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**Forgotten century** — Standing alone, this forgotten century plant in the 200 block of Avenue A is all that remains of someone's plans to make their home beautiful. The century plant, fully in bloom, guards the entrance to the driveway of an abandoned home. Nearby neighbors said watching the plant grow was truly amazing. One neighbor said it would grow 12-18 inches in one day. Neighbors were not aware that this will be the first and last time for this plant to bloom. Century plants live as a succulent cactus-type plant for years, then in their final season produce one tall central spike, topped with yellow pods. Soon the plant will die and wither away, leaving nothing but the fibrous tissues.

## POWER POINT:

### Teachers taking classes to keep up with their students on computers

By Dianna F. Dandridge

Hereford Brand Staff Writer

Silence permeates the halls; chairs and desks line the foyers; there's an eerie air about the quiet. But in the computer lab of a local elementary school, all is not quiet and still.

Lined up in neat rows, shoulder to shoulder, facing the multi-colored computer monitor screens sits a group of giggling, laughing students.

No, it's not escapees from the summer school classes. It's a group of not-so-serious elementary teachers learning to use the high-dollar technology equipment of Hereford Independent School District.

"Actually, this is a teacher-requested workshop to teach the teachers how to use our Power Point

system," said Jo Ochs, a sixth-grade Bluebonnet social studies teacher.

Ochs said she uses the Power Point presentation system frequently in her classes and the teachers had asked that she present the workshop in a fun and relaxed setting.

"In many cases, the kids know more than the teachers do," Ochs said. "This can be a real tool for the teachers, but they have to know how to use it."

The skills learned in Tuesday's workshop are anything but just for fun. By the year 2003, teachers will be evaluated on how well they use technology and how well they transfer that knowledge into everyday classroom studies.

As the teachers giggled their way

through common mistakes, they took to heart the serious side of the lessons being presented.

Jan Reeve, a second-grade teacher at Aikman said, "You don't now how much you learn or how much you don't learn until you sit down and work through it with someone else. There's no telling how much you can accomplish, or how fun it can be."

The teacher-students all seemed to be impressed with the chance to have fun educationally that is possible with the school's technology.

"This is great. It's lots of fun using our technology and learning how we can incorporate it into the lessons," said Alice Graves, a fifth-grade Bluebonnet teacher.

"It's entertaining educationally,"

Bluebonnet librarian Deloris Phipps said. "It's something we can all use."

Ochs led the teachers through a series of drills — highlighting, clicking, right clicking and dragging — to accomplish unique presentations which the teachers will be able to learn and pass on to the student body.

This was not a required course, rather it was a teacher-initiated improvement plan which will benefit teachers and students districtwide, Ochs said.

"This school is technology rich," she said. "There are schools in Amarillo and Canyon that are hurting for the capabilities we have."



**Putting out blaze** — Hereford Volunteer Fire Department crews responded Tuesday to a fire at Merrick Petfoods tannery unit on U.S. Highway 60 west of city. Firefighters Isabel Morales and D.J. Wagner man the hose to extinguish a blaze.

## Consumer prices up by 0.1%

WASHINGTON (AP) — Consumer prices inched up 0.1 percent in May as falling costs for gasoline, tobacco and clothing helped restrain rising costs for airfares and the biggest jump in food prices since October 1998.

The small advance in Labor Department's Consumer Price Index, the most closely watched inflation gauge, was a slightly better reading on inflation than the 0.2 percent increase many analysts were predicting. The report was released Wednesday.

In April, for the first time in almost a year, consumer prices held steady.

Outside the volatile energy and food categories, the "core" rate of inflation rose for the second month in a row by 0.2 percent in May, matching many analysts' expectations.

In the first five months of the year, the core rate of inflation has been rising at an annual rate of 2.7 percent, compared with a 1.9 percent rate for all of last year.

The Federal Reserve has boosted interest rates six times since last June to slow the speeding economy and keep inflation under control.

Some recent economic reports, including retail sales, home sales, factory orders and unemployment, suggest the economy is slowing a bit.

In a separate report Wednesday, businesses boosted their inventories by 0.4 percent in April, but saw their sales decline by 0.6 percent, the Commerce Department said.

