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Today's weather OUTLOOK **Cloudy skies**

Tonight, continued cloudy with a 50 percent chance of showers and thunder-

storms, low near 55. Thursday, mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, highs in the mid-70s. Thursday night, mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. low in the lower 50s.



Extended forecast Friday through Sunday, partly cloudy, lows in the lower to mid-50s, highs in the lower 80s.

Hereford weather

Tuesday's high, 82; low, 58; precipitation, 3.26 inches; year-to-date rainfall, 24.3 inches, according to KPAN Radio. Also, some hail damage was reported in the Austin Road area.

Consumer prices up



Fog rolls in

Fog enshrouded the Hereford Grain Corp. elevators on U.S. Highway 60 this morning. The fog followed the band of severe thunderstorms that hammered the area Tuesday night, dumping more than 3 inches of rain in the city and as much as 5 inches in some



HRMC books open

■ Bailey welcomes an outside review of the financial records

By Donald M. Cooper

Hereford Brand Managing Editor In wake of discrepancies in the school district budget, the chief financial officer for Hereford Regional Medical Center is ready to open the hospital's books to an outside review.

Rodney Bailey said the hospital doesn't have any of the problems that apparently have staggered the Hereford Independent School District, which has learned it might be as much as \$16 million in debt.

However, Bailey said Tuesday afternoon if any member of the Deaf Smith County Hospital District board has any concerns about the financial status of the hospital, he is "not opposed to anyone coming and check our records."

Bailey said the hospital does have a minor problem in reconciling its bank account for August; however, there have been no problems through July.

"We have gone through the bank reconciliation process and we have not found an amount of \$2.400. We were OK through July and we just got the August bank accounts, so we're in the process of hunting the \$2,400 down," Bailey said.

Bailey said the hospital has no problems like those of the ool district, but he acknowl

edged there could be concerns

among the members of the

hospital district board. He

also said he has not spoken

with any board members, so

he doesn't know if there will

be any requests for an outside

Community Health Corp.,

which is expressing interest in

person to review the books.

WASHINGTON (AP) -Consumer prices rose 0.3 percent in August as gasoline and other energy products shot up for a second straight month. But elsewhere inflation remained a no-show with clothing prices down for a fourth straight month and airline fares retreating after a big jump in July.

The Labor Department said today the August increase in its Consumer Price Index matched the 0.3 percent July advance.

In both months, energy was the big force pushing prices upward. For August, two-thirds of the total price in-makers appear headed toward of the 1996 "Freedom to Farm" crease was attributed to a 2.7 percent surge in energy costs. Food costs rose a much more modest 0.2 percent.

Outside of the volatile energy and food categories, agreement on changing farm prices were up just 0.1 percent in August.

This performance of the "core" rate of inflation was even better than economists' expectations and will provide ammunition for those arguing there is no need for the Federal Reserve to boost interest rates for a third time.

Financial markets rallied on the price figures with rising demand in inflation-sensitive bond market sending yields on 30-year Treasury bonds down to 6.08 percent this morning from 6.12 percent late Tuesday.

Senate-passed \$7.4 billion disaster aid package contained in the \$68 billion Agriculture fiscal 2000.

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lars in emergency aid for farm-

ers, but members of the House

Agriculture Committee made

it clear Tuesday there is no

For the second consecutive

year, prices for nearly every

farm commodity are in a tail-

spin triggered by the collapse

of the Asian economy and con-

tinued glut of supplies world-

wide, a depression that began

just as the market-oriented

Negotiators from both cham-

bers are set to consider the

reforms of 1996 kicked in.

policy in the long term.

rural areas. The rain was accompanied by high winds, which broke tree limbs (right), and hail. The hail caused some damage in the Austin Road area southeast of Hereford

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edged that major revisions law, which was designed to wean farmers from government price supports and production controls. Low prices

Republicans acknowledge there is a need to revisit some long-term policies, but they resist wholesale change. "I haven't met

a farmer yet that didn't think there needed to be changes," said House Agriculture Committee Chairman Larry Combest, R-Texas.

forever."

Long-term farm solution evasive

Yet even Pomeroy acknowl-

would be unwieldy: "The

last thing we can afford

is to get bogged down

trying to fix everything

Several Democrats said they had spent the August recess listening to producers pleading for changes in the 1996 law, while Republicans said their farm constituents want lawmakers to keep the reforms and work more aggressively to open markets to U.S. products.

And Rep. Jerry Moran, a Kansas Republican who visited each of his 66 counties during the break, was headed back to Hutchinson, Kan., with eight ag committee colleagues for a congressional field hearing next weekend on the issue.

"The people in my 14 counties don't want to go back to the old days," said Rep. Ray LaHood, R-Ill. "What about fair trade and free trade, what about markets?"

LaHood said concentration of beef processing among just a few companies is a major concern among livestock producers, who also are suffering from European reluctance to buy American beef that has been treated with growth hormones.

Hundreds of members of

Democrat-aligned National Farmers Union and other groups are lobbying Congress this week to pass the emergency aid package along with long-term solutions that include tools to lessen an oversupply that has driven down prices.

They planned to rally Wednesday at the Capitol with Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., and other Democratic senators.

Yet the largest farm organization, American Farm Bureau Federation, is urging Congress to let today's economic woes usher in government supply controls or storage programs or boost crop subsidies.

What appears likely to pass this year is a measure akin to the Senate's disaster aid package, along with separate pro-

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GOP eyes tax credit delays for poor

House Republican proposal to slow the payment of tax credits to millions of low-income Americans to help finance big spending bills seems unlikely to survive in Congress, and is certain to be opposed by President Clinton.

Even so, the plan illustrates the lengths to which congressional Republicans are going to find savings so they can say they are not using Social Security surpluses for spending bills.

"There are going to be any number of proposals" to fi-

WASHINGTON (AP) — A nance the bills, House Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Texas, said Tuesday, adding, "We've sort of bumped into a wall" by pledging not to spend Social Security funds.

Under the House GOP idea, rather than getting their earned-income tax benefits in a lump sum after they file as most of the 20 million recipients currently do people receiving the payments would get them in quarterly or monthly installments. Republicans said the plan would merely spread out payments, not reduce them.

But many Retublicans from both chambers — particularly moderates - objected to the idea, making it unlikely that GOP's thin majorities in the House and Senate would hold if the plan came to a vote.

"From my perspective, I don't think you ought to play around with people's lives like that," said Rep. Tom Davis, R-Va.

Senate Appropriations Committee Chairman Ted Stevens, R-Alaska, said he considered the idea "dead on arrival."

"I don't think we should ration things like" the earned

income credit, Stevens said. Clinton administration officials and congressional Democrats said the plan would unfairly take money from lowincome American families to finance federal agencies' bud-

They said the poor would be hurt because many of them rely on the lump-sum payments to buy big-ticket items like used cars. The proposal would force many of them to rely instead on costly loans, Democrats said.

"Since the president will not let the Republicans dra-

matically cut taxes on the rich, they have decided to get back at Democrats in Washington by raising taxes on the hard-pressed working families," said Rep. Charles Rangel, D-N.Y., referring to Clinton's promised veto of the GOP's 10-year, \$792 billion tax cut plan.

So far, Congress has sent Clinton just two of the 13 annual spending bills for fiscal 2000, which begins Oct. 1. Their overall price tag is more than \$500 billion, or nearly one-third of the overall federal budget, and Republicans

need to find tens of billions in savings for bills that can pass Congress and get Clinton's signature.

To pay for the measures, GOP leaders have already said they would use all \$14 billion of the projected budget surplus excluding Social Security.

An idea popular with Senate Republicans for coping with the spending problem is so-called forward funding.

Under this perennially used practice, money is approved that is mostly not available until the following fiscal year.

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Local roundup

Library to be closed

The Deaf Smith County Public Library will be closed Saturday.

Students who need to do research for school projects should plan accordingly.

The library will reopen for normal hours on Sept. 20.

Christian formation classes

San Jose Catholic Church will hold Christian Formation classes for grades K5 through sixth beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday in San Jose Community Center. Registration will be accepted at that 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.

Scholastic book fair and open house

Northwest Primary School will host a Scholastic Book Fair the week of Sept. 20-24. Book Fair hours will be 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8:30 to 10 a.m. on Friday.

On Tuesday Northwest will host an open house from 6 to 7:30 at the school. Book fair hours will be continued during the open house.

Parents and community members are welcome.

TAAS and PTO meetings

West Central Intermediate School will have a TAAS Recognition assembly 1:30 Friday in the cafeteria.

Immediately following the assembly there will be a PTO meeting. Currently members of the West Central PTO are conducting a membership drive. All parents are encouraged to participate.

ASSOCIATED PRESS **News in brief**

HEB recalls 20,000 pounds of beef

AUSTIN (AP) - The Texas Department of Health officials said Tuesday they are satisfied that a voluntary recall of some 20,000 pounds of ground beef announced by the H-E-B grocery company has removed all of the meat from store shelves.

The recall was initiated after internal routine testing detected the presence of E. coli bacteria in a one-ounce sample of ground beef in an H-E-B warehouse.

The recall applies to H-E-B ground beef packaged in styrofoam trays with clear plastic wrapping and "sell by" dates of Sept. 13 and Sept. 14, and to 16-ounce aqua and green tubes of "super lean" ground beef with a "sell by" date



nursing staff display the photos of babies born at the facility in a case introducing them as future Hereford Whitefaces. Bobbi Wooten, an OB RN, the display and thought others might be interested.

First photos -- Hereford Regional Medical Center adds another photo of one of the recent deliveries. The display attracts the attention of patients other than OB. An ICU patient's family member reported

Bill protects mothers, unborn children

Opponents concerned action could weaken abortion rights issue

WASHINGTON (AP) - A

"Most Americans will support ment, he said. this because it puts people in women and destroy or harm their child."

Democrats accused Repub-

"This is about holding crimijail who attack pregnant nals accountable for their actions," Graham said.

