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Board to interview finalist

■ Directors schedule interview with Strote

By Donald M. Cooper

Hereford Brand Managing Editor

Deaf Smith County Hospital District directors will meet at 7:30 p.m. today with the first of the two finalists for the hospital administrator's position.

Following the Aug. 23

closed-door review of the candidates for chief executive officer of Hereford Regional Medical Center, the Deaf Smith County Hospital District directors pared the list of prospects to Alan Markowitz and Ted Strote.

Strote will meet with the directors today in the HRMC board room. Markowitz will meet with the board at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 7.

Strote, a hospital adminis-

trator in Hugoton, Kan., has ties to the Panhandle, having served 15 years as vice president of support and professional services for High Plains Baptist Hospital (now Baptist St. Anthony's) of Amarillo. He also served as interim CEO of Swisher Memorial Hospital in Tulsa.

Strote also is a fellow in the American College of Healthcare Executives. He has a master's degree from Trinity

University in San Antonio and 22 years in healthcare administration.

Markowitz is currently serving as administrator of Baptist Dekalb hospital, a 71-bed hospital in Smithville, Tenn. He has a doctorate in health services administration and 30 years of experience in healthcare administration.

Other prospects interviewed by the board were Larry Langley, chief financial

officer for Borger Health Center; Robert Vernor, chief administrator of a 30-bed, acute-care hospital in Ballinger; and Carl Lutz, chief administrator of Biloxi Specialty Hospital in Biloxi, Miss.

The five candidates were identified as prospective HRMC administrator by Search One, the Eules-based recruiting firm hired by the board to carry out the search for a permanent CEO.

Today's weather OUTLOOK

Partly cloudy skies

Tonight, partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms, low in the lower 60s.

Friday, partly sunny with a 20 percent chance of afternoon thunderstorms, high in the upper 80s.



Extended forecast

Saturday through Monday, partly cloudy with a chance of showers and thunderstorms, lows around 60, highs 80 to 85.

Hereford weather

Wednesday's high, 92; low, 63; no precipitation, according to KPAN Radio.

Holiday affecting deadlines

The Hereford Brand will be closed Monday for the Labor Day holiday. The newspaper office will resume normal operations at 8 a.m. Tuesday.

The holiday will affect newspaper advertising deadlines. The classified deadline for Tuesday's publication will be 1 p.m. Friday, while the retail advertising deadline will be 10:30 a.m. Friday.

Also, all federal, state, county and municipal offices will be closed Monday in observance of the holiday.

All area U.S. post offices will be closed and there will be no residential or business mail deliveries, although there will be special-delivery mail will be handled.

All financial institutions and schools will be closed.

Gas prices moderating

LOS ANGELES (AP) — As the Labor Day weekend approaches, a series of sharp gasoline price spikes that have pinched motorists' pocketbooks since March appear to be nearing an end.

That's because crude oil prices appear to be stable and other pressures that helped push gas prices upward, such as refinery breakdowns and higher summertime demand, are waning.

After the holiday weekend, prices will begin to drop, said Bill Berman, a petroleum industry analyst and publisher of the Price Pump Report.

"It will drop more quickly on the East Coast because there's more price competition. It will drop more slowly as you go west of the Mississippi because there are fewer refineries," he said.

Since late June, the average price of gasoline nationwide climbed 11.5 cents per gallon to \$1.31, according to an Aug. 20 Lundberg Survey. The increase followed an 8.5-cent jump in March and a 14-cent spike in early April.

California motorists, who use more costly blends of reformulated fuel to reduce air pollution, were hit even harder. The average price rose 14 cents since late June to \$1.47.

WORKER INJURED



BRAND/Don Cooper

A Hereford EMS paramedic stabilizes Rick Smith, a construction worker with Bank Design Corp. of Boerne, who was injured Wednesday when a 3,800-pound vault door which was being installed at a new bank in Hereford fell on

him. Smith was taken by EMS ambulance to Hereford Regional Medical Center, then airlifted to Northwest Texas Healthcare System in Amarillo. Smith remains hospitalized today for treatment of several broken bones.

New laws affect drivers

By Dianna F. Dandridge

Hereford Brand Staff Writer

Seat belts, pickup-bed passengers and driving while intoxicated regulations are only a few of the revised traffic laws enacted by the Legislature that went into effect Sept. 1.

"There have been more than 900 changes this year," said Hereford Police Officer Rob Roach. "But, these are the ones which will impact the drivers the most."

A change which pleases many traffic officers was lowering the blood alcohol limit from .1 to .08, amounting to about one less drink an hour for men and women.

Department of Public Safety officers feel this will help the prosecution of drunken drivers more than actually stopping inebriated drivers.

"So many drivers are close," Sgt. Gary Whitfill, DPS office of weights and measures, said. "They are intoxicated at .1, but this just makes the prosecution easier."

DPS Sgt. Ben Urbanczyk said, "Initially there will be

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Sgt. Ben Urbanczyk

more arrests, but our job remains the same, and that is to prove their blood alcohol exceeds legal limits. The rest is up to the prosecutor."

"This will, hopefully, make them more conscious of the effects of drinking and driving. It should make them aware of the need for a designated driver," Urbanczyk said.

According to The Associated Press, the state's law enforcement agencies view the new restrictions as a reminder about mixing alcohol and driving, but they still expect to make the arrests.

DPS spokesman Tom Vinger said the new restriction is "the latest tool in law enforcement to crack down on drunken

driving. We hope that responsible people will heed it as a warning and drink less."

In another change that affects alco-

hol consumption, the operation of an amusement ride while intoxicated carries the same punishment as driving while intoxicated. The blood alcohol concentration also will be .08.

Another change affects the wearing of seat belts.

Previously the law required only the driver and front seat passengers to be belted in. As of Wednesday, the law calls for the riders ages 4-14 to be buckled, even in the back seat.

Babies, birth to age 4, are still required to be properly restrained in car safety seats.

Roach wants the public to know improperly positioned car safety seats will be considered a violation and driv-

ers will be cited.

"A car seat is made to be used in a specific way. If it is not used properly it can't do any good," Roach said.

Urbanczyk said it is not unusual to stop drivers on the highway for failure to comply with seat belt laws and their department has a no warning policy regarding seat belts and car safety seats.

"We're going to enforce these safety restrictions and we will ticket violators," Urbanczyk said.

"Drivers can realistically expect our officers to enforce these laws," Roach said. Another law impacts mainly the commercial truck drivers, by allowing them to travel at 70 mph on some interstates and highways.

Whitfill and Urbanczyk agree this will only mean more drivers will be within the legal limits. It also means more drivers will be pushing the limit even further.

Roach said there are many other changes, but these were the ones affecting most people on the road.

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Marshals impound evidence

WASHINGTON (AP) — Previously undisclosed evidence in the FBI's 1993 assault on the Branch Davidian cult near Waco, Texas, has been impounded by federal marshals as Justice Department officials begin seeking an outsider to conduct a new investigation.

The marshals took custody of an infrared videotape recorded during the early morning of April 19, 1993, when FBI agents lobbed incendiary tear-gas canisters at a concrete bunker adjacent to the Davidians' compound, an FBI source said Wednesday, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Hours after the incendiary canisters were fired, the wooden compound 50 yards away erupted in flames. Cult leader David Koresh and some 80 followers died during the inferno, some from gunshot wounds, others from the fire.

The FBI and Attorney General Janet Reno, who have been heavily criticized over the Waco tragedy, have said there was no evidence to suggest the blaze was set by the combustible canisters.

Senior Justice officials directed the marshals to seize the evidence Wednesday afternoon after being informed by the FBI that new information had been discovered in the files of the FBI's hostage rescue team at Quantico, Va., Justice and FBI officials said.

The Dallas Morning News and The New York Times today quoted officials as saying an audio track on the infrared tape



JANET RENO

To seek outside investigation

picked up the voice of an agent seeking and receiving permission from a commander to fire incendiary tear-gas grenades at the bunker.

Reno has decided upon an independent inquiry — as recommended by the White House, the head of the FBI and several lawmakers — instead of one run from within her department, the Times and The Washington Post reported.

An informal list of several potential outside candidates to head the probe was in circulation, and some of them have been contacted, a Justice source said Wednesday. Reno was out of the country on official business through today.

Department sources said Reno and her top aides were angered at the latest twist in the newly resurgent Waco controversy.

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Local roundup

Shirley seeks alumni history

Shirley Intermediate School will celebrate 50 years of educating Hereford students and need the public's help. School officials are asking residents with old pictures, names, history or memorabilia relating to Shirley to please contact Nancy Denison at 363-7670.

The official birthday party will be Tuesday, Oct. 19. Anyone with information, or stories from the last 50 years is asked to contact the school.

Senior class supper reminder

The Hereford senior class will hold their annual class supper from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, at the junior high cafeteria, prior to the first home football game.

The menu includes German sausage, tortillas, beans, a drink and dessert. Cost is \$4.50 and take out is available. Tickets are available at the door or from any senior class member.

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News in brief

Jones County bees now quarantined

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — The quarantine list restricting movement of commercial bee operations following detection of Africanized honey bees now includes one more county after a large colony was found in Northwest Texas.

Jones County was added to the 114-county list this week after a large colony of the so-called "killer bees" was found in the eaves of a front porch at a residence in Stamford, said Paul Jackson, chief inspector for the Texas Apiary Inspection Service, a unit of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station.

"The hive had been there so long, it was the size of a 55-gallon drum," Jackson said.

Scientists collected the bees and sent them to Texas A&M's Honey Bee Identification Lab, where they were confirmed to be Africanized.

The Africanized bee was first detected entering the United States near Brownsville in October 1990. The bees have since spread through much of the state, along a line roughly from south of Houston to south of Lubbock to El Paso.

The bees, nearly identical in size and shape to the European variety, have killed three people in Texas so far. Entomologists say the bees attack in furious swarms with little provocation, pursue victims over great distances and remain agitated for up to eight hours.

Africanized honey bees also have been found in Arizona, California and New Mexico.

Jackson said state bee inspectors continue to monitor a series of bee traplines that extend across Texas from Louisiana to New Mexico.

Convicted killer executed

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) — Paul McWilliams says he gets no satisfaction from the execution of a man he worked to send to death row.

"It's just really the fact that it's over with," McWilliams, a former Jefferson County assistant district attorney, said of the lethal injection of Raymond James Jones Wednesday evening.

