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Today's weather

Decreasing cloudiness Tonight, decreasing cloudiness with a low in the lower 50s. Friday, partly cloudy, high

in the lower 80s. Extended forecast

Saturday, partly cloudy, low in the lower 50s, high in the lower 80s.

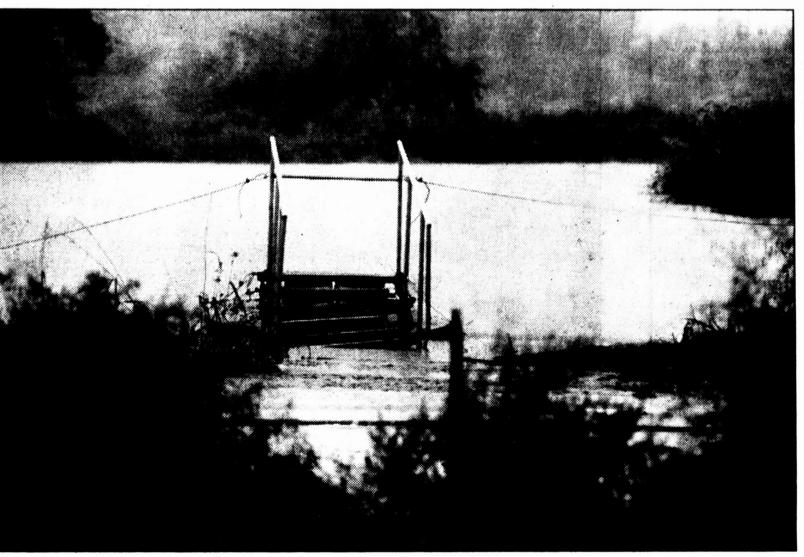
Sunday, turning cooler with increasing clouds with a slight chance of thunderstorms, low around 50, high in the lower 70s.

Monday, partly cloudy, low in the lower 50s, high in the upper 70s.

Hereford weather

Wednesday's high, 63; low, 53; precipitation, 1.93 inches; year-to-date rainfall, 26:23 inches, according to KPAN Radio.

Sometimes rain just stinks



Hereford BRAND

There was a downside to the rain that moved into the area Tuesday evening. It was accompanied by high winds and lightning, which caused a transformer to blow at the city's sewer plant. The sewage backed up into the waste lagoon (top left) and had to be chlorinated by hand until the plant's power was restored. Meanwhile, nearly 5 inches of rain was reported in some parts of Deaf Smith County, leaving fields (bottom left) under water. BRAND/Maun Montgomery

Storms remain in area

The Associated Press

Much of the state will see mostly cloudy skies today, with a chance of thunderstorms in the West and a slight chance of rain across Central Texas.

Highs were expected to range from the mid 80s to low 90s.

In the South, the forecast called for pleasant fall weather, with sunny skies and highs mostly in the lower 90s.

Temperatures in the West and across the Panhandle were expected to stay

farm law fails WASHINGTON (AP) — The Clinton administration says

Ag secretary:

the government's market-oriented farm law is failing and wants lawmakers to come up with a new way of subsidizing growers.

"We need a farm policy that empowers farmers not only to survive, but to prosper," Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman said.

The 1996 law that ended a Depression-era system of crop subsidies has come under increasing criticism from Democrats and some farm groups after a second straight year of depressed commodity prices.

With Congress considering another multibillion-dollar bailout of the farm economy, Glickman told the House Agriculture Committee on Wednesday that it's time to change the way that federal farm aid is distributed.

He indicated support for a

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seasonably cool — in the 70s and 80s — as the region coasts through to Friday and the beginning of the weekend.

Those numbers could climb slightly higher in the Big Bend valleys, where temperatures were expected to reach the mid to upper 90s, forecasters said.

Lows in the valley tonight were expected to dip into the 60s with some readings near 70 degrees along the Rio Grande.

Thunderstorm activity continued across the South Plains and the Panhandle areas overnight, with patchy areas of fog again formed along the coastal plains.

In Hereford, Wednesday's high was 63 degrees, with an overnight low of 53. The city received 1.93 inches of rainfall, which brings its annual precipitation to 26.23 inches, well above the normal level.

The city received more than 3 inches of rain Tuesday night, which caused

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FAMILY FEUD'

'Calm' gunman kills 7 during church service

FORT WORTH(AP) — Police combed a killer's trashed home today for clues to his motive for a shooting rampage that began when he spewed anti-Baptist rhetoric, burst into a church service for teen-agers and opened fire.

Seven people were fatally shot Wednesday night before the gunman — identified by police today as 47-year-old Larry Gene Ashbrook of Fort Worth — killed himself in a pew at the Wedgwood Baptist Church. Seven others were wounded, three of them seriously.

"It looked like a skit, it looked like something out of a movie," said Bethany Williams, 16, her eyes red with tears and her green crocheted purse splattered with blood. "And I thought it was a fake gun making fake noises."

Authorities this morning still had no idea what motivated the shooting. Ashbrook carried no note, and none was immediately found at his nearby home, which was being searched this morning.

Ashbrook acted alone, and there was no indication that he knew anyone at the church, police chief Ralph Mendoza said. The killer had no known police record.

He carried a 9mm semiautomatic handgun and a .380caliber handgun, pausing during the attack to reload, using three clips in all, Mendoza said. He did not have a handgun permit, according to the Department of Public Safety.

Investigators later found six loaded 9mm clips in his jacket pocket. Mendoza didn't know how much .380-caliber ammunition Ashbrook carried.

Wedgwood Baptist Church pastor Al Meredith said the congregation was pulling together to cope with the tragedy.

edy. "I am usually the bearer of good news, but it's tragic news that we are witness to today," Meredith said this morning. "Our hearts are broken but not crushed."

Ashbrook apparently

trashed his home, about 10 minutes from the church, before the rampage. FBI agents who searched the home found overturned furniture, holes in walls, concrete poured down toilets and family photos hacked to pieces, said FBI special agent in charge Robert Garrity.

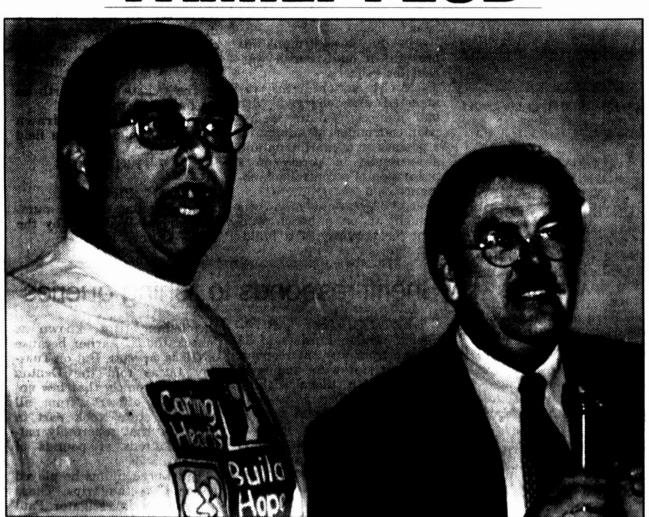
"He virtually destroyed the interior of his house," Garrity said. "This has the appearance of being a very troubled man, who, for whatever reason in his own mind, sought to quiet whatever demons that bothered him."

Several years-old journals found in the home yielded no clue as to what caused Ashbrook to snap, Garrity said.

"I don't know that we'll ever know the answer to the question of why it happened," Garrity said. "It may just be an enigma for a long time."

Linda McConn, who has lived in Ashbrook's neighborhood since 1961, was a high

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That was the name of the game contestants "played" during the United Way kick-off luncheon Wednesday in Hereford Community Center. Emcee for the game was Tom Simons (right) with Mike Harris participating as "Bubber — ah, Bubba."

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HEREFORD BRAND

Local roundup

Library closed Saturday

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.

Shirley sells cookie dough

Shirley School Library is sponsoring the Red Apple Cookie Dough in nine flavors including M&M mega-bite 2000.

Cookie dough is sold in three pound tubs for \$10 each. To order contact a Shirley student or contact the office at

363-7670.

Cookie dough will be on sale through Sept. 22.

Humane Society meeting

The local Humane Society will hold its annual meeting at 7 p.m. Monday at the Hereford Community Center. Among the items to be discussed will be the local animal shelter. All interested individuals are encouraged to attend.

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 p.m. 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.

Freshmen parent meeting

A student/parent meeting will be held at 5 p.m. Sunday at the Hereford Independent School District Administrative Building.

Topics of discussion will include the freshman class supper and the class homecoming float. It is very important that

School shootings in Littleton, of Alcohol, Tobacco and Fire-Colo.

Lawmakers seek stronger gun control

"Passing any law will not stop any criminal from getting a gun if he knows the violation won't be prosecuted," said Rick Castaldo, whose son, Rich, was shot eight times and paralyzed.

Bea Witzleben, a top gun

arms dropped by 44 percent from 1992 to 1998, though the agency's staff of investigators dropped 14 percent

during that period. Hatch and Sen. Jeff Sessions, R-Ala., also criticized the Clinton administration for not prosecuting more felons

system's first seven months, only 200 of those cases were referred to prosecutors, the senators said.

Witzleben said that although it is a federal crime to lie on a gun application, those cases are often difficult and time-consuming to prove.



Low spot in the road -- Avenue C, on the west side of the Aquatic Center Park is at flood levels again. City workers had the pumps working early Wednesday morning after Tuesday evening rains dumped several inches of water in the area. It's been less than a year

since heavy rains doused the county, breaking the severe drought. It's beginning to look like residents may have to live with a feast or famine outlook on the rain. It seems we either get a little or a lot and always at one time.

parents and students attend

ASSOCIATED PRESS **News in brief**

English-only tests unfair

WASHINGTON (AP) - As more Hispanic children enter the nation's schools, educators debate whether they could be hard hit by high-stakes English-only tests.

A presidential panel on Hispanic education says such tests, often used to move children ahead or graduate them, may violate the rights of millions of Hispanic children. Others still say any accommodations could cheat them out of a fair assessment of their abilities.

"State education leaders have compromised the future of Hispanic students by making high stakes decisions based on inaccurate and inadequate information," said the report by the President's Advisory Commission on Educational Excellence for Hispanic Americans, released on Wednesday. It urged the Education Department to investigate.

The Education Department is currently investigating two cases related to testing and language ability, said Rodger Murphey, a spokesman for the civil rights branch. Murphey said he could not discuss the cases, in Nevada and in Texas, or disclose the filing parties.

About 20 percent of the 5,000 cases filed each year specifically relate to laws that prohibit racial discrimination against students, he said. A 1974 Supreme Court ruling in essence includes language ability in that ban by requiring schools to provide help for students with limited English.

However, opponents of bilingual education argue that accommodating children on high-stakes tests will hurt them in the long run.

Elsewhere:

UT TOWER: University of Texas President Larry Faulkner looked across campus from the observation deck of the UT Tower, hoping the school could leave behind the building's legacy of violence. "You don't wipe out the past but you don't stop with the past," Faulkner said Wednesday before the university officially reopened the tower for visitors after 25 years. Officials closed the deck on the 27th floor in 1974 after a series of suicides and Charles Whitman's 1966 shooting rampage that left 16 dead and 31 wounded. ... BUSH-PORTRAIT: Restless as tumbleweed and rolling toward age 30 without a career, George W. Bush headed back to the West Texas boomtown of his childhood.

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WASHINGTON (AP) — A steep decline in federal gun prosecutions during the Clinton administration shows Clinton is "soft on crime," the Senate Judiciary Committee chairman said.

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A Justice Department official said that federal authorities are working with states to lock up gun criminals and more gun cases, state and federal, are going to court.

Sen. Orrin Hatch, the Utah Republican who is running for president, released a Judiciary Committee staff report Wednesday that said federal gun prosecutions dropped from 7.048 in 1992, when George Bush was president, to 3,807 last year.

"It's nice to mouth off about gun control, but we've got lots of laws on the books that aren't being enforced," Hatch said at a news conference that also included one of the students injured during the Columbine High

HEREFORD BRAND Obituaries

RAYMOND E. BEAN Sept. 15, 1999

Services for Raymond E. Bean, 87, of Hereford will be 11 a.m. Friday at the West Park Cemetery with pastor Ted Taylor, Hereford Church of the Nazarene officiating. Services are under the direction of Gililland-Watson Funeral Home.

Mr. Bean died Wednesday at Hereford Regional Medical Center.

He was born March 10, 1912, in Missouri to Lawrence Bean and Loula DeLillian Hall.

