TWO NEW PLAYERS

HUSTLIN' HEREFORD HOME OF Matthew Bullard

Today's weather

OUTLOOK

Clear, cold

Tonight, clear with a low in the upper 30s, light

Thursday, sunny with a

high 75 to 80, southwest

to west wind 5 to 10 mph.

Thursday night, clear with a low 40 to 45.

Friday through Sunday, partly cloudy, lows in the upper 30s to around 40,

highs in the lower to mid-

Hereford weather

Tuesday's high, 66; low, 36; no precipitation, according to KPAN Radio.

2 firms offer to run HRMC

By Donald M. Cooper

Hereford Brand Managing Editor All roads don't lead to Hereford, but the Deaf Smith County Hospital District directors could be excused if

they think that's the case.

In August, the directors put on hold the search for a new hospital administrator after a Dallas-based healthcare management company indicated it was interested in leasing Hereford Regional Medical

The decision to call off the search for the new hospital administrator was to give CHC adequate time to conduct a financial analysis of hospital operations.

At Tuesday's board meeting, two more players announced their interest in getting in the game.

Tri-Cities, a private hospital company based near Pleasanton in south Texas, has indicated it would like to make a pitch for a lease agreement at the November board meeting, according to board president Dean Crofford.

Also, Larry D. Krupala, president/chief executive officer of TORCH Management Services Inc., a subsidiary of the Texas Organization of Rural Hospitals (TORCH), proposed the board enter into a two-year management agreement with his firm.

Krupala said the company, which did place interim ad-

Hereford, would hire a new hospital administrator and would take over managment of the hospital.

The management company would provide support and expertise for the administrator, board and HRMC, Krupala said. Under the agreement, the hospital district would negotiate and pay the new CEO's salary, as well as pay a \$5,000 monthly management fee.

Krupala said the needs of rural hospital's "acute," and noted many hospitals in Texas are at the "lowest financial ebb they ever have been." However, he voiced optimism about the future of the rural hospitals, saying pressure brought to bear on Congress should re-

sult in some changes in the Balanced Budget Act of 1997, which hospital administrators say has created many of the financial problems confronting healthcare facilities.

Krupala also said he believes the local hospital district directors are "struggling to do the right thing," but ministrator J.O. Lewis in stabilizing the organization is the agreement, Krupala said.

Larry D. Krupala, president/chief executive officer of TORCH Management Services Inc., recommends his firm be hired to manage Hereford Regional Medical Center. Listening to the presentation are board members (from left) Mark Collier, Steve Lawlis and Bobby Owen.

imperative.

He suggested the management agreement would enable the board to regain its focus, as well as gain some breathing room in deciding what is in the hospital's best interest over the long term.

The board would not lose control of the hospital under

He said the new administrator be hired by TMSI, with the board's approval, and the administrator would report to both the board and TMSI.

He said the board would retain its role of giving direction, but TMSI would do the management.

Director Karen Solomon asked what advantage the management agreement would provide for HRMC

Krupala said TMSI would provide expertise — what will work, what will not work and access to talented experts in all areas of the healthcare industry.

Director Mark Collier questioned paying both the management fee and the administrator's salary.

You've got a lot of problems, but so do a lot of other hospitals. You have pupulation base and distance from Amarillo to retain your market. But, you need to expand your market," Krupala said.

He said TMSI would work within the hospital staff and within the community to develop solutions to the problems confronting the hospital.

The new administrator, the hospital staff and the board would have full access to TMSI.

Director Bobby Owen asked Krupala if HRMC can be a money-maker.

"Yes, it can be," Krupala "We're sitting on a bomb-

shell here," Owen said. "We've got to get something done." In reference to CHC's lease

proposal, HRMC administrative assistant Carolan Garza said the company has said it apparently still is interested in pursuing such an arrange-

And, HRMC financial director Rodney Bailey said the company has made numerous requests for additional information, most recently a week ago, but by Tuesday, CHC had indicated it will not need further details.

Director Ernest Flood said Please see HRMC, Page A9

Holiday mailing advisory outlined WASHINGTON (AP)

Only five shopping days left before it's time to mail Christmas cards and parcels going by surface mail to Af-

There's still plenty of time to prepare items to be sent air mail, but folks saving money by using surface mail need to get moving. The Postal Service is rec-

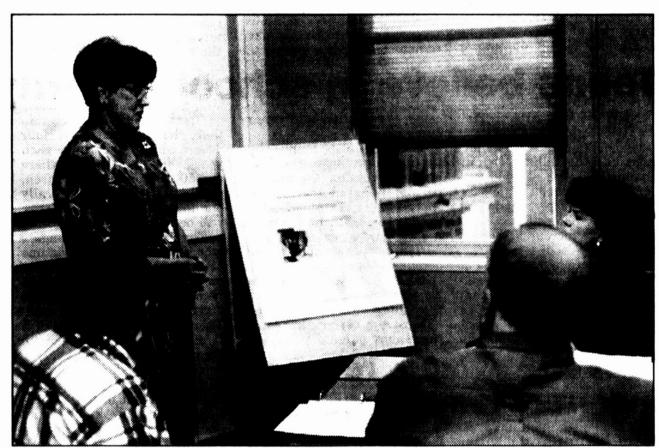
ommending that surface mail items destined for Africa be mailed by next Monday — Oct. 25 — to be sure they arrive in time.

And the recommended deadline is only four days more, Oct. 29, for surface mail headed for the Middle There are two shopping

weeks left before it's time to mail Christmas cards and letters surface mail to Asia, Central and South America, Australia and New Zealand. That deadline is Nov. 5.

And the recommended deadline is Nov. 6 for standard military mail headed for APO and FPO addresses with ZIP codes beginning with the numbers 090-098, 340 and 962-966.

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BRAND Photo Janis Robinson (standing) discusses the Women & Children's Crisis Center

Bugs still plaguing hospital computers

A computer conversion at Hereford Regional Medical Center is continuing to delay distribution of financial re-

Financial reports for September were not available Tuesday night for the Deaf Smith County Hospital District board to review.

The August financial reports were not available for the board until last week, nearly six weeks after they normally are compiled.

HRMC financial director Rodney Bailey said the switch to a new computer system in August has slowed down the process because the hospital's accounting department personnel are still learning the new

Also, some data from the

old system to the new system did not transfer properly, which meant the financial information had to be reviewed line by line. Director Bobby Owens sug-

gested bringing technicians from CPSI, the company that provided the software for the new system, back in to help. Bailey said that would help, but the hospital staff are getting more familiar with the new system.

Bailey said the time required to handle the billing is getting shorter, with September taking less time than August and October looking as if it will show a marked improvement over September.

Also, he said the hospital's

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Lugar predicts third farm assistance bill next year

WASHINGTON (AP) — The \$21 billion. chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee says Congress is likely to consider a third straight bailout of the farm economy next year, barring a rebound in commodity prices.

Clinton an \$8.7 billion package of emergency farm assistance last week, the second such measure in as many years. Clinton is expected to sign the legislation.

"The thought will be, 'Are you going to stand by while farms go out of business?' My guess is that the response of Republicans and Democrats will be, 'No, we're not going to stand by'," said Sen. Richard

Lugar, R-Ind.

Prices for most crops collapsed two years ago amid the financial crises in Asia and Russia and heavy production worldwide. Without major weather problems, economists say grain prices will Congress sent President remain low through next year.

With that in mind, Lugar's House counterpart, Rep. Larry Combest, R-Texas, recently announced plans to conduct a comprehensive review next year of the GOP-authored 1996 farm law.

Lugar, speaking to reporters after a speech to commodity groups, said he had no plans to hold similar hearings in his committee.

He would not say whether he would consider any changes With this year's package, to the law that the House direct payments to farmers are might propose. "There's no way expected to reach a record I can react hypothetically to a bill that might arise, without knowing the content and what it is they examined."

The 1996 law, popularly known as "Freedom to Farm," ended a Depression-era system of production controls and price supports in an attempt to wean farmers from their dependence on government programs. Farm groups said the law doesn't guarantee them sufficient income.

Lugar said he was opposed to increasing crop subsidies by raising the minimum prices that the government guarantees farmers.

"If you guarantee a certain price, then markets react to that by farmers planting more," Lugar said. "If our problem is oversupply already, the decision to move those targets upward might create more supply."

ELIZABETH Drops out

TON (AP)Former American Red Cross president Elizabeth Dole has decided to drop out of the rapidly shrinking

Republican presidential field, citing an inability to raise enough money to compete with front-runner George W. Bush, The Associated Press learned today.

Two sources close to Dole, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Dole would announce her departure from the presidential race today in Washington.

"When the money becomes the message the process is diminished," Dole said in a draft of her remarks provided to The AP.

She did not plan to endorse any GOP candidate, the sources said, though they did not rule out an endorsement

Dole abandons race

WASHINGat a later date. The first woman to mount a top-tier presidential campaign, Mrs. Dole's campaign attracted rew voters particularily young and professional women — to the Republican Party. She finished strong in an early political contest — Iowa's non-binding

> practiced polish on the campaign trail. But the wife of 1996 GOP presidential nominee Bob Dole was unable to overcome the

> straw poll - and displayed a

huge financial advantage of Bush, the Texas governor who raised more than 10 times as much money as Dole in 1999. She was unable to convert the raw enthusiasm of her rallies into improved poll ratings.

Her departure leaves Bush, Arizona Sen. John McCain and conservative millionaire Steve Forbes in the top tier of the GOP field. Four other candidates are vying for conservative voters, including Pat Hampshire.

Buchanan, who plans to bolt the GOP on Monday to seek the Reform Party nomination.

McCain said he was sorry Dole had decided to withdraw from the presidential race, but that she had done so for the "wrong reason" — money woes.

Dole's race for the White House came to an end just less than three months after a surprisingly solid third-place finish in Iowa's straw poll. The finish gave her a chance to boost her campaign, which was already sagging in polls and money-starved.

She was unable to capitalize. In the most recent campaign spending reports, Dole reported raising more than \$1 million from July to September. By comparison, Bush raised \$20.2 million during the same period.

Though second place in many national polls — hovering around 10 percent — she was trailing McCain in New

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Local roundup

Child welfare meeting

The Deaf Smith County Child Welfare board will meet in regular session at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, in room 200 of the Deaf Smith County Courthouse.

Items on the agenda include report from Children's Protective Services workers; discussion of Christmas plans for foster children; acceptance of the resignation of board members; and appointing a nominating committee for the board members.

HISD college night

The college night program will be Thursday from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Hereford Independent School District administration building. More than 30 colleges will be in attendance.

This is a great opportunity for junior and senior students and their parents to visit with the college representatives and pick up applications and scholarship information.

Golden K spaghetti dinner

Members of the Golden K Kiwanis will hold a spaghetti dinner Saturday Oct. 23 from noon to 6 p.m. at the Senior Center, 426 Ranger. Tickets are \$4.50 for adults and \$2 for children 12 and under.

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Civil right groups sue churches

AUSTIN (AP) — Two civil rights groups say they are prepared to sue churches statewide, as they did in Central Texas, to ensure their buildings are accessible to the disabled.