"You've got some closure for the victim's family and they see the system does in fact work," McWilliams said.

Few people saw the execution of Jones, 39, a convicted burglar condemned for beating and hacking to death a Vietnamese immigrant 11 years ago so he could steal the victim's portable stereo from his Port Arthur home.

Jones had no family in the death house as the lethal drugs were pumped into his arms. He could have selected up to five people. Only a spiritual adviser was present.

Also, no relatives of the victim, Su Van Dang, 51, attended. Dang, described by authorities as "just a nice, quiet fellow," was living alone in Port Arthur when he was killed June 17, 1988.

Jones was on parole at the time, released from prison in September 1985 after serving 21/2 years of a 10-year term for holding up a convenience store.

The U.S. Supreme Court this week refused to halt the execution, clearing the way for Jones to become the 22nd Texas inmate to receive lethal injection this year and the first of four this month. Five were executed in August in Texas.

Criminal charges filed on mayor

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Three criminal charges, including a felony count of assaulting a police officer, have been filed against the Carrizo Springs mayor after he was chased and gunshots were fired, according to the Texas Department of Public Safety.

Mayor Gordon Baehre also faces charges of driving while intoxicated and fleeing police. The charges arose from the early-morning police chase that ended with the mayor's car crashing after two shots were fired at it.

The charges were filed Wednesday following a 10-day investigation by DPS officers.

"Our investigation supports the charges we have filed," said DPS Sgt. Kenneth Musick. "We have requested warrants be issued for his arrest based on these charges."

Baehre, a prominent businessman, told the San Antonio E5/8press-News on Wednesday he hadn't been notified of the charges.

Elsewhere:

MISSING MOTHER-TRIAL: A jury has found that two former Brownsville police officers are innocent of charges in the 1994 slaying of a woman whose bizarre story of a baby-snatching drew national attention. Jurors deliberated about six hours before acquitting Roberto Briseno and Randall Ledbetter on capital murder and less murder charges in the slaying of Laura Lugo. ... **DRUG WAR HUB:** U.S. Attorney Paul Coggins of Dallas was trying to gather some statistics about the growing drug problem in North Texas when he discovered that hospitals and law enforcement officials had no centralized system for spotting trends.

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First of two.....



Near simultaneously -- Emergency crews responded to the first of two nearly simultaneous accidents shortly after 2:30 p.m. Wednesday. Emergency personnel used the jaws of life to extract Florentino Galvan, 55, from this 1997 Ford Energas pickup, which collided with the rear end of a 1991 Kenworth bobtail silage truck, three miles west on Harrison Highway. Department of Public Safety reports indicate the truck driver, Donald Haller, 59, had slowed down to make a left turn onto FM 2856 when the accident occurred. Galvan was transported to Hereford Regional Medical Center and later to an Amarillo hospital. Only minutes later emergency crews were called to a wreck rescue one mile east on Highway 60.

Auditors locate food program fraud

Investigation proves elder and child care providers funneled money to personal accounts

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal and state officials are vowing to keep closer tabs on companies that supply meals to millions of children and adults at day-care centers after a lengthy investigation found providers funneling money into their own pockets. The Agriculture Department's program provides about \$1.7 billion annually to serve meals to about 2.4 million children and

adults. But after a 21/2-year investigation called Operation Kiddie Care, the final audit released Wednesday by Inspector General Roger Viadero found severe problems.

So far, 44 people have been charged with defrauding the Child and Adult Care Food Program, and 28 have been convicted. The convictions resulted in orders for \$18,000 in fines, \$4.2 million in restitution and \$1.1 million in forfeited assets.

Criminal activities included sponsors setting up fictitious day-care centers with fake names for children, putting no-show relatives on the payroll and extorting funds from legitimate day-care facilities.

Shirley Watkins, under-secretary of agriculture, said failure to follow proper reporting

procedures was to blame in some cases. But in cases that sparked criminal investigations in 14 states, she acknowledged that some providers simply were disreputable and must be removed.

"We recognized we had some problems," she said. "I'm committed to complying with this as aggressively as I need to."

In California, which had 19 of the 44 criminal indictments, officials at the state Department of Education have reorganized their staff and are hiring five more auditors to keep closer watch over the providers. Officials also are going to start estimating where financial problems might crop up to catch them ahead of time.

"I'm totally committed to

making improvements in our program so that these types of things are caught early on and that we deal severely with agencies that do commit fraud," said Glenn Ostapeck, who was hired as director of audits after federal investigators had completed most of their work.

Under the program, the federal government distributes funding to intermediaries, who are called sponsors. The sponsors spend part of the money for administrative costs and are supposed to pass along the rest to day-care centers for meals.

In one of the worst cases, Kyung Ho Moon and Wan Hee Moon, husband-and-wife owners of Pacific Asian American Family Care Inc. in Long Beach, Calif., pleaded guilty to funneling payments to non-existent workers and bogus businesses.

Wan Hee Moon had spent a decade overseeing the program in Southern California as a manager at the state Department of Education. She was fired after being charged.

She was sentenced to three years in prison and her husband was given two years. They were ordered to pay \$2.2 million in restitution, and they forfeited four properties, including a house that sold for \$415,000.

In other cases, audits of years 1996 and 1997 revealed shoddy record-keeping and oversight that allowed problems to fester for years without required state-level audits.

Experts reconsider El Nino concerns

WASHINGTON (AP) — For a while it seemed as though everything from tornadoes to toadstools and hailstorms to hemlines was being blamed on El Nino. Now, it turns out the periodic weather event produced a lot more good than bad.

That's the conclusion of cli-

matologist Stanley A. Changnon, who calculated that while the 1997-98 El Nino can be blamed for 189 deaths, it also can be credited with preserving 850 lives that would have been lost in normal winter and hurricane seasons.

And its \$4.2 billion to \$4.5 billion in damage is far out-

weighed by nearly \$20 billion in benefits, Changnon reports in the September issue of the Bulletin of the American Meteorological Society.

"If you treat it as an economic outcome for the country ... most of the country benefited," Changnon said.

True, the El Nino weather phenomenon was blamed for major storms in California and, by some, for deadly tornadoes in Florida and an ice storm in the Northeast.

But it also produced an exceptionally mild winter in most of the Northern states.

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Emergency services

Activities reported by emergency services personnel for Sept. 1, 1999, include the following:

POLICE DEPARTMENT Incidents

— A fire was reported in the alley of 100 Avenue E.

— A theft was reported in the 100 block of North 25 Mile Avenue.

— A juvenile was reported as a runaway in the 200 block of Avenue E.

— A theft was reported in the 200 block of East Fourth.

— A burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 100 block of North Texas.

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

— An accident was reported in the 1000 block of West Park.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT Arrests

— A 20-year-old man began serving time on a violation of probation of a driving while intoxicated conviction and violation of probation on a criminal trespass conviction.

— A 26-year-old man was arrested and charged with violation of probation on a driving while intoxicated conviction.

— A 38-year-old woman began serving time after a surrender of surety hearing on a harassment conviction.

— A 23-year-old man was arrested and charged with violation of probation on a driving while intoxicated charge.

— A 47-year-old man began serving time on a failure to stop and render aid conviction and a violation of probation on a driving while intoxicated charge.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

— 12:25 p.m. Firefighters responded to 301 W. Third where a vault door fell on a man.

— 2:35 p.m. Firefighters responded to a wreck rescue three miles west on Harrison Highway. Jaws of life were used to extract driver from a pickup. The driver was transported to Hereford Regional Medical Center.

— 2:36 p.m. Firefighters responded to a wreck rescue one mile East on Highway 60. The driver of one vehicle was transported to Hereford Regional Medical Center.

— 11:47 p.m. Firefighters responded to 103 Ave. E to a wood fire started by children playing with matches.

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Obituaries

DONALD LEE ZIMMERMAN
Aug. 31, 1999

MCALLEN — Services for Donald Lee Zimmerman, 61, of McAllen are under the direction of Kreidler Funeral Home of McAllen.

Mr. Zimmerman died Tuesday at his home.

He was born in Oklahoma City, Okla. He was a Vietnam Army veteran and a graduate of Texas Tech University, University of Texas School of Law and the SMU Banking School.

He was a Trust department Manager in Corpus Christi and McAllen and had a private law practice in McAllen.

Mr. Zimmerman had owned a hardware store in Hereford.

Survivors include two sons, Daniel C. Zimmerman of Dallas, and D. Devin Zimmerman of Corpus Christi; two brothers, Dr. Ronald L. Zimmerman of Amarillo and Dr. Carl E.

Zimmerman of Harlingen; one granddaughter.

ANNA CLABORN
Sept. 2, 1999

Funeral services for Anna Claborn, 78, of Hereford are pending with Parkside Chapel Funeral Home.

Mrs. Claborn died Thursday at the Westgate Nursing Home.

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Texas lottery

Lotto Texas

The winning Lotto Texas numbers drawn Wednesday by the Texas Lottery:

13-31-34-44-45-46

Pick 3

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

1-6-0

LIFESTYLES

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Strange old lady has moved into my house



Ann Landers

Dear Readers: My cousin, Ruth Davidson in Phoenix, sent this to me, and I have no idea who wrote it. Every senior citizen (and some junior citizens) will see him- or herself and laugh a little. I laughed a lot. Enjoy! Senior Sentiments

A very weird thing has happened. A strange old lady has moved into my house. I have no idea who she is, where she came from, or how she got in. I certainly did not invite her. All I know is that one day, she wasn't there, and the next day, she was.

She is a clever old lady, and manages to keep out of sight for the most part, but whenever I pass a mirror, I catch a glimpse of her. And whenever I look in the mirror to check my appearance, there she is, hogging the whole thing, completely obliterating my gorgeous face and body. This is very rude. I have tried screaming at her, but she just screams back.

If she insists on hanging around, the least she could do is offer to pay part of the rent, but no. Every once in a while, I find a dollar bill stuck in a coat pocket, or some loose change under a sofa cushion, but it is not nearly enough.

I don't want to jump to conclusions, but I think she is stealing money from me. I go to the ATM and withdraw \$100, and a few days later, it's all gone. I certainly don't spend money THAT fast, so I can only conclude the old lady is pilfering from me.

