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HISD hikes tax rate by 5¢

Today's weather OUTLOOK

Clear skies

Tonight, clear, low around 40, southwest wind 5-10 mph.
Thursday, sunny, high in the upper 70s, west wind 5-10 mph, becoming variable in the afternoon.



Extended forecast

Friday, mostly clear, low in the upper 40s, high near 85.
Saturday, partly cloudy, low around 50, high in the upper 70s.

Sunday, mostly cloudy with a slight chance of showers or thunderstorms, low around 50, cooler with a high in the mid-50s.

Hereford weather

Tuesday's high, 53; low, 37; no precipitation, according to KPAN Radio.

Board says no to Top of Texas, prayer at games

By Dianna F. Dandridge

Hereford Brand Staff Writer

Hereford Independent School District board of trustees made some hard decisions Tuesday, some which went against the wishes of the general public, as they set an increased tax rate, declined a tax abatement request and adopted a policy for school prayer at sporting events.

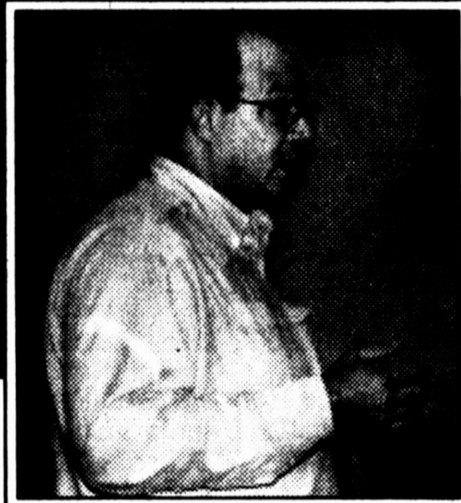
A heavy silence followed a call for a motion to increase the school taxes by 5 cents, following several public pleas to consider other alternatives, before an untypically crowded board room.

Four residents — Mike Brumley, Jim Arch, Lawrence Brorman and Rick Barrick — expressed similar concerns: a perception of out-of-control spending, fewer students being educated at a higher cost, climbing taxes, and lingering questions of what went wrong and where the money went.

HISD Superintendent Beth Abernethy said the 5-cent tax rate was the district's best option and would generate \$221,450 in local revenue and \$374,385 in state revenue for a total of \$595,853.

"There's sand under our feet until we can get a complete set of books," Abernethy said, alluding to the district's efforts to reconcile months of school district bank statements left unchecked, "but I do feel it (the 5-cent tax increase) is our best option for meeting this district's obligations."

Abernethy also said she felt



A packed house was on hand Tuesday night as the Hereford Independent School District trustees discussed the tax rate for the new year. Former trustee Jim Marsh (inset) spoke out against the 5-cent increase, which was adopted by the school board.

Farm aid price tag soaring

WASHINGTON (AP) — The cost of bailing out the troubled farm economy continued to grow as congressional Republican leaders sought to get support for an \$8.7 billion aid package and end an impasse over an annual agricultural spending bill.

The proposed deal would add \$1.2 billion in disaster relief to an aid package approved by the Senate in August and omit dairy and trade provisions that have delayed passage of the farm bailout for the past week.

It was unclear whether the Republicans could get necessary support for the deal in the House-Senate conference committee that would have to approve the final version of the spending bill.

"Hopefully, within the week we'll have an agreement," Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., said Tuesday.

A judge's ruling in Vermont on Tuesday could make it easier to sell the deal to lawmakers. U.S. District Judge William Sessions III postponed implementation of a new nationwide milk-pricing system that the Agriculture Department planned to put into effect Friday and also kept alive a regional price-setting arrangement in New England that was to expire the same day.

The judge's decision would take the pressure off Congress to deal with dairy policy in the appropriations bill. Foes of the USDA plan had seen the bill as the only hope of blocking the new system.

"This buys us precious time and we may need every minute of it," said Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt.

In addition to removing any mention of dairy policy, the proposed agreement on the spending bill would kill a Senate plan to allow sales of food and medicine to Cuba and make it difficult for a president to include such items in future embargoes.

At least one major farm organization, the American Farm Bureau Federation, urged lawmakers Tuesday to reject the proposed deal because it failed to include the dairy and trade provisions or enough money to cover farmers' weather-related losses.

that meeting the district's current obligations and restoring the district's stability was "doable."

Trustee Lou Serrano moved for adoption of the 5-cent tax increase, which sets the HISD rate at \$1.4391 per \$100 assessed valuation.

After adopting the tax rate, the board entered discussion

of a proposed tax abatement for Top of Texas. Discussion noted Top of Texas is owned and operated by local residents with company profits remaining in the community, as well as the number of area schools which grant tax abatements.

Information provided by Abernethy indicates Plainview

and Canyon have granted abatements, although not in the last few years. Pampa, Amarillo, Dumas and Borger do not grant abatements.

Again, long discussion was followed by silence. Board members each had personal convictions regarding tax abatement in general, as well tax abatement for Top of

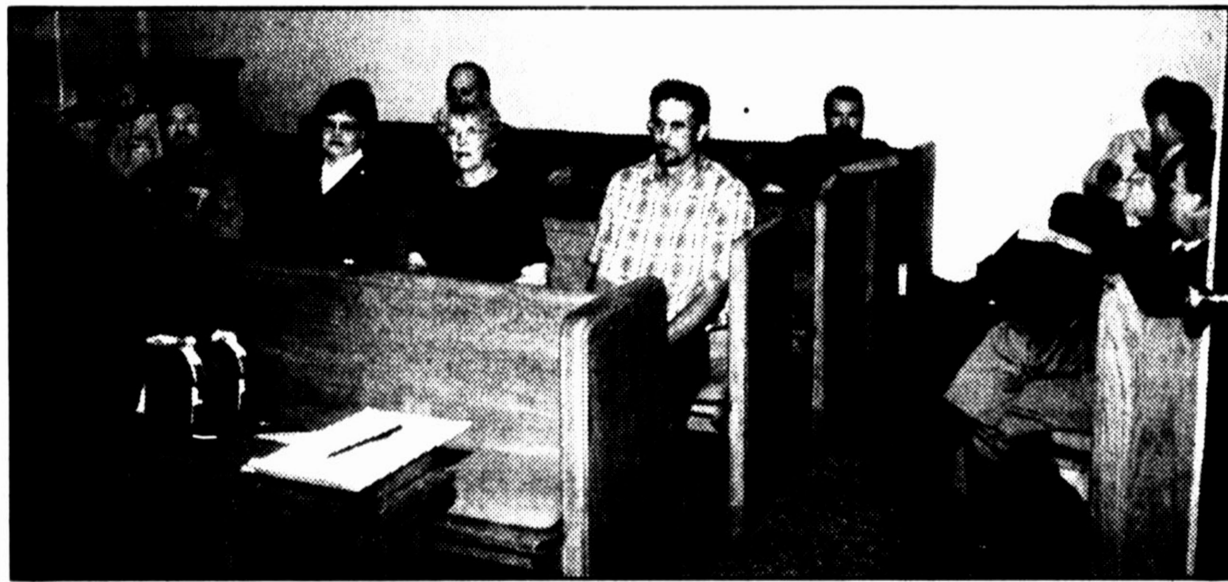
Texas.

In the end, the motion failed, with trustees Mark Landrum, Lou Serrano and Carolyn Waters voting for the proposal.

Trustee Jeri Bezner suggested the board should meet later and set a tax abatement

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TAX ABATEMENT



BRAND/Julie L. Carlson

Representatives of the county's taxing entities were on hand for a public hearing on Top of Texas' request for a tax abatement. Not present were members of the general public. The county abatement board recommended approval of the tax break.

Only public was missing

By Julie L. Carlson

Hereford Brand Staff Writer

Public hearings in Hereford just don't seem to receive much feedback from the public.

Monday night, a joint public hearing was held by the Hereford Independent School District, Deaf Smith County Hospital District, City of Hereford and Deaf Smith County to discuss an application for tax abatement from Top of Texas, Inc.

It was an opportunity for the public to ask questions and voice opinions, but the public didn't show, which does not seem to be unusual when it comes to public hearings in Hereford. Top of Texas also did not have any representatives at the session.

Located on New York Avenue, Top of Texas Inc., a feed mill equipment manufacturer, plans to expand their current building. The addition is priced at a cost of about \$1 million, which allows the company to request the abatement because the minimum amount to request an abatement is \$250,000.

Basically, the only thing which is eligible for tax abatement is the permanent building structure itself. Land, vehicles, trucks, furniture and fixtures, and equipment are not abatable.

Top of Texas Inc. was named one of the nation's top 100 small businesses by

Entrepreneur magazine and is only the second of 11 businesses to request a tax abatement which is located within the Hereford city limits.

On Sept. 16, the Tax Abatement Board unanimously recommended the abatement to their individual entities. The abatement board consists of representatives from the Hereford Independent School District, Deaf Smith County Hospital District, City of Hereford and Deaf Smith County.