He married Etta Mae Morris on March 10, 1936, in Brinkley Ark. He came to

Deaf Smith County in 1950 from Amarillo. Mr. Bean was a mechanic

and farmer and had worked for Deaf Smith County before he retired.

Survivors include two daughters, Bonnie Hutson of Little Rock, Ark., and Juanita Koetting of Hereford; six grandchildren; five stepgrandchildren, 12 great grand-

policy official at the Justice Department, said the figures used for Hatch's report may not reflect all gun cases filed by federal prosecutors. She said the number of criminals serving federal prison terms of more than five years for gun crimes is up more than 25 percent since 1992.

"Our combined state and federal effort has resulted in more criminals going to jail for guns than was true in 1992," Witzleben said. "At the same time, violent crime with firearms has gone down, so we think it's working."

Hatch said the Justice Department should crack down on gun crimes and designate one prosecutor in each U.S. Attorney's office to focus exclusively on firearms offenses. A juvenile crime bill passed by the Senate includes \$50 million for this kind of effort, he said.

The report also said the number of gun cases referred to prosecutors by the Bureau

children; 14 step-great-grandchildren; a number of halfbrothers and half-sisters.

JAMES RICHARD DICKERSON Sept. 10, 1999

HUNTSVILLE -- Services for James Richard Dickerson, 26. of Huntsville were today at the Joe Byrd Cemetery in Huntsville under the direction of Huntsville Funeral Directors.

Mr. Byrd died Friday in the Sealy Hospital in Galveston.

He was born Sept. 7, 1973, in Galveston and lived part of his life in Baton Rouge. He became a member of the St. Anthony's Faith Community through the ministry of Deacon-Chaplain Klaus M. Adam,

Survivors include his Godmother Janie Banner of Hereford.

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The family suggests memorials be made to the St. Anthony's School Endowment Fund.

who illegally try to buy guns. While computerized background checks stopped 100,000 people from buying guns illegally during the

We can never do every violation of the law," she said. "What we try to do is take the most dangerous criminals off the streets."

HEREFORD BRAND **Emergency services**

Activities reported by emergency services personnel for Sept. 14, 1999, include the following:

POLICE DEPARTMENT Incidents

- A burglary of a habitation was reported in the 300 block of Avenue I.

- An assault was reported in the 500 block of Irving.

 A traffic accident was reported in the 200 block of Avenue B.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Arrests - Two 17-year-old boys were arrested and charged with failure to comply with compulsory school attendance laws.

- A 19-year-old man was brought in on a bench warrant for robbery.

- A 31-year-old man was arrested and charged with bail jumping, failure to appear, surrender of surety on a possession of marijuana and a surrender of surety on a possession of a controlled substance.

- A 33-year-old man was brought in on a bench warrant for burglary of a building.

- A 19-year-old man was brought in on a bench warrant for prohibited sexual conduct.

- A 21-year-old man was brought in on a bench war rant for prohibited sexual conduct.

- A 20-year-old man began serving time on a driving while intoxicated conviction and an escape charge.

ASSOCIATED PRESS **Texas** lottery

Lotto Texas No tickets correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

The tickets were worth an estimated \$7 million.

The numbers drawn Wednesday night from a field of 50 were:

7-41-31-36-46-4

Pick 8

The winning Pick 3 rum-bers drawn Wedesday by the Texas Lottery, in order: 0-6-4

Sheriff responds to fishing queries

DENTON, Texas (AP) -Sheriff Weldon Lucas said 35 officers from law enforcement agencies statewide regularly took part in illegal fishing trips to Lake Texoma prior to his coming to office.

Lucas' comments followed commissioners agreement to pay a civil judgment to Johnny Glass, a former patrol sergeant who claimed he was fired for reporting the fishing trips and other possibly illegal activities to federal officials.

Lucas did not comment on

the fishing trips, known as "shockathons," earlier because of Glass' lawsuit. But on Tuesday Lucas told the Denton Record-Chronicle that law enforcement officers "from all over the state" took part in the trips that reportedly net-ted hundreds of pounds of catfish.

But Lucas claims he played no role in the trips. Glass and county investigator Paul Scott were the only employees from Lucas' department who went on the trips, Lucas said.

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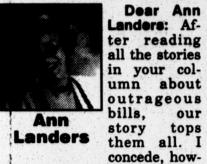
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ever, that because our bill was so ridiculous, it was not hard to conclude that it had to be a mistake.

Three days before we were to leave on a two-week vacation, we received a notice from the IRS stating that we owed \$9.5 million. My hus-band jokingly said, "Gee, wouldn't it be nice if we made so much money that we owed that much in taxes." To top it off, Ann, they wanted the money within 10 days.

We promptly called our ac-countant, who assured us that he would contact the IRS and set the matter straight. We were told to go on our vacation, but to contact him in a week just to be safe. We were not concerned, and so we left town.

Well, it seems the IRS Wizards of Number-Crunching had managed to type our office's tax-identification number in the wrong box on a form. That mistake made the computer, spit out a bill in error. The nine-digit ID, similar to a social security number, made it look like we owed \$9,512,345.67. Needless to say, we were relieved that the IRS admitted the error, apologized, and let us know we would no longer be pressed for payment. Whew! -- Modesto, Calif. Dear. Modesto: I received

several, letters reporting IRS killer bloopers, but yours was the best. Keep reading for a beauty from the medical world: Dear Ann Landers: I would like to share a personal experience to be added to your collection of outrageous bills. My father was scheduled for heart bypass surgery in October 1990. I became some-what acquainted with the surgeon and other hospital personnel in the days prior to the operation through a series of open-heart orientation sessions conducted in Dad's room.

massive heart attack in his hospital room. The cardiac surgeon who was to do the heart bypass was summoned. He tried for about 20 minutes to resuscitate Dad, but his efforts failed. Dad died. Even though I was nearby, the doctor made no attempt to see me and explain what had occurred, nor did he express sympathy for my loss.

On the day of Dad's funeral, however, I did hear from him. His office sent me a bill for \$500 for the unsuccessful attempt to revive my father. At the bottom of the bill was stamped a smiley face, accompanied by the message, "Have a nice day." - J.C., Lubbock, Texas

Dear J.C.: Such gall! I'm speechless. I would say, however, that the fault lies with the moron in the doctor's office who does the billing. I have serious doubts that the doctor ever saw the bill.

Dear Ann Landers: You might want to add this story to your "stupid crooks" collection. I read it in the Racine, Wis., Journal Times.

Two men were arrested. after one called town police complaining about "some bad cocaine." The caller asked the officer to come to his home and settle the dispute. He said the cocaine he bought was no good, and he wanted his money back. The drugs were tested, and one of the men was cited for cocaine possession, and the other was arrested on charges of delivering it.

This goes to show you, Ann, you can't trust drug dealers. They tend to be crooks. Right? - Racine Reader

Dear Racine: Right. And they tend to be liars as well.

in History: On Sept. 16, 1919, the

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Sept. 16, the 259th day of 1999.

There are 106 days left in

Today's Highlight

kee Strip."

Roosevelt signed into law the Selective Training and Serin U.S. history.

Urbanczyk and Chester Nolen. A locally produced video and a humorous skit based on "Family Feud" detailed the 13 local agencies funded by the United Way of Deaf Smith County and conveyed the theme, "Caring Hearts Build Hope." The campaign will continue through Dct. 31

American Legion incorporated on this date

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Five years ago: A federal jury ordered Exxon Corp. to pay \$5 billion in punitive damvice Act, which set up the ages to commercial fishermen sign, Chinton responded that first peacetime military draft and others harmed in the Americans "want me to' go

graphic report, President Clinton said he'd told "the essential truth" about his affair with Monica Lewinsky: as for whether he mighture-d 1989 Exxon Valdez spill in on." House Judiciary Commit-

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Kick-off Luncheon

Thirty minutes before the operation, Dad suffered a

Lonesome? Take charge of your life and turn it around. Write for Ann Landers' new booklet, "How to Make Friends and Stop Being Lonely." Send a self-ad-dressed, long, business-size envelope and a check or money order for \$4.25 (this includes postage and handling) to: Friends, c/o Ann Landers, P.O. Box 11562, Chicago, Ill. 60611-0562. (In Canada, send \$5.15.)

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At the Center **Senior Citizens**

Som I MENUS THURSDAY-Brisket with BBQ sauce, hash brown potatoes, pinto beans, lettuce, onion, pickle, tomato wedges, fruit, pies; or salisbury steak,

diet fruit pie. FRIDAY-Fried fish with tarter sauce, au gratin potatoes, Normandy vegetables, coleslaw, lemon cake; or roast chicken, D'zerta pudding.

MONDAY-Beef stew with celery, tomatoes, onions, carrots, cheese sticks, fried okra, cabbage/fruit slaw, banana pudding; or pasol soup, flour tortillas, D'zerta pudding. TUESDAY-Sliced ham with

raisin sauce, sweet potato patties, green beans, pineapple and cottage cheese, German chocolate cake; or hamburger steak with gravy and D'zerta

wEDNESDAY-Chicken strips, cream gravy, mashed potatoes, oriental vegetables, jellied fruit salad, ice cream

with toppings; or roast beef with gravy, sherbert.

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., HHH wellness weigh-in 9 a.m.-noon.

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

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

FOT meeting 9 a.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., Miracle Ear 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., birthday social 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. American Legion was incorporated by an act of Congress.

On this date:

the year.

In 1893, hundreds of thousands of settlers swarmed onto a section of land in Okla- Turner of Missouri was

In 1974, President Ford announced a conditional amnesty program for Vietnam war deserters and draft-evaders.

Ten years ago: Debbye

Plans change for 100th

a luncheon at Hereford Community Center Wednesday

during the Lions Club's regular noon meeting. The goal for

the current campaign is \$132,000, the same as it has been

for several years. Co-chairmen for this year are Ben

Recent rains have caused changes in Centennial celebration plans of First United Methodist Church of Hereford. Special activities begin Sat-

urday at 4 p.m. with a hamburger cookout on Main Street in front of the church, instead of in Dameron Park. Everyone is asked to bring lawn chairs. Former pastor Joe Wood and his wife, Virginia, are expected as guests.

In the event it is raining on Saturday afternoon, the meal will be served in Fellowship Hall.

Ten years ago a time capsule was buried on the front lawn of the church to be retrieved and opened on the occasion of the 100th anniversary. Contents of the capsule will be revealed following the cookout Saturday.

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the space shuttle Discovery went on the first untethered spacewalk in 10 years.

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tee Chairman Henry Hyde, responding to a report in an Internet publication, Salon Magazine, admitted to "indis-One year ago: In his first cretions" with a woman in news conference since the re- the 1960s, at the when



Showmanship 4-H Club postpones meeting date

Showmanship 4-H Club has moved its regular meeting date to Sept. 27 at 6:30 p.m. in the Hereford Community Center due to the Tri-State Fair schedule.

The club will elect a slate of

officers and organize for the 1999-2000 stock show season.

Bud and Susie Vance are leaders of the Showmanship Club, which normally meets at 6:30 p.m. on the third Monday of each month.

4-H begins new year



Gold Star 4-H officers for the coming year are, front row from left, Shayla Wilcox, Council delegate; Kalyn Esqueda, reporter; Chelsea Campbell, secretary; Amy Adams, vice president; Madison Urbanczyk, president; back row from left, Kinsey Reeve, alternate Council delegate; and Nichole Goodall, Keeley Schlabs, Erika Culp and Stephanie Shaw, communication officers.

4-H Gold Star

Gold Star 4-H Club elected officers during the first meeting of the club year Monday at Hereford Community Center.