Before Tuesday's committee meeting, Graham said he licans of being less concerned hoped committee members would be moved by an attack on a pregnant woman in Arkansas. Under a new state law, an Arkansas man was charged with capital murder after he hired three men to beat his pregnant girlfriend to kill his unborn daughter. The woman survived the attack.

authored one of the defeated amendments.

Abortion-rights groups agreed. "This bill is a wolf in sheep's clothing," said Kathryn Engustian, legislative counsel for the American Civil Liber-

of Sept. 23.

H-E-B officials said the meat was sold Sunday and Monday in many of its 160 stores in Texas. The company said the beef had not been sent to its Central Market and Pantry Food stores.

Steve McAndrew, director of the state health department's retail foods division, said anyone who purchased the ground beef could return it to H-E-B for a refund, and H-E-B officials said they would test the returned packages for E. coli on customer, request.

McAndrew said cooking the meat to an internal temperature of at least 160 degrees fahrenheit kills the E. coli bacteria. "Recall or not, our standing recommendation is that all ground beef be cooked to an internal temperature of 160 degrees," he said.

E. coli is a large family of bacteria, most of which is harmless and lives in the intestines of healthy humans and animals. However, a strain carried by some cattle produces a toxin that can make humans severely ill.

Agency missing money

STAFFORD, Texas (AP) - A non-profit "meals on wheels" agency in Fort Bend County is missing more than \$50,000.

Fort Bend Senior Citizens dishes up more than 300 meals a day to elderly people in Fort Bend and Waller counties.

But a statement released Tuesday by the agency said that "problematic financial transactions" involving a former employee had been discovered.

The agency turned over the evidence to the Fort Bend County sheriff's office.

Elsewhere:

POLICE INQUIRY: Allegations that the Dallas Police Department discipliens black officers more severely than their white counterparts have prompted an investigation by the U.S. Justice Department. Justice Department officials say they have received information about a pattern of discriminatory punishment. ... RECRUIT DIES: The death of an 18vear-old recruit who collapsed during a cross-country march caused officials at Lackland Air Force Base to make changes in it training procedures. Airman Basic Micah Schindler died Sunday from complication of heat stroke following a six-mile march. ... BILINGUAL CEREAL: General Mills is producing Frutis and Cinnamon Corn Stars, the bilingual cousins of Cheerios and Lucky Charmes. An official of the company's cereal division says the new products, which will soon be on supermarket shelves, are being marketed because of the growing Hispanic market. ... INSURANCE DEAL: NYLCare Texas, that health insurance company that uses former Dallas Cowboys coach Tom Landry as a spokesperson, is being sold for \$500 million by Aetna U.S. Healthcare to Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas.

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violent attack that results in the injury or the death of a pregnant woman's fetus could mean an additional conviction and sentence for the attacker under legislation awaiting a vote in the House.

Republicans on the House Judiciary Committee outvoted Democrats 14-11 to approve the bill despite warnings from Democrats that it eventually could weaken Roe vs. Wade, the 1973 Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion. Eleven states already have similar laws, and this would be the first such law at the federal level.

Federal law should recognize "that an unborn child is not a nothing," committee Chairman Henry Hyde, R-Ill., said during committee debate. He called the fetus a "tiny, living member of the human he said. family.

Rep. Lindsey Graham, R- cases where a fetus is harmed S.C., author of the bill, said: in the course of medical treat-

about violence against women than with sneaking into law a provision that would give more legal recognition to fetuses, and thus erode the right to abortion. "This is a very clever pro-

posal on the part of the gentleman from South Carolina," said Michigan Rep. John Conyers, the committee's highest ranking Democrat. "This bill is another transparent attempt to score points in the perennial abortion debate."

Graham said the bill had nothing to do with abortion. The bill's language specifically prohibits its application to abortions, he said, and it would not permit a woman to be prosecuted for taking any action - legal or illegal related to the unborn child,

It also would not apply mn HEREFORD BRAND

Translator ballot error could cost Bexar County \$91,000

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — An error by a translator is causing problems for election officials across the state and could cost Bexar County as much as \$91,000, according to county clerk Gerry Rickhoff.

The Spanish version of the Nov. 2 ballot contained a flawed translation of Proposition 15, one of the constitutional amendments.

The amendment was "permitting spouses to agree to convert separate property to community property."

The Spanish version mistakenly informed Spanishspeaking Texans that it permits spouses "to agree to convert separate property to the community."

An urgent notice was issued Tuesday by the Secretary of State's Office. The office plans to correct and recertify the ballots.

Bexar County printed 400,000 ballots after the secretary of state certified the ballot language last summer, Rickhoff said.

If the ballots need to be reprinted, the mixup could cost the county up to \$91,000,

Rickhoff told county commissioners Tuesday. "This means we either have

to resticker 400,00 ballots or reprint them at a cost of **\$91,0000,"** he said.

Counties have to pay for ballot reprints because the state doesn't have the authority to assume the liability, deputy assistant secretary of state Ann McGeehan told the San Antonio Express-News.

The county should look into a third option of having poll workers hand out fliers with the corrected language attached to the ballots, Bexar County Judge Cyndi Kryer said.

Ms. McGeehan suggested local election officials either have the ballots reprinted or purchase stickers with the corrected language and affix them to each ballot.

But Rickhoff said the stickers could get stuck in the automated ballot scanners.

The unidentified translator is federally certified to translate in federal court, Ms. McGeehan said.

Committee Republicans voted down three amendments by Democrats who wanted to drop the words "unborn child" from the bill or alter the measure's language to avoid giving a fetus legal rights.

"The bill before us - let's be clear — is another attempt to cut away at the rights of women to determine their own reproductive choices," said Rep. Zoe Lofgren, D-Calif., who

ties Union.

"If protecting a woman's right to continue her pregnancy were truly all that the bill sponsors hoped to achieve, we would be working side by side to ensure its passage," she said.

The Justice Department came out against the bill last week, saying it may be unconstitutional.

Justice officials also said that if a police officer, not knowing that a female suspect was pregnant, used force against her and she later miscarried, "the officer could be subject to mandatory life imprisonment without possibility of parole, even though the maximum sentence for such use of force on a non-pregnant woman would be 10 years."

Emergency services

gency services personnel for Sept. 14, 1999, include the following:

POLICE DEPARTMENT Arrests

- A 20-year-old man was arrested in the 600 block of Star and charged with assault.

- A 41-year-old man was arrested in the 400 block of Irving and charged with public intoxication.

Incidents

- A mental subject was reported in the 700 block of Avenue G.

- A burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 200 block of Avenue H.

- A forgery was reported in the 400 block of East Sev- ASSOCIATED PRESS enth.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT Arrests

- A 36-year-old man was booked in to begin serving time at a substance abuse facility.

- A 33-year-old man was arrested and charged with violation of probation on an indecency with a child conviction.

- A 26-year-old man was arrested and charged with

Activities reported by emer- violation of probation on a theft by check over \$20, under \$500, conviction.

- A 47-year-old man was arrested and charged with criminal non-support.

Incidents - A runaway was reported. FIRE DEPARTMENT

- 4:35 p.m. Firefighters responded to a grass fire one mile east on U.S. Highway 60. - 6:07 p.m. Firefighters responded to a smoke scare at 105 Dayton.

- 8 p.m. Firefighters went on weather watch.

- 9:55 p.m. Firefighters responded to an electrical arc at 232 Ave. H.

Texas lottery

Cash Five The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Tuesday\$by the Texas Lottery: 13-28-30-36-37

Pick 8 The winning Pick 3 num-bers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery, in order: 9-7-0

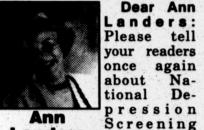
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Boeckman is guest speaker at Pilot Club



Landers Day

on Thursday, Oct. 7. Last year, as the site coordinator, I received a phone call from an 80-year-old woman who read about the free screening in your column. "Millie" had recently lost her husband after 52 years of marriage, and was experiencing many of the symptoms of clinical depression. She had never seen a mental health professional. If it had not been for your encouragement, I don't believe "Millie" would have ever made that phone call.

Unfortunately, there is still a stigma for many people who seek mental health services. Your endorsement of events like the National Depression Screening Day makes it easier for people to come forward and get the help they need. The bad news about depression is that it is very common, affecting more than 17 million Americans each year. The good news is that depression is treatable, with most people showing major improvement within four to six weeks. Please continue to spread the word, Ann. — Mary Halpin, Ph.D., Illinois Psychological Association.

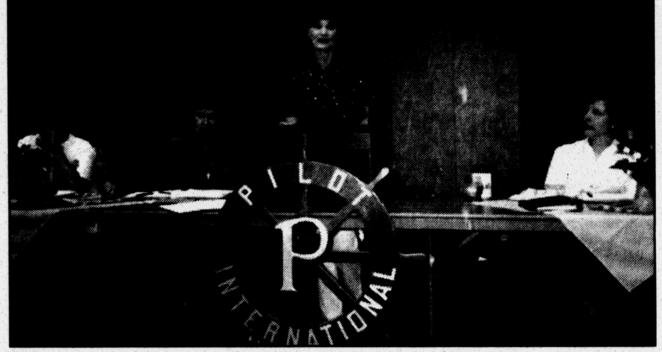
Dear Dr. Halpin: Last year's National Depression Screening Day was the most successful ever, attracting more than 91,000 people to over 3.000 screening sites.

Heart attack survivors who also have depression have an increased risk of dying within six months.

Common symptoms of depression include sadness, hopelessness, helplessness and worthlessness. People with depression experience difficulty sleeping and changes in appetite. Sufferers no longer derive pleasure in activities that were once enjoyable, and may have difficulty concentrating and making decisions. Some people have vague medical complaints like aches and pains that won't go away; headaches, backaches and stomach ailments. Depression may also be characterized by thoughts of death and suicide.

This year, National Depression Screening Day is Thursday, Oct. 7. Screenings are completely free and totally anonymous. No one asks for a name or makes any judgments. The clinicians and staff are there to help, educate and comfort. Those who may be experiencing symptoms of depression or know someone who is, should call the tollfree number that has been set up especially for my readers. It is 1-800-242-2211 (TTY for the hearing impaired: 1-800-855-2880). These numbers are available starting today, and you will be given the location of the screening site in your area. The lines are open 24 hours a day.

