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## Today's weather OUTLOOK



### Mostly clear skies

Tonight, mostly clear with a low 50 to 55, east to southeast wind 5-10 mph.

Thursday, mostly sunny with a high 80 to 85, south wind 10-20 mph.

### Extended forecast

Friday, partly cloudy with a chance of showers or thunderstorms, low 55 to 60, high in the mid-80s.

Saturday, partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers or thunderstorms, low 55 to 60, high in the lower 80s.

Sunday, partly cloudy with a chance of showers or thunderstorms, low 55 to 60, high in the lower 80s.

### Hereford weather

Tuesday's high, 93; low, 64; no precipitation.

## Women, men split on guns

WASHINGTON (AP) — The fight over gun control reflects a battle of the sexes. American women say stricter weapon laws would curb violence while men want better enforcement of existing laws, an Associated Press poll finds.

The poll notes some erosion of overall support for tougher gun laws since the days immediately following the deadly school shootings last April in Colorado, but still offers plenty of ammunition to both sides of the debate in a divided Congress.

The telephone survey by ICR of Media, Pa., found 56 percent of American adults favored stricter gun laws and 39 percent opposed.

Sixty-six percent of women favored the tougher laws, compared with 45 percent of men. Thirty percent of women and 49 percent of men were opposed.

"Women have the mother instinct and don't want guns around," said James Rowe, a 73-year-old semiretired contractor and gun enthusiast from San Diego.

In mid-April, just before the Colorado shootings, 55 percent of adults favored tougher gun laws. When the question was repeated in an AP poll a week after the shootings, the proportion jumped to 63 percent.

But while a majority favors stricter gun laws, only 43 percent in the latest poll said new laws would be more effective in reducing gun violence than better enforcement of existing laws. Those numbers are statistically unchanged from the poll taken before the shootings, but represent a sharp shift in opinion as measured in the post-shooting poll, when 51 percent chose tougher gun laws and 39 percent picked better enforcement of existing laws.

Public opinion on this question is fluid, evidenced by the shifts in the AP polls.

## Directors expected to choose

■ Board sets session to review finalists for HRMC position

By Donald M. Cooper

Hereford Brand Managing Editor

Deaf Smith County Hospital District directors will decide tonight which candidate they want to be the next administrator of Hereford Regional Medical Center.

The directors will meet at 7 p.m. today in the hospital board room.

The board met Tuesday night with Alan Markowitz, the second of the two finalists called back for interviews in the search for successor to John Studsrud who resigned in May.

After an executive session Aug. 23, the directors reviewed the qualifications of the five candidates for the chief executive officer's position. The list was pared to

Markowitz and Ted Strote.

Strote, who was accompanied by his wife, Helena, met with the directors Sept. 2 at the Hereford Country Club.

Board president Dean Crofford said Friday both Strote and Markowitz have excellent credentials.

Markowitz is currently serving as administrator of Baptist Dekalb hospital, a 71-bed hospital in Smithville, Tenn. He has a doctorate in health services administration and 30 years of experience in healthcare administration.

Strote, a hospital administrator in Hugoton, Kan., has ties to the Panhandle, having served 15 years as vice president of support and professional services for High Plains Baptist Hospital (now Baptist St. Anthony's) of Amarillo. He also served as interim CEO of Swisher Memorial Hospital in



Alan Markowitz (right) and his wife, Judy, talk with Deaf Smith County Hospital Directors Bobby Owen (left) and Ernest Flood before meeting with the other hospital district board members. Markowitz is a finalist for the vacant Hereford Regional Medical Center administrator's position.

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Strote also is a fellow in the American College of Healthcare Executives. He has a master's degree from Trinity University in San Antonio and 22 years in healthcare administration.

Other prospects interviewed by the board were Larry Langley, chief financial officer for Borger Health Center; Robert Vernor, chief administrator of a 30-bed, acute-care hospital in Ballinger; and Carl Lutz,

chief administrator of Biloxi Speciality Hospital in Biloxi, Miss.

The HRMC position became vacant in May when Studsrud submitted his resignation as hospital CEO, less than a year on the job.

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

about four years.

The board selected Search One of Eules to conduct the search for a permanent administrator. If either Markowitz or Strote is hired for the HRMC position, the firm's fee will be 15 percent of the first year's compensation package.

Using the salary and benefits package for Studsrud as a guide, the hospital board could be looking at a fee of about \$12,500.

## Kids take the 'DARE'



Shirley Intermediate School students completed making DARE boxes where they will put questions for the DARE officer to answer. The questions are unsigned and may range from wanting to know the age of Officer Carol Keyes to specific

answers regarding some type of drug. Sixth-grade students (front, from left) are Shayla Wilcox, Victor Celeya, Vanessa Cerda, Jazzale Gaitan, Holly Ward, Jacob Murillo and (rear) Sandra Navarette, Audra Guzman and Tera Padilla.

## Anti-drug program targets 6th graders

By Dianna F. Dandridge

Hereford Brand Staff Writer

A wide range of experts say drugs and violence inundate every aspect of young people's lives.

Young people between the ages of 10 and 12 are most vulnerable to the negative influence of gangs, violence and drugs, the experts say. It is these students who are the focus of the Hereford Police Department's DARE classes.

DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) classes are presented to local sixth-grade students at a level they can understand, according to HPD DARE Officer Carol Keyes.

"We teach more than just drug awareness," Keyes said. "We work on increasing self-esteem very early on. We've found that kids with high self-esteem seldom get involved

with drugs and violence."

The Hereford DARE program begins its 11th year with Hereford Independent School District sixth-grade students completing question boxes which will hold questions for the DARE officer.

Some critics of the DARE program doubt the effectiveness and even raise concerns that the program may actually do more to influence kids toward drugs than to prevent drug use.

Keyes said that in some of the larger schools that could be true, but the DARE course she teaches is geared to the

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Carol Keyes, Hereford Police Department DARE officer

problems which impact the local kids.

"Curiosity at this age is very strong," Keyes said. "These kids are going to get their answers someplace. We want them to get straight answers from people who know about drugs and violence. This is where the boxes come in. Kids can put in questions they might be too embarrassed to ask and either I will answer them or find another officer

who can."

Students in the local DARE programs learn the value of fun activities that do not include the use of drugs, alcohol or violence.

"We steer away from anything that is particularly drug- or gang-related,"

Keyes said. "This is probably our biggest focus."

Keyes said the DARE program helps kids understand, accept and deal with the pressure that comes from families, peers, school and other sources.

If students can learn to deal with the everyday pressures without turning to drugs, said Keyes, they can usually find acceptable solutions to other problems that come their way.

## Experts: Mergers a threat

■ Conglomerates said to stifle competition, choke family farms

CEDAR RAPIDS, Iowa (AP) — Sweeping changes in agriculture in recent years — with rising numbers of mergers creating giant agribusiness conglomerates — pose the greatest threat to farmers and consumers in this century, top farm experts warned.

Iowa State University economist Neil Harl said not only do high-profile mergers cut into competition in the farm economy, they place keys to evolving technologies in the hands of fewer and fewer players.

"The outcome would be a smaller share of the revenue from production going to the producer," Harl said Tuesday.

Harl, contacted by telephone, was among those

testifying at a special hearing called by Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, and Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, to discuss a trend toward increasing concentration in many sectors of the farm economy.

Farmers complain of being crushed by market-manipulating corporations. They argue that U.S. Agriculture and Justice Department officials give lip service to preventing monopolies but continue to approve mergers.

"The Justice Department has been blowing a lot of smoke the last six or seven years," said farmer Larry Ginter of Marshall County in central Iowa.

The Justice Department's top antitrust attorney, Joel Klein, said his agency is trying to be responsive.

"Your issues are front and center at the Department of Justice," said Klein, who spearheaded the government's



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## Local roundup

## Sophomore class parent meeting

Parents of sophomore students are invited to attend a planning session for the sophomore class supper at 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 13, in the Hereford High School Library. During the meeting participants will discuss the class supper which is scheduled for Oct. 15. Parents will also discuss the homecoming float.

## Special school board meeting

The Hereford Independent School District board of trustees have called a special board meeting for 6 p.m. Thursday at the Administration Building, 601 N. 25 Mile Avenue.

Information items include a notice to parents regarding uncertified teachers assignment and a report on an informal visit from the Texas Education Agency.

Board members will discuss prayer at school activities and will discuss and consider revision to the 1999/2000 school calendar to reflect early dismissal days.

## Early dismissal announced

An early dismissal for all Hereford Independent School campuses has been scheduled for Friday, Sept. 10, to facilitate bus transportation to the football game at Andrews.

Bus pickup times are:

Stanton Learning Center, noon; Aikman, Northwest, and Tierra Blanca, 12:10 p.m.; West Central, Bluebonnet and Shirley, 12:30 p.m.; Hereford Junior High, 12:40; and Hereford High, 12:50.

Parents should make necessary arrangements to pick up their children at the appropriate time.