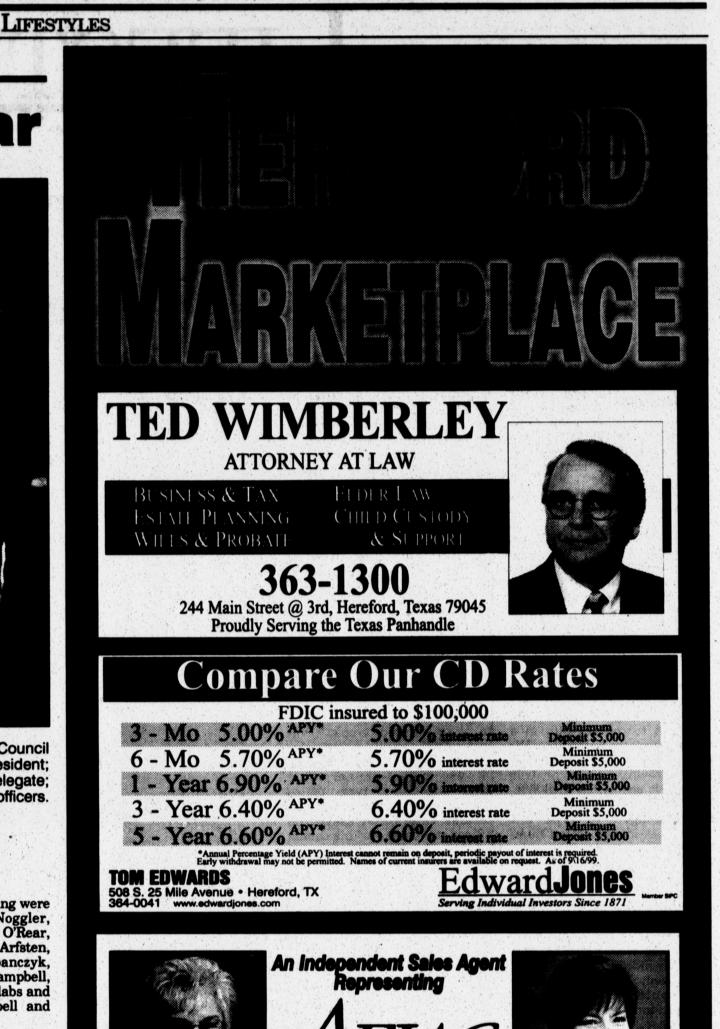
Serving as officers will be Madison Urbanczyk, president; Amy Adams, vice president; Chelsea Campbell, secretary; Kalyn Esqueda, reporter; Shayla Wilcox, Council delegate; Kinsey Reeve, alternate Council

delegate; and Erika Culp, discussed. Nichole Goodall, Stephanie Shaw Keeley Schlabs, and communication officers.

Dawn Auckerman presented the program at the meeting, directing members in playing games to get to know each other.

The next meeting will be Oct. 11 and future projects will be Sherry Adams.

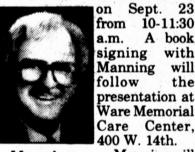
Present at this meeting were members Rebecca Noggler, Jessica Blakley, Kristin O'Rear, Devin O'Rear, Kelb Arfsten, Adams, Wilcox, Urbanczyk, Reeve, Culp, Esqueda, Campbell, Shaw, Goodall, and Schlabs and leaders Brenda Campbell and



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Crown of Texas Hospice and Park Central invite the public to hear Doug Manning present a lecture on "Share My Lonesome Valley: The Slow Grief of Long-Term Care." Manning is a nationally known grief counselor, lecturer and author. His presentation will be at the Central Church of Christ Auditorium, 15th and Monroe,



from 10-11:30 a.m. A book signing with Manning will follow the presentation at Ware Memorial Care Center. 400 W. 14th. Manning will

Manning

also present another lecture called "The Gift of Significance: Walking with People Through the Death of a Loved-One" from 6:30-8 p.m. on the same night also at the Central Church of Christ Auditorium. An open house and book signing will follow the presentation at the Crown of Texas Hospice, 1000 S. Jefferson.

Both lectures are presented free to the public.

The Women's Center at the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center will present "Women In Touch," a monthly support group for women living with breast cancer, with a presentation titled "Better Bone Health." The support group will meet on Sept. 20 from 5:30-7 p.m. in the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center Amphitheater, 1500 Wallace Blvd.

The program will be presented by Karen Kelly, RN, OCN of Houston, Texas and sponsored by the Breast Cancer Support Network.

For more information please call Cindy Horton at (806) 359-4673, ext. 111 or (800) 274-4673.

A search is underway for Miss Amarillo Area USA and Miss Amarillo Teen USA 2001. The pageant will be held on Sat., March 25 and Sun., March 26, 2000 in the Austin Middle

School Auditorium.

The competition is based on interview, swimsuit and evening gown. There will not be a talent competition and no experience is necessary. Approximately 80 percent of the contestants have never been in a pageant before. For more information, please

contact Kay Saied at (806) 374-8536 or Fax at (806) 374-3638.

The Amarillo Symphony will begin the 1999-2000 season with the first of seven Civic Center Auditorium subscription concerts on Sat., Sept. 25 at 8 p.m. This concert marks the beginning of the Symphony's 75th anniversary season.

Each concert of the season will feature a movement of a newly commissioned work by Dr. Samuel Jones, the composer of the "Palo Duro Canyon" Symphony. The featured soloist on opening night is pianist Dickran Atamian.

Complete season ticket packages will be on sale until Friday, Sept. 17. Starting Mon., Sept. 20, single tickets for the opening concert will be available. Single tickets for the remaining subscription performances will go on sale on Mon., Sept. 27.

For more information call the Symphony office at 376-8782.

Dr. Meg Lowman, a canopy ecology specialist, will be featured at the Tri-State Fair's "Discovery Expo--Science in Action" exhibit from 5:30-8 p.m. Sun., Sept. 19 and from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Mon., Sept. 20.

Lowman is Director of Research and Conservation at Marie Selby Botanical Gardens in Sarasota, Fla. She has devoted 15 years to fieldwork in Australia and the South Pacific.

The Alzheimer's Association of the Texas Panhandle will have its Memory Walk '99 at Sam Houston Park (Line Ave. and Western) on Sat., Sept. 25 at 10 a.m. Registration/check-in begins at 9 a.m. Walkers and teams of walkers of all ages are welcome.

Memory Walk is the single largest event for Alzheimer's disease. Nearly 200

communities across the country will participate in this year's event. The Panhandle's chapter's goal is \$25,000.00. The funds stay in the community to benefit programs and services for the 10,000 families in the Texas Panhandle coping with Alzheimer's disease.

Registration brochures are available by calling the Panhandle Chapter at 372-8693 or (800) 687-8693 or stop by the office at 2200 West 7th in Amarillo.

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"Joplin and Company" is Claude's own Kent Watson's performing name, both for his ability to interpret Scott Joplin's ragtime piano style and just about any other composer who is a recognized pianist. Kent will perform at the Gem

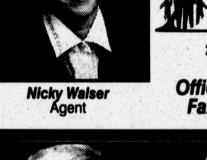
Theatre, in Claude, on Sept. 18 at 7:30 p.m. The show will also feature "One Voice," a very talented women's acapella quintet from Panhandle, Texas.

All seats are reserved and prices are \$9 for adults, \$7 for Seniors, \$3 for children and \$5 for back row balcony. For reservations call 226-5409 or 226-2187.

RED RIVER. N.M.

Cool weather and smaller crowds mean it's time to travel for active seniors. The first Senior Fall Festival in Red River, N.M. is Sept. 25-Oct. 2.

Senior Fall Festival incorporates two other popular events...Aspencade Arts and Crafts Show with vendors, food and live music; and the Fun Fest Square Dancing Event. Other activities just for Seniors will include a golf scramble, fishing tournament, nature hikes, a financial seminar, and several other fun filled festivities. Most Red River lodgers are offering discounts seniors to participating in this event. The Chamber of Commerce will provide information on Senior Fall Festival and will direct seniors to discounted lodging. Check their web site at www.redrivernewmex.com or call them at (800) 348-6444 for more information.

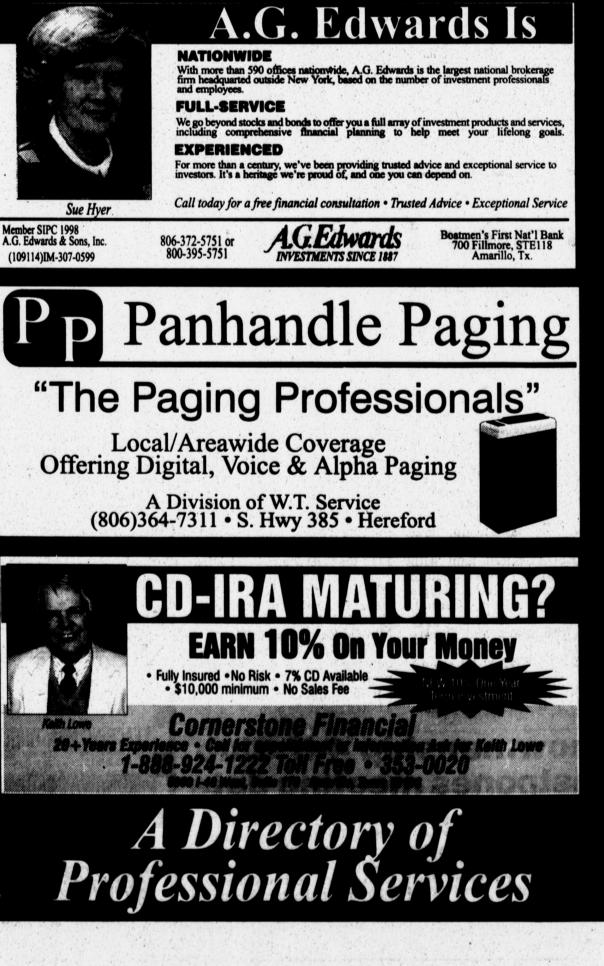


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WTAMU nursing honors anniversary

West Texas A&M University's Division of Nursing will celebrate 25 years of excellence in nursing education when friends inurses have completed postand alumni gather on campus Friday, Oct. 8 for the Division's Silver Anniversary festivities.

Scheduled in conjunction with WTAMU's Homecoming weekend, the Silver Anniversary will include recognition of outstanding nursing graduates. Nurses who have contributed enduring legacies to WTAMU will be installed in the division's newly established Nightingale Circle.

"With the region's only university-based programs for bachelor's and master's prepared nurses, WTAMU has contributed significantly to nursing education and to the health of Texas Panhandle residents," Dr. Heidi Taylor, head of the Division of Nursing and a WTAMU graduate, said. "We invite anyone with an interest in our nursing programs to join us as we celebrate the past and look forward to the future."

Festivities will begin with an open house from 2:30-4 p.m. on the third floor of Old Main and be followed by a reception from 4-5 p.m. at Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum on the southwest corner of the campus.

The Silver Anniversary Banquet is set to begin at 7 p.m. in the Alumni Banquet Facility (formerly the South Dining Hall). Taylor will be the keynote speaker, and inaugural members of the Nightingale Circle will be honored.

The evening will be capped by impromptu class reunions.

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board issued formal approval for a degree in nursing program at WTAMU in 1970. The first baccalaureate degrees were granted in 1974,

Constitution Week observed

As Constitution Week is observed Sept. 17-23, these Consti-

and as of today, 2,063 students have completed undergraduate work at the university, while 325 baccalaureate work.

Registration for the Silver Anniversary Banquet must be received by Sept. 24. The open house and the reception are free and open to the public. For more information about the Silver Anniversary or to register for the banquet, call the Division of Nursing at 806-651-2630.

LIFE/RUN to offer HOME/RUN

Lifetime Independence for Everyone, Inc. and Resource Utilization Network (LIFE/ **RUN)** Center of Independent Living is offering a new HOME/ RUN for Housing (HRH) program to increase housing opportunities for people with disabilities.

HRH advocates for home ownership as well as the building or modification of more accessible dwelling units in the surrounding area. The

program is committed to helping individuals with disabilities locate affordable/accessible housing.

Additionally, HRH is offering a two-year tenant-based rental assistance program (TBRA). In order to be considered for the TBRA program, an individual must have a disability, as defined by the ADA; be willing to participate in a self-sufficiency program; be referred by a social service agency; have income not

to exceed 60 percent of the Area Median Income; and live in Potter, Randall, Oldham, Carson, Deaf Smith, Hutchinson, Moore, Hartley, Donley or Gray counties.

The amount of rent the consumer has to pay will depend on the cost of the rental unit, the consumer's monthly income, the Payment Standard for the rental unit size in which a consumer is eligible, and the maximum amount that HRH can pay.

Because funding is limited, only a certain amount of slots are available and therefore, everyone that applies to the TBRA program will not be accepted.

Applications can be picked up at the LIFE/RUN Center for Independent Living at 1001 W. 10th, Amarillo or are available by mail. For more information, contact Michelle Crain, housing coordinator, at 372-7556.



tution Sidelights, furnished by Los Ciboleros Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution, feature signers of the Constitution. These men who gathered in Philadelphia from May to September 1787 are remembered for their dedication in creating a Constitution which established the rights, privileges, and responsibilities of American citizenship.

*William Livingston was a member of the Continental Congress but returned to New Jersey in 1776 to assume command of the militia. To avoid capture by the British, he moved about the state and while enduring great hardships continued to support and direct the patriot's cause in New Jersey.

