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Terry Langehennig

Energas request rejected

Today's weather OUTLOOK

Mostly cloudy skies

Tonight: Mostly cloudy with a low in the mid-30s, west to southwest wind 10 to 20 mph.

Wednesday: Partly sunny with a high 70 to 75, west to southwest wind 10 to 20 mph with higher gusts.



Extended forecast

Thursday: Mostly cloudy, low in the mid- to upper 30s, high in the upper 50s to around 60.

Friday: Cloudy, low around 25, high 40 to 45.

Saturday: Partly cloudy, low in the mid-20s, high in the mid-50s.

Hereford weather

Monday's high, 57; low, 24; no precipitation.

TRC to make decision on rate

By Donald M. Cooper
Hereford Brand Managing Editor

An Energas request for a rate hike was rejected Monday night by the Hereford city commissioners.

In August 1999, Energas notified its customers about its intention to raise rates by \$9.8 million. The rate increase was postponed pending a review by the West Texas Energas Steering Committee, which is made up of representatives from 67 Panhandle and West Texas municipalities served by Energas. The postponement was scheduled to expire Dec. 8; however, it later was extended until March 15.

During negotiations between

Energas and the steering committee, the company lowered its request to 4.47 percent, or \$5 million. Although the company did scale back its request, the two sides were not able to reach an agreement, and the committee has recommended referring the matter to the Texas Railroad Commission (TRC) for a settlement.

Both Energas and the committee have agreed to a mediated settlement if the TRC were to appoint the mediator. However, City Manager Chester Nolen said the commission has taken no action on the request.

Although no agreement was reached, Nolen did tell the commissioners he was confident the company negotiated in good faith.

In another matter involving Energas, the commission-

ers voted to table a 10-year franchise agreement with the company.

Mayor Pro Tem Roger Eades, presiding in the absence of Mayor Bob Josserand, said he was reluctant to approve the franchise agreement because of uncertainty about what might come out of the next legislative session.

There have been indications the Texas Legislature will deregulate the natural gas industry.

Alan Foster, area manager for Energas, agreed deregulation of the gas utility is likely. However, he said that even with deregulation, Energas will still own the distribution system. He also said he thought a clause in the franchise agreement would allow the parties to restructure the accord if the industry is deregulated.

City Attorney Terry Langehennig said Foster misunderstood the clause, but said the commissioners have the authority to structure the agreement as they want.

The commissioners voted to table the agreement, pending rewording of the franchise agreement to allow the parties to restructure it in event of deregulation.

Langehennig and John Holloway, attorney for Energas, will work out the wording in the agreement.

The commissioners also called a municipal election for May 6.

Commission seats to be on the ballot are Place 2 and 4, and two at-large positions (Places 5 and 6).

The incumbents are Angie Alonzo in Place 2; Wayne Winget, Place 4; and Roger Eades and Carey Black, at-

large. Alonzo is completing her first term; Winget, his fourth full term; Black, his fourth; and Eades, his fourth full term. Winget was appointed in 1990 to complete an unexpired term, while Eades was originally appointed in 1991.

Filing for places on the ballot are Feb. 21-March 22. Early voting will be 8 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays April 12-May 2 in the Deaf Smith County Clerk's Office in the county courthouse, 235 E. 3rd.

All ballots will be cast on Election Day at the Hereford Community Center.

In other business, the commissioners appointed Earl Hudgins, Dr. Ron Hiner, Marcus Wilson, Bill Forbes, Jimmy Parker and Linda Gonzalez-Henagen to the Panhandle-Plains Higher Education Authority board.

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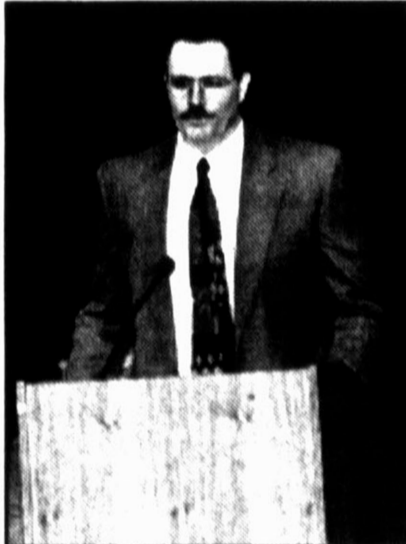
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Forty-one Hereford High School band students competed in the UIL Music Region 1 instrumental solo and ensemble competition held Saturday at West Texas A&M University, earning 20 First Division (Superior) medals and qualifying 13 for the state contest in Austin. The region and state contests are "open class," with all school classifications competing together. Students may select a Class 1, 2 or 3 solo or ensemble with Class 1 being most difficult. To qualify for the state contest, the musician must earn a First Division on a Class 1 solo, by memory, or a Class 1 small ensemble. Qualifying for state contest are Sarah Artho, Amanda Fellers and Ammie Wharton, flute trio; Brigham Brown, Jay Crawford and Seth TeBeest, trombone trio; Jay Crawford, John Rodriguez, Phillip Curtis, Kathy Higgins, Clay McNeely and Cassie Daniel, brass sextet; Sabra Brownlow and Kimberly Scott, twirling solos. Others receiving First Division ratings are Amanda Fellers and Kerri Flood, flute solos; Clay McNeely, euphonium solo; John Rodriguez, trumpet solo; Ammie Wharton, flute solo; and Hannah Williams, marimba solo.

Inside Today SPORTS

"You accept an award like this, but it represents a lot of people involved, starting with my wife and family, with the sacrifices they had to make. The coaching staff that has done such a good job, and then the players, of course, who were sold on what they were supposed to do on the team."

HHS coach Craig Yenzer, accepted the Coach of the Year Award from the Panhandle Sports Hall of Fame.