## Shirley seeks alumni history

Shirley Intermediate School will celebrate 50 years of educating Hereford students and needs the public's help.

School officials are asking residents with old pictures, names, history or memorabilia relating to Shirley to please contact Nancy Denison at 363-7670.

The official birthday party will be Tuesday, Oct. 19. Anyone with information, or stories from the last 50 years is asked to contact the school.

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## News in brief

## Baptist preacher resigns

RUSK, Texas (AP) — A Baptist preacher has stepped down from the pulpit on the heels of an arrest for indecent exposure in a Dallas hotel.

Randall Stewart, 47, was charged Aug. 24 with indecent exposure after allegedly exposing himself to an undercover officer in the hotel restroom.

Sunday, Stewart's wife stepped up to the pulpit at First Baptist Church of Rusk to announce her husband's resignation. Stewart had been pastor for about three years.

Stewart was sexually abused by an uncle years ago, the former preacher told the congregation in a prepared statement.

The ex-preacher was arrested at the Galleria Westin in North Dallas. Security guards there have long grumbled that the lobby is a hot spot for men seeking homosexual partners, according to Tyler television station KETK.

The church's deacons met behind closed doors on Tuesday night to discuss future plans.

Members said the church had grown tremendously in strength and size during the time Stewart was pastor.

## Cisneros pleads guilty

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government will collect a \$10,000 fine on a \$9 million investigation that lasted four years.

Thus, critics say, former Housing Secretary Henry Cisneros' misdemeanor conviction is further proof that the independent counsel statute hasn't worked in its current form.

Cisneros, who had been indicted on 18 felony counts of conspiracy, obstruction and lying to the FBI, pleaded guilty Tuesday to a single misdemeanor count of lying to the FBI.

Under the plea arrangement with Independent Counsel David Barrett, which came as jury selection was set to begin, Cisneros immediately paid a \$10,000 fine but faces no jail time or probation.

"This was an investigation looking for a crime, and the outcome is a pathetic commentary on Independent Counsel David Barrett's judgment in pursuing this matter," said Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., an author of the post-Watergate independent counsel statute that expired June 30.

Added Levin, who has introduced legislation that would significantly reshape the 1978 law: "Mr. Barrett owes an explanation to the public for this fiasco where an 18-count felony indictment dissolved into one 'mouse-demeanor'."

Former federal prosecutor E. Lawrence Barcella Jr., who is now a Washington defense lawyer, was equally critical.

"The first victim of any independent counsel investigation is perspective," Barcella said. "You take otherwise well-trained lawyers, you focus them on one person and one alleged crime and the crime takes on proportions far out of line to what it ought to — and so does the target."

Added Barcella: "This is a classic example where a regular U.S. attorney with a full caseload would have been able to evaluate this case in a matter of weeks and see what it was worth. It was only ever worth not much more than a misdemeanor."

Cisneros was indicted in December 1997 — along with ex-lover Linda Jones and two aides — in a 21-count indictment charging that the four conspired during his consideration for a Clinton Cabinet post to conceal from the FBI the scope of his financial support for Ms. Jones after their extramarital affair ended. All four pleaded innocent.

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**Lots of punkin' --** They're not really round, but Robert Almazon is pleased with his pumpkin growing efforts this year. The largest pumpkin weighs more than 116 pounds, is 40 inches long, and 60 inches around. The smaller pumpkin is only slightly smaller. Almazon grew the giant sized gourds on his five acre tract of land on Progressive Road. This is not his first attempt at growing giant sized produce. Last year he grew a 16-pound cantaloupe. Almazon says the giant pumpkins are good only for decoration, but they were fun to produce.

## Cable infiltrates classrooms

Companies  
celebrate 10  
years of  
schoolroom  
programming

experience in the classroom."

The motives aren't entirely altruistic. If a network's programming piques a young consumer's interest, it might create a fan for life. Free hook-ups at schools seem a worthwhile investment.

Three-quarters of 800 teachers surveyed last year said they used videos or television programs with their classes, just under the 79 percent who include computers. Two-thirds said they were aware of the cable service, and most of those use it, according to the survey paid for by Cable in the Classroom.

Programming from PBS, Discovery, The Learning Channel and CNN was among the most widely sampled, the teachers said.

"C-SPAN has been popular among some of the teachers I've talked to," said Kathleen Lyons, a spokeswoman for the National Education Association in Washington. "Many are using the series on the American presidents. People like C-SPAN because they view it as nonbiased."

The teachers union has worked with the cable industry to develop guidelines for appropriate programming and, in some cases, curriculum material to go with it.

"Television has been another arrow to put in a teacher's arsenal of teaching tools," Lyons said. "It's not

something that should be overused, but it definitely has its place."

The programming specifically produced for students includes CNN's daily "Newsroom," which discusses current events, and the new "SportsFigures," an ESPN2 show in which athletes like Tiger Woods, Juwan Howard and Steve Young talk about the relationship of math and physics to sports.

Networks this month are showing some of their educational programming in prime time so parents can see what is being made available to schools. While occasionally some of what networks call educational seems a stretch — like VH1's rock star soap opera, "Behind the Music" — most of it is solid and informative.

The History Channel, for example, presents a miniseries on "The Great Depression." Outdoor Life Network airs a show on the grizzly bear and A&E showcases a biography of P.T. Barnum.

Over the decade, the networks have learned how to tweak their shows to make them more classroom-friendly. For example, Discovery has cut some programs into shorter segments because students and teachers prefer this format, McHale said.

So far, cable companies have wired an estimated 85,000 schools across the country for TV service, said Megan Hookey, managing director of Cable in the Classroom.

In addition to the 500 hours of programming cable networks offer to the schools, Cable in the Classroom also offers teacher training in how best to incorporate this video into the curriculum.

"The biggest barrier we have," Hookey said, "is that not enough teachers know that it is available."

HEREFORD BRAND  
ObituariesWANDA LEE KING  
Sept. 6, 1999

Services for Wanda Lee King, 71, of Gardnerville, Nev., will be Friday at Rose Chapel of Gililand-Watson Funeral Home, with Rev. Terry Cosby of First Baptist Church of Hereford officiating. Burial will be in West Park Cemetery under the direction of Gililand-Watson Funeral Home.

Mrs. King died Monday in Carson City, Nev.

She was born Dec. 22, 1928, in Quitaque to J.W. Terry and Nola Wakefield. She married Dennis King.

She came to Deaf Smith county as a child from Canyon. She was a homemaker and a member of the First Baptist Church of Hereford.

Survivors include her husband Dennis King of Gardnerville, Nev.; and her mother Nola Hanlin of Hereford.

She was preceded in death by her brother Ray Terry.

Tigua tribal  
governor  
steps down  
Casino growth  
controversy splits  
West Texas tribe

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — The Tigua tribal governor who oversaw a casino's growth has stepped down amid a continuing feud that has split the West Texas tribe.

Resignation of Vince Munoz on Tuesday ended a tenure in which the 1,500-member tribe endured bitter rifts, made millions of dollars with a casino and grew into a major political force in this border city.

Munoz wouldn't detail the conflicts with the Tribal Council that led up to his resignation except to tell the El Paso Times there was an "integrity issue."

Controversy gripped the tribe in the last months of Munoz's three-year tenure. Tribal officials expelled dozens of people who were accused of having insufficient Indian blood.

But ousted members claimed they were kicked out for arguing political points with leaders.

Munoz has also watched the tribe's bank accounts grow, thanks largely to the Tiguas' Speaking Rock Casino in the city's Lower Valley.

The Tiguas won't disclose casino revenues, but haven't disputed outside estimates that put tribal profits at \$60 million annually.

"Greed is destroying the tribe at this point," Munoz told the newspaper.

Since opening in the early 1990s, the casino has grown from a high-stakes bingo hall to a haven for clanging slot machines and flashing card games.

Texas Gov. George W. Bush has said Las Vegas-style games at the casino appear to violate state gambling laws. This summer, Attorney General John Cornyn announced he would begin an investigation into the legality of Tigua games.

Money from the games has brought the tribe clout during Munoz's tenure.

The Tiguas gave more than \$60,000 last year to Bush's Democratic challenger, Land Commissioner Garry Mauro. They also gave tens of thousands of dollars to other candidates, mostly Democrats.

Tribal Lt. Gov. Filbert Candelaria will take Munoz's place. Other members of the tribe could not be reached for comment Tuesday night.

## HEREFORD BRAND

Emergency  
services

Activities reported by emergency services personnel for Sept. 7, 1999, include the following:

POLICE DEPARTMENT  
Incidents

— An assault was reported in the 300 block of Avenue B.

— A theft was reported in the 200 block of Avenue F.

— Harassment was reported in the 500 block of Union.

— Criminal mischief was reported in the 500 block of West 15<sup>th</sup>.

— A theft was reported in the 600 block of North 25 Mile Avenue.

— Abandoned children were reported in the 600 block of Irving.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT  
Incidents

— Physical abuse was reported.