Economists have offered mixed opinions on whether the Fed will push up interest rates for a seventh time when it meets June 27 and 28. A growing number of analysts, citing Wednesday's CPI report along with data indicating a cooling in certain areas of the economy.

## Senate targets media leaks

WASHINGTON (AP) — Administration officials are divided on Senate legislation to make disclosing classified information to the news media a felony punishable by up to three years in prison, officials said Wednesday.

Attorney General Janet Reno will oppose the legislation at Wednesday's closed-door Senate Intelligence Committee session, Justice Department spokesman Myron Marlin said. CIA Director George Tenet will testify in

favor of the measure, said officials who spoke on the condition of anonymity.

"We want to do all we can to prevent leaks, but we don't support the legislation in its current form," Marlin said. "But we're always willing to work with Congress to see if a clarification of current or existing laws are needed."

The provision is contained in a bill authorizing intelligence programs for the next fiscal year. It was ap-

proved by the panel in April and is expected to see action on the Senate floor later this month.

The provision would give the Justice Department authority to protect all classified information from unauthorized disclosure.

Existing laws make prosecutions difficult and don't encompass all kinds of classified material, sponsors suggested. Currently, prosecutors must

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## Today's weather OUTLOOK

### Partly cloudy skies

Tonight: Partly cloudy, low 55 to 60, variable wind 5 to 15 mph becoming south.

Thursday: Mostly sunny, high in the lower 90s, southwest wind 15 to 20 mph with higher gusts.

Thursday night: Partly cloudy, low in the lower 60s.

### Extended forecast

Friday: Partly cloudy, high in the mid-80s.

Saturday and Sunday: Mostly cloudy with a chance of thunderstorms, lows in the upper 50s to lower 60s, highs in the upper 70s to lower 80s.

### Hereford weather

Tuesday's high, 98; low, 59; no precipitation; year-to-date rainfall, 6.58 inches, according to KPAN Radio.

### Strong storms expected

Showers and thunderstorms, some severe, are expected across Texas starting Wednesday as a cool front is expected to collide with warm, moist air from the Gulf of Mexico.

Some severe storms were forecast for North and West Texas through Thursday.

The front triggered a twister and severe storms Tuesday in the Texas Panhandle. The small tornado touched down in Perryton in Ochiltree County, seven miles south of the Texas-Oklahoma border. But the National Weather Service said no damage or injuries were reported.

Early-morning temperatures Wednesday were mostly in the 60s and 70s.

## ON TAP TOWN & COUNTRY JUBILEE

### Today-Sunday

Lions Club Carnival  
Ed Burlingames' "Pride of Texas Shows"  
June 14-18  
Deaf Smith County Bull Barn

### Saturday

#### Citywide Garage Sale

Miss Hereford and Little Miss Pageant  
6 p.m.  
Hereford High Auditorium

Hereford Lions Club Golf Tourney  
9 a.m.  
John Pitman Municipal  
Golf Course

Fireworks Celebration  
Veterans Park



**Assembling ferris wheel** — Workers check the framework of the ferris wheel as they assemble the ride before the annual Lions Club Carnival, which gets under way at 7 p.m. today on the grounds of the Deaf Smith County Bull Barn. The carnival will be open 7-11 p.m. through Saturday and 6-10 p.m. Sunday.

## Organization emphasizes its visibility

Members of the Deaf Smith County Crime Stoppers on Tuesday stressed the need to keep the organization in public view at its monthly meeting.

Board members were left undecided about running photos of "Fugitives of the Week," along with physical descriptions. Voting members were torn between the liability factors, should there be a mistaken identity, and the idea that photos are immediately recognizable.

Deaf Smith County Assistant District Attorney Jim English, reminded the board that with or without a photo, anyone can sue another individual or group at any time.

The board tabled the discussion until more opinions could be heard.

Crime Stoppers chairman Charles Brownlow said many people have started to associate McGruff the Crime Dog, with the local association.

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## Local roundup

## Industrial tech blankets

Students who used blankets to wrap Industrial Arts projects for transportation to Waco competition, but failed to reclaim the blankets, should check with Carolyn Evers at 364-4739. She is currently holding several unclaimed packing blankets.