Hereford athletes and coaches are honored at the annual Panhandle Sports Hall of Fame induction ceremonies. — Page A5

POLITICS

Arizona Sen. John McCain has narrowed the gap nationally in his race with George W. Bush and is locked in a tight struggle with the Texas governor in South Carolina, according to new polls. — Page A9

Former first lady Barbara Bush was "surprised" to find herself on the campaign trail again, as she boosted her son's candidacy for the White House. — Page A9

Billions targeted for Texas

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton's \$1.84 trillion budget for next year, which marks his farewell spending blueprint, includes billions of dollars for Texas to fund everything from state-of-the-art weapons systems to highway repairs, water projects and border control programs.

The proposal unveiled today by the administration would provide for 2.5 percent more spending than the current \$1.79 trillion budget. It is certain to hit a rough patch in Congress, where Republicans will aggressively seek to impose their own priorities.

Yet in key areas, such as defense, the president's wish list marks a starting point for a fiscal debate that is of keen importance to Texas — which received \$92 billion in direct federal payments in 1998, the most recent year for which such figures are available. Only California and New York received more.

The budget document for the fiscal year beginning Oct. 1 tips the scales at more than 10 pounds and is chock-full of tiny lines of type that hold the potential for tax cuts, billions of dollars in new spending on education, health care

CLINTON BUDGET



CNN Graphic

Battle lines already drawn over president's spending plan. — Page A10

and law enforcement, and pay raises for federal employees.

The Defense Department's \$277.5 billion allocation, which includes a record \$60 billion for procurement of new weapons systems, would funnel huge sums to defense contractors in the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

The Pentagon wants to spend \$4 billion to purchase its first 10 production models of the F-22 stealth fighter, which is being built in part at Lockheed Martin's Fort Worth plant; and \$1.9 billion to purchase 20 copies of the V-22 tilt-rotor, manufactured by Bell

Helicopter Textron in Fort Worth.

The budget also would provide a 3.7 percent pay raise to military personnel and would reduce service members' share of off-base housing costs by nearly 4 percent.

Sure to be less palatable to Congress is the administration's renewed request for new rounds of military base closings in 2003 and 2005. Lawmakers have refused earlier calls for additional base closure rounds, still smarting over what Republicans view as improper White House meddling for political gain in the 1995 round.

The White House's decision to fund 430 new Border Patrol agents next year — shy of Congress' directive to add 1,000 agents — also is sure to provoke new disputes with congressional Republicans who have accused the administration of being soft on illegal immigration.

In yet another effort to blunt the impact of welfare cuts directed at legal immigrants in 1996, the administration is proposing spending \$2.5 billion over five years to

let states provide health care to legal immigrant children and pregnant mothers, restore Supplemental Security Income for disabled immigrants, and restore food stamp benefits to certain immigrants.

In projects of specific Texas interest, the budget would provide:

- \$600 million for the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program, which helps states with large numbers of incarcerated illegal immigrants defray their prison costs.

- \$236.2 million in Army Corps of Engineers funding to operate Texas waterways and lakes, including \$53 million for continued improvements to Houston and Galveston navigation channels.

- \$158 million for operation of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve, the nation's oil stockpile kept in underground caverns in Texas and Louisiana.

- \$95.4 million for improvements at Texas military bases, up from the administration's \$53.6 million request for this year.

- \$5 million in nutrition- and health-related assistance for impoverished rural communities along the U.S.-Mexico border.

Applications accepted for scholarship

West Texas Rural Telephone Cooperative is accepting applications for scholarships that will be awarded in May.

The 2000 scholarships are open only to students whose parents or guardians are WTRT members or to students who are WTRT members themselves. Applicants must also be either high school seniors who are candidates for graduation this spring, have completed high school or have received their GED.

The scholarships are open only to eligible, qualified applicants from the Hereford, Friona, Bovina, Farwell, Lazbuddie, Dimmitt, Adrian and Vega school districts.

Scholarship monies will be disbursed in increments per semester.

An official application form, accompanied by two letters of recommendation, and a wallet-size photo must be submitted. One of the letters of recommendations must be from a teacher, principal or counselor from the high school that the applicant attends or attended, or from a college/trade school instructor if the applicant is enrolled.

In Hereford, applications may be picked up only at the WTRT offices on U.S. Highway 385 South.

Applications and rules may be picked up at the high school counselor's offices in Friona, Bovina, Lazbuddie, Farwell, Dimmitt, Adrian and Vega.

To be considered, applications must be fully completed, have not attachments other than to the photo and two required letters of recommendation, and must be received at the offices of WTRT, Box 1737, Hereford, Texas 79045, no later than April 3, 2000.

Applicants may be asked to attend and interview at the discretion of the WTRT board.

Also:

- The scholarships may be used at any state or church-sponsored college or university, or at any accredited vocational or technical school.

- Recipients must maintain a minimum of 12 credit hours throughout each semester, or have full-time student status at vocational or trade schools.

- As soon as enrollment or pre-enrollment for the fall semester.

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District's in line for tech grant

Hereford Independent School District could receive up to \$72,000 in new federal funding for technology support this year and possibly more next year if school officials receive enough comment from parents and the public.

The additional funding is under the E-Rate plan, which is part of the 1996 Telecommunications Act and is administered by the Federal Communications Commission.

Funding made available under the act can pay for up to 80 percent of the district's costs in certain technology areas. This includes, but is not limited to, commercially available telecommunications services, Internet access and internal connections.

The district is surveying the public to determine usage of technology within the home and workplaces and plan for the education of students. The survey also

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LIFESTYLES

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Girl Scout News

Recently 42 Hereford Girl Scouts and 13 adult sponsors participated in a swimming party at the Hereford Aquatic Center. The girls took the swim test and then had a "free swim" time for about an hour.

Three Girl Scouts who sold the most cookies during the cookie kick-off day in January participated in a "top sellers" bowling party at the Hereford Recreation Center.

All local Girl Scout troops took part in the Girl Scout cookie sale this year. They took orders for cookies in January and these will be delivered to Hereford about Feb. 19. There is still time to place an order for cookies by calling 364-5787 or 364-2248.

All girls and adults are welcome to join Girl Scouts any time during the year. The registration fee is \$7 per person and financial help is available. To register or for more information, call 364-2248.