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## Texas lottery

## Cash Five

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

1-12-27-29-33

## Pick 3

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

8-0-6

# LIFESTYLES

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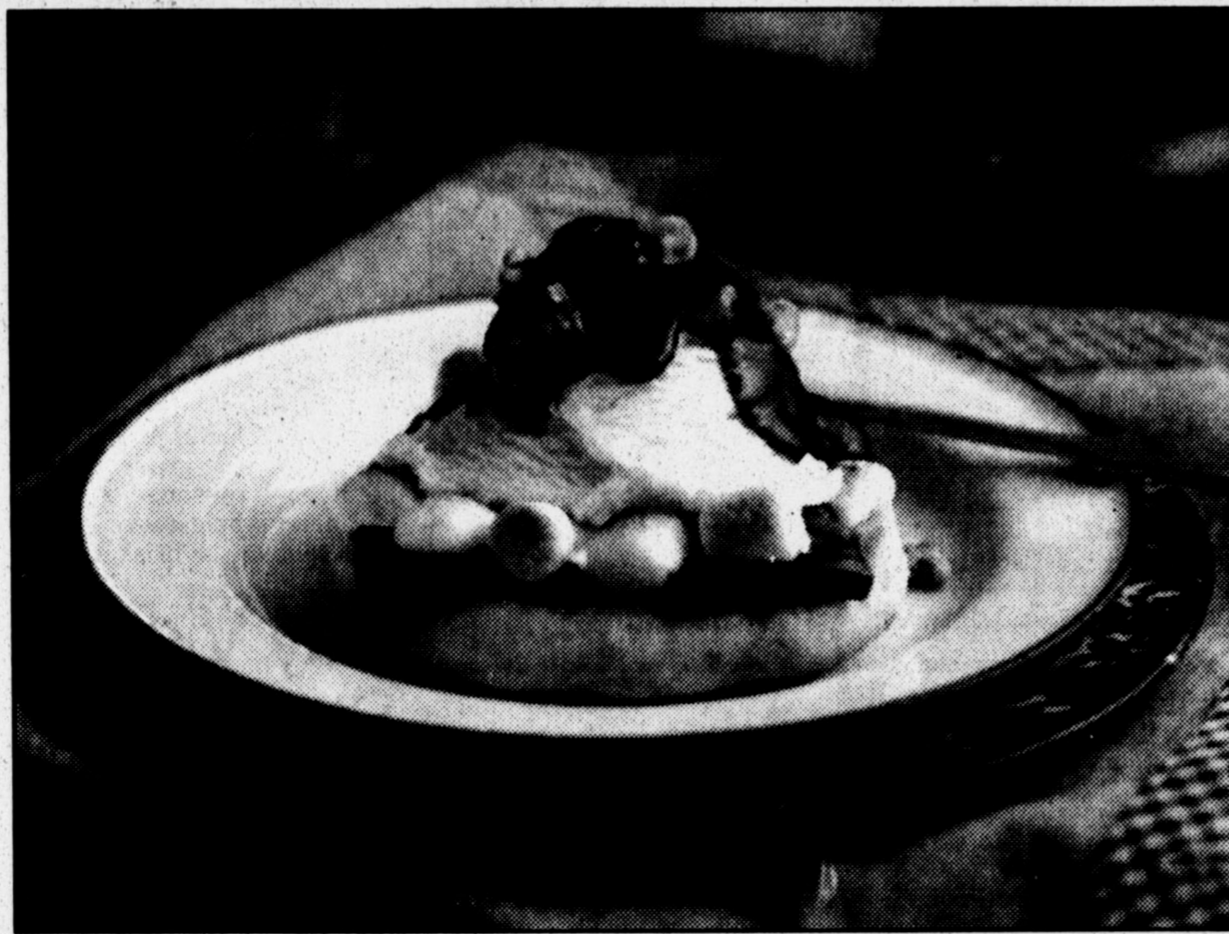
## Cool twist on old style dessert

(NAPSA)-An updated twist on that traditional campfire classic-S'mores-won Bill Miller of Woodland Park, CO, a luxurious getaway for two to London, Paris and Rome in the Bays English Muffins "Great Escape" National Recipe Contest.

Miller's recipe for "S'Morffins" brought him top honors from a field of more than 2,000 entries in the 17th year of this annual recipe contest. Using ingenuity and only five ingredients (not including English muffins, water, salt and pepper), as called for by the contest rules, Miller's creation is a grown-up, contemporary interpretation of that perennial childhood campfire favorite, S'mores.

His updated version features toasted and buttered English muffins as a crunchy base, layered with traditional S'more ingredients: melted chocolate bars and toasted marshmallows. These flavors are complemented by a scoop of vanilla ice cream, a drizzle of hot fudge sauce and a sprinkling of toasted walnuts for a quick dessert ideal for any season.

As the grand-prize winner, Miller will be treated to a 10-day, first-class trip for two to Europe with three nights in each of three cities: London, Paris and Rome. His prize includes personalized sightseeing in all three cities, and dinner at three-star restaurants in



**S'Morffins** — Updated version of S'mores features toasted English muffin and ice cream.

London and Paris.

To obtain copies of the winning recipes from this year's contest, consumers may call 1-800-FOR BAYS, or visit the Bays Web site at <http://www.bays.com>.

### S'MORFFINS

Serves 12

6 English muffins, lightly toasted and buttered  
8 milk chocolate bars (1.55 ounces each), divided  
3 cups miniature marshmallows, divided  
3 pints super-premium

vanilla ice cream

1-1/2 cups coarsely chopped and toasted walnuts, divided

Hot fudge OR caramel sauce, warmed (optional)

Place muffins on foil-lined baking sheet. Break chocolate bars in squares. Top each muffin half with eight (8) chocolate squares. Broil, in preheated broiler, to just lightly melt chocolate. Arrange 1/4 cup marshmallows on each muffin half; press into melted

chocolate. Arrange 1/4 cup marshmallows on each muffin half; press into melted chocolate. Broil muffins about 6 inches from heat source, until the marshmallows are puffed and golden brown and chocolate has melted. Scoop ice cream onto prepared muffin halves; then top with 2 tablespoons walnuts. Spoon heated fudge or caramel sauce over each S'Morffin, if desired. Serve immediately.

TIP: Rotate pan to toast marshmallows evenly.

## Coronado is speaker at Wyche FCE meeting

Linda Coronado, coordinator for the Women and Children's Crisis Center, was the guest speaker at the Sept. 2 meeting of Wyche Family Community Education Club in the Hereford Community Center.

Jo Lee, president, presided at the business meeting. Audrey Rusher led the pledges. Opening exercise was a poem titled "Greater Love," read by Shirley Brown.

Members answered roll call with "many things I hope to do better this year."

Nominated to attend the state meeting were Maudette

Smith, Mariellen Homfeld and Lee.

Hostesses Vada Batterman and Brown served refreshments to the guest Coronado, one new member Virginia Woodard and members Thelma Auten, Mary Lou Aven, Louise Axe, Roxie Cosper, Argen Draper, Carol Sartain, Batterman, Brown, Lee and Rusher.

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## Ann Landers



**Ann Landers**

**Dear Ann Landers:** This is for "Frustrated in Toronto," who has been dating "Jay" for three years and agreed to postpone their wedding a year because Jay felt uncomfortable leaving his mother. Now, she is concerned about the stability of their relationship and doesn't know what to do.

I was involved with a "Jay" for nine years. His mother also was needy and dysfunctional and controlled him by laying on the guilt. She felt threatened by our desire to create a life together. I can't tell you the emotional damage I suffered during that relationship. I spent two years in therapy and finally understood that it was a problem Jay would have to work out himself.

Two years after I left Jay, I met a solid, sane man. It was as if God was rewarding me for suffering through those bitter nine years. My new love's mother is a delight. We have so much in common we are more like girlfriends. You

told "Frustrated" she must be pretty crazy about Jay to put up with his nonsense. I say if she isn't crazy now, a relationship with a man who is tied to his mother's apron strings will MAKE her crazy. — Been There, Done That in L.A.

**Dear Been There:** Your letter should serve as a blueprint for all women who become romantically involved with men who have domineering mothers.

Psychologists tell us that men tend to marry women who are either very much like their mothers, or the exact opposite. Was this true in your case? If so, which one was it?

**Dear Ann Landers:** I have a 35-year-old son, "Owen," who has been in financial trouble for the last 15 years. During this time, he has been living with his grandmother. She paid off two cars for him and co-signed for another one. Mom is now demanding that I force Owen to repay her the money she has loaned him.

I have talked to my mother until I'm blue in the face and begged her to stop loaning money to Owen, but she pays no attention. My husband and

my brother also have told Mom to knock it off. She ignores them, too. I tried to explain that Owen will never take responsibility for himself as long as he knows someone will rescue him. Mom won't let the bank repossess his car because "he needs it for work."