The 3rd Court of Appeals ruled Oct. 14 in favor of the Texas Civil Rights Project and the Coalition of Texans with Disabilities, ordering church facilities in 24 counties to be accessible to the disabled.

Handicapped parking, entry ramps, accessible bathrooms and full access into fellowship halls and schools must now be provided by churches covered by the ruling. The only exclusions are areas where "religious rituals" are held.

"Churches and places of worship are an institution different from many other in our society and we trust in the good will of religious facilities and institutions," said Jim Harrington, director of the Texas Civil Rights Project.

Harrington said legal action remains an option.
The Coalition of Texans with Disabilities sued the state Department of Licensing and Regulation in 1996 after the agency determined entire religious facilities were exempt from disabled access requirements.

Field trip prompts lawsuit

DALLAS (AP) — A \$12 million lawsuit alleges the Dallas Independent School District and a teacher failed to protect a teenager who died on a field trip to Big Bend National Park.

Colt Perryman, 14, of Balch Springs disappeared Jan. 17, 1998 luring a hike with about two dozen other students in the far West

Perryman, a freshman at the Yvonne A. Ewell Townview Center, a school fo**r talented and gifted students, fell to his death descendin**

Emory Peak. The 7,825-foot mountain is the park's highest point. Three days later, Perryman's body was spotted. Park rangers rappelled to the site to help recover the body from the rugged area about 450 miles southwest of Dallas.

The suit, filed Monday by his parents in U.S. District Court in Marshall, also names former DISD history teacher Lee Bloomfield, one of two teachers on the trip.

Bloomfield, who agreed to resign rather than be fired by the district, now lives in Marshall. A telephone number for Bloomfield was not listed and he could not be contacted today by The Associated

The school district, accused in the suit of knowingly placing Colt in a dangerous environment, declined comment. A spokeswoman told The Dallas Morning News that the district would not discuss

The boy's father, Michael Perryman, said nothing would ever bring back his son.

Technology service eyes Austin

HOUSTON (AP) — Millions of dollars in incentives are persuading a California technology services company to build a \$160 million Austin campus that municipal leaders say will help revitalize the downtown area and take some pressure off growth in environmentally sensitive hills.

Executives of Computer Sciences Corp. are expected to sign a lease agreement on Nov. 1 with Austin officials for a 700,000square-foot campus on three square blocks near Town Lake, according to the Texas Journal of The Wall Street Journal.

An epicenter of the new technology-driven economy known as "Silicon Hills", the Austin area already has become home to Dell Computer Corp., the world's largest direct seller of computers and computer systems, as well as facilities for Advanced Micro Devices, Motorola and other high-tech companies.

Persuading El Segundo, Calif.,-based CSC to move downtown is considered a victory for efforts to protect the fragile Barton Creek watershed in the suburbs, where a company spokesman said CSC had been "looking very seriously" at an office development known as The Terrace.

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Obituaries

MIGUEL BOTELLO Oct. 18, 1999

Funeral services for Miguel Botello, 67, of Hereford are pending with Parkside Chapel Funeral Home.

Mr. Botello died Tuesday at his home.

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Music of the land



Courtesy Photo

Mariachi singers — Fourth-grade classes at Bluebonnet Intermediate School were treated to music by three local mariachi singers who performed several numbers for the classes on Friday, the last day of the annual Hispanic Heritage Month celebration. Students studied various historical aspects of Hispanic life in conjunction with the annual event. Performers included Angel Moya, Panchito Gonzales and Frank Torres.

Vitamin E lowers smokers' cancer risks

Experts continue to advise smokers to quit; others should never start

WASHINGTON (AP) -Smokers who eat a diet rich in vitamin E foods may lower their risk of lung cancer by about 20 percent, a new study says, but experts stress that the best health advice is still to quit smoking.

In a report published today in the Journal of the National Cancer Institute, researchers say a study of more than 29,000 male smokers in Finland shows that those with high blood levels of a form of vitamin E reduced their risk of lung cancer by 19 percent to 23 percent.

The benefits were most dramatic, the study found, among men under age 60 and among

light smokers who had been using cigarettes for less than 40 years. The reduction in lung cancer risk in these groups was from 40 percent to 50 percent.

But despite the encouraging finding, said Dr. Demetrius Albanes of the National Cancer Institute, the most beneficial health action smokers can take is still the same: Stop smoking.

"We have to emphasize that not only for lung cancer, but for oral cancer, pancreas cancer, kidney cancer and a bunch of other cancers, stopping smoking is crucial," said Albanes, the senior author of the study.

In the study, which lasted nearly eight years, researchers took periodic blood samples to measure the levels of alpha-tocopherol, the most active form of vitamin E in humans. The levels of alphatocopherol were then linked to health outcomes among the men in the study. There were 1,144 cases of lung cancer diagnosed in the group during the study.

The lung cancer rate reduced among men with the highest levels of alpha-tocopherol, said Albanes, and the cancer protection was most pronounced among men with the shortest history of smoking who also had high vitamin E levels.

Although the new study involved only smokers and lung cancer, earlier studies have shown that healthy levels of vitamin E give some protection against heart disease, stroke and some other types of cancer, such as prostate

Albanes said the proven benefits came only from a balanced diet that included food rich in vitamin E, he said. The researchers drew no conclusions about the effect of vitamin pills taken by some of the men in the study.

"In the last couple of years

there have been about four

In effect, he said the proven benefits of vitamin E come from eating the right foods, not from popping vitamin pills.

"We need more studies to compare supplements with natural diet sources of vitamin E," he said, adding that there are still uncertainties about the comparative value of vitamin pills versus nutrients absorbed naturally from foods.

For instance, some studies have shown that beta carotene, an antioxidant found in foods such as carrots, can help prevent some forms of cancer. Yet, when beta carotene pills were given to the group of Finnish smokers, the rate of lung cancer actually increased by 16 percent.

Albanes said vitamin E-rich foods include soybean oil and other seed oils; nuts, particularly almonds, filberts, hazelnuts and walnuts, sunflower seeds and whole grains, including wheat germ.

Teens believe in school securit systems

the teen-agers in a poll out today believe a murderous rampage like the killings at Columbine High School could happen in their school.

However, 45 percent in The New York Times-CBS News Poll believe increased security made their school safe.

In the nationwide telephone poll of 1,038 13- to 17-yearolds, 52 percent said they feared a Columbine-style attack could strike their school, despite added security guards, than many parents.

New company must

EL PASO, Texas (AP) -

Thousands of property tax bills

have demanded that residents

pay up — even though they

billed \$5,183 in property taxes

for an east side apartment

He "figured the Y2K com-

It took some residents days

Mayor Carlos Ramirez late

Tuesday blamed the mix-up

on Go Direct Mailing Service,

an El Paso company that re-

ceived the printing contract

Devil's River minnow

River minnow, a 2-inch fish

that once thrived in the creeks

around Del Rio, today was

listed as a threatened species

by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife

The minnow is a native spe-

cies of the clear, spring-fed

Service.

Officials at Go Direct must

AUSTIN (AP) — The Devils

for the first time this year.

puter glitch must have hit

to contact the West Texas

complex he has never seen.

early" when he saw the bill.

city's tax office by phone.

Bob Barnes of El Paso was

don't own the land.

foot bill for reprinting

Property owners receive

incorrect tax bill notices

NEW YORK (AP) — Half cameras and other safety measures taken.

The poll also found that the measures made the teenagers feel safer. Overall, 45 percent believed their school was safe or extremely safe and 42 percent characterized it as somewhat safe.

"It's not that kids are in denial," James Alan Fox, a criminal justice professor at Northeastern University, told the Times. "I think they probably have a better perspective

pay to reprint and resend cor-

rected tax bills, Ramirez said,

because the mistake appears

to be the company's fault. New

bills should be mailed within

El Paso Times that the city

tax office wanted her to pay

more than \$3,500 in taxes for

Go Direct, said the company

was investigating the problem.

The programmers are work-

ing on it," she said. "If we're

responsible, we will absolutely

ministrator for the city tax

office that handles tax collec-

tion for all the taxing entities

in the county, said taxpayers

will receive corrected bills in

time to pay them before the

listed as endangered

streams of Val Verde and

Kinney counties in Texas,

about 100 miles west of San

Wildlife Service, the minnow

once ranged from the Devils

River near Juno to Las Moras

Creek in Bracketville and into

According to the Fish and

Bob Henderson, deputy ad-

Jeannine Evans, owner of

"We're still researching it.

Julieta Salazar, 82, told the

the next few days, he said.

someone elses property.

take care of it."

Feb. 1 deadline.

northern Mexico.

Antonio.

dozen school shootings each year," Fox said. "But there are 50 million schoolchildren, so the chances are literally one in a million" that violence will occur. The number of teen-agers who feared becoming victims of crime either at school or

on the street dropped to 24 percent from 40 percent since 1994, according to the poll. There was no statistical difference between teen-agers in big cities or rural areas. The poll, which looks at

how teen-agers live, also found that 46 percent of those questioned said they know someone their age who tried to commit suicide.

The Times said the poll did not ask detailed questions but demographics showed that

many more girls (56 percent) than boys (37 percent) knew friends who attempted suicide. Figures were also higher among white teen-agers than blacks or Hispanics. Of those who knew someone who attempted suicide, 50 percent were white, 39 percent were Hispanic and 28 percent were black.

Dr. Kay Redfield Jamison, author of "Night Falls Fast: Understanding Suicide," told the newspaper that the poll figures jibe with federal figures showing that 1 in 5 high school students had considered suicide the previous year and 1 in 10 had attempted it. She called the statistics "absolutely terrifying."

The poll was conducted Oct. 11 to Oct. 14 and had a margin of error of plus or minus 3 percentage points.

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Activities reported by emergency service personnel for Oct. 19. 1999 include the following: POLICE DEPARTMENT Incidents - An assault was reported in

the 100 block of Greenwood. - An attempted suicide was reported in the 400 block of Avenue B.

- Death by natural causes was reported in the 200 block of Higgins.

- Disorderly conduct was reported in the 300 block of Stadium Drive. - Theft was reported in the

1300 block of East First.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT Arresta

- A 33-year-old woman was arrested and charged with violation of probation on a tampering with government records conviction.

- A 24-year-old man was arrested and charged with

violation of probation on a possession of a controlled substance conviction.

FIRE DEPARTMENT - 6:02 p.m. Firefighters responded to an alarm malfunction at 504 W. Fifth.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS **Texas lottery**

Cash Five The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Tuesday by the

Texas Lottery:

4-10-27-29-36

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

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Frightful Cupcakes



Decorated cupcakes with hidden fillings provide a trick that's a treat for at-home or at-school Halloween parties.

Halloween can get really scary when it's time to create treats

CHICAGO - Forget witches, ghosts and goblins! The real Halloween scare is having to provide treats for an at-school or at-home Halloween party.

The challenges might seem endless due to varying tastes, the necessity of carrying through an appropriate theme and not wanting to send yet another plate your children but there really is certain types of decorations or

an easy answer. easy to serve and easy to decorate," Nancy Siler, consumer affairs manager of Wilton Enter-prises, said. "Most children love cupcakes, and that's especially true if they are decorated with a fun Halloween theme. Halloween is one of the most popular holidays for kids, and they love to eat food with 'scary' decorations."

