
they process food

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Agriculture Department is ordering meatpacking plants to revamp their processing methods to guard against the potentially deadly listeria bacteria, which has contaminated millions of pounds of hot dogs and luncheon meats in the last year.

The 1,100 plants that produce hot dogs and other ready-to-eat meats must begin using new processing methods immediately, USDA said Tuesday.

"As summer begins, Americans need to be able to grill hot dogs or pack sandwiches for a picnic with confidence that their food is safe," said Tom Billy, administrator for USDA's Food Safety and Inspection Service. "Working together with industry and consumers, we can take steps to better protect the public from foodborne illness."

The decision comes after contamination from the Listeria monocytogenes bacteria forced several food recalls last year, including an outbreak at the Sara Lee-owned Bil Mar Foods plant in Zeeland, Mich.

Bil Mar recalled 15 million pounds of hot dogs and luncheon meats in December — the largest meat recall ever — because of suspected contamination with a rare strain of the bacteria.

Since then, listeria-contaminated products from the plant have been linked to 100 illnesses in 22 states, as well as 15 deaths and six miscarriages or stillbirths.

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The new policy advises plants to re-examine their plans under a scientific-based food inspection program, known as the Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points system or HACCP.

HACCP is essentially a system of prevention-oriented checks in the food production system. Before the program was implemented, plant workers only poked at carcasses to search visually for signs of disease. Under HACCP, a company identifies vulnerable points in the production system, such as fecal contamination, and establishes constant checks to monitor those points.

Plants are expected to submit plans to comply within 30 days. Facilities that fail to implement the proper HACCP programs under the new policy will face enforcement action that could mean withdrawal of USDA's inspectors. Without inspectors, plants must shut down.

The largest meat processing plants began using HACCP last year. Nearly 3,000 smaller plants began implementing it in January, and the smallest plants will join the system next year.

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ministrative cost-ratio which TEA uses to determine the amount of money being spent on instruction and administration.

The state standard for districts with 1,000 to 4,999 ADA (average daily attendance) is .1401. Hereford's ratio is .0783 — nearly half of what the state allows.

This cost is determined by dividing the total administrative expenditures by the total instructional expenditures.

For Hereford, administrative ratio is reached using \$1,097,715 (administration) divided by \$14,017,025 (instruction) cost.

According to Patton, this is an extremely good ratio for the district. He said TEA takes 50 cents out of every state dollar for schools with above-average ratios.

The board also accepted the resignations of Steve

Hudson and Sherri Turnquist, and hired principals Gregory Platt, Northwest; Charles Lynn Luther, junior high; and teachers Melissa Solize, junior high reading; Carolina Perez, Bluebonnet, fifth-grade bilingual; Jami Montoya, Aikman kindergarten; Tommi Head, Aikman kindergarten; and Cassa Beddow, Northwest kindergarten.

In other business, the board:

- Appointed Trustee Carolyn Waters to the Tax Abatement Board;
- Authorized seeking bids for construction of a new girl's softball complex and upgrade the boys' baseball facility;
- Agreed to seek bids on furniture at the junior high; and
- Accepted the state Education Commission's recommended Student Performance Domain for superintendent and principal evaluation.

Economy

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Despite the fact that a global currency crisis has pushed one-third of the world into recession, the U.S. economy has been forging ahead, bolstered by the lowest unemployment rates in three decades and strong consumer spending in such areas as housing.

American manufacturers and farmers have been battered by the global trouble as they have suffered steep declines in their exports that have sent the U.S. trade deficit to record levels.

The loss of export markets and increased competition from lower-priced imports has contributed to a drop of more than 400,000 jobs in manufacturing over the last year.

One of the industries suffering the most has been steel, which has seen a flood of cheap imports from countries such as Japan. But in today's report, the government offered a glimmer of hope that the worst may be over.

Primary metals, the sector which includes steel, saw orders increase by 1.3 percent in April following a 0.6 percent decline in March.

The 2.3 percent April drop in durable goods orders was led by a sharp 12.4 percent fall in demand in the transportation sector, which the government said included decreases in all components including autos and aircraft.

Excluding the big drop in the transportation, orders would have risen by 0.9 percent. That compared to a 2 percent increase excluding transportation in March.

Orders for industrial machinery rose by 3.5 percent in April, the fourth increase in the past six months.

Orders for electronic and other electrical equipment were down 0.7 percent in April following a big 4.5 percent March increase.

Shipments of big-ticket durable goods were down 0.6 percent in April after having risen 1.9 percent the previous month.