I'm at my wits' end. I live 1,000 miles away from Mom, but the phone calls from her are becoming more frequent and more unpleasant. I know I can't change my mother, but how can I put an end to these annoying conversations that are mainly about Owen and the money he owes her? — Frustrated in New Orleans

**Dear New Orleans:** It might help if you wrote down a little speech and kept it handy by the phone to read whenever your mother calls. Here's the speech: "Mom, please stop kvetching about the money Owen owes you. I am not going to get involved — it's between you and Owen. He has become accustomed to you rushing to the rescue, and as long as you continue to rescue him, he is going to lean on you to do it. Now, what are you fixing for supper tonight?"

**Dear Ann:** This is for "Strictly Anonymous," who was annoyed when she received a wedding invitation with a request for money instead of a gift since it was the second marriage for both. I was divorced for 14 years before I remarried last year. I didn't feel comfortable registering for wedding gifts, and found the perfect solution. I tucked a recipe card in with each invitation and wrote, "No gifts, please. Just send your favorite recipe." (The cards fit perfectly in the reply envelope.) All who received them were charmed and sent fabulous recipes, which I use to this day. — L.H. in Bakersfield, Calif.

**Dear Bake:** Unique, practical and classy. Thank you!  
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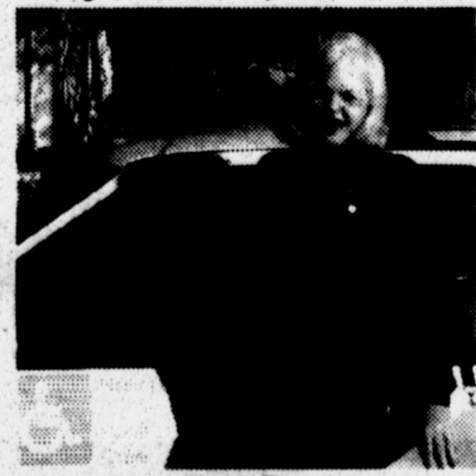


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# Apple muffins nutritious autumn treat

(NAPSA)-Red, green and golden, apples signal the arrival of autumn. Delicious eaten out of hand, many apple varieties are also great for baking.

Bursting with juicy apples and crunchy nuts, Apple Walnut Wheat Germ Muffins make a delicious and healthful breakfast or snack. Versatile wheat germ adds a "nutrition boost" and can be substituted for up to 1/2 cup of the flour called for in any favorite muffin recipe. Look for it in the cereal aisle of the supermarket.

## Apple Walnut Wheat Germ Muffins

Makes 1 dozen

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/2 cup wheat germ plus additional for topping
- 1 tablespoon baking powder
- 2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1-1/4 cups fat-free milk
- 1/2 cup lightly packed brown sugar
- 4 tablespoons (1/2 stick) butter, melted and cooled OR 1/4

- 4 cup canola oil
- 1 large egg, lightly beaten
- 1 large apple, peeled, cored and chopped
- 1/2 to 3/4 cup chopped walnuts

Heat oven to 400 degrees. Coat 12 medium muffin cups with no-stick cooking spray. In large bowl, combine flour, 1/2 cup wheat germ, baking powder, cinnamon and salt; mix well. In small bowl, combine milk, brown sugar, butter and egg; blend well. Add to wheat germ mixture all at once; stir just until dry ingredients are moistened. (Do not overmix.) Gently fold in apple and walnuts. Fill muffin cups almost full; sprinkle with additional wheat germ, as desired. Bake 20 minutes or until golden brown. Cool muffins in pan on wire rack 3 minutes; remove from pan. Serve warm.

Nutrition Information (1 muffin): Calories 220, Calories From Fat 70, Total Fat 8g, Saturated Fat 3g, Cholesterol 30mg, Sodium 250mg, Total Carbohydrates 31g, Dietary Fiber 2g, Protein 7g.



Apple Walnut Wheat Germ Muffins

At the Center

## Senior Citizens

**MENUS**  
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**MONDAY**-Chicken fillet with gravy, baked potato with sour cream, buttered carrots, lettuce-tomato-onion, ice cream with toppings; or Salisbury steak, sherbet.  
**TUESDAY**-Roast beef with gravy, mashed potatoes, cauliflower au gratin, sauerkraut salad, pound cake with whipped topping; or Polish sausage, mixed fruit.  
**WEDNESDAY**-Baked chicken with gravy, mashed potatoes, seasoned spinach, cranberry-applesauce gelatin, fruit cobbler; or brisket, pears.

**ACTIVITIES**  
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**FRIDAY**-Pool classes, quilting 9 a.m.-3 p.m., line dance 10-11 a.m., Thrift Store open 9 a.m.-5 p.m.  
**MONDAY**-Pool classes, quilting 9 a.m.-3 p.m., line dance 10-11 a.m., Retired School Employees Association 11 a.m.-1 p.m., doll classes 1-4 p.m.  
**TUESDAY**-Pool classes, quilting 9 a.m.-3 p.m., exercise class 10-10:45 a.m., Beltone 10 a.m.-12 noon, Golden K Kiwanis 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., NARFE 1 p.m., Nutrition Council 1 p.m.  
**WEDNESDAY**-Pool classes, quilting 9 a.m.-3 p.m., ceramics 12 noon-4 p.m., Thrift Store 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

## Bay View Study Club opens year

Bay View Study Club opened the club year with a noon luncheon on Sept. 2 in the country home of Karen Wimberley. Assisting as hostesses were social committee members Sue Sims, Nancy Hays, Yiota Malouf, Betty Rudder and Judy Mitts.

Lou Davis, program chairman, presented the 1999-2000 yearbooks revealing the theme "Travel into the Millennium." President Margaret Bell conducted the business meeting. Roll call was answered by each member telling of summer activities.

The next meeting of the club will be Oct. 7 in the home of Betty Rudder with the Rudders taking the club on their vacation to France.

Members in attendance were Beth Burran, Jeanie Caison, Roberta Caviness, Helen Eades, Pat Fisher, Pat Graham, Della Hutto, Nancy Josseland, Helen Langley, Ruth McBride, Katie McLeod, Helen Rose, Lois Scott, Ruth Allison, Lois Gilliland, Bell, Davis, Hays, Malouf, Mitts, Rudder and Wimberley.

Comprehensive coverage of local news and happenings in Deaf Smith County can be found only in the *Hereford Brand!*

### Looking Back

## Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Sept. 8, the 251st day of 1999. There are 114 days left in the year.

### Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 8, 1974, President Ford granted an unconditional pardon to former President Nixon.

### On this date:

In 1900, Galveston, Texas, was struck by a hurricane that killed about 6,000.

In 1921, Margaret Gorman of Washington, D.C. was crowned the first Miss America, in Atlantic City, N.J.

In 1930, the comic strip "Blondie" first appeared.

In 1935, Sen. Huey P. Long, "The Kingfish" of Louisiana politics, was shot and mortally wounded; he died two days later.

In 1939, President Franklin D. Roosevelt declared a "limited national emergency" in response to the outbreak of war in Europe.

In 1945, Bess Myerson of New York was crowned Miss America, the first Jewish contestant to win the title.

In 1951, a peace treaty with Japan was signed by 48 other nations in San Francisco.

In 1952, the Ernest Hemingway novel "The Old Man and the Sea" was published.

In 1975, Boston's public schools began mandatory busing to integrate schools; there were scattered incidents of violence.

In 1985, Pete Rose of the Cincinnati Reds tied Ty Cobb's career record for hits with a single for No. 4,191 during a game against the Cubs in Chicago.

**Ten years ago:** Former President Reagan underwent surgery at the Mayo Clinic in Minnesota to relieve fluid build-up on his brain after a horse-riding accident.

**Five years ago:** A USAir Boeing 737 crashed near Pittsburgh International Airport, killing all 132 people on board.

**One year ago:** Mark McGwire of the St. Louis Cardinals broke Roger Maris' 37-year-old record for home runs in a single season, hitting No. 62 off Chicago Cubs pitcher Steve Trachsel.

**Today's Birthdays:** Comedian Sid Caesar is 77. Country singer-songwriter Harlan Howard is 72. Actor Alan Feinstein is 58. Author Ann Beattie is 52. Musician Will Lee is 47.

## Tell-A-Friend Friday about breast cancer

During Breast Cancer Awareness month in October, the American Cancer Society, Texas Division, Inc., is launching a statewide campaign to reach Texas women with potentially lifesaving information.

"Tell-A-Friend Friday" will be held Oct. 1, a day on which women are asked to call and encourage friends and family members to have regular screening mammograms.

"We hope to reach more than 11,300 women, the same number of new cases of breast cancer expected to be detected in Texas in 1999, and encourage them to get a mammogram," Diane Lowell of Lubbock, chairman of the statewide effort, said.

Research shows that women are more apt to get a mammogram if they are urged to do so by a doctor, friend or family member. Tell-A-Friend Friday is a simple program by which women volunteer to call at least five of their friends and acquaintances and encourage them to get a mammogram.

The benefits of mammography are paying off, as statistics show that the survival rate of breast cancer is almost 100 percent when

detected early.