Screening participants will hear an educational presen-Thursday. tation and have the opportunity to take an anonymous, written screening test, pick up educational brochures, and meet individually with a clicompete in state and national nician for a brief screening competition, and the first-prize interview. Anyone who apwinner receives \$100. The Tripears to have symptoms of depression will be directed to State Fair SPAM contest will be judged at 6 p.m. Saturday. a treatment facility in his or her area.



Pilot Club members listen intently as respiratory therapist Mary Boeckman gives the program during the Tuesday morning meeting at Hereford Community Center. Pictured are, from left, Patsy Giles, president-elect; Sue Hyer, president; and Bobbie King, recording secreatry.

Culinary experts at Tri-State Fair

Tri-State Fair returns with its favorite culinary contests and also a new one.

The "Country Crock" Fruit Muffin Contest will make its debut at the fair at 6 p.m. on Sept. 20. Cash awards totaling \$175 will be paid to the top three muffin exhibitors.

The makers of "Country Crock" spread will provide product to potential bakers. The spread will be available to the first 60 people wishing to enter the contest. This product may be picked up at the Tri-State Fair office beginning

The nation's "Best SPAM" Recipe Competition returns to the fair for its fifth year. Winners earn the chance to

AMARILLO - The annual fifth year. Held on "Family Fun Day," Sept. 19 at 2:30 p.m., fairgoers get to eat the treats when the judging is completed.

Creativity earns the victory in the "Softasilk" Championship Cake Contest at 6 p.m. Sept. 21. Bakers must use Softasilk cake flour, and the most creative, delicious cake will take home the prize.

The Lean Ground Beef Contest provides cooks an opportunity to enter their ground beef recipes for a chance at \$500. Held on Beef Education Day, Sept. 22 at 5:30 p.m., the contest features entries that use no less than two pounds of ground lean beef (ground round or ground loin) submitted with a" recipe.

The "VIP's Cherry Pie Contest" returns in 1999. Scheduled for Sept. 25 at 6 p.m., bakers must bring a regular two-crust cherry pie to the fair for judging.

Returning for its second year, the Tri-State Fair Sandwich Contest is open to youth exhibitors only. Two age categories will be offered: Young Chefs (12 years and under) and Teenage (13-18 years). Sandwich recipe must be submitted to the fair office by Sept. 17. On Sept. 25, each contestant will bring their ingredients and prepare the sandwich before the audience and judges.

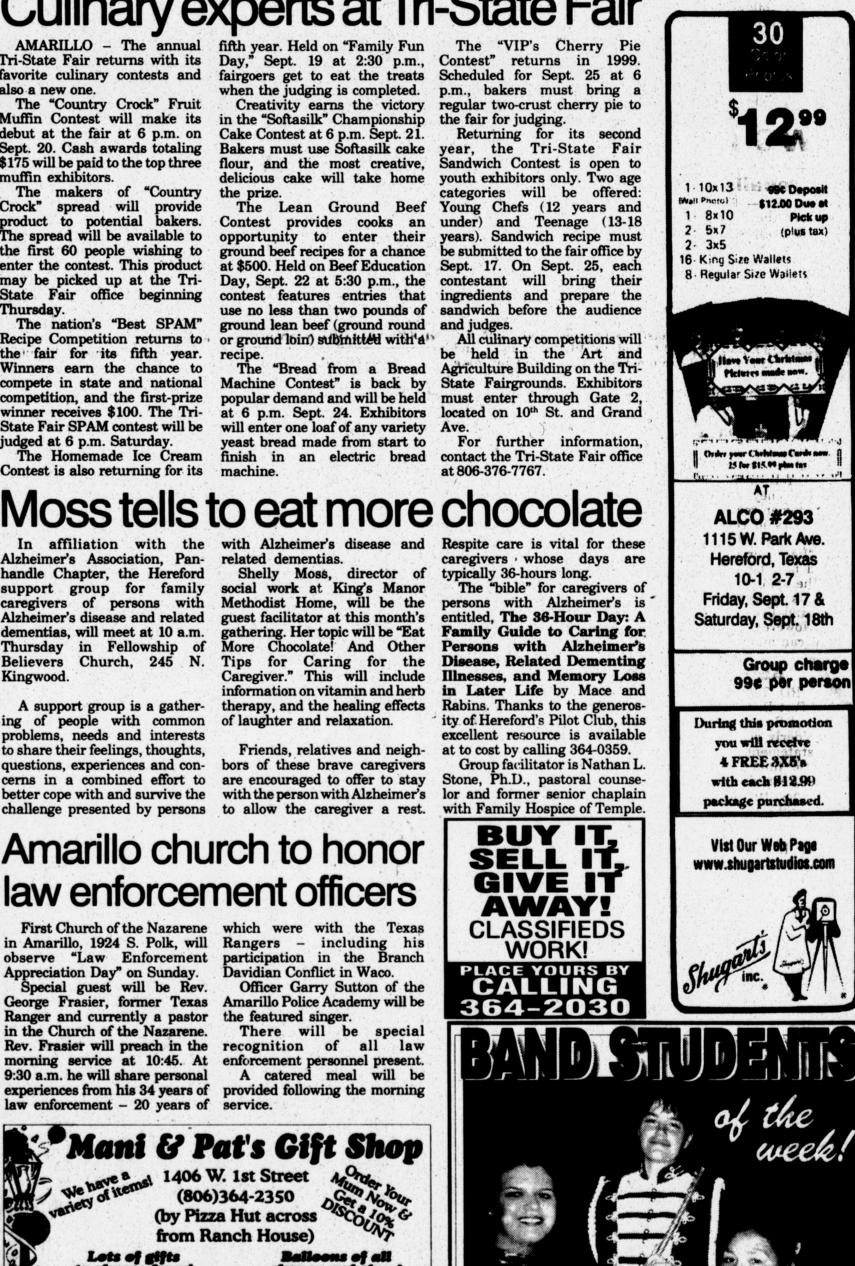
All culinary competitions will be held in the Art and The "Bread from a Bread Agriculture Building on the Tri-

Mary Boeckman, respiratory therapist from the Hereford Regional Medical Center, presented the Pilot Club with a program on heart disease. Boeckman said heart disease is the number one killer in America and she listed some causes for the disease. She also informed the group on preventive measures for heart disease." Her information included to be aware of family history, cholesterol and be sure to get daily exercise.

In other business, Betty Sue Robinson announced Game Night to be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, at the Hereford Community Center; prizes will be awarded.

A certificate of perfect attendance, presented by Brenda Thomas, was awarded to Elvira Enriquez

The Pilot Club will meet Sept. 24 at 7 a.m. for a business meeting with the governor elect of the Texas district as a visiting guest.



Depression is often misunderstood. People think it has to do with adjusting to a new job or city. Persistent sad-ness and irritability is dismissed as normal teenage moodiness. Older people think it is a natural part of aging. College students often develop depression and blame themselves, thinking they can't handle the pressures of college. Children can suffer from depression, too. One in 33 children and one in eight adolescents may have clinical depression.

The truth is, depression is a diagnosable disorder that requires treatment. And what most people do not know is that it affects other parts of your health. Chronically depressed seniors are at greater risk of developing cancer.

If you see yourself in today's column, don't fail to follow through. If you have a friend or loved one who may be depressed, please do whatever is necessary to get him or her to a screening site. Depression is nothing to be ashamed of. I love my readers, and don't want to lose any of you, especially not to an illness that is treatable. If you feel depressed, make that call NOW. It could be the most important call you will ever make.

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The Homemade Ice Cream Contest is also returning for its

Alzheimer's Association, Pan-

handle Chapter, the Hereford

support group for family caregivers of persons with Alzheimer's disease and related

dementias, will meet at 10 a.m.

Thursday in Fellowship of

Believers Church, 245 N.

A support group is a gather-

Kingwood.

Machine Contest" is back by popular demand and will be held at 6 p.m. Sept. 24. Exhibitors will enter one loaf of any variety yeast bread made from start to finish in an electric bread

Shelly Moss, director of social work at King's Manor

Methodist Home, will be the

guest facilitator at this month's

gathering. Her topic will be "Eat More Chocolate! And Other

Tips for Caring for the Caregiver." This will include

information on vitamin and herb

therapy, and the healing effects of laughter and relaxation.

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related dementias.

In affiliation with the with Alzheimer's disease and

State Fairgrounds. Exhibitors must enter through Gate 2, located on 10th St. and Grand Ave.

For further information, contact the Tri-State Fair office at 806-376-7767.

typically 36-hours long.

WORK!



Supper ticket - Jessie Edwards, Hereford High School junior, sells a ticket for the Junior Class Supper to Priscilla Lacey. The supper will be held from 5-7 p.m. Friday at the Junior High Cafeteria. Tickets are \$4.50 for a meal of brisket, baked potato, coleslaw, beans, combread and chocolate cake. Takeout is available for an additional 50 cents. Tickets may be purchased at the door or in advance from any high school junior.



ing of people with common problems, needs and interests to share their feelings, thoughts, Friends, relatives and neighquestions, experiences and conbors of these brave caregivers cerns in a combined effort to are encouraged to offer to stay better cope with and survive the with the person with Alzheimer's to allow the caregiver a rest. challenge presented by persons

Amarillo church to honor law enforcement officers

in Amarillo, 1924 S. Polk, will observe "Law Enforcement Appreciation Day" on Sunday.

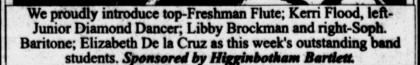
Special guest will be Rev. George Frasier, former Texas Ranger and currently a pastor in the Church of the Nazarene. Rev. Frasier will preach in the morning service at 10:45. At 9:30 a.m. he will share personal experiences from his 34 years of law enforcement - 20 years of

First Church of the Nazarene which were with the Texas Rangers – including his participation in the Branch Davidian Conflict in Waco.

Officer Garry Sutton of the Amarillo Police Academy will be the featured singer.