Because public opinions were absent, the entities present discussed their opinions on the abatement in a round table fashion. The HISD board and hospital district members remained quiet, but City Commissioner Roger Eades and Hereford Economic Development Corp. Executive Director Don Cumpston were outspoken in favor of granting the abatement.

"They're about a year behind (for expansion) and need to catch up. All their employees live in Hereford; that's commendable," Cumpston said.

Eades pointed out the expansion would add 10 to 20 new jobs for Hereford residents.

County Judge Tom Simons said if abatements are granted for outside businesses moving to Hereford, it's only fair to grant it

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Glitch delays HRMC reports

Monthly financial data fails to transfer properly in computer

By Donald M. Cooper

Hereford Brand Managing Editor

Financial reports for August weren't available Tuesday night for the Deaf Smith County Hospital District board, but the reason is a computer problem, not a financial problem.

J.O. Lewis, interim administrator of Hereford Regional Medical Center, told the board the financial reports were delayed because the financial balances were transferred to the new computer system, there were some glitches.

"In the process of a computer conversion, you make choices ... We made the choice early on to transfer balances only. Some didn't transfer properly and it's complicated matters," Lewis said. "We are having to go into the old system and reconcile the differences."

Lewis said it should take about 24 hours to complete the process. He said as soon as the financial reports are completed, he will distribute copies among the board members and the news media.

Based on the available figures, Lewis said, the hospital showed about \$1.2 million in revenue for the month of August, "continuing the trend es-

tablished in the summer of growth."

Lewis said he doesn't want anyone disturbed by the failure to present the financial reports at the meeting.

"There were just too many conversion reconciliations to have it ready," he said.

"The district is in good shape, but it could be in better shape. We don't have the problem that our neighbor down the road has," Lewis said, referring to the financial morass the Hereford Independent School District faces.

The directors also adopted two policies dealing with the release of patient information.

One policy, which covers release of patient information to the news media, is the result of criticism by the press, particularly KPAN Radio, over the decision earlier this summer to stop providing the names of patients admitted or dismissed from the hospital.

Under the policy adopted by the board, a structure was established for releasing the names and conditions of patients admitted to the hospital, particularly under emergency conditions.

The only hospital officials authorized to release the information are the chief executive officer, the administrator on-call or the house supervisor.

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A-J spotlights former resident

From Staff Reports

A former Hereford businessman and Hereford High School graduate was featured recently in a *Lubbock Avalanche Journal* business article that spotlighted his computer software company's phenomenal 18-year growth and its search for a new business location.

Steve Nieman, president of Interactive Computer Designs Inc., and son of Lavon Nieman and late *Hereford Brand* Publisher "Speedy" Nieman, said the company was considering its options for relocating to a larger Lubbock headquarters site due to size constraints.

A relocation would mark the software company's third expansion move since its inception by Dusty Womble, a Lubbock businessman.

Nine months ago, INCODE, currently located at 6102 Chicago Ave. in Lubbock, was purchased by Tyler Corp.

Following the purchase, the Dallas-based company changed its name to Tyler Technologies Inc. to reflect the inclusion of INCODE and Tyler's widening diversification as a warehousing and document management software maker providing a wide array of information management services.

Nieman said the purchase didn't upset INCODE's operation, or the niche that the software company had sought to fill — supplying hundreds of small municipal governments (including Hereford) in Texas, Oklahoma and Missouri with fund accounting/utility billing software.

According to the article, INCODE obtained \$208,000 three years ago from Market Lubbock Inc., the city-appointed economic development corporation, to create 21 new jobs to help the company keep pace with mounting growth.

INCODE surpassed that number and will probably surpass it again, according to Nieman, who said Market Lubbock has committed to provide another \$360,000 for 36 additional employees planned by the year 2001.

The *Lubbock Avalanche Journal* reported that Tyler Technologies in 1997, began divesting itself of older businesses in order to acquire information management companies such as Business Resources Corp., The Software Group and INCODE last December.

Tyler reported earnings of \$50.5 million in 1998 — earnings which Nieman said were expected to grow to \$300 million by the end of the year 2000.



STEVE NIEMAN
INCODE president

Homecoming roar



Senior theme — Seniors chose the Roaring Twenties for their theme for the homecoming float and seniors Sheena Stokes, standing, and April Cruz, spent time Tuesday doing necessary adjustments for the parade entry. Friday's

homecoming events include door judging at 9 a.m.; pep rally at 2:45 p.m.; parade at 4 p.m.; game at 7 p.m.; and homecoming dance at the KC Hall from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. The community is invited to back the Herd at all events.

Veterans await national cemetery opening

Contractor delays frustrate aging vets and their families

DALLAS (AP) — Ground was broken for the Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery almost two years ago, but no firm date has been set for its opening.

That leaves Cloyd Pinson frustrated and annoyed. Pinson, chairman of the Texas National Cemetery Foundation, is impatiently waiting for the completion of North Texas' first cemetery for veterans, something he has pushed for since 1987.

"It's frustrating, but you just have to roll with the punches," he said.

But with more than 1 million veterans and family members in the area eligible for free burial in a national cemetery, Pinson said the closest sites — in Houston and San Antonio — just won't do.

Repeated delays in completing the cemetery, Pinson says, can be blamed on Incore Inc., the San Antonio-based contractor. He said the company lacks the management skills or expertise to "manage a contract at long distance or of this size."

Jack Lopez, Incore's president, declined to respond to Pinson's accusations. Although he confirmed there have been delays, he would not give specific reasons, The Dallas

Morning News reported today.

"There are a whole lot of factors, changes and lots of things," he said. "There is no one thing responsible."

The initial phase of 110 acres was scheduled to open by May, but that was pushed back to October. Lopez now says the phase should be completed by mid- to late November.

Pinson and cemetery director Jim Adamson say that estimate is overly optimistic. They believe the actual opening could be delayed until February or later.

Adamson, hired by the Department of Veterans Affairs to operate the cemetery when it opens, said he could not address specific reasons for the construction delays.

The cemetery will cost \$15

million and have 14,220 burial sites, including 2,000 crypts and 2,220 garden niches for cremated remains. Adamson says it should meet area burial needs through 2010.

Some design improvements have increased the cost by about \$2 million, and there are plans to expand the cemetery grounds to 638 acres.

The Texas National Cemetery Foundation hopes to eventually build a memorial that would honor veterans of all wars. That project is expected to cost about \$1.5 million and will be paid through fund-raising efforts, Pinson said.

HEREFORD BRAND Emergency services

Activities reported by emergency services personnel for Sept. 28, 1999, include the following:

POLICE DEPARTMENT Incidents

-- Criminal mischief was reported in the 600 block of Irving.

-- Disorderly conduct was reported in the 200 block of Avenue F.

-- Possession of marijuana was reported in the 200 block of Avenue F.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT Incidents

-- A theft was reported.

-- Domestic assault was reported.

-- Physical abuse and domestic assault was reported.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS Texas lottery

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery:

11-17-26-29-39

Pick 3

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

1-6-3

HEREFORD BRAND

Local roundup

HISD offers colleges testing

Students at Hereford High School will be offered a chance to take a variety of college entrance tests.

Sophomores will be offered ACT's PLAN test on Tuesday Oct. 19 at the administration building. Cost for the PLAN test is \$8 with a registration deadline Oct. 5. Sophomores are also encouraged to register and take the PSAT.

Juniors and seniors will be offered the chance to take the PSAT/NMSQT on Oct. 12 at the administration building. Cost for the PSAT/NMSQT will be \$9 with a registration deadline of Oct. 5.

Juniors taking the PSAT are eligible to enter into National Merit Scholar competition.

TBSWCD holds elections

An election of a soil and water conservation district director to serve in Zone 3 of the Tierra Blanca Soil and Water Conservation District is scheduled for Oct. 5 at 315 W. Third in Hereford.

The announcement was made by Jerry Holmfeld, chairman of the board. The election will be held from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.

State law decrees eligible voters must own agricultural land within the district as well as live in the county within the district and be at least 18-years old.

Legal qualifications state candidates must own land in the zone he represents, be at least 18 years old and be actively engaged in farming and ranching and live within the district.

Soil and water conservation district directors serve a term of four years.

Zone 3 consists of that portion of Deaf Smith County lying within the following boundaries: beginning at the NW corner of section 20, TWP 5N, Rge. 3E, on the 14 Mile Road to State Highway 385, and continuing east to NE corner of Section 25, block K-4; thence south to SE corner of Section 26, block K-3; thence west to SW corner of Section 5, TWP 3N, Range 3E; thence north to point of origin.

Current members of the board are: Jerry Holmfeld, chairman; Carl Kleuskens, vice chairman; David L. Wagner, secretary; and members Bill Walden and Nick Yosten.

The purpose of the Tierra Blanca SWCD is to promote sound soil and water conservation programs on agricultural lands within the district and to serve as a voice for farmers, ranchers, and local community entities on conservation matters.