To make Halloween cupcakes all the more special, Wilton suggests a group of "trick" cupcakes with a special treat – a surprise filling inside.

Flavor combinations might include a spiced pumpkin cupcake with a cinnamon cream-cheese icing center, a milk chocolate cupcake with a peanut butter cup center, or a dark chocolate cupcake with a candied orange slice center.

The cupcakes are then decorated in a variety of Halloween designs, including a pumpkin, a witch, a mummy, a spider, a jacko'-lantern and wolfman.

You should vary the cupcake flavors and decorations. For example, all of the spider cupcakes shouldn't be chocolate and peanut butter," Siler said. "That way each cupcake is a real surprise and a treat for the child.

Photography is Trailblazers 4-H program topic

The 4-H Trailblazers Club met Monday night for their regular

scheduled meeting.
Chad Dollar called the meeting to order and Jordan Duggan led the pledge. In absence of the secretary, club leader Jim Steiert read the minutes of the last

After business was taken care of, Jim Steiert presented a photography program. He explained how to take good pictures and when to use a flash. After much anticipation, the boys were able to go crazy and take their own fun pictures with their

The next Trailblazer meeting will be Monday, Nov. 8 at 6:30 p.m. at the Hereford Community

Center. Trailblazers present were: Jordan Duggan, Shane Wilcox, Collin Esqueda, Kevin Prisk, Chad Dollar, Randall King, Ryan Hoelscher, Kelly White and Matthew Pena.

trying to guess what kind you've picked. Anticipating the unexpected can be as much fun as

Siler has other hints for parents who are planning to help with or contribute to an at-school Halloween party:

·Know the school's restricof rice cereal treats to school with tions. Some schools don't allow themes (like witches), preferring to feature non-scary items like pumpkins and scarecrows, or some don't allow treats at all.

Checking restrictions first is best. · Carry your theme throughout the party. For example, a group of parents might dress in costume to match the decorations on the cupcakes. A parent in a witch costume hands out witch cupcakes or a parent in a mummy costume hands out the mummy cupcakes.

· Presentation is just as important as taste. Halloween is a visual holiday – don't just slap cookies on the plate and call it a party. Use your creativity to produce a visual delight that will make children's eyes light up.

Cupcake Decorating Instructions

Ice cupcake with violet tinted icing. With chocolate icing tinted black, use a round decorating tip to make top and bottom portion of the spider. Position thin black licorice to make legs on either side of the body. Use white mini jawbreakers for the eyes and dot each with black icing. Place an orange mini jawbreaker at the bottom of the eyes for the nose.

Pumpkin Ice cupcake with orange icing

The element of surprise lies in and fill decorating bag with orange icing. Using a large round tip, pipe five lines on cupcake, beginning at edges and ending actually eating these cupcakes." with a center line. Using brown M&Ms, place the eyes, nose and mouth in appropriate places.

Place a green gumdrop at the top of the cupcake for pumpkin stem. Monster Ice cupcake with green icing.

Using additional green icing, pipe ears on either side of cupcake, about 3/4 of the way to the top. Using black icing, color in an area as open part of the mouth then pipe a circle of green icing that forms the open mouth. Place white tic-tacs around the open mouth to form teeth. Place a green M&M above mouth for nose. Use white gumballs for eyes and accent with black icing to make dots in center of each eye and form eyebrows. Pipe hair with orange icing.

Wolfman Using chocolate icing and a startip, make fur using a pullout motion. Use two yellow gumballs for eyes and dot with black icing. Use a brown M&M for the nose and candy corn for teeth.

Witch

Ice cupcake with green icing. Use a round tip to form nose of green icing. Use white gumballs for eyes and dot with black icing. Use black icing to pipe mouth and use a tic-tac for tooth. Pipe hair with orange icing and put a black gumdrop that has been molded to a point on top of hair as a hat. Mummy

Ice cupcake with chocolate icing, then use white icing to pipe bandages on cupcake. Use green M&Ms for eyes and dot each with black icing.

Bishop's observations reveal 'why priests hate weddings'

Dear Ann Landers: Our bishop wrote a piece for our diocesan newspaper, "The Catholic Exponent." He called his article, "Matrimony: Is it Still Holy?" but admitted he was tempted to call it, "Why Priests Hate Weddings." Here are some of the bishop's observations:

"Wedding rehearsals are a constant irritant for priests who have to deal with large, unruly wedding parties and people who aren't used to being in a church. Bystanders become liturgical experts, infusing the service with every sort of personal preference and creative innovation. Wedding liturgies become parties rather than prayer, making it impossible to maintain any sense of decorum. Guests arrive late, the bride goes into hiding, the groomsmen sit in the church parking lot drinking, flower girls and ring bearers are too young to follow directions and photographers scramble to direct the action rather than record it. The secular mentality continues into the wedding reception, which is characterized by ear-splitting music, too much drinking and vulgar language — often by the best man during the toast."

I wonder if these experiences are common to clergypersons in general. How about getting a reaction from your readers in the clergy, Ann? — Henry in Ohio

Dear Henry: You've written a provocative letter. Now, I would like to hear from the clergy of all faiths. Do you also hate weddings? If so, why? Please send your response to: Clergy and Weddings, Ann Landers, P.O. Box 11562, Chi-cago, Ill. 60611-0562.

Dear Ann Landers: After several years of failed fertility procedures, my husband and I decided to adopt a child. We were thrilled when soon after. a baby became available through a private adoption agency. At the birth mother's request, the baby was handed over to us while the legal documents were being drawn



Four weeks after becoming settled into motherhood, my friends gave me a wonderful baby shower. As my mother so diligently taught me, I quickly wrote each and every one a thank-you note for the beautiful gifts. Three days after my notes were mailed, I received a call informing me that the birth mother had changed her mind and decided not to sign the adoption papers. She wanted her baby back. Of course, we had to give up that precious child.

My husband and I are devastated beyond words. I am at a loss as to what to do about the lovely gifts I received at the shower. Should I send them back? What is the proper procedure? I need your advice. -Empty Arms in Arkansas

Dear Empty Arms: What a sad letter. My heart goes out to you. Yes, dear, you must return the gifts with a brief note explaining the circumstances. I'm sure your friends will rally around and help you get through this painful time.

Dear Ann Landers: Can you stand one more letter about unmarried couples who preserve their virginity, even though they sleep in the same bed? These people are not only stupid and reckless, they are ill-mannered, especially the

If a civilized man puts up his girlfriend for the night and they are not sexually intimate, he should show her the courtesy due ANY female guest and permit her to have the bed to herself. He should sleep on the sofa or the floor. A gentleman does not tease or humiliate a woman by climb-

ing into bed and spurning her body. A woman whose boyfriend treats her so rudely should kick him out of bed. If he is not gay or impotent, he is certainly an inconsiderate clod. — Disgusted in Iowa

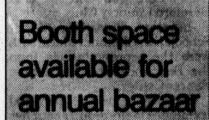
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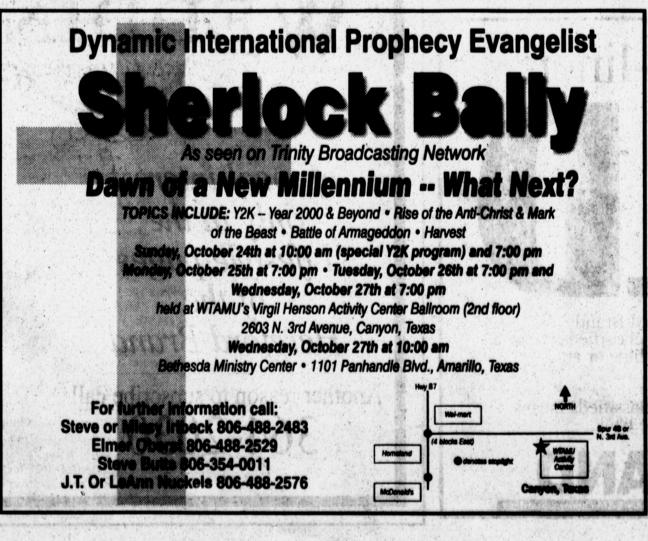
community projects.

For more information or booth rental, call Carolyn Evers at 364-4739.

Thank You

The family of Henry Weemes would like to express our sincere gratitude for your prayers, support and expressions of sympathy during this difficult time. A special thanks to the Central Church of Christ, John McMath for his comforting message, Rix Funeral Home and Baptist St. Anthony's Hospice and Life Enrichment Center. May God bless each of you.

Tommie & Cleta Weemes, Melinda & J.L. Stewart Chick & Kathy Weemes, Doris Weemes





Support group meets to discuss Alzheimer's

handle Chapter, the Hereford support group for family caregivers of persons with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias, will meet at 10 a.m. Thursday in Fellowship of Believers Church, 245 N. Kingwood.

A support group is a gathering of people with common problems, needs and interests to share their feelings, thoughts, questions, experiences and concerns in a combined effort to better cope with and survive the challenge presented by persons with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias.

Thursday's focus will include a 15-minute video produced by the National Council on the aging entitled, "Alzheimer's Disease: Living in the Here and Now."

The group will also focus on an article published by the Federal Trade Commission entitled, "Fraudulent Health Claims: Don't Be Fooled." The article explores the reality that, because of the devastating nature of Alzheimer's

In affiliation with the disease and the lack of a cure, Alzheimer's Association, Pan-affected individuals and their affected individuals and their families often fall prey to fraudulent claims about health care products. The FTC gives advice on how to spot false claims.

Friends, relatives and neighbors of these brave caregivers are encouraged to offer to stay with the person with Alzheimer's to allow the caregiver a rest. Respite care is vital for these caregivers whose days are typically 36-hours

The "bible" for caregivers of persons with Alzheimer's is entitled, The 36-Hour Day: A Family Guide to Caring for Persons with Alzheimer's Disease, Related Dementing Illnesses, and Memory Loss in Later Life by Mace and Rabins. Thanks to the generosity of Hereford's Pilot Club, this excellent resource is available at no cost by calling 364-0359.

Group facilitator is Nathan L. Stone, Ph.D., pastoral counselor and former senior chaplain with Family Hospice of Temple.

Speaker recommends order of search through Tennessee material

Joy Mask, genealogist from the Amarillo Genealogical Society, presented Deaf Smith County Genealogists with a recommended order of search through seven different types of Tennessee genealogical material.

Mask said there are three basics in a Tennessee search. The first is to recognize that natives of Tennessee consider the state divided into three sections, east, middle and west.

The second thing to be considered in a Tennessee search is to go to the Tennessee State Library and Archives in Nashville

to do research on site in the state. The third basic is one that applies to all genealogy research begin your search with the information you can already meeting.

prove and work backward into

Vice president Donita Rule presided over the business meeting. She reported the society had received inquiries about a Dewell Turner family who was here in 1919. A letter was also received from a member of the Mohon family. Anyone with information on these two families is asked to contact Wilma Clark or Rule.