Bowlers from the Pilot Club of Hereford who plan to participate in Bowl for Kids Sake on April 1 to benefit Big Brothers Big Sisters are, from left, Anna Solomon, Marilyn Culppepper, Seth Pietsek (Anchor Club member standing in for Marilyn Bell), Brenda Thomas and Betty Taylor. All other civic organizations are urged to compete in the fund-raiser.

Barrera is speaker for Toastmasters

Hereford Toastmasters met Thursday morning at the Ranch House Restaurant with Margaret Del Toro presiding at the business meeting.

Tronica Owens served as toastmaster, Wayne Winget was timer, Paula Edwards was AH counter, Ryan Norsworthy was grammarian and Lisa Rose was wordmaster. She introduced the word "laconic."

Dan Hall served as topicmaster and topic speakers and their topics were Clark Andrews-Stockmarket; David Castillo-Global Warming; Jigger Rowland-Medical Advancements; and Jeannine Zimmerman-Prosperity.

Oscar Barrera was speaker for the meeting. His topic was "Tunnel Vision" and Del Toro was evaluator.

Sharon Cramer served as general evaluator.

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Ann Landers



Ann Landers

Dear Ann Landers: I am 30 years old, married, with two young children. I also have a great relationship with my 22-year-old brother. Here's the problem. Our divorced, 62-year-old father has been seriously dating a widow who is 10 years younger than he is. When this woman's husband died, he left her quite well-off financially. She has two children of her own who are also fairly well-off.

When our mother divorced Dad 15 years ago, he stopped taking much interest in our lives. There was never an emotional closeness between us, although in the past year or two, he has made a real effort to make up for the previous years of neglect. It has been a slow process, but all of us want to develop stronger ties, and lately, we have been spending a great deal of time together.

We know Dad has been lonely, and we have no objection to his dating. However, my brother and I believe he should get a prenuptial agreement if he decides to marry the woman, not only to protect us and our children's interests, but her children's in-

terests as well. A prenuptial agreement will ensure that any money either of them brings into the relationship will wind up where they want it to go.

Dad seems very trusting of this woman, but he does not want her to know what his assets really are. We have not been given this information either, but have reason to believe his estate is sizable. Until recently, Dad has been stingy with money. Now, he is spending quite a bit on this woman. We don't want to see our inheritance dwindled down to nothing because of a new wife and her family.

I am very happy that Dad has found someone to share his life, even though I have not yet met her. I can tell he is much happier, and I want him to continue seeing her. We do care about him, and don't know how to approach him about the prenuptial agreement. Please help. — Concerned in Illinois

Dear Concerned (or should I say, Overly Concerned): You sound a bit too interested in your father's money. Since he appears to be of sound mind, he will probably make a rational decision about what to do with it. Nevertheless, when both parties bring assets into a marriage, it is wise to have a prenuptial agreement. It can prevent a lot of grief down the road. The best "approach" is to ask

him if he plans to have a prenuptial agreement. The rest is up to him.

Dear Ann Landers: I am writing about our 50-year-old son-in-law. This fellow has completed several years of college, holds a master's degree, and is a nice guy. He is very good to his wife and us. However, they have moved five times in the last 10 years, and always seem to be short of cash.

We have loaned them money, which has never been repaid. Our younger daughter has loaned them money as well, and they have not paid her back, either. This son-in-law cannot seem to hold a job. He goes from one position to another, which is very perplexing.

My wife and I are retired and living on a fixed income. We are comfortable, but must live conservatively in order to maintain our lifestyle. We cannot afford to support my son-in-law and his family. What do you think is really going on with him? — San Bernardino, Calif., Parents

Dear Parents: No mystery here. A 50-year-old man with a master's degree who has moved five times in 10 years and always seems to be short of cash has been educated beyond his intelligence. It's nice that he has a B.A. and an M.A., but what he really needs is a J.O.B. Tell him, in no uncertain words, that he must go to work at something, ANYTHING, because the wheels have come off the gravy train.

Review by Dettmann

Audine Dettmann reviewed the book "At Home in Mitford" by Jan Keron for the members of Garden Beautiful Club during its regular meeting Feb. 4 in the home of Doris Bryant.

It is the story of Father Tim, a bachelor rector of the Episcopal Church of Mitford and how he acquired a dog and a boy. Then a single woman moved in next door and Father Tim had to decide if he was falling in love at age 60.

Members present for the meeting were Vada Axe, Marguerite Cole, Marcella McLain, Dorothy Noland, Helen Spinks, Louise Streun, Darlene Walker, Bryant and Dettmann.

The next meeting will be a trip to Amarillo on March 3.

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Alpha Alpha meeting is surprise for sweetheart

Alpha Alpha Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi held a surprise Valentine meeting to honor its sweetheart for 2000, Lynda Brown.

The meeting was held in the home of Barbara Burkhalter. Members brought salads, gifts and cards for Brown.

Brown will be among the honorees at the annual Sweetheart Tea this Saturday at

Hereford Country Club. The brunch will be held from 10-11:30 a.m. at a cost of \$7. Alpha Alpha members who wish to attend should contact Kaye Stevens at 647-5106 before Thursday to make reservations.

There were 12 members in attendance at the meeting.

Allene Tindall will hostess the next meeting in her home on Feb. 15.

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Now, Stanley! — Raymond Girard, right, as Bertha Bumiller admonishes her son Stanley, portrayed by David D. McKnight, Jr., during a scene from "Greater Tuna." The Amarillo Little Theatre Touring Production will be at Hereford High School Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 18 as a part of the Hereford Community Concert Association season. Tickets for the performance are \$8 each and will be available at the door.

Looking Back

Today in History

By The Associated Press
Today is Tuesday, Feb. 8, the 39th day of 2000. There are 327 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On Feb. 8, 1910, the Boy Scouts of America was incorporated.

On this date:
In 1904, the Russo-Japanese War began.

In 1915, D.W. Griffith's silent movie epic about the Civil War, "The Birth of a Nation," premiered in Los Angeles.

In 1922, President Harding had a radio installed in the White House.

In 1924, the first execution by gas in the United States took place at the Nevada State Prison in Carson City.