Livingston served as the first governor of New Jersey. He served from 1776 until his death in 1790. At the Constitutional Convention, Livingston advocated equal representation of the States, served as chairman of the committee which reached a compromise on slavery and helped New Jersey become the third State to ratify the Constitution.

*David Brearley was born in 1745 in Spring Grove, N.J. Brearley, a lawyer, avidly backed the Revolutionary cause. The British arrested him for high treason but a group of patriots freed him. He was 42 when he participated in the Constitutional Convention. He was not ranked as one of the leaders but attended sessions regularly.

A follower of Paterson, who introduced the New Jersey Plan, Brearley opposed proportional representation of the states and favored one vote for each of them in Congress. He chaired the Committee of Postponed Matters. He died in Trenton at the age of 45.

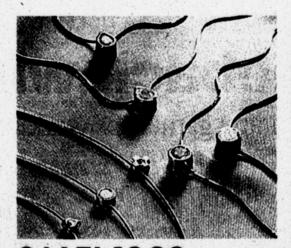
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Texas undoes Twins, 8-3

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MINNEAPOLIS (AP) -Rafael Palmeiro was unmoved by hitting his career-high 44th home run. Others were more impressed.

Texas manager Johnny Oates offered congratulations after the Rangers' 8-3 win over Minnesota on Wednesday. Twins manager Tom Kelly marveled at Palmeiro's power after he muscled an outside fastball over the left-field fence.

When Oates congratulated Palmeiro, he told his boss that there are more important things to worry about.

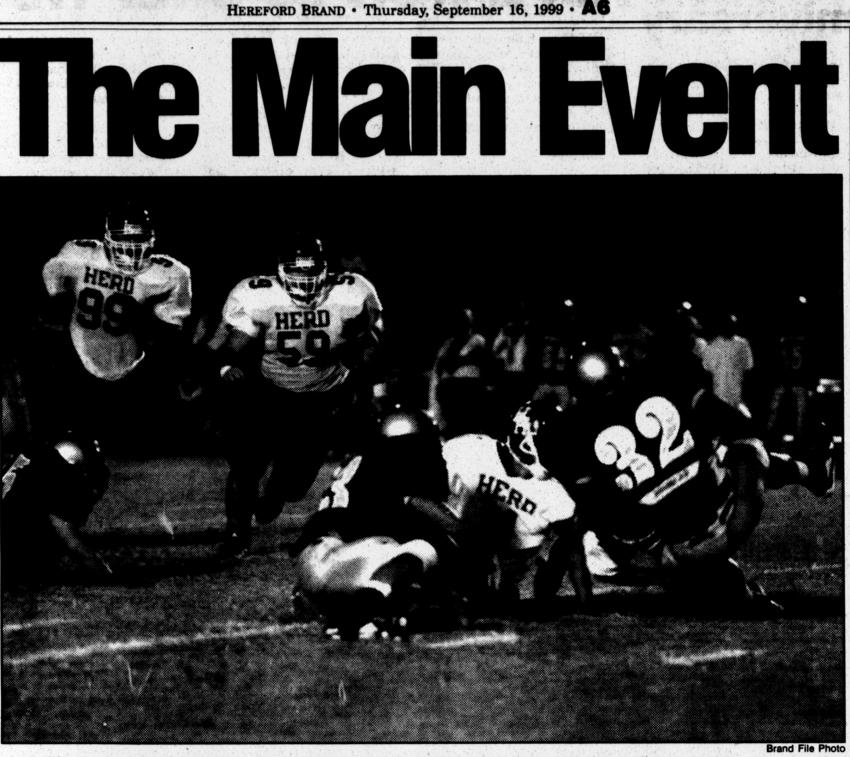
"We've got 15 games to go," Palmeiro said. "Hopefully, I'm not done yet."

In search of their fourth division title in six years, the Rangers are seven games ahead of Oakland, which had its game at Baltimore postponed Wednesday because of

hurricane Floyd. Roberto Kelly hit a pair of two-run homers and Esteban Loaiza (8-4) pitched 6 1-3 strong innings as the Rang-ers won their 13th straight over the Twins.

The Rangers have won three straight and are 12-0 against the Twins this season. Minnesota won just one game on its nine-game homestand.

Palmeiro is second in the AL in RBIs with 139 and trails Ken Griffey Jr. by one home run. He entered the day tied for fourth in the league in average, giving him an outside chance at the Triple Crown



Stuffed — The Hereford Whiteface defense converges toward a play after Michael Barba stops Geremy Woods for no gain. The Whitefaces defense will try to repeat that defensive intensity Friday night against the Wolfforth Frenship Tigers.

Favored Whitefaces hope to pull victory against perennially-dangerous Frenship

By Yuri Soto to powerful Big

After opening with a loss very well coached, very disci- And, Hereford is equally

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Phillies end **Astros'** streak in 10 innings

HOUSTON (AP) — The Philadelphia Phillies were due against the Astros in 1999. The Phillies stopped their

11-game losing streak and ended Houston's



game winning string, beating the Astros 8-6 Wednesday night on Doug Glanville's careerhigh five hits.

The Astros had their lead in the NL Central cut to three games by Cincinnati, which beat Chicago 5-4.

The Phillies won hours after announcing ace Curt Schilling would not pitch again this season because of shoulder problems. Philadelphia won for only the second time in 20 games.

Glanville opened the 10th with a single off Doug Henry (2-3) and stole second. After a one-out walk to Bobby Abreu, Mike Lieberthal hit an **RBI** double and Rico Brogna added an RBI single.

The Astros scored twice in the ninth off Wayne Gomes (5-5) to tie it at 6.

Ken Caminiti had an in-

"That ball wasn't even in the strike zone, and he hit it over the fence about 10 rows up in left field," Tom Kelly said of Palmeiro's homer. "You just shake your head. That pretty much was the story of the game."

Kelly, starting in left field for the injured Rusty Greer, went 3-for-4 with four RBIs and two runs scored. He also hit a double in the second. It was his fifth career two-homer game.

"This guy, when he gets his chance to play, he produces. Over and over and over again," Texas manager Johnny Oates said.

Kelly, who has played for eight teams — including the Twins — in his 11-year career, remains patient for his chance to play.

"Right now, I've really got to be ready as much as I can," Kelly said. "It's funny - when you're just trying to put the ball on the bat, it goes a long way."

Loaiza allowed just six hits to snap a personal threegame losing streak.

Palmeiro hit his home run in the seventh, a three-run shot off Twins starter Brad Radke (12-14).

"I had a real good feeling I could pitch around him a little bit, and he hit a good pitch," Radke said. "It was up and away. He shouldn't have even been swinging at the ball."

Oates said a triple crown would be a fitting honor for Palmeiro. "Certainly we'd like him to win the triple crown. If he wins the triple crown, we got a pretty good chance of winning this division. I'd love for him to win the triple crown," Oates said.

It was Palmeiro's sixth career home run off Radke, who allowed six runs and nine hits in 6 2/3 innings.

After Terry Steinbach's two-run homer in the seventh closed the Twins to 6-3, Kelly hit his second homer off reliever Mark Redman.

The Twins got their first run in the sixth when Cristian Guzman led off with a single, advanced to third when Ivan Rodriguez's pickoff attempt at first sailed into right field and scored on a Jacque Jones grounder.

Hereford Brand Sports

Most area football fans know when both the Hereford Whitefaces and the Wolfforth Frenship Tigers meet, hearts jump on both sides of the ball.

You never know how one - or both - teams will play the game against each other, but one thing's guaranteed: This is a good matchup for both ball clubs.

Let's turn back the clock to Sept. 18, 1998.

Under two minutes left, Hereford uses the shotgun offense to move the ball into Frenship territory.

They use the shotgun and go to the air, only to score the winning touchdown on the ground.

Cody Hodges runs five yards toward the end zone, giving the Whitefaces a 31-28 lead, which they take to the final gun to win the football game.

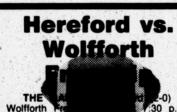
"Their shotgun makes them very dangerous," said Wolfforth Frenship head coach Bobby Davis. "That's how they beat us last year. We have our work cut out for us."

Spring, Frenship came back last week in the final minute to defeat Snyder, 21-17. That victory was due in

part to the play of quarterback Trace Vineyard, who completed 11 of 19 passes for 219 yards and a touchdown. The only touchdown

pass he got, a n i n e - y a r d strike to Bryan Moore with 1:35 left, gave the Tigers the win against Snyder. "Its going

to be a big game for them," said Whiteface head coach Craig Yenzer said. "They are



Yenzer, 4th Year, 19-17. Wolfforth Frenship: Bobby Davis, 19th Year, 102-88-2; 38th season overall, 180-139-5. ON THE AIRWAVES — KPAN-FM 106.3.

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THE DEFENSES — Hereford: 5-2; Wolfforth Frenship: 50 Front. INJURIES — Hereford: OL Trey Bezner (non-football related); Wolfforth Frenship: DT Michael Ness (knee). LAST WEEK: Hereford defeated Andrews, 29-14. Wolfforth Frenship defeated Snyder, 21-17. OUTLOOK — Hereford, led by L.J. Valleio's 130 vards and three touch-

Vallejo's 130 yards and three touch-downs, one of them over the air, defeated Andrews 29-14, in a game which many other schools and newspa-pers considered an upset. Good news comes for Hereford, as many of the Whitefaces, who have been out due to injuries, return to action. Most significantly running back Ramiro Zambrano and defensive lineman Daniel Fangman. The Tigers have had a tough history

of playing tough ball games against the Whitefaces. Last year, Hereford needed a five-yard touchdown run by Cody Hodges to defeat Frenship in the last minutes, 31-28. ... Last week, Frenship quarterback Trace Vineyard threw for 219 yards on 11-of-19 attempts and a touchdown. That only touchdown pass, a nine-yard strike with 1:35 left, sealed the victory for the Tigers.

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Another thing going in Hereford's way, other than the excellent play on both sides of the ball and the two up against. "Those twin victories, is that they get a brothers they lot of their key players back got are excelfrom early-season injuries lent," Davis and non-football related illsaid about the always dannesses. gerous Cody

Some of those returning are Ramiro Zambrano, Daniel Fangman, Bobby Law and Gilbert Hernandez .

are not the "It will help us mentally this week," Yenzer said. "Just the excitement of have. Their defense, ofgetting those guys back will fensive line and (L.J.) give us a jump start."

One notable return from Vallejo, he's a that group is Zambrano, who great little will get some playing time at running back. running back, relieving some of the load currently carried They are a well-balanced by L.J. Vallejo. The Tigers

"He's anxious," Yenzer said, "and just the leadership are impressed you get from those guys and that Hereford their excitement we get is very capable

field single that shortstop Desi Relaford threw away for a run, and Houston loaded the bases with no outs. Paul Bako grounded into a double play, scoring a run that made it 6-all.

Billy Brewer got two outs for his first save since 1994 with Kansas City.

Glanville homered, doubled and singled three times to finish 5-for-6. Pinch-hitter Alex Arias hit a tying triple in the eighth off reliever Jay Powell and Glanville and Lieberthal added run-scoring singles to make it 6-4.

Caminiti hit a two-run homer, his 10th, and drove in three runs for Houston.

Astros starter Scott Elarton struck out a career-high 10 in six innings. He left with a 4-3 lead.

Glanville led off the third with his career-high ninth home run, surpassing last year's total.

One out later, Abreu walked. With two outs, Elarton walked Brogna, Kevin Jordan and Marlon Anderson to force home the go-ahead run.

Person pitched six-plus innings, striking out eight.

Smith sparked comeback with voice

Cowboy runner reminded Gailey about how running game was working against Redskins

By Jaime Aron The Associated Press

IRVING (AP) — Emmitt Smith was tired of seeing the Dallas Cowboys throw incompletion after incompletion, so took his complaint to the boss, coach Chan Gailey.

Speaking with more pas-sion and volume than usual, Smith reminded Gailey how well the Cowboys had been running the ball against Washington. The passing game, he noted, wasn't working and the Redskins were building a big lead.

Gailey sensed Smith's determination and gave in. He called runs on the next eight plays and ended up triggering one of the best comebacks in franchise history as Dallas turned a 35-14 deficit

into a 41-35 overtime victory Sunday.

Although the glow of that game is wearing off as the Cowboys prepare to play At-lanta on Monday night, there's still talk about Smith's emotional outburst - and Smith doesn't like it.

Wearing the same steely glare, Smith on Wednesday shot down the notion that he challenged his coach and demanded the ball, and he insisted there are no problems between himself and Gailey.