Presidential campaign's in full swing

■ 2 Demo hopefuls conduct fund-raisers; Bush's on the attack

HOUSTON (AP) — The presidential elections may not be until next year, but Texas this week is a focal point for a campaign that already appears to be in full swing.

President Clinton was in the state Tuesday, accompanied to the Rio Grande Valley by the man he hopes will succeed him, Vice President Al Gore.

And while Clinton headed off to vacation in Florida, Gore remained for a planned education forum and fund-raiser today in Dallas and another fund-raiser later in Houston.

Gore's rival for the Democratic presidential nomination, former Sen. Bill Bradley of New Jersey, was in El Paso and Houston, tapping backers Tuesday for money to help his so far low-key effort to overtake Gore's built-in White House incumbency advantage.

"They might be spinning their wheels if the focus were on the general election, but with respect to winning their party's nomination, Texas is a key state," Dave Rohde, a political science professor at Michigan State University, said. "And although George W. Bush is the favorite to be the Republican nominee, at this point, that's far from certain."

University of Texas political scientist Bruce Buchanan, who specializes in presidential campaigns, said it's logi-



The men who would succeed Bill Clinton, Vice President Al Gore (left), former New Jersey Sen. Bill Bradley (right) and Texas Gov. George W. Bush (top) are politicking in Texas. Gore and Bradley had fund-raising activities on their schedules, while Bush attacked the Clinton administration on foreign policy issues.



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cal for Gore and Bradley to visit Texas because of Bush's notoriety as the Republican frontrunner.

The Republican governor, making sure he was heard amid the Democratic invasion, sounded more like a presidential candidate than ever as he used the release of a congressional report about the theft of nuclear secrets by China to rip the Clinton administration.

"The next president and presidents after that are going to have to deal with that," said Bush, who officially so far has formed only an ex-

ploratory committee to pursue the presidency in 2000.

Clinton and Gore were in Edinburg for an annual conference on empowerment zones, economically depressed communities targeted with tax incentives, job training, low-interest loans and community grants for revitalization. The Rio Grande Valley empowerment zone, established in 1994, has been called one of the country's most successful and Clinton urged people to push their congressmen to continue the program.

Chinese espionage

Report to serve as launch pad for long congressional review

WASHINGTON (AP) — A report chronicling 20 years of Chinese espionage in pursuit of U.S. nuclear secrets is serving as a springboard for what promises to be a lengthy review by Congress of what China learned and how.

And lawmakers are already pledging to pass legislation on everything from tightening restrictions on foreign scientists visiting national weapons labs and giving the Energy Department freer rein to conduct polygraphs to throwing more money into security efforts.

Nine committees of Congress are engaged in various inquiries into Chinese spying or security lapses at the Energy Department's nuclear weapons labs, including committees in both the House and Senate that were to learn details of the espionage findings at hearings today.

Rep. Christopher Cox, R-Calif., chairman of the House select committee on Chinese espionage that wrote the three-volume, 700-page report, and Rep. Norman Dicks of Washington, the panel's ranking Democrat, were to testify before the House International Relations subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific. Later, the two were to appear before the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee.

Dicks said today the Cox committee found no evidence that any administration official changed his or her behavior because of Chinese campaign contributions.

"On the whole question of did anybody make a decision based on political pressure, we found nothing of that sort," Dicks said on NBC's "Today."

Energy Secretary Bill Richardson, also interviewed on NBC, said the committee

report was balanced and statesmanlike and added: "We are fixing the problem. ... We've taken some dramatic counterintelligence measures to beef up security at the labs. ... Right now I don't believe there is penetration" of security.

The House International Relations subcommittee already has heard details of the Cox report in closed sessions and its chairman, Rep. Doug Bereuter, R-Neb., is likely to learn little since he was another one of the nine lawmakers who wrote the report.

Lawmakers are already showing an eagerness to beef up the Energy Department's security and counterintelligence budgets. A Senate subcommittee approved an additional \$53 million on Tuesday for anti-espionage activities at the Energy Department.

California cities, counties sue manufacturers of handguns

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Using broad state laws against public nuisances and unfair business practices, a group of California cities and counties are suing handgun makers, claiming the industry's marketing allows criminals and children to buy guns.

"They need to pay for the violence in this country," Los Angeles City Attorney James Hahn said. "They need to pay for the bloodshed."

The suits were filed Tuesday in Los Angeles and San Francisco, two of the seven

California cities and two counties that hope to make the weapons industry pay the social costs of gun violence.