You'd think she would spend some of that money to buy wrinkle cream. Lord knows she needs it. And money isn't the only thing I think she is stealing. Food seems to disappear at an alarming rate — especially the good stuff like ice cream, cookies and candy. I can't seem to keep that stuff in the house anymore. She must have a real sweet tooth, but she'd better watch it, because she is really packing on the pounds. I suspect she realizes this, and to make herself feel better, she is tampering with my scale to make me think I am putting on weight, too.

For an old lady, she is quite childish. She likes to play nasty games, like going into my closets when I'm not home and altering my clothes so they don't fit. And she messes with my files and papers so I can't find anything. This is particularly annoying since I am extremely neat and organized. She also fiddles with my VCR so it does not record what I have carefully and correctly programmed.

She has found other imaginative ways to annoy me. She gets into my mail, newspapers and magazines before I do, and blurs the print so I

Atkinson to be Flame speaker

Terri Atkinson of Plainview will speak and minister at the Hereford Flame Fellowship meeting at 7:30 p.m. tonight at Hereford Community Center.

Atkinson began her walk with the Lord at the age of 10 as she began singing with the family quartet.

She has been particularly active in the music ministry having served the past seven years on the praise and worship team and as solo vocalist at her church in Plainview. She has also been active in church administration, in teaching and evangelistic outreach.

Meetings of Hereford Flame Fellowship are open to the public.

can't read it. And she has done something really sinister to the volume controls on my TV, radio and telephone. Now, all I hear are mumbles and whispers.

She has done other things — like make my stairs steeper, my vacuum cleaner heavier and all my knobs and faucets harder to turn. She even made my bed higher so that getting into and out of it is a real challenge. Lately, she has been fooling with my groceries before I put them away, applying glue to the lids, making it almost impossible for me to open the jars. Is this any way to repay my hospitality?

She has taken the fun out of shopping for clothes. When I try something on, she stands in front of the dressing room mirror and monopolizes it. She looks totally ridiculous in some of those outfits, plus, she keeps me from seeing how great they look on me.

Just when I thought she couldn't get any meaner, she proved me wrong. She came along when I went to get my picture taken for my driver's license, and just as the camera shutter clicked, she jumped in front of me! No one is going to believe that the picture of that old lady is me.

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Looking Back

Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Sept. 2, the 245th day of 1999. There are 120 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 2, 1945, Japan formally surrendered in ceremonies aboard the USS Missouri, ending World War II.

On this date:

In 1666, the Great Fire of London broke out, claiming thousands of homes, but only a few lives.

In 1789, the U.S. Treasury Department was established.

In 1864, during the Civil War, Union General William T. Sherman's forces occupied Atlanta.

In 1901, Vice President Theodore Roosevelt offered the advice, "Speak softly and carry a big stick," in a speech at the Minnesota State Fair.

In 1924, the Rudolf Friml operetta "Rose Marie" opened on Broadway.

In 1935, a hurricane slammed into the Florida Keys, claiming 423 lives.

In 1945, Ho Chi Minh declared Vietnam an independent republic.

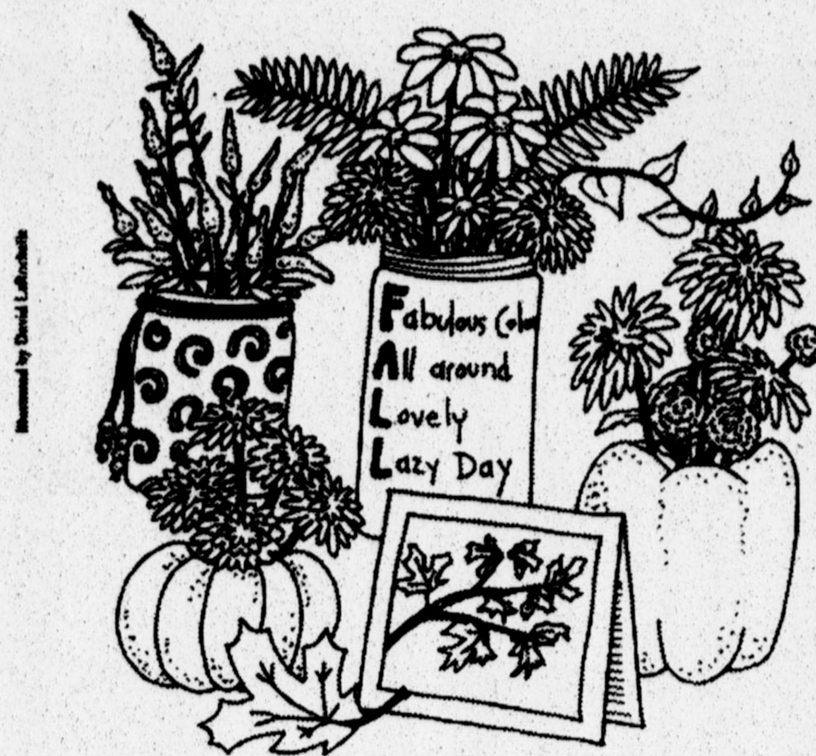
In 1963, Alabama Gov. George C. Wallace prevented the integration of Tuskegee High School by encircling the building with state troopers.

In 1969, North Vietnamese president Ho Chi Minh died.

In 1985, it was announced that a U.S.-French expedition had located the wreckage of the Titanic about 560 miles off Newfoundland.

Ten years ago: In Nicaragua, a 14-party opposition coalition chose Violeta Barrios de Chamorro as its presidential candidate. (Chamorro went on to win the election the following February.)

Five years ago: The government reported the nation's unemployment rate for August was unchanged from July,



Creative family fun Flower arranging 101

By Donna Erickson

Bring summer and fall's brilliant palettes of colorful flowers indoors and arrange them in eye-catching bouquets. Let your kids dream up fun containers as you lend a helping hand in the clipping and arranging. Here are some quick ideas:

1. For a basic bouquet, fill a vase with lukewarm water, then make a simple crisscross grid across the top of the vase with clear or florist tape. Place tall flowers in the center and arrange larger blooms around the edges. Fill in spaces with foliage such as ferns and ivy.

2. Turn an ordinary mayonnaise or pasta jar into an extraordinary vase. Remove the label and clean the jar. Use nontoxic permanent paint pens in bright colors to make doodles and designs around the outside. Add a few lines from a favorite poem or write an original verse. Tie thin ribbon around the rim; knot beads onto the ribbon ends

and let them dangle along the side. Fill with water and arrange your bouquet.

*Tip: Paint your own "designer collection" of jar vases to have on hand whenever you want to share a bouquet with a friend.

3. As fall mums start to bloom, arrange them in hollowed-out food containers such as green or red peppers, squash and minipumpkins. Line the inside of the vegetable with a small piece of foil and a chunk of florist foam to anchor the arrangement. Add water.

4. Even if you don't have your own garden, plan and enjoy a Saturday afternoon strolling together at a public garden or park. Name familiar plants, trees and flowers. Take snapshots and frame them or mount on nice paper for original note cards.

Donna Erickson is the author of "Donna's Day: Fun Activities that Bring the Family Together" (HarperCollins).

Hometown Reunion planned this weekend at St. Joseph

St. Joseph Catholic Church will host a Hometown Reunion for members of the parish and their families who lived in Hereford in the 1950s, 1960s and 1970s. The reunion will take place this weekend, with registration beginning at 7 p.m. Friday in Veterans Park.

A cookout in the park will conclude at 10 p.m.

Saturday activities will take place at the St. Joseph Parish

Hall, 709 Brevard, and will include a prayer meeting from 10 a.m.-12 noon followed by a time for games, visiting, etc. until 3 p.m.

A dance is set to begin at 8 p.m. and continue until midnight.

Activities will conclude with a breakfast Sunday from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. in the American Legion Post, Veterans Park.

We remember when you were only a thought in our head ... God must have heard because he did send our beautiful angel, WHO IS NOW 10!!

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Today's Birthdays: Jazz musician Horace Silver is 71. Former Senator Alan K. Simpson (R-Wyo.) is 68. Former Baseball Commissioner Peter Ueberroth is 62. Rhythm-and-blues singer Sam Gooden (The Impressions) is 60. Singer Jimmy Clanton is 59. Singer Rosalind Ashford (Martha & the Vandellas) is 56. Singer Joe Simon is 56. Football Hall of Famer Terry Bradshaw is 51. Actor Mark Harmon is 48. Tennis player

Jimmy Connors is 47. Actress Linda Purl is 44. Rock musician Jerry Augustyniak (10,000 Maniacs) is 41. Country musician Paul Deakin (The Mavericks) is 40. Actor Keanu Reeves is 35. Actress Salma Hayek is 31. Rhythm-and-blues singer K-Ci (Jodeci) is 30. Singer Tony Thompson is 24.

Thought for Today: "The readings of history and anthropology in general give us no reason to believe that societies have built-in self-preservation systems. And therefore we can't say that man will be sensible enough not to destroy himself." — Margaret Mead, American anthropologist (1901-1978).

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YMCA GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

YMCA Girls Volleyball League for girls K-5 thru 6th grade. K-5 thru 3rd grade will play modified volleyball. (This is basically like volleyball but played on a modified court. 4th thru 6th grade will play regular volleyball. All are eligible to play regardless of athletic ability. Teams are coached by volunteers. Every game is supervised and referees are provided. The league specializes in wholesome competition while

teaching the fundamentals of volleyball, team play and sportsmanship. Every girl plays in every game. We will have two divisions: K-5 thru 3rd grade and 4th thru 6th grade. The teams will be drawn at the YMCA office. PLEASE DO NOT REQUEST PLAYERS TO BE ON CERTAIN TEAMS.

COACHES MEETING: Saturday, Sept. 11th (to pick teams, discuss rules and practice times)

DATES: Registration is NOW THRU SEPT. 9TH. GAMES: will be played on Saturday mornings. First games start Saturday, Sept. 18th. PRACTICE: Starts Sept. 13th.

LEAGUE FEE: \$20.00 - additional family members will be \$15.00. Participants must be YMCA members - which also includes use of the facility throughout the year.

COACHES: Volunteers are needed to help coach and referee. If you are interested please come by and fill out a form. THANKS!

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What's Happening

Area Events



Photo courtesy Accent West magazine
Amarillo Opera general director Mila Gibson will star in *Madame Butterfly* on Sept. 18.

AMARILLO
Mila Gibson, founder and director of the Amarillo Opera, returns as Madame Butterfly in the season's production of Puccini's most beloved opera at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 18 in the Civic Center Auditorium.