"We're humans and humans have emotions," Smith said. "It's nice to let your emotions show sometimes. I felt like it was an appropriate time for everyone to let them

"I'm not trying to create some kind of controversy between me and my head coach because I have a great deal of respect for my head coach. I believe in what we're doing, in our offensive system and in our team."

Smith said he puts so much time and energy into preparing for the season that it would have been wrong for

him not to speak up. "You go through training camp, two-a-days in the heat, people hollering at you and then when you get in the middle of a very heated game and you're behind by 21, you've got to have some kind of emotions," he said. "The emotions drive you to

come back and push it into overtime. The emotions also help you go into overtime and pull it out. That's what

the game is all about. "If you take out the emotional part of the game, you've

just got a doggone chess match."

The Cowboys led 14-13 at halftime and ran on their first two plays of the third quarter. They then passed on nine of the next 10, resulting in an interception and two punts - and three straight Redskins touchdowns.

Gailey admitted he goofed on his play calling.

"After going back and watching the film, I'd probably change that and run the ball a little more in the third quarter," he said. "At the time, I thought we were doing the right thing."

By returning to the ground game, Smith and backup Chris Warren moved the chains and kept the Washington defense from laying back waiting for Troy Aikman to throw. Once the Redskins began thinking

run, the Cowboys hit them with passes.

Gailey's theory of keeping the defense off-balance ultimately led to the game-winning play. With Dallas facing third-

and-2 from its 24, the Redskins expected a handoff to Smith. Instead, Aikman faked the exchange and threw deep to Raghib Ismail, whose nearest defender was sucked in on the play action. Ismail cruised to a 76-yard touchdown, capping a 21-point comeback that tied the biggest in franchise history.

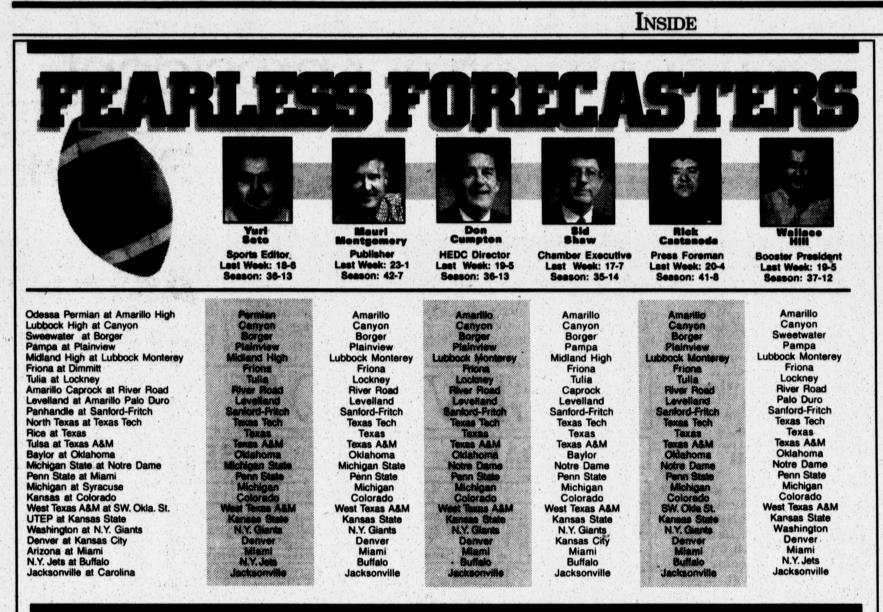
Chan is the head coach and he got it under control,' Smith said. "We got the running game going and things went back to clicking like they were in the first quarter.

"So it all worked out."

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Reds end Schott

COOPERSTOWN, N.Y. (AP) On a day of historic change, baseball got rid of its highest-profile woman and its highest-ranking black official.

Marge Schott's rocky 15year reign as owner of the Cincinnati Reds ended Wednesday when baseball approved the \$67 million sale of her controlling interest to her limited partners.

National League president Len Coleman, the top minority official in the game, announced his resignation immediately after owners voted to merge the administrative operations of the American and National leagues.

And in developments that caused disappointment and anger, owners put off the proposed sales of the Kansas

referred comment to John Allen, the team's managing executive since Schott agreed in June 1996 to give up day-to-day control of the team.

"It's the end of a historic chapter in our organization," Allen said. "It's the start of the next chapter."

Owners also unanimously approved a resolution calling on their lawyers to redraft the Major League Agreement, which governs baseball, to merge the AL and NL in all areas but on the field, where the leagues and divisions will remain unchanged for now.

Coleman, saying his job would become irrelevant with the change, was the lone dissenting vote in the baseball's executive council, then said he will quit after the World Series and will become a senior adviser to commissioner Bud Selig. "The role of league president has become like a Studebaker — a good ride while it lasted," Coleman said. AL president Gene Budig, who did not attend Selig's news conference, was offered the job of senior vice president under Selig in charge of educational and government the team from Steve Schott affairs. There was no word if he would accept it.

selves as a single entity."

Since the NL began in 1876 and the AL in 1900, each league ran its own affairs. But the commissioner's office, founded in 1920, has taken an increasing active concerned his bid had too role, especially since 1984, when Peter Ueberroth had the leagues move into the same building.

Interleague play, which began in 1997, provided further impetus. Under the change, umpires, scheduling and player discipline will switch to the commissioner's office, subject to collective bargaining with players and umpires.

"Frankly, the system was an anachronism," Selig said.

The owners voted 28-2 to table the \$122.4 million sale of the A's to a group headed the franchises in their cities

buy the Royals from a trust that acquired the franchise following the death of founder Ewing Kauffman in 1993. Since spring, management officials have said they were many people and not enough money.

"I was hopeful we would be approved," Prentice said. "We were not rejected. They did not turn us down. That's the important thing."

Selig said no action would be taken on the A's and Royals until after the owners' economic study committee, appointed last January, makes its report. He said the sales weren't approved because he wasn't convinced the deals would ensure the survival of

Los Angeles still in hunt for franchise

LOS ANGELES (AP) -The NFL's original deadline for Los Angeles to present an acceptable stadium proposal has passed, but the league insists that doesn't assure that Houston will get the expansion franchise.

The six-month window the NFL gave Los Angeles ended Wednesday with none of the Los Angeles groups able to organize a deal that satisfied the league.

Los Angeles, however, apparently still has some hope of landing what will be the league's 32nd team.

Three Los Angeles groups - representing the Coliseum, Hollywood Park and Carson - are very much in the running despite the passing of the deadline, NFL spokesman Greg Aiello said.

"It means the window of exclusivity for Los Angeles has ended," Aiello said from league headquarters in New York.

This week, the NFL began talking again with representatives from Houston.

In Los Angeles, Hollywood dealmaker Michael Ovitz is among those still trying to

bring a team to town. "The Ovitz group has worked very hard and spent a great deal of money to bring pro football back to LA. Now it's up to the league to

decide whether it wants to play professional football in Los Angeles," said Mark Fabiani, a spokesman for Ovitz.

Aiello reiterated the league's stance that Houston doesn't have the edge for the expansion team.

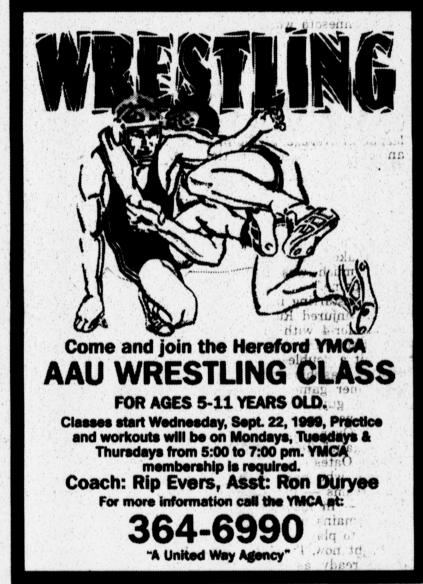
"It's wide open between the four groups we're dealing with. It's just a matter of someone stepping up with a plan that can get 24 votes from our owners," he said.

The 31 team owners are scheduled to meet early next month in Atlanta. NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue recently said a decision on the extansion franchise might be made then.

Three-fourths of the team owners would have to approve the action.

"The (expansion) committee will meet Oct. 5 and make its report Oct. 6. Hopefully some decisions will be made beginning that day," Aiello said. "The NFL will continue communication with all four groups as we move closer to the Oct. 6 meeting."





City Royals and Oakland Athletics, citing the uncertain futures of baseball's small-market teams.

Schott, who repeatedly has infuriated baseball with inflammatory statements about minorities and women, will be replaced as the Reds' controlling owner by Carl Lindner, who owns the Great American Insurance Co.

The deal, in which 36.7 percent of the team's shares change hands, values the franchise at \$181.8 million.

Schott couldn't be reached for comment, and Lindner, who attended the meeting,

"Baseball took a very historical step that it had to do," Selig said. "It is imperative that we conduct our-

by Save Mart Foods chairman Bob Piccinini, and 29-1 to table the \$75 million sale of the Royals to a group headed by Miles Prentice.

Only Oakland and the Chicago Cubs voted against the motion to table to the A's sale. The Royals were the only vote against tabling their deal.

and Ken Hofmann expires if it doesn't close by Monday, headed by New York art and his group seemed stunned.

vestor, agreed last Nov. 13 to

for "a couple of generations." However, baseball's econom-

ics are unlikely to change until after the 2001 season at the earliest, when the sport's labor agreement with players probably will expire. The economic study committee does not include the players association, which is expected to reject its findings.

The proposed sale of the Montreal Expos from Claude Brochu's group to a group dealer Jeffrey Loria also wasn't considered. The team Prentice, a New York in- and the commissioner agreed not to put it to a vote.

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Bird to stop coaching after next season

By Hank Lowenkron

The Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) -Larry Bird always planned to stay only three years as coach of the Indiana Pacers.

He made it official Wednesday, saying he would step down at the end of the 1999-2000 season when his threeyear contract expires.

"When I came to Indianapolis, I sat down and talked to (Pacers president) Donnie Walsh and said straight out that three years was long enough for one coach at one place," Bird told Indianapolis television station WISH during a satellite interview from Naples, Fla., with broadcasters to promote his book, "Bird Watching: On Playing and Coaching the Game I Love."

"It's been a great experience for me. It's not something I dreamed of doing," said Bird, named NBA coach of the year in his rookie season on the Indiana bench when the Pacers reached the seventh game of the Eastern Conference playoffs before loscago. The Pacers followed up by winning the Central Division championship last year, but were upset in the Eastern Conference finals by the New York Knicks, a loss that Bird

ing to eventual champion Chi- other role.

said "broke my heart." Wednesday's statements confirm a portion of Bird's book in which he said he told Walsh that he would complete his contract as coach. "He wants me to come back, and I'm not a quitter. I plan to stick to the original provision of my contract to coach for only three years. That will be more than enough for me."

Walsh said he hasn't discussed Bird's future since last season, but didn't expect Bird to continue as Pacers coach after his contract expired.

"The bottom line is I'd like to see him continue with the franchise in some way," Walsh said. "I'm extremely pleased with everything he's done as a coach, and if he doesn't want to coach, then I'd love to have him with us in an-

"Larry and I have to sit down and discuss his desires. We haven't had any recent conversation about his future and I've told him that I'd like to have one when he

gets back in town." When asked by Indianapo-lis TV station WRTV whether he would accept a front-office job with the Pacers, Bird didn't rule it out, but said he has no current plans to do

"We'll see after the year's up," he said.

"Hopefully, we can talk him out of it, but he's been honest from the beginning about this. He said three years and this will be the third year. It's been great playing for him and we want to finish strong for him," point guard Mark Jackson said.

Bird said he didn't expect to change his mind, no matter what happens in the upcoming season.

These players have made it a great experience for me. After last year, I'm very down

at getting to the finals, and we didn't do it. This year is going to be no different. We're going to work hard and I'll expect a lot out of them," he said.

from the way we ended up. I

thought we had a great shot

Letter to the **Sports Editor**

Dear Sports Editor,

I felt your article in the Sunday paper about the volleyball team was a sports editorial.

I read the sports section to find out about the games and scores of our local youth, not to read the opinion of a sports writer.

I feel that we, as a community, need to build up our youth and not point fingers at 14-, 15-, 16- and 17-year-old adolescents that miss a block.

These girls are not on the professional volleyball circuit, but on a high school team.

Listening.

Paula Miller

Tigers

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makes all the difference in our team."

The Whitefaces will need that type of energy again this year against Frenship, if they hope to pull out a victory.