In 1968, three college students were killed in a confrontation with highway patrolmen in Orangeburg, S.C. during a civil rights protest against a whites-only bowling alley.

In 1973, Senate leaders named seven members of a select committee to investigate the Watergate scandal.

In 1974, the three-man

crew of the Skylab space station returned to Earth after spending 84 days in space.

In 1978, the deliberations of the Senate were broadcast on radio for the first time as members opened debate on the Panama Canal treaties.

In 1980, President Jimmy Carter unveiled a plan to reintroduce draft registration.

In 1989, 144 people were killed when an American-chartered Boeing 707 filled with Italian tourists slammed into a fog-covered mountain in the Azores.

Ten years ago: CBS News suspended resident humorist Andy Rooney for racial comments he supposedly made to a gay magazine, comments Rooney denied making.

Five years ago: The U.N. Security Council approved sending 7,000 peacekeepers to Angola to cement an accord ending 19 years of civil war. Surgeon General nominee Henry Foster said in an ABC interview he'd performed 39 abortions — more than three times as many as previously stated.

One year ago: The Senate heard closing arguments at President Clinton's im-

peachment trial, with House prosecutors challenging senators to "cleanse the office" and the president's attorney dismissing the case as one of partisan retribution. Jordan's King Hussein was laid to rest during a five-hour funeral in Amman attended by dignitaries from all over the world, including President Clinton and former presidents Bush, Carter and Ford.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Jack Lemmon is 75. Composer-conductor John Williams is 68. ABC News anchor Ted Koppel is 60. Actor Nick Nolte is 59. Comedian Robert Klein is 58. Country singer Dan Seals is 52. Singer Ron Tyson is 52. Actress Brooke Adams is 51. Actress Mary Steenburgen is 47. Author John Grisham is 45. Rock singer Vince Neil (Motley Crue) is 39. Rock singer-musician Sammy Llanas (The BoDeans) is 39. Actor Gary Coleman is 32. Actress Mary McCormack is 31. Actor Seth Green ("Buffy the Vampire Slayer") is 26.

Thought for Today: "To maintain one's ideals in ignorance is easy." — Uta Hagen, German-born actress.

College Report

More than 1,500 students at Texas Tech University received degrees during the 1999 fall commencement exercises.

Hereford students included Katerina Malouf, Magna Cum Laude, Bachelor of Arts in Psychology; Melinda Marie Salazar, Cum Laude, Bachelor of Arts in English; Nicholas Scott Alexander, Bachelor of Arts in Advertising; and Randy Lyne Sorensen, Bachelor of Science in Comp. Science and Electrical Engineering.

More than 3,700 Tech students qualified for academic honors lists at the end of the fall semester.

Students on the President's List earned a 4.0 grade point average while enrolled in 12 or more semester hours of class work. Students who earned 12 or more hours with a grade point average of 3.5 to 3.9 qualified for the Dean's list.

Hereford students on the President's List were Tarabeth Holmes, Katerina Malouf, Cory Michael Schumacher, Ross Torres and David Christopher Watkins.

Qualifying for the Dean's List were Mary Alice Brorman, Misti Michelle Davison, Cindy Lynn Harder, Amit Kantilal Patel, Cynthia Ann Perrin and Jamie Renee Self.

General George Washington. West not only dresses in clothing representative of the period being addressed, but also brings artifacts of the time.

As a District 2 officer, Texas Society SAR, West will be glad to give information regarding membership in Sons of the American Revolution to those interested.

Questions about the brunch or about membership in Los Ciboleros Chapter NSDAR may be addressed to Jean Beene at 364-6117.

Annual drive for members continues

The Women's Division of the Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce is currently holding its annual membership drive. Chairman of this year's drive is Donna Hathaway.

Current members have been placed on two teams and will compete to see which team can sign up the most new members. Losers will fix dinner for the winners at the quarterly meeting in April. Team captains are Elvira Enriquez and Rita Bell. Members may call Hathaway at 363-2265 (days) or 364-6936 (evenings) to find out which team they are on.

Women's Division officers for 2000 are Shannon Redwine, president; Leslie Easley, president elect; Donna Hathaway, vice president; Francie Farr, secretary-treasurer; Gail Richardson and Sheila Wagner, directors; and Kim Leonard, parliamentarian.

Memberships in the Women's Division are \$20. Additional information may be obtained by calling Hathaway at the numbers listed above.

The Brand welcomes news of friends, relatives, grandchildren. Send to *The Brand*, Box 673, or call us. We're interested in local news.

DAR to host brunch

For all those interested in genealogy, history and patriotism, Los Ciboleros Chapter NSDAR is hosting a late brunch followed by a program in the Hereford Community Center Lounge on Feb. 12. Those attending are asked to "bring your specialty" dish for the meal, which will begin at 11:30 a.m.

Program presenter will be George T. West, Lt. Colonel, Ret., Civil Air Patrol. The Canyon resident will speak on "Medical Care in the Revolutionary Army," including care of

