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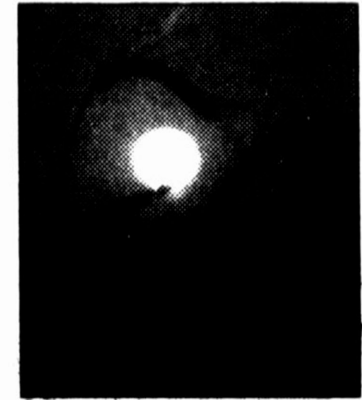
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## Outmigration major problem

### Today's weather OUTLOOK

**Partly cloudy skies**  
Tonight, partly cloudy with a low around 55.  
Friday, partly cloudy with a high in the lower 80s.



**Extended forecast**  
Saturday, partly cloudy, low in the mid-50s, high in the mid-80s.  
Sunday, partly cloudy, low in the lower 50s, high in the upper 70s.  
Monday, mostly clear, low 50 to 55, high 80 to 85.  
**Hereford weather**  
Wednesday's high, 67; low, 47; no precipitation, according to KPAN Radio.

### Inside Today



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### Both CHC, CHIP say outmigration is a cause for concern

By Donald M. Cooper  
Hereford Brand Managing Editor

A not-for-profit hospital corporation considering a lease agreement with Hereford Regional Medical Center is in agreement with one aspect of another study of hospital operations.

In the fall of 1998, the Community Health Improvement Partnership (CHIP) conducted a year-long examination of the health care delivery system in Deaf Smith County by presenting a report on its study to the hospital board.

In its report, CHIP identified out-migration as one of the leading problems confronting the Hereford hospital.

Michael D. Williams, president/chief executive officer of Community Health Corp., also identified out-migration as a significant problem for HRMC, as well as for most rural hospitals, in his presentation to the board earlier this month.

When the Community Health Improvement Partnership (CHIP) conducted its year-long examination of the health care delivery system in Deaf Smith County it identified out-migration as one of the leading problems confronting the hospital.

The CHIP members concluded the number of patients who seek medical services outside Deaf Smith County, when those same services are available in the county, has risen. The HRMC market share in 1995 was 51 percent, falling to 44 percent in 1997.

Medicare/Medicaid clients

make up 61 percent of the HRMC patients, which indicates private insurance patients are the ones seeking services elsewhere.

The CHIP Out-Migration Committee's recommendations include:

- Creation/implementation of a medical professional and staff development process;
- Establishment of an affiliation agreement with regional providers;
- Linking specialty care to Hereford/Deaf Smith County;
- Cooperation with local public employers to include incentives for use of local services.

The CHIP report also concluded the out-migration problem was compounded by a lack of knowledge about the services available to county residents.

The committee determined

more and better organized information about health care services available in the county are essential, with a focus on the hours of service, eligibility requirements, costs and expansion to social/human services.

The committee recommended the development of a directory of health, social and human services to be printed in both English and Spanish. The directory would be distributed through the schools, senior centers, Welcome Wagon, churches and the chamber of commerce.

Some of the committee's recommendations, which were submitted to the hospital board in the fall of 1998, have been implemented.

Ernest Flood, who was elected to the Deaf Smith County Hospital District board in May, served as CHIP chairman.

Flood said the CHIP partners made three recommendations involving the hospital, with a possible lease agreement or sale as one of the options for the hospital.

Another option was to maintain the status quo, although he said the CHIP partners concluded "if we did that, there'd be a short life (of the hospital)."

The third option was to pursue renovation of the current facility or construction of a new hospital.

Following the CHC presentation, Flood had said the corporation's analysis would be very helpful to the board. He said when the analysis is completed, he said it could clear up some conflicting issues.

"What we determined in the CHIP process was because of our population, there wasn't

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## VETO

### President ends political battle over tax cut

WASHINGTON (AP) — After weeks of partisan jockeying over taxes, President Clinton is carrying out his threatened veto of the \$792 billion tax cut pushed by Republicans, while expressing hope that Congress will approve an alternative plan by year's end.

Clinton scheduled a veto ceremony today for the White House Rose Garden, in which he planned to stress the need to preserve Social Security and Medicare before passing out tax cuts. He delayed the veto by a day, due to a strained voice.

White House spokesman Joe Lockhart said Clinton planned to deliver the veto in conciliatory tones, listing "what we can do that will facilitate getting something done" on taxes before Congress wraps up its current legislative session.

"The president believes this Congress can get something done this year," Lockhart said. "The message is that the president hasn't given up on the Congress, even if they may have given up on themselves."

On Capitol Hill, the battle lines were clearly drawn.

"If he vetoes our tax bill, he will in effect have increased taxes on the American people by \$792 billion," said House Ways and Means Chairman Bill Archer, R-Texas.

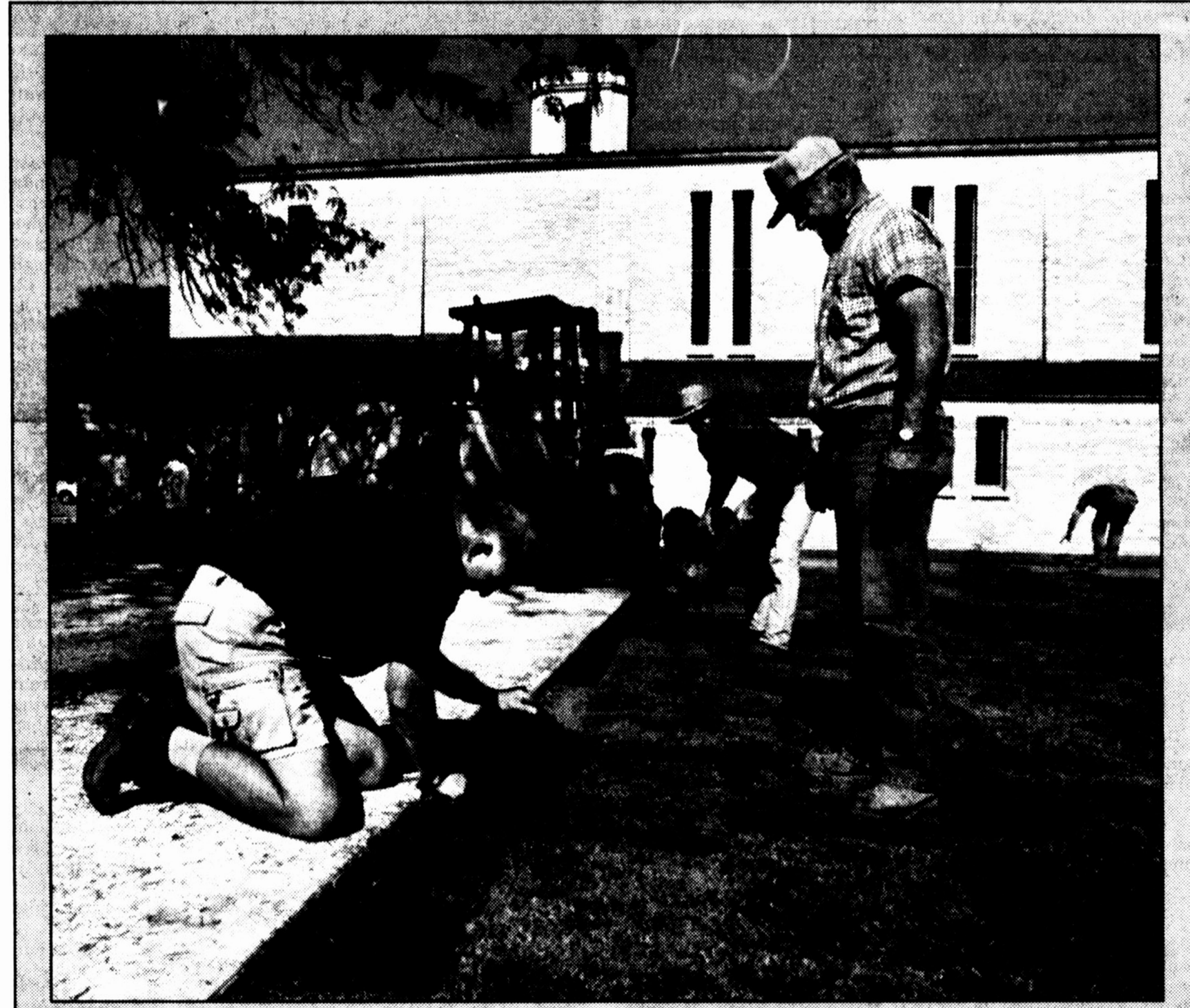


REP. BILL ARCHER  
"We should not be increasing people's taxes."

The tax bill would use part of a projected 10-year budget surplus to reduce all federal income tax rates by 1 percentage point, cut capital gains taxes, phase out estate taxes and ease the "marriage penalty" paid by many two-income couples.

In nearly party-line votes, it passed in the House, 221-206, and in the Senate, 50-49, falling far short of the two-thirds majority needed to overturn a veto.

As the package coursed through the legislative process, Clinton traveled the country arguing that such an ambitious tax cut reflected misplaced priorities — salvaging Social Security and Medicare should come first. He also said it would absorb so much of the projected budget surpluses that federal programs from national parks to education could suffer deep, debilitating cuts. He has instead proposed cutting taxes by up to \$300 billion.



BRAND/Mauri Montgomery

Sodbusters — Ron Weishaar (kneeling), Ralph Detten and Gary Kriegshauser (right) spend Wednesday afternoon planting sod at St. Anthony's Catholic Church, located at the intersection of Park Avenue and 25 Mile Avenue. The

parishioners completed the laying of sod on the left side of the church and will work this weekend on the front of the church. About 30,000 square feet of sod are being placed at the church, with parishioners volunteering to do the work.

## GOP wants to take back state funds

WASHINGTON (AP) — Eager to write spending bills by the Oct. 1 start of fiscal 2000, House Republicans have readied a huge social spending measure partly paid for by reclaiming \$3 billion in federal welfare payments the states have not yet spent.

A House Appropriations Committee subcommittee planned to consider the measure today.

Congress has sent President Clinton just four of the 13 spending bills for the coming fiscal year, and the White House has threatened vetoes of six of the measures.

With a certainty that some of the measures will be incomplete by Oct. 1, GOP leaders said they would send Clinton a stopgap bill keeping agencies functioning through Oct. 21 at this year's spending levels. House Majority Leader Dick Arney, R-Texas, said the bill will be as "non-

vetoable as possible."

Governors strongly oppose the GOP plan to capture the \$3 billion in welfare funds. The decision to use the money over governors' objections underlines the tough time Republicans are having paying for spending measures without tapping into the Social Security surplus, which they have vowed to protect.

Under the plan, the federal government would reclaim the welfare money only temporarily, and return it to the states in full for fiscal 2001, said a GOP official who spoke on condition of anonymity. The official said the mdea was a bookkeeping device to help Republicans avoid raiding Social Security funds.

Even so, governors' repre-

sentatives said they strongly opposed the idea, just as they did when a similar plan was floated several weeks ago.

"That would be a huge mistake, and we would be very disappointed in any elected official who did not feel a sense of commitment once the leadership has given their word," said Clinton Key, executive director of the Republican Governors' Association.

He and others said governors agreed to the 1996 welfare overhaul on condition they be allowed to bank unused money for future economic downturns. Thirty-eight states and the District of Columbia have a total of \$4.2 billion in unspent federal welfare funds.

Terrell Halaska, spokes-

woman at the National Governors' Association, said, "As they have done all year, the governors are opposed to any attempt by Congress to break the deal with the governors" on welfare.

"The Republican leaders apparently think that it's OK to steal billions of dollars in funding for needy families to get themselves out of their budget jam," Rep. Charles Rangel, D-N.Y.