New officers were approved as

also a guest at Monday evening's



Last-minute Halloween costumes easy to make

By Donna Erickson

The kids have changed their minds again. So, what else is new? When it comes to deciding on Halloween costumes, it's always a last-minute panic in our house. But with these ideas using sweat suits as a base, a headband and items from the recycle bin, there's a quick solution for the preschooler in your family.

Tip: For all costumes, use this face paint recipe instead of a mask, which may obscure the vision of young children.

Mix together 1/2 teaspoon cold cream, 1 teaspoon cornstarch, 1/2 teaspoon water and a few drops of food coloring. Mix several different colors and place in sections of a muffin tin for an easy palette. Apply to face with a paintbrush or

—TRICK-OR-TWEET BIRD Sew a button on each shoulder of a sweat shirt. Cut a piece of felt to resemble a top side of cape. For a head-

eggs on top-center of headland. use a marker to draw black eyes. Glue more plastic triangle-shaped feathers around headband on either side of eyes. Place on child's head as you would a regular headband.

-SILLY 'GATOR

Make an alligator cape as described above. Instead of triangle feathers, make scales by cutting half-circle shapes from green plastic bags. Glue to a green felt cape. For a tail, cut off the sleeve of an old adult-size green sweater or sweat shirt and stuff with plastic dryer-vent hose. Close the end of the tail by tying fabric together with ribbon. Attach other end to your child's back by cinching it closed with ribbon and tying around his waist.

For alligator eyes, break off the handles of two plastic white spoons and discard handles. Glue spoons upright at the center of a headband. Draw eyeballs with markers. Place

Donna Erickson is the author of "Donna's Day: Fun Activities that Bring the Family Together," available in book-

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salad, plain cake. FRIDAY-Fried pollock with lemon wedge, au gratin potatoes, buttered zucchini squash, cabbage-fruit slaw, fruit cocktail cake; or ranch chicken, fruit cocktail.

MONDAY-Pepper steak on seasoned rice, Harvard beets, fruit salad, vanilla pudding; or chicken breast on rice, buttered carrots, D'zerta pudding.
TUESDAY-Chicken fillet,

creamed potatoes with peas, French green beans, garden salad, cherry pie; or sliced ham, cottage cheese, peaches.
WEDNESDAY-Italian spa-

ghetti with meat sauce, buttered Normandy vegetable, frosted lime-walnut salad, chocolate

Native American life is discussed In honor of Columbus Day and

the Discovery Of America Month, there will be a free presentation about Native American life at the Hereford Community Center at 6 p.m. Thursday. Little is known about the

history of the early inhabitants of the North and South American continents that Columbus and the Conquistadors first encountered when they arrived from Spain.

Dr. Rodney N. Dotson, M.D., will discuss the great advances during their peak of civilization in medicine, astronomy and agriculture nearly 2000 years ago along with their Pre-Columbian beliefs and practices.

pudding; or chicken and noodles, fruit salad, D'zerta pudding. ACTIVITIES

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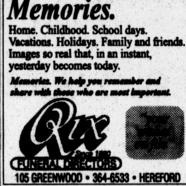
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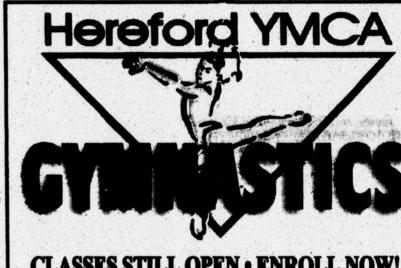
ing 9 a.m.-3 p.m., line dance 10-11 a.m., doll class 1-4 p.m. TUESDAY-Pool classes, quilting 9 a.m.-3 p.m., exercise class 10-10:45 a.m., Golden K Kiwanis

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recommended by the nominating cape. Punch a hole in each corner along the top edge of committee. Installation will be at on child's head. the cape for buttonholes. Butthe Nov. 15 meeting, which will be a Dutch treat dinner at Kton cape to sweat shirt. Make feathers by cutting 3-inch Bob's. trianble shapes from plastic In addition to the speaker, bags. Glue in rows covering Marty Reef from Amarillo was

Looking Back

Today is Wednesday, Oct. 20, the 293rd day of 1999. There are 72 days left in the

Today's Highlight in History:

On Oct. 20, 1973, in the socalled "Saturday Night Massacre," special Watergate prosecutor Archibald Cox was dismissed and Attorney General Elliot L. Richardson and Deputy Attorney General William B. Ruckelshaus resigned.

On this date:

In 1977, three members of the rock group Lynyrd Skynyrd were killed in the crash of a chartered plane near McComb,

In 1979, the John F. Kennedy Library was dedicated in Boston. Ten years ago: The Sen-

ate convicted U.S. District Judge Alcee L. Hastings of

perjury and conspiracy and removed him from office. The conviction was overturned and Hastings was later elected to the House of Representatives. Former President Reagan and his wife, Nancy, began a visit to Japan sponsored by a media conglomerate.

Five years ago: The Pentagon announced that more than 100,000 U.S. troops were being taken off alert for possible movement to the Persian Gulf because the Iraqi threat to Kuwait had abated. Actor Burt Lancaster died in Los Angeles at age 80.

One year ago: Jordan's King Hussein joined Mideast peace talks in Maryland at the invitation of Secretary of State Madeleine Albright. President Clinton named John Podesta Erskine Bowles.

L'Allegra Study Club hosted an "In the Pink" Coffee on Oct. 14 at

Hereford Country Club. Schooler and Jennifer McElreath the Don and Sybil Harrington

triumph over breast cancer. Caviness spoke about the Circle of Friends' part in helping find a cure for breast cancer. The Circle of Friends helps to support the Race For the Cure. The money raised from the race goes to help

Hostesses for the coffee were Shelley Menke, Jan Weishaar and Melissa Clarke.

'In the Pink' Coffee held Today in History by L'Allegra Study Club

Savoini and Judy Detten. Members present were Kitty Gault, Sylvia Khuri, Karen Payne, Hilda Perales, Jody

Janette Caviness, Mary were the representatives from Cancer Center.

Schooler gave a personal testament to the group about her with research for a cure for breast

Special guests included Judy Barrett, Kim Porter, Susan George, Roberta Caviness, Amy Schueler, Dr. Nema Uwaydah, Cindy Veigel, Gracie Zapeda, Jill

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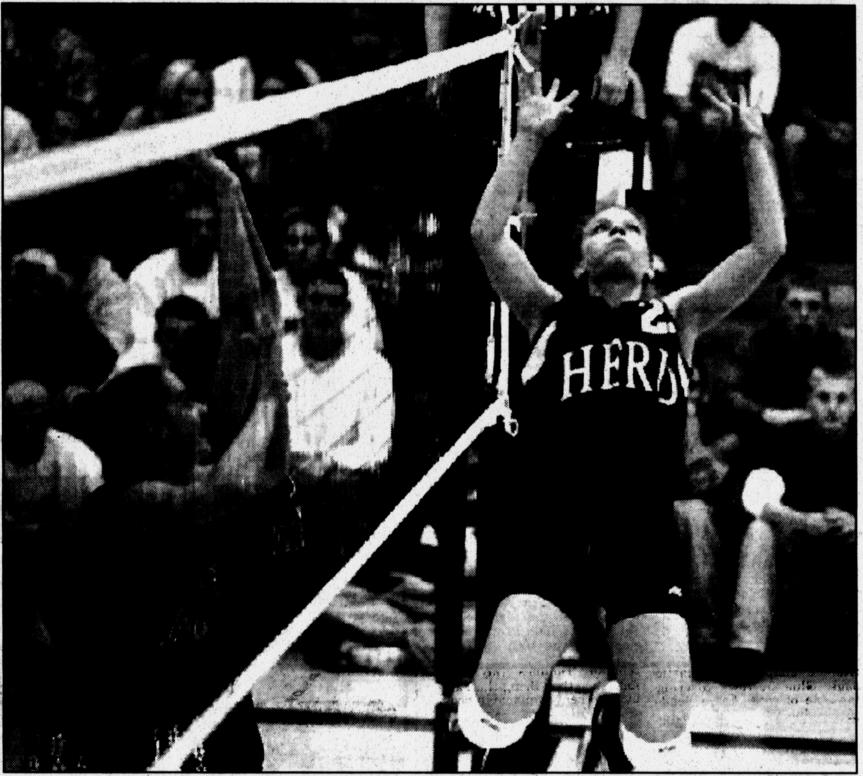
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Set It Off — Setter Audra Witkowski sets the ball in front of a Borger blocker Tuesday night at the Whiteface Gym. Witkowski and the Lady Whitefaces clinched the District 3-4A title and will receive a first-round playoff bye next week.

Lady Whitefaces win uninspiring 16-14, 15-3 victory against Borger Lady Bulldogs, clinch district title

By Yuri Soto

Hereford Brand Sports Editor

They had already clinched a tie for a district championship Saturday against Pampa.

They needed another win Tuesday night against Borger to assure the district title was the Lady Whitefaces'.

But it almost didn't happen. After going through a tough 18-16 victory in game two of Saturday's match, they nearly were beaten in game one of the match against Borger, but the Lady Whitefaces were able to beat the Lady Bulldogs, 16-14, 15-3 to assure Hereford's district championship.

"Again, we didn't expect to come out and have to play, but we're going to get there, though," middle hitter Tori Walker said, who recorded 11 kills. "We're still working on it and we're coming together as a team."

Well, it took Hereford a while to get started. After an opening kill by Sarah Griffin put the score 1-0 in Hereford's favor, an error by Pam Klein and two points from Borger's Lindsey Coffman and Kristin Bailey put the Lady Bulldogs up 3-1.

Leads seesawed back and forth

from there. A kill each by Walker and Toni Eicke tied the game at 3-3, but not before the very tough and semiintense front line of Borger put the score in their favor at 7-3. A line violation on the Lady Whitefaces and three kills from Elizabeth McCabe gave Borger the lead.

"The problems that we're

dealing with now are probably unlike any other that we have dealt in over the last few years," Hereford coach Brenda Kitten said. "At this point in time, we know we got a share of first place wrapped up. We know we're going to go as a first-place seed and it's like, I am not saying that we're not playing for anything, but there's nothing really big on the line when we step out on the

They had to play big to get back in the game.

Four Borger errors and three kills by Walker gave the Lady Whitefaces their biggest lead at

But the pesky Lady Bulldogs would not go down.

Three errors on the Lady Whitefaces, coupled with a kill from Kelli Mitchell and a block ace from Bailey gave Borger the lead again, 12-10.

A service ace by Griffin put the score 12-11 in favor of Borger, but a set error on the Lady Whitefaces and a service ace on Mitchell put Borger on the brink of winning game one.

But, here came those pesky Lady Whitefaces again.

Three errors on Borger, a block ace on Michelle Bernhardt and Walker, added with a Bernhardt kill, denied Borger game one and the Lady White-faces got their intensity back.

Despite the win, the Lady Whitefaces feel that frustration of not finishing off opponents dominantly in the last two matches.