There will be special recognition of all law enforcement personnel present. A catered meal will be provided following the morning service.





LIFESTYLES

4-H kicks off year with officer elections



4-H Horse Club officers for the coming year are, front row from left, Tera Carrol and Savannah Sparkman, communications officers; Chelsea Campbell, president; Joanna Olson, Council delegate; Toni Kay Payne, secretary; back row from left, Kalyn Esqueda, vice president; Kasi Gallagher, reporter; and Katie Skarke, alternate Council delegate.

4-H Horse Club

The Deaf Smith 4-H Horse Club had their first meeting of the year Monday night at the Campfire Lodge in the community center. The meeting started with electing new officers, which include: Chelsea Campbell, president; Kalyn

Esqueda, vice president; Toni Kay Payne, secretary; Kasi Gallagher, reporter; Joanna Olson, council delegate; Katie Skarke, alternate council delegate; and Savanah Sparkman and Tera Carrol, communications officers.

The meeting also included discussion of upcoming 4-H events and the club started planning horse judging projects for the year.

The next meeting will be held on Oct. 11 from 7-8 p.m. at the Campfire Lodge.



Ladybugs 4-H Club officers and members pictured are, front row from left, Victoria Messer, alternate Council delegate; Leanna King, secretary; Kristen Estrada, Council delegate; and Sandra Martinez. Back row from left, Sandi Navarrette, president; Jessica Shelton, communications officer; Nicole Vaughn, vice president; Jaclynn Page; and Taylor Kinsey, reporter.

4-H Ladybugs

opened their first meeting of the year at the Nazarene Christian Academy, Monday night. Officers were elected by the members and include: Sandi Navarrette, president; Nicole Vaughn, vice president; Leanna

The Ladybugs 4-H club King, secretary; Taylor Kinsey, reporter; Kristen Estrada, council delegate; Victoria Messer, alternate delegate; and Jessica Shelton, communications officer. Other members present were Jaclynn Page and Sandra Martinez.

In other business, the club discussed future craft and caramel apple making projects for this fall.

The next meeting will be held at the Nazarene Christian Academy at 4 p.m. on Sept. 13.

Extension Service hosts conference

An area-wide child care training for all interested the afternoon: "Creative Outdoor

Play" and "Fun Foods for Kids. The second session will provide ways to teach nutrition

Looking Back

Today in History

By The Associated Press Today is Wednesday, Sept. 15, the 258th day of 1999. There are 107 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 15, 1949, "The Lone Ranger" premiered on ABC television with Clayton Moore as the masked hero and Jay Silverheels as Tonto. On this date:

In 1776, British forces occupied New York City during the American Revolution.

In 1789, the U.S. Department of Foreign Affairs was renamed the Department of State.

In 1821, independence was proclaimed for Costa Rica, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and El Salvador.

In 1857, William Howard Taft — who served as president of the United States and as chief justice - was born in Cincinnati.

In 1917, Russia was proclaimed a republic by Alexander Kerensky, the head

of a provisional government. In 1935, the Nuremberg Laws deprived German Jews of their citizenship and made the swastika the official symbol of Nazi Germany.

In 1940, during the Battle of Britain in World War II. the tide turned as the Luftwaffe sustained heavy losses inflicted by the Royal Air Force.

In 1950, during the Ko-rean conflict, United Nations forces landed at Inchon in the south and began their drive toward Seoul.

In 1959, Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev arrived in the United States for a 13day visit.

In 1963, four children were killed when a bomb went off during Sunday services at a black Baptist church in Birmingham, Ala.

Ten years ago: Pulitzer Prize-winning author Robert Penn Warren, the first poet laureate of the United States, died in Stratton, Vt., at age 84.

Five years ago: In a terse ultimatum from the Oval Office, President Clinton told Haiti's military leaders in a

prime-time address: "Your time is up. Leave now or we will force you from power."

One year ago: Nine states and the District of Columbia held primaries. In New York, Rep. Charles Schumer, a liberal, won the Democratic nod to challenge Republican Sen. Alfonse D'Amato. (Schumer won.) In Washington state, Republican Rep. Linda Smith won the right to challenge Sen. Patty Murray, a Democrat. (Murray was re-elected). Mark McGwire of the St. Louis Cardinals hit his 63rd home run of the season.

Today's Birthdays: Bluesman Snooky Pryor is 78. Comedian Norm Crosby is 72. Actor Henry Darrow is 66. Baseball Hall-of-Famer Gaylord Perry is 61.

conference and training session will be held from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Sept. 25 at the Exposition Center in Perryton. This educational event, "Child Care Challenges," will provide training for workers in day care settings, mothers and parents.

It is being co-sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service in Hemphill, Ochiltree, Gray, Hansford and Lipscomb counties and Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service in Beaver County.

In addition to providing

individuals, certificates of training worth 4.0 credit hours will be provided to those who need annual in-service training to maintain current certification.

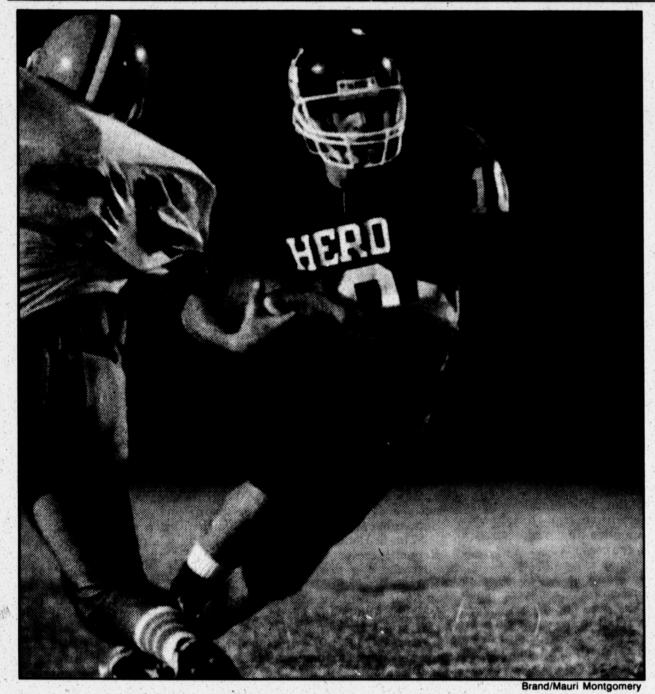
Registration will be at 9 a.m. The keynote address, "Discipline That Does Not Hurt!" will be delivered at 9:30 a.m. by Dr. Linda Ladd. Ladd is associate professor and family life specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. This work session will help providers tie a discipline

strategy to a particular child. Two sessions will be held in and food preparation in preschool and after school programs. **Pre-registration** is encouraged. For more information, call your County Extension agent, Beverly Harder, at 364-3573.









Quarterback Cody Hodges scrambles around an opponent in action from the 1998 season.

Twin tandem contributes to **explosive Hereford offense**

By Yuri Soto Hereford Brand Sports Editor

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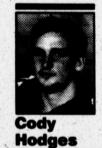
Cody and Slade Hodges. The Hodges brothers are

passes and 318 yards, ranking him currently third in yardage There have been so many High School football, which, if the Whitefaces have yet to



"Blood is thicker than water."





And, Unitas-Berry for some of you older folks.

College has had its good combinations. Testaverde-Irvin. Flutie-Phelan. Brown-McGarity.

High school had one 10 years ago that was lethal. Case-Hill at Odessa Permian.

Maybe by the year 2007, one quarterback-receiver combo will make as much impact as the ones mentioned above.

And, wouldn't you now it, they are from Hereford.

You know them as the terrible twosome who leave opposing defensive coordinators with plenty of sleep deprivation, twin brothers

combinations in bers of the media up to opposing coaches, that's the first two players they think about.

"It just makes me proud that the hard work we put in has paid off and that people will respect us," Cody said. "I Marino-Clayton. just got to thank God for my and Slade's life and without Him this would not be possible."

A lot of things, according to Cody, would not be possible if God was not involved in their lives. One of the things the twins point out as God's gift is their talent.

"Our parents always told us that we had talent, but that was God's gift for us," Cody said, "and what we do with our talent is our gift to God and that's what we go out to do and

try to do, to glorify Him." The glorification has been evident on the field. The quarterback has been pretty successful after two games, throwing four touchdown

Slade is the team leader in receptions with six for 117 yards, despite not having a touchdown catch yet.

"Both Slade and Cody are very talented athletes," Whiteface football coach Hodges

Craig Yenzer said. "They add a lot of confidence to our ball club, and the things our kids know they (the Hodgeses) can do on the field add to what we can do."

The confidence is also synonymous with being brothers. Opponents worry about what they are going to do next on the offense, because they can't figure out what both are planning to do.

"We know where each other is going to be in the football game," Slade said. "In seventh

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Wide receiver Slade Hodges gets hit trying to catch a pass from brother Cody Hodges against Amarillo Tascosa on Sept. 3.



Lett suspended for eight games

Lineman expected to return Nov. 9 for Green Bay game

IRVING (AP) — After three months of waiting, the Dallas Cowboys learned Tuesday they can hold their nearly annual "Welcome Back Leon Lett" celebration on Nov.

That date will mark the end of Lett's third substanceabuse suspension since 1995. The Cowboys' best run-stopper can return to the lineup for the Nov. 14 home game against Green Bay after missing the first eight games of the season.

NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue had been mulling over the penalty since he suspended Lett indefinitely on June 4. The half-season punishment was longer than team owner Jerry Jones expected, but he's simply happy to know exactly when Lett will be back.

"He is an outstanding football player," Jones said. "We need him.'

With five violations of the NFL's substance abuse policy, Lett is among the biggest reasons why Dallas' image has been tarnished in recent years. Yet Jones said he still believes in Lett.

"He does not have dependency or addiction," Jones said. "That's not to say there are not issues, but those are not two of them, That is a meaningful part of why I want him on the team."

The substance buse program doesn't force players to miss games for their first two violations. A third violation draws a four-game suspension and a fourth violation gets a ban of at least one year. After that, it's up to the commissioner.