The savings would help pay for the year's biggest spending bill covering the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education — \$300 billion.

To help pay for the bill, Republicans also plan to declare the \$1.4 billion program that helps poor people pay heating bills a budget "emergency." That declaration means the money can exceed spending limits enacted two years ago, something GOP



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Local roundup

HISD offers test dates

Hereford High School will offer ACT's PLAN tests to all sophomores on Tuesday Oct. 19 at the HISD Administration Building. Cost is \$8. Plan is the 10<sup>th</sup> grade test that gives students an indication of how they may do on the ACT — one of the tests used for college admission. Sophomores are also encouraged to register for the PSAT which makes eligible to compete as a National Merit Scholar.

The PSAT will be offered October 12 at the HISD Administration Building. Cost is \$9. Participants for all tests should be registered by Oct. 5.

Adult education classes offered

A half dozen courses designed for adults are being offered by the Hereford Independent School District Adult Education program beginning on various dates through early October.

At least one course is free of charge with others ranging from \$5 to \$65.

Adults wanting to participate in any of these programs should contact Kelli Moulton, Director of Secondary Curriculum and Adult Education for HISD or her secretary Samantha Guerrero by calling 363-7600.

Students in these classes should be prepared to provide their name, address, daytime telephone number and pay the fee at the time of registration. Fees for classes not meeting the minimum of 10 students will be refunded. Classes to be offered include:

\*Personal Financial Planning -- Meets at the HISD Administration Building on Tuesday's from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. for 10 weeks beginning Oct. 5, 1999. Instructor is Pat Parker. This course will allow the student to "Take Control" of their financial destiny. Fee \$35.

\*Computer Technology for Y2K -- Meets at the hereford High School Administration Building on Monday's from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. for 10 weeks beginning Oct. 4, 1999. Instructor is Corky Lockmiller. This course is intended for the new computer owner and covers a wide variety of technology applications. Fee \$65.

\*Automotive Repair "Just the Facts" -- Meets at the Hereford High School Automotive Lab on Monday's from 6 to 9 p.m. beginning Oct. 4, 1999. Instructor is Monty Smith. This will cover automotive repair for ordinary folks. It is a hands-on course that will allow the student to take on the roll of "grease monkey." Fee is \$65.

\*ESL (English as a Second Language) -- meets Monday and Thursday 7 to 9:30 p.m. at Hereford High School. Instructor is Becky Valdez. A competency based ESL program for adults with materials provided by Region 16. There is no fee.

\*GED (General Equivalency Development) -- meets Monday and Thursday 6 to 9 p.m. at Deaf Smith Public Library, lower level. Instructor is Mary Jo Hamman, Oralia Reyes is the instructional aide. This is for individual wishing to receive direct instruction and the opportunity to practice skills that will lead them to successful completion of the GED testing program. Fee \$5 with \$2 refundable upon completion of 12 classroom hours.

\*GED (General Equivalency Development) -- meets Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to noon at Deaf Smith Public Library, lower level. Instructor is Mary Jo Hamman, Oralia Reyes is the instructional aide. This is for individual wishing to receive direct instruction and the opportunity to practice skills that will lead them to successful completion of the GED testing program. Fee \$5 with \$2 refundable upon completion of 12 classroom hours.

Local youth place at Tri-State fair

Special to the Brand

A number of local 4-H youth placed in the Open Horse Show, Lamb Show, Swine Show and the Livestock Judging during the 76<sup>th</sup> Tri-State Fair, now underway in Amarillo.

Toni Kay Payne won two first places in bareback horsemanship and horsemanship for ages 13 and under while riding *Hermano*. She also took second in horsemanship Walk/trot for ages 12 and under, second in Western Pleasure 13 and under, and third in Western Pleasure, walk/trot 12 and under.

Amy Northcutt placed second in horsemanship novice class while riding *Somekinda Nuisance*. Tyrell Sparkman, riding *Vanessa Doll*, captured third in reining and second in horsemanship for 13 and under.

Deaf Smith County's senior 4-H Livestock Judging team — composed of Jerad Johnson, Dawn Auckerman, and Jerry Baird — placed second in fair competition and the junior team won third place honors. There are two junior teams composed of team 1: Justin Johnson, Josh Hicks, Jordan Hicks, and Deiter Brannon; and team 2: Macy Brannon, Ryan Buchanan, Katie Skarke and Stephen Edwards.

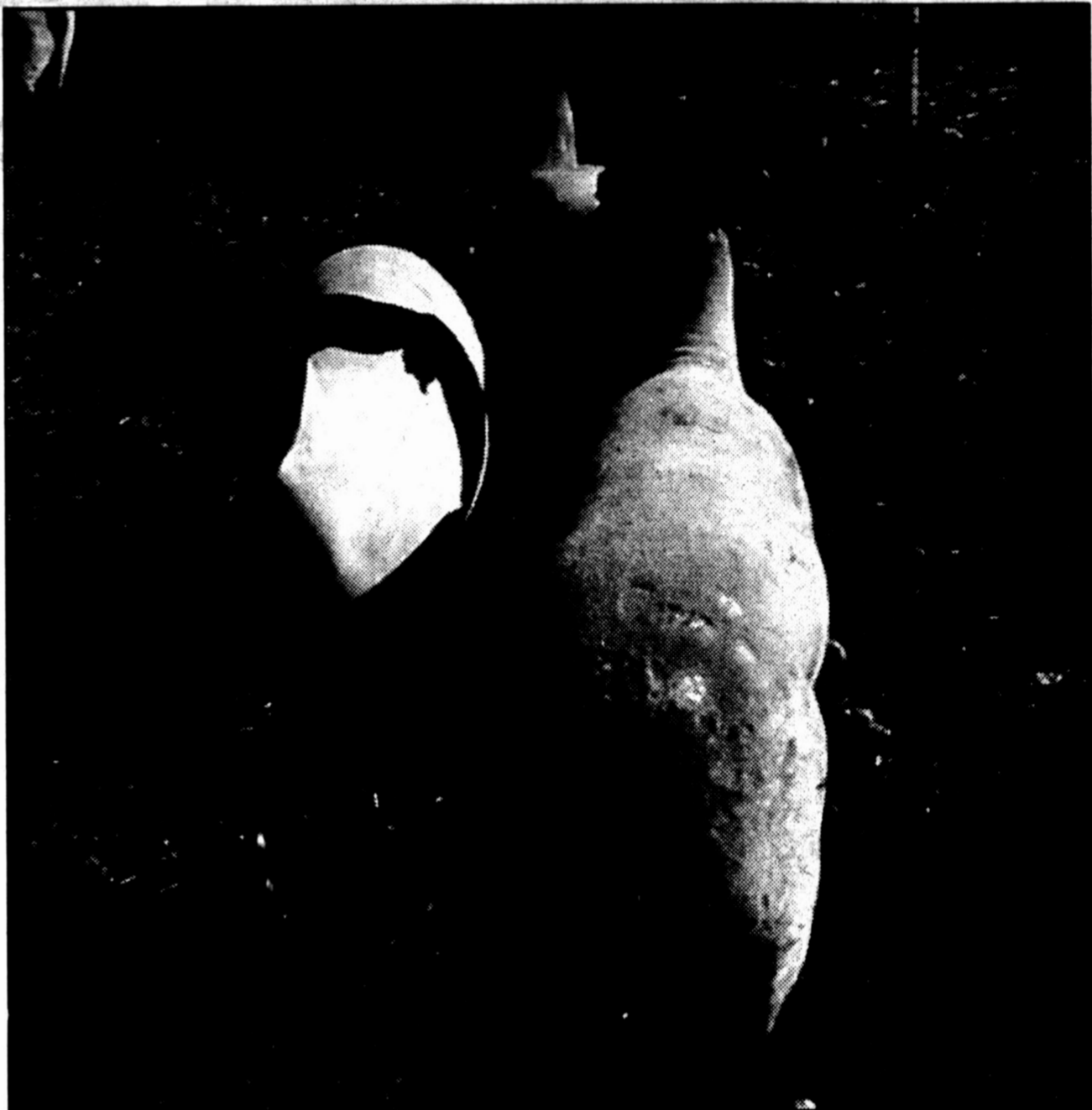
Winning individual high-point recognition were:

SENIORS Jerad Johnson, fourth; Dawn Auckerman, fifth; and Jerry Baird ninth.

JUNIORS Justin Johnson, seventh.

Results of local interest in the Youth Lamb Show follow:

FINEWOOL — Class 1; Alyssa Hill, third, Collin Esqueda, fifth, Kaly Esqueda sixth, Kasi Gallagher, seventh, Kory Gallagher, eighth. Class 2; Dawn Auckerman, seventh. FINEWOOL CROSS — Class 4; Kylee Auckerman, ninth. Class 5; Jerry Baird fourth, Kylee Auckerman, eighth. SOUTHDOWNS — Class 6; Amanda Smith, third and fifth,



Hereford residents and lamb breeders, Lisa and Terry Huffaker, sent a number of their lambs to the Tri-State Fair in Amarillo. Two of their children, Brynne and Trent, both placed well in the lamb show. The Huffaker children will also be showing stock at the Hereford Young Farmers Stock Show and several of the larger shows throughout the state.

Tim Schlabs, eighth, Kory Gallagher, 10th, Collin Esqueda, 12<sup>th</sup>.

MEDIUM WOOLS — Class 7; Brynne Huffaker, seventh, Kasi Gallagher, 12<sup>th</sup>, Katie Marnell participant, Kaly Esqueda participant. Class 8; Jerry Baird, sixth, Kasi Gallagher, 10<sup>th</sup>, Cindy Marnell, participant. Class 9; Tim Schlabs, third,

Brynne Huffaker, eighth. Class 10; Tim Schlabs first, Amanda Smith eighth, Shane Wilcox, participant. Class 11; Kylee Auckerman, third, Gary Schlabs, participant, Jerad Johnson, participant. Class 12; Deiter Brannon, fourth, Amanda Smith fifth, Kelly Schlabs, participant. Class 13; Deiter Brannon, third, Macy

Brannon, Shayla Wilcox, Trent Huffaker, Brynne Huffaker, all participants. Class 14; Macy Brannon, 2nd, Kelley Schlabs Shayla Wilcox, Justin Johnson, Deiter Brannon, participants. In the Youth Swine Show, 4-H members Steven and Stephanie Reinart participated with her heavyweight cross breed placing ninth.

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Emergency services

Activities reported by emergency services personnel for Sept. 22, 1999, include the following:

POLICE DEPARTMENT Arrests

A 54-year-old man was arrested in the 600 block of Union and charged with driving with a suspended license.

Incidents

A theft was reported in the 200 block of East First. A burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 200 block of Avenue F. Tampering with government records was reported in the 800 block of East Third.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT Arrests

A 23-year-old woman was arrested and charged with theft by check over \$20, and under \$500.

A 53-year-old man was arrested and charged with driving with a suspended license.

A 30-year-old man began serving time on a possession of drug paraphernalia conviction.

Incidents

A cruelty to animals was reported. A child abuse was reported. A burglary of a building was reported.

An assault was reported. FIRE DEPARTMENT Sept. 22

12:53 p.m. Firefighters responded to a vehicle fire 17 miles north on U.S. 385.

Sept. 23 12:19 a.m. Firefighters responded to a vehicle fire six miles west on U.S. 60.

CRIME STOPPERS CRIME OF THE WEEK

The Hereford Police Department is seeking information regarding a recent aggravated robbery.

The incident occurred on or about Sept. 20. The victim's in this crime are ice cream vendors. The police have reason to believe the suspects are connected with two additional robberies which occurred within a few days of each other.

The robbery being investigated occurred in the 100 block of Ross. Victims reported suspects are driving a brown or white over blue two-tone car.