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Eighth grade football sweeps Valleyview

From Staff Reports

Hereford's 8th Grade 'A' team finally wins a football game, and it could not have come at a better

The 8th grade 'A' team defeated Valley View 10-6 Tuesday at Whiteface Stadium.

All they needed was an interception return for a touchdown by James Lucero, covering 35 yards to tie the score at 6-6. Seth Hoelscher's conversion run put the Whitefaces ahead to stay at 8-6.

Lucero had an early interception in the second quarter, but fumbled it away and recovered by Taylor Tice to keep possession of the ball.

In the fourth quarter, Tice led the defense to a safety when they tackled Vallevview runner in the end zone on a reverse attempt.

The 8th 'B' team continued to excel with a 20-14 win against Valleyview.

Luis Cruz scored two touchdowns on long runs of 37 and 86 yards. Jeremiah Galan also ran a

score gave Hereford a 12-0 lead before halftime.

Galan's pass to Josh Duggan gave Hereford its final points on a two point conversion after Cruz' 86-yard run.

7th Grade struggles with Westover

From Staff Reports The seventh grade football

long touchdown for 53 yards. That teams struggled on Tuesday, but down run were the only points managed to get some respectable performances.

The 7th 'A' team tied Westover

A.J. Tijerina scored on a 52yard touchdown run with 7:13 left in the first quarter for the only points for the Whitefaces.

Garrett Pickens intercepted a pass and Jose Huerta recovered a fumble.

The 'B' team suffered a 14-6 loss to Westover.

Nathan Alaniz's 36-yard touch-

managed by the Whitefaces.

Nazarene Christian suffers loss to St. Andrews

From Staff Reports The Nazarene Christian Academy Eagles lost on Thursday to St. Andrews Academy, 32-14, to record their first loss on the year.

Down 20-0, Tyler Teeters caught a 35-yard pass form Edward Silva in the third quarter, making te score 20-8 in St. Andrews' favor.

Edward Silva threw his other touchdown to Josh Casey from 25yards out, cutting St. Andrews' lead to 26-14.

Nazarene Christian Academy drops its record to 5-1 in six-man action.

Vash Vrothers

Defenders, hard hitters Sustaita, Adams give opponents another reason to fear Hereford Whitefaces' defense

By Yuri Soto Hereford Brand Sports Editor

You might as well call these them the "Bash Brothers," thanks to the way they've been

playing. And, it's not because they bash their elbows like the original Bash Brothers, baseball's Jose Canseco and Mark McGwire.

That's because they bash on their opponents. Meet the Whiteface Bash Brothers, uh, Vash Vrothers, linebacker Valentin Sustaita and

rover Vernon Adams. On paper, they may look very normal and not superhuman. But the way that way. Just look at

what they have accomplished on

the field. Sustaita, standing a mere 5feet, 7-inches tall, has recorded 48 tackles for the Whitefaces, second on the team. Adams has nailed down 40 tackles. And, they keep on bashing.

"Last year we had a good defense, but it wasn't as good as it is this year," Sustaita said. "This year, everyone is more committed and we try hard in practice and it shows."

But Sustaita, like Adams, also do their duties on the special teams. That adds to their defacto Vash Vrothers identity, putting them in the jack-of-all-trades

category. .

"Every team always seem to have unsung heroes," Hereford coach Craig Yenzer said. "I knew last year that Valentin was going to be a big player for us."

They may seem like unsung heroes, but what makes them unsung is the hard hits they put

on the opponents.

How does it make them feel when they get the big hit?

"It's just a big rush whenever you hit somebody and lay him out," Adams said. "You want to make him say, 'I don't want to go against this guy no more' and

come up to you after the game, pat you in the back and say Man, that's the hardest I've been hit all season.' Makes it all worth it."

One example came in the second half of the Whiteface's 27-7 bashing of the Amarillo Palo Duro Dons. Adams defended on a running play and tackled Don running back Cornelius Jones. The play by Adams looked like a spear made famous by professional wrestler Bill Goldberg

when the play is seen in film.

But, of course, all Adams wanted to do is play defense for the Whitefaces, like he's done so

"Unbelievable hard work ethic in the off-season," Yenzer said.
"He did everything plus 10 times
more of what we asked him to do as far as weightlifting and keeping in shape

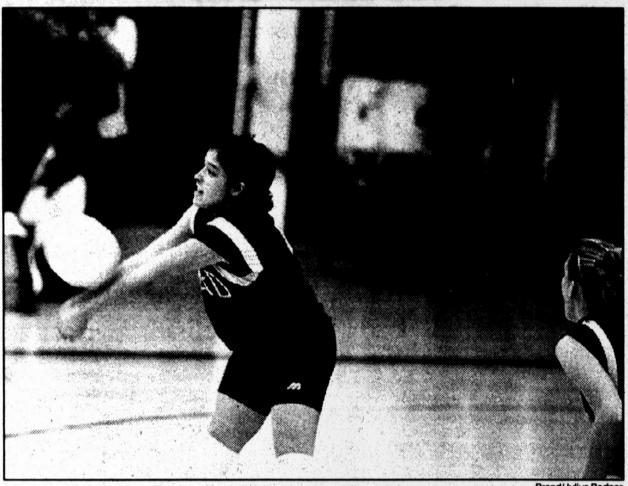
Yenzer said that both have been assets to the football team.

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Bashers — Linebacker Valentin Sustaita (left) and rover Vernon Adams (right) pose as boxers, symbolizing their hard hitting play on the gridiron for the Hereford Whitefaces.

No Kill !!!



Defensive specialist Ashley Gonzalez digs a ball after an attempted attack by the Lady Bulldogs of Borger. Hereford survived a fast start by Borger and won the match, 16-14, 15-3.

Dolphins trade running back

CLEVELAND (AP) — The expansion Browns got their first win on Tuesday, beating the trading deadline to get some help for their lousy running game.

Cleveland, ranked 26th in the NFL in rushing, acquired running back Karim Abdul-Jabbar from the Miami Dolphins for a future draft pick.

The Browns, who dropped to 0-6 with a loss at Jacksonville last Sunday, traded their sixth-round pick in next year's draft for Abdul-Jabbar, a threeyear pro eligible to become a free agent after the season.

If the Browns extend Jabbar's contract before the last day of the NFL's 1999 fiscal year — an undetermined date in February — the Dol-phins would also acquire Cleveland's fifth-round pick in the 2001 draft.

"We are excited to have Karim join us," said Dwight Clark, Cleveland's director of football operations. "He is a good young back and will be given the opportunity to contribute."

Abdul-Jabbar, 25, started three of Miami's games this season, rushing for 95 yards and one touchdown in 28 attempts. He also had four receptions for 25 yards.

The Dolphins selected the 5-foot-11, 205-pound Abdul-Jabbar in the third round of the 1996 draft out of UCLA. He is ranked second to Larry Csonka (53) in Dolphins history with 33 career touchdowns, and his 3,063 yards rushing place him fifth on Miami's career list.

Abdul-Jabbar, who rushed for 1,116 yards in 1996 as a rookie, was expected to be in Cleveland on this morning for a physical.

Bravo Braves

Andruw Jones' 11th inning walk off Kenny Rogers gives Atlanta National League Pennant, Yankees travel to Atlanta Saturday

ATLANTA (AP) — It was amazin' all right — and in the end, it was the Atlanta Braves

who came up with the miracle. Andruw Jones drew a basesloaded walk from Kenny Rogers with one out in the 11th inning and the Braves somehow survived a final string of Mets' comebacks, beating New York 10-9 Tuesday night to win the NL Championship Series 4-2. "We had chances to die and

we didn't," Braves manager Bobby Cox said. "There's more than one way to win a ballgame."

On a night that had even more drama than the Mets' 4-3, 15-inning victory Sunday at Shea Stadium, the teams gave a roaring, raucous crowd of 52,335 all it could handle in one of the most thrilling playoff games ever.

The Braves wrecked the Mets' hopes of a Subway Series and advanced to the World Series to face the New York Yankees. Game 1 in the rematch of the 1996 Series will be Saturday night at Turner Field.

The Mets, who trailed 5-0 in the first inning, nearly became the first team in postseason history to win three games in a row after losing the first three.

"I told them they played like champions," Mets manager Bobby Valentine said. "We don't have a trophy, but they

did everything they had to."
But after the Mets took a 9-8 lead on Todd Pratt's sacrifice fly in the 10th at exactly

the stroke of midnight, the Braves tied it in the bottom of the inning on pinch-hitter Ozzie

Guillen's single.
Then in the 11th, Gerald Williams led off with a double and moved up on Walt Weiss' sacrifice. Two intentional walks loaded the bases for Jones, and he worked the count full before taking a ball high and outside.

Valentine slammed the railing on the top step of the dugout and shouted, "Oh, no!" when Rogers missed.

"I was just going out there, taking pitches until he threw me a strike," Jones said. "He didn't, and I took a walk."

The tension showed on both sides, as every player, coach and person in each dugout was up against the railing for the final batter. The crowd, including a healthy dose of Mets fans, shouted along in the fifth straight game of the NLCS decided by one run.

Russ Springer wound up the winning pitcher. Braves catcher Eddie Perez, a starter because Javy Lopez was out for the season, was MVP of the series. Perez was 10-for-20 with five RBIs.

"We never could give up. They never gave up," Perez

Mora's single, the Braves on Brian Hunter's single - and each club had its chance to win in the 10th.

chance to avenge their loss to the Yankees in the October

1996. This marks the first

time Series rivals have met

in the regular season — Atlanta went 2-1 at Yankee Sta-

dium in interleague play right

them," Braves third baseman

"We've got another shot at

The Mets, four outs from

elimination in Game 4 and

two outs away in Game 5,

almost found another way to

With "Why not?" written on

a clubhouse board, they scored

three times in the sixth to

chase starter Kevin Millwood

and make it 5-3. Mike Piazza.

banged up and silent for most

of the week, homered off reliever John Smoltz to tie it at

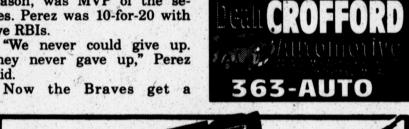
Both teams scored in the eighth — the Mets on Melvin

7 in the seventh.

after the All-Star break.

Chipper Jones said.





Bashers

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How good of an asset? Well they have helped the Whiteface defense lead the district in vards allowed. They average 178.6 yards per game.

Adams hopes those numbers go down by the end of the season and into the play-

"We've been working at it all season long," Adams said.
"Everybody is trying yo keep the yard average below 200, and I guess it's below 180. We're trying to get it down

Some top-notch goals for the new Vash Vrothers.

Sustaita, though, thinks that when everything clicks on the defense he plays bet-

"We've all had some good games," Sustaita said. "(Seth) Pietsek, Vernon, the line and everybody on defense, when they do the job, it makes my play a little better."

But many still ask, especially offensive coordinators and offensive line coaches, how does this kid get in the

backfield and make the play? "When the linemen can get

on me, I'm able to scrape tight and get where I am supposed to," Sustaita said. Boy, does Sustaita love chal-

"It's the best feeling you have because you're giving an opponent the game that they want, because it's no fun when

everybody goes out and perform's real weak," he said. When everybody plays at a good level, and you got another team that's great against

you, it's great."