Gibson sang the role in the Amarillo Opera's very first production in 1988. That year she was also chorus director, stage director, costume, assistant stage designer/construction, publicity, makeup/wigs personnel and office staff.

In the intervening years the Amarillo Opera has grown into an internationally recognized professional opera company with a professional administrative and production staff.

In addition to Gibson in the lead role, other performers will include Cloyce Stradley in the role of Suzuki, Madame Butterfly's faithful maid, Chuck Wood as the American Lieutenant Pinkerton and Timothy Tucker in the role of Sharpless. Completing the cast are 4 supporting roles, 40 singers in the chorus and 34 orchestra members in the pit.

Tickets to *Madame Butterfly* are available now through the Civic Center box office at 806-378-3096.

The Fall Family Festival for families of children with special needs will be held from 1-3 p.m. Sept. 11 at Applejack Ranch, 14001 Interstate 27.

From either Amarillo or Canyon take Exit 11, from Amarillo cross over bridge) stay on the service road past Backyard Adventures, and watch for the signs.

The festival is free to families of children with disabilities and is co-sponsored by Uniting Parents of Amarillo and the Panhandle PATH Coalition.

Families should bring their picnic lunch, chairs and blankets to sit on. Drinks, popcorn and cotton candy will be provided.

Fun for the day will include climbing on a fire truck, checking out a police car, riding horses, taking a hayride or buggy ride. Prizes will be given at game booths, and their will be clowns and a puppet show. The

"Hearing Impaired" Choir will entertain and a DJ will provide music.

For more information, call Uniting Parents at 806-212-6590 or PATH at 940-767-3996.

In its 36th year, the Amarillo Fine Arts Association is having its Best of Southwest Art Show Sept. 30 to Oct. 8 at the Amarillo National Bank Downtown, in the main lobby.

The exhibit and competition will showcase more than 150 works selected from more than 250 entries.

Judi Betts of Baton Rouge, La., internationally known painter, author, instructor and juror will serve as judge.

A reception and award presentation will be held from 5-8 p.m. Sept. 30 at the bank. It will be open to the public and give people a chance to visit with the artists and purchase art work.

Money raised by this events will be used for art scholarship for area colleges as well as individual scholarships for deserving art students.

CANYON
The Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum in Canyon will present *Canyon Rhythms*, an art show and sale benefiting the museum on Sept. 10-12.

Artists from throughout Texas and the Southwest will showcase their work throughout the weekend event.

Artwork will be presented in a variety of mediums, including sculpture, oils, furniture, jewelry, ceramics, woodblock prints and batik.

A line-up of live entertainment from local acts will be presented throughout the day on the main stage.

A free trolley service will be provided from K.N. Clapp Swimming Pool park, 46th and Avenue U and Hodges Community Center Ball Field parking lot at 41st and University.

Artists include B.J. Briner, Roy Brown, Doyle Goebel and Curtis Nazworth (doyle curtis), Robert Deurloo, Melanie Fair, Lila Hahn, Rosemary Healy Gonzalez, Daryl Howard, Mark Kohler, Phil Poirier, Doug Ricketts, Michael Stipeck, and Michael Untiedt.

The Preview Gala and Auction will be from 7-10 p.m. Sept. 10. This will allow time for guests to meet the artists and purchase pieces of art.

The art show and sale will continue Sept. 11 from 12 noon-5 p.m. and Sept. 12 from 1-4 p.m.

Canyon Rhythms is a presentation of the Panhandle-Plains Historical Society, the museum's sponsoring organization.

LUBBOCK
The Lubbock Municipal Garden and Arts Center will host its 29th annual Fiesta, a one-day arts and crafts festival on Sept. 11 from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. on the front lawn of the center, 4215 University Ave.

Admission is free to the family oriented event which will feature more than 130 booths of hand-crafted items such as quilts, pottery, woodcarvings, plants, and jewelry as well as fine art.

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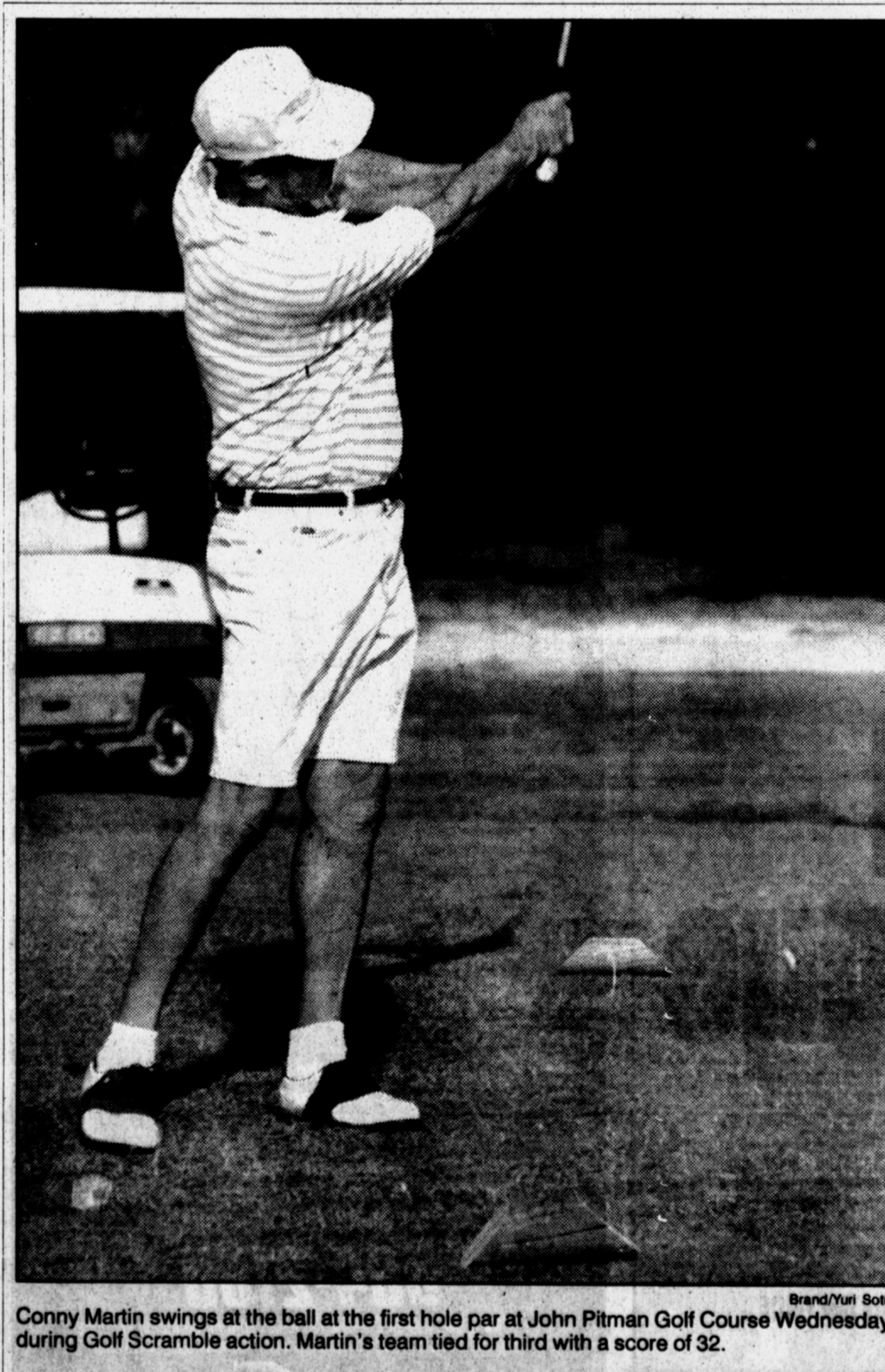
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Packing A Good Punch — (Above picture) Members of the Hereford Youth Boxing Club that competed in the Youth Boxing Tournament in Garden City, Kan., and were awarded second place best team in the tournament on the weekend of Aug. 27-29. Pictured above are (top row, from left) Severo Padilla and head coach Javier Buentello; (front row, from left) Freddy Guerrero, Adolfo Guerrero and Armando Cuellar. All four boxers received trophies, donated by the state of Kansas. The Hereford Boxing Club's trip was financed by Boots and Saddle, Gonzales Brothers, Jaime Padilla, Bill Padilla, Leonel Padilla, Bryan Padilla and Antonio and Reina Rivas. The boxing club is looking for more sponsors for their tournament competitions. Anyone interested in helping the Hereford Boxing Club may reach Buentello at 363-1738 or visit him at 703 W. 4th Ave. (Left picture) Members of the Boxing Club that will be in action on Sept. 9-11 at the Snyder Amateur Boxing Tournament: (Back row, from left) Manuel Garza, Adolfo Rodriguez, Chris Juarez, Damian Duque, Cesar Marquez, Severo Padilla and Eric Escobedo; (Bottom row, from left) Josh Cuellar, Joe Aguero, Adolfo Guerrero, Freddy Guerrero and Armando Cuellar. Not pictured is assistant boxing coach Armando Cuellar.

Lords of the Ring



Conny Martin swings at the ball at the first hole par at John Pitman Golf Course Wednesday during Golf Scramble action. Martin's team tied for third with a score of 32.

Golf finally gets winner

From Staff Reports
They finally get a winner. Wednesday's Golf Scramble at John Pitman Golf Course finally had a lone winner in its weekly contest.

The team of L.V.V. Watts, Paul Hubbard, John Kovacs and Doc Weaver shot 29 to take the first-place slot in the scramble.

Taking second place was the team of Rosie Gonzales, Marin Rivas, Pete Wilt and Dewayne Robbins. They shot 31.

The scramble, however, still had their own ties to contend with.

Tying for third after shooting 32 was the team of Conny Martin, Carlos Mendez, Doug Schilling and Arly Knoth; the team of Bill Brown, Ryan Hitt, Gayle Cornelius and David Allison and the team of Ron Mann, Leland Shelton, N.D. Kelso and Lillie Shipman.

Tying for fourth after shooting 33 was the team of Roy Riley, Tony Barker, Mark Brown and Don Davison; the team of Jeff Shelton, John Robinson, Armando Torres and Jerry Shipman and the team of Johnny Dan Alaniz, Jim Sandoval, Mary Shelton and Joel Sturgeon.

The team of Wallace Hill, Mick Stevens, Darrell Matthews and Art Clark shot 34, bringing up fifth place.