"The only way we can further reduce the death rate from breast cancer is by getting more women to have annual mammograms and Tell-A-Friend Friday is a way to accomplish that goal. More importantly, now that Medicare covers the cost of annual screening mammograms, we're hoping that even more women will avail themselves of this important procedure," Lowell said.

Businesses are also encouraged to participate by allowing employees to make the calls from the workplace on Oct. 1 and throughout the month on the following Fridays.

Annual screening mammograms for women age 40 and older are the key element of the American Cancer Society guidelines, which also include an annual exam by a health care professional and monthly breast self-examination.

For more information and to volunteer for Tell-A-Friend Friday, call the American Cancer Society a 1-800-ACS-2345. Or visit the website at [www.acs-tx.org](http://www.acs-tx.org).

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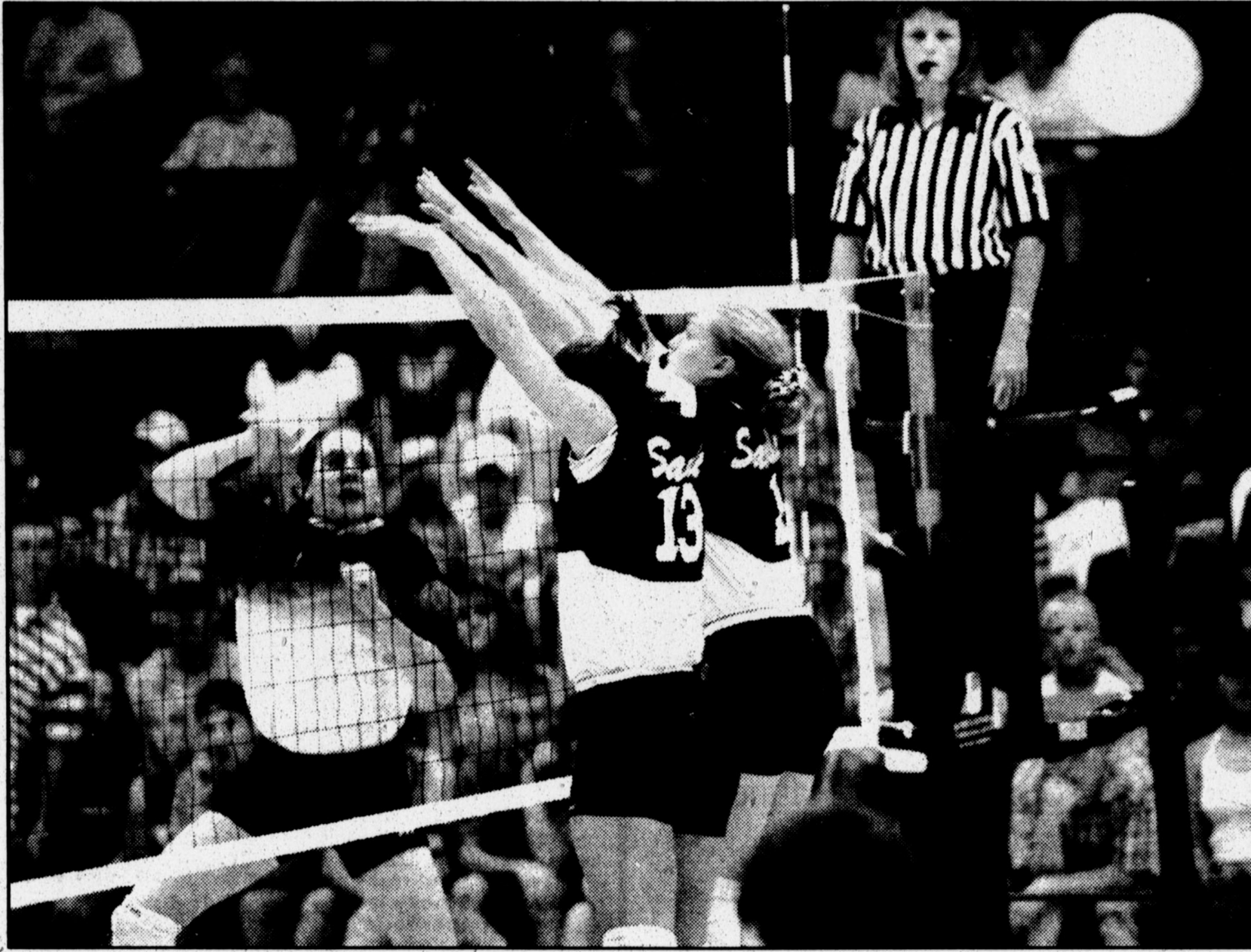
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# SPORTS

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## Home-opening split



**High Flyer** — Michelle Bernhardt spikes a ball over Amarillo's Brie Vaughn and Abby Whittenburgh and towards Amarillo's back court during the Sandies' 15-4, 15-11 victory against the Lady Whitefaces Tuesday. Hereford did defeat Odessa Permian, 15-9, 15-7 to take a split in the Lady Whitefaces' 1999 home opener at the Whiteface Gym.

Brand/Julius Bodner

### ■ Hereford takes split in '99 home opener

By Yuri Soto

Hereford Brand Sports Editor

See if you can guess this analogy:

Tori Walker is to \_\_\_\_\_ like Michael Jordan is to points.

Well, if it's too tough for you, the word is "kills."

Walker recorded 20 kills and 14 digs Tuesday as the Hereford Lady Whitefaces took the magic out of MOJO (Odessa Permian) 15-9, 15-7 at Whiteface Gym.

But Walker and the Lady Whitefaces were not as fortunate in the second match against Amarillo High.

Walker only got four kills in the 15-4, 15-11 loss to the Sandies.

The split gives Hereford a 14-5 season record.

"A lot of our hitters need to step up and start making kills," said Walker, who recorded 18 digs against the Sandies. "They (the Hereford opponents) are zeroing in on one hitter. More of our hitters have to start hitting the ball."

But that did not stop Walker in the first match against the Lady Panthers.

Despite getting only one kill as the Lady Whitefaces took a 7-3 lead, Walker came back with six kills to help

Hereford take a commanding 14-5 lead in the first game. She finished with seven in the first stanza.

"We can address the demanding of the ball by what Tori did in the lockerroom," Hereford coach Brenda Kitten said. "She's very vocal about getting the ball."

"Statistically, if you look at her, she's the best hitter we got percentage-wise and certainly we're going to put the ball in her hands," Kitten said. "But we also know that if we're going to be in the point where we are going to win district ball games, our other players must demand the ball."

A factor that was the downfall against the Sandies: Sarah Griffin also recorded four kills for Hereford, but the team only hit a total of 13 kills in the match against the Sandies.

"We talked about how we lacked aggressiveness in our game and aggressiveness and confidence come hand in hand in the game," Kitten said.

Against Permian, Hereford got 30 kills, but most of the points scored by Hereford were on unforced errors by the Lady Panthers.

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## Hereford's own 'Playmaker'

Vallejo's love for game big reason for Hereford's gridiron success

By Yuri Soto

Hereford Brand Sports Editor

Not many football players today carry themselves with high class and love the game as much as players from years past.

Rarely do you find a player nowadays who becomes an example not only to teammates, but also to others.

And, very rarely will you find an athlete that wants to be on the field in every minute of a football game.

It is very rare to find such a player today who brings so much example to a football team.

One that stands out in this

category is an all-state athlete, with an all-world attitude -- L.J. Vallejo.

His 11-carry, 109-yard performance against Amarillo Tascosa on Friday again proved what kind of performance Vallejo is capable of.

But few know how Vallejo appreciates the game and the support of the Hereford community.

"Well, it's been a great opportunity to have grown up in Hereford and I've always wanted to be on the Hostile Herd," Vallejo said. "The atmosphere and the town's support is just awesome."

It's that support that fires Vallejo's fire on the field. Not only is he the starting tailback for the

Whitefaces, he is also a starting safety and a kick returner on special teams.

"I played special teams as a sophomore and then started playing offense and defense as a junior," Vallejo said.

Which has concerned Hereford's coaching staff a bit, but Vallejo is very happy of being on the field most of the time.

"I want to play every minute of the game," Vallejo said. "I love to play. I like to play as much as I can and give it 100 percent on the field."

"L.J. is a fine young man," Whiteface coach Craig Yenser said. "He's one of those guys you can depend on in any situation. Forget his athletic ability, he's committed himself to the team, helping in any way."

Which brings new meaning to the word "playmaker."

Like many other gifted athletes, Vallejo also takes the court in the winter for the

basketball team and steps up to the plate for the baseball team in the spring.

But evidenced by his performances on the football field, you don't need to be a genius to figure out Vallejo's first true athletic love.

Football. "There's nothing like it," Vallejo said of the intensity he feels of football. "The support and the atmosphere of the game stands out."

Now let's turn back to the word "playmaker." It is unfair to compare one player to another. But it is fair to exemplify that player's athletic abilities.

And, Vallejo does idolize a great one -- San Francisco 49er wide receiver Jerry Rice.