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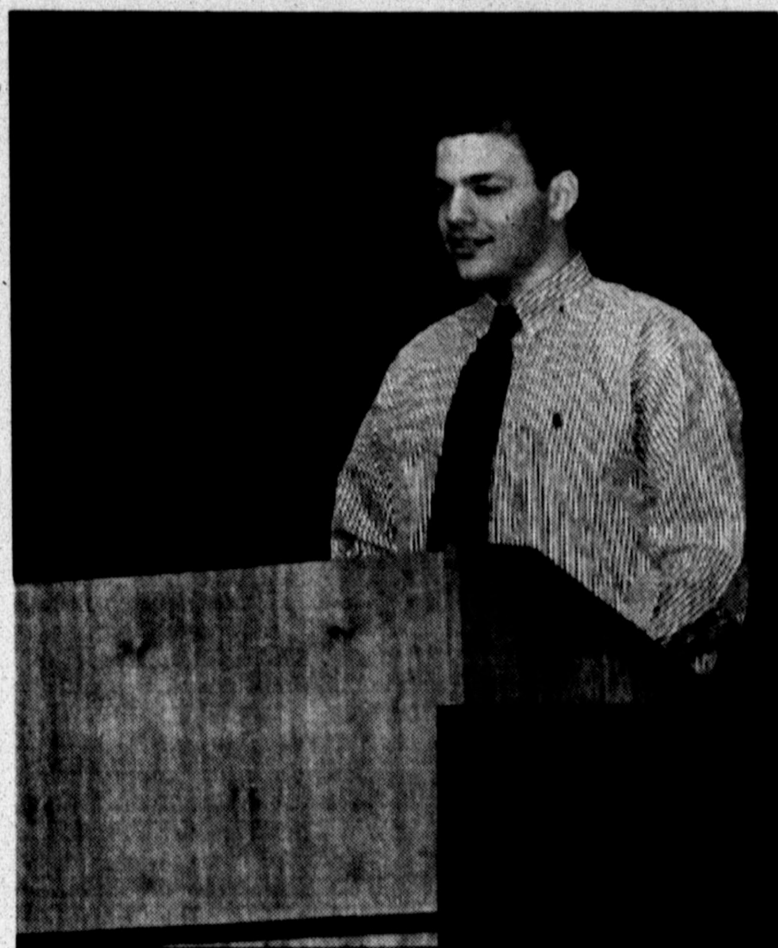
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■ Panhandle Sports Hall of Fame honors Hereford athletes and coaches for 1999 success

By Yuri Soto
Hereford Brand Sports Editor

AMARILLO — Craig Yenser probably was getting nervous Sunday at the Texas Panhandle Sports Hall of Fame induction ceremonies. After all, people kept talking about taking away his athletes.

Baltimore Orioles manager Mike Hargrove, a Perryton native, said during his induction remarks that he would still be managing the Cleveland Indians if he had Yenser's athletes.

Phillips native Mark Hatley, the president of player personnel for the Chicago Bears, said during his emotional induction speech that he might take a quarterback and kicker from Yenser's squad back to Chicago with him.

However, Yenser, who coached the Hereford White-

faces into the state Class 4A finals in 1999, isn't ready to give some of his athletes up yet, until graduation, that is.

Yenser was one of five people from Hereford honored Sunday by the Texas Panhandle Sports Hall of Fame at Ordway Auditorium on the campus of Amarillo College.

Yenser was named football Coach of the Year, thanks to the Whitefaces' record-setting season and run for a state title.

Although it's an individual award, Yenser, who was accompanied by his wife, children and family from his native Oklahoma, pointed out that the award reflects on everyone involved with the Whiteface football team.

"You accept an award like this, but it represents a lot of people involved," Yenser said, "starting with my wife and

family, with the sacrifices they had to make.

"The coaching staff that has done such a good job, and then the players, of course, who were sold on what they were supposed to do on the team," Yenser added. "It's a total effort and it takes a lot of people."

The mission that Yenser puts in year in and year out has had an effect on his players. Two of them were honored by the TPSHOF.

Cody Hodges, who threw for 2,504 yards and 24 touchdowns in 1999, was named the football Player of the Year.

But again, following in the philosophy of unselfishness preached by the Hereford Whitefaces, Hodges credits the whole team for the award.

"It's a good honor, but it's not also a personal award, it's a team award," Hodges said.

"If it wasn't for coach Yenser believing in us as a team, we couldn't have done what we did. We overcame a lot of adversity as a team and I am just glad that I accepted this on behalf of the team."

Now turn back the clock to Saturday, November 27, 1999.

The Mustang Bowl, Sweetwater, Texas.

Time was about 4:30 p.m. in 80-degree temperature.

With two minutes to go in the regional championship, Cody Hodges has a pass intercepted by Weatherford defender. The defender races down the field and meets Slade Hodges who forces a fumble. Hereford gets the ball back.

The Whitefaces drive to the Weatherford one and run down the clock until four seconds are left.

Rafael Campos kicks a 17-yard field goal to win the

game for the Whitefaces and a spot in the state semifinals against Hewitt Midway in the Class 4A Division I playoffs.

For that feat in the "Mustang Bowl Miracle," Campos received the Leslie and Nard Cazzell "Big Play" Memorial Award.

"I think the award should go to Slade (Hodges) because of the fumble recovery," Campos said. "That was the big play of the game, but they chose me, so I'll take the award."

This is Campos' defining moment to what has been a great experience for the native of Sao Paulo, Brazil. The TPSHOF just adds to another special moment.

"It sure is great for me coming from Brazil that I was there on stage with the top athletes in the Panhandle and because quite a few were from

Oh! Honorable Ones — The Panhandle Sports Hall of Fame recognized athletes and coaches for their accomplishments in 1999. Those honored from Hereford were (clockwise, from top left) Leslie and Nard Cazzell "Big Play" Memorial winner Rafael Campos, volleyball coach of the year Brenda Kitten, football player of the year Cody Hodges, track and cross-country athlete of the year Brionne Yosten and football coach of the year Craig Yenser.

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Tiger wins 6th straight event at Pebble Beach

■ Woods comes back from seven strokes down to take Pebble Beach National Pro-Am Championship

By Rob Gloster
The Associated Press

PEBBLE BEACH, Calif. (AP) — The ball landed 4 feet from the 15th hole and trickled back into the cup. Tiger Woods raised his right fist in the air in triumph, having turned the implausible into the inevitable.

Woods stretched his remarkable streak to six straight PGA Tour victories with an amazing comeback Monday in the final round of the Pebble Beach National Pro-Am, shooting six birdies and an eagle and overcoming a 7-stroke deficit with seven holes to play.

Woods pulled within four of the suddenly vulnerable Matt Gogel, a PGA Tour rookie, when Woods pulled out a wedge for his second shot on the par-4 15th. He holed the shot from 97 yards away.

Though it only tied him for second place, the eagle seemed to demonstrate that the streak was not about to die on this gray day along the Pacific

coast. "I'm back in it," Woods said as spectators cheered wildly.

Gogel, who began the day with a 5-stroke lead over Woods and extended that margin to seven by making five birdies on the front nine, had no idea Woods was leading until he walked up the 16th fairway and saw the leader board.