Crime Stoppers will pay cash for any information leading to the arrests of individual involved with this or any other felony activity.

Callers remain anonymous. If you have information please contact Crime Stoppers at 344-2583.

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Obituaries

RAYMOND J. BLUM Sept. 21, 1999

AMARILLO -- Vigil for Raymond J. Blum, 84, of Amarillo will be 8 p.m. today in St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Hereford. Mass will be celebrated at 2 p.m. Friday in St. Laurence Cathedral with Msgr. Orville Blum officiating. Entombment will be in Memorial Park Mausoleum East by Memorial Park Funeral Home.

Mr. Blum died Tuesday. He was born in Green County, Wis., and moved to Amarillo in 1974 from Freeport, Ill. For 25 years he farmed in northern Illinois and was also a machinist and a member of St. Laurence Cathedral.

He married Erma Meichtry in 1936 in Monroe, Wis.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Msgr. Orville Blum of Hereford and Laurence Blum of Kimball, Minn.; five daughters, Carolyn Blum, Bernice Gee, and Mary Frances Beard all of Amarillo, Alice Duray of Aurora, Colo., and Antonette Rene Blum of Grand Rapids, Mich.; one sister, Selma Elmer of Monroe, Wis.; seven grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

The family suggests memorials be made to St. Anthony's School Endowment fund in Hereford or the Alzheimer's Association Panhandle Chapter.

BEULAH R. POWELL Sept. 21, 1999

PADUCAH -- Graveside services for Beulah R. Powell, 80, of Summerfield were today at the Garden of Memories in Paducah with Jimmy Montgomery and Rev. James Hooper, pastor of First Baptist Church of Paducah officiating. Arrangements were under the direction of Seigler Funeral Home.

Mrs. Powell died Tuesday at a Hereford nursing center.

She was born April 29, 1919, in Logan, N.M. She married Rev. Clarence Powell on September 30, 1938, in the University community. She was a homemaker and a member of the Trinity Baptist Church in Hereford. She was a former Paducah resident and had been a resident of Hereford for more than 30 years.

Survivors include one son, Arnold Powell of Summerfield; one sister, Eula Green of Amarillo; and three grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, one daughter and one grand-daughter.

PET OTT Sept. 21, 1999

Services for Pet Ott, 89, of Hereford were 3 p.m. today at the First Presbyterian Church of Hereford with Rev. Jeremy Grant officiating. Burial was in West Park Cemetery under the direction of Gilliland-Watson Funeral Home.

Mrs. Ott died Tuesday in her home.

She was born June 17, 1910, in Hardeman County. She married Ira Ott on Dec. 3, 1910, in Clovis N.M. She was a member of the Wyche Home Demonstration Club and was named the woman of the year in 1953. She received the Distinguished Service Award in 1979. Mrs. Ott was a lifelong member of the American Legion Auxiliary serving as president and vice president. She was named Deaf Smith County Pioneer of the Year in 1985.

Survivors include two sisters, Frances Johnson of Seminole and Ethel Logan of Austin; and several nieces and nephews.

The family suggests memorials be made to the First Presbyterian Church or the charity of your choice.

Officials plan close monitoring of former YMCA counselor

DALLAS (AP) — A former East Dallas YMCA counselor convicted of molesting 16 children is set for release from prison this month, renewing complaints from child abuse activists that too many molesters are being allowed back on the streets.

"There's no way this guy won't recommit another molestation," said Jan Wagner, an author and expert on anti-crime measures to protect children. "The statistics just say so."

David Wayne Jones was convicted in 1991 of 16 counts of indecency with a child and two counts of aggravated sexual assault. Authorities announced this week that Jones will be released Sept. 30 after serving about eight years of several concurrent 15-year sentences.

Jones, who was a YMCA youth counselor at the time of the attacks, will be forced to live within Dallas County as a registered sex offender, said Texas Department of Criminal Justice spokesman Glen Castlebury. He also will be monitored 24-hours a day by a pair of parole officers through a surveillance program and phone calls.

"He must account, in advance, for every movement he makes or be in violation of those conditions," Castlebury said. His address will be made public after his release from a prison unit in Huntsville.

Prosecutors in the 1991 case this week decried the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles' decision to release Jones.

Attorney Frank Branson, whose Dallas law firm represented the families of six of the child victims, said Wednesday, "there will be a lot of parents who don't sleep very well now."

Jones' lawyer, Tom Pappas, said Jones planned to live with his grandparents, but he wouldn't say where their home is.

"There's a short list of three or four places he's allowed to

go and if he goes anywhere else, it's a violation," said Pappas, who last spoke to Jones a couple of months ago. "The reality is that with this guy under those conditions, it's probably safer having him in your neighborhood than a neighbor you don't know."

Dianne Clements, president of the Houston-based victim's group Justice for All, said the number of serial child molesters being released is ballooning because of the way the state's mandatory-release laws were written in the late 1970s.

Castlebury said Texas has about 24,000 sex offenders in its prisons, and as the years go by, he said, "literally tens of thousands of them are released."

But Castlebury said parole board members' hands were tied by the mandatory-release law — which has been changed so that fewer molesters are released — but still applies to many inmates released through "good time" earned against their prison terms.

The 1991 case prompted the YMCA to overhaul its employee-screening system and adopt new programs to help employees and parents identify possible abuse and sexual contact.

Police said at the time of his arrest, Jones admitted molesting more than 50 children. He met through the YMCA. Investigators said two children, ages 7 and 8, came forward about the attacks, which occurred off YMCA property.

Ms. Wagner, who lives in Austin and tours the nation talking about principles outlined in her book, "Raising Safe Kids in an Unsafe World," said a serial rapist like Jones is capable of attacking more than a hundred youngsters over the course of several years.

She said some 4 million convicted child molesters were back on U.S. streets in era when child molestations are one of the most underreported crimes.

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**Pick 3**  
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# LIFESTYLES

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**Makes donation** — Pat Michael, President of AMBUCS (American Business Club) makes a donation to United Way Director Sally Nolen at Monday's AMBUCS meeting.

## Constitution Week highlights signers of American Constitution

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

\*James Wilson was born in Scotland in 1742 and came to America in 1765. He was a signer of both the Declaration of Independence and the United States Constitution. His influence during the Constitutional Convention is said to be second only to that of Madison. Rarely missing a session, he sat on the Committee of Detail and applied his knowledge of political theory to convention problems.

Only Gouverneur Morris de-

livered more speeches. He was later an associate justice of the Supreme Court from 1789-98. He died in 1798.

\*Gouverneur Morris was born in Morrisania, N.Y., in 1752. In 1777-78 Morris sat in the legislature and in 1778-79 in the Continental Congress, where he was one of the youngest and considered one of the most brilliant members. Prior to the constitutional Convention, Morris signed the Articles of Confederation and drafted instruction for Benjamin Franklin, in Paris, as well as those that provided a partial basis for the treaty ending the War for Independence.

He was a close friend of Washington and one of his strongest congressional supporters. He headed the committee that wrote the final draft of the Constitution and much of the credit for the wording in the document belongs to him. He died in 1816.

## College Report

### WTAMU

CANYON -- Degrees were officially conferred on 268 West Texas A&M University graduates at the Aug. 19 commencement ceremonies.

Graduates from Hereford include: Argelia G. Alaniz, BS in Interdisciplinary; Sheri K.

Blankenship, MED in Administration; Deloris J. Dowell, MED in Administration; Consuelo Holguin, BA in Sports/Exercise Science; Johnette L. Stribling, MED in Administration; and Roni K. Vallejo, BS in Interdisciplinary.

### Hardin-Simmons

ABILENE -- Hereford resident Scott Shaw was named recently as a member of the 1999-2000 Hardin-Simmons University Concert Choir.

The Concert Choir will par-

ticipate in many events this year including performances across the state and various concerts held on campus. The choir is under the direction of Dr. Loyd Hawthorne, dean of the School of Music.

## Drivers needed

The Deaf Smith County Chapter of the American Cancer Society is currently seeking drivers for its "Road to Recovery," which provides free transportation for local cancer patients.

Volunteers will receive some training and can be reimbursed for their mileage.

For more information, call Adam Treff at 364-2536.

## Golden Circle meets

The Golden Circle Class of Avenue Baptist Church met for a covered dish dinner Tuesday evening. The meeting was opened with prayer by Delores Webster.

The discussion was concerning the fears and discomfort sometimes faced in our efforts to witness to others.

In other business, officers were elected for the coming year. They are: Kathy Keyes, president; Sherri Lynn Newman, secretary/reporter; Pat Goforth and Thelma Cherry, benevolence committee; Sue Morris and Janey Allmon, outreach; Delores Webster and JoAnn Mode, social and program committee.



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## Ann Landers



Ann Landers

**Dear Ann Landers:** Our only grandchild, "Brady," is 4 years old. He is an amazingly happy child, always willing to share his toys, able to recite all of his favorite poems, and seldom cries about the everyday bumps and frustrations encountered by an active child.

During the past year, we noticed Brady rarely looked directly at anyone. His vocabulary, initially advanced for his age, was not developing. At his preschool, he was content to play alone and showed no interest in the other children. Shortly after his 4th birthday, Brady was diagnosed as autistic.

Our grandson had exhibited most of the symptoms with autism, such as screaming tantrums, refusing to speak, hypersensitivity to touch, light and sound, headbanging and other forms of self-abuse. We were told by the experts that without immediate and concentrated behavior modification, Brady will drift further and further away from human contact.

Autism affects approximately one in 500 children. It is a biological disorder that prevents the brain from making vital connections. Children who exhibit the following symptoms should be tested immediately: failure to make eye contact, lack of interest in conversing, failure to use the word "I," resistance to being cuddled or hugged, indifference to pain, no interest in others, or repetitive or obsessive behavior.

There is no cure for autism, but if treatment is started early, there is real hope for profound improvement. When we observed our grandson's changing behavior, we assumed it was a phase. If we had known what this behavior indicated, we would have voiced our concerns immediately.

Please print this letter and spare thousands of families years of heartache. Those who would like more information should send a large, self-addressed, stamped envelope to the Autism Research Institute, 4182 Adams Ave., San

Diego, Calif. 92116 (www.autism.com/ari).

— Optimistic Oregon Grandparents  
**Dear Oregon:** I hope all parents will pay attention to what you have written. Children who are not developing normally should be seen by their pediatricians and evaluated for autism or other disorders. If parents are not sure what is "normal" and what is not, they should ask the pediatrician to recommend appropriate reading material. Special children need special attention, and can do extremely well if they receive it.

**Dear Ann Landers:** My fiancée and I have been together for almost four years, and are planning to be married next summer. "Desmond" and I are having a serious disagreement because I do not want to change my name when we marry. When I let him know a year ago that I want to keep my name, Desmond said, "I hope you aren't serious." Not another word was said about the subject until last week. Since Desmond thinks it is so important for us to have the same last name, I suggested that he take MY family name. His response was, "That's the craziest thing I ever heard of."

Is this an example of male

ego run amok, or what? I do not want this issue to create a rift between us, and would agree to change my name just to make him happy, although I really don't want to. Am I being overly obstinate, as he says? I would appreciate some Ann Landers guidance. We're getting nowhere. — A Split Opinion in the Midwest

**Dear Split Opinion:** The "liberated women" are going to hate me, but I suggest a compromise, even though there is something to be said for tradition — and I believe you lose nothing by respecting it. Use your own surname for professional purposes, and your husband's name for everything else.