In order, though, for Frenship to pull out a victory against the Whitefaces, they know they must do one thing.

"We have to play a good overall defensive game," Davis said. "We just cannot gear up and stop their passing or stop their running. We have to do both."

Davis knows they are the underdogs, and he believes that Hereford should be a ranked team.

We have a lot of respect for the Herd and for Yenzer on what he's done with the program," he said.



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Michigan State Bar honors former president

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GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. -President Gerald Ford, who worked as a lawyer here after graduating college, has been honored by the Michigan State Bar for his public service.

In remarks Wednesday at the association's luncheon, Michigan Gov. John Engler said Ford has integrity that transcends partisan politics.

"I don't think any president in living memory has been considered more trustworthy by both sides of the aisle," Engler said. "We are proud of you, and we are proud you are one of our own.'

The former president received two standing ovations.

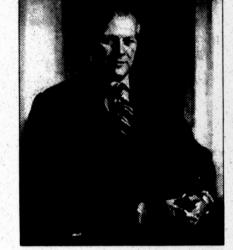
Ford, who worked in Grand Rapids after attending Yale Law School, said he appreciated the recognition by his colleagues. In a speech, he criticized term limits, saying they negate voters' rights.

"If you don't like ... public officials or what they're doing, it's up to you, not the Constitution, to replace them with people more to your own liking," he said.

Kevin Costner

AUSTIN — The winces that Kevin Costner makes on the pitching mound in his new movie "For Love of the Game" aren't an act.

"Kevin threw every strike, threw every curve ball," said University of Texas baseball coach Augie Garrido, who served as a technical consultant on the film. "There's one scene where you'll see about



Former President Ford honored by Michigan State Bar for public service.

two or three pitches. There must be 140 more that he threw that day on the cutting room floor."

In the film, which opens Friday, Costner plays an aging pitcher nearing the end of his career.

Garrido and Costner became friends in 1992, when Costner came to dedicate a new baseball stadium at his alma mater, California State University at Fullerton. Garrido was then coaching Fullerton's team.

"Augie was the first person I thought of to help on this film," Costner said. "I trust him implicitly on all fronts.'

Garrido said he was glad to help his friend craft an authentic baseball movie.

"It was like fulfilling a friend's request to help him," he said. "It wouldn't be any different than your neighbor coming over and asking for help painting his fence.'

Garrido said he didn't have to teach Costner about how to act and throw like a

big-league pitcher.

"He was the character by the time the film ended, including having a very sore arm," he said.

Maria Maples LOS ANGELES — Three months after her divorce from Donald Trump, Marla Maples says she's engaged. Maples told "Entertain-

ment Tonight" she plans to marry producer Michael Mailer, the son of author Norman Mailer.

Miss Maples, 35, made th disclosure this week at th Toronto Film Festival whil promoting her film "Black & White," which was produce by the groom-to-be. A wee ding date wasn't revealed.

Warren Buffett

OMAHA, Neb. - Billion aire investor Warren Buffet draws a crowd whenever he talking finance. He als draws a crowd when he plays Buffett's eighth-annua charity golf and tennis out ing brought in some heav hitters — about 140 of then - for Tuesday's event that raised more than \$1 millio for Girls Inc. of Omaha.

Top business minds an celebrities joined Buffett fo the day of fun at Omah Country Club. Some, like F delity Management Vic Chairman Peter Lynch, eve talked a little shop betwee swings on the practice range

Buffett and Lynch gav their views, for instance, o U.S. trade deficits.

"We trade ownership wit claims on ownership," Buffe said in reference to foreig investors in U.S. real estate "That's not a good thing ove a long period of time. Bu we're so rich it doesn't mak much difference over a one year period, but it's some

thing you would not want to have for 20 years.'

Not everyone was talking business Tuesday, however.

Microsoft Corp. Group Vice President Jeff Raikes, Compaq Corp. President and CEO Michael Capellas, baseball Hall of Famer George Brett and Union Pacific Railroad President Ike Evans were among golfers playing for the charity. Actor Chuck Norris and U.S. West President and CEO Sol Truiillo were among ten-

nis players in the two-sport event.

Golf foursomes donated at least \$15,000 each and tennis doubles teams gave at least \$7,500.

Bill & Malinda Gates

SEATTLE (AP) — Microsoft Corp. Chairman Bill Gates and his wife are donating at least \$1 billion to fund scholarships for minority college students for the next 20 years, accord-

The gift by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, scheduled to be announced at a news conference here today. would be the couple's largest single philanthropic contribu-tion and one of the largest ever, matching a \$1 billion commitment to the United Nations made in 1997 by CNN founder Ted Turner.

The scholarships in education, engineering, math and science are to be called the Gates Millennium Scholarships.

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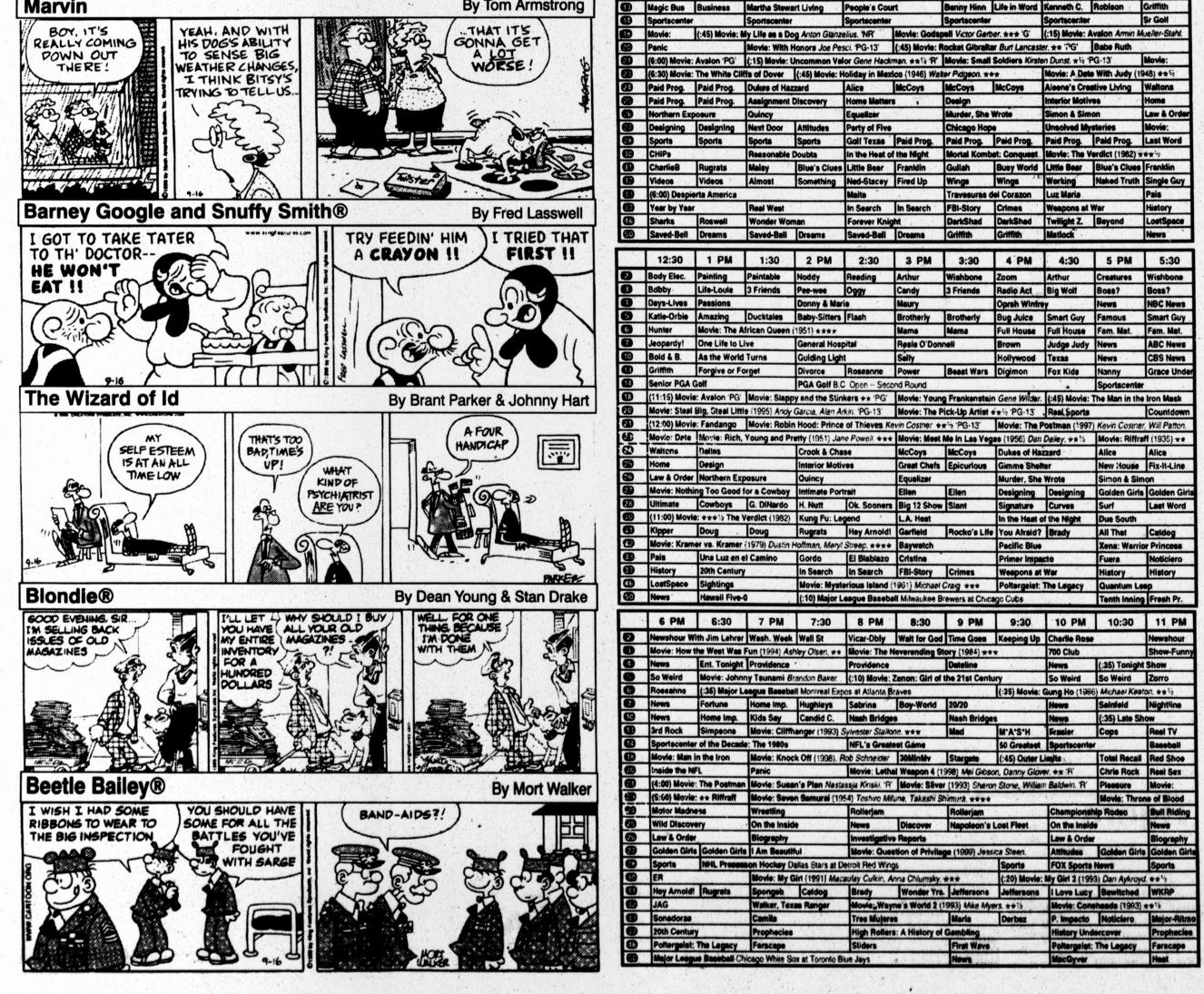
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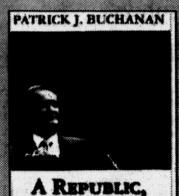
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By Tom Armstrong



INSIDE



NOT AN EMPIRE Reclaiming America's Destiny

new book by sidential candidate Pat Buchanan recently made its way to the bookstores.

Pat has the GOP in tizzy

WASHINGTON (AP) — With Pat Buchanan on the brink of bolting, Ha-publicans fear that a strong third-party presi-dential campaign by the conservative contander would siphon support from the GOP nomines. A new poll fuels their fears 20.316

"If he wins the Reform "If he wins the Reform Party nomination, he has \$12 million and a spot in the presidential debates — and he can cause real problems for Republi-cans," said GOP strate-gist Scott Reed, who ran Bob Dole's failed 1996 presidential bid. Ruchanan will an

Buchanan will an-Buchaman will an-nounce his plans in Octo-ber, though advisers are making preparations for him to abandon the GOP. The Pew Research Center for the People & the Press, which polled 1,205 adults from Sept. 1 -12, found Buchaman could hurt Republicans if the matchup tightans be-tween Democratic front-runner Al Gore and GOP runner Al Gore and GOP of Texas. In a head-to-head com-parison, Bush leads Gore 54 percent to 39 percent. In a three-way matchup, 9 percent supported Buchanan while the Bush-Gore margin changed little -- 50 percent for Bush, 36 percent for Gore. But underlying numbers suggest that Buchanan would est sway at Bush's base. Of the registered vot-ers who chose Buchanan in the three-way heat, 60 percent had selected the Texas governor in the the Texas governor in the two-way matchup and just 29 percent had so-lected the vice president. "More Bush supporters than Gore voters migrate to Buchanan," says the Pew analysis of the poll, which has a margin of which has a margin of error of plus or minus 3 percentage points. In a close Gore-Bush race "a Reform Party bid by the conservative commen tor might mean trouble for Bush."

'Voices of the Wind'

WTAMU to be host for two-day storytelling festival

Special to The Brand CANYON - A two-day storytelling festival will be Friday and Saturday at West Texas A&M University.

The festival, "Voices of the Wind," will include special presentations for storytellers, teaches, librarians, parents and children.

Dr. Trudy Hanson, WTAMU associate professor of speech communication and advisor for the WTAMU Panhandler Storytelling Guild, is serving as coordinator for the event.

This is a unique opportunity for those interested in storytelling to get together," Hanson said. "Having so many prominent storytellers come

visit the Panhandle at the same time is a rare event."

The festival will begin with a storytelling concert at 7 p.m. Friday at the Chuckwagon in Palo Duro Canyon. Storytellers scheduled to perform are Sheila Phillips, Donna Ingham, Gene Helmich-Richardson and Dan Gibson.

Registration for Saturday's activities begin at 9 a.m. in the Jack B. Kelley Student Center Commons on the WTAMU campus.

Morning workshops begin at 10 a.m. and will include "Using the Voice in Storytelling," presented by Royal Brantley, head of the

WTAMU Department of Art, Communication and Theatre; "Tips for Making a Storytelling Videotape," pre-sented by Dr. Leigh Browning, assistant professor of mass communciations; "Voices of the Ancestors," presented by Consuela Samarripa of San Antonio; and "Storytelling in the Classroom," presented by Waynetta Asmus of McKinney.

A Kids Konzert will be 11 a.m.-noon in the Kelley center.

Participants may attend a catered lunch, noon-1:30 p.m. Afternoon workshops from 1:45-2:35 p.m. will include

"Storytelling in Library Settings," presented by Dorothy McMahan of Houston; "Par-ticipation Stories: Adding Some Dramatic Elements, presented by Judy Carter of Amarillo College; "Storytelling Fun for the Family," presented by Hanson; and "Using Storytelling to Meet TEKS Requirements," presented by Marianna Gage of Austin.

A Storytelling guild roundtable will be 3-4 p.m. will feature Gibson and Helmich-Richardson, board members of the Tejas Storytelling Association.

A final storytelling concert featuring TSA board members Eldrena Douma, Philips,

Ingham, Helmich-Richardson and Gibson will begin at 7 p.m. in the Kelley center Quiet Lounge.