All conservation programs managed by the district are of a voluntary nature to the landowner or operator or other potential users of the SWCD's programs.

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Non-violent crime increase concerns officials

HOUSTON (AP) — Increased reports of burglaries and other nonviolent crimes in central Houston have worried some leaders that the lawbreakers could threaten downtown revitalization efforts, officials said.

"Nonviolent crime has become a real problem in the last few months, and we're really concerned," said Chuck Jackson, of the Houston Downtown Management District, a group created by the Legislature in 1995 and funded by assessments on downtown businesses.

"These are the kinds of crime that seem piddling if they happen to someone else, but they aggravate the hell out of you if they happen to you," he said.

Crime statistics have been rising all over Texas, and Houston is no exception. A 1999 index of basic violent crimes in Houston is up 4.6 percent in first seven months of the year, compared to 1998.

But downtown, where the counts are complete through August, nonviolent crimes like burglaries and other thefts are up 23.3 percent compared to the same period last year.

"An increase of more than 20 percent is huge," Houston attorney Andrew Pikoff told the *Texas Journal of The Wall Street Journal* in today's editions. His downtown office was

burglarized in July, along with other offices on the same floor.

"Even though these are just pain-in-the-neck crimes, the way I see it there's a thin line between nonviolent and violent crime," Pikoff said.

Among Texas cities, the spike in downtown crime appears to be a phenomenon unique to Houston, according to police departments in Dallas, Austin, Fort Worth and San Antonio, the *Journal* reported.

And for those leading

downtown revitalization, the increase is troubling. No one thinks it will scare people from moving into the city's center or keep them from downtown entertainment and dining, but business owners and others are urging a quick response to keep nonviolent crimes in check.

The city has beefed up its patrol-car, patrol-horse and patrol-bike presence downtown, and the Houston Police Department is working with downtown businesses to increase awareness of the problem.



Hat day winners — Students have participated all week in homecoming events such as hat day. This year's winners are Daniel Carnahan, Noe Elizondo, Rachael Rodriguez, Barry Kriegshauser, Kristy George, Jerry Maldonado, Todd Didley, Craig Campbell, Tony Lopez and Cara Linker.

LIFESTYLES

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4-H'ers place at Tri-State Fair

■ Deaf Smith County youth brought home numerous awards from fair in Amarillo

Special to the Brand

Deaf Smith County 4-H youth competed last week in various judged events at the Tri-State Fair in Amarillo.

Jaclyn Paschel represented the local county in the Better Bake Show, sponsored by Arrowhead Mills of Hereford, the Tri-State Fair, Texas Wheat Producers Association and the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. Paschel prepared Apricot-Banana Bread for the district-wide event.

In Youth Culinary Arts, Leanna King's Banana Split Cake took first place honors.

In Youth Textiles, Kylee Auckerman's tennis ensemble placed first. Her sister, Dawn Auckerman, ranked first in three divisions: snap beans, tomato sauce and ketchup.

In the heavyweight division of the Youth Market Goat Show, Carley Lassiter won seventh place.

In the American Quarterhorse Show, Amy Northcutt was awarded second in Youth Hunt Equitation, second in Novice



Bake show winners - Jaclyn Paschel, left, placed first in the Deaf Smith County 4-H Better Bake Show with her Apricot-Banana Bread and advanced to the Tri-State Fair competition last week in Amarillo. In the county show, Cindy Marnell, second from left, won second with Banana Bread. Project record winners were, second from right, Stephanie Shaw - first place, and Dawn Auckerman, right, second place.

Hunter under Saddle, second in Youth Hunter under Saddle, first in Youth Hunt Equitation, and third in

Youth Western Horsemanship. She rode "Somekinda Nuisance" in all of these events.

Also winning horse show honors was Toni Kay Payne, riding "Hermanito," and taking first place in Youth Reining.

College Report

Diplomas were awarded to approximately 2,000 Texas A&M University graduates, including Michael Keith Barrett of Hereford, during summer commencement ceremonies. Barrett received a Bachelor of Science degree in Argibusiness.

journalism major, who was listed on the Distinguished Students List.

This designation recognizes students who earned a 3.25 to 3.75 grade point ratio while taking at least 12 semester hours.

Texas A&M University has named its honor students for the 1999 summer semester, including Tamara Michael Diller of Hereford, a junior



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Ann Landers



Ann Landers

Dear Ann Landers: My wife and I recently returned from a vacation in Nevada. As senior citizens, we enjoy the entertainment and wonderful food the gaming casinos provide for their customers. What troubled us greatly was the lack of attention given children by their parents. Very late one evening, we observed two pre-teen girls asking for money in exchange for pressing the floor button for adults riding the elevator. Another time, we observed a child, about 8 years old, walking through the casino alone, drinking left-over alcoholic beverages.

We live in dangerous times. While security personnel are there to help, they cannot do everything. Please, Ann, tell those parents who ignore their children that while they entertain themselves, they are gambling with something far more precious than money. — Seniors in North Hollywood, Calif.

Dear North Hollywood Seniors: Children under age 21 should not be allowed in gaming casinos, and many establishments prohibit them from entering. Most hotels provide baby-sitters for young children, which makes more sense than bringing them to gaming rooms, where they are

easily bored and forced to stay up long past their bedtime. Parents who want a real vacation should leave the children home with a reliable family member or a paid adult.

Dear Ann Landers: I have been with "him" for five years. We met through my brother. I ended up jumping from a shaky relationship into one with "him" — which everyone knows is not the way to go.

For a while, it was OK, but then, we started to argue a lot, and it's still that way. "Him" has a hot temper and flies off the handle easily. He doesn't help with anything in the house. I do the laundry, cleaning, cooking and grocery shopping. I pay all the bills, and he pays the mortgage.

I love "him," but don't know if I should stick around. He puts everyone and everything ahead of me and has no consideration for my feelings. He often criticizes me in front of friends and family, which is humiliating. I work and am financially independent. Should I leave him? — Torn in Winnipeg, Canada

Dear Winnipeg: You do the marketing, cooking, cleaning, laundry and pay all the bills. He criticizes you, humiliates you in front of family and friends, has no consideration for your feelings, and pays the mortgage. Hello-ooo, there! Anybody home? For heaven's sake, woman, pay the mortgage yourself and dump "him."

Dear Ann Landers: Recently, you printed a letter about water safety for children written by Dennis Burr of Pensacola, Fla. I realize Mr. Burr was writing about children in swimming pools, but I would like to add one more rule that could save lives no matter where you are swimming: NEVER SWIM ALONE.

Ocean swimming is different from a dip in a quiet inland lake or a pool. The undertow can take you down, no matter how good a swimmer you are. I've seen three drownings, and it's a horrible experience to drag a once-vibrant body from the mud and debris at the bottom of a lake or ocean. I wouldn't wish this experience on my worst enemy. — L.F. in Calabash, N.C.

Dear L.F.: Your three-word warning could save lives. I'll repeat it: NEVER SWIM ALONE.

Dear Ann Landers: Thanks for alerting women to check for breast nipple changes. I am now undergoing radiation for cancer. When my doctor asked how I happened to notice the changes, I told him I read about it in Ann Landers' column. He said, "I hope you thanked her." I said I had not, so I'm thanking you now. — Delores Friedman in West Hills, Calif.

Dear Delores: As one former Friedman to another, I'm glad I helped. Have trouble sleeping at

night and don't want to get involved in a novel? "A Collection of My Favorite Gems of the Day" is the perfect bed-stand mate. Send a self-addressed, long, business-size envelope and a check or money order for \$5.25 (this includes postage and handling) to: Collection, c/o Ann Landers, P.O. Box 11562, Chicago, Ill. 60611-0562 (in Canada, \$6.25).

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FRIDAY-Red fish with lemon wedge, macaroni and cheese, Italian green beans, coleslaw, lemon cake; or roast beef with gravy, lemon D'zerta pudding.

MONDAY-Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, black-eyed peas, garden salad, onion slices-dill pickle slices, chocolate chip cookies; or barbecue chicken breast, diabetic cookies.

TUESDAY-Baked ham, mashed sweet potatoes, broccoli with cheese sauce, tomato salad, brownies, pears; or smothered steak.

WEDNESDAY-Smothered chicken, egg noodles, buttered peas and carrots, raspberry Jello/fruit salad, pound cake with whipped topping; or beef tips with gravy, D'zerta salad.

ACTIVITIES

THURSDAY-Pool classes, quilting 9 a.m.-3 p.m., oil painting 9-11 a.m., exercise class 10-10:45 a.m., Thrift Store open 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

FRIDAY-Pool classes, quilting 9 a.m.-3 p.m., line dance 10-11 a.m., TRIAD noon, Thrift Store open 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

SATURDAY-Dance 7:30-11 p.m., games 7:30-11 p.m.

MONDAY-Pool classes, quilting 9 a.m.-3 p.m., line dance 10-11 a.m., doll class 1-4 p.m.