"I look him up as a role model because of the ability he has to make plays," Vallejo said.

He may not be at Rice's

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## Hereford Tennis gets swept by Harvesters

Pampa shows no mercy toward Herd as they take 19 matches

From Staff Reports

Hereford High School's tennis team and their first year coach Amanda Nimetz suffered a monstrous sweep Tuesday at the hands of powerful Pampa.

The Harvesters won all 19 matches against the Whitefaces Tuesday at the high school tennis courts.

Riley Hall was the closest of all singles matches to go the distance against a foe from Pampa. Hall lost 3-6, 6-

0, 6-3 to Michael Cornelison.

In mixed doubles, Kylee Auckerman and Clay Cosby lost 7-5, 6-3 to Bryce Jordan and Brittany Spearman, 7-5 6-3.

Another close match Hereford was involved in was Hall and partner Nelson Beville.

The duo lost to Cornelison and Jordan, 7-6, 6-2.

Hereford's next matchup will be Saturday against Amarillo Palo Duro, starting at 1 p.m.



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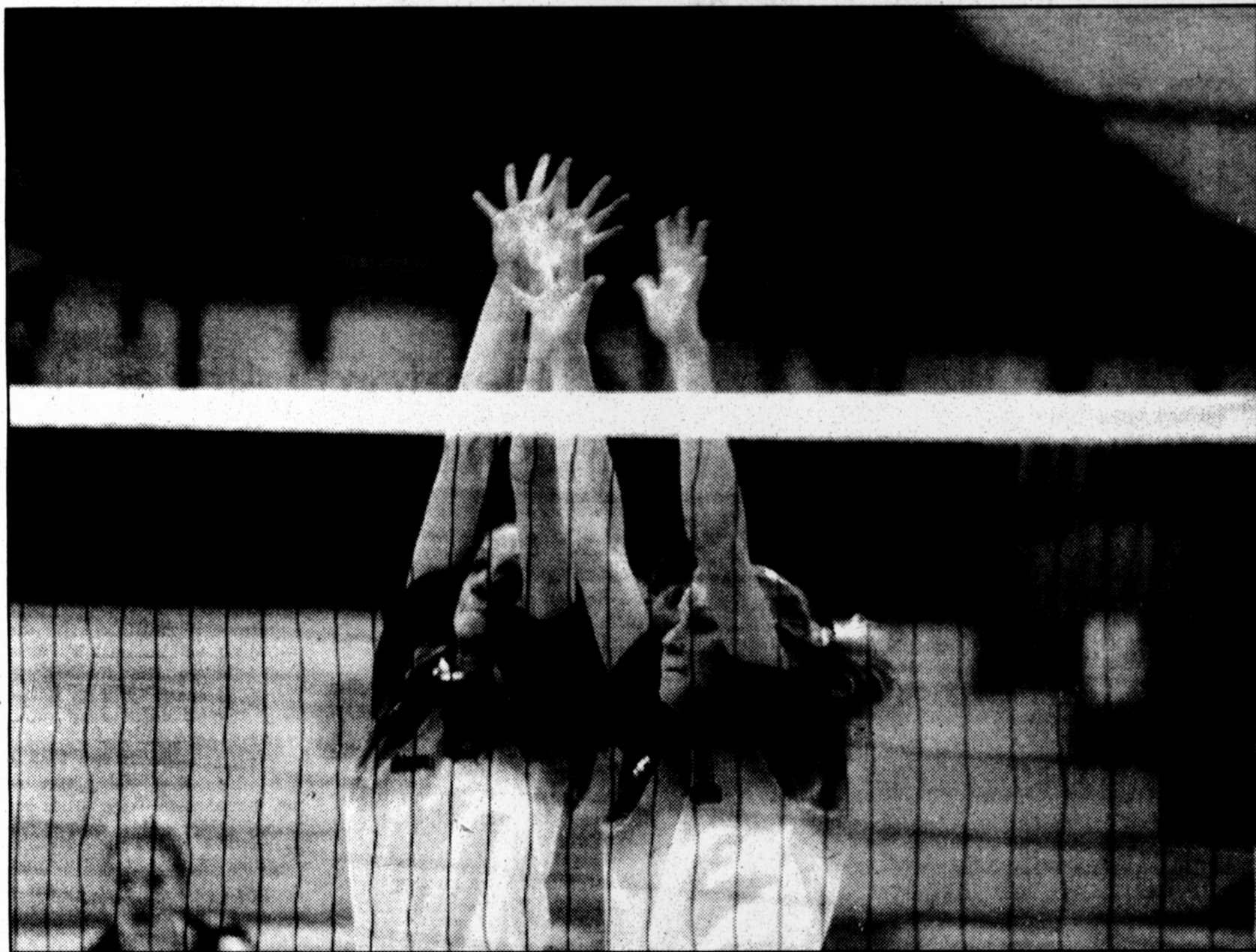
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Double T(rouble) — Tori Walker and Toni Eicke attempt to block a shot from an opponent Tuesday at Whiteface Gym.

## Nazarene Christian blasts Bible Heritage in flag football, 64-6

**From Staff Reports**  
Nazarene Christian Academy opened district playing six-man flag football last week with a commanding 64-6 victory against Bible Heritage. Edward Silva scored six of the eight touchdowns against Heritage. Two of Silva's scores were from receptions off Nathan Cole's passes. He also threw a

touchdown pass to Keeton Walden to give Nazarene a 21-0 lead. Silva also scored defensively, returning two interceptions for touchdowns. Silva even returned a punt for a touchdown, which gave Nazarene a 45-6 lead. Nathan Cole threw two more touchdown passes to Cain Hansard and Mitchell Sanders.

## Nazarene Christian volleyball off 4-0 start, sweep Bible Heritage

**From Staff Reports**  
Nazarene Christian Academy's volleyball teams are off to an impressive 4-0 start this season. The Lady Eagles' purple team, led by 9 service points from Carlie Henson, defeated Bible Heritage 15-1, 15-8 on Tuesday. Disney Poarch re-

corded 7 service points and Brynne Huffaker contributed with 5. The Lady Eagles' gold team also was victorious against Bible Heritage, scoring a 15-8, 15-2 victory. Amy Northcutt led gold with 20 service points and Clarissa Zamora added 9.

## Astros slip by Phillies, stay on top in NL Central

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Despite his team's fifth straight victory and a three-game lead in the National League Central, Houston manager Larry Dierker wasn't overly impressed with his team's latest performance. "We had an awful lot of chances to break the game open," Dierker said after Tuesday night's 8-6 win over the Philadelphia Phillies. "If we'd converted even half the chances we had to break the game open, it wouldn't have been such a tough win. On the other hand, the Phillies are probably saying the same thing." The Astros rallied from a 4-0 lead for the second straight game and pulled ahead for good on Ken Caminiti's two-run single with two outs in the top of the ninth with the game tied at 6. Caminiti, who missed 69 games before being activated on Aug. 16, is now 7-for-16 on the current road trip and has boosted his average to .288. Bobby Abreu's three-run

homer in the third inning gave the Phillies a 4-0 lead, and Philadelphia led 5-3 after five. The Astros tied the score in the sixth and moved ahead 6-5 in the seventh on pinch-hitter Ryan Thompson's first home run of the season. The Phillies tied the score in the bottom of the seventh after they loaded the bases against Trever Miller. Winning pitcher Jay Powell (5-4) then walked Kevin Jordan, forcing in a run. In the ninth, a walk to pinch-hitter Russ Johnson and a single by Matt Mieske put runners at first and third, and Mieske went to second on a wild pitch. After Jeff Bagwell struck out, Caminiti connected with his game-winning hit. Philadelphia, which lost its fourth in a row and 11th in 12 games, used eight pitchers who allowed 11 walks and 12 hits. The Phillies, 13 games under .500 on Aug. 6, have now lost 22 of 29 games and have slipped to 68-70.

## Split

**From Page A5**  
Defensively, Hereford has looked better, recording 61 digs against Permian and 71 against Amarillo High. But Hereford was dominated by 13 blocks from Amarillo's big front line, resulting in six block aces. The offense still lacks a little quickness with the Lady Whitefaces. But Hereford has been working with four plays that they plan to use more in games to come. "We've gotten more specific to our kids what we want to run on a quick attack," Kitten said. "Hopefully, that can add

to our confidence and make us more aggressive offensively." But a team like Amarillo High is too good to beat nowadays. Kitten's bunch may have to face them again this weekend at the Amarillo Volleyball Tournament at the Tascosa High School Recreational center. "Those are evil matchups (Perryton and possible matches against Lubbock Coronado, Amarillo Tascosa and Amarillo High), but also its something we've set up," Kitten said. "We must learn to compete and get experience before we get to district."