Sustaita will stay for another year. But Adams will hang hit helmet after this fall. But he has taken the most of it, defensively, and with great play.

"I just have confidence, do the best I do and make my senior year as I wanted when I was a junior," Adams said. "I just got to work hard, do my best and help the team.'

And, help the team "Vash" the opponent, of course.

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"Honestly, we've not felt this kind of frustration over the last a several years, probably since the last time we won district outright," Kitten said. Game two was a bit differ-

A block ace on Walker and a dig error put Hereford up 2-0, but a net violation on the

front line put the score 2-1. A kill error by Borger's Coffman and a block ace by Bernhardt and Walker gave

Hereford a 4-1 lead. A kill error on Walker put the score 4-2, but four errors and a service ace on Sarah Griffin gave Hereford a com-

fortable 9-2 lead. After a kill error on Bernhardt put the score at 9-3, the Lady Whitefaces

pounded the ball. Two kills by Ashley Fangman, a kill by walker and a service ace by Ashley Gonzalez put Hereford ahead

From there, three more kills by Fangman, Walker and Audra Witkowski finished things off.

It was another good, if less spectacular and meaningless, victory. But the intensity is expected to get there in the playoffs.

"It takes all of us. We're such a good team, we're all good team players and it just takes all of us," said Ashley Fangman, who had three kills. "We had our back against the wall and it took all of us to get ourselves back up."

"Intensity will be there once this team starts the playoffs," Kitten said. "When we talked before the game and yesterday in practice, we practiced the very same way we played today. We likened it like you go to work every single day, and where it doesn't get any more exciting or any less exciting, but you have to keep going and keep doing your

Lady Whitefaces now host the last-place Amarillo Caprock. Another game that will be hard for Hereford to get the adrenaline going.

"It's hard to get that intensity before the playoffs, but it will come to us," Walker said. "We're going to try to come The District 3-4 champion with more intensity Saturday."



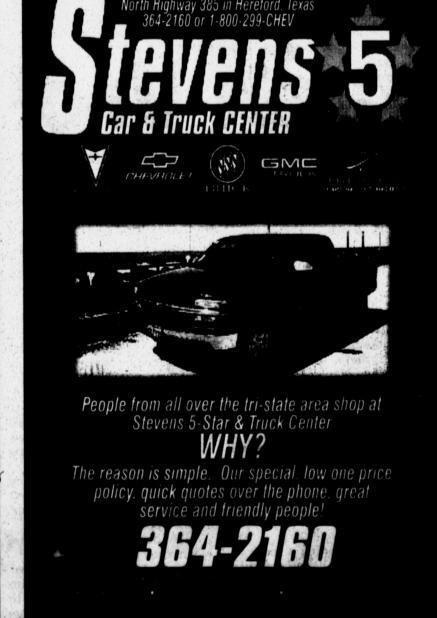
Sunday, Oct. 24, 1999 Hereford Jr. High Gym Registration from 12:00-1:30

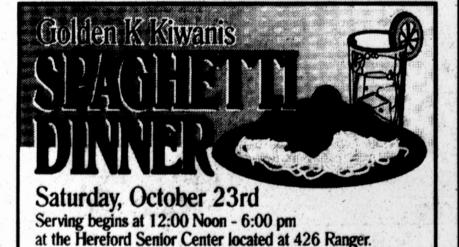
begins promptly 2:00 Open to all boys & girls ages 8-13 This competition is completely Free Charge and trophies will be awarded to the Top 3 in each division; with the 1st place to To District Shoot.

(Proof of age required) Competition

Door prizes will be given away. Everyone's a winner.

For more information: Doug Schroeter 364-9644





Tickets are \$4.50 for adults and \$2.00 for 12 & under.

LESSONS OF COLUMBINE

Maybe sensitivity means something

David Bauder The Associated Press



hen the three executives responsible for what most Americans saw on TV in in danger. the horrifying hours after the Columbine High School massacre share their stories, what's most striking is what

they leave out. There's little boasting, no talk about who had the best camera angles, whose news helicopter was first on the scene or who was quickest to divulge the names of the two boys who killed 13 people and themselves this spring in

Littleton, Colo.
Instead, they're more apt to talk about what didn't make the air. Or why a psychologist was secretly sent to speak to reporters. Or why three people who live to beat each other on stories actually met to plan coverage together when Columbine reopened.

The lessons that news directors of KCNC-TV, KMGH-TV and KUSA-TV in Denver offer today have more to do with sensitivity than speed in telling the story.

"For the most part, we sort of put the competitive situation behind because we all wanted to see this come out the right way," said Angie Kucharski of KCNC at a recent panel run by the Radio and Television News Directors Association in Charlotte.

cable news stations and broad-

cast networks.

By no means was the coverage perfect. KUSA goofed by putting on the air in a live feed a young man who said he was a student calling on a cell phone from within Columbine. He turned out to be an impostor, but if it had been real, it was a situation that could have put him or others

Stations aired helicopter footage of SWAT teams moving in and students fleeing in panic - risky pictures if the gunmen were still alive and had access to television.

Two experts who went back and reviewed the coverage praised how the local stations handled it.

"I think they did a remarkably good job, considering the situation, considering the stress and the kind of pressure they were under with live television," said Alicia Shepard of American Journalism Review, who is devoting a chapter to Columbine in a journalism textbook she is writing.

"They were tremendously sensitive to the culture and the audience," she said.

Bob Steele, an ethics group leader at the Poynter Institute in Florida, said that despite some mistakes, the coverage held up well compared to similar major breaking stories. The local journalists were appropriately aggressive and thorough, yet were respectful to people caught up in the

tragedy.

Each of the stations held back reporting the names of terviewed students urged them not to identify who they saw in school. Cameras were often left behind when students were approached for interviews, or they weren't approached at all

The news directors said it was important not to fill air time with speculation for fear

of terrifying parents.

After the first day, the news directors met to plan coverage for when Columbine students returned. The news executives also watched the emotional health of their employees; Diane Mulligan of KMGH-TV brought cookies and coffee to the scene and arranged for post-trauma counseling.

"The question I have is what would have happened in Los Angeles or New York City?" Shepard said. "Would the same thing have happened or would the competitiveness have gotten in the way of sensitivity?"

What's also striking when watching the three news directors discuss their coverage is that each of them — Kucharski, Mulligan and Patti Ann Dennis — is a woman.

Discussing whether that has anything to do with their story coverage is, in itself, a sensitive issue. Kucharski's back seemed to stiffen when she was asked about it, as if guarding against an oncoming pro-fessional slight. Her decisions were in the service of journalism, not gender, she said.

To Shepard, the question is not out of line.

"I think that they were very solid journalistically and the fact that they were women may have enhanced their sen-

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By Fred Lasswell

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Alda boosts 'ER,' NBC to top in ratings

NEW YORK (AP) -Clearly, television viewers like the looks of Alan Alda with fake bloodstains on his clothes.

Alda, the former star of "MASH," starting a brief stint as a doctor on "ER," boosted the popular medical drama's ratings and led NBC to its best week since the network televised Michael Jordan's final games in mid-1998.

Alda began working in the emercency room of "ER"s Cook County General Hospital in Chicago last Thursday. The well-publi-

show's audience by 2 million

people over the previous week.
"ER" was easily last week's most-watched show, with nearly 9 million more viewers than its closest competitors.

NBC's 11.0 rating and 18 share won Nielsen Media Research's weekly ratings race. It was the network's biggest weekly audience since June 1998, when NBC covered Jordan's last games in the NBA finals.

Another sport - baseball — helped NBC last week. The New York Mets' 15-inning victory over the Atlanta Braves age, finished third.

cized appearance increased the Sunday in the National League Championship Series was the highest-rated league championship game with an afternoon start since 1987, perhaps because it stretched to nearly 10

It enabled NBC to do well on a night that CBS normally wins, and post-pone a TV movie on disc jockey Alan Freed that had

received poor reviews.

CBS finished second for the week with a 9.2 rating

WEDNESDAY

OCTOBER 20

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4	News	Ent. Tonight	Major Leagu	e Baseball Play	offs: NLCS G	iame 7		News	(:35) Tonight	Show	
6	Movie: Don'	t Look Under th	e Bed	(:45) Movie: T	he Big Green	Steve Guttenb	erg. *1/2 'PG'	Britney Spears		Smart Guy	Zorro
6	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	(:05) Movie:	Grease (1978) .	John Travolta,	Olivia Newton-	John. ***	(:25) Movie:	Michael (1996)	John Travolta.	***
0	News	Fortune	Two Guys	Norm	Drew Carey	Oh Grow Up	20/20		News	Seinfeld	Nightline
10	News	Home Imp.	Cosby	Work	Movie: Eye f	or an Eye (199	6) Sally Field.	**	News	(:35) Late Sho	
Œ	3rd Rock	Simpsons	Beverly Hills	s, 90210	Get Real		Mad	M'A'S'H	Frasier	Cops	Real TV
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3	Movie:	Shorts	Movie: Rom	an Holiday (195	3) Gregory Pe	eck, Audrey Hep	bum. ***/2	Movie: Desi	gning Woman	1957) Gregory	Peck. ***
24	Waltons		Century of C	Country	Prime Time	Country	Crook & Ch	hase Tonight Dallas			Dukes
25	Wild Discov	ery	On the Insid	le	Extrm Disaster Riddle-D		Riddle-Dese	Riddle-Desert Mummies			Disasters
26	Law & Orde	r	Biography		Investigative	Reports	American Justice		Law & Order		Biography
2	Intimate Po	rtrait	Chicago Ho	pe	Movie: My L	ittle Assassin	(1999). Gabriel	1999) Gabrielle Anwar.		Golden Girls	Golden Girls
28	Football	Last Word	FOX Sports	NHL Hockey	Edmonton Oil	ers at Dallas Sta	ars			Sports	Sports
30	ER		Movie: The	Breakfast Club	(1985) Emilio	Estevez. ***	Movie: Shine (1996) Armin Muel		Mueller-Stahl.	lueller-Stahl. ***	
6	Hey Arnold	Rugrats	Thornberry	Rocket	Brady	I Love Lucy	Jeffersons	Sanford	All in Family	Maude	Happy Days
32	JAG		Walker, Texas Ranger Movie: Reality Bites (1994)						Baywatch		
B	Sonadoras El Privilegio de Amar		de Amar			?A Que No Te Atreves?		P. Impacto	Noticiero	Stalkings Mejor-Ritmo	
1	20th Century		Dr. Guillotin		Hitler's Gen	erals	Helicopters		Great Ships		Dr. Guillotin
40	Sliders		Sliders		Sliders		Sliders		Crypt Tales	Crypt Tales	Fri. the 13th
60	Caroline	Caroline	Movie: The	King of Comed	v (1983) Robe	(1983) Robert De Niro. *** News			MacGyver		