TUESDAY-Pool classes, quilting 9 a.m.-3 p.m., exercise class 10-10:45 a.m., Golden K Kiwanis 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., depression screening 9 a.m.-4 p.m., flu shots 9 a.m.-noon.

WEDNESDAY-Pool classes, quilting 9 a.m.-3 p.m., ceramics noon-4 p.m., Thrift Store open 9 a.m.-5 p.m., flu shots 9 a.m.-noon.

Xi Epsilon Alpha selects Henson as chapter sweetheart

Selection of Melinda Henson as Sweetheart of Xi Epsilon Alpha Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority was announced during the Tuesday night meeting in the parlor of First Baptist Church.

President Shelley Lewis, last year's sweetheart, made the announcement with the help of Henson's sister, Connie Matthews, and a "magic frog." Staged in a fairy tale manner, the frog would only croak when it kissed the real sweetheart. Henson was presented with a gold tiara and streamer, then with a yellow rose during a surprise appearance by her husband, Kenny.

Prior to the business meeting, Xi Epsilon Alpha members and Alpha Alpha members heard a

special musical program by Dr. Duffy McBrayer and Leslie Woodard. Special guests were Mrs. Buddy McBrayer and Claudia McBrayer.

Following the program, everyone retired to the parlor for refreshments of cake, fruit cups, coffee and tea prior to separating for business meetings.

Lewis displayed the new sorority cookbook and reminded members of the Oct. 16-17 area convention in Perryton.

Susan Shaw will assume chairmanship of the service committee since Lisa McGaw has become a member-at-large. Shaw began her duties by giving the first quiz benefitting the Christmas Stocking Fund. She asked for names of the movies that featured love songs sung by McBrayer and Woodard. Wrong answers netted money for the annual holiday fund.

Program and yearbook committee chairman Peggy Hyer announced that the next meeting will be at 7 p.m. Oct. 5 at West Texas Rural Telephone. Fall rush will be on the agenda.

Following adjournment, closing ritual and Mizpah were repeated by guest Jana Morgan and members Pattie Urbanczyk, Debbie Holmes, Kami Eades, Sharon Bodner, Holly Bixler, Kay Williams, Gaye Reily, Linda Arellano, Tamara Mimms, Diane Kreig, Lewis, Henson, Matthews, Shaw and Hyer.

Red Cross Update

By Deanna Edwards

Tri-County Chapter Executive Director

The American Red Cross is on the scene providing the support necessary for the affected families of Hurricane Floyd. To date, much-needed shelter has been provided for more than 216,121 people.

Some of these were sheltered during the evacuation and have had to continue residing in shelters now that floodwaters have inundated their homes.

Hurricane Floyd relief effort continues to be a massive undertaking for the Red Cross. American Red Cross-National Headquarters has launched an urgent \$25 million hurricane fund-raising appeal.

Texas has been assigned \$1.2 million of this. Last year other states helped raise in excess of \$10 million to help the victims of

Texas floods.

Each chapter is assigned an individual goal. We would like for the Tri-County Chapter to exceed its assigned goal. Please help by making your donation to the American Red Cross, Tri-County chapter, P.O. Box 1371, Hereford, Texas 79045.

Mark your check for Hurricane Floyd or enclose a note with cash donations. All donations received undesignated will be used for this disaster until our goal is reached.

All Red Cross disaster assistance is free, made possible by voluntary donations of time and money from the American people.

The Tri-County Chapter is proud to be sponsored by the United Way.

Annual arts, crafts festival planned by Wesley church

Wesley United Methodist Church will host its 19th Annual Festival of Arts and Crafts from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. on Dec. 4 in Hereford Community Center.

A limited number of booths

are available, with applications being screened. Booth fee is \$10.

Applications may be obtained by writing to Ellen Collins, 801 Miles St., Hereford, Texas 79045 or calling 806-364-0774.

Merry Mixers offer lessons

Merry Mixers Square Dance Club of Hereford is holding classes for anyone interested in learning how to square dance. Lessons begin at 7:30 p.m.

Thursday in Hereford Community Center, followed by the weekly dance.

Interested persons are welcome to attend.

Tell-A-Friend campaign will reach women with lifesaving information

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 this Friday, 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 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 at 1-800-ACS-2345. Or visit the website at www.acs-tx.org.

Depression screenings offered

Local senior citizens can take an important step toward checking their emotional health by attending free, anonymous screenings to be offered from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. on Oct. 5 at Hereford Senior Citizens Center, 426 Ranger.

Screenings are offered by Welch Home Place, Castro County Hospital District, in conjunction with National Depression Screening Week, Oct. 4-8.

Some 68 percent of Americans age 65 and older think they know only "a little" or "almost nothing" about the illness of depression, according to the National Mental Health Association.

Older Americans regularly learn their cholesterol numbers and blood pressure, but they rarely consider being tested for depression although many with physical illness such as heart, disease, Alzheimer's, and cancer are at greater risk for developing depression.

In addition, seniors with depression have a higher risk of developing other physical illnesses. One recent study revealed that chronically depressed seniors have an 88 percent higher risk of contracting all forms of cancer than do not depressed seniors.

More than two million of the 34 million Americans age 65 and older suffer from some form of depression; however, depression is not a normal part of aging.


Depression is a medical condition that involves feelings of sadness, loss of pleasure in usual activities, and hopelessness which can interfere significantly with an individual's

ability to function. Unlike the blues or grief, depression persists and is not relieved by good news, the passing of time or by supportive friends.

Those receiving screenings on Oct. 5 at Hereford Senior Citizens Center will complete a

written screening test, hear an educational presentation and have the opportunity to talk individually with a mental health professional. Referrals will be provided to those in need. All screenings are free and anonymous and no appointment is required.

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Hereford plants Pampa

■ Lady Herd cruises to 15-5, 15-3 victory against Lady Harvesters

By Yuri Soto
Hereford Brand Sports Editor

It took about two hours for the Pampa Lady Harvesters to drive to Hereford for their matchup against the Lady Whitefaces.

It took 35 minutes for the Lady Whitefaces to send the Lady Harvesters packing and on the road back to Pampa.

The Lady Whitefaces produced another sweep of a District 3-4A rival, 15-5, 15-3 victory at the Whiteface Gym.

"We cut down on the mistakes a lot in this game," said middle hitter Tori Walker, who finished with seven kills.

"We had some blocking errors, but we're getting a lot better." Blocking was a big part for Hereford early in the match against the Lady Harvesters.

A couple of blocks by Sarah Griffin helped Hereford get a jumpstart on the offense. Kills by Michelle Bernhardt, Pam Klein, Griffin, Audra Witkowski and Tori Walker put Hereford to a commanding 8-0 lead.

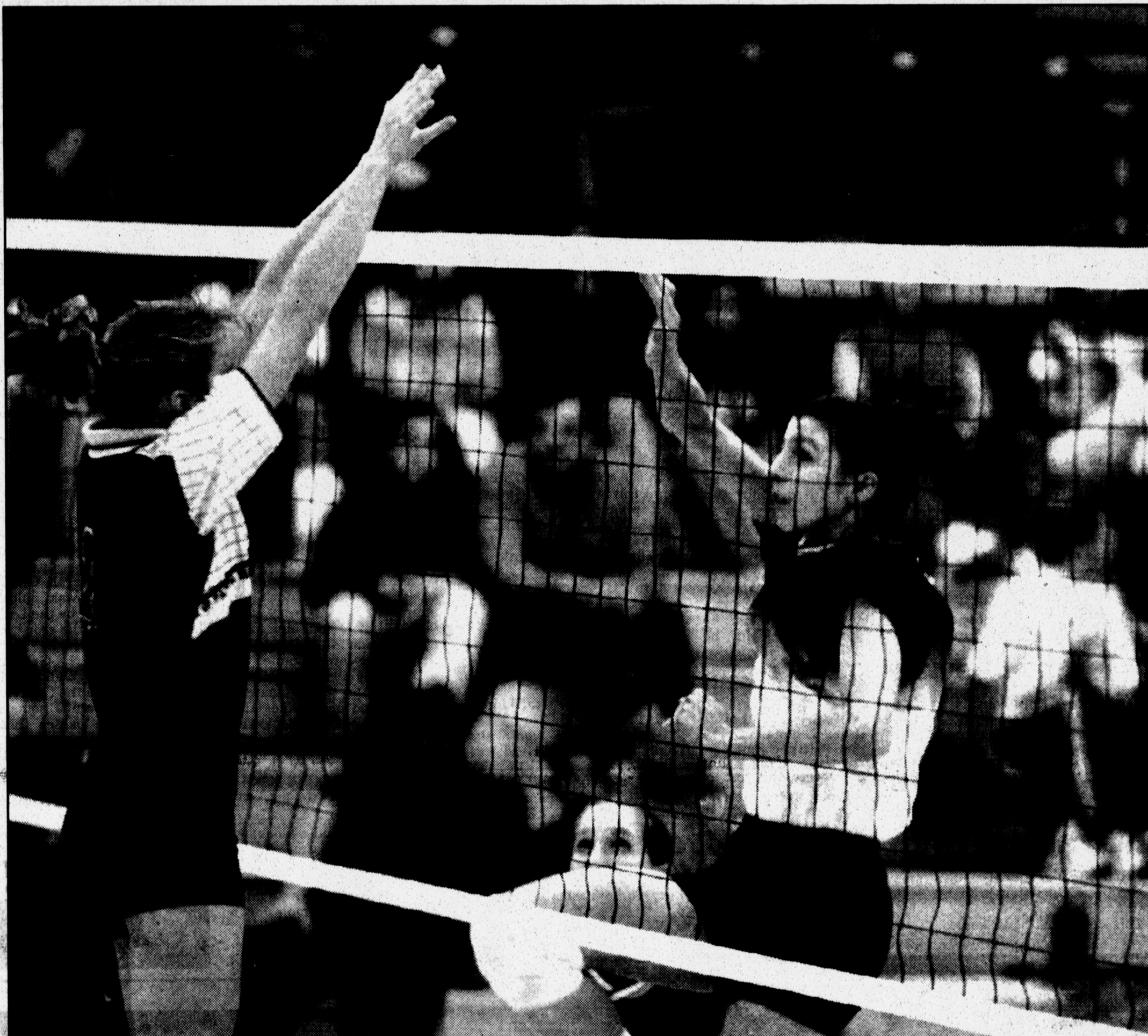
The Lady Whitefaces were very successful in finding holes in the tough Pampa defense.