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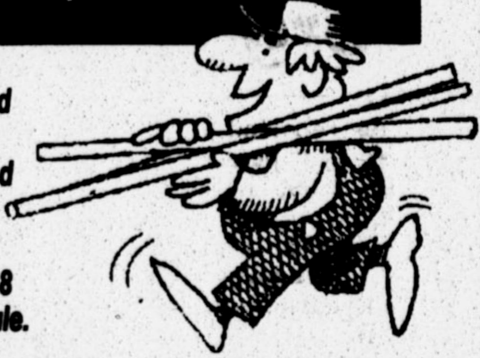


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# Dummy-up: Mannequins dressed for day's weather

■ Museum displays reflect season's change, pioneer events.

This may not be New York City, but the Deaf Smith County Museum Fashion Committee knows how to put on a fashion show. The committee spent Tuesday afternoon changing the display downstairs in the museum. The display is changed twice a year; in the spring and in the fall. This fall's display features pioneers from the turn of the century, fashionable minks of the early 1900s and a "family history" section which displays dresses worn by members of the same family. Sometimes clothes are on loan to the museum, therefore the committee centers the theme around the time period of those clothes. Several clothes have also been donated to the museum for them to keep and use when they want. The museum has featured military, 1970's attire, bridal gowns from 1900-1980 and other interesting time periods and themes.



Pioneer ready-wear



The display above is changed a couple of times a year. Getting ready for the fall and winter, these women model fashionable mink coats and velvet dresses dating to the early to mid-1900s.



Family members (left) help this bride get ready for her "big day." This wedding dress was worn by a Hereford native in the 1940s and a few years later her sister wore it down the aisle at her wedding during the 1950s. The other dresses were worn by their aunt and mother.

## Area Events

### AMARILLO

Yee-Haw! Amarillo Little Theatre is kicking off the final season of this millennium with a true Texas favorite, "The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas." This light hearted look at sex and politics in the early 1970's revolves around the final days of Texas' real and legendary brothel, *The Chicken Ranch*.

From gorgeous women to hunky Aggie boys, high-energy dance routines and foot-stomping gospel anthems to heart-wrenching country ballads, this is a show that has just about everything!

"The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas" will take ALT stage beginning Thurs., Sept. 30 at 8 p.m. Performances continue Oct. 1, 2, 7, 8, 9, 14, 15 and 17 at 8 p.m. The ALT box office hours are 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Mon. - Fri. and noon-5 p.m. on Saturdays. Reservations may be made in person or by calling 355-9991.

The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center will present "Stars At Night" gala a Sat., Oct. 2, from 7 p.m.-12:30 a.m. at the Amarillo Country Club.

The gala features a gourmet dinner buffet. The main entertainment for the evening is Johnny Reno who will perform. During dinner, guests will enjoy the sounds of local entertainers, The Martinis and John Blackburn.

Guests will have the opportunity to bid on gala art and celebrity auction along with a live auction. The gala will also have a chance to buy Opportunity to Win tickets for a chance to win a trip for two to San Francisco.

Tickets for the gala evening are \$50 each and are available for purchase from the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center. For more information, please call Jennifer McElreath, at (806) 356-1913.

The Circle of Friends of The Don and Sybil Harrington Center will present The 1999 Susan G. Komen Amarillo Race for the Cure on Sat., Oct. 2 in Amarillo. Registration begins at 7 a.m. and events start at 8 a.m. at The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center, 1500 Wallace Blvd.

The Race includes a co-ed 5K race and one mile Fun Run/Walk. The 5K and Corporate Teams start at 8:30 a.m. and the one mile Fun Run/Walk starts at 8:45 a.m. The awards ceremony will begin at 9:45 a.m., immediately following the Race. Entry fee is \$20; children under six are free. For more information, please contact Jennifer McElreath, at (806) 356-1913.

Crown of Texas Hospice is offering an education series, "Hospice-Living Life to the Fullest," Mondays and Thursdays, Sept. 27-Oct. 28 from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at 1000 S. Jefferson.

For those interested in volunteer opportunities or learning more about hospice programs, please phone 372-7696 or 1-800-572-6365. Thirty Contact Hours are available for nurses and 3.0 CEUs for others.

The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center, Palo Duro Women's Golf Association and Golf Pro Emil Hale

announce the "Rally for a Cure Closes to the Pin Contest" from 8 a.m.-6 p.m. on Sun., Sept. 26 at Palo Duro Creek Golf Club in Canyon. Participants pay \$15 per attempt to enter the contest. For more information on the contest, please contact Barbara Howard at 378-1678.

### SWEETWATER

High school juniors and seniors, parents, teachers and counselors are invited to TSTC Sweetwater's semi-annual Junior/Senior Technology Day on Wed., Oct. 6 or Fri., March 17, 2000. Complete campus and personal tours will be available. Lunch costs \$3. Reservations are required. Please call 915-235-7300 or 1-800-592-8784 by Sept. 29 or March 10.

### CLARENDON

The fifth annual Col. Charles Goodnight Chuckwagon Cookoff will be held Sat., Sept. 25 on the grounds of the Saints' Roost Museum. The gate opens at 8 a.m. and breakfast and lunch concessions will be provided by the Clarendon Chamber of Commerce.

Admission is free, and the authentic chuckwagon supper will be served at 5 p.m. Supper tickets are \$10 per plate and may be purchased or reserved at the Clarendon Chamber of Commerce at 806-874-2421 or 806-874-3517.

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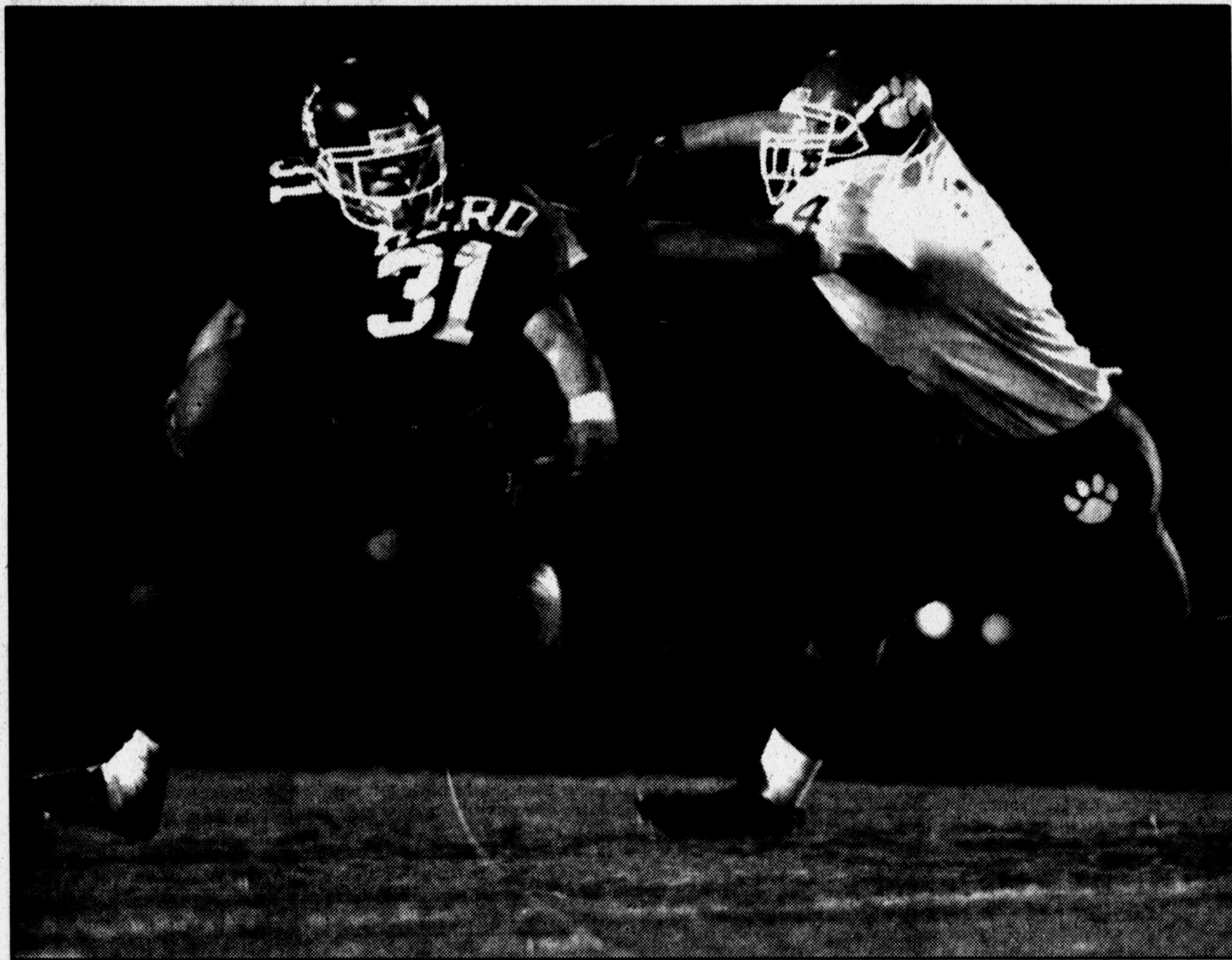
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# Air Raid



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**Feel the Yards** — L.J. Vallejo is about to get dragged by a Kimbrough Memorial Stadium against the Canyon Randall Frenship defender during the Whitefaces' 34-17 victory against Raiders. Vallejo currently leads District 3-4A in rushing (330 yards) and total yards (469).

## Herd not taking Randall Raiders lightly despite injuries, struggles

By Yuri Soto

Hereford Brand Sports Editor

It doesn't take a genius to figure out that almost every football game can be won by anybody.

Nor does it take much of a genius to figure out that some teams like to play the game of psychology.

That is why the Hereford Whitefaces, coming off a 34-17 victory against Frenship, aren't taking their next opponent, the Canyon Randall Raiders, 41-11 losers to Amarillo Tascosa, lightly.

"We have a lot of respect for Randall because the years they were supposed to win, we were the underdogs and we snuck up on them," Hereford coach Craig Yenzler said. "We'll make sure we have the proper frame of mind, making sure that we concentrate taking care of our business."

Last year was no different. Hereford went into last year's match against the Raiders — and against almost everyone else — as the underdog.

What Hereford did was score 21 points in the first six minutes of the ball game and wound up whopping on Randall, 27-5 at Whiteface Stadium.

Confidence shaken on the part of Canyon Randall? Maybe.

After starting with victories against Lubbock High and Amarillo Palo Duro, the Raiders committed three turnovers and allowed nearly 400 yards total offense against Amarillo Tascosa on Sept. 23 at Dick Bivins Stadium in Amarillo.

Now, they host a team that completely dominated the Rebels.

"Hereford has had a good team this year,"

### Hereford at Canyon Randall

THE GAME: 7:30 p.m., Friday at Kimbrough Memorial Stadium, Canyon.

THE COACHES — Hereford: Craig Yenzler, 4<sup>th</sup> Year, 19-17. Canyon Randall: Alan Cornelius, 8<sup>th</sup> Year, 49-30-1, 14<sup>th</sup> season overall, 108-51-2.

ON THE AIRWAVES — KPAN-FM 106.3.

THE OFFENSES — Hereford: I formation. Canyon Randall: I formation.

THE DEFENSES — Hereford: 5-2; Canyon Randall: 5-2.

INJURIES — Hereford: OL Trey Bezner (non-football related); Canyon Randall: OL Adam Cossabone; LB Craig Eddins; LB Craig Howard; C Jacob Brewer.

LAST WEEK: Hereford defeated Andrews, 29-14. Canyon Randall was upset by Amarillo Tascosa, 41-11.