Returning the Favor

Rangers take turn in pounding Tigers, 14-7

DETROIT (AP) — Juan Gonzalez is going to have a monster September. Texas manager Johnny Oates can just feel it.

Certainly, nothing would help the Rangers more in their stretch run for the AL West championship.

Gonzalez, Luis Alices and Gregg Zaun homered Wednesday night to help Helling stretch his winning streak to six as the Rangers pounded the Detroit Tigers 14-7.

"I was saying before the game that this could be Juan's month," Oates said. "I can tell by the way he lifts his knee and strides into the pitch that he's feeling good. Plus, Juan hasn't had that monster month yet."

Not that he's been in a slump or anything.

Gonzalez is hitting .312 with 31 homers and 109 RBIs. This is the fourth straight season he's had at least 30 homers and 100 RBIs, and the sixth time in his career.

"In my mind, I see myself hitting 40 homers every season," Gonzalez said. "But you need consistency more than anything. That's the key. So I just try to play game by game — no plan."

Gonzalez has three homers in his last five games, driving in six runs in the six games on this Texas road trip.

Dean Palmer, Tony Clark and Damon Easley homered for Detroit.

Lelling (12-7) was in trouble early, falling behind 5-1 after three innings. But he allowed just two hits in the next four innings, retiring the Tigers in order in the fifth and sixth.

"Even in the early innings, I felt good," Helling said. "I told myself to stay with it and maybe I'd quit making mistakes — or maybe they'd quit hitting my mistakes."

In seven-plus innings, Helling allowed six runs and eight hits with one walk and seven strikeouts.

"I wasn't struggling," Helling said. "It wasn't like I was getting singled to death. It's just that every time I made a mistake, they were unloading on it."

John Wetteland got the last five outs for his 37th save in 44 opportunities.

Helling, relieved by Tim Crabtree per Palmer's single leading off the eighth, hasn't lost since June 21 at Boston, going 6-0 with seven no-decisions in his last 13 starts.

"Rick changed some things around," Clark said. "He started throwing more breaking balls, and kept it away from the middle of the plate."

Detroit starter Jeff Weaver (8-10) was tagged for six runs and nine hits with one walk and four strikeouts in six innings.

Tom Goodwin's triple broke a tie, driving in Royce Clayton for a 6-5 Texas lead in the sixth.

The Rangers touched reliever Maseo Kida for six runs in the ninth, three on Zaun's first home run of the year.

Low cost screenings are available for those who need assistance

The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and Baptist/St. Anthony's Health System will conduct a breast cancer screening at South Plains Health Care Providers, Inc., 603 East Park, on Sept. 10.

Participants will receive a low-cost screening that includes a mammogram and instruction in self-examination by a registered nurse.

A minimum of 15 women needs to register in order for the mobile mammography clinic to come to area towns. All exams are done by appointment only.

This clinic is available only to women who need financial assistance. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance.

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Hereford resident named West Texas rodeo coach

A Hereford resident has recently been announced as the head rodeo coach at West Texas A&M University.

Mark Eakin, a native of Spearman, was named to the position part-time, replacing Dr. Kevin Sharp, who departed WTAMU to take a teaching position at South Plains College in Levelland.

Eakin competes in amateur and professional rodeo circuits. He inherits a WTAMU program that captured fifth place at the College National Finals Rodeo and National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association's Southwest Regional Championship.

Eakin is a detailer in cow/

calf and stocker operations for Pfizer Animal Health.

Former Lady Herd see first collegiate volleyball action

Two former Hereford volleyball players Lyndi Carlile and Christy Schumacher are making an immediate impact as freshmen at Southern Oklahoma Nazarene University.

In Oklahoma Nazarene's 17-15, 15-6, 15-10 victory against Southwestern Kansas College, Carlile contributed to the win with 10 kills, 4 digs and a .409 hitting average.

Schumacher saw limited action in the match, only getting a block error.



Mark Eakin

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Purcella moves to top five in list

Staff and wire reports

A Hereford professional rodeo cowboy stayed in the top 10 in the money earnings, according to figures released by the National Professional Rodeo Association.

Steve Purcella, who entered the week at No. 5 in the team roping (heading) category, held that spot in the standings with earnings of \$41,577.

Mickey Gomez, formerly of Hereford and now of Mustang, Okla., slipped one spot to No. 12 in the team roping (heeling) competition. Gomez has earnings of \$32,177.

The earnings through Aug. 29:

All-Around Cowboy

1. Fred Whitfield, Hockley, Texas, \$132,244. 2. Ty Murray, Stephenville, Texas, \$107,206. 3. Cody Ohi, Orchard, Texas, \$96,494. 4. Trevor Brazile, Childress, Texas, \$89,380. 5. Herbert Theriot, Poplarville, Miss., \$84,182. 6. Chad Hagan, Leesville, La., \$72,752. 7. Guy Allen, Lovington, N.M., \$71,410. 8. Robert Bowers, Brooks, Alberta, \$68,670. 9. Roy Cooper, Childress, Texas, \$64,849. 10. Tee Woolman, Llano, Texas, \$62,314.

Saddle Bronc Riding

1. Rod Hay, Wildwood, Alberta, \$102,705. 2. Dan Mortensen, Manhattan, Mont., \$79,959. 3. Glen O'Neill, Water Valley, Alberta, \$76,106. 4. Billy Etbauer, Ree Heights, S.D., \$65,607. 5. Ryan Mapston, Geyser, Mont., \$52,797. 6. Scott Johnston,

Deleon, Texas, \$50,875. 7. Cliff Norris, Goodwell, Okla., \$47,910. 8. Ty Murray, Stephenville, Texas, \$46,418. 9. Rod Warren, Water Valley, Alberta, \$45,263. 10. Charley Gardner, Ruby Valley, Nev., \$44,898.

Bareback Riding

1. Pete Hawkins, Weatherford, Texas, \$73,390. 2. Jeffrey Collins, Redfield, Kan., \$63,304. 3. Mark Gomes, Nickerson, Kan., \$62,801. 4. Mark Garrett, Nisland, S.D., \$55,303. 5. Chris Harris, Arlington, Texas, \$54,571. 6. Clint Corey, Powell Butte, Ore., \$51,668. 7. Jason Wylie, Rosebud, Minn., \$51,230. 8. Eric Swenson, Bonham, Texas, \$49,846. 9. Denny McLanahan, Canadian, Texas, \$48,205. 10. Deb Greenough, Red Lodge, Mont., \$46,639.

Bull Riding

1. Gregory Potter, Weatherford, Texas, \$81,716. 2. Vince Stanton, Weiser, Idaho, \$55,610. 3. Tony Mendes, Jensen, Utah, \$54,734. 4. Mike Moore, Wellington, Colo., \$51,316. 5. Jason McClain, Kiowa, Colo., \$50,742. 6. Robert Bowers, Brooks, Alberta, \$50,161. 7. Josh O'Byrne, Animas, N.M., \$48,910. 8. Cody Hancock, Taylor, Ariz., \$46,303. 9. Myron Duarte, Auburn, Wash., \$45,965. 10. Scott Breeding, Edgar, Mont., \$45,651.

Calf Roping

1. Fred Whitfield, Hockley, Texas, \$111,543. 2. Blair Burk, Durant, Okla., \$100,607. 3. Cody Ohi, Orchard, Texas, \$77,195. 4. Ty Hays, Weatherford, Okla.,

\$65,837. 5. Jerome Schneberger, Ponca City, Okla., \$65,231. 6. Ricky Hyde, Conway, Ark., \$60,756. 7. Jeff Coelho, Long Creek, Ore., \$54,307. 8. Justin Maass, Giddings, Texas, \$54,138. 9. Stran Smith, Tell, Texas, \$54,094. 10. Herbert Theriot, Poplarville, Miss., \$49,737.

Steer Wrestling

1. Lee Graves, Calgary, Alberta, \$69,074. 2. Tommy Cook, Heber City, Utah, \$63,219. 3. Ote Berry, Checotah, Okla., \$61,584. 4. Chad Hagan, Leesville, La., \$56,955. 5. Jason Lahr, Emporia, Kan., \$56,871. 6. Birch Negaard, Buffalo, S.D., \$56,065. 7. Mike Smith, New Iberia, La., \$51,425. 8. Brad Gleason, Touchet, Wash., \$49,008. 9. Byron Walker, Ennis, Texas, \$48,050. 10. Randy Suhn, Laramie, Wyo., \$45,275.

Team Roping (Heading)

1. Daniel Green, Oakdale, Calif., \$69,507. 2. Speed Williams, Jacksonville, Fla., \$53,472. 3. Kevin Stewart, Glen Rose, Texas, \$50,032. 4. Charles Pogue, Ringling, Okla., \$47,062. 5. Steve Purcella, Hereford, Texas, \$41,577. 6. Tee Woolman, Llano, Texas, \$41,415. 7. Jimmy Tanner, Tifton, Ga., \$38,115. 8. Turtle Powell, Alpine, Texas, \$37,656. 9. Jake Barnes, Cave Creek, Ariz., \$37,230. 10. Mike Cervi, Midland, Texas, \$36,613.

Team Roping (Heeling)

1. Allen Bach, Valley Home, Calif., \$69,507. 2. Rich Skelton, Llano, Texas, \$53,472. 3. Martin

Lucero, Stephenville, Texas, \$50,032. 4. Britt Bockius, Claremore, Okla., \$47,062. 5. Wayne Folmer, Stephenville, Texas, \$46,099. 6. Tyler Magnus, Llano, Texas, \$41,415. 7. John Paul Lucero, Villanueva, N.M., \$39,243. 8. Brad Culpepper, Sylvester, Ga., \$38,115. 9. Kory Koontz, Sudan, Texas, \$36,613. 10. Bucky Campbell, Prosser, Wash., \$35,557.

Steer Roping

1. Guy Allen, Lovington, N.M., \$62,870. 2. Rocky Patterson, Pratt, Kan., \$37,658. 3. Trevor Brazile, Childress, Texas, \$35,716. 4. Jim Davis, Abilene, Texas, \$33,352. 5. De Lynn Jones, Hobbs, N.M., \$29,648. 6. Marty Jones, Hobbs, N.M., \$29,143. 7. J. Paul Williams, Ponca City, Okla., \$25,581. 8. Arnold Felts, Sonora, Texas, \$24,989. 9. JB Whately, Gardendale, Texas, \$24,257. 10. Roy Cooper, Childress, Texas, \$23,039.