"Our kids did a good job swinging at the ball," Hereford coach Brenda Kitten said. "Six of our hitters swung very aggressively and we mixed a little bit of off-speed. We had some tips and those off-speed hits are only effective when you're hitting aggressively and with a lot of speed."

The only offense Pampa was able to generate was with blocks and errors on the Lady Whitefaces in the second game.

Two block aces by Pampa's Ashleigh Patton and errors on the part of the Herd front line put the score 9-5 in favor of Hereford.

From there, Witkowski,



Brand/Julius Bodner

Sarah Griffin spikes a ball over Pampa's Linsey Earl during Hereford's 15-5, 15-3 victory against the Lady Harvesters Tuesday night at the Whiteface Gym.

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Bricks in the Wall



Brand/Mauri Montgomery

Hereford's Hogs — Members of the Whitefaces' starting offensive line: (From left) David Fernandez, Hagen Henderson, Joseph Gonzales, Kurtis Flood and Trey Madrigal are a big reason for the success of the Hereford offense this season.

Hereford offensive line big reason for Whitefaces' offensive explosion

By Yuri Soto
Hereford Brand Sports Editor

On paper, the Whiteface offense has looked pretty impressive.

Against Canyon Randall, the Herd compiled 344 total yards, 169 in the air, 175 on the ground.

L.J. Vallejo is currently second in District 3-4A in rushing with 393 yards and is second in the district in total yards with 535.

But it has to start somewhere.

Yes, it does start from the sidelines with the play calling and the tough practices.

But those plays and those yards have come as a result of five guys who put their bodies on the line and constantly live on the trenches.

They are Hereford's version of the "Hogs," the starting offensive line.

Those five gentlemen include center Joseph Gonzales, tackles Trey Madrigal and David Fernandez, and guards Hagen Henderson and Kurtis Flood.

"They're the best line we've had since I've been here as

coach," said Hereford coach Craig Yenser. "All of them are strong, they can all run and they move pretty good."

In person, they look like they could play college running backs. Compared to many of their counterparts in the region, the Herd five are small, but they do the job.

"I think it's just going hard every play and not getting tired," Tackle Trey Madrigal said. "We just go hard and just do the job right."

With a team that is full of recognizable names, like Cody Hodges, Slade Hodges and L.J. Vallejo, it's easy to forget that the game of football is a team sport. But the unselfish play of the offensive line has helped to produce a 4-0 record going into Friday's game against Canyon.

"As far as the offense goes, we don't get our name in the paper a lot and L.J. gets all the numbers written down," said guard Kurtis Flood, who also is a team captain. "But he respects us a lot and he gives us credit, we thank L.J. for that."

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Rangers blank Mariners, 10-0

Palmeiro hits 47th dinger off Seattle's Halama, Greer hits 100th RBI in the season

ARLINGTON (AP) — Individual milestones are coming easily for the Texas Rangers. Team goals, however, are still the top priority.

Rafael Palmeiro hit his 47th homer to tie a club record and Rusty Greer set another team mark by becoming the fourth Texas player with 100 RBIs as the Rangers trounced Seattle 10-0 Tuesday night for their fifth straight victory.

"That's nothing I set out to do," said Palmeiro after tying the mark set by Juan Gonzalez in 1996. "What's important is that we're playing good baseball and we're keeping it up. What these records say is that we've had a good season as a team."

Greer joined Palmeiro, Gonzalez and Ivan Rodriguez with 100-RBI seasons, joining Cleveland as the only teams with four 100-RBI players. The 1936 New York Yankees hold the record with five.

The AL West champions won their 94th game, matching the club mark set in 1977. Texas trails New York by one game and Cleveland by two in the race for the best record in the league.

"We'd like to win enough for home-field advantage," Rangers manager Johnny

Oates said. "We'd like this team to have the most wins in our history. Jerry Narron (Texas' third base coach) said when we were in San Diego (in early July), 'Let's win 95.' That's certainly reachable now."

"We'd like to win them all if possible," Palmeiro said.

Jeff Fassero, Mike Morgan, Danny Patterson and Danny Kolb combined on a five-hitter. Morgan (13-8) threw three innings of three-hit relief as Oates tries to fine-tune his pitching staff for the playoffs.

"I can only have 11 pitchers on my staff," said Oates, who has already slotted Aaron Sele, Rick Helling and Esteban Loaiza as his top three starters for the postseason. "So everybody was out there tonight for a reason."

Royce Clayton, who had three hits, also homered for Texas. Clayton, Gonzalez and Greer each drove in two runs.

Rangers third baseman Todd Zeile left the game in the fifth inning with a strained muscle in his chest suffered on a checked swing. After the game, Zeile said he expected to be back in the

lineup on Wednesday night.

Texas took a 3-0 lead in the fourth against John Halama (11-9) on homers by Palmeiro and Clayton.

Fassero got his third start for the Rangers and allowed only one hit in four innings against his former teammates. But he struggled with his control and was replaced by Morgan to start the fifth despite the 3-0 lead.

Fassero, traded by the Mariners to the Rangers on Aug. 27, walked four and struck out three.

"Once the game started, I didn't think about it," Fassero said. "I took it as just another game."

Texas chased Halama in the fifth, pushing its lead to 6-0. Greer and Gonzalez had RBI singles and Greer scored the third run of the inning on Zeile's double-play grounder.

In the sixth, Clayton scored from third on Ken Cloude's wild pitch, then Greer and Gonzalez had RBI doubles.

Mariners manager Lou Piniella said his team did not play well.

"This is one we were not in at all," Piniella said. "We didn't pitch well and we didn't hit very well."

Astros lose lead, game to Reds

HOUSTON (AP) — Pete Harnisch is making life miserable for his old teammates.

Harnisch pitched eight strong innings as the surging Cincinnati Reds moved ahead of Houston for the NL Central lead, beating 20-game winner Jose Lima and the Astros 4-1 Tuesday night.

Harnisch (15-10) has a 5-2 lifetime record against the Astros and he's 4-0 this season.

And he did it while hurting. He skipped a start because of the shoulder injury that has plagued him all season.

"It felt sore warming up so I made an adjustment and it felt OK," Harnisch said. "I had really good movement on my fastball. That's basically all I had, but fortunately it had a lot of movement. You throw them strike one and they don't want to see strike two. They swung at a lot of pitches."

Harnisch allowed four hits. He threw 75 pitches, 59 for strikes.

The Reds now have a one-game lead with four games to play.

"It beats being one game behind," Harnisch said. "We have a lot of fun on this

team. We have a lot of fun in this clubhouse. We don't think too much about anything beyond today."

The largest baseball crowd in the history of the Astrodome, 54,037, saw the Reds win their sixth straight game and send Houston to its third loss in a row.

"This was definitely a playoff atmosphere," Reds shortstop Barry Larkin said. "I know I was amped up. I think that was evident by my early throws. Everybody was charged. We have to win this series. Every game from here on is a playoff game."

Cincinnati had not been in first place since Aug. 19 when it was tied with the Astros. Houston took over the lead the next day.

Despite the defeat, the Astros held their 11 1/2-game lead over New York for the wild-card spot. The Mets lost to Atlanta 9-3.

"Maybe this is good," Astros manager Larry Dierker said. "We've had the pressure of them pushing, pushing. Now the pressure is off because we're not in the lead any more. Let them see how it feels to be pushed. There's still time."