By that time, Woods had birdied 16 and 18 to finish at 15-under 273. Gogel had a chance 30 minutes later to force a playoff with a 10-foot birdie putt on the 18th, but missed it and then missed another short putt to fall into a tie V.J. Singh for second at 275.

Notah Begay, scheduled to begin serving a seven-day jail sentence later this month for a recent drunken driving conviction, was among three players tied for fourth at 12-under 276.

"I really thought it was V.J. or Notah that was one or two

strokes behind me," Gogel said. "I was amazed. I will not ever be amazed anymore."

It was the biggest final-round comeback of Woods' career and made him the first golfer since Ben Hogan in 1948 to win six consecutive tour events. The record is 11 straight victories by Byron Nelson in 1945.

His largest final-round comeback until Monday had been four strokes, at Las Vegas in 1996 and the Mercedes Championship in 1997. He won both those titles in playoffs. This time, he hugged caddie Steve Williams as Gogel's putt missed on the 18th.

Woods closed with an 8-under 64, the lowest final round by a champion in the 53-year history of the Pebble Beach tournament.

He earned \$720,000 to move past Greg Norman to No. 2 on the PGA Tour's career money list with more than \$12.5 million. Woods is less than \$32,000 behind leader

Davis Love III.

"Coming from behind definitely leaves a nice taste in your mouth," Woods said. "It's less pressure to come from behind."

The tournament, which failed to complete its 72 holes by Sunday for the third straight year because of lousy weather, was extended to Monday when rain and high wind wiped out most of the first day of play last Thursday.

Gogel, who turns 29 on Wednesday, was nearly perfect during the first half of the round. He smiled while watching seals frolic in the ocean, and padded his lead.

But he never recovered after his first bogey of the day, on No. 11, and shot 40 on the back nine as Woods made his charge.

"It was as good as I think I have ever played for nine holes of golf, and then I had trouble coming home," Gogel said. "Trying to win a tournament for the first time and

battling my emotions, it was tough."

It was the 17th career PGA Tour victory for the 24-year-old Woods, whose winning streak began in August. Among active players not on the Senior Tour, only Ben Crenshaw (19) and Norman (18) have won more.

Next up for Woods is the Buick Invitational this weekend in San Diego, where he is the defending champion. Should he continue to win, he could surpass Nelson at the tournament where Woods first gained national attention — the Masters.

"The guy's a champion, and he's proving it every week," said Begay, a former Stanford teammate of Woods. "It adds to the whole mystique of Tiger."

After Woods' eagle on the 15th, he nearly had another eagle when his wedge on the 16th landed an inch in front of the cup. He made that 2-footer for a birdie, and finished off

his round with a 3-foot birdie on 18.

Gogel, who has been in the final group two of the last three weeks, was asked whether Woods' victory was destined.

"I don't know about destiny," Gogel said. "He's just damned good."

49ers' Haley retires for good

SANTA CLARA, Calif. (AP) — Defensive end Charles Haley, the only player in NFL history with five Super Bowl rings, retired after a disappointing comeback with San Francisco last season.

Haley, 36, had 100 1/2 career sacks, including 10 or more in six of 14 seasons with the 49ers and Cowboys. He won his first two Super Bowl rings with the 49ers before being traded in 1992 to Dallas, where he won three more.

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Future Hall of Famers? Maybe. But for now, they were honored for accomplishments in 1999 in the world of Texas Panhandle Athletics. Maybe one day, they will be in the same list with the likes of John C. Whinnery, Sr., Mike Hargrove, Mark Hatley and Merry Johnson-Byers.

Jones given probation for confrontation

DALLAS (AP) — Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones' appeal of his sentence for a 1999 traffic stop has put his six months' probation and community service on hold in the case, officials said Monday.

The appeal also stops public release of a police videotape of the confrontation with police, which stemmed from a traffic stop in Dallas' upscale Highland Park neighborhood.

Jones last week pleaded no contest to a Class B misdemeanor charge of interfering with a police officer's duties and was placed on deferred adjudication for six months — meaning that if his record remains clean for that time period, the charge is removed.

He must also pay a \$750 fine and perform 24 hours of community service.

Additionally, the team owner must pay more than \$230 in court costs, a clerk for Dallas County Criminal Court-at-Law Judge Ralph Taite has said.

His sentence will remain on hold until the appeals process is exhausted.

The sentence stems from an Aug. 29 incident when Highland Park police stopped Jones and his family for allegedly speeding while en route to his grandson's baptism.

Jones later drove away and was arrested near Highland Park United Methodist Church. He has said he thought the officer had all the information he needed before he left the scene.

Lewis' lawyer says client did not hold knife in murder

ATLANTA (AP) — After interviewing all the passengers in the limousine that fled the scene of two post-Super Bowl slayings, a lawyer for All-Pro linebacker Ray Lewis still doesn't know who held the knife.

But he says one thing's for sure — it was not his client.

"We're all hearing one voice — Ray was not involved in knifing anybody or attacking anybody," Lewis' lawyer, Don Samuel, told The Associated Press on Monday. "We have not interviewed the driver, but everyone else says Ray wasn't the one."

Samuel said that he and other defense lawyers and investigators have interviewed all six men, including Lewis. He would not release the names of the other limo passengers.

The Sun in Baltimore reported Monday that limo driver Duane Fassett, 51, told police that Lewis threw at least one punch in the fight that resulted in the two deaths a week earlier.

The affidavit police used to obtain the arrest warrant against Lewis cited an unidentified witness who said Lewis participated in the "punching, beating and stabbing" of the two men.

Lewis, middle linebacker for the Baltimore Ravens, is in the Atlanta Detention Center on murder charges stemming from the deaths of Ja-cinth "Shorty" Baker, 21, and Richard Lollar, 24, both of Decatur. His bond hearing is scheduled for Feb. 14.

Atlanta police have said they were looking to interview two men thought to have

been in the limo — former University of Maryland football player A.J. Johnson and Kwame King, a friend of Lewis.

Johnson, who says he was at home in Laurel, Md., over Super Bowl weekend, said Sunday that Atlanta investigators had interviewed him.