Compton, West Hollywood, Sacramento, Berkeley, Oakland, San Mateo County and Alameda County also joined the Superior Court actions.

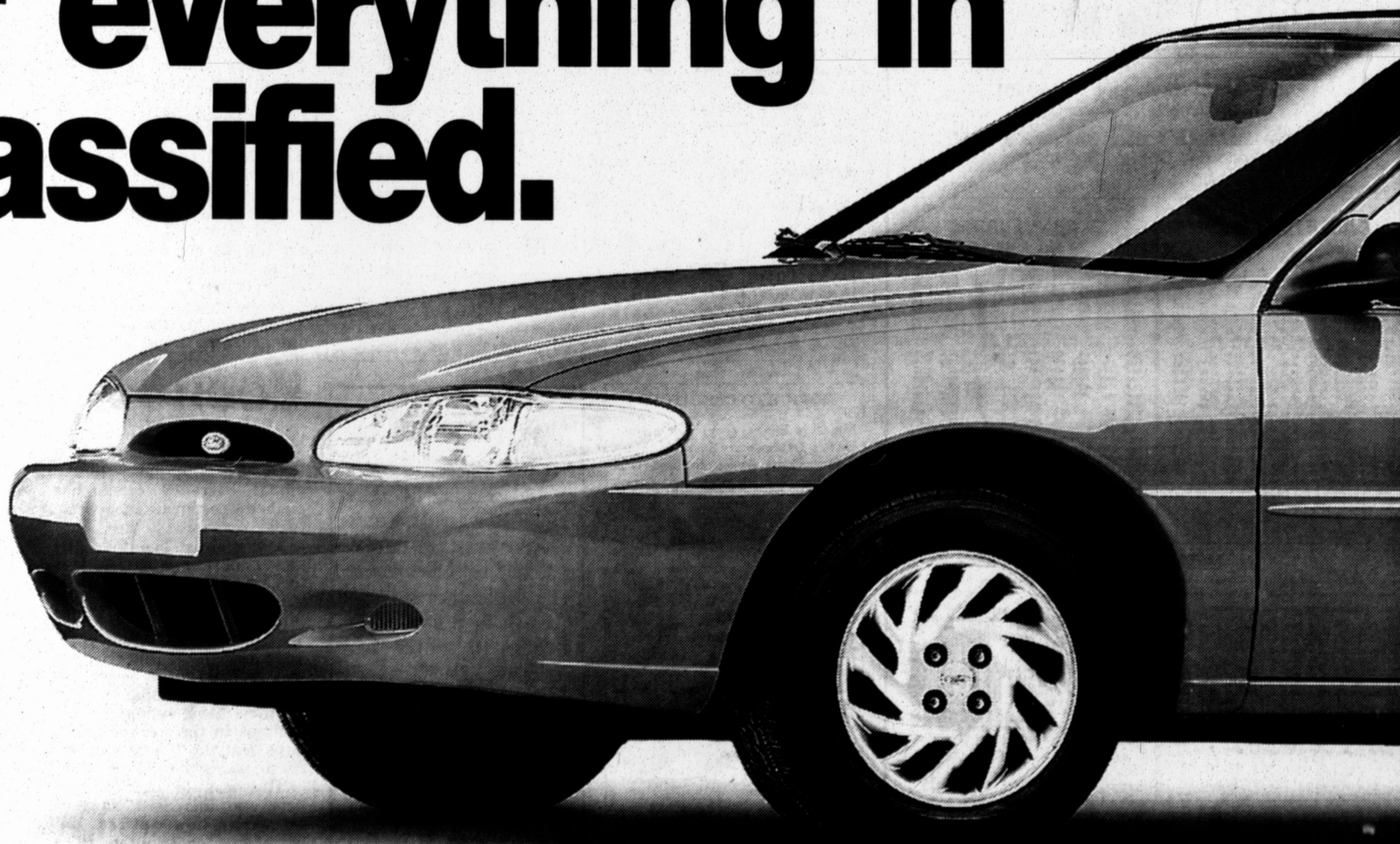
The lawsuits claim the industry floods areas with more guns than the legitimate market can absorb and fails to place controls on distributors or dealers to ensure weapons aren't sold through illegal purchases or via "straw buyers."

The suits also claim makers ignore safer gun technology, such as combination locks and design features that keep children from using them.

One gun manufacturer said the issues raised in the lawsuits have failed legal tests in the past.

"These theories have all been tried before and have all been shot down before," said Steve Sanetti, vice-president and general counsel of Sturm, Ruger & Co., the largest gun manufacturer in the United States.

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