Harnisch (15-10) helped the

Reds improve to 5-0 at the Astrodome this season. Cincinnati leads the season series 9-3 going into Wednesday night's wrapup, which matches Steve Parris against Houston's Mike Hampton.

Harnisch struck out three and walked none.

"Pete's been a lifesaver. I can't tell you how much he's meant to this team to get us where we are today," Reds manager Jack McKeon said. "He's a great competitor. He did a heck of a job today."

Scott Williamson pitched the ninth for his 19th save.

Sean Casey hit his 25th homer in the first, and the Reds added two more runs in the second against Lima (20-10) on singles by Eddie Taubensee and Pokey Reese.

Lima was in trouble again in the third. Taubensee's infield hit scored Barry Larkin for a 4-1 lead with two out. Lima walked Bret Boone to load the bases but Reese grounded out.

Lima lost his third straight decision since getting his 20th victory Sept. 11 against the Chicago Cubs. Lima went six innings, allowing four runs — three earned — and eight hits with eight strikeouts.

Herd

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Walker and Bernhardt finished off Pampa in the first game with kills and a block ace.

The second game started out a little sloppy for both teams.

Two kill errors by both teams made the score 1-1 early in the second game.

"You just have those little mess-ups and you try not to have a bunch (of mistakes) in a row," Michelle Bernhardt said. "If we made one, we tried to make one the last one and fix the next one."

Two more kills, one each by Bernhardt and Walker put Hereford up 4-1.

A serve ace and a block ace by Pampa's Destiny Engel closed Hereford's gap to 4-3. But that was it for Pampa. They would not score again.

"It's not uncommon for a team to struggle after winning big in the first game," Kitten said. "It's something we talk

about and you hope your team can guard against."

Three errors on Pampa put the Lady Whitefaces up 7-3.

Two kills by Sarah Griffin and Audra Witkowski, along with another error by the Lady Harvesters made the score 10-3 in favor of Hereford.

From there, Griffin, McKenzie Tabor, Walker and Toni Eicke scored the final five points to send Pampa home.

"We had the passes there and we were on target," Bernhardt said, who finished with 9 kills. "We were up there and getting up and banging on the ball. We were just connecting."

The Lady Whitefaces now

face another obstacle Saturday as they travel to Borger for a district matchup against the Lady Bulldogs.

"Borger is a lot like Pampa," Walker said. "You have to prepare for them and you have to be on your toes. You have to be ready for a good game."

Borger, like many other opponents, will look to pull off an upset against the Lady Whitefaces, and they are pretty big up front.

"Last year they played us a game that went 15-12," Kitten said. "They feel that they can play with us and they'll block us well. Those types of teams have given us trouble this year."

Jr. High volleyball splits games with Borger

From Staff Reports

Hereford's 8th Grade was pretty successful in their matches against Borger Junior High.

But the 7th Grade team could fare no better.

The 8th Grade A team

defeated Borger 15-8, 15-8.

They were led by 8 points from Celeste Guzman and 7 points from Britney Finley.

The 8th Grade B team won 15-10, 15-4.

The 7th Grade teams weren't so lucky.

The A team lost to Borger 8-15, 15-10, 11-15.

Alisha Sanchez scored six points for the Lady Herd.

The B team was led by Cania Lister's 7 points, but lost 15-10, 6-15, 14-16.

Nazarene improves to 8-2 on the year

From Staff Reports

Nazarene Christian is at it again.

This time the Lady eagles got a victory Monday night

against Amarillo Trinity Academy; 17-15, 15-8.

Charlie Henson led the Lady Eagles with 10 service points.

Trinity Power got six while Lacy Torbert contributed with 5.

Nazarene improves to 8-2 on the season.

Line

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The blocks these five men did against Canyon Randall made it possible for Vallejo to make the cutbacks that resemble a Denver running back named Terrell Davis.

Going back, the Hereford offensive line is rather small, but whenever they are faced with that challenge, they think of nothing but opening a block.

"It doesn't matter how big you are," said center Joseph Gonzales, "if you're determined and you got the speed, you overcome all that. It's strength against strength."

Gonzales has a tough job with the position he has. With the dangerous shot-gun formation a big part of the Whitefaces' scheme, Gonzales has to be perfect in snapping the ball toward Cody Hodges. But by the way he describes it, it's a walk in the park.

"Shotgun is the quickest and the easiest and the best out of all the snaps I take," Gonzales said.

Another lineman trait is working on steps and directions that help the line make all the schemes and open holes.

"We all work on our technique everyday," said guard Hagen Henderson. "Being a smaller line, you have to have a good technique. We do so well because we have no fear and you can't fear your opponent."

But many ask how they handle a bigger line. It all goes back to playing to the best of their abilities.

"Well I think the bigger the linemen, the better the challenge," said tackle David Hernandez. "You know you have to go out there and hit them hard. If you don't go out there and give them all you got, they're going out there and blow you out, instead of

you blowing them off the ball."

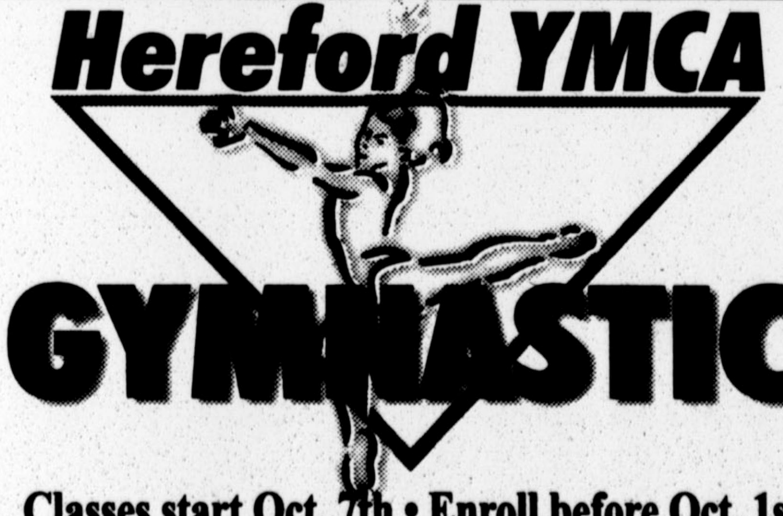
Hereford's basic offensive formations include the Nebraska I along with the Kentucky shotgun run by Tim Couch in college. Those formations make it hard for an offensive line to adjust from run blocking to pass blocking.

"That's a hard transition going hard off the football and then switch to pass protection," Yenser said. "They have done a tremendous job and we

have a lot of confidence in them. When they've had their intensity, our offense has worked."

But one thing's for sure, whatever the offense does on the field is a reflection of the play by the offensive line. Madrigal sums it up how they play.

"I think it's just playing mentally. Just get the block done and going the right way," he said.



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Oprah nervous over classroom debut

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EVANSTON, Ill. — She's counseled people for years on her talk show, but lecturing students in a classroom setting was a bit more unsettling for Oprah Winfrey.

"I haven't been this nervous since I danced with Tina Turner," Ms. Winfrey said Tuesday after her teaching debut at Northwestern University's Kellogg Graduate School of Management.

Ms. Winfrey and longtime beau Stedman Graham are teaching "Dynamics of Leadership" at the top-ranked business school, where 110 students were lucky enough to snag a spot in the 10-week course.

"I speak to millions every day, but it's different one-on-one when people have paid to hear you say something meaningful," she said.

After the nervousness subsided, Ms. Winfrey said she quickly got into the swing of teaching. She gave herself a B.

Ms. Winfrey's involvement in the class was announced in May. Graham, head of his own marketing firm and author of a best seller, has taught sports marketing at Kellogg for two years.

Before class, some students spoke of their admiration for Ms. Winfrey. But Danielle Selinsky, 30, said she was a bit nervous about the new teacher.

"I can't imagine calling her up if I have problems," she said.

Elvis Presley
LAS VEGAS — It is a garage sale fit for a king.

Thousands of items of Elvis Presley memorabilia went on display Tuesday, a prelude to an auction Oct. 8-10.

Among the items are Presley's Army uniform, a trunk he used when he served in Germany and a 1959 photo of Presley with Priscilla Beaulieu, the 14-year-old daughter of an Air Force captain. The teen-ager would eventually become Mrs. Presley.

Jack Soden, chief executive officer of Memphis, Tenn.-based Elvis Presley Enterprises Inc., looked over the display and explained the premise for next month's auction. "We're taking things that might have stayed in cold, dark storage and putting it into homes for the homeless," Soden said. Proceeds from the auction will fund Presley Place, a transitional housing development in Presley's hometown of Memphis.

Presley's hometown of Memphis.

Kenneth Starr
LONDON — Prosecutor



ELVIS PRESLEY

Kenneth Starr denied Tuesday that his five-year, \$40 million investigation of President Clinton was a crusade motivated by a vendetta.

"The appearance grew that I was personally on a vendetta against the president of the United States. Not so. I am a law officer who has served in various legal positions for many years," said Starr, speaking to an audience of about 500 at the University of London.