OUTLOOK — Hereford got a monstrous performance from Cody Hodges. He went 18-of-22 for 238 yards and scored two touchdowns on the ground. L.J. Vallejo, who ran 13 times for 106 yards and three scores, caught seven of Hodges' passes for 88 yards. But Slade Hodges led all receivers with 91 yards on seven catches. ... Hereford's defense held Frenship to 200 yards total offense. The Whitefaces held opponents to an average of 195 yards total offense. ... The Raiders, after rolling over Amarillo Palo Duro and Lubbock High, were thoroughly humiliated by the Amarillo Tascosa Rebels, 41-11. In the game, the Raiders' Brandon Knapp was picked off by Tascosa's Marlon Brown, halting any attempt for the Raiders to agin some momentum. He threw two interceptions. Randall trailed Tascosa 21-3 at halftime, scoring only on a 40-yard field goal by Justin Ray. The Raiders had three turnovers total and allowed Tascosa's Marlon Brown to run for 168 yards.

said Randall coach Alan Cornelius. "We have to be at our very best to compete with them."

But, historically, Randall has been one of those teams that's hard to figure out. The Raiders could be the dominant team that has been showing up in the regular season, or the one that showed up last year, going 4-6 and missing the playoffs.

The past, though, has seen some great games between the two teams. At any moment and time, Randall has been known for blowing out some the best teams in the area.

Another thing Randall has to worry about is putting players on the field. They have suffered a rash number of injuries.

Hereford, however, isn't laying back, despite being healthy and on a roll.

"It doesn't get any easier and I think the players realize that," Yenzler said. "The first three games gave us a lot of confidence, tempered with the fact that we have struggled in all three games."

Confidence is one thing Hereford has on its side.

Cornelius reacted in an interview on his team's lack of confidence going against the Whitefaces.

"Maybe we just need to pray a bunch," he said. "It's going to be a good matchup. They got a lot of talent and they use it well."

It's interesting, however, how coaches use that lack of confidence to their favor. Just a little thing many people like to call psychology.

Lately, though, Hereford has had no problem motivating it's players. The record shows it.

"That's how we'll go and our kids will respond to that," Yenzler said.

## Orioles muscle Rangers, 7-4

ARLINGTON (AP) — The Baltimore Orioles are finishing with a sprint, on the verge of a club-record winning streak.

But if they're going to set the record, they'll have to do it without team leader Cal Ripken Jr.

Ripken's chase for 3,000 career hits was put on hold until next spring when he was scheduled for back surgery today.

Meanwhile, the Orioles return home for today's doubleheader against Oakland carrying a 13-game winning streak, matching the second-longest in team history following Wednesday night's 7-4 victory over the Texas Rangers.

Ripken was hitting well in his previous 10 games, going 18-for-38 (.474). But Ripken had back spasms overnight and traveled to Cleveland on Wednesday to have the back examined.

"This was not going to go away by itself," Orioles reliever Jesse Orosco said. "So it's good that he's having it taken care of."

During the game, Orioles general manager Frank Wren announced that Ripken would have surgery in Cleveland to relieve pressure on a nerve that has been the source of pain.

"If he gets his back taken care of, he might have 1,000 more hits left in him," Orioles manager Ray Miller said. "It's been bothering him all year. We wish him the best."

Ripken made his first two trips to the disabled list this season, and now he'll have to wait until next season to get the nine hits he needs to join the 3,000 club.

"It's sad for him to be so close," Orioles closer Mike Timlin said. "But it's much better for him to be healthy. If you don't have your health, you can't play well."

Ripken doubled Tuesday night against the Rangers to give him 2,991 hits, and the Orioles were hopeful he could complete the climb to 3,000 this season.

"It would have been nice for him to come back on his

own terms with no pressure," Orioles starter Scott Erickson said. "It would have been nice to get it done and get it out of the way this year."

Baltimore's winning streak matches the second-longest in team history, trailing only a 14-game string from Aug. 12-27, 1973. The Orioles also won 13 in a row from May 31-June 14, 1978.

"We're not really worrying about the streak," said Timlin, who pitched the ninth for his 26th save. "We're just trying to go out strong and pick it up again next year."

Texas, which leads Oakland by 5 1/2 games in the AL West, lost its third in a row. The Rangers' magic number for clinching the AL West is at six after the second-place A's lost 5-4 to Minnesota.

"We're frustrated, trying to make something happen," Rangers manager Johnny Oates said. "We want to hit the five-run homer or get the quadruple play. With 10 games left, this is not the time to be playing physically and mentally tired."

Charles Johnson and Brady Anderson hit consecutive homers in the fifth inning for the Orioles. Albert Belle hit his 35th homer and Jesus Garcia hit his first in the majors.

Erickson (15-11) gave up four runs in the first inning, but recovered to win his fifth straight start. He allowed four runs and 10 hits in eight-plus innings.

The Orioles rallied from a 4-1 deficit against Rick Helling (13-10), taking a 6-4 lead in the fifth on Johnson's two-run homer and Anderson's solo shot.

Garcia homered in the second inning and Belle added a solo homer in the seventh.

The Orioles got a run in the first when Mike Bordick tripled and scored on Helling's wild pitch.

Rafael Palmeiro's 45th homer, a two-run shot, highlighted Texas' burst in the first. Todd Zeile and Roberto Kelly had RBI singles.

## Astros lose to Pirates, lose ground on Reds

PITTSBURGH (AP) — The Houston Astros lost track of the ball-strike count and, later, one of their baserunners. No wonder they still haven't lost Cincinnati in the NL Central race.

Todd Ritchie outpitched 20-game winner Jose Lima and the Pittsburgh Pirates turned two unusual double plays in as many in-

nings to slow Houston's run at a third straight division title, beating t h e

Astros 3-2 Wednesday night.

The Pirates, playing without 39-homer hitter Brian Giles, who will miss the rest of the season with a broken finger, took two of three from the NL Central-leading Astros. They began their final homestand of the season by winning two of three from second-place Cincinnati.

The Astros, who lost their fifth in seven games, saw their lead in the NL Central fall to 2 1/2 games over Cincinnati, which beat San Diego 4-3.

"We're the ones being hunted, so that's a good feeling, but like any team, we want to put this away as quickly as possible," Houston's Jeff Bagwell said.

Ritchie, 3-1 against Houston in four starts, was helped by some good defense and some bad Houston baserunning that halted a pair of threats.

With the score tied at 2 in the sixth, Stan Javier and Carl Everett singled around Bagwell's strikeout and Ken Caminiti walked. Javier then broke for the plate on

Daryle Ward's slow-hit grounder to first baseman Kevin Young and was called out on a close

play.

Rather than holding at third, Everett came halfway down the line and was tagged out by catcher Joe Oliver to complete the double play.

"It was just miscommunication with the third base coach," Everett said. "I didn't know the ball was going home. If I knew, I wouldn't have gone. But a loss is a loss. When we have opportunity to win with our team, we should do it."

In the seventh, Ricky Gutierrez singled with one out and Lima attempted to bunt him up. But Oliver gambled by throwing to second rather than taking the

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## Wilson takes third at Tri-State Invitational

Editor's Note: This story ran on Tuesday issue of the Brand. It runs again today due to errors on Tuesday's edition.

From Staff Reports AMARILLO — Hereford ropers Monty Lewis and Rodey Wilson got their share of success at the Tri-State Fair Calf Roping Invitational.

Wilson finished third place, totaling 43.15 seconds in four rounds and winning a total of

\$3,108.

Wilson was the second round winner with a time of 9.77 and collecting \$1,184. He finished third in the short go fourth round, compiling a time of 10.38 and winning \$444.

Lewis won the first round of the roping competition with a time of 9.86 and won \$1,184. He finished fourth in the third round, timing in at 9.93 and winning \$296.

## Cornelius-Bookout making mark at OU

From Staff Reports

Former Hereford and current University of Oklahoma volleyball player Danielle Cornelius-Bookout has recovered fully from knee injuries and is back with full force, leading the Lady Sooners.

After missing all of 1998 with a knee injury suffered at the end of 1997, Cornelius-Bookout is leading Oklahoma in kills with 88 — an average of

4.0 per game — and ranks seventh in the Big 12 conference in that category.

The Sooners' current record is 4-2.

Cornelius-Bookout has had two surgeries, the most recent one in the spring, to repair torn ligaments in her knee.

Cornelius-Bookout led the Lady Whitefaces to a state championship in 1996.



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## Gailey admits he goofed

Cowboys coach admits mistake in calling botched kicking play Monday night against Atlanta

IRVING (AP) — Dallas Cowboys coach Chan Gailey admitted Tuesday that he goofed by not requesting a free kick after a fair catch on the final play of the first half against the Atlanta Falcons.

Gailey said he knew of the rule that gives coaches the option of trying an uncontested field goal after any fair catch, but he figured that only was possible if there was time remaining.

So when he saw 0:00 on the clock after punt returner Wane McGarity's fair catch at the end of the second

quarter Monday night, Gailey took his team to the locker room.

"I'm always cognizant of being able to do it because I've always wanted to do it," Gailey said. "I had a chance and I missed it."

The digest of rules in the NFL record and fact book specifically addresses no-time situations.

"If time expires while ball is in play and a fair catch is awarded, receiving team may choose to extend the period" with a free kick, the book said. "However, place-kicker may not use tee."

Gailey already had decided that punter Toby Gowin, who also handles kickoffs, would try the field goal if the ball was caught in Atlanta territory.

"We lined Wane up on the 50 and said, 'If you go behind the 50, let it go. If you can catch it there or in front of the 50, fair catch it so we can have the free kick,'" Gailey said. "We were hoping there would be one second left on the clock."

McGarity caught the ball at the 47. Gowin routinely puts kickoffs into the end zone and even without a tee

would have had a pretty good shot at sending it through the uprights.

The Cowboys led 10-0 at the time. They ended up winning 24-7, so the squandered opportunity only hurt Gailey's pride.

"I forgot you could ask for the free kick after the clock had run out," Gailey said. "I should know that. That's my responsibility."

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## Rodeo athletes take places at Dumas event

**From Staff Reports**  
DUMAS — Several high school athletes from Hereford competed and finished well at the Tri-State High School Rodeo competition in Dumas.

Rodey Wilson received 27 total points to be named All-Around Cowboy.

Wilson also scored many successes at the event.

In calf roping, he finished first with a time of 10.269 seconds. He teamed up another local roper, Kip Kendrick, to take first in team roping. The duo timed in at 6.784.

Kendrick also received second in the team roping slot as he and partner Andy Jones timed in at 7.441.

Wilson took third in the

team roping with Ty Crutchfield (9.060).

Joe Boggeman followed suit at fourth place with Jeffery Seaton (10.575) and fifth with Brady Johnston (12.934).

Marty Wilson took third in the bull riding competition, timing in at 64. He finished first in bareback with 67 points.

Rounding up the Hereford athletes is Amanda Schumacher. She finished third in breakaway roping (3.487) and sixth in barrel racing (17.626).

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## Nazarene Christian Volleyball improves season record to 6-2

**From Staff Reports**  
Nazarene Christian Academy's volleyball team continues their successful season despite setbacks.

The purple team went on a three-game match with St. Andrews and lost, 8-15, 15-6, 12-15.

Leading the way for the Lady Eagles were Callie Hansard, who scored 10 service points and Brynne Huffaker, who nailed 8 service points.

The gold team, however, was more successful in getting a victory against St. Andrews, 13-15, 15-8, 15-1.

Amy Northcutt got 12 service points. Clarissa Zamora contributed with 11.

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## Astros

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sure out at first and Gutierrez was called out. With Lima running at less than full speed, Abraham Nunez's throw to first beat him by more than a step.

The Houston bench thought Gutierrez was safe at second. The inning before, the Astros also felt home plate umpire Alfonso Marquez signaled a strike on a 2-0 pitch to Nunez, only to allow Nunez to take first when Lima threw a ball on the next pitch.

"The first two runs were driven in by guys we thought had struck out," Astros manager Larry Dierker said. "If they made the right calls, we got beat by a good pitcher. If they didn't make the right calls, we got beat by the umpires."