## Vallejo

**From Page A5**  
legendary status, but Vallejo has been making headlines around the area. Vallejo, along with the Hodges' twins, has been Hereford's most recognizable athlete today, receiving coverage in such publications like the *Lubbock Avalanche Journal* and the *Amarillo Globe News*. It may make Vallejo happy, but the importance of being recognized won't matter much once game time comes around. "Its an honor to be recognized and to see your name in any newspaper," Vallejo said. "But you don't think about


what newspapers are going to be at the game when you're about to play. Sometimes what they say is inaccurate, but it's still an honor to have your name on it." He may look up to Rice, but his true role model is his mother. "Spiritually, she has brought me up," He said. "I know how hard she has worked." Which shows the hard work Vallejo puts on the field. With the example of hard work he gets from mom, Vallejo may continue his playmaking abilities throughout the season and have a great attitude throughout life.

## Texas stifles Tribe Sele wins 16th game for Rangers

ARLINGTON (AP) — Based on the recent results, the Texas Rangers shouldn't mind a first-round playoff matchup against the Cleveland Indians. "It's always a good win when you beat the best team in the league," Ivan Rodriguez said after his two-run, go-ahead homer in the seventh inning led the Texas Rangers over the Cleveland Indians 4-3 Tuesday night. "It's especially good to win when you come from behind." Later Monday, Cleveland clinched a tie for its fifth straight AL Central title when second-place Chicago lost 14-1 at Anaheim. The Indians, who lead by 23 1/2 games, can clinch Tuesday night against the Rangers, who are 6-3 against Cleveland this year. Texas, which leads the AL West, is 27-16 against the Indians since 1996, including 16-7 at home. Cleveland took a 3-2 lead into the seventh behind six strong innings from Charles Nagy, who was trying for his first win at Texas in three years. Steve Reed (3-2) walked Royce Clayton leading off the seventh and, after Mark McLemore's bunt advanced Clayton to second, Rodriguez lined his 32nd homer into the right-field seats to put Texas in front 4-3.

Aaron Sele (16-7) benefited from the rally and won for the ninth time in 10 decisions. Sele allowed three runs and six hits in seven innings. He struck out eight and walked two as the Rangers won for the fourth time in five games. John Wetteland pitched the ninth for his 40th save and third in two nights. Sandy Alomar, who had been sidelined since May 11 after arthroscopic surgery to remove a bone chip in his left knee, went 0-for-3 in his first game back for Cleveland. Alomar was in the trainer's room after the game getting treatment for his knee. Manny Ramirez had three hits and two RBIs for the Indians, who had won seven of eight games. Cleveland scored in the first on Ramirez's RBI single. Ramirez then played a role in the Rangers' two-run second. Lee Stevens led off with a double and Clayton tied the game with a two-out double. McLemore followed with a drive to right-center that Ramirez misplayed into an RBI triple to give Texas a 2-1 lead. Ramirez tied it at 2 with a third-inning RBI single. Cleveland took a 3-2 lead in the sixth when Ramirez doubled and later scored on David Justice's RBI groundout.

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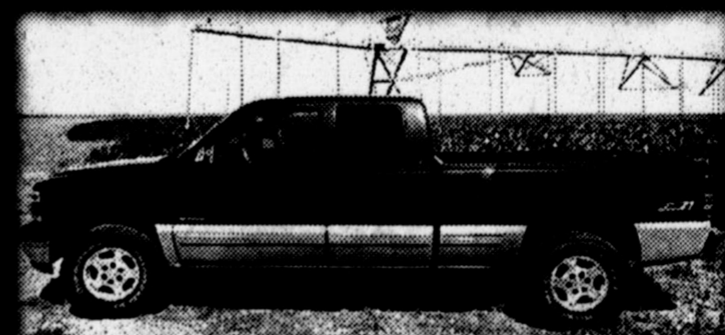
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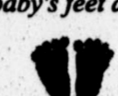
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# Ex-senator seen as pick to head probe

WASHINGTON (AP) - Attorney General Janet Reno is negotiating with former Republican Sen. John Danforth the possibility of heading an independent inquiry into the government's use of force at the fiery end of the Branch Davidian standoff in Waco, Texas, government sources said.

The sources, who spoke on condition of anonymity, told The Associated Press on Tuesday that the Justice Department was in final negotiations over the details of the independent inquiry and an announcement could come as early as today.

Congressional officials who spoke with the Justice Department Tuesday said they understood Danforth was willing to take the job. According to government lawyers and congressional officials, the Justice Department was considering appointing a second person to assist Danforth in the investigation and help to manage the day-to-day operations.

Danforth, 63, would bring solid Republican credentials

as well as a background in law enforcement. Before entering the Senate, he served as attorney general in Missouri for eight years. He retired from the Senate in 1995.

Danforth also is an Episcopal priest, and both admirers and detractors have noted his moral integrity and his stubborn independence.

He did not return a call seeking comment.

Final touches were being put on the scope and nature of the investigation, said the sources, who include Republicans on Capitol Hill who had discussions Tuesday with Justice Department officials.

Reno's decision comes as congressional Republicans have increased pressure on her and on FBI Director Louis Freeh to explain how evidence about the siege, including videotapes, was withheld from the public for years.

Some Republican lawmakers want to know whether the FBI lied about using incendiary tear gas canisters during the final raid on the compound on April 19, 1993.

*The Dallas Morning News*

reported today that Texas Rangers had found flares that were apparently fired by federal officials. The newspaper said the Rangers discovered the expended military illumination flares amid tons of evidence recovered Friday from a storage facility near Waco. Evidence logs showed more flares were recovered in the weeks after the Davidian compound burned following the FBI siege.

More than 80 sect members died, some of them children, in a fire that the government contends was set by sect members.

None of the committees looking into the raid has found evidence that the government was responsible for starting the fire, according to several aides familiar with the investigations.

Several GOP-led committees in Congress have begun reinvestigating the Waco matter. Democrats on Capitol Hill have asked the GOP to let the independent investigation sought by Reno take place before congressional hearings.

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**DAILY CRYPTOQUOTES**

DAILY CRYPTOQUOTES — Here's how to work it: AXYDLBAAXR is LONG FELLOW

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

**9-8 CRYPTOQUOTE**

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— YEWPOA LYOV  
 Yesterday's Cryptoquote: HOPE IS THE FEELING YOU HAVE THAT THE FEELING YOU HAVE ISN'T PERMANENT. — JEAN KERR

## Farms

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antitrust case against Microsoft. "You have to analyze each merger to see whether it is helpful or harmful. If we start to overreact, we are going to do more harm than good."

Mike Dunn, U.S. Department of Agriculture undersecretary for marketing and regulatory programs, said his agency is pushing Congress for laws forcing meat packers to disclose prices they are paying for animals.

"There has to be real teeth in the law," Dunn said.

Dunn argued that the USDA pushes hard to enforce the Packers and Stockyards Act, which oversees the meat industry but lacks the authority to regulate prices strictly.

"We do not have blanket authority to declare something unfair," Dunn said.

Harkin said he likely would favor toughening federal antitrust laws.

"We've got to make some changes in the legislation," he said.

The hearing comes at a time when producers face historic low prices for commodities and emotions are running high. The economic squeeze threatens to force thousands of farmers from their land.

Hundreds of activists jammed a community college gymnasium for the hearing, cheering and leaping to their feet as one after another argued that big business is taking advantage of family farmers.

There was a bipartisan tinge to the conference. Grassley, a conservative Republican, said all sides worry about rapidly consolidating agribusinesses.

"Obviously this is a difficult time for farmers," Grassley said. "We agree on one thing — that concentration is having a detrimental effect on farmers."

Sen. Paul Wellstone, D-Minn., went a step further, saying there should be an end to mergers and consolidations among agribusinesses while lawmakers study revisions to antitrust laws.

"I'm calling for a moratorium on mergers and acquisitions," Wellstone said. "On the present course, we're going to lose a whole generation of producers."

Drawing much attention at Tuesday's session was a merger announced last week in which Smithfield Foods Inc., of Smithfield, Va., a major meat processor, acquired Murphy Family Farms, a giant hog producer with many operations in Iowa.

## SPS participates in Y2K drill

AMARILLO -- Southwestern Public Service Company will join other electric utilities around the nation in a year 2000 (Y2K) readiness drill today and tomorrow.

The drill will be a rehearsal for the transition from Dec. 31, 1999, to Jan. 1, 2000.

"Some electric customers are concerned about that date transition, because of the so-called Y2K bug, which they are concerned might affect computerized systems," said Alan Davidson, SPS's Y2K contingency planning project manager. "This drill, as well as the successful drill we held last April, should help assure those customers that electric service from SPS will continue without interruption as we enter the new year."

SPS announced on June 30 that all of its critical computer systems and equipment used to generate and deliver electricity, "are ready for the year 2000." The company began preparing for Y2K in 1996, and said in June that it had replaced or repaired deficient items in systems.

The SPS drill will not affect delivery of electricity to any customers, Davidson said.

The drill will be held in conjunction with drills by other electric utilities across the nation. The drills are being coordinated by the North American Electric Reliability Council, which sets service reliability standards for interconnected electric transmission system operations.

NERC will issue a news release on Sept. 9 that will provide an initial overview and evaluation of the drills nationally. Southwestern plans a similar release that day, to report the outcome of its drill to SPS customers.