## Andrews medical fund

A medical fund has been established at Hereford State Bank and FirstBank Southwest for Deaf Smith County farmer Ronnie Andrews to help defray costs while receiving medical treatment in Houston.

## Acker medical fund

A medical fund to defray hospital costs for Castro county farmer Kevin Acker, has been established at Hereford State Bank through Phillie Garza. Acker is the son of Deaf Smith Electric Co-op director Anthony Acker.

## PLN summer youth programs

The Promised Land Network will be hosting a summer youth program each Friday from June 9 through August 11, 10 a.m. till noon. Deaf Smith County Library will collaborate with PLN and Bluewater Garden to extend their summer reading program. Kids can check out books and participate in prizes offered. Activities will be offered to children 6-years-old and up and will include tours, hiking, swimming, CPR and first aid, bicycle safety, arts and crafts, and other.

For more information please contact Elva Porras, BWG Learning Center 364-7529 or Dora Jimenez 364-2028.

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## News digest

## Defense claims witness shifty hustler

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Defense attorneys for a South Texas millionaire will continue to attack the credibility of a man they say is a shifty hustler who would do anything to save his life and whose testimony is the only link between the millionaire and his ex-wife's murder in Florida.

The testimony of Daniel Rocha, serving a life prison term in Florida for solicitation of capital murder in the 1997 shooting and stabbing death of Sheila Bellush in her Sarasota, Fla., home, has linked millionaire Allen Blackthorne to Jose Luis Del Toro, the alleged gunman.

Rocha, 30, a golfing friend of 45-year-old Blackthorne, has testified he proposed the killing to friend Sammy Gonzales, who in turn hired his cousin Del Toro in the murder scheme.

On Tuesday, Blackthorne's attorney Richard Lubin called Rocha "a manipulator who is capable of getting people to do things they do not want to do."

Lubin also accused Rocha of cutting a deal with prosecutors in an attempt to get his life sentence reduced and possibly avoid charges in Texas.

Rocha insists he had federal prosecutors transfer him from Florida to a federal prison in California so he could be closer to his wife and three children. "I'm in for life," he said.

Rocha is the third prosecution witness to testify against Blackthorne, who is charged with interstate conspiracy to commit murder for hire, which carries a mandatory life sentence, and interstate domestic violence.

Testimony in the trial, expected to last three to five weeks, began Monday.

## Winnings hinge on marital status

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A man and woman are fighting over a lottery jackpot worth millions, and it all may be decided on whether the two had a common law marriage.

Thomas Araiza Jr. told 285th District Judge Michael Peden on Tuesday that he and the mother of his two daughters have lived together as husband and wife more than 30 years.

Araiza claims that his wife intends to deny him his share of the winning \$9 million Lotto Texas ticket she bought two weeks ago. He filed for divorce three days after the jackpot win.

But the woman Araiza says is his wife claims she has never been married to him. Although the couple moved in together in 1969, they have not lived together continuously since then, Glenn Deadman, one of her attorneys, told the San Antonio Express-News in Wednesday's editions.

Even the woman's proper last name was at issue Tuesday. Her lawyers called her Janie Arroyo, while Araiza's attorneys referred to her as Mrs. Araiza.

Finding that Araiza's attorneys had shown that the couple may at least have been informally married, Peden ruled that the woman, 54, receive half the winnings and that the other half go into a trust pending the outcome of a jury trial set for Sept. 11.

Jurors will decide whether the couple actually were married and what, if any, winnings Thomas Araiza should receive.

## ELSEWHERE

**FORT HOOD KILLINGS:** Two men who kidnapped, shot and then burned the bodies of an Iowa couple in their car near Fort Hood were sentenced to death by a federal grand jury on Tuesday. Christopher Andre Vialva, 20, and Brandon Am Bernard, 19, both of Killeen, were convicted of killing the couple in June 1999. ... **SIGN LANGUAGE-SHOOTING:** Police in Fort Worth on Tuesday afternoon were still searching for assailants who shot a teen-ager as he practiced sign language with his deaf cousin. ... **GUARD ATTACKED:** A guard was stabbed at a South Texas prison Tuesday, the second attack in less than a week on an officer at the Connally Unit.