Samuel said the defense team has interviewed more than 30 people, and accounts as to what happen vary wildly.

"We've heard everything from it was a war zone and there was fighting everywhere to that there were four total involved, including the two victims," Samuel said.

Atlanta and Baltimore County police also searched Lewis' home in suburban Baltimore early Monday.

Atlanta police spokesman

John Quigley confirmed a search warrant was executed, but would not say what police were looking for or what was confiscated. Officers could be seen carrying large plastic containers from the home and loading a computer into a van.

Atlanta television station WSB-TV reported Monday that investigators also visited The Sports Authority location in Duluth where Lewis held an autograph session the day before the Super Bowl.

The store sells hunting knives, and previously published reports have said that receipts for knives were found in Lewis' hotel room, but the store was not known.

Police and store officials would not comment on what was asked or answered at

the store.

Meanwhile, a lawyer for Fassett, the limo driver, said his client should not be seen as "a star witness against Ray Lewis."

"He's told police what he saw," David Irwin said. "And he's told police what he didn't see."

Irwin would not comment on what Fassett told police. But he said Fassett has periodically driven for Lewis over the past year and is "friendly" with the 24-year-old player.

"He's very distraught about

the trouble that has befallen Ray," Irwin said.

Irwin would not comment on previous reports that knives and blood were found in the limo.

Samuel said Fassett might have seen Lewis trying to break up the fight.

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"I am glad I came to Hereford this year because we had a great football team, we had the volleyball team do great, Brionne's (Yosten) winnings, I am glad I came to this town, especially this past season," Campos said.

Speaking of volleyball, the TPSHOF recognized Hereford volleyball for the fourth time, with Brenda Kitten taking her third Coach of the Year award.

Kitten, who won this award in 1995 and 1996, happily takes the award for everyone involved in Lady Whiteface volleyball.

"We make a deal that every individual honor are certainly team awards," Kitten said. "It takes a family to get great things done and between our players, their families and the coaching staffs in every level, it took all those people to give us a chance, and when you get to win a state championship, it makes it that much sweeter."

Kitten, who jokingly said in her speech how they finally are recognizing "chick" coaches, feels good being recognized with so many other girls sports' coaches.

"This honor is a special one because there's so many great coaches out there that are coaching girls' sports and a chance to be recognized among that group is certainly an honor," she said.

Brionne Yosten was hon-

ored by the TPSHOF for her accomplishments in cross country and track and field.

"It's a great honor being recognized by the Panhandle Sports Hall of Fame," she said.

But the highlight for some of the athletes was meeting some of the prominent people in sports from the area.

That can be a very humbling experience for some future Hall of Famers.

"Seeing Mike Hargrove up there and shaking his hand it was undecribable," Hodges said. "Playing in Texas Stadium is good, but seeing him on television and seeing him manage a professional base-

ball team and meeting him, I guess being surrounded by these great athletes from all over the place was pretty humbling for me."

"It's neat to see all the great athletes that do come out of this area," Yosten said. "You don't realize how many are from this area and it's neat to see them."

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First lady would establish litmus test for judges

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) — Hillary Rodham Clinton says that if she is elected to the Senate she would vote against anti-abortion judges who are nominated to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Clinton's interview came the day after she announced her Senate candidacy and during the start of a campaign swing that was to continue today in Rochester.



Hillary Rodham Clinton was accompanied by President Clinton and their daughter, Chelsea, when she announced her candidacy for the U.S. Senate.

and spoke constantly of her years of working on issues related to children, education and health care.



Barbara Bush

Barbara Bush hits the campaign trail for her son

CHARLESTON, S.C. (AP) — Former first lady Barbara Bush has been down this campaign road four times before for her husband, former President Bush. Now she's at it again, for her son, Texas Gov. George W. Bush, the front-runner for the GOP presidential nomination.

said, 'Read my lips. No more campaigns.' But campaign she does. She was spending Monday and today in the state, with appearances in Columbia, Woodruff, Anderson and Rock Hill.

McCain closes gap

WASHINGTON (AP) — Arizona Sen. John McCain has narrowed the gap nationally in his race with George W. Bush and is locked in a tight struggle with the Texas governor in South Carolina, according to new polls.

just outside the 4.5 percentage point error margin for most likely voters. And McCain has cut into Bush's lead in national polls since late January when the Texas governor led by about 50 points, according to several new surveys.

On 10 of 11 personal qualities, McCain scored higher than Bush in the ABC-Post poll. South Carolina's potential voters saw him as more likely to say what he really thinks, not a typical politician, someone who knows world affairs.

Bush gets trophy-hunters' award

RENO, Nev. (AP) — Ignoring a plea by the Humane Society of the United States, Texas Gov. George W. Bush has accepted a conservation award from an organization of trophy hunters that the society says promotes the killing of rare species.

recognizing him for his conservation efforts in Texas," said Bush campaign spokesman Scott McClellan.

er ship. "I do see him on television saying, 'You know everybody says I look like my father.' But he said 'The truth is, I have my father's eyes and my mother's mouth.' What do you think he means by that?" she asked.



Former President Bush accepted Safari Club's award on behalf of his son, Texas Gov. George W. Bush.

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A paleontologist at West Texas A&M University examines a fossil. Participants in the annual "Dinosaur Day" at the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum in Canyon will get an up-close look at the work of paleontologists.

Museum to hold a 'Dinosaur Day'

Special to The Brand

CANYON — The Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum will host "Dinosaur Day" between noon and 4 p.m. Saturday.

"Dinosaur Day" is an annual one-day event in which the community is invited to participate in dinosaur-related activities. The Panhandle-Plains Historical Society will provide free admission for families attending the event. Participation in the games area requires an activity ticket priced at \$2 per child. Dinosaur-related prizes will be awarded to all participants in each game.

The focus of the program is to increase and enhance knowledge about dinosaurs and paleontology through hands-on activities and game competitions. The program is designed for participants ages 3-13.