"This was a tough game, a tough game to lose."

Lima (20-9) lost his second straight start since becoming the fifth 20-game winner in Astros' history, even while holding the Pirates to three runs and five hits and striking out 10 in eight innings.

He was coming off his worst start of the season, an 11-8 loss to St. Louis in which he lasted 3 2/3 innings.

Ritchie (14-9), in the minors when the season began and never a starter before this year, won his team-high 14th decision by limiting the Astros to two runs and six hits and striking out 10 in his second complete game. He has won four of his last five decisions.

"That's the most excited I've been in a major league game," said Ritchie, who normally is as unemotional on the mound as Lima is passionate. "It pumps me up extra to pitch against a guy like that. I have a little extra when I pitch against a good pitcher like that."

The Pirates, who finished 45-36 at home, took a 2-0 lead on Warren Morris' RBI double in the second and Al Martin's leadoff triple in the third and Brant Brown's sacrifice fly.

The Astros tied it in the fourth on Javier's double,

Bagwell's RBI single and Caminiti's sacrifice fly.

The Pirates needed only one hit to take the lead in the sixth. With Lima apparently preoccupied by the ball-strike call, Nunez stole second and scored on Young's one-out single.

"I can't comment because if I make a comment, they're going to stick it to me," Lima said. "I'm not a crybaby. I don't make excuses. So, if you see me arguing, you know something is wrong. I'm not going to say anything, if I say something I'll get a reputation and they won't give me a strike the rest of my life."

The Pirates, trying for their first winning season since 1992, are a game under .500 with 10 games to play.

"I think these last two series show that while we're not Houston or Cincinnati, we're not too far away," manager Gene Lamont said. "We're getting better and we like to think we'll be a contender next year."

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# ENTERTAINER OF THE YEAR

## Peers honor Twain



**SHANIA TWAIN**

"Well, I'm not just a lap dancer after all."

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — She's been honored at the Grammys and she's been on MTV. Yet for years, Shania Twain's sexy brand of country music didn't get much recognition from her peers.

Until now. On Wednesday, Twain received long-overdue recognition as the Country Music Association honored her as its Entertainer of the Year. It was the first time the top-selling Twain had ever been honored by the 6,000 industry leaders who cast ballots for the winners.

Twain, who won two Grammys earlier this year, was in tears after receiving the CMA honor. Backstage, the Canadian singer acknowledged the controversy her midriff-baring image and pop-leaning music has caused in Nashville.

"Well, I'm not just a lap

dancer after all," she said, referring to one of the more unkind jabs.

The award for Twain, whose crossover appeal has landed her on and the cover of magazines like *Rolling Stone* and *People*, comes at a time when country music's popularity has dipped.

Sales have flattened since peaking in 1995 at about \$2 billion. After an uptick of 2.7 percent last year, sales were down about 3 percent for the first half of 1999.

Country music's market share of sales has declined to 14.1 percent, according to the Recording Industry Association of America's 1998 Consumer Profile. That's still second — rock is first at 25.7 percent — but country's share has declined each year since peaking at 18.7 percent in 1993.

One country music veteran noticeably absent from the awards show was George Jones. He was angry that he was asked, along with other nominees, to perform a shortened version of "Choices," which was up for best single. The CMA routinely makes such requests due to time constraints.

Jones was watching the show from home when Alan Jackson brought the audience

at the Grand Ole Opry to its feet when he sang a few lines from "Choices" at the end of his own performance.

"He cried," said Evelyn Shriver, president of Asylum Records, Jones' record company. "He said it was the greatest honor ever bestowed on him."

A Jackson spokeswoman, Kay West, said the singer was inspired by a visit to Jones earlier this year in the hospital. Jones nearly died because of a car wreck.

"Alan said that had George Jones died there, there would have been a 10 minute tribute to him on the show," West said. "But he lived, and they wouldn't give him three minutes."

Ed Benson, head of the CMA, said he took no offense at Jackson's actions.

"Alan is a great traditional country artist, and he paid tribute to another great traditional country artist," Benson said. "That's fine."

In other awards, the Dixie Chicks won their second straight award for best vocal group and their "Wide Open Spaces" was named best single and video. Tim McGraw won best male vocalist and best album for "A Place in the Sun." He picked up a second award for producing the album.

Martina McBride was named best female vocalist, and Brooks & Dunn won their eighth straight trophy for best vocal duo.

"Thanks, we know you're getting tired of seeing us up here, but we really appreciate you giving it to us again," Ronnie Dunn said.

Jo Dee Messina won the Horizon Award for career progress.

### 1999 CMA WINNERS

The Associated Press  
Winners at 1999 Country  
Music Association Awards.

**Entertainer**  
Shania Twain  
**Female Vocalist**  
Martina McBride  
**Male Vocalist**  
Tim McGraw  
**Single**  
(For Performer)  
"Wide Open Spaces," Dixie  
Chicks

**Album**  
"A Place in the Sun," Tim  
McGraw  
**Horizon Award**  
(For Career Progress)  
Jo Dee Messina  
**Vocal Group**  
Dixie Chicks  
**Vocal Duo**  
Brooks & Dunn  
**Music Video**  
"Wide Open Spaces," Dixie  
Chicks

**Song**  
(For Songwriter)  
"This Kiss," Annie Roboff,  
Robin Lerner, Beth Nielsen  
Chapman  
**Vocal Event**  
"My Kind of Woman/My  
Kind of Man," Vince Gill and  
Patty Loveless  
**Musician**  
Randy Scruggs  
**International Artist**  
Shania Twain

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# TELEVISION

THURSDAY

SEPTEMBER 23

6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM
NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	Live From Lincoln Center					Mystery!		Charlie Rose		NewsHour
Animals	Show-Funny	Life, Camera	Life, Camera	Movie: Captains Courageous (1996) Robert Ulrich. ++				700 Club		Show-Funny
News	Ent. Tonight	Friends	Jesse	Frasier	Stark	Third Watch				(:35) Tonight Show
Movie: Flubber	Robin Williams. ++ PG	(:40) Movie: Frantzen	and Jim Jamison Boulanger.	(:20) Movie: Flubber	Robin Williams. PG	Zorro				
Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	(:05) Wrestling		(:05) Wrestling	Ching	(:35) Wrestling				
News	Fortune	Whoop?	Movie: Lethal Weapon 3 (1992) Mel Gibson, Danny Glover. ++			News		Sairfield		Nightline
News	Home Imp.	Diagnosis Murder	Chicago Hope	48 Hours		News		(:35) Late Show		
3rd Rock	Simpsons	Police Videos	Family Guy	Action	Mad	M*A*S*H		Frasier		Cops
Sportstr.	GameNight	College Football	Clatsom at Virginia Tech			Sportscaster				Sportstr.
Movie: Young Frank.		Movie: Species II	Michael Madsen. ++ R	(:35) Movie: The Baby Dance	Stockard Channing. ++	Line's				Situations
Kindness of Strangers				Movie: Gang Related	James Belushi. ++ R			Inside the NFL		Real Sex
Movie: Object-Affect.		Movie: Can't Hardly Wait	++ PG-13	(:40) Movie: Color of Night	Bruce Willis, Jane March. ++ R	Movie:				
Movie: Murder Moot Foul		Movie: The Harder They Fall	(1956) Rod Taylor. ++	Movie: The Tip Off	(1931) ++	Movie: Prizelighter				
Waltons	Life-Denver	Prime Time Country	Championship Rodeo	Dallas		Dukes				
Wild Discovery	On the Inside	Shipwreck!	into the Unknown			On the Inside		Shipwreck!		
Law & Order	Biography	Investigative Reports				Law & Order		Biography		
Movie: Miracle Landing	(1993) Wayne Rogers. ++	Movie: Empty Cradle	(1993) Kate Jackson. ++			Altitude		Golden Girls		Golden Girls
Major League Baseball	Toronto Blue Jays at Boston Red Sox			Last Word		Baseball		FOX Sports News		Sports
ER		Movie: The Searchers	(1956) John Wayne, Jeffrey Hunter. ++	(:35) Movie: Highlander	(1986) Razaan Hani. ++					
Hey Arnold!	Rugrats	Thumbelina	Shelley Long	I Love Lucy	Jeffersons	Tad	M.T. Moore	Happy Days		WKRP
JAG	Walker, Texas Ranger	Movie: Bird on a Wire	(1990) Mel Gibson, Goldie Hawn. ++			Baywatch				
Sonadoras	Camila	Tree Mijares	Lante Loco	Picardie		P. Impacto		Noticiero		Major-Ritmo
20th Century	Roman Roads: Empire	Korean War: Fire & Ice	Submarines			Secrets of World War II				
Star Trek	Sliders	Movie: Lavinia	(1989) Peter Weller. ++			Star Trek		Sliders		
Caroline	Major League Baseball	Chicago White Sox at New York Yankees				News		MacGyver		Charmed

FRIDAY

SEPTEMBER 24

7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30	12 PM
Barney	Totally Spies	Sesame Street	Arthur	Dragon	Barney	Totally Spies	Noddy	Zoboo	Mr. Rogers	
Donkey	3 Friends	Ney Nitzy	CBN Special	700 Club	Baby Knows	Ray Nitzy	Ray Nitzy	Kangaroo	Storyline	
Today				Sunset Beach			Judge Lane	News	Days-Lives	
Timon	Pooh	PS & J Other	Out of Br	Bear	Mermaid	Pooh	PS & J Other	Out of Br	Bear	Madeline
Fam. Mat.	DiffWorld	Little House on the Prairie	Little House on the Prairie	Mama	Mama	Matlock				Hunter
Good Morning America		Live - Regis & Kathie Lee	The View			Brown	Brown	Wife		
This Morning		Dr. Joy Browne	Price is Right			Young and the Restless		News		
Magis Bus	Business	Martha Stewart Living	People's Court	Benny Hill	Life in Word			Kenneth C. Robison		Matfie
Sportscaster	Sportscaster	Sportscaster	Sportscaster	Sportscaster	Sportscaster	Sportscaster				Siding
Movie: Boys	Movie: The Right Connections	++ PG	(:15) Movie: The Out-of-Towners	Jack Lemmon 'G'		Movie: The Secret Kingdom	Billy O. 'PG'			
Movie: The Stranlan City 'PG'		Movie: White Fang	Klaus Maria Brandauer. ++ PG	Movie: Grumpy Old Man	Jack Lemmon.	Movie:				
Movie: Young Mr. Lincoln	Henry Ford.	(:48) Movie: Picture Perfect	Jennifer Aniston. 'PG-13'	Movie: Spaceman: Adventures	Movie: War					
Movie: All This, and Heaven Too	(1940) Bette Davis. ++	Movie: Fallin' in My Fashion	(1945)	Movie: April in Paris	(1952) ++					
Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Dukes of Hazard	Alice	McCoy's	McCoy's	McCoy's	Alice's Creative Living	Waltons		
Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Assignment Discovery	Home Matters	Design		Interior Motives	Home			
Northern Exposure	Quincy	Equalizer	Murder, She Wrote	Simon & Simon		Law & Order				
Designing	Designing	Next Door	Attitudes	Party of Five		Chicago Hope	Unwatched	Whispering		Movie: Life-
Sports	Sports	Sports	Party of Five	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.		Movie: Last
CHiPs	Reasonable Doubts	In the Heat of the Night	Mortal Combat: Conquest	Twilight Z.	Movie: Highlander	(1986)				
Hey Arnold!	Rugrats	Upper	Blue's Clues	Little Bear	Franklin	Gullah	Bury World	Little Bear	Blue's Clues	Franklin
(8:30) Golf Ryder Cup - First Day				Golf Ryder Cup - First Day						
(8:00) Desperate America				Malto		Treasure of the Corazon	Luz Maria			Pale
Year by Year		Real West	In Search	In Search	FBI-Story	Crimes	Weapons at War			Match One
Sharks	Roswell	Wonder Woman	Forever Knight	DarkShed	DarkShed	Twilight Z.	Beyond	LoftSpace		
Fam. Mat.	Parent	Fam. Mat.	Cooby Show	Knight Rider	Matlock	Dream Maker		News		