Signing autographs afterward, Starr denied he plans to retire soon, but told a group of university students that when his life story is told in film, he'd like Robert Duvall to portray him.

Starr's investigation of Clinton's affair with White House intern Monica Lewinsky led to the president's impeachment by the House of Representatives and his acquittal by the Senate.

Starr described his investigation into the president's sex life as "a wretched experience for us all" and said he regretted being portrayed as a "prosecutor on a zealous mission."

Billy Crystal
NEW YORK — Billy Crystal once wanted to be Mickey Mantle. Now, at least, he's got the glove.

Crystal bought one of Mantle's old gloves at a Sotheby's auction of baseball memorabilia Monday for \$239,000, far exceeding its



KENNETH STARR

pre-sale estimate of \$10,000 to \$20,000.

The Yankees legend wore the glove around 1960.

At an unveiling of a red

granite monument to honor Mantle in 1996, Crystal recalled how as a 9-year-old boy in 1956 he watched in awe as Mantle blasted a home run off the right-field facade at Yankee Stadium.

"That day," Crystal said, "I knew I wanted to play baseball. I wanted to be Mickey Mantle."

Mantle died in 1995.
Christiane Amanpour
James R. Rubin

WASHINGTON — State Department spokesman James R. Rubin and his wife, TV reporter Christiane Amanpour, are expecting their first child next spring.

"Like hundreds of millions

of happily married couples, we are hoping to have a healthy child," Rubin said Tuesday.

Rubin lives in Washington while working for Secretary of State Madeleine Albright. Ms. Amanpour lives in London while serving as CNN's chief international correspondent and a contributor to CBS's "60 Minutes."

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STILL OPEN TIL FROST
 Wednesdays at 4:00p.m. at the Family Dollar parking lot!
 This Wednesday September 29th, is the last day to accept Farmer's Market WIC!
 The market WILL OPEN at 4:00 pm SHARP!
 NO EARLY SALES!!
 WIC is accepted.

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

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

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 100% Genuine Hereford Beef
 Locally grown and fattened in Hereford, Texas
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 P.O. Box 871
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 Hereford, Texas 79045
 806-364-3109

NEW TRUCKLOAD Of Spas in huge savings. Tri-State Fair discounts. Morgan I-27 @ Bell. 358-9597.

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WEATHERMASTER 135 Wheat Seed for sale. Excellent for hay & grazing. Call 806-272-7620.

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FOR SALE! Ford 8N Tractor with shredder, chain link fence, Honda spree. Call evenings at 364-5675.

FOR SALE Round Bales Red Top Cane. Call 364-6544.

3. AUTOMOBILES

FOR SALE! 1996 Grand Am. V-6, Green, 100,000 Miles. See at Hereford Credit Union.

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1996 CHEVY Van. Power locks & windows. 70,000 miles. See at Credit Union parking lot.

FOR SALE! 1989 4X4 Suburban. New Tires, new paint, runs great, AC front and rear, PL, PW. Call 364-8218. **PRICED TO SELL!**

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Marcum Motors Co.
 Clean Used Cars & Trucks
 413 N. 25 Mile Ave. 364-3565

4. REAL ESTATE

HOME BUYERS! 1999 Government Assistance Program is available to first-time home buyers with low to moderate income. You could receive up to \$7,500 in assistance. Call Kyle Michaels at 356-9444 to apply.

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PRIME-FARM/PASTURE-LAND, NE EDGE of Hereford. Avenue K approximately 130 acres. (1) Irrigation Well-WILL NEGOTIATE/WILL FINANCE. For information, call Mr. Dixon, Dallas-(972)239-7708.

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CLASSIFIEDS WORK!!

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LOOKING FOR PHEASANT HUNTING LEASE. Call 806-351-1900.

NEED HELP Cleaning? Call Brittany at 363-6624 for a spotless house.

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PART-TIME CLERICAL POSITION
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AVONTO Buy or Sell!! Contact Cynthia at 364-0130 or Cindy at 363-1328.

CAREER ORIENTED Company now has immediate openings for cowboys. Experience necessary. Apply in person at Champion Feeders. 2 Miles east of Hereford on Hwy 60 and 1/2 mile south on FM 2943. Call 258-7255 and ask for Jim Ray.

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 Hiring for cattle haul. Must have 3 years experience and be acceptable by insurance company, pass DOT drug screen and physical. Benefits include: insurance and raise after 60 days, vacation after 1 year, retirement paid by Company.
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Writing want ads that really sell!

Unsure how to write a Classified Ad that will get results? Follow these pointers and you'll soon have an empty space in your storage room and cash in your pocket. For starters, look at ads which offer the same item/products. Get a sense of going rates and ideas for how to make your ad stand out. Once you're ready to write, begin with exactly what you're selling: "Dining room set, maple, six chairs." Then, remember these hints:
 • Give the price. A newspaper consultant says 70 percent of classified readers won't respond to an ad with no price.
 • Use key words to describe what you're selling. The key words for a car are make, model, year, body style, color, mileage and price. If it's a house, key words are location, type of construction, number of bedrooms and baths, and condition.
 • Don't use abbreviations. It's tempting to abbreviate and save money if ads are billed by the line. Brand ads are billed by the words, so spell them out so readers won't be confused trying to figure out abbreviations.
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Cactus feeders has immediate openings at Hale Center Feed Yard for:

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'COME GROW WITH HALE CENTER FEEDYARD
 We offer long term employment excellent salary, and benefits:
 *Insurance plan
 *Profit Sharing
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 Send resume to Hale Center Feedyard, Rt. 2 Box 186 Hale Center, Tx 79041 phone 806-879-2104 Fax (806)879-2103

NEED EXPERIENCED WELDERS!! Great pay plus benefits. Come by Dimmitt Welding & Electric to apply located on E. Hwy 86 or call 647-3128.

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FULL-TIME SECRETARY/RECEPTIONIST Position available. Monday thru Friday 8 AM to 5 PM. Telephone and computer experience required. Must have people skills and are customer oriented. Excellent Benefits. Please submit resumes to this address: P.O. Box 673JB, Hereford, Texas 79045.

SUCCESSFUL LOCAL Company is looking for the right person to fill an important position in our office. You must possess excellent office and interpersonal skills. A desire to excel in this position is required. Please mail your resume to: P.O. Box 6 73TG, Hereford, Texas 79045.

Part-Time LVN
 Must be licensed in Texas with one or more years experience in a Med/Surg environment. Call Hereford Regional Medical Center at 364-2141 for an application.

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9. CHILD CARE

HEREFORD DAY CARE

Offering an excellent program of learning and care for your children 0-12! State Licensed

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11. BUSINESS SERVICES

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

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LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Flossie Miles, deceased, were issued on September 20, 1999, under Docket No. PR 4492 pending in the County Court of Deaf Smith County, Texas, to Arthur Eugene Miles and Mondelean Miles Baker, Independent Co-Executor, Estate of Flossie Miles, Deceased, c/o Jerry Smith, P.C., Attorney At Law, P.O. Box 1191, Hereford, Texas, 79045. All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

Dated: September 24, 1999

Jerry Smith, P.C.
 Attorney At Law
 205 West 4th Street, Ste. 101
 Hereford, Texas 79045
 Telephone 806/364-8100
 Telecopier 806/364-8103

Public Notice

By Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Hereford, Texas duly adopted at a public hearing held on the 20th day of September, 1999, the City Commission has determined that improvements located upon the hereinafter described property are a dangerous building and a public nuisance and has ordered the respective owner, lienholder or mortgagee of such dangerous building to remove or demolish said dangerous building from the premises within thirty (30) days from the date a copy of the Resolution is served or mailed to said respective owner, lienholder or mortgagee. A copy of the Order and Resolution are on file in the Office of the City Secretary, at City Hall, 224 North Lee Street, Hereford, Texas, 79045 and a complete copy of the Order and Resolution may be obtained from the City Secretary. The street address where the dangerous building is located is as follows: 236 Catalpa and 238 Catalpa, Hereford, Texas 79045.

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REAL ESTATE

USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT GOVERNMENT FORCLOSURE SALE

October 5, 1999
 2:00 PM
 Place: The South, Second-Floor Entrance (Balcony Area) of the Courthouse in Deaf Smith County, Hereford, Texas.
 In case of inclement weather, sale will be held inside the doors in the entrance hall of the courthouse.
 603 Stanton
 Hereford Texas
 3 Bdrms., 1 Bath 1,024 sq. ft.
 Minimum Bid \$17,970.40
 Total Bid in Cash due at the sale
 Please phone (806)468-8600
 For further information
 Equal Housing Opportunity

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SECRETARIAL POSITION Part-time. 10-Key experience and phone skills. Monday thru Friday 8:00a.m. til 1:00p.m., Saturday 8:00a.m. til 12:00p.m. twice/month. Send resume to P.O. Box 673RSK, Hereford, Texas 79045.