There will be games and activities appropriate for participants in this age range. Scheduled activities include dinosaur films, puzzles and fossil rubbings; a scavenger hunt; Dino Data Quest; Dino Cliques; Volcano walk; Dino Wheel; Dino Dig; Dino Dominoes; Create and Paint a Paper-maché Dinosaur; Draw and Color a Dinosaur; and 10 engravings will be used in the fossil rubbing activity.

After completing the activities, participants will be able to identify and characterize the Triassic, Jurassic and Cretaceous periods. Participants also will discover various methods for classifying dinosaurs, define dinosaur vocabulary terms, and explain the work of paleontologists.

For more information, call 651-2233.

Battle lines drawn over package

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton was so proud of what his final budget would do about eliminating the publicly held part of the national debt that he used a paint brush to draw a plunging blue line on a wall chart.

Angry Republicans, however, probably would have chosen the color red for Clinton's last budget — for the shame they charge he should feel about all his new spending programs, his tax increases and his modest tax reductions.

"The president proposed a laundry list of expensive, big-government programs the country doesn't need and tax increases the Republicans in Congress will never support," said Rep. J.C. Watts, R-Okla.

Both sides in the debate wasted no time in staking out their positions for a debate that is certain to last all the way into November, when voters go to the polls.

Republicans contend that what voters want is less government and bigger tax increases. Clinton argues that what the country needs to keep the current prosperity going is a more balanced approach that addresses pressing needs such as a lack of



PRESIDENT CLINTON Says his final budget will "make the most of this moment of promise to extend prosperity to all corners of our nation."

health care, pays down the federal debt and offers targeted tax relief.

In releasing the budget on Monday, Clinton said it was important that the nation seize the current good times and bulging government surpluses to "make the most of this moment of promise to extend prosperity to all corners of our nation."

Clinton's \$1.84 trillion spending plan for the 2001 budget year, beginning in October, would spend more for the environment, schools and gun-law enforcement while still pledging to take steps to erase the \$3.7 trillion publicly held portion of the national debt by 2013.

Clinton also proposed a major expansion in the Earned Income Tax Credit that helps

the working poor, called for the government to provide health insurance for 5 million of the 44 million Americans who do not have it and help the elderly pay for drug prescriptions.

Republicans charged all the new spending programs were an effort to appeal to voters in hopes they will reward Democratic candidates in the fall.

"It has all the things for everyone they feel they'll need to get Al Gore elected president," House Budget Committee Chairman John Kasich, R-Ohio, said.

Kasich and Senate Budget Committee Chairman Pete Domenici, R-N.M., told reporters that their committees would move quickly to draw up a GOP spending and tax blueprint that would differ drastically from Clinton's version.

Even before that work is accomplished, House Republicans were moving to consider this week a 10-year, \$182 billion plan to cut taxes for married couples, including those who pay more than if they were single. This is just one piece of their much larger \$792 billion tax cut that Clinton vetoed last year.

In contrast, Clinton's bud-

get would provide \$351 million in more targeted tax relief to help pay the costs of college education, ease the burden of long-term nursing care and support retirement savings.

But Clinton also would raise \$181 billion in other taxes, including a 25-cent-a-pack increase in cigarette taxes and \$91 billion in higher taxes on corporations by eliminating current tax benefits.

House Ways and Means Chairman Bill Archer, R-Texas, signaled the GOP would "strongly oppose" all of Clinton's tax increase proposals again this year.

But even with the tough-sounding words, both sides may find ways to compromise, if for no other reason so they can avoid a drawn-out budget fight right before the fall elections.

Domenici and Kasich said they believed common ground could be found with the administration on a reduction in the marriage tax penalty and possibly on a program to offer the elderly help in paying for prescription drugs.

Both sides already have pledged to use two-thirds of the projected surpluses, the amount generated by



JOHN KASICH "It has all the things for everyone they feel they'll need to get Al Gore elected president."

Clinton bars genetic bias

WASHINGTON — Responding to fears that advances in medical research could be abused by employers and others, President Clinton is barring federal agencies from discriminating against workers on the basis of genetic tests.

Clinton's decision, which congressional aides said he would implement in an executive order today, echoes a bill sponsored by Sens. Tom Daschle, D-S.D., and Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass. The bill, which is pending in Congress, would prohibit employers from refusing to hire people at risk for health problems and insurers from refusing to sell them coverage.

Congressional officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Monday that Clinton would announce his decision during a speech at the American Association for the Advancement of Science. White House aides declined comment.

In addition to the order, Clinton was expected to voice his support for the Daschle-Kennedy legislation, which would extend assurances against abuse of genetic information to the general public — a step that would require congressional action.

Supporters of the bill said they hoped Clinton's action on behalf of federal workers would focus attention on the need to take similar steps to protect private sector employees.

Advances in genetic testing soon will allow doctors to predict the medical futures of their patients. That has raised concerns that such information could be used against those who are likely to suffer from cancer, diabetes, heart disease or other ailments.

Authorities see long talks with hijackers

STANSTED, England — British authorities negotiating with hijackers holding at least 150 hostages aboard an Afghan airliner settled in for a second day of negotiations today, warning the standoff could last "for days."

Since landing Sunday at Stansted airport, 25 miles north of London, the hijackers have requested only food, water, unspecified medical supplies and that the lavatories on the Ariana Airlines plane be emptied, police said.

"Negotiations remain our favorite option," Joe Edwards, an assistant chief constable of the Essex Police, said Monday. "I will say it could be a very protracted technique. It could go on for days."

However, what exactly the hijackers were negotiating for was unclear. A diplomat familiar with earlier negotiations when the airliner landed in Moscow said those holding the plane sought to free a prisoner held in the southern Afghan city of Kandahar.

Afghan media speculated the hijackers were dissidents who want the release of Ismail Khan, a former regional governor who has been held since 1997 by Afghanistan's ruling Taliban movement. Khan is a member of Afghanistan's opposition alliance, which still rules roughly 10 percent of the war-shattered country.

Edwards said police were in contact with the plane throughout the night and that both the hostages and the hijackers remained calm.

"The people we are talking to are remarkably calm, and that's really important," he said. "The atmosphere is one of control, people behaving rationally. That's going to help an awful lot."

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