Barrel Racing

1. Sherry Cervi, Midland, Texas, \$117,067. 2. Kristie Peterson, Elbert, Colo., \$74,217. 3. Rachael Myllymaki, Arlee, Mont., \$64,469. 4. Janet Stover, Decatur, Texas, \$53,360. 5. Gail Hillman, Waller, Texas, \$51,009. 6. Tona Wright, Moriarty, N.M., \$47,400. 7. Kay Blandford, Sutherland Springs, Texas, \$45,942. 8. Ruth Haislip, Acampo, Calif., \$38,826. 9. Sue Miller, Lott, Texas, \$37,636. 10. Sherrylynn Adams, Marshall, Texas, \$36,114.

Mets close in on Braves, take series from Astros by 9-5 score

HOUSTON (AP) — The Astros dropped two of three games to the Mets, including a 9-5 decision in the series finale Wednesday night.

In the two games they won in Houston, the Mets outscored the Astros 26-6 and had 39 hits, a season-high 21 hits Monday night and 18 more Wednesday. The Mets are 54-26 since June 6.

Robin Ventura hit his 200th career homer and drove in four runs, and Piazza went 4-

for-5 as the Mets broke open a 3-3 game with three runs in the fifth inning.

Octavio Dotel (6-1) limited Houston to four runs and five hits in five innings. The rookie right-hander is 6-0 in 11 starts since losing his major league debut.

Dotel left after Houston loaded the bases with no outs in the sixth.

Ventura hit a two-run homer, his 29th, after Piazza doubled in the first inning.

Ventura, who went 3-for-6, added an RBI single in the fifth and a run-scoring double in the sixth.

Piazza, who entered the game hitting .143 (2-for-14) on New York's road trip, had two doubles and two singles and scored twice. Counting Ventura's 4-for-18 string, the two were a combined 6-for-32 through the first five games of the trip. They were 7-for-10 Wednesday night.

The Mets remained 3 1/2

games behind first-place Atlanta in the NL East and moved four games in front of Cincinnati in the wild-card race.

Jeff Bagwell hit his 39th homer for Houston, which stayed 1 1/2 games in front of the second-place Reds in the NL Central.

The Mets chased Chris Holt (3-13) in the fifth. With the score tied at 3, John Olerud walked and moved to third on Piazza's double.

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BOWLING
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The 1999 YMCA Volleyball League will begin play on Monday, September 13th. If your team wishes to sign-up deadline is September 9th. **COME AND JOIN THE FUN!!**

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Division clarification: Co-ed A -- Modified power rules, Co-ed B -- Recreation rules and Mens church league 50 & Over -- Recreational rules. Game days will be on Monday and Tuesday nights depending on the number of teams entered. Games will start at 7:15 p.m. and will be held at the YMCA. Let us know if you need to play on a certain day, we will try to be flexible. The sign-up deadline is September 9th.

Eight games will be played plus a double elimination tournament at the end to decide the winner. Team roster must be final by September 28th. Everyone on the roster must be a full paid participant, fee is \$102.00 per team.

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INSIDE

Singer returns to scene of near-fatal wreck

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS People

FRANKLIN, Tenn. — Country singer George Jones returned to the scene of his near-fatal accident to film a music video.

The bridge on Highway 96 south of Nashville was used as the setting for the video to promote "Band Of Angels," a duet with gospel music singer Vestal Goodman.



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"It was quite revolutionary for then. The South is obviously living with it now."

"The last time I was here at this bridge, when I hit it and had my car wreck, there had to be all kind of angels all around," Jones said Wednesday.

Jones, 67, pleaded guilty to driving while impaired in connection with the March 6 accident, which put him in the hospital with a severely lacerated liver and collapsed lung.

Melanie Vesey

NEW YORK (AP) — Melanie Vesey, who has appeared on the television series "Law & Order," is recovering after an unpleasant brush with law enforcement.

The actress was with a friend, off-duty New York City police officer Alex Perez, on Monday evening when Perez accidentally fired her weapon and hit Vesey in the leg, police said.

Vesey was treated and released from Bellevue Hospital. Perez was suspended and authorities are investigating.

Vesey plays the sister of the late comic Andy Kaufman in the upcoming film "Man in the Moon," starring Jim Carrey.

Eileen Collins

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — Col. Eileen Collins, NASA's first female shuttle commander, told a gathering of hundreds of girls at the State Fair that education will give them the future they seek.

"It's really an exciting world out there. I encourage you to learn," Collins told a group of 75 fairgoers on Wednesday.

She gave a video presentation and slide show of her July shuttle mission on Women's Day at the fair.

The main highway leading into the city's airport was renamed Colonel Eileen Collins Boulevard in her honor.

Collins, a native of Elmira, N.Y., and a graduate of Cornell Community College and Syracuse University, has logged 537 hours in space.

William Rehnquist

ST. JOHNSBURY, Vt. — Asked to name the most momentous decision by the Supreme Court in this century, Chief Justice William Rehnquist chose the landmark Brown vs. Board of Education.

The 1954 ruling ended school segregation by declaring separate but equal facilities for blacks and whites to

be unconstitutional.

Rehnquist, who has owned a summer home in north-eastern Vermont for 25 years, made the observation while visiting with students on Tuesday at St. Johnsbury Academy.

"It was quite revolutionary for then," Rehnquist said of the case. "The South is obviously living with it now."

Beach Boys

NORTH PLATTE, Neb. — A Beach Boys benefit concert was a big bust.

The July 28 show was supposed to raise money for American Legion baseball, a summer program for high school players. Instead, it put organizers \$10,000 in the red.

Organizer Larry Haneborg said it would have been easier for him to donate \$10,000.

Just over 3,000 people attended the weekday concert. Haneborg said it grossed \$50,000, but the cost of putting it on was nearly \$60,000.

Haneborg said there might not have been enough time to promote the concert. He also said turnout might have been hurt by the fact that the show was held on a Wednesday with temperatures in the 90s.

Amelia Boynton Robinson

SELMA, Ala. (AP) — A woman is seeking \$8 million in damages over a Disney TV movie that she contends inaccurately portrays her as a "black Mammy" during the civil rights era.

Amelia Boynton Robinson was heavily involved in the Selma civil rights movement during the 1960s and was an identified character in the movie "Selma, Lord, Selma."

She was depicted as a stereotypical "black Mammy"

whose main function was to make religious utterances and to participate in singing spirituals and protest songs, said Bruce Boynton, her son and an attorney.

"My mother's depiction in the movie was drastically wrong," the son said. "It doesn't bespeak the type of character my mother actually had at all — not only had but continues to have."

The movie, which aired in January, was based on a book by the same name.

A Disney executive, Jack

Yellen, did not immediately return a telephone call.

Steve Forbes

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — It may be Steve Forbes' presidential dream ticket, but Gov. Jeb Bush considers it sheer fantasy.

The governor's brother, George W., is the frontrunner for the GOP presidential nomination, which Forbes also is seeking. Forbes has bought a host of Internet site names on the chance that Jeb might consent to run as his vice

president.

"Give Forbes points for cleverness," said Jeb Bush spokesman Corey Tilley. "The governor laughed about it and shook his head when he heard about it."

Tilley said Bush "has no plans in the immediate future to change his mind about supporting his brother."

In May, the George W. Bush campaign bought rights to internet addresses teaming their candidate with a host of potential vice presidential candidates.

TELEVISION

THURSDAY

SEPTEMBER 2

Table of TV programs for Thursday, September 2, 1999. Columns include time slots (6 PM to 11 PM) and program titles such as 'Newshour With Jim Lehrer', 'Animals Show-Funny', 'ER', 'The Simpsons', etc.

FRIDAY

SEPTEMBER 3

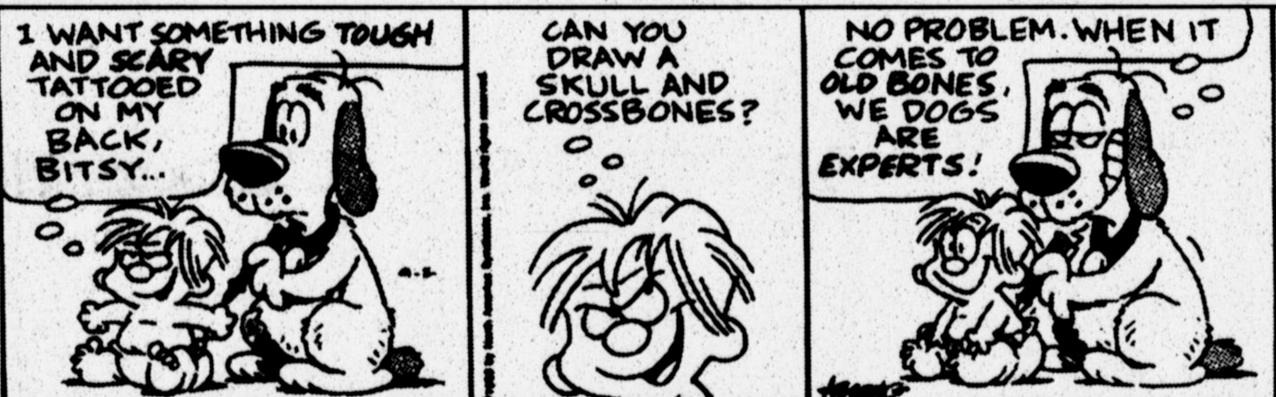
Table of TV programs for Friday, September 3, 1999. Columns include time slots (7 AM to 12 PM) and program titles such as 'Barney', 'Dorsey', 'Today', 'The Tonight Show', etc.

Table of TV programs for Friday, September 3, 1999. Columns include time slots (12:30 to 5:30) and program titles such as 'Body Etc.', 'Radio Act', 'Days-Live', etc.

Table of TV programs for Friday, September 3, 1999. Columns include time slots (6 PM to 11 PM) and program titles such as 'Newshour With Jim Lehrer', 'Wash. Week', 'Wall St.', etc.