"SPS is performing this drill to demonstrate we are ready for potential problems, even under highly unusual conditions," Davidson said.

"We will simulate conditions that might occur during the New Year's Eve rollover," he explained.

"Our drill will test SPS's various backup communications systems — the communications systems that would be used if our normal systems were not operating. The drill

also will test our ability to deploy personnel in the field, for instance to monitor critical electrical systems and manually relay information to SPS power plants and service and dispatch centers."

Some 400 SPS employees will be involved in the drill. The same employees will deploy again on New Year's Eve. If any problems should occur with computerized equipment during the drill or on New Year's Eve, "employees in the field and in our power plants will keep the SPS system operating," Davidson said.

SPS already had tested the Y2K readiness of its delivery systems and power plants by setting control clocks forward to Dec. 31, 1999, and evaluating their performances which computers "think" they are operating into the year 2000, he said. The tests also have operated the plants at simulated later dates in 2000.

"The on-line testing has progressed smoothly. In fact, most of the SPS power plants' critical systems are now operating under year-2000 dates," Davidson said.

## Puerto Ricans take clemency

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) - Puerto Ricans are hailing the imminent release of 12 nationalists imprisoned for weapons possession and sedition — but their freedom isn't expected to bolster the cause of Puerto Rican independence.

The nationalists, members of pro-independence guerrilla groups that carried out a wave of bombings in the United States in the 1970s and 1980s, on Tuesday accepted a clemency deal offered by President Clinton.

Part of the deal, however, requires the jailed Puerto Ricans to renounce violence and refrain from associating with convicted felons, a stipulation that would technically bar two prisoners — sisters Alicia and Ida Luz Rodriguez — from seeing each other.

Activists expressed indignation at the conditions and pledged to continue pursuing independence.

"I fear there will continue to be more political prisoners as long as Puerto Rico remains a colony," said Luis Nieves Falcon, a spokesman for the prisoners.

Jan Susler, a lawyer for the prisoners, emphasized that his clients would not abandon their beliefs.

"These men and women went to prison for the same thing that Nelson Mandela went to prison for," Susler said in Chicago. "They are political people who intend to become involved in the political, non-violent process to shape the future of their country."

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# CAMPAIGN 2000



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**George W. Bush**

## Report: Oilman used influence to help out Bush

DALLAS (AP) — Late Houston oilman Sidney A. Adger reportedly asked former Lt. Gov. Ben Barnes to help young George W. Bush gain a spot in the Texas Air National Guard during the Vietnam War.

In a copyright story for Wednesday editions, *The Dallas Morning News* quotes two friends of Barnes as saying the request came from Adger, who died in 1996.

Barnes, a businessman, lobbyist and Democratic politician, was speaker of the Texas House when Bush became a Guard jet pilot in 1968. He served as lieutenant governor from 1969-73.

According to the report, Barnes' friends said he told them that one of his staff members forwarded Adger's request to Brig. Gen. James Rose, who died in 1993.

While campaigning Tuesday in New Hampshire for the GOP presidential nomination, Bush said, "I applied to be a pilot in the Guard and I met the requirements and the people who decided I was going to be in the Guard have said publicly that there was no influence."

A spokeswoman for the elder Bush confirmed his friendship with Adger but said the former president was "almost positive" he never talked to Mr. Adger — or anyone else — about getting his son into the Guard.

"He said he is fairly certain — I mean he doesn't remember everything that happened in the 1960s — but he said he and Sid Adger never, ever talked about George W. and the Texas Air

National Guard," Jean Becker said.

Adger, a businessman and former pilot for Pan American World Airways, lived in the same Houston neighborhood and sent his children to the same private school as the Bushes.

Barnes, who acknowledges he sometimes received requests for help in obtaining Guard slots, has denied getting a call from anyone in the Bush family. However, he has declined to comment on whether someone else contacted him on Bush's behalf.

He is scheduled to be questioned Thursday about the matter during a deposition to be taken in connection with a wrongful termination lawsuit filed by former state lottery director Lawrence Littwin.

Littwin's attorneys are trying to find out whether Barnes, a former lobbyist, for GTECH Corp., the state's lottery operator, helped Bush get into the Guard.

In papers filed in a federal court in Dallas, Littwin said Barnes "is alleged to have helped the current Governor George Bush avoid active duty during the Vietnam War."

Littwin's attorneys also have questioned whether Bush allies, in return for the Guard appointment, helped GTECH fend off efforts by Littwin that might have upset its lucrative contract with the state.

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# Bradley makes it official: He's running

CRYSTAL CITY, Mo. (AP) — In this trapped-in-time hamlet beside the Mississippi River, Bill Bradley gathered snapshots of his Cinderella youth to illustrate his hope for an America that dreams big and a noble presidency championing those dreams.

Bradley — the humble banker's son, Sunday school teacher, basketball boy wonder, Olympic star and sober New Jersey senator — came home today to launch the critical next phase of his

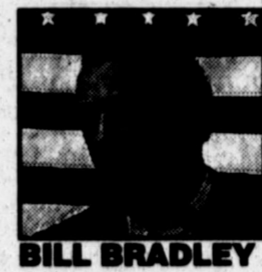
presidential campaign among neighbors who always believed he belonged in the White House.

"We're going out and telling the people what I believe and what I want to do and who I am and where I came from," Bradley told beachgoers in his adulthood home, New Jersey, before coming here Tuesday for a rally to kick off his fall campaign.

Today's main event — a speech that aides said would

be a highly personal account of how he has lived his life and what he envisions for the nation — was set for the front steps of Crystal City High School.

Tanned and in shirtsleeves, Bradley posed there Tuesday



**BILL BRADLEY**

while aides gauged the best angle for news cameras descending on this one-stoplight town (population 4,088) from as far away as Germany and Japan.

No highfalutin caterers for this family affair, said Republican Mayor Grant S. Johnston. Piled in his office are an odd, cellophane-wrapped assortment of the 5,000 cookies baked by "all the grandmas and great-grandmas," as Lori Grass put it.

## YMCA GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

YMCA Girls Volleyball League for girls K-5 thru 6th grade. K-5 thru 3rd grade will play modified volleyball. (This is basically like volleyball but played on a modified court. 4th thru 6th grade will play regular volleyball. All are eligible to play regardless of athletic ability. Teams are coached by volunteers. Every game is supervised and referees are provided. The league specializes in wholesome competition while teaching the fundamentals of volleyball, team play and sportsmanship. Every girl plays in every game. We will have two divisions: K-5 thru 3rd grade and 4th thru 6th grade. The teams will be drawn at the YMCA office. PLEASE DO NOT REQUEST PLAYERS TO BE ON CERTAIN TEAMS.

**COACHES MEETING:** Saturday, Sept. 11th (to pick teams, discuss rules and practice times)

**DATES:** Registration is NOW THRU SEPT. 9TH. **GAMES:** will be played on Saturday mornings. First games start Saturday, Sept. 18th. **PRACTICE:** Starts Sept. 13th.

**LEAGUE FEE:** \$20.00 - additional family members will be \$15.00. Participants must be YMCA members - which also includes use of the facility throughout the year.

**COACHES:** Volunteers are needed to help coach and referee. If you are interested please come by and fill out a form. THANKS!

**EQUIPMENT NEEDED:** Girls supply their own shoes and knee pads.

Parents are welcome to attend all games -- Help us to teach your daughter the value of good sportsmanship!

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The YMCA Flag Football League is designed for boys. Everyone is eligible to play regardless of athletic ability. Teams are coached by adult volunteers. Every game is supervised and referees are provided. The league specializes in wholesome competition while teaching the fundamentals of team play and good sportsmanship.

**THE LEAGUE:** Everyone plays in every game. We will have 3 divisions: K-5 thru 2nd, 3rd & 4th, 5th & 6th. The teams will be drawn at the YMCA office. PLEASE DO NOT REQUEST PLAYERS TO BE ON CERTAIN TEAMS.

**DATES:** FINAL DAY TO REGISTER IS NOW THRU SEPT. 9TH. All divisions will play on Saturdays. Teams play & practice once a week after the season starts. Practice starts the week of Sept. 13th & games will begin on Sept. 18th. (Coaches will be notified of game location)

**LEAGUE FEE:** League fee will be \$20.00. All participants must be YMCA members. Y-memberships are \$29,000 a year & include the use of the facility throughout the year. If membership expires during the season it must be renewed at the time of registration. Entry fee for a 2nd child in the same family will be \$15.00. ENTRY & MEMBERSHIP FEES MUST ACCOMPANY ENTRY FORM!

**COACHES:** There will be a coaches meeting on Saturday, Sept. 11th. Rules and practice sessions will be discussed and team assignments made. Time of meeting will be announced. Plan to attend if you wish to coach.

For more information please come by the YMCA office and pick up a registration form. Scholarships are available for those who need and qualify for assistance. Contact Weldon or Norma Jean at 384-8990.

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