12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30
Body Elec.	Painting	Paintable	Noddy	Reading	Arthur	Waltons	Zoom	Arthur	Creature	Waltons
Bobby	Life-Love	3 Friends	Donny & Marie	Oggy	Candy	3 Friends	Buddy Act	Big Wolf	Boos?	Boos?
Days-Lives	Passions	Donny & Marie	Flash	Brotherly	Brotherly	Brotherly	Bug Juice	Smart Guy	Famous	Jersey
Katie-Orbie	Amazing	DuckTales	Baby-Sitters	Flash	Brotherly	Brotherly	Bug Juice	Smart Guy	Famous	Jersey
Movie: Perry Mason: The Case of the Lost Love	(1987)	Cooby Show	Cooby Show	Cooby Show	Cooby Show	Cooby Show	Full House	Resonance	Resonance	Resonance
Jeopardy!	One Life to Live	General Hospital	Rosie O'Donnell				Brown	Judge Judy	News	ABC News
Bold & B.	As the World Turns	Guiding Light	Sally	Hollywood	Texas		News	CBS News		
Mathis	Forgive or Forget	Divorce	Resonance	Power	Beast Wars	Oggyman	Woody	Nanny	CBS Under	
Skating	Senior PGA Golf Kroger Senior Classic - First Round	PGA Golf Westin Texas Open - Second Round				Sportscaster				
(:45) Movie: Julian Po Christian Slater.	(:15) Movie: At Long Last Love	Burt Reynolds. ++ 'G'	Movie: Animated Adv.	Movie: Haylay Wagner						
(:12:15) Movie: ++ Caddyshack II 'PG'	Tracy	Movie: Police Academy 6: Siege	Reverb	Worst Wish	America					
(:12:00) Movie: The War of the Roses 'R'	Movie: Heartbreak Hotel	David Keith. ++	(:48) Movie: Titanic (1997) Leonardo DiCaprio, Kate Winslet. 'PG-13'							
Movie: April	Movie: The Tender Trap	(1955) Frank Sinatra. ++	Movie: The Swan	(1956) Grace Kelly. ++						
Waltons	Dallas	Crook & Chase	McCoy's	McCoy's	Dukes of Hazard	Alice				
Home	Design	Interior Motives	Great Chefs	Epicurious	Gimme Shelter	New House	Fix-a-Line			
Law & Order	Northern Exposure	Quincy	Equalizer	Murder, She Wrote	Simon & Simon					
Movie: Life of the Party: Beatrice	Intimate Portrait	Wedding-Lite	Designing	Designing	Golden Girls	Golden Girls				
Ultimate	Cowboys	Coach Houston Nutt	Ok. Sooners	Big 12 Show	Stant	Signature	Curves	Surf	Last Word	
(:11:20) Movie: ++ Highlander (1986)	Kung Fu: Legend	L.A. Heat	In the Heat of the Night	Dus South						
Kipper	Doug	Doug	Hey Arnold!	Ace Ventura	Spongebob	Catdog	Yei! Alred?	Brady	All That	Catdog
Golf Ryder Cup - First Day										
Pale	Una Luz on of Camino	Gordo	El Stabazo	Cristina	Primer Impacto					
Match One	20th Century	In Search	In Search	FBI-Story	Crimes	Weapons at War	Sound Barrier			
LoftSpace	Shitlines	Movie: The Cold Equations	(1996) Bill Campbell	Peterjordan: The Legacy		Quantum Leap				
News	Hawaii Five-0	(:10) Major League Baseball	Pittsburgh Pirates at Chicago Cubs			Tenth inning		Fresh Pr.		

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NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	Wash. Week	Wall St	Vicar-Doby	Wait for God	Time Goes	Keeping Up		Charlie Rose		NewsHour
Backstreet Boys: Coming Home				Movie: Magic in the Water	(1995) Mark Hamon. ++			700 Club		Show-Funny
News	Ent. Tonight	Providence	Delia	Cold Feet						(:35) Tonight Show
So Weird	Movie: Garbage-Picking, Field Goal	(:08) Movie: Air Bud	(1997) Michael Jeter, Kevin Zegers.	So Weird	Jersey	Zorro				
Major League Baseball	Atlanta Braves at Montreal Expos			Movie: Ladybugs	(1982) Rocky Dangarfield, Jackie. ++	Movie:				
News	Fortune	Hughleys	Boy-World	Sabrina	Odd Man	20/20				Nightline
News	Home Imp.	Kids Say	Candice C.	Now and Again		News		(:35) Late Show		
3rd Rock	Simpsons	Movie: Speed	(1994) Keanu Reeves, Dennis Hopper. ++	Mad		Frasier		Cops		Real TV
Bills, Blades and Boards	Burno	Auto Racing: NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series	60 Greatest	Sportscaster						
Movie: Haylay Wagner	Bonnie William Joppy vs. Julio Cesar Green			Outer Limits	(:45) Total Recall	2070				
Inside the NFL	Movie: The Avengers	Ralph Fiennes. ++	Movie: Sniper	(1993) Tom Berenger, Billy Zane. ++ 'R'	Chris Rock	Movie: Last				
(8:40) Movie: Titanic	Movie: A Soldier's Daughter	Never Cries. ++	(:08) Movie: Doctor Dolittle	++ 'PG-13'	Movie:					
Movie: The Time Machine	Movie: Yojimbo	(1961) Toshirō Mifune. ++	Movie: Akira	Kurosawa's Dreams	(1980) ++	Movie:				
Motor Madness	Wrestling	RollerJam		Championship Rodeo		Rodeo				
Wild Discovery	On the Inside	News	Discover	Storm Warning!		On the Inside		News		
Law & Order	Biography	L.A. Detectives	Sherlock Holmes	Law & Order						
Movie: My Son, Johnny	(1991) Michele Lee. ++	Movie: For the Love of Nancy	(1984) Tracy Gold. ++	Altitude		Golden Girls		Golden Girls		
Sports	Major League Soccer: Burn at Revolution	Cowboys	Baseball	Baseball	FOX Sports News	Sports				
ER	Movie: A Bright Case of Murder	(1999) William H. Macy.	Movie: Vigilante	Cap (1991) Dale Midkiff. ++	Movie:					
Spongebob	Spongebob	Spongebob	Brady	I Love Lucy	Jeffersons	Tad	M.T. Moore	Happy Days		WKRP
JAG	Walker, Texas Ranger	Movie: Death Becomes Her	(1992) Mary McCormack. ++	Movie: Shampoo	(1975) ++					
Sonadoras	Camila	Tree Mijares	Special Gigante 700			P. Impacto		Noticiero		Major-Ritmo
20th Century	Game Bands	Cuban Missile Crisis		History Undercover		Game Bands				
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Caroline										



CAMPAIGN 2000



**VICE PRESIDENT GORE**

"We've been doing a lot of things right, but it is time to start a new wave of change in this nation."

## Gore grappling for his message

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton articulated what he called Vice President Al Gore's "great challenge" in asking voters to give him the nation's top job: "People think at election time they're supposed to vote for change."

Gore, meanwhile, continued to grapple for a message that would make clear a vote for him is not a vote for a third Clinton-Gore term.

Over the course of one day — a day that ended with him side-by-side with the president — Gore's rhetoric went from a direct hit on the administration he shared with Clinton ("I'm not satisfied," Gore said) to a more nuanced appeal for his own ascendancy.

"We've been doing a lot of things right, but it is time to start a new wave of change in this nation," Gore said Wednesday night as he and Clinton courted some three dozen fund-raising heavyweights over a pair of intimate dinners.

The president perhaps got carried away when he tried to work with Gore's "change" theme: "Do we need a change? The answer is, yes we do."

In a voice hoarse from al-

lergies and strain, Clinton continued, "The question is how are we going to change? Are you going to build on the good things that are going on in America now to face the unmet challenges of this country in the 21st century? Or, will we go back to the approach that got us into so much trouble in the first place?"

With nine fund-raising events in 10 days, Gore sprinted toward month's end and the next official tally of candidate cash.

Taking in about \$700,000 this week alone, Gore's fund raising is on track but won't yield blockbuster surprises in the third-quarter Federal Election Commission reports, said his longtime fund-raising guru, Peter Knight.

"Eye-popping is what George W. does," said Knight, referring to Republican rival George W. Bush's record-setting \$52 million tally to date.

As of June 30 and the last quarterly FEC report, Gore had raised \$17.5 million to Bill Bradley's \$11.7 million.

Bradley is Gore's only challenger for the Democratic presidential nomination.

## Bush: more military spending

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republican presidential candidate George W. Bush is promising to "redefine war on our terms" with a defense policy that pumps billions of dollars into the search for new weapons he said would help America keep the peace.

Unveiling his plans for the U.S. military in a speech today, the GOP front-runner said he would increase spending on research and development of weapons, raise soldiers' salaries, develop an anti-ballistic missile system and avoid "vague, aimless and endless" troop deployments throughout the world.

"If elected, I will set three goals: I will renew the bond of trust between the American president and the American military; I will defend the American people against missiles and terror; and I will begin creating the military of the next century," he said in an early draft of his speech to the Citadel military academy in Charleston, S.C.

"The best way to keep the

peace is to redefine war on our terms," he said.

The two-term Texas governor holds a hefty lead in polls over all Democratic and Republican presidential contenders. The address — part of a series of speeches designed to spell out his presidential agenda — is an answer to critics who say Bush is not ready to be president and that his views on public policy are undeveloped.

In advance of his remarks, Democrats warned that Bush wanted to return to the policies of Republican Presidents Reagan and Bush, his father. "He already wants a tax cut that would destabilize Social Security and Medicare. Now he wants huge defense increases that would threaten education and health care," said Democratic National Committee spokeswoman Patricia Ewing. "We've already lived through huge tax cuts and defense increases that ruined our economic prosperity. We don't



**GEORGE W. BUSH**

"Our challenge is not as obvious, but just as noble: To turn these years of influence into decades of peace."

want to go back to that."

The biggest price tag in Bush's package is for research and development, where Bush would increase spending by \$20 billion over five years. The annual Pentagon budget is about \$270 billion.

In addition, 20 percent of the current budget for weapons and information systems should be earmarked for the

purchase of weapons that take advantage of new technologies, Bush said.

With the end of the Cold War — what he called "the hard but clear struggle against an evil empire" — Bush said America must take advantage of "a revolution in the technology of war" to remain strong enough to maintain peace throughout the world.

Reagan called Russia an "evil empire" when Bush's father was vice president.

"Our challenge is not as obvious, but just as noble: To turn these years of influence into decades of peace," the governor said.

"Power is increasingly defined, not by mass or size, but by mobility and swiftness," Bush said. "Influence is measured in information, safety is gained in stealth, and force is projected on the long arc of precision-guided weapons," he said. "This revolution perfectly matches the strengths of our country — and the skill of our people and the superiority of our technology."

## Buchanan accuses McCain of lying

WASHINGTON (AP) — Presidential candidate Pat Buchanan accused rival John McCain today of "a vicious and damnable lie" in suggesting the conservative commentator thought it was not a noble cause to defeat Germany and Japan in World War II.

Buchanan said on NBC's "Today" that he never suggested it was not a noble cause to oppose the two countries, just that Britain had effectively negated Hitler as a threat to the West before the United States entered the war against Hitler.

"It is evident to me by Pat Buchanan's own rhetoric that he has left the Republican Party," McCain said in a state-

ment Wednesday.