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## It's a big one



**Salamanders catch** -- Fishing line, baited with salamanders, attracted the attention of this whopper of a catfish, which until Tuesday considered the Hereford Aquatic Center pond home. An Amarillo man, Duane Mansel, reeled in the beauty, but decided he would probably turn it loose after his kids saw it. This is the second large catfish recently reported taken from the pond.

## Childrens health insurance faces problems

AUSTIN (AP) — A children's health insurance program created by the state is reported to be on the critical list.

The more than 11,000 children served by the Texas Healthy Kids Corp. will soon have to find other coverage, according to a story published by the Texas Journal of The Wall Street Journal.

Healthy Kids was created

three years ago by the Legislature to provide coverage for uninsured children with a combination of public and private funds.

The privately run nonprofit organization has been plagued with problems that include much lower than expected enrollment and a lack of private contributions, which subsidize premiums.

## Prozac improves beneficial diabetic sugar level controls

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Diabetics, who face twice the risk of developing depression, have improved their blood sugar levels and fought mood disorders with Prozac treatment, doctors say.

Results of a Missouri study were presented Tuesday during the final session of the nation's largest gathering of diabetes specialists. It drew more than 7,000 doctors and

researchers to the Alamo City.

Research detailed at the American Diabetes Association's 60th Annual Scientific Sessions indicates diabetics experience decreased depression and improved blood sugar levels after only eight weeks of treatment with the popular anti-depressant.

Results show the importance of recognizing symptoms of depression in diabetics, said

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Texas beef processor that's at the center of a dispute over government meat-safety standards was asked by the Agriculture Department Tuesday to voluntarily shut down.

Supreme Beef Processors Inc., which supplies ground beef to the national school lunch program, flunked a set of microbial tests for the fourth straight time, the department said.

A federal judge recently barred USDA from using such test results to force the closing of the facility, agreeing with the meatpacking industry that testing for salmonella bacteria was not a fair measure of whether a plant was sanitary.

The department tried to shut down the Dallas plant last fall after it flunked the first three rounds of testing. The latest failure came after the company made improvements in February to its sanitation procedures, said Thomas Billy, administrator of USDA's Food Safety and Inspection Service.

"As a result of the court decision, FSIS has asked Supreme Beef to voluntarily suspend its ground beef operations and to determine what further corrective actions should be taken to bring the plant into compliance," Billy said in a statement released by the department Tuesday evening.

Telephone calls to Supreme Beef for comment on USDA's request were not returned.

"It's too early to tell" what the department will do if the plant refuses to close, said Carol Blake, a spokeswoman for the food safety agency.

Although Supreme Beef is the only plant that the department has tried to close for flunking salmonella tests, others in the packing industry say the microbial standards aren't scientifically based and shouldn't be used to judge whether a plant's meat is safe.

But President Clinton last month said the dispute with Supreme Beef threatens to "undermine an inspection system that is clearly effective in reducing food poisoning, jeopardizing the confidence that consumers have in the safety of the food they eat."

USDA withdrew its inspectors from the Supreme Beef plant Nov. 30, effectively shutting it down, but was forced to send them back later in the day when U.S. District Judge Joe Fish granted a temporary restraining order.

Fish ruled last month that the department exceeded its authority in trying to enforce the salmonella standards. His decision applies to packing plants in the northern district of Texas.

Carol Tucker Foreman, director of the Consumer Federation of America's Food Policy Institute, said the department should stop buying meat from Supreme Beef and post the names of the plant's customers on the Internet.

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## Emergency services

Activities reported by emergency services personnel for June 13, 2000 include the following:

## POLICE DEPARTMENT Arrests

- A 16-year-old male was arrested in the 500 block of Knight and charged with possession of marijuana.

- A 20-year-old man and a 27-year-old man were arrested in the 1300 block of East First and charged with public intoxication.

## Incidents

- A burglary of a building was reported in the 700 block of New York. A shotgun, valued at \$250, and a check were taken.

- An assault, which happened on Sunday was reported to police when the victim went to the Hereford Regional Medical Center and requested treatment for head injuries.

- Domestic violence was reported in the 400 block of Avenue H. A 15-year-old girl hit her 10-year-old brother with a dinner plate.

- Children were reported throwing rocks in the 600 block of Avenue J.

- Burglary of a habitation was reported in the 300 block of Avenue H.