The Cowboys were hoping Tagliabue would only suspend Lett for four games, as he added that Lett would be suspended for a year if he has another violation.

"The commissioner was looking for a long-term way to handle these types of circumstances," Jones said. "He was looking to potentially establish a standard that would publicly point out the seriousness and importance the league is placing in this area of substance abuse."

Lett was not available for comment, but Jones said he spoke with him about the penalty.

"He certainly regrets ev-ery aspect of this thing," Jones said.

The 30-year-old Lett. missed four games in 1995 after testing positive for marijuana, then the last three games of 1996 and the first 13 of 1997 after testing positive for cocaine.

He made the Pro Bowl last season with 51 tackles, four sacks, 20 quarterback pressures and a team-high seven tackles for losses. His other Pro Bowl trip was in 1994, his previous full season.

Counting a victory over Washington last Sunday, Dallas has gone 12-9 during Lett's suspensions. That .571 winning percentage is actually better than their .556 percentage (20-16) with him since he began missing games.

But the Cowboys know they need his 6-foot-6, 300pound body plugging the middle of their defensive line, especially after allowing 504 yards to the Redskins.

Lett's third game back would be against Miami on Thanksgiving in Texas Stadium, bringing back memories of one of the worst blunINSIDE

Rangers stifle Twins Palmeiro's two-run double ruins home game for Minnesota

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) -The Minnesota Twins decided to pitch to Rafael Palmeiro, hitting .337 with 43 homers and 136 RBIs, rather than All-Star Ivan Rodriguez, who tied the AL record for homers by a catcher earlier in the game.

Palmeiro's two-out, RBI double in the ninth lifted the Texas Rangers to a 5-4 victory Tuesday night over Minnesota, extending their win-ning streak against the Twins to 12 games.

Royce Clayton led off the ninth with a walk off Hector Carrasco and advanced to second on a sacrifice. One out later, left-hander Eddie Guardado (2-5) intentionally walked Rodriguez to bring up Palmeiro, who was 3-for-19 against Guardado.

"It's a tough decision. I was surprised he would walk me," said Rodriguez, whose 34th homer earlier in the game tied him with Terry Steinbach for the single-season record by an AL catcher.

"We made a decision to pitch to one of the better hitters in the game," Twins manager Tom Kelly said. "He got ahead in the count and he hit it to the wall. You live with your decisions. He (Guardado) was throwing the ball so well."

Palmeiro doubled off the wall in right-center, giving Texas a 5-4 lead.

"You have one of the better hitters in the American League up in a clutch situa-tion, and he came through," said the Twins' Chad Allen of Palmeiro, who got his clubrecord '19th game-winning

"Games have been on the line a lot this year and I've been fortunate to win a number of them."

Minnesota has lost the first 11 games to Texas this season and hasn't beaten the Rangers since Sept. 6, 1998. They've played us pretty tough, but our club has won 20 of our last 23 games on turf (artificial grass), which is one of the best records I've ever

had. It's one of those streaks where we've gotten hits when we've needed them," Texas Manager Johnny Oates said.

Danny Kolb (2-1) pitched 1 1-3 innings, allowing one hit in the eighth for the win. John Wetteland pitched the ninth for his major

league-leading 42nd save in 49 chances.

"They're a gritty team," Wetteland said. "They seem to scrap against you. They don't give up. They don't care if they're down. That's a reflection of their manager and their style."

Wetteland survived a scare with a runner on second and one out when Midre Cummings hit a foul pop behind the plate. The ball hit a speaker and ricocheted toward fair territory, where Wetteland caught it by the first-base line.

"It's a good feeling. I don't look for home runs, but it feels great," Rodriguez said.

Allen had a career-high four hits, going 4-for-5 with a homer and two RBIs. His two-out single in the seventh gave Minnesota a 4-3

Astros blast Phillies, win 12th straight game

HOUSTON (AP) - With their 12th consecutive win, the Houston Astros set a team record and widened their NL Central lead.

Shane Reynolds homered and allowed six hits in seven innings, and Ricky Gutierrez went 4-for-4 as the Astros

routed the Philadelphia Phillies 12-2 Tuesday night. "Shane was really sharp tonight, about the only thing that hurt him was we hit so long, it was hard for him to stay in a groove," Dierker said.

Houston increased its division lead to four games over second-place Cincinnati, which lost to Chicago 4-3, and sent Philadelphia to its 11th straight loss. The Astros have outscored the Phillies 25-4 in the first two games of the series and outhit them 26-14.

"They kind of steamrolled us," Philadelphia manager Terry Francona said. "They did it last night too. They hit better and they fielded better."

Reynolds (16-11) allowed both runs, struck out three and walked one. He is 2-0 with a 1.25 ERA in three September starts.

"Thank God August is over," Reynolds said. "Me and August don't get along at all. But really, I'm not doing anything different other than my location has been a little better."

Paul Byrd (14-9) was tagged for seven runs and eight hits in three-plus innings. The los-

ing streak is the Phillies' longest since they lost 11 straight from June 24-July 7, 1997.

"It was embarrassing," Byrd said. "I was trying to move them off the plate when I hit those guys. I was afraid to throw inside after that (because) I was afraid I'd take someone's head off. I'm throwing balls not even close to where I want them. It's one thing to miss by a couple of inches, it's another to throw it on the other side of the plate."

Houston, which outhit Phila-delphia 16-8, took a 3-0 lead in the second. Gutierrez, who has 12 hits in his last 20 atbats, hit an RBI double to left on a ball Ron Gant misjudged. Reynolds then hit his third career homer, his first since Sept. 8, 1996. He is 11-for-63 (.175) this season and leads all major league pitchers with 14 RBIs.

Carl Everett had an RBI double in the third and Houston broke it open with a sixrun fourth. Craig Biggio singled in a run, Bill Spiers hit an RBI single off Billy Brewer, Everett hit an RBI grounder, Ken Caminiti had a run-scoring double and Daryle Ward hit a two-run single.

Philadelphia got out of the inning when Carlton Loewer induced Tony Eusebio to hit into a double play.

Gant singled in a run in the sixth following Doug Glanville's triple and scored on pinchhitter Wendall Magee's single.

Lance Berkman hit a tworun double in the seventh.

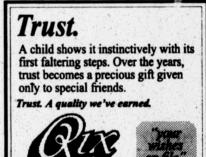
Nazarene wins another volleyball match

From Staff Reports The Hereford Nazarene **Christian Academy Lady eagles** continue their run of success as they added another victory to their record.

This time, Nazarene de-feated Amarillo's Trinity Academy Lions, 15-2, 15-4.

Callie Hansard led Nazarene with 13 kills. Carlie Henson scored 4 kills and Amy Northcutt, and Kaley ch had three. McCulloch ea

Clarissa Zamora each had one point.



did the last five-time violator, Clayton Holmes. The commissioner instead set a new standard.

Jones said he believes Tagliabue took his time making the announcement because the penalty will be looked to again for other five-time offenders. Tagliabue

ders in NFL history. On a snowy Thanksgiving

in 1993, Lett mistakenly tried picking up a missed field goal that would've been a dead ball. Instead, he knocked it to a Dolphin, setting up Miami's successful secondchance kick for the victory as time expired.

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knew he was going to throw the ball." me a pass and I

was going to catch it. .

Added Cody: "It's an advantage because I at Slade can look at Slade and we know and know what each other is thinking. We what each don't have to call it, we just go other is because I know I can throw it here thinking." and he's going to be there."

That bond as brothers and that knowledge both have of each other and their games have made them not only dangerous

to defense on the football field but also on the basketball court.

- Cody Hodges,

nents only focus on the Cody-Slade tandem, they forget that they have one, two, or even three more receivers the Whitefaces send out on their offensive schemes. Those op-

ponents have paid dearly. Despite Cody's 7-for-25 performance against Andrews on Friday, he still threw two touchdown passes and 173 yards, a lot attributed to the receivers making plays when it counted.

"You can look at that as a good example (of having good receivers) like last Friday night, I didn't play as well as I would have liked to play," Cody said. "There were a lot of incomplete balls and a lot of

grade, as guarterback and passes that were tipped. The receiver, we knew where each receivers were making plays other's going to be and we and coming back and getting

> But, of course, everyone in Here-ford knows that "I can look Cody's primary target is the young man who wears Harold Carmichael's old number 17. brother Slade. "It's just the way it has been

like that here for a while with us two," Slade said. Now, about the future, guys, uh

on the advantage "Playing colof having a wide lege ball is something I've always receiver for a wanted to do since brother. I was a little kid," Cody said. "I've

always looked for-ward for that if I had the chance to be able to do that."

Added Slade: "College foot-But when Hereford oppo- ball, that's something that I have dreamed about. If I could go anywhere, it's Texas A&M. That's where I've always wanted to go. I grew up an Aggie fan."

> But that's, hopefully for them, the future. But they have some other lofty goals to accomplish, and they all surround Hereford.

"More important now is winning a state champion-ship," Cody said. "I'd rather win a state championship in town for the Hereford community because they have supported us. This town deserves a football state championship and this team has been working on it."

lead.

RBI. "I don't take it personally, I understand the situation, but I get pumped up in those situations," Palmeiro said.

"I've been struggling, Allen said. "Today I really felt relaxed and calm. I just tried to calm myself down and let things come to me."

Lady Whitefaces sweep Andrews

From Staff Reports LUBBOCK — Michelle Bernhardt spiked 10 kills and Tori Walker added another eight to go with four blocks and eight digs as the Hereford Lady Whitefaces continue offseason success with a 15-12, 15-7 sweep of the Andrews Mustangs on Tuesday.

Other players recording kills for the Herd were Audra Witkowski, Toni Eicke, Ashley Fangman and Sarah Griffin.

Witkowski added 20 set assists and 6 digs to add to the victory.

Defensively, Ashley Gonzalez added 5 digs while McKenzie Tabor and Valerie Guzman each added four.

The Lady Whitefaces improve their record to 13-5. Their next match will be Saturday, Sept. 18 at Canyon Randall, with the first serve scheduled for 10 a.m.