DRIVER WANTED, OTR Must be 25 Years old with 2 years experience. Good driving record. Home most weekends. Call 806-364-0184.

CAREER ORIENTED Company now has immediate opening for an experienced welder. Apply in person at Champion Feeders located 2 miles East of Hereford on Hwy 60 and 1/2 mile South on FM 2943.

CLASSIFIEDS WORK!!

Truck Drivers Wanted!!!

Good pay & benefits. Tanker experience necessary, CDL required. Must be insurable with a good driving record. Call 364-7170 or 364-7597(nights).

Cattle Town Feedlot has job openings for a 1.) Feed Mill Hand, 2.) Feed Truck Driver and 3.) Driver for a new Volvo L90C Wheel Loader. See Jared or Gary at Feedlot.

DAILY CRYPTOQUOTES

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

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

9-29 CRYPTOQUOTE

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Prices effective: September 29, 1999

CATTLE FUTURES		GRAIN FUTURES	
CATTLE-FREEDER (CASH) 500 lbs. 1.14	CORN (CBT) 5000 lbs. 2.11	Soybeans (CBT) 5000 lbs. 4.05	WHEAT (CBT) 5000 lbs. 3.57
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METAL FUTURES	
GOLD (COM) 100 oz. 320.00	SILVER (COM) 100 oz. 12.00
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HRMC

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 The other policy covered the release of patient information to individuals, including agents of the patients, attorneys or a personal representative of a deceased patient. A fee schedule for copies of the patient information also was established.

In other business, the directors:
 • Approved a five-year, 50 percent tax abatement for Top of Texas Inc. The Hereford fabrication company sought the tax break for the expansion project it is launching. Director Bobby Owen, who is the hospital district's representative on the Deaf Smith County Tax Abatement Board, said the abatement will amount to a total of \$13,000 in tax revenue to the hospital district. Director Mark Collier, whose brother, Matt, is president of the company, did not participate in the discussion and vote on the abatement request;
 • Approved a new wage and salary policy, which establishes guidelines for pay raises and

Abatement

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 to local Hereford businesses which are growing.
 Present at the public hearing were Simons; County Clerk David Ruland; Hereford City Manager Chester Nolen; Sid Shaw, executive vice president of the Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce; Cumpston; County Commissioners Troy Don Moore, Wayne Betzen, Johnny Latham and Sammy Gonzales; City Commissioners Eades and Carey Black; Bobby Owen, hospital district director; HISD Superintendent Beth Abernethy; and

HISD

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 job descriptions for all hospital positions. In reviewing pay scales, it was determined about 20 hospital employees were being paid less than the guidelines established for their positions. The directors also approved raising the employees' salaries;

• Approved a financing agreement for the new computer system's software. The five-year agreement with Medical & Municipal Funding of Lake Forest, Ill., to finance the \$527,414 system will carry an interest rate of 5.2 percent, making the total payments of \$597,480;
 • Accepted the bid from Plains Insurance of Hereford for professional liability, property and auto crime insurance for 1999-2000. The annual premium will be \$102,821, \$8,087 from the current policy;
 • Accepted the resignation of Director Jeremy Grant, who is moving to Omaha, Neb.; and
 • Named Owen as the hospital district's representative on the Deaf Smith County Appraisal District board.

year, but it will be closely monitored to prevent another financial crisis.
 Abernethy said TEA has already deducted the \$854,000 overpayment, which contributed to the district's current crisis, from school funds the district will receive this year.
 This year's overpayment will be placed in an interest-bearing account and returned to TEA when requested.
 In other business, the board increased the number of days a student can miss for extracurricular activities; approved student organization list; deleted the end-of-year-reimbursement policy; and allowed the board to act as officer for the Public Facilities Corp.
 The board also formerly accepted the resignations of Cliff Golden and Don Minchew.
 Abernethy and Corky Lockmiller, acting business manager, reported bank reconciliations are nearing completion and a single set of books will follow shortly afterwards.
 Abernethy said, "Nearly all funds have been reconciled and should be complete no later than Monday."
 Bank reconciliations and a single set of books are required before the extent of the financial problems can be determined.



BETH ABERNETHY

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Clinton requests Iran's assistance

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS News digest

WASHINGTON— President Clinton reportedly sent a letter to Iranian President Mohammed Khatami last month offering improved relations in exchange for help finding the bombers of a U.S. military base in Saudi Arabia in 1996.

The *Washington Post* reported in today's editions that the letter was carried to Paris by a senior White House official and passed to a messenger from Oman, who then delivered it to Iran.

Existence of the letter was first reported earlier this month by Kuwait's al-Watan newspaper and was confirmed by State Department spokesman James Rubin.

Clinton's request for Iran's help was based partly on intelligence reports that three Saudis who could be connected with the bombing of the Khobar Towers military housing complex were taking refuge in Iran, the *Post* said.

The June 25, 1996 blast killed 19 servicemen and wounded more than 500 other people. The FBI has received less than full cooperation in the case from Saudi authorities.

More rain meaning more misery in N.C.

GOLDSBORO, N.C.— The second round of massive flooding in less than two weeks had Cora Sedlacek and Edie Brisson wondering whether fate has played a cruel trick on them.

More than 6 inches of rain have fallen across eastern North Carolina in the past two days, after 20 inches left

by Hurricane Floyd.

"My yard is flooded and they kept saying, this won't happen again in my lifetime," Ms. Brisson said. Added Ms. Sedlacek: "If this is a 500-year flood, then we're aging very quickly."

Forecasters said more rain was expected today, bad news for residents and authorities watching the surging Tar and Neuse rivers. They are not likely to fall below flood levels for another couple of days.

Nearly two weeks ago, Hurricane Floyd turned large areas of eastern North Carolina into a soggy mess and killed dozens of people on its run up the East Coast. States are still tallying billions of dollars in damage.

Airline punished for moving passenger

WASHINGTON— America West Airlines has been slapped with a \$1,000 fine because it placed a blind passenger and her seeing-eye dog in coach after a first-class passenger objected to sitting next to the dog.

The Transportation Department levied the penalty because its rules state that under such circumstances, airlines should instead move the objecting passenger or kick him off the airplane.

"We will work with the carriers to ensure that our air transportation system is inclusive in its service and, therefore, accessible to all travelers," Transportation Secretary Rodney Slater said Tuesday in announcing the settlement.

The incident occurred Sept. 16, 1998, when Sherry Layne of Phoenix, Ariz., and her seeing-eye dog, a golden Labrador named "Faith," boarded an America West flight from Baltimore to Phoenix. Layne was using a first-class ticket she bought at a reduced rate through a relative who was an America West employee.



BRAND/Don Cooper

Road repairs — Construction workers took advantage of the sunshine Monday to do some repairs on U.S. Highway 60 near the intersection with North Lee Street. The crews were patching worn places in the turn lane.

GOP eyes delay in payments to poor

WASHINGTON (AP) — Two days from fiscal 2000, House Republican leaders are proposing delaying payments to low-income families and trimming adoption and other programs as they search for ways to pay for snagged spending bills.

Top House GOP lawmakers planned to discuss the plan today with rank-and-file Republicans as Congress continued trying to finish more of the remaining spending measures for the new fiscal year.

The budget battle was assured a three-week extension when Congress overwhelmingly sent President Clinton a bill letting agencies function through Oct. 21. The House vote was 421-2, and the Senate margin was 98-1. Clinton's signature was promised by Friday's start of fiscal 2000.

The GOP's new savings package was aimed at letting

them claim they are not using Social Security surpluses to pay for extra spending, a pledge that has become a central Republican tenet.

"It's called truth in budgeting," House Majority Whip Tom DeLay, R-Texas, said Tuesday when asked about the proposal.

The proposed savings would exceed \$9 billion for next year. Most of it — \$8.7 billion — would come from paying earned-income credits in monthly installments instead of the lump sum most of the 20 million recipients currently receive. The money goes to people who owe little or no income taxes.

Many Republicans dismissed the idea as too harsh when it was floated two weeks ago.

"What does it say about their priorities and their values that they take the poorest families ... as their preferred solution to escape the budgetary mess they created for themselves."

Gene Sperling,
White House economic adviser

But House Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Texas, called it "a commonsense approach" that would mainly affect recipients who pay no income taxes, adding, "I would say it is denying them the lump sum acceptance of my money."

The rest of the savings would come from consolidating federal adoption programs; eliminating cash payments to people whose companies fail due to foreign competition; and

freezing administrative costs of federal direct student loans. They were also considering delaying renewal of expired housing vouchers for the poor.

The savings, totaling \$700 million, were described by Republicans speaking on condition of anonymity.

"What does it say about their priorities and their values that they take the poorest families ... as their preferred solution to escape the budgetary mess they created for themselves," White House economic adviser Gene Sperling said.

Reflecting the political emphasis the GOP is placing on Social Security, House Republicans have prepared television commercials to underline that lawmakers should not "raid Social Security." The commercials would run in the districts of vulnerable Democrats, but no final decision has been made on airing them.

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