- A minor two-vehicle acci-

dent was reported in the 600 block of North Main. One driver was cited for unsafe backing.

- A three-vehicle accident was reported in the 100 block of West Park.

## SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT Arrests

- A 39-year-old man was arrested and charged with bail jumping and failure to appear.

## Incidents

- The unauthorized use of a motor vehicle was reported.

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

- 4:46 p.m. Firefighters responded to a wreck rescue in the 100 block of West Park.

- 5:16 p.m. Firefighters responded to a grass and trash fire at Nature Feeds.

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## Texas lottery

## Cash Five

The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery:

2-6-11-34-35

## Pick 3

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

6-7-8

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## Obituaries

SAM SESSIONS  
June 12, 2000

Services for Sam Sessions, 83, of Hereford will be 10 a.m. Thursday with Rev. Randy Bird officiating. Burial will be 10 a.m. Saturday at the Liveoak Cemetery in Brady with Rev. Gaylon Morris officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Parkside Chapel Funeral Home.

Mr. Sessions died Monday at Golden Plains Community Hospital in Borger.

Mr. Sessions was born April 6, 1917, in McColloch County to Virgil and Emma Sessions. He married Connie Garza on March 10, 1973, in Friona.

He was a retired rancher, a member of the Turtle Association, the Rodeo Cowboy Association and the American Quarter Horse Association.

Survivors include his wife; four sons, Sammy Glenn Sessions of San Marcos, Calif., Kenneth Gerald Sessions of Las Vegas, Nev., Samuel Zane Sessions of Brady, and Keith Sessions of Hereford; two daughters, Aurelia Williams of Brady and Dewanah Aylesworth of San Angelo; one sister, Marietta Martin of Abilene; 15 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

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ABNER ROBERTS  
June 13, 2000

LUBBOCK - Services for Dr. Abner Roberts, 86, of Lubbock, will be 2 p.m. Thursday in W.W. Rix Chapel with Rev. Michael Passmore officiating. Burial will be in City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Rix Funeral Directors.

Dr. Roberts died Tuesday at his home.

He was born June 16, 1913, in Beckville and graduated from San Antonio High School and Northwestern College of Optometry. He was a practicing optometrist in Clovis and Hobbs, N.M., until his retirement. He was a member of the First Christian Church and the Hillcrest Country Club. He was also a 32nd Degree Scottish Rite Mason and Shriner.

He married Louise Jarrott in Lubbock on April 15, 1939.

Survivors include his wife, Louise Roberts; two sons, Jim Roberts of Texline and John Roberts of Dimmitt; two brothers, James Roberts of San Antonio and Dr. Eddie Roberts of Houston; three grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be made to Meals on Wheels.

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# LIFESTYLES

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## 10 will compete for Miss Hereford title

Younger contestants will vie for various Little Miss Hereford crowns



Michelle Bixler



Christine Chavez



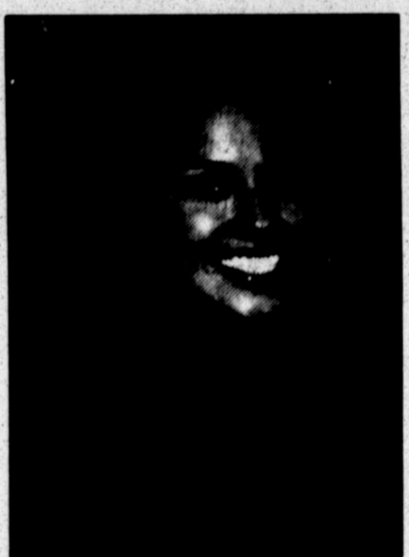
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## HHS auditorium site of pageant

A new Miss Hereford and four new Little Miss Herefords will be selected during the annual pageant beginning at 8 p.m. Saturday in the Hereford High School auditorium. The Women's Division of the Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce is once again sponsoring the event.

Ten young ladies between the ages of 16-21 will compete in the Miss Hereford portion of the evening.

The theme for this year's pageant is "Tropical Fever."