The statement added: "Defeating Hitler's Germany and Tojo's Japan was a very noble cause. And I wouldn't want any Republican to ever think otherwise — or any American for that matter."

Buchanan and McCain are among the candidates for the Republican presidential nomination. Buchanan says he will decide by mid-October whether to bolt the GOP for the Reform Party.

While McCain's statement did not specifically say Buchanan had questioned the nobility of the cause, the Arizona senator said: "Regardless of what the polls show, our party must stand on principle."

Buchanan said today he was disappointed McCain did not appear to make charges against him face-to-face.

"To suggest that I think the butchers who attacked and murdered our men in their beds at Pearl Harbor should not have been defeated and crushed and that that was not a noble cause ... is a vicious and damnable lie," said Buchanan.

"Of course it was a noble cause" to defeat Hitler, he added. "The point about Hitler that in late 1940 he had lost the battle of Britain. The English Royal Force had air superiority over the (English) Channel. Hitler could not invade the United States if he

couldn't even invade England."

A third Republican presidential candidate, Elizabeth Dole, tried to stand clear of the verbal fireworks between McCain and Buchanan during an appearance today on ABC's "Good Morning America."



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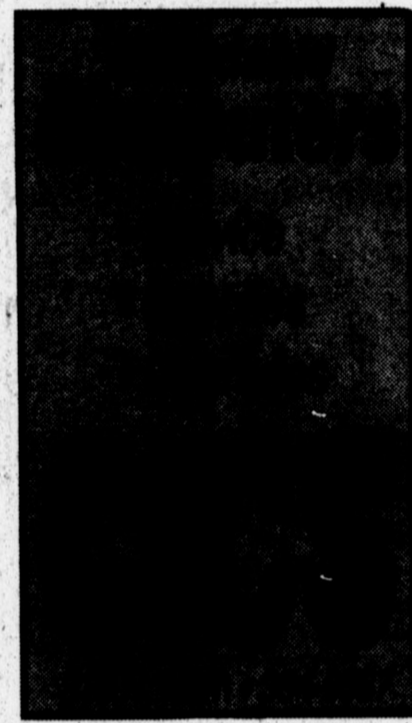
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**HRMC**

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much prospect of bringing in a lot of new specialists," Flood said. "But the last administration was pushing to bring in eight to 10 specialists.

"We'll let CHC take a look at it and if they're interested, then I'll know what the last administration said is OK. But if CHC backs off, then we need to look at other alternatives," he said. "But an agreement can be worked out almost any way. I know that (board president) Dean (Crofford) is concerned about the five-year agreement that CHC likely would recommend.

As part of its consideration of a possible lease agreement with the hospital, CHC has begun to conduct a complete financial analysis of the hospital's operations. The analysis will examine the hospital's most recent fiscal year performance, develop a five-year forecast on cash flow and operating assumptions, and debt service.

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

HRMC administrative assistant Carolan Garza said Wednesday afternoon the information packet for CHC has not been completed, but the material should be sent to the company by next week.

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**Lots of melons** — Customers at the weekly Farmers Market, which is set up on the parking lot across from St. Anthony's School, found a wide assortment of melons and pumpkins available Wednesday afternoon. The market opened in July and will continue as long as the farmers have produce available for sale.

**Jobless claims decline**

WASHINGTON (AP) — The number of Americans filing new claims for unemployment benefits fell unexpectedly last week to the lowest level in 25 years.

The Labor Department reported today that 272,000 Americans filed new claims for jobless benefits for the week ending Sept. 18, down by 17,000 from the previous week. That was the lowest level since Jan. 5, 1974, when claims were at 269,000.

Government officials say part of the sharp drop could have been because some unemployed who were affected by Hurricane Floyd were unable to get to claims offices. But the officials had no specific data on the storm's effects.

The four-week average for claims, which smooths out week-to-week volatility, also was down last week, to 285,750. That was the lowest

level since April 21 when claims were at 284,500.

Last week's decrease in new claims was unexpected. Many economists had been forecasting a rise to 290,000.

Economists chalked up most of the big drop in claims as a fluke related to the hurricane. "It's a temporary blip," said economist Richard Yamarone of Argus Research Corp. "It is not indicative of a worsening in the already tight labor market. It's unrelated to true economic conditions."

He and other economists expect claims to increase in next week's report, putting them more in line with the levels typically seen over the last few months.

Economists consider jobless claims levels below 300,000 an indication of an extremely tight labor market. Last week was the ninth week in a row that claims were below 300,000.

That's good news for workers but is potentially worrisome to economists. Their fear: Employers scrambling for workers woo them with higher wages and benefits, costs that may drive up prices.

On Wednesday, a Federal Reserve survey on business conditions around the nation said there have been "few reports of acceleration in nominal wages and salaries" even as companies find it difficult to hire qualified workers for job openings in the tight labor market.

The survey pointed out that some areas reported "a substantial upswing in the cost of health-care benefits" while consumer prices are stable.

Financial markets have been on edge that the Federal Reserve might raise interest rates for a third time this year in an effort to slow economic growth and keep inflation in check.

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# 'DUTCH'

## Bio offers portrait of fading president

WASHINGTON (AP) — Ronald Reagan's authorized biography, 14 years in the making, doesn't know what to make of his role in the Iran-Contra scandal that soiled his remarkable imprint on the nation.

But it is more surefooted in saying that Reagan, in his final years as president, was practicing "conservation of mental resources" and struggling as if by sheer will to stay focused on the things he really cared about.

"Dutch: A Memoir of Ronald Reagan" is being released by Random House in a week. It was written by Edmund Morris, a Pulitzer-winning author who was granted extraordinary access to the Reagan White House and the president himself.

Excerpts were obtained by The Associated Press.

In the book, Morris writes that George Bush complained to him — in his jovial way — of the indifferent treatment he and his wife got from the Reagans. Morris also recounts another side of Reagan, a burst of loyalty when he angrily dismissed advice by aides to fire chief of staff Don Regan.

"Listen, I'm not going to sacrifice anybody's ass to save my ass," Morris quotes the president as saying in February 1987, shortly before Regan resigned anyway in a dispute with Nancy Reagan.

Morris writes glowingly of Reagan's impact and asserts, "He retained a useful intelligence throughout two terms as president, and for three years thereafter."

Yet, he found Reagan to be "an apparent airhead" and said he was "distressed by the relentless banality, not to say incoherence, of the president's replies in interviews."

Some of Morris' conclusions, and especially his technique of inserting himself into the narrative as a sometimes-fictional character, have unnerved several Reagan associates and historians while others have said they won't rush to judgment until they read the book.

University of Wisconsin historian Stanley Kutler, who read and is reviewing the book, said it cast little light on the Reagan administration except, perhaps, in detailing "chapter and verse" Reagan's failings of the mind.

The book serves mainly as a reminder of Reagan's gifts as a "great practitioner

of symbolic politics" and is otherwise clouded by the fictitious elements used by the author, he said.

Although Reagan's disengagement at times was true to his hands-off style, aides were concerned about his foginess during his second term. Morris has said he believed Reagan started declining mentally and physically early, when he was shot and seriously wounded in 1981.

Reagan was diagnosed five years ago with Alzheimer's disease, well after he left office in 1989.

Mrs. Reagan said this week she had not seen the book; her office did not return a phone call Wednesday.

The book cites as evidence of his "useful intelligence" Reagan's "perfectly paced jokes, the easy, apt quips scribbled on the bottoms of thousands of photographs, and above all the clarity of his diaries and letters and speech drafts."

Morris tells of a conversation he said he had with George and Barbara Bush on Christmas Eve in 1988, shortly before Bush became president.

"I really love that guy, he's such a terrific fellow," Bush is quoted as saying, before going on to comment about the Reagans: "I kinda wished they'd shown — y'know, a little appreciation. Didn't seem to want us upstairs in the White House."

"We would always thank them for their gifts," Mrs. Bush added. The president-elect then complained about not getting "a word of thanks" for a gift they had made for the Reagans — an odd seat supported by legs patterned after Reagan's own cowboy boots, complete with spurs.

Bush said Reagan "never seemed to need anybody." Mrs. Bush added: "Except Nancy."

Asked to comment, Bush's office in Houston asked to see the excerpt and did not immediately respond.

Morris, who won a Pulitzer Prize for a Theodore Roosevelt biography, comes to no firm conclusion about Reagan's role in the diversion of money to the Nicaraguan Contras from illicit missile sales to Iran.

"My suspicion, for what it's worth, is that Dutch (Reagan) did authorize the transfer, not having the smallest comprehension of the laws he was subverting," Morris writes.



**RONALD REAGAN**

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# U.S. backs new Group of 20

## Clinton pressures allies to work to ease financial instability

WASHINGTON (AP) — The world may be on the rebound after its worst financial crisis in a half century, but the Clinton administration is pressing allies to keep up efforts to ensure the next bout of financial instability is less severe.

The United States has won approval from other countries for creation of a Group of 20 — a new forum that will include the world's wealthiest countries plus a geographical selection of major developing nations that will meet regularly to review economic reform proposals.

Treasury Secretary

Lawrence Summers said the new group, which will represent countries making up 80 percent of the global economy, will be launched this weekend as finance ministers from around the world gather in Washington for the annual meetings of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank.

Finance ministers and central bank presidents of the world's seven largest economies — the United States, Japan, Germany, France, Italy, Britain and Canada — will meet Saturday to review the agenda for the broader meetings of the 182-nation IMF.

Summers outlined the proposal for creation of a new Group of 20 in a speech Wednesday at Yale University. The group will include the G-7 countries plus other major industrial nations and a col-

lection of major developing nations.

The United States has been pushing its wealthy allies to agree to creation of this new forum, arguing that major reforms in the global financial system should be developed jointly by industrial countries and developing nations.

"This will be a permanent informal mechanism for dialogue," Summers said.

In addition to creation of the new group, the G-7 officials are expected to review a recent sharp drop in the value of the dollar in relation to the Japanese yen, including a discussion of whether the G-7 countries should intervene jointly in currency markets to bolster the U.S. currency.

The IMF, issuing an updated economic forecast, listed a sharp drop in the dollar's value as one of the major

downside risks that could upset its forecasts for better-than-expected world growth this year and in 2000.

The fund predicted that the global economy, which suffered a sharp slowdown last year because of a spreading Asian currency crisis, will expand by 3 percent this year and 3.5 percent in 2000.

"For all the Asian crisis economies, growth projections for 1999 have been revised up significantly and the economic downturns in Brazil and Russia have been shallower than expected earlier," the IMF said.

Recent allegations of massive money laundering involving billions of dollars of loans the IMF and the World Bank sent to Russia have put both organizations on the defensive.

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## Academy Award winner Scott dies

LOS ANGELES (AP) — George C. Scott, whose eagle profile and gravel-voiced, commanding air brought life to Gen. George S. Patton and earned him an Oscar he refused to accept, has died. He was 71.

Scott died Wednesday at his home in Westlake Village, about 40 miles northwest of Los Angeles, said Pat Mahoney, the wife of Scott's publicist.

She said today she didn't know the cause of death.

"They just found him and are trying to find out what happened," she said. "He was on again, off again for a while. He just expired."

The answering service for the Ventura County Coroner's office confirmed Scott had died but had no other information. The coroner planned to release a statement this morning, Sheriff's Sgt. Paul Higgason said.

Scott captivated audiences in roles ranging from the dangerously explosive, yet sympathetic Patton in 1970 to the fatuous blowhard Gen. Buck Turgidson in Stanley Kubrick's 1964 classic "Dr. Strangelove."

The two were opposite ends of a spectrum of memorable film characters: the shark on the sidelines who tries to devour Paul Newman in "The Hustler."