Brynne Huffaker scored 2 service points, while Chelsea Walker, Trinity Power and





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Ex-Beatle's acoustic guitar sold for \$224,000



LONDON — The acoustic guitar John Lennon was playing the day he met Paul McCartney has been sold at auction for \$224,000.

The pair met on July 6, 1957, when Lennon was a member of the pre-Beatles group called the Quarrymen. The encounter resulted in the 15-year-old McCartney being asked to join the group, which eventually evolved into the Fab Four.

The Gallotone Champion, which Sotheby's billed as the earliest Beatles-related guitar to come on the market, was bought by a telephone bidder during an auction held Tuesday at London's Hard Rock Cafe.

The buyer, a New York investment fund manager who did not want to be identified, released a statement through Sotheby's saying he considered Lennon "one of the most important, if not the most important, musician of the 20th century."

Lennon bought the blackand-red guitar by mail order before playing at a picnic at St. Peter's Church in Woolton near Liverpool.

McCartney approached Lennon later that evening and impressed Lennon by teaching him the chords and words to Eddie Cochran's "Twenty Flight Rock."

Nikki Sbox

LAS VEGAS — Motley Crue bassist Nikki Sixx won't be prosecuted for allegedly making crowd-riling remarks during an August concert.

Sixx was arrested after the group's Aug. 11 show at

Mandalay Bay, and charged with provoking a breach of the peace — a misdemeanor.

Before the show, police had warned band members not to make any statements that could provoke crowd violence. Authorities stopped a 1997 Motley Crue show at the Aladdin Theatre here briefly when a short riot broke out, injuring four people.

A videotape of the recent concert reviewed by be prosecutors showed Sixa telling the 8,000-member crowd: "Every time we come to town, the (expletive) cops tell us we can't be Motley Crue. If they don't like it, we can start flipping over cop cars like we did a couple of years ago."

District Attorney Stewart Bell said Tuesday that while Sixx's statement may have been offensive to some, it was protected by the First Amendment.

Roger Williams

LOS ANGELES — Pianist Roger Williams plans to be at the keyboard the moment he turns 75.

The entertainer, known for hits like "Autumn Leaves," "Born Free," "Lara's Theme" and "The Impossible Dream," is planning a 12-hour recital to celebrate the occasion.

The marathon will begin Sept. 30 and end Oct. 1 - hisbirthday — at the grand opening of Steinway Hall of Phoenix.

"Recently, my kids and my friends started asking me what I wanted to do for my 75th birthday," Williams said Monday. "Well, I love to play and I love to play people's requests. So in 12 hours, I'm going to get to do a lot of



A guitar used by John Lennon (left) when he met Paul McCartney has been sold for \$224,000.

what I love to do." Wilma Mankiller

TAHLEQUAH, Okla. — Former Cherokee Chief Wilma Mankiller is battling cancer for a second time.

Mankiller, 53, said she feels well despite undergoing radiation treatments for breast cancer.

"I literally do not think about it," she said Tuesday. "I just go on about my life. I don't spend a lot of time thinking about why this is happening."

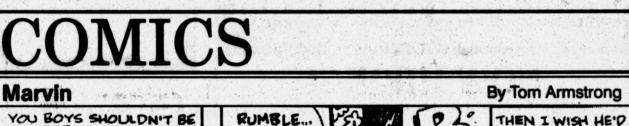
ing." Mankiller served for 10 years as chief of the nation's second-largest Indian tribe, beginning in 1985.

She said doctors caught the cancer's reappearance early, and she underwent surgery to have two lumps and surrounding tissue removed.

Mankiller was first diagnosed with cancer in 1996, and the disease went into remission the following year after treatment. She also has undergone two kidney transplants in the last eight years.

Jenny McCarthy

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. — Actress Jenny McCarthy married director John Asher at the Beverly Hills Hotel.



The ceremony took place Saturday, McCarthy's publicist, Susan Dubow, said. There were no further details except that the two were on their honeymoon this week.

Ms. McCarthy, 26, met Asher, 28, on the set of his film "Diamonds," starring Kirk Douglas. "Diamonds," to be released in early 2000 by Miramax, casts Douglas as a former boxer recovering from a stroke.

McCarthy, a former Playboy Playmate and MTV game show host, starred in the shortlived NBC sitcom "Jenny," and had a role in "BASEketball." Johnny Weissmuller

WINDBER, Pa. — The ape man had some mountain man in his roots.

A historical marker honoring Johnny Weissmuller, one of the first movie Tarzans and an Olympic gold medalist in swimming, was dedicated Monday in Windber, about 60 miles southeast of Pittsburgh.

The star of a string of black and white "Tarzan" films lived only briefly in the town in the Allegheny Mountains. He died in Acapulco, Mexico, after a series of strokes in 1984.

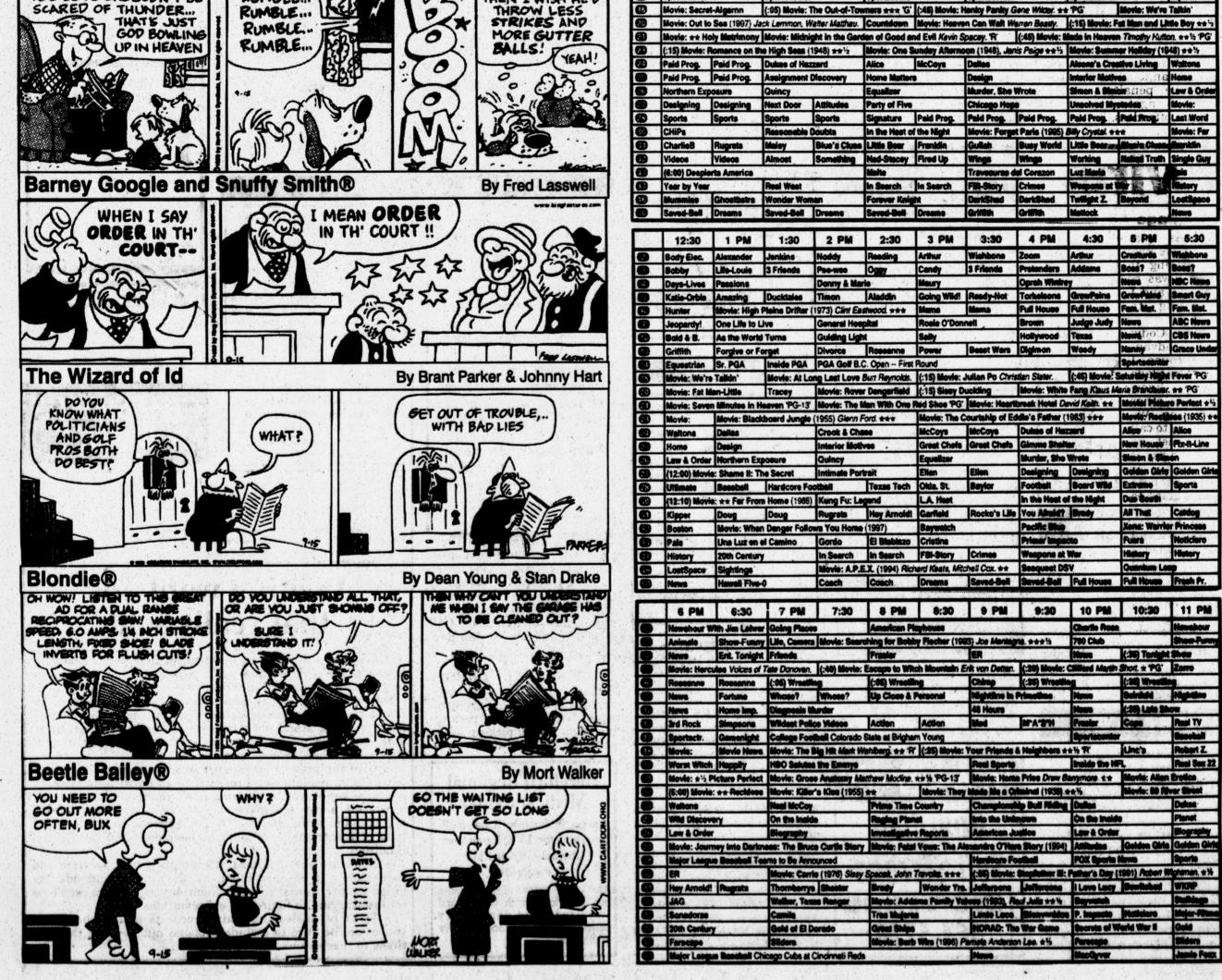
John Wayne Bobbitt

FALLON, Nev. — John Wayne Bobbitt escaped jail time on a larceny charge but was sentenced to five years of probation Tuesday by a judge who said he was glad to get Bobbitt out of town.

Bobbitt, who became famous in 1993 when his then-wife, Lorena, cut off his penis, pleaded guilty in May to stealing clothing from a Fallon store.

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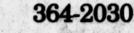
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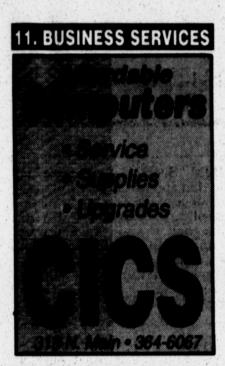
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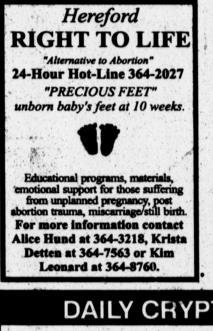
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entering into a lease agreement with the hospital district, has requested the HRMC financial records to conduct an analysis of the hospital's fiscal health.

The analysis would examine the hospital's most recent fiscal year performances, develop a five-year forecast on cash flow and operating as-sumptions, and debt service.

The report also will look at the hospital's market position, any strategic plans that are in place, effectiveness of the current management and leadership of the district board.

Bailey said the CHC analysis could provide some very helpful information for the board, although he anticipates it to be of a more general nature.

"I see it addressing the high-level issues of what can be the future for this facility. I don't know if they'll get to the level of detail that an auditing firm would provide," Bailey said.