Miss Hereford contestants, their sponsors and parents are Christine Chavez, Colortyme, Robert and Lucy Chavez; Michelle Bixler, Plains Insurance Agency, Stacey and Holly Bixler; Lisa Coneway, Well Surveys Company, Tom and Betty Coneway; Kimberly Scott, A.O. Thompson Abstract Co., Clarence and Rhea Scott;

and Crystal Shipp, Renee's Repeat Boutique, Kay and Butch Shipp.

Also Cassie Hulsey, Cliff A. Skiles Jr. DVM, Brent and Beverly Harrison; Crystal Luna, David J. Purdy DDS, Gilbert and Carolina Luna; Audra Witkowski, Ginn Pest Control, Gerald and Elizabeth Witkowski; Sammi Sciumbato, The Secret Garden, Albert and Betty Sciumbato; and Katherine Fry, Stan Fry Jr. DDS, Stan Jr. and Beckie Fry.

The young ladies vie for scholarships and prizes as they compete in casual wear, formal wear, interview and talent categories.

The winner represents the City of Hereford at various functions throughout the year, including Fun Breakfasts and the Town and Country Jubilee.

Judges will be Jason Cohn

of KFDA-TV, Denise Purnula with KVII-TV and Bill Sava, executive vice president of the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce.

The reigning Miss Hereford is Emily Fry.

Little Miss age divisions are Cutest Miss-preschool and kindergarten; Miss Petite-first, second and third graders; Little Princess-fourth, fifth and sixth graders; and Junior Miss-seventh, eighth and ninth graders.

Cutest Miss for 1999 was Carley Jordan Smith; Miss Petite 1999-Saibree Mariah Beltran; Little Princess 1999-Brandi Roddy; and Junior Miss 1999-Jami Nicole Riley.

Admission to the pageant is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children age 12 and under. Tickets will be available at the door.

## Support group meets Thursday

In affiliation with the Alzheimer's Association, Panhandle Chapter, the Hereford support group for family caregivers of persons with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias, will meet at 10 a.m. Thursday, June 15 in Fellowship of Believers Church, 245 N. Kingwood, next door to Hereford Care Center.

In addition to the usual and all-important time for sharing feelings, experiences and

concerns, Thursday's group will also view a videotape by Doug Manning entitled, "Caring for the Caregivers." If time permits the subject of anger and how to deal with it, may be discussed.

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

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

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

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**A wedding shower** in honor of prospective bride and groom Trina Ariotta and Kent Simmacher (second from right and center) was held in the home of Francie Farr. Also pictured are, from left, Ida Simmacher, grandmother of the future groom; Pat Simmacher, his mother; and Adeline Loerwald, his grandmother.

## Couple honored with shower

Prospective bride and groom Trina Ariotta and Kent Simmacher were the honorees at a wedding shower held recently in the home of Francie Farr.

The couple will be married July 8.

Guests were greeted by the honorees: Pat Simmacher,

mother of the future groom; and Ida Simmacher and Adeline Loerwald, his grandmothers.

Refreshments included fresh fruit compote, lemon squares, cookies, mints and nuts.

The table was covered with an Italian cutwork linen cloth and decorated with a blue, mauve and white floral arrange-

ment. Appointments were in silver and crystal.

Cookware and a monetary gift were given by hostesses Jerline Bartels, Janice Brumley, Linda Dominguez, Carolyn Evers, Karen Fangman, Phillie Garza, Wanda Jesko, Ann Lueb, Jane Matthews, Vicki Valdez and Francie Farr.

## CREATORS SYNDICATE

# Ann Landers



**Ann Landers**

**Dear Ann Landers:** I am a Jesuit missionary in Taiwan who reads your column in the China Post. I look forward to it every day, not only because of the content, but also because it is an excellent way to learn English. I am sending you a letter from an American Jesuit missionary, Robert Ronald, who does missionary work with the disabled people around the island. I think your readers could profit from his wisdom. — Rev. Joseph Maron, S.J., Taiwan

**Dear Rev. Joseph Maron:** Your Jesuit brother's "Prescriptions" are superb. Thank you for sending it my way:

Twelve Prescriptions for the Millennium: How to Win While You're Losing and Stay Young While You're Growing Old

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**Rule One:** Look your troubles in the eye. Problems not faced do not go away. Life is a roller coaster of ups and downs. Anticipate each dip, and prepare for it.