THURSDAY

OCTOBER 21

	7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30	12 PM
0	Barney	Teletubbies	Sesame Stre	et	Arthur	Dragon	Barney	Teletubbies	Noddy	Zoboo	Mr Rogers
8	Donkey	3 Friends	Itsy Bitsy	CBN Special	700 Club		Baby Knows	Itsy Bitsy	Itsy Bitsy	Wiggles	Storytime
0	Today				Later Today		Sunset Beac	h	Judge Lane	News	Days-Lives
9	Timon	Pooh	PB & J Otter	Out of Bx	Bear	Mermaid	Pooh	PB & J Otter	Out of Bx	Bear	Madeline
6	Fam. Mat.	DiffWorld	Little House	on the Prairie	Little House	on the Prairie	Mama	Mama	Matlock		Hunter
0	Good Mornin	g America			Live Regis	& Kathie Lee	The View	raylands, been	Brown .	Brown	News
10	This Morning				Dr. Joy Brow	vne	Price Is Righ	nt .	Young and th	ne Restless	News You
B	Magic Bus	Business	Martha Stew	art Living	People's Co	urt	Benny Hinn	Life in Word	Kenneth C.	Robison	Mathis
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20	Worst Witch	Movie: Fire i	n the Sky D.B.	Sweeney. ** 1	PG-13'	Life Afterlife			Movie: Disorderlies The Fal		Boys. 'PG'
a	Movie:	Movie: I Was	a Male War B	ride ***	(:15) Movie:	Clueless Alicia	a Silverstone. *** 'PG-13'		Movie: Perfect Target Danie		el Bernhardt.
23	Movie: Perils	-Pauline	Movie: Goin	g Hollywood (1	933) ***	Movie: The S	Star (1952) Bette Davis. ***		Movie: Singin' in the Rain (1952) ****
24	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Studio	Am. Country	Alice	McCoys	Dallas		Aleene's Cre	ative Living	Waltons
25	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Assignment	Discovery	Home Matte	rs	Design		Christopher Lowell		Home
26	Northern Ex	osure	Quincy		Equalizer		Murder, She	Wrote	Simon & Simon		Law & Orde
2	Designing	Designing	Next Door	Attitudes	Party of Five		Chicago Ho	pe	Unsolved Mysteries		Movie:
28	Sports	Sports	Sports	Sports	Signature	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Sports Source	
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32	Videos	Videos	Almost	Something	Ned-Stacey	Fired Up	Wings	Wings	Working	Naked Truth	Single Guy
3	(6:00) Despie	rta America			Maite		Girasoles Para Lucia		Luz Maria		Pais
3	Year by Year		Real West		In Search	In Search	FBI-Story	Pol Pot	Weapons at	War	Saipan
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8	Dracula	Eerie Ind.	Goosebmp	Angela	Angela	Alien	Big Wolf	Addams	Two-Kind	Boss?	Boss?
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6	Katie-Orbie	Amazing	Ducktales	Timon	Aladdin	Going Wild!	Ready-Not	Home	GrowPains	GrowPains -	Smart Guy
6	Hunter	Movie: Perr	Mason: Case	of Scoundrel		Cosby Show	Cosby Show	Full House	Full House	Roseanne	Roseanne
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B	Pais	Cuando Hay	Pasion	Gordo El Biablazo		Cristina		Primer Impacto		Fuera	Noticiero
8	Salpan	20th Centur		In Search	In Search	FBI-Story	Pol Pot	Weapons at War		Imperial Sunset at Saipan	
0	Twilight Z.	Lost in Spa		Quantum Le	eap	Seaguest 20	32	Star Trek		Hercules-Jrnys.	
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24	Waltons		Movie: Hos	tage (1988) Ca	(1988) Carol Burnett. **1/2 Championship Bull Riding				Dallas		Dukes		
23	Wild Discove	ry	On the Insid		Last Neanderthal?		Into the Unknown		On the Inside		Neandertha		
25	Law & Order		Biography		Investigativ	e Reports	Inside Story		Liw & Order		Biography		
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23	Football	Last Word	FOX Sports	NBA Prese	ason Basketbe	M Houston Roc	tets at Orlando Magic FOX Sports		FOX Sports	News	Sports		
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0	Hey Arnold!	Rugrats	Thornberry		Brady	I Love Lucy		Sanford	A" in Family	Maude	Happy Days		
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victims and assailants, in some sitivity," she said. Each of the stations covcases for hours, until they ered the developing story live were confirmed by authori-David Bauder can be on April 20, and their reports ties. Some reporters who inreached at dbauder@ap.org were fed to the world via The Wizard of Id By Brant Parker & Johnny Hart WHAT KIND OF EXERCISE STAIR DO YOU GIVE YOUR DEATH ROW PRISONERS? UP ... ONE DOWN! PARKER: Marvin **By Tom Armstrong** REMEMBER OUR -TO LOCATE THE SOURCE OF IT APPEARS TO BE COMING FROM THAT PRIMITIVE MISSION, ZIBDIF... THE HIGH-FREQUENCY DISTRESS SIGNAL THAT OUR SCANNERS HAVE BEEN PICKING UP FROM DWELLING, THIS PLANET! SIR! **Blondie**® By Dean Young & Stan Drake THERE'S NO DIGWOOD BUMSTEAD HERE I HAVE THAT'S A TYPO... IT'S A SPECIAL SUPPOSED TO SAY DELIVERY "DAGNOOD" FOR A DIGWOOD Beetle Bailey® By Mort Walker WHERE ARE THE WELL, WE MIGHT AS WELL GET BUSY MOPPING THE FLOORS MEN WHEN YOU NEED THEM?

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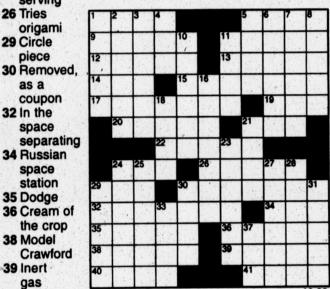
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ECONOMY US trade

deficit narrows WASHINGTON (AP) -

America's trade deficit narrowed slightly to \$24.1 billion in August as improving economies in Asia boosted the fortunes of America's struggling manufacturers and farmers.

The Commerce Department reported today that the August deficit edged down 3.2 percent from the all-time record of \$24.9 billion set in July.

Even with the \$791 million improvement, the August imbalance was still the third worst monthly performance in history and left the deficit for the entire year running at an annual rate of \$252 billion, 53 percent higher than last year's record \$164.3 billion deficit.

And even though the over-all deficit improved, America's imbalance with China jumped 8.8 percent to \$6.9 billion, the biggest monthly imbalance

ever with a single country.

The August figures did point to some glimmers of improvement down the road. American exporters, who have been battered for two years as the Asian crisis cut into their overseas markets, posted a sizable 3.7 percent gain in August, which lifted exports of goods and services to a record \$82 billion.

Imports, which have been strong all year, posted an increase of 2 percent and also set a new record of \$106.1

The U.S. economy, which has continued to grow strongly despite all the overseas problems, has been pulling in imports at a record clip, helped by the huge foreign currency declines that have made imports bargains for American consumers.

President Clinton last week defended his policies of pushing to lower barriers and open overseas markets for American producers.

DAILY CRYPTOQUOTES

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

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Bugs

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electronic billing for Medicare/Medicaid is up and running properly.

There will be a "blip" on the cash flow because of the computer conversion, Bailey said. However, the balances will be reconciled when the independent auditors start their work on the year that ended Sept. 30. Bailey said the financial records already are set up for the auditors.

"Computer conversions just take time," Bailey said.

In other business, the board: · Heard a report from Janis Robinson, president of the Women & Children's Crisis Center advisory board, about the center's operations;

 Tabled a review of administrative policies and procedures; · Received a status report on the Y2K compliance;

Met in closed session to discuss the board vacancy, but took no action. The vacancy occurred when the Rev. Jeremy Grant resigned. Grant's term was to expire in May 2000.

Mail

From Page A1

Space available mail to those military ZIP codes should be sent by Nov. 27; parcel airlift mail by Dec. 3 and priority mail and first-class cards and letters by Dec.

Some other recommended deadlines for overseas civilian Christmas mail:

· Nov. 12: Surface mail items for the Caribbean and Europe.

Nov. 26: Surface mail to Canada and Mexico.

· Dec. 2: Air cards and letters and air parcel post to Africa and Central and South America.

· Dec. 9: Air cards and letters and air parcel post to Asia, Australia, New Zealand, the Caribbean, Europe and the Middle East.

· Dec. 13: Air cards and letters and air parcel post to Canada and Mexico.

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the TMSI proposal could be reviewed, possibilty even implemented, while continuing to work with the other compa-

Owen said the whole concept of selling the hospital, which also has been brought up in some discussions, should be tabled. He proposed a vote on tabling any discussion of a sale, but the issue was not on the agenda so no action could

HISD board OKs plea for class-size waiver

By Julie L. Carlson Hereford Brand Staff Writer

With teacher numbers becoming fewer and student

population on the rise, three HISD schools on Tuesday asked school board members to seek state OK for a classsize waiver.

The board voted unanimously to request class waivers. Aikman, Bluebonnet and Tierra Blanca have classes of one to two students over the maximum class size set by the state. Aikman has 24 students in a bilingual class and 23 in a second-grade class; Bluebonnet has 23 students in a class; and Tierra Blanca also has 23 students in a regular 22:1 classroom

The board members also opened cabling bids for vocational building No. 1 at the high school. Two bids were submitted. One was from WT Services Inc., the company which currently performs cable installations for HISD: the other was from Master Electronic Networks of Amarillo, which performed the initial installation of HISD's elec-

The board voted unanimously to accept Master Electronic Networks' bid, due to cheaper labor costs. Ballots were cast for Lloyd

Ames to remain on the Deaf board. Carolyn Waters said. "I think we should cast all of our 3,007 votes for the one and only Lloyd Ames." The board members agreed and all the ballots were cast for Ames.

Superintendent Beth Abernethy announced open house for the highschool's Band Hall will be 6-7:30 p.m. Dec. 6. Open house for the junior high's new addition will be 7-8:30 p.m. Oct. 28.

Abernethy also recommended changing the January and April Board meeting dates. The new meeting dates are Thursday, Jan. 20 (changed from Tuesday, Jan. 25) and April 18 (changed from Tuesday, April 25). The January date was changed because of a conflict with the Midwinter Conference; the April date conflicted with spring break.

Board training was dis-cussed and a date for superin-

tendent evaluation training and Team of Eight Training will be set at a later date. The board members asked for the training to be set in November or December.

Three high school students Smith Appraisal District received awards for outstanding accomplishments. They were Eddie Trotter for first place at the 1999 World trapshooting championships in Ohio; Amy Crox for making All-American cheerleader at camp and Mona Garcia for receiving the All-American mascot at camp

In other business:

• A power point presenta-tion was given by Richard Sauceda, Jo Ochs and Monica Alaniz from Bluebonnet about their school's open house;
Bills and reports were

approved;

• A regular report was announced from HEA (Hereford Educators Association), a professional teacher's association;

• Reports were given by Deputy Superintendent Nena Veazey and assistant superin-tendents Corky Lockmiller and Terry Russell.