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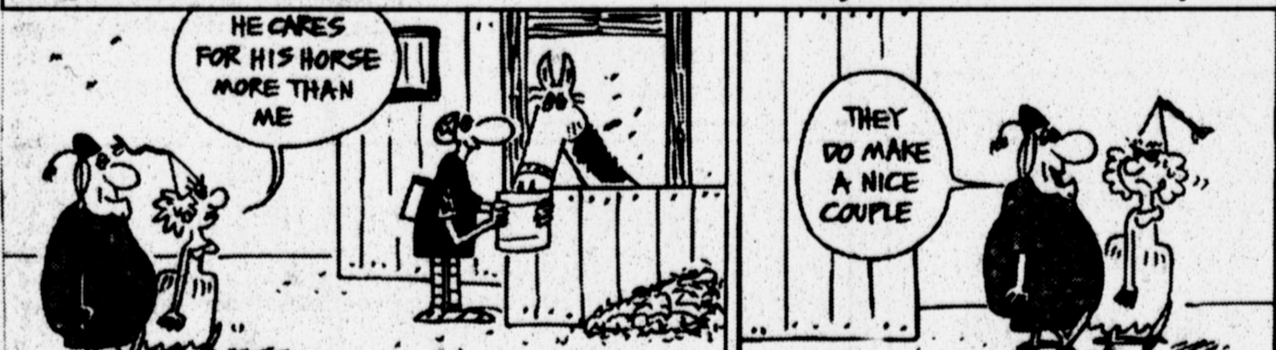
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The Commissioners Court of Deaf Smith County, Texas, will hold a public hearing on said budget on September 13, 1999, at 9AM in the Commissioners' Courtroom on the second floor of the Courthouse. Any and all persons are invited to attend and have opportunity to be heard concerning the budget.

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Gore criticizes Texas schools

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Vice President Al Gore came to Texas to denounce the quality of the state's schools and suggest Republican Gov. George W. Bush is to blame. While not specifically blaming his presidential rival in remarks at a fundraiser, Gore said: "The teachers are doing their job. The principals are doing their job. They're working hard to make it work, but it hasn't had the leadership or the priority."



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Earlier Wednesday, from 76-year-old Crockett Elementary Wchool, Gore's criticism of Texas education was more subtle. He highlighted the physical condition of the school, taking note of cracks in buildings, the use of portable classrooms to ease crowding and problems with plumbing and electrical wiring.

Gore declared the problem of deteriorating schools particularly bad here in this state. He touted the Clinton administration's proposal for \$24.8 billion in interest-free bonds over two years for local public school modernization and chided Republicans in Congress for not supporting the measure.

Bush plans to outline his education agenda in three major policy addresses this month, beginning with a speech today in Los Angeles. The vice president is seeking the Democratic presidential nomination and could face Bush in next year's general election.

"Three out of four schools here need to improve or repair a building. Six out of 10 report an environmental problem like poor air quality. This is air children are breathing," Gore said at Crockett, in a poor Hispanic section of San Antonio. Meeting with selected students and teachers, Gore cited more statistics intended to disparage Bush's education record, although he never criticized his potential GOP rival by name.

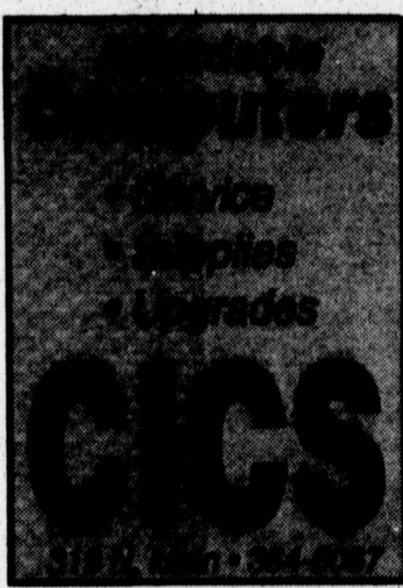
Given the poor physical state of schools, Gore said, "maybe it shouldn't be a surprise that Texas scores below the national average on SATs, or that 40 percent of Texas' students are unprepared when they start college or that Hispanic college preparedness is lagging so far behind that a recent report called it a 'massive failure of education in Texas.'"

Bush's campaign spokeswoman, Mindy Tucker, responded to Gore's criticism by noting that Texas has closed the "achievement gap."

Black 4th- and 8th-grade state reading test scores are up 23 points since 1994, she said, and Hispanic 8th-grade math test scores are up 40 points.

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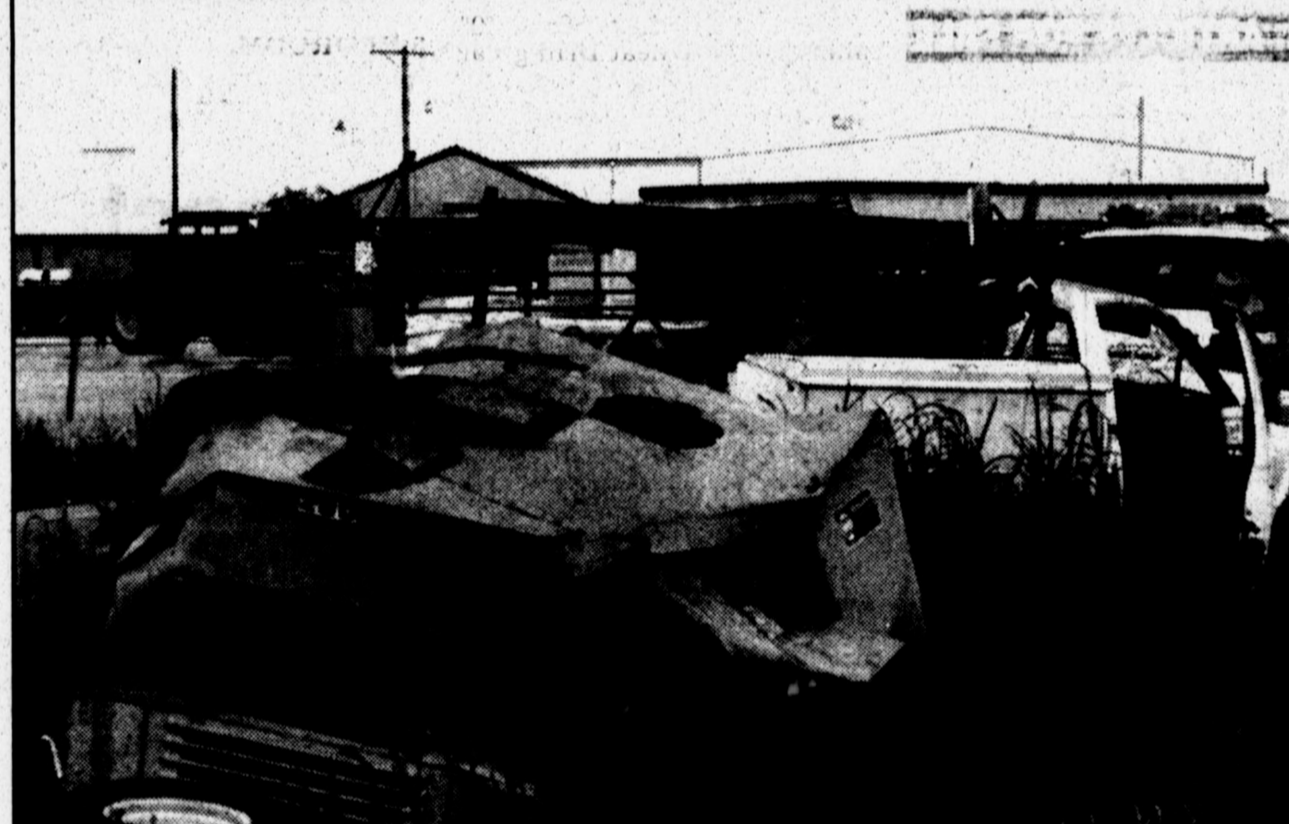
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Business, top GOP disagree

WASHINGTON (AP) — A prominent business group, defying the protests of a leading Senate Republican, says it expects support to grow for its effort to bring about changes in campaign spending laws. Business backing for legislation to restrict the flood of company and union money into political campaigns could be influential when the House considers the bills this month, said Edward Kangas, an officer in the Committee for Economic Development.



Bad place to cross — An eastbound 1991 Chevrolet pickup owned by Wilburn Investments and driven by Kevin Bullard, 26, collided Wednesday with a flatbed tractor-trailer rig driven by James Noyes, 66. According to reports, Noyes was attempting a turn across westbound traffic when he was hit from behind by Bullard's vehicle. Bullard was cited for failure to control speed and was transported to Hereford Regional Medical Center.

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Veto of tax cut pledged, but compromise not ruled out

WASHINGTON (AP) — There is room for compromise with Republicans on tax cuts, but they must be modest and not come at the expense of adequate spending on critical programs, a top White House aide says. John Podesta, the White House chief of staff, said President Clinton hopes to begin serious negotiations with the GOP-led Congress on spending and tax issues after he vetoes the 10-year, \$792 billion Republican tax cut.

"We believe that some tax relief is appropriate," Podesta said following a National Press Club speech Wednesday. "It ought to be balanced against the other important national needs." Podesta stressed the administration's contention that the tax bill passed by

the GOP-led Congress spends too much of projected budget surpluses — at the expense of Social Security and Medicare — and is improperly weighted toward wealthier taxpayers. He said Clinton would veto the measure as soon as congressional leaders send it to the White House, which will occur as early as Sept. 14.

"Please send us the tax cut bill so that we don't have to keep fooling around with the phone debate," Podesta said. "Send it down to us so that we can veto it, and then move forward." Republicans kept the tax bill focused away from Capitol Hill during the August recess as they tried to drum up public support for the measure and demonstrate their commitment to cutting taxes as a priority to voters. Clinton has said a tax cut of up to \$300 billion over 10 years might be acceptable.

Experts combat take-all

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BUSHLAND - Precision Agriculture technology could be the key to saving wheat producers time and money fighting the take-all root disease.

Take-all occurs in the same location each year and its severity is dependent on soil moisture, making it an excellent candidate for testing with

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precision agriculture instruments of infrared thermometers (IRTs), global positioning systems (GPS), and variable rate irrigation. The disease, which is most commonly seen in irregular or circular spots ranging from 1 to 200 feet in diameter, causes infected plants to become stunted, sterile and rotten. Right now, take-all is treated with expensive fungicides that are ineffective due to the spotty nature of the disease.

Dr. Charles Rush, plant pathologist with the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station at Bushland and colleagues theorize that by using IRT technology and GPS equipment, the disease can be mapped, and irrigation reduced, before the disease kills the plant. They think there is potential to slow the disease and increase yield.