Cost of the festival is \$25 for the concerts, workshops and catered lunch on Saturday; \$15 for a half-day; \$5 per person for the Friday or Saturday evening concert; or \$1 per person for the Kids Konzert.

In case of inclement weather, the Friday concert will be moved to Northern Hall Atrium.

For more information, contact Douma at 655-0675 or bluecorn_teller@hotmail.com or Hanson at 651-2800 or thanson@mail.wtamu.edu.

Irrigation efficiency to be demonstrated at field day

Special to The Brand

Area producers who want to learn more about drip irrigation as a way to improve irrigation application efficiency are urged to attend a demonstration field day later this month.

The field day, which is spon-sored by the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1, will be 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Sept. 23 at the Ronnie Owens farm, located 6 miles east of Hereford on U.S. Highway 60 and 1 mile north on Country Road E.

Producers are invited to stop by at any time during the field day for a one-on-one discussion of drip irrigation

and other water conservative techniques.

The drip irrigation field day will focus on the installation and management of drip irrigation systems, according to district assistant manager Ken Carver.

"Drip irrigation is slow, frequent applications of small amounts of water to the soil area directly surrounding plant roots. Water losses caused by evaporation, deep percolation and runoff are virtually eliminated. Using drip irrigation can save as much as 30-40 percentof the water used by furrow irrigation," Carver said. The drip tape is installed

on 20 acres at the site and

has been in operation since Februrary 1997. Owens' system' operates in a series of

three stations. Water district personnel will be available to answer questions and demonstrate a variety of water conservation techniques, including soil moisture monitoring with gypsum blocks and resistance meters, use of Potential Evapotranspiration (PET) data to schedule irrigation, design and installation of a drip irrigation system, as well as pump plant energy efficiency testing.

A dealer display will be set up at the site to show several products, including the drip tape, emitters and other hardware.

A noon lunch will be available on a first-come, firstserve basis.

Carver encouraged any producer who is interested in water conservation to attend the field day.

"This is not a formal field tour. Visitors can stop by whenever they have time to see all the demonstrations or when they have just a few minutes to see the demonstration they are particularly interested in," Carver said.

The field demonstration day is sponsored by the water district and its Deaf Smith County committee: Sid Shaw, Harvey Milton, Bill Shore,

spend public funds or extend credit to pur-

Lewis Block, L.J. Clark and Jeanette Tice, all of Hereford. Robert Meyer of Canyon represents portions of Armstrong, Deaf Smith, Potter and Randall counties within the district service area.

For more information on the field demonstration day, contact the water district at (806) 762-0181 or by e-mail at hpwd@hpwd.com or info@hpwd.com



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PROPOSITION NO. 15 ON THE BALLOT

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HJR 36 - HJR 36 proposes a constitutional amendment that would allow spouses, by an agreement in writing, to convert all or part of their separate property into commu property. Separate property is primarily the property owned or claimed by the spouse before marriage and the property acquired by the spouse during the marriage by gift or in heritance. Community property consists of the property, other than separate property, acquired by either spouse during marriage.

PUBLIC NOTICE BRIEF EXPLANATORY STATEMENTS OF PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS **Special Election NOVEMBER 2, 1999**

proposed amendment would clarify current aw by specifically allowing home equity loans on all or part of urban homesteads of up to ten acres and subject such loans to the same requirement that the refinanced or new loan not overburden the homestead.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment increasing the maximum size of an urban homestead to 10 acres, prescribing permissible uses of urban homesteads, and preventing the overburdening of a homestead."

chase nonassessable property or casualty insurance from a mutual insurance company authorized to do business in Texas. Under current law, a political subdivision is generally prohibited from spending public funds or extending credit to become a stockholder in a corporation but is permitted to purchase nonassessable life, health or accident insurance policies from a mutual insurance company authorized to do business in Texas. This amendment would authorize a political subdivision to also obtain non-assessable prop-

Floyd hits East Coast

WILMINGTON, N.C. (AP) -Hurricane Floyd roared ashore today near Cape Fear with 110 mph wind, flooding the Carolina coasts with more than a foot of rain as tens of thousands of people huddled in shelters.

The eye of the huge storm hit the mainland at about 3 a.m., preceded by hours of violent weather that included several tornadoes. Floyd then weakened rapidly as it headed across the southeastern corner of Virginia on its way back to the ocean.

Some 1.3 million utility customers in the Carolinas and Virginia lost power, and 125,000 still had no power today in Florida. Flooding and power failures combined to shut down Portsmouth, Va.'s water supply system, which serves 110,000 customers.

At least seven deaths were blamed on Floyd.

PROPOSITION NO. 1 **ON THE BALLOT**

HJR 44 - HJR 44 proposes a constitutional amendment that would ensure a clear succession in event of vacancies in the offices of Governor and Lieutenant Governor. Specifically, the amendment would provide that if after qualifying for the office, the Governor is temporarily unable to serve, the Lieutenant Governor shall act as Governor until the Governor is able to serve; but if the Governor is permanently unable to serve, the Lieutenant Governor shall become the Governor for the remainder of the unexpired term. The amendment would require a Lieutenant Governor who becomes Governor to forfeit the office of Lieutenant Governor. The amendment would also provide similar succession procedures when a vacancy occurs in the office of Governor before the newly elected Governor qualifies for office, and when the newly elected Governor is temporarily unable to take office. The amendment also would provide that if there is a temporary vacancy in the office of Lieutenant Governor, the President pro tempore of the Senate will fill the position; but if there is a permanent vacancy in the office of Lieutenant Governor, the President pro tempore of the Senate shall serve as Lieutenant Governor only until such time as the whole senate can convene to elect one of its members to perform the duties of Lieutenant Governor. Finally, the amendment would provide that if the Lieutenant Governor, while temporarily exercising the powers of the Governor, becomes temporarily disabled or unable to serve, the President pro tempore of the senate shall exercise the powers and authority of the office of the Governor until such time as the Governor or Lieutenant Governor reassumes those powers and duties.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to revise the provisions for the filling of a vacancy in the office of governor or lieutenant governor."

FROPOSITION NO. 2 ON THE BALLOT

SJR 12 - SJR 12 proposes a constitutional mendment that would resolve conflicts between the Texas Constitution and federal law relating to the definition, rules, and procedures of reverse mortgages. The amendment would define "reverse mortgage" in part as an extension of credit made against the homestead of a person who is 62 years or older, or whose spouse is 62 years or older. It would expand the list of circumstances under which payment of principal and interest become due and the procedures involved in foreclosure, and would require certain advances to be made according to specific terms in loan documents, including advances by the lender, on behalf of the borrower for payments nec-essary to protect the lender's interest. Finally, the amendment would require the Texas Supreme Court to promulgate rules of civil pro-cedure expediting court-ordered foreclosures of reverse mortgage liens.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitu ment relating to the making of advances under a revers e mortgage and payment of a reverse mortgage."

PROPOSITION NO. 3 ON THE BALLOT

HJR 62 - HJR 62 proposes a constitutional

at would sir plify and clarify the language of the Texas Constitution. The amendment would make no substantive changes, but would eliminate duplicative, expired, out-of-date, and ineffective terms.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to eliminate duplicative, executed, obsolete, archaic, and ineffective provisions of the Texas Constitution."

PROPOSITION NO. 4 ON THE BALLOT

HJR 4 - HJR 4 proposes a constitutional ment that would broaden the definition of charitable organizations. The amendment would exempt from ad valorem taxation the property of any organization engaged primarily in public charitable functions, and it would allow such an organization to conduct additional activities to support its charitable functions.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to exempt property owned by institutions engaged primarily in public charitable functions from ad valorem taxation."

PROPOSITION NO. 5 ON THE BALLOT

SJR 26 - SJR 26 proposes an amendment that would remove the restriction prohibiting state employees who receive all or part of their compensation from the state from serving as members of a governing body of a school district, city, town, or other local governmental district unless the state employee receives no salary for such service. The amendment would allow state employees to receive compensation from the governing bodies of which they are members.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment allowing state employees to receive compensation for serving as a member of a governing body of a school district, city, town, or other local governmental district."

PROPOSITION NO. 6 ON THE BALLOT

SJR 22 - SJR 22 proposes a constitutional amendment that would increase the maximum size of an urban homestead, which is a homestead in a city, town, or village, from one acre to ten acres and require the urban estead to be composed of either a single lot or several lots that are adjacent to one another. The amendment also would provide that the urban homestead must be used as a home or as both a home and place of business, whereas current law does not require that an urban homestead that is used as a place of business be used also as a home.

Current law further allows a person to secure a home equity loan on their homestead, provided that the loan does not overburden the homestead. That is, the principal amount of the home equity loan, when added to the total of the outstanding principal balances of all other indebtedness secured against the homestead, does not exceed 80 percent of the fair market value of the homestead on the date the extension of credit is made. The

PROPOSITION NO. 7

ON THE BALLOT

HJR 16 - HJR 16 proposes a constitutional amendment that would provide that if an employee is delinquent in paying court-ordered spousal maintenance, a portion of that employee's wages may be withheld to pay the spousal maintenance. Current law allows such withholding, or garnishment, only for payment of delinquent court-ordered child support.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing garnishment of wages for the enforcement of court-ordered spousal maintenance."

PROPOSITION NO. 8 ON THE BALLOT

HJR 95 - HJR 95 proposes a constitutional amendment that would provide that the adjutant general, who is appointed by the Governor and who serves as the governing officer of the state military forces, serves as long as the Governor wishes the appointed person to serve in that capacity rather than serving a specific two-year term set by the legislature.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to provide that the adjutant general serves at the pleasure of the governor.

PROPOSITION NO. 9 ON THE BALLOT

SJR 10 - SJR 10 proposes a constitutional amendment that would authorize the legislature to create a judicial compensation committee to make recommendations for salaries for the justices and judges of the Supreme Court, the Court of Criminal Appeals, the Courts of Appeals, and the District Courts. The amendment would mandate that the recommendations become law if neither the Senate nor the House of Representatives rejects them by majority vote.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to create a judicial compensation commission.

PROPOSITION NO. 10 ON THE BALLOT

HJR 74 - HJR 74 proposes a constitutional amendment that would provide that the commissioner of health and human services, who is appointed by the Governor, serves as long as the Governor wishes the appointed person to serve in that capacity rather than serving a specific two-year term set by the legis-

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to provide that the commissioner of health and human services serves at the pleasure of the governor."

PROPOSITION NO. 11 ON THE BALLOT

HJR 69 - HJR 69 proposes a constitutional amendment that would authorize a county, city, town, or other political subdivision to

erty and casualty insurance from such a company.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment permitting a political subdivision to purchase nonassessable property and casualty insurance from an authorized mutual insurance company in the same manner that the political subdivision purchases life, health, and accident insurance."

PROPOSITION NO. 12 ON THE BALLOT

SJR 21 - SJR 21 proposes a constitutional amendment that would exempt from ad valorem taxation a leased motor vehicle that is not used by the lessee primarily to produce income. The amendment would provide that the legislature also may limit the ability of a political subdivision to subject such a vehicle to taxation.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation leased motor vehicles not held by the lessee primarily to produce income."

PROPOSITION NO. 13 ON THE BALLOT

SJR 16 - SJR 16 proposes a constitutional amendment that would authorize the legislature to allow the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to issue and sell general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$400 million in order to finance educational loans to students. The amendment also would authorize the Legislature to limit the amount of interest the bonds can bear and establish procedures for the investment of the bond proceeds. The proposed amendment would specify the method of repaying the bonds.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of \$400 million in general obligation bonds to finance educational loans to students."

PROPOSITION NO. 14 ON THE BALLOT

HJR 29 - HJR 29 proposes a constitutional amendment which would authorize the Legislature to require the board of regents of the state university and boards of trustees or managers of the educational, charitable, and penal institutions of the state, whose members serve six year terms, to be composed of an odd number of three or more board members (for example, 5, 7, or 9 members). The proposed amendment would allow approximately one-third of members of boards whose membership is not evenly divisible by three to be elected or appointed every two years. The amendment also would allow the egislature to set the composition of constitutionally required boards, whose members serve for a term of six years, to a number divisible by three so that exactly one-third of the board members may be elected or appointed every two years.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide that a state board, commission, or other agency shall be governed by a board com-posed of an odd number of three or more

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment permitting spouses to agree to convert separate property to community property.