Retirees to receive 2.4% increase

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

News digest

TAMPA, Fla. — Fave Miller knows she won't see the costof-living adjustment in her Social Security check until next year. But she already knows how she plans to use it.

The 73-year-old Tampa resident, struggling on a fixed income, will use the 2.4 percent increase to ease her costly prescription drug bill, which stands at \$272 a month. "Every little bit helps," she said. "If my chil'ren didn't help

me out, I couldn't make it." The 2000 increase will be nearly twice the size of this year's 1.3 percent raise, mainly because of a recent upward creep in consumer prices.

It means the average monthly check for retirees will rise by \$19, from \$785 to \$804. The increases will begin showing up in benefit payments

for January.

It's the biggest increase in three years. In 1998, the raise was 2.1 percent and in January 1987, it was 1.3 percent.

Each month, Ms. Miller's Social Security check is \$487. It is supplemented by a small alimony check. Ms. Miller lives at Baptist Manor, a 250-unit complex subsidized by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development where rents range from \$235 to \$382.

Her medication is more

than half her Social Security check. Ms. Miller takes medication monthly for Lupus, an autoimmune disorder, and protein C deficiency. The medication is an out-of-pocket expense; insurance doesn't cover

"I don't eat out. I don't go to movies unless my children take me. There are a lot of things I can't do," said Ms. Miller, a former gift shop manager. "If I didn't have to pay for prescriptions, I could make

Because of low inflation, the yearly benefit boosts have been below 3.0 percent since 1994. The 1999 increase matched a record low of 1.3 percent set in 1987 — not counting six months in 1983 when the update was skipped to help Social Security out of a cash crunch.

Yet, the 2000 increase is still one of the lowest jumps in the past 25 years. Double-

digit inflation in the late 1970s drove the cost-of-living increase up to a record 14.3 percent in 1980. Indonesian lawmakers

select new president JAKARTA, Indonesia — Lawmakers today elected an

ailing but revered Muslim moderate as Indonesia's new leader, shortly after President B.J. Habibie suffered a humiliating political setback and withdrew from the race.

Abdurrahman Wahid, whose political shrewdness helped him outmaneuver the woman long held to be the front-runner for president, now faces the daunting task of restoring national unity and leading the world's fourth-biggest country out of its worst economic cri-

sis in a generation.

In a historic vote, the 700-member People's Consultative Committee backed Wahid over Megawati Sukarnoputri, the popular daughter of Indonesia's founding president, Sukarno, by a vote of 373 to 313, with five abstentions.

Megawati's party was the biggest winner in June 7 parliamentary elections, but it failed to gain a majority and Megawati was unable to shepherd enough support in the

'BUSH-HACKED'

Campaign Web site is target of vandals

WASHINGTON (AP) -The day after presidential candidate George W. Bush redesigned his campaign's Web site, hackers vandalized it by replacing his photo with a hammer and sickle and calling for "a new October revolution."

A spokeswoman, Mindy Tucker, said the campaign's more sensitive computer operations - such as its email system and contribution records - were protected on other machines and weren't believed to have been compromised.

The embarrassing security lapse Tuesday came the day after the Bush campaign launched what it described as its innovative new design" for its Internet site, www.georgewbush.com.

"We have taken steps to make sure this particular problem is fixed, and we are looking at other ways to further secure the site," Tucker said. The campaign was considering whether to formally notify the authorities, such as the FBI, she said.

A review of the Bush site by The Associated Press listed computer files plainly visible that experts — including the Microsoft Corp. — recommend deleting for security reasons. One file includes instructions for users to edit Web pages on the site.

"It means to me there is no security policy for this site," said Russ Cooper, a specialist who runs the popular NTBugtraq discussion group on the Internet. "It's typically unfortunate that a lot of these people do not take the time to protect themselves from this kind of embarrassment."

The hackers replaced a news story about Bush on his

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Web site with a note that "the success or failure of the working class to achieve victory depends upon a revolution (of) leedership.

Information Server, that has suffered several serious security problems during the past year. Microsoft has distributed patches in each case but relies on local computer administrators to install them correctly.

Another security expert, Weld Pond, said there was "no question" that the Bush campaign neglected to remove remnants of sample computer code, which made the site vulner-

"That's probably how they got in," said Pond, a consultant with LOpht Heavy Industries of Boston. "The fact that there are these sample files on there is pretty problematic, meaning they didn't take much effort to secure it."

Tucker said the campaign's own investigation found that the altered Web page was accessible by the public for fewer than five minutes.



Familiar territory — Shirley School Principal David Fanning (left) greeted visitors to the school's 50th anniversary celebration Tuesday and spent a few minutes getting "advice" from several former staff members, including (from left) Lee Sherman, who spent 17 years at the school; Ruby Mulkey, with more than a dozen years service; Della Stagner, who served at the school as a teacher before becoming the first principal at Bluebonnet; and Pruda Fults, who was at the school 12 years.

The Web site runs software from Microsoft, called Internet Information Server, that has on a tax-credit extension

WASHINGTON (AP) - Legislation to extend a string of popular business and personal tax breaks is coming together in the Senate after lengthy negotiations in a key tax-writing committee.

The Senate Finance Committee today was scheduled to consider the bill, which would renew the popular research and development tax credit and other business breaks and protect millions of average taxpayers from the alternative minimum tax.

"We've got a bill we think has bipartisan support," said Sen. William Roth, R-Del., chairman of the Finance Committee. "I'm hopeful."

Members of the panel met

behind closed doors Tuesday to hash over the \$8.5 billion measure, which would renew the research and development credit, the welfare-to-work credit and other business breaks through Dec. 31, 2000. It also would exempt individual personal credits from counting toward the alternative minimum tax for the next two

The key to the agreement was that the bill would use a variety of revenue offsets mainly affecting business instead of spending some of the non-Social Security budget surplus, which Democrats and President Clinton have op-

"They had to pay for it," said Sen. Daniel Patrick to congressional leaders.

Moynihan of New York, ranking Democrat on the Finance Committee. "We want this

The Senate bill contrasts with a \$23.3 billion version pending in the House that would renew the business breaks for five years and make the individual alternative minimum tax fix permanent. That bill would spend some of the budget surplus in four of its five years, drawing a veto threat from Clinton.

The research and development credit is the focus of an intense lobbying campaign from more than 650 companies and 87 trade associations represented by the R&D Credit Coalition, which sent letters

'Crush videos' targeted

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House has voted to make illegal the production and sale of "crush videos," which show the torture and killing of small

The legislation, passed 372-42 on Tuesday, would impose sentences

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of up to five years for those trafficking in videos for fetishists who enjoy watching women, barefoot or in high heels, crushing insects, kittens, hamsters or

monkeys. Rep Elton Gallegly, R-Calif., the measure's

chief sponsor, said state laws against cruelty to animals are unlikely to stop those involved in the interstate or overseas marketing of such videos. They are sold frequently through the Internet.

He said more than 2,000 crush video titles sell for as much as \$300 apiece.

"An entire industry has sprung up appealing to these unusual sexual fetishes throughout the world," said Rep. Bill McCollum, R-Fla.

The bill met opposition both from liberals worried about free speech rights and conservatives objecting to putting yet another federal law on the

It has yet to be taken up in the Senate.

Unitarian church to be host of Harvestfest '99 workshops

spiritual and psychic growth, vendors and readers will perticipate in the 1999 Harvestfest, which will be 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 4901 Cornell.

Admission to the event is \$3, with proceeds going to the Animal Rescue Shelter Inc.

There will be entertainment throughout the day, including belly dancing by Kalima, and activities for children. Also, lunch will be available.

Workshops will begin at 10 a.m. The workshops include: · 10 a.m.: Jim Griffin, "An Introduction to the Music of India";

• 11 a.m.: "Alternative Education," Linda Jackson;

· Noon: "Good News for People Who Hurt," author Lou runes and tarot;

• 1 p.m.: "Wiccan Healing Circle," Cindy Alexander and

· 3 p.m.: "Alchemy for Per-

Ann Vigil; and • 4 p.m.: "Mayan Prophecy 2012," Sheila Brown.

Among the readers expected to participate are: Rebecca Ann, metaphysi-

Mary Bird, clairvoyant;

· The Rev. Delores Good, metaphysical teacher; · Joyce Impola, palm read-

· LaQuetta Purkiss, ogham,

· Darren Sorrells, tarot;

 Stardyne, tarot; · Kathryn Stoune, psychic

counseling/reiki; · Lesley Stoune, rune reading/reiki; and

· Candi Waldrop-Morgan, tarot/palm reading. Among the vendors who will

be operating booths are Nightsky, candles, statuary, aromatherapy and jewelry; Tara Magyorosi, jewelry, votive holders and wreaths; Peace Farm, goddess jewelry, rattle and Tshirts; Jennie Hennesay, herbs, soaps, salves and oils; Brenda Raymond, herbs, sea salt and artwork; Stanley Voyles, beaded jewelry and handmade flutes; and Church of the Christ Light, books, herbs and bath salts.

Harvestfest 1999 is open to the public. The admission will include all workshops and entertainment.

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the Sages of the Hidden Path: · 2 p.m.: "Spiritual Warrior," Terry Rudd;

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Campaign finance debate mixed blessing for McCain

WASHINGTON (AP) — For Republican presidential candidate John McCain, the Senate's latest debate on campaign finance legislation may turn out to be a something of a mixed blessing.

McCain's signature issue a bill to curtail the role of money in campaigns - is dead for the fourth straight year at the hands of a filibuster by fellow Senate Republicans.

But the spokesman for the Arizona senator's presidential campaign claims the four-day debate coincided with a surge in interest, judged, at least, by his campaign Web site.

"Our hits went from a trickle basically ... up to about 22,000 in one day," said Howard Opinsky, McCain's spokesman. "Literally thousands and thousands of Americans who are now accessing our Web site ... learning about the impact of soft money."

The legislation receives a formal burial today with a final Senate vote to move on to other business. The doomed measure would have banned

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soft money — the unlimited campaign contributions that unions, corporations and individuals give to political parties. It also would have curtailed organized labor's ability to use nonunion members' mandatory dues money for political purposes.

Opponents said the soft money ban amounted to an unconstitutional infringement on the freedom of speech. "It's a horrible piece of legislation," said Sen. Mitch McConnell, R-Ky. "It deserves to be de-

feated." McCain is hardly the first to use his Senate seat to advance a presidential bid -Republican Sens. Phil Gramm of Texas and Bob Dole of Kansas both tried at various stages of the 1996 campaign, for example.

And as is the custom, McCain never referred explicitly to his political ambitions during occasionally barbed debate. But he drew a connection in comments to reporters Tuesday just off the Senate floor.

"I'm at 21 (percent) in New Hampshire and what am I campaigning on? I'm campaigning on reform," he said, referring to recent polling in the nation's first primary state that put him a distant second behind front-runner George W. Bush, but ahead of other ri-

It fell to other senators to refer to McCain's use of the issue in his presidential bid.

McConnell and others complained that McCain's Web site drew a link between soft money donations and corruption. Repeatedly, they de-manded McCain provide evidence by naming senators who had been corrupted by the receipt of soft money.