In addition to disease control studies, these scientists plan a cost-benefit analysis to determine if the savings from disease reduction warrants the purchase of imaging services and variable rate irrigation systems.

Greenbug is targeted by extension service

The greenbug is a nuisance in sorghum crops every year at this time, draining essential nutrients from the plants while injecting leaf-killing toxins. The negative effect this has on yield potential has triggered scientists at the Bushland station to employ precision agriculture tools to monitor the habits of the pests.

Dr. Jerry Michels, entomologist with the experiment station and fellow researchers are studying the effect of plant population and irrigation on greenbug densities in grain sorghum.

A key question for the scientists is knowing how pests will respond to changing agronomic practices as new management techniques are designed and implemented.

Since the project began in 1998, the researchers have found that both irrigation schedules and plant population affect greenbug infestations. The number of insects is higher in plots with lower plant populations, and decreased in plots that received less water.

Management systems for dryland sorghum

Grain sorghum is very well adapted to dryland production in the Texas Panhandle. However, there's some disagreement about the best planting dates and seeding rates, according to Steven Winter, an agronomist with the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station and co-investigator, Louis Baumhardt, a soil scientist with the U. S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Research Service.

Proponents for early planting set the date at May 15, at about 18,000 seed per acre. Some suggest early to mid June at 32,000 seed per acre works well. Still other growers say planting from June 20 through July 10, using a high-density, narrow-row system of 10- to 15-inch rows at 64,000 seed per acre, has proven effective. The two scientists wanted to determine the best way to manage dryland sorghum, with a no-tillage system in a wheat-sorghum-fallow rotation. They compared their trials against a continuously grown crop.



Checking out books - Students in Cookie Tarr's fourth grade class at Bluebonnet Intermediate check through some of the books on display during the annual Scholastic Book Fair, which will continue through Friday in the school library. Looking for a book are (from left) Max Garcia, Jessica Grajeda, Sunny Vanlandingham and Rudy Mendoza.

Bush urges more aid to farmers

DALLAS CENTER, Iowa (AP) - Texas Gov. George W. Bush spelled out a farm aid package he said would bolster "the heart of our economy" even as he collected the backing of key rural activists.

Bush's farm package included short-term fixes like emergency aid and special tax-free savings accounts, ideas Congress already is considering, and also proposed ways to boost agricultural exports, the key to long-term prosperity, he said Wednesday.

"We owe it to farmers to see them through the transition period," said Bush. "Cris-

ses come and go, but commitments don't."

Bush said that blocking China's admission to the World Trade Organization was a costly mistake and that European allies should be pressured to lift restrictions on genetically altered commodities.

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Returning to the state for the first time since winning a high-profile straw poll last month, Bush not only collected the formal endorsements of more than 100 farm

activists and leaders, but more than half the Republicans in the Iowa Legislature as well.

Though the endorsements reinforce Bush's front-runner status in the Republican presidential race leading up to Iowa's precinct caucuses, he

said, "I've got a lot to do."

Bush donned a green cap, and stood amid hay bales on a farm just outside Des Moines to spell out his trade proposals, an important issue in a state where the farm economy is sour.

U.S. farmers are expected to export \$49 billion worth of commodities this year, down from the peak of \$59.8 billion three years ago. The Agriculture Department is expecting only slight improvement in 2000. Economists blame the decline on the Asian economic crisis and a worldwide glut of grain.

Police disconnect cell phone users

BROOKLYN, Ohio (AP) - Police have started ticketing drivers for chatting on cell phones in this Cleveland suburb under a law believed to be the first of its kind in the country.

Police had been warning drivers since the ordinance was passed in March. But on Wednesday, police started handing out tickets to those using hand-held cell phones.

Fines for the misdemeanor start at \$3 for first-time offenders, but can shoot up to

\$100 for a second offense or if the driver is involved in an accident.

The law prohibits use of a cell phone while driving unless both hands are on the steering wheel. Exceptions are made for emergency calls, using a phone in a parked car or using a speakerphone.

The idea for the ordinance began when Mayor John Coyne learned that an accident near a city recreation center was caused by a driver talking on a cell phone.

YMCA Flag Football

The YMCA Flag Football League is designed for boys. Everyone is eligible to play regardless of athletic ability. Teams are coached by adult volunteers. Every game is supervised and referees are provided. The league specializes in wholesome competition while teaching the fundamentals of team play and good sportsmanship.

THE LEAGUE: Everyone plays in every game. We will have 3 divisions: K-5 thru 2nd, 3rd & 4th, 5th & 6th. The teams will be drawn at the YMCA office. PLEASE DO NOT REQUEST PLAYERS TO BE ON CERTAIN TEAMS.

DATES: FINAL DAY TO REGISTER IS NOW THRU SEPT. 9TH. All divisions will play on Saturdays. Teams play & practice once a week after the season starts. Practice starts the week of Sept. 13th & games will begin on Sept. 18th. (Coaches will be notified of game location)

LEAGUE FEE: League fee will be \$20.00. All participants must be YMCA members. Y-memberships are \$29.000 a year & include the use of the facility throughout the year. If membership expires during the season it must be renewed at the time of registration. Entry fee for a 2nd child in the same family will be \$15.00. ENTRY & MEMBERSHIP FEES MUST ACCOMPANY ENTRY FORM!

COACHES: There will be a coaches meeting on Saturday, Sept. 11th. Rules and practice sessions will be discussed and team assignments made. Time of meeting will be announced. Plan to attend if you wish to coach.

For more information please come by the YMCA office and pick up a registration form. Scholarships are available for those who need and qualify for assistance. Contact Weldon or Norma Jean at 364-6990.

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DIRTY WATER

■ EPA audit shows 90% of violations are not put in database

ARLINGTON, Va. (AP) - Nearly 90 percent of all violations of the Safe Drinking Water Act are not reported in the government database that is supposed to alert consumers, according to a reported federal audit.

USA Today reported in today's editions that it obtained an Environmental Protection Agency audit that suggests there are tens of thousands more cases a year than previously documented in which water systems break safety rules.

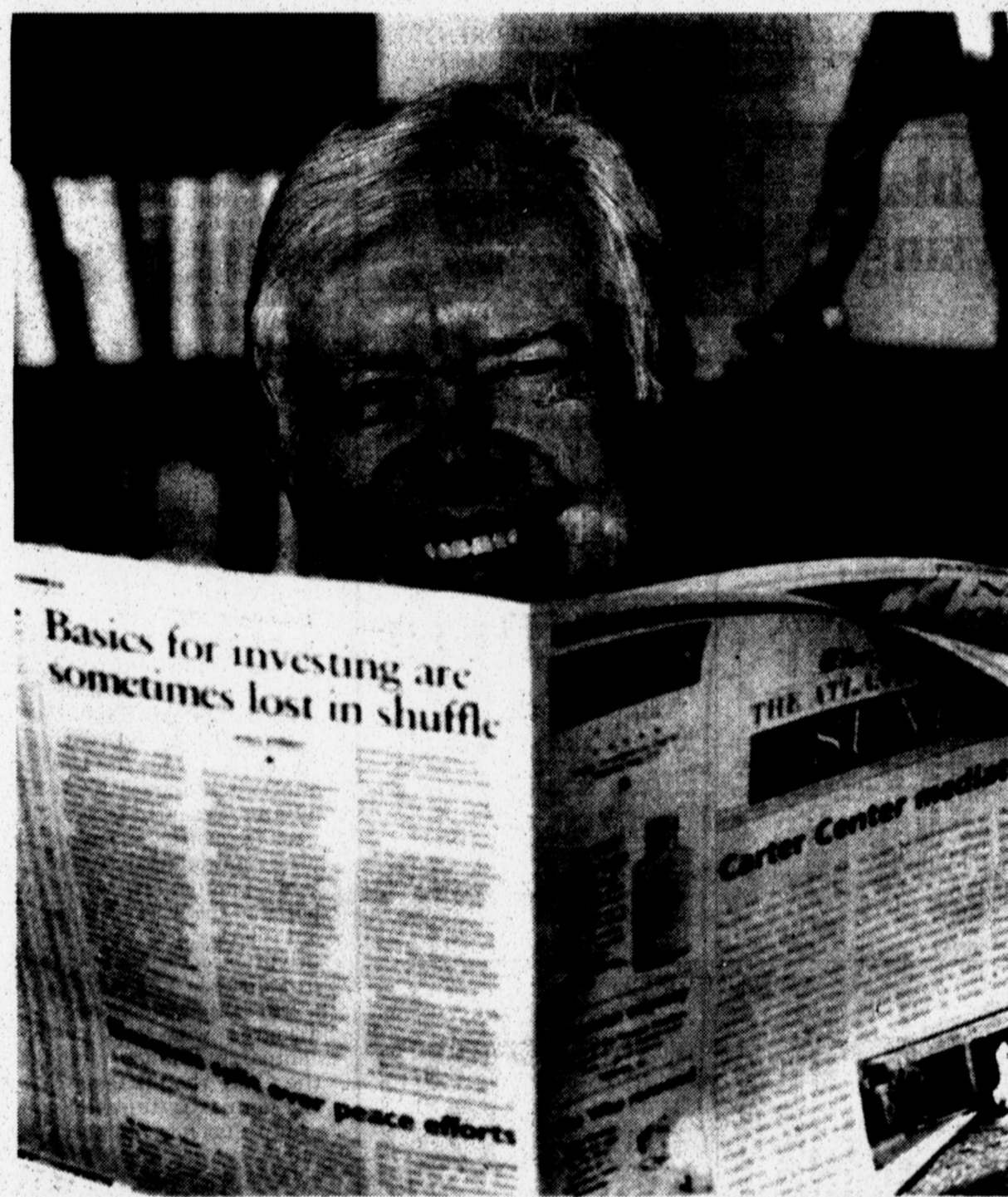
It said 88 percent of violations go unreported, ranging from missed water quality tests to contamination problems.

"It's likely that regulators are unaware of many health risks to consumers that have been going on for extended periods," Erik Olson of the Natural Resources Defense Council told the paper.

The state-federal database audited by EPA is supposed to be the main source of information on 170,000 public water systems that must meet water quality and testing standards.

USA Today said state officials note that all but about 10 percent of the unreported violations involve failure to test properly and that many involved missed deadlines or other errors that may not involve safety.

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