Bailey expressed confidence in the hospital's accounting firm, Durbin & Co. of Lubbock.

"Durbin & Co. specializes in hospitals. They audit about

50 hospitals," Bailey said. Steve Barthels, finance di-rector for the City of Hereford, said reviews of the city's finances contain "no surprises."

Barthels said the city reconciles its bank statements each month and there have been no problems.

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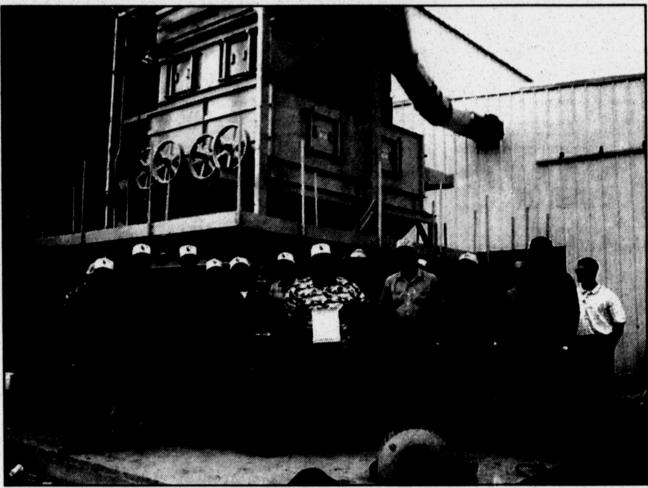
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posals for sweeping changes in crop and crop revenue insurance that would make cheaper policies more widely available.

Moran said after the hearing that its main purpose was to build the case among House members in favor of the disaster assistance package, a measure Moran cosponsored in the House.

"It creates pressure for assistance sooner rather than later," Moran said.

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BRAND Phote

Business recognized -- Members of the Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce's Business Retention Committee joined the employees and management of the Hereford Farmers Co-op Gin at the site of the cooperative's new expansion project. The expansion will enable the gin to process nearly double the amount of cotton it did last season.

WTAMU plans Career Expo

Special to The Brand

CANYON - More than 80 employers and graduate school administrators are expected to attend this week's Career Expo at West Texas A&M University.

The expo, set for 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Thursday n the Virgil Henson Activities Center Ballroom, will be the 25th at the university.

This is a great opportunity for students at any point during their college experience," Kim Storey, assistant direcdtor of Career & Counseling Ser-vices, said. "If you are just starting out, you can find out just what you can do with the degree you are pursuing or considering. As a junior, it is a great chance to network with recruiters ... for seniors and those already holding degrees, the Expo offers a wonderful opportunity to find professional employment." . . .

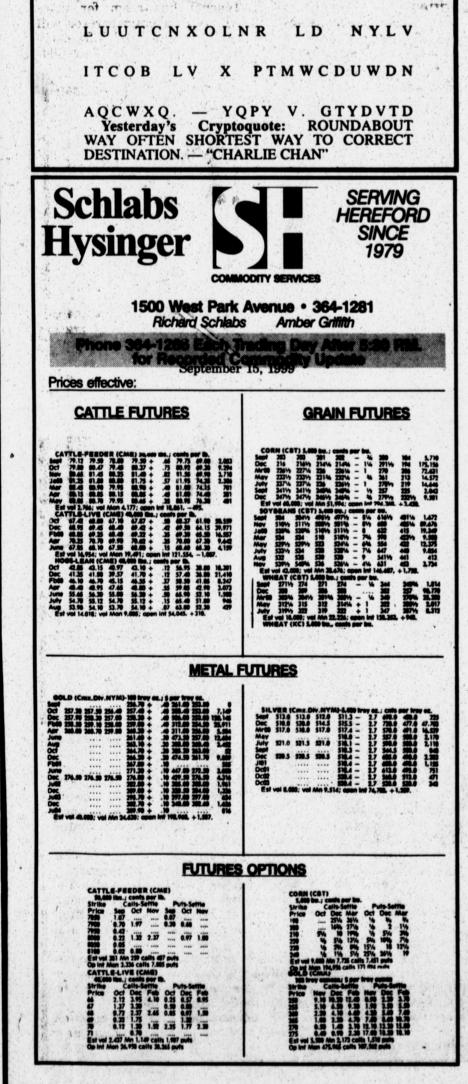
Employers planning to attend include Batpist St. Anthony's Health System; Bealls; Big Spring Federal Corrections Institute/Federal Bureau of Prisons; Cal Farley Boys Ranch; Clifton, Cunderson & Co.; Continental Grain Co.; Core Data Resources; Covenant Health Methodist; Crown of Texas Hospice; Eckerd Drug; Edward D. Jones; Enterprise Rent-a-Car; Excel; and Federal Deposit Insurance Corp.

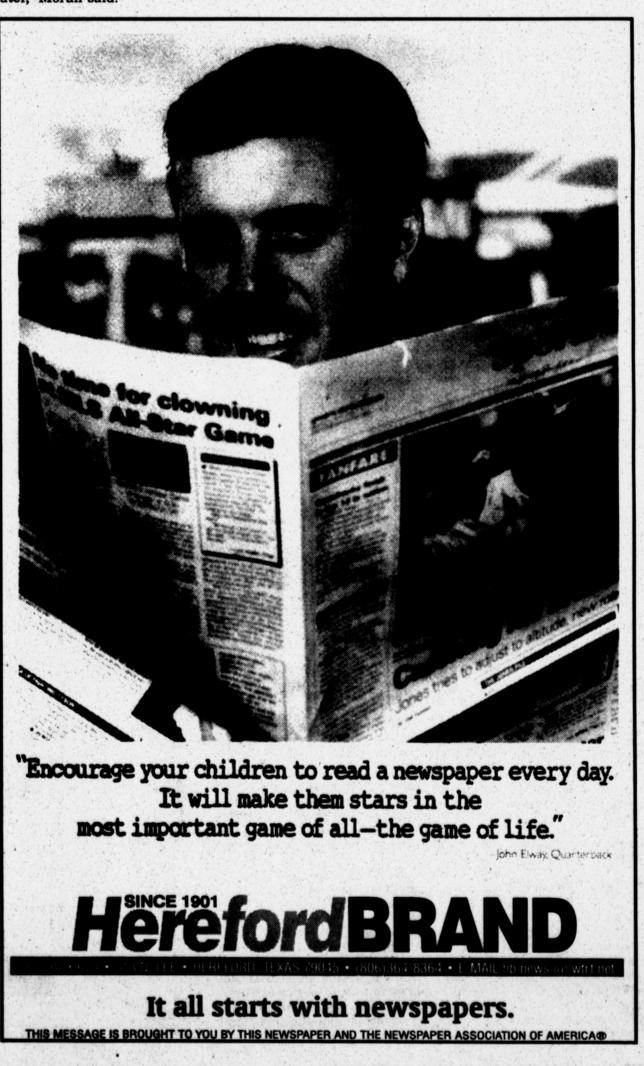
Also, FirstCare-Amarillo; FoodAction USA; Frito-Lay; Frontier Tire & Service/A to Z Tire; Hastings Books, Music & Video; IBP Inc.; Integrated Health Services; Mason & Hanger; McCoy Myers & Associates; Metco Environmental; Modern Woodmen of America; Nationwide Insurance; Naval Financial Management Career Center; New Mexico State Police; Nextel

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Graduate school administrators scheduled to attend represent Hardin-Simmons University; Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine; Texas Tech University Health Science Center-School of Allied Health; Texas Tech University; Texas Tech School of Pharmacy; University of North Texas; and University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center-Dallas.

For more information about Career Expo, contact Storey at 651-2345.





Senators condemn clemency

WASHINGTON (AP) . New York's Democratic senators joined nearly all their col-leagues in the U.S. Senate in condemning President Clinton's offer of clemency to Puerto Rican militants.

The Senate voted 95-2 Tuesday to denounce the deal. which allowed 11 Puerto Rican prisoners to leave federal pris-ons last week after nearly two decades. The House of Representatives approved a similar nonbinding resolution last week 311-41.

New York Sens. Daniel Patrick Moynihan and Charles Schumer, both Democrats, voted for the Senate resolution opposing the clemency.

"When you have to disappoint friends it's a tough vote," said Schumer, who said he discussed his vote with the state's Latino leaders in advance.

"As I have said the burden of proof is on the administration to prove why clemency should be granted," Schumer said. "I have repeatedly re-quested information on these cases. I have been given no such information."

Also on Tuesday, Sen. Paul Coverdell, R-Ga., accused the administration of stonewalling his hearing on the clemency grant by yanking scheduled FBI testimony at the last minute and foiling to provide minute and failing to provide requested documents.

Coverdell said an FBI agent was scheduled to testify at the Foreign Relations subcommittee on terrorism hearing he scheduled for Tuesday, but the FBI backed out Monday night.

"I think it's pretty clear that the White House is behind this," Coverdell said. "I think their silence is almost as damaging as the decision itself."

FBI spokesman Paul Bresson said agent Neal Gallagher had submitted his prepared testimony to the Jus-tice Department for approval.

INSIDE

GAYS

[^] Bush says court erred in striking ban on gay Boy Scouts

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) -Questioned by an anti-gay rights publication, Texas Gov. George W. Bush said Tuesday that he opposes gay marriages and that a court erred in striking a ban on gays in the Boy Scouts.

Publishers of the newsletter said Bush's comments were "a good start" but said they had more questions about the Republican presidential frontrunner's position on gay rights.

Bill Horn is a leading antigay rights activist who publishes a newsletter called "Straight from the Heart." He's been questioning presidential campaigns about their views on gay issues.

Pushed to detail the Texas governor's positions, the Bush campaign sent Horn a brief statement Tuesday.

"Governor Bush believes marriage is between a man and a woman and therefore does not believe in gay marriages," the statement said. He also opposed adoption by gay couples because "he believes children ought to be adopted in families with a man and woman who are married."