PROPOSITION NO. 16 ON THE BALLOT

HJR 71 - HJR 71 proposes a constitutional amendment that would allow r county with a population of 50,000 or more, rather than 30,000 or more, to be divided into four to eight justice of the peace and constable pre-cincts. The amendment also would allow a county with a population between 18,000 and 50,000 to have two to eight justice of the peace and constable precincts, rather than the current maximum of five precincts. Further-more, the amendment would limit Randall County to not less than two and not more than six precincts. Finally, the amendment would set a minimum of four precincts for any county that as of November 2, 1999, is divided into four or more precincts.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to provide that certain counties shall be divided into a specific number of precincts." .

PROPOSITION NO. 17 ON THE BALLOT

HJR 58 - HJR 58 proposes a constitutional amendment which would require the board of regents of the University of Texas System to manage investments of the permanent university fund (PUF) according to the standards of a prudent investor. Generally, earnings from the PUF are distributed to the available university fund (AUF) and then ultimately distributed to the public university systems of Texas. Under the amendment, the amount distributed to the AUF would consist of distributions, as determined by the University of Texas System board of regents, from the total return on all investment assets of the PUF, instead of consisting only of the dividends, interest, and other income of the PUF minus administrative expenses. The amend ment also would provide guidelines for minimum and maximum amounts to be distrib uted to the AUF, and require that the board of regents manage distributions to the AUF in a manner that will provide the AUF with a stable and predictable stream of annual distributions and maintain the purchasing power of the PUF investments and annual distributions to the AUF.

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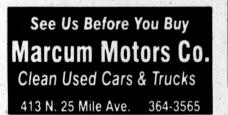
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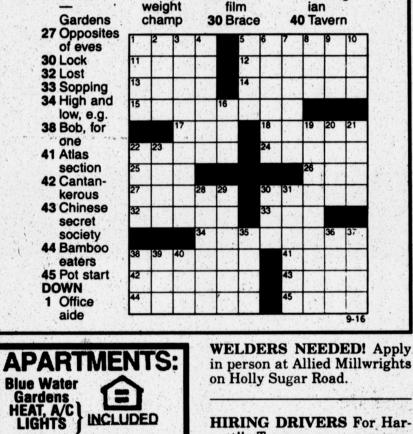


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Officers of said club are as listed:

President - Juan Guerra De La Paz Secretary - Juanita Ibarra De La Paz.

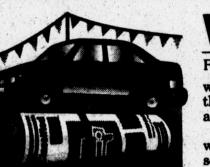
Request For Bids on Texas Highway Construction

Scaled proposals for 1.964 mi of planing, remove existing base, lime treat subgrade, asphalt concrete pavement and concrete pavement on US 385 from US 60 to North City limits of Hereford covered by CSR 226-5-48 in Deaf Smith County, will be received at the Texas Department of Transportation, 200 E. Riverside Drive, Austin, Texas, until 1:00 P.M., October 7, 1999, and then publicly opened and read. It is the bidder's responsibility to ensure that the sealed proposal arrives at the above location and is in the hands of the letting official, by the specified deadline regardless of the method chosen by the bidder for delivery.

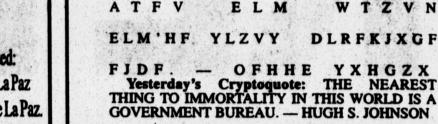
Plans and specifications, including minimum wage rates as provided by Law, are available for inspection at the office of Don Day, Area Engineer, Canyon, Texas, and at the Texas Department of Transportation, Austin, Texas. Bidding proposals are to be requested from the Construction Division, 200 East Riverside Drive, Austin, Texas 78704-1205. Plans are available through commercial printers in Austin, Texas, at the expense of the bidder.

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Weather

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widespread flooding in low-lying areas. During the severe thunderstorm which swept through the region, lightning caused an electrical transformer at the city sewer plant to blow.

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DAILY CRYPTOQUOTES - Here's how to work it:

City Manager Chester Nolen said the plant lost power, which forced workers to bypass the plant and chlorinate sewage by hand. The plant was back on line by 12:45 p.m. Wednesday, Nolen said.

Cloudy skies were common over the northwestern half of the state. Temperatures ranged from the mid 50s in the South, the Panhandle and portions of the Hill Country.

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proposal by Rep. Charles Stenholm, D-Texas, to set up a new system of farm subsidies that would be tied to changes in crop yields and commodity prices.

"We should not lurch from one emergency bill to the next," Glickman said. "It is not good for the taxpayers and it is not Hereford Brand · Thursday, September 16, 1999 · ATT

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"I always saw him driving around in his father's old Chevy." Ms. McConn said. "We always just kind of thought he was kind of useless." The shootings hap-

the large, red brick church on the south-The Associated Preis

Some major multiple shootings in 1999:

• Aug. 10: Five people are wounded at the North Valley Jewish Community Center in Los Angeles, followed by the fatal shooting of a Filipino-American postal worker. White suprema-cist Buford O. Furrow Jr., 37, is charged with

murder and attempted murder. • Aug. 5: Alan Eugene Miller, 34, is charged with killing two co-workers at their office in Pelham, Ala., then killing a third person at a company where he used to work

· July 29: Frustrated investor Mark O. Barton, 44, kills nine people and wounds 13 at two brokerage firms in Atlanta, then kills himself.

· July 12: Six members of an Atlanta family, including four children, are shot to death by Cyrano Marks, the live-in boyfriend of the children's mother. The gunman then kills him-

· June 11: Joseph Brooks Jr., 27, kills his former psychiatrist and a woman at the doctor's Southfield, Mich., clinic. Four others are wounded before Brooks kills himself.

· June 3: Four employees of a Las Vegas grocery store are shot to death. Zane Floyd, 23, an ex-Marine and part-time nightclub

23, an ex-Marine and part-time nightClub bouncer, is arrested leaving the store.
May 20: Six students at Heritage High School in Conyers, Ga., are allegedly wounded by T.J. Solomon, a 15-year-old sophomore who fires 14 shots from a .22-caliber rifle and .357-caliber Magnum handgun.
April 20: Dylan Klebold, 17, and Eric Harris, 18, kill 13 people and then themselves at Columbine High in Littleton, Colo.
April 15: Sergei Babarin, 71, opens fire in

 April 15: Sergei Babarin, 71, opens fire in the Mormon Family History Library in Salt Lake City, killing two people and wounding four others before police shoot him to death. • March 18: Walter V. Shell, 71, kills his

attorney and one of the lawyer's clients in Johnson City, Tenn. Shell blamed the lawyer for a \$100,000 loss in a dispute over his exwife's will.

· Jan. 14: Di-Kieu Duy, 24, allegedly opens fire in a Salt Lake City office building, killing one person and wounding another.

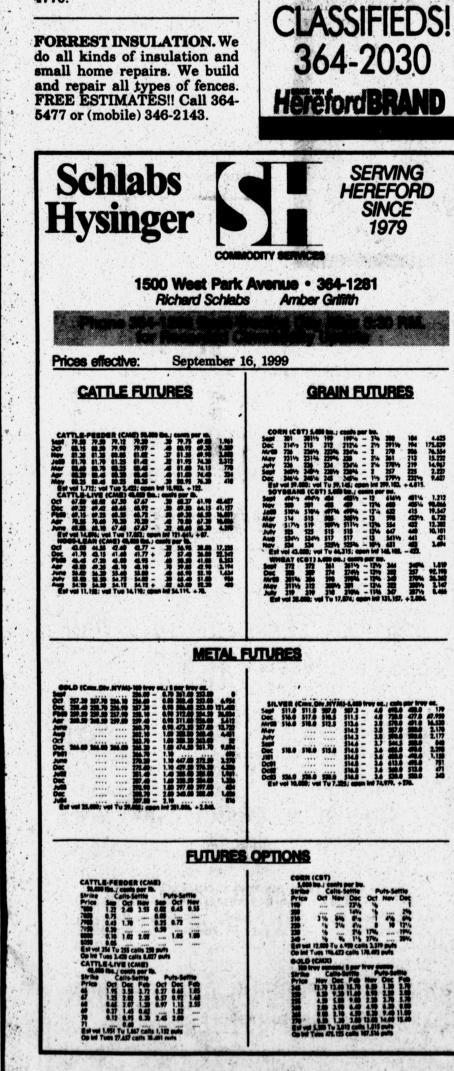
shortly after the shooting began, the suspect rolled a pipe bomb down an aisle toward the front of the sanctuary. The bomb exploded but caused no injuries.

"At that point, the kids and the adults that were in there apparently began realizing that this was not the normal situation," Svacina said. "The kids began hiding. We've been told that as the kids were scrambling for cover and moving around, that shots were being fired."

Witness Christy Martin told KDFW-TV: "He was very calm and looked normal and was smoking a cigarette."

When the gunfire was over, Hughes said, the man "sat in the back pew and put a gun (to his head) and shot himself and fell over."

Three adults and three teen-agers died inside the church before the gunman's suicide. A 14-year-old girl died early

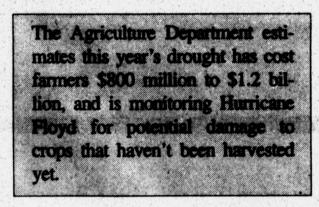


good for agriculture."

Prices for corn and soybeans are at their lowest levels in more than a decade because of a worldwide glut of grain.

The White House budget office sent a letter to congressional leaders saying it "generally agrees" with the size of a \$7.4 billion farm-aid package approved last month by the Senate.

But the letter criticized both the way the money would be allocated to



at ending much of the government intervention in agriculture, moving towards a more market-based system and giving farmers the freedom to plant what they choose, but the administration has always maintained that farmers need some type of price support.

The Senate bill was designed primarily to compensate farmers for low commodity prices, not damaged crops.

The Agriculture Department estimates this year's drought has cost farmers \$800 million to \$1.2 billion, and is monitoring Hurricane Floyd for potential damage to crops that haven't been harvested yet, Glickman said.

"In some states this is the driest growing season in history

- or at least since such records have been kept," he said. Earlier in the day, Democratic senators — flanked by dozens of farmers from across the country — demanded that Congress pass emergency farm relief and overhaul the 1996 law.

"This Congress cannot leave without acting on agriculture," said Minority Leader Tom Daschle of South Dakota. "We cannot afford to wait."

Most of the money in the Senate bill would go toward doubling the annual "market transition" payments that farm-ers are guaranteed under the 1996 law.

Glickman said that shortchanges soybean growers, whose crop wasn't included in calculating those payments. And he said some of the payments go to producers who aren't even farming anymore.

But Mary Kay Thatcher, a lobbyist for the American Farm Bureau Federation, said it's too late in the year to write a new subsidy program, such as the one Stenholm has proposed.

"If we gave the administration a new program like this to deal with, sure enough, we'd have them getting out the money eight months from now," she said.

Glickman also suggested other measures, including an ex-pansion of the land-idling Conservation Reserve Program to take additional acreage out of production and subsidies for storing grain on farms.

Some 31 million acres is currently idled under the conservation program.

House and Senate negotiators are expected to begin work next week on the USDA spending bill that includes the farm assistance.

Last year, President Clinton vetoed a \$4 billion farmassistance package and forced Republican congressional lead-ers to spend another \$2 billion.

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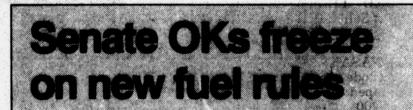
related losses.

Meredith said the victims "were Sunday school teachers and one of the favored soloists in the church, the children's choir director, kids, youth members, some active, some just getting

active, some just beginning to find God." Police feared the gunman may have wired himself with explosives. The local bomb squad and the Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms sent in a robot to search his body for explosives, but found no others.

Meredith said he hoped to have the church cleared for use by the weekend.

"It is my heart's desire that if the investigation gets cleared up, somehow, some way we can worship God in this facility Sunday morning," he said. "Our heart's desire is that the king of darkness will not prevail over the kingdom of light."



WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate has endorsed a five-year-old freeze on raising vehicle fuel efficiency standards, a victory for the auto industry, which says ougher standards means higher costs, reduced con-sumer choices and cars that are less safe. Toponents of lifting the ban said it was time to re-mains fuel standards in light of the popularity of sports utility vehicles, which get poorer ges milesge to an passenger cars and pour more pollutants into the sports utility vehicles, which get poorer ges milesge to an passenger cars and pour more pollutants into the sports utility vehicles, which get poorer ges milesge to an passenger cars and pour more pollutants into the sports utility vehicles, which get poorer ges milesge to an encode on the sponding bill that the sould have put the Senate on record as opposing a bouse-imposed provision banning the government from to a the spending bill has included to the provision every year since 1995. Until this year, the banste went along with the House version with little protest.

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