Bush told the newsletter



GEORGE W. BUSH

Opposes gay marriages, membership in Boy Scouts

that he believes the New Jersey Supreme Court "was wrong" when it struck down the Boy Scouts' ban on gays in the organization.

"He believes the Boy Scouts is a private organization and they should be able to set their own standards," Bush's statement said.

"This is a good start," said Horn. "There are a couple of other things we want answers on."

Horn said he would press Bush to offer views on "the gay agenda in public education" and on domestic partner laws allowing benefits for partners in a gay relationship.

"My recommendation to him would be to provide those spe-

cific questions to us and we will provide answers to him,' said Bush spokesman Eric Woolson.

Horn said the questions had been posed to all the Republican presidential candidates, and only former cabinet officer Elizabeth Dole and Arizona Sen. John McCain had failed to respond.

The other candidates also opposed the gay rights initiatives, Horn noted.

Many of Bush's rivals argue the front-runner is vague on the issues, and ducks tough questions. Bush counters that he will flesh out a detailed agenda as the campaign unfolds, but will do it as his own pace.

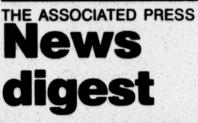
Gore, Bradley race close

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — Bill Bradley is in a close race Hampshire Surwith Vice President Al Gore in the Democratic presidential Sept. 5 to Sept. contest in New Hampshire, 11, showed the while George W. Bush has same competikept a big lead over his Re- tive trend as publican rivals, a new poll

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Floyd flays Bahamas



NASSAU, Bahamas (AP) -Residents and tourists began venturing outside after Hurricane Floyd clobbered the Bahamas, washing ashore two barges and flinging trees onto a main highway.

The massive storm toppled power lines, ripped roofs off homes and pushed a roiling sea into streets Tuesday on the vulnerable islands east of Florida before heading toward the southeastern United States.

President Clinton issued pre-emptive disaster declarations for Florida and Georgia, enabling state and local governments to begin recovery efforts as early as possible. Nearly 2 million people have been urged to leave the storm's path.

"Wow, this is amazing," Andreas Appleby, 23, of Raleigh, N.C., said while surveying the havoc wreaked by Floyd in Nassau, the Bahama's capital. "I can't believe all of this damage was caused by one storm!"

Trees blocked the main highway linking the island's east and center, and two barges were washed ashore near main street. LOVE-FM radio reported an unmanned barge in nearby Arawak Cay Harbor came loose from its moorings and was floating in the sea. There were reports of flooding up to 3 feet high.

U.N. OKs peacekeeping force for East Timor

UNITED NATIONS - Moving with uncharacteristic speed to end the rampant violence in East Timor, the U.N. Security Council today authorized a multinational force to restore peace and ensure that the territory moves toward independence.

drop the first food since militiamen and Indonesian troops forced them from their homes

People scavenged for food wherever they could find it, and thousands of refugees who have fled the provincial capital, Dili, to escape rampaging militias were without adequate food and water. Some people reportedly were subsisting on roots and leaves.

Although houses burned today and sporadic gunfire was heard this morning, Dili was relatively calm, with phone lines and electricity restored to much of the city. Violent pro-Indonesian militiamen appeared to be slowly withdrawing ahead of the arrival of international peacekeepers. Federal prosecutor

removed from probe

WACO - The federal prosecutor who first raised concerns about a cover-up at Waco says he's perplexed by the Justice Department's decision to remove him from the case.

"I'm not for sure what to make of it," said Assistant U.S. Attorney Bill Johnston, who was removed along with his boss, U.S. Attorney James W. Blagg, and the rest of the federal prosecutor's office for western Texas.

"I'm trying not to be paranoid," Johnston said Tuesday. "I don't know how to characterize it. Nothing in this case surprises me."

Justice Department officials said the change, made on Friday, heeded a request made by Blagg to avoid the appear-ance of a conflict of interest.

The officials said Johnston, who helped handle the criminal prosecution of survivors of the Branch Davidian tragedy, and his colleagues are potential witnesses in the independent inquiry into the government siege. Attorney

General Janet Reno has recused herself from the case. and the officials said additional government lawyers may also be removed.

The special counsel for Waco, John Danforth, the former Republican senator from Missouri, is beginning his investigation into whether the government acted inappropriately during the fiery end of the 1993 siege and then tried to cover it up.

U.S. warns of overseas possible Y2K problems

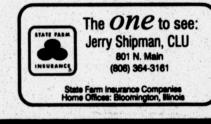
WASHINGTON - The State Department is warning Americans who plan to travel overseas for the New Year's holiday they likely will experience problems such as power failures or telephone outages, especially in parts of Latin America, Asia and Eastern Europe.

The department indicated it expected few problems caused by the Year 2000 technology problem across parts of West-ern Europe, North America and the Caribbean.

The warnings issued Tuesday provided the most detailed picture to date from the government about where it an-ticipates trouble related to the so-called Y2K glitch.

The agency published 196 country-by-country advisories on its Internet site - http:/ /travel.state.gov — in up-dated "consular information sheets.

The Y2K problem exists because many older computers and software recognize only the last two digits of the year, meaning they might mistakenly interpret "00" as 1900.



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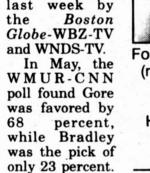
A WMUR-CNN poll released Monday shows Gore is favored by 46 percent of likely voters in the 2000 Democratic presidential primary, compared with 41 percent who support Bradley, a former senator from New Jersey. That difference was within the poll's margin of error of 5 percentage points. Gore had 50 percent to 39

percent for Bradley among registered Democrats. But among independents who said they were likely to vote in the Democratic primary, 44 percent supported Bradley to 42 percent for Gore.

Bradley recently pointed to his appeal among independents as a major selling point for his candidacy.

Nine percent in the poll were undecided and 4 percent backed other candidates.

The telephone poll of 325 likely Democratic primary voters, conducted by the Univer-



Gore's favorability rating is now lower than Bradley's, and Bradley's supporters were more strongly committed to their candidate, the poll found. Forty-three percent of Bra-

dley supporters said they were certain to vote for him, compared to 34 percent of Gore 'mentator Pat Buchanan had 5 supporters who said they were sure to vote for the vice president.

poll found that Bush, governor of Texas, had 45 percent while former American Red Hatch each had 1 percent.

Former Sen. Bill Bradley (right) is in a close race with Vice President Al Gore in New Hampshire, according to the latest public opinion polls.

> **Cross president Elizabeth Dole** was at 15 percent, Arizona Sen. John McCain was at 12 percent, and publisher Steve Forbes had the support of 10 percent.

Other candidates trailed in the single digits: political compercent; former U.N. Ambassador Alan Keyes had 4 percent; former Vice President Among 377 Republicans, the Dan Quayle drew 3 percent; conservative activist Gary Bauer and Utah Sen. Orrin

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tralia and other troop contributors to start mobilizing soldiers. Secretary-General Kofi Annan said he hopes some troops can be on the ground by the weekend.

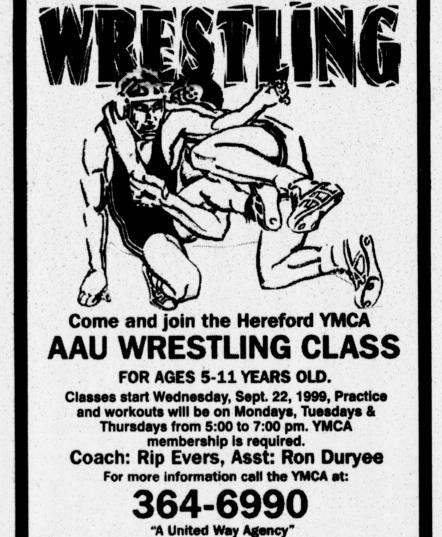
Australia's Foreign Minister Alexander Downer, whose country is expected to lead the 7,000-strong force, told the council it was "vitally important" that troops be deployed quickly.

He said Australia wouldn't move into East Timor alone, and would need troops from other countries to join the first deployment.

"We are under no illusions - this is a dangerous mission," he said. "There are risks involved for the multinational force, but I think the international community sees these risks as worth taking to bring peace to East Timor. Refugees wait for planes

to drop food supplies

DILI, Indonesia - Tens of thousands of desperate refugees hiding in the sunscorched East Timorese hills waited today for planes to



Campaign finance bill draws House OK, moves to Senate

House took a step toward curbing politicians' insatiable appetite for campaign contributions, but it was far from clear whether the Senate would go along.

For the second consecutive year, Republican rank-and-file members defied their House leadership and joined Democrats in a 252-177 vote to ban "soft money," the unlimited and largely unregulated contributions that corporations, unions and wealthy donors make to the political parties.

In all, 197 Democrats. 54 Republicans and one independent voted for the bill, while 164 Republicans and 13 Democrats were opposed.

"We've gone from a government by the people, for the people, to a government of lobbyists and special interests." said House Democratic leader Dick Gephardt of Missouri, rejecting claims by opponents that the bill would

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Like other supporters, Gephardt argued that passing the bill was essential to re-

gaining the trust of an electorate turned off by big-money poli-

tics. But getting the Senate to agree is likely to be difficult. Last year, after the House bill passed 252-179, Senate backers garnered a majority but fell well short of the 60 votes

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Martin Meehan, D-Mass., said the situation has changed, with more lawmakers shocked by the way the parties and candidates are awash in money. But he also acknowledged that "we're still going up the hill and we could fall right back down."

As in the House, the Senate

John McCain of Arizona, bucking the opposition of his leadership and joining a Demo-crat, Russell Feingold of Wisconsin, to sponsor the bill. "I'm very pleased that a significant majority of the House is on record in support of meaningful campaign finance reform," McCain said. "I sincerely hope the Senate will do the same.

"I'm feeling quite good about the way this is shaping up," said Feingold, who said he had talked individually with Senate Republicans and found "quite a number who don't want to be associated with the current campaign finance system."

Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., who op-poses the McCain-Feingold bill, has promised a vote on the legislation next month.

The similar House and Senate bills, the first major changes in campaign financing laws in a quarter-century, would ban soft money and place curbs on certain political advertising.



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