**Rule Two:** Never say you can't, but do say you won't. Neither be so discouraged that you quit, nor so stubborn you won't stop. Troubles come sooner and last longer for those who wear themselves out.

**Rule Three:** For whatever you can no longer do, substitute something else. There is nothing more refreshing than a good nap, as long as it's followed by waking up. Find a way to slow down without stopping.

**Rule Four:** Don't hide. If you want your special needs attended to, you have to make them known. Do not be ashamed of your limitations.

**Rule Five:** Claim your rights and privileges, such as the right to refuse to eat more, the privilege of resting and pacing your activities, the right to assistance, the privilege of cutting back on your work, and so on.

**Rule Six:** Be humble enough to accept help, and proud enough to ask for it. Do not be ashamed to ask for what you need. Accept help graciously.

**Rule Seven:** Always offer a helping hand and a comforting ear. Stay interested in the world around you. Concern for others lightens your own concerns.

**Rule Eight:** Put anger, sadness and regret behind you. It's perfectly OK to feel anger at the pain and distress of growing old. It isn't OK to stay angry. It's perfectly OK

to mourn the closing of chapters in your life. It isn't OK to mourn the rest of your life. It's OK to regret all the things you could or should have done differently. It isn't OK not to forgive yourself or others. Don't let your anger today spill over into tomorrow. Look back without regret, and forward without dread.

**Rule Nine:** Always look for the bright side. We win or lose by how we interpret and react to everything that happens. Winning is rejoicing in what you have left. Losing is seeing only what you have lost.

**Rule Ten:** Take every day as it comes, and give it all you've got. The thing to be afraid of is not what you fear, but letting the fear keep you from going on.

**Rule Eleven:** Enjoy what each day brings. Be open with wonder and excitement to new experiences, even those that come with decline. Enjoy the ride down, even when you know there is no going back up.

**Rule Twelve:** Stir up the tiger in your tank. Your body will still be the same old jolly, but life will have more oomph and satisfaction.

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# Senior Citizens

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**WEDNESDAY:** Roast turkey with gravy, dressing, mashed

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

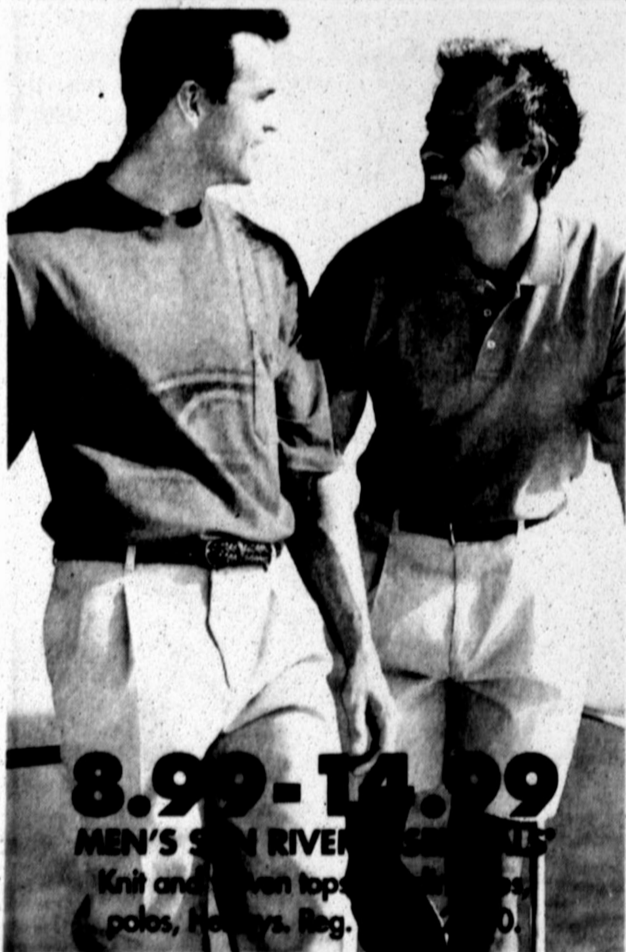
**MONDAY:** Pool classes, quilting 9 a.m.-3 p.m., line dance 10-11 a.m., West Texas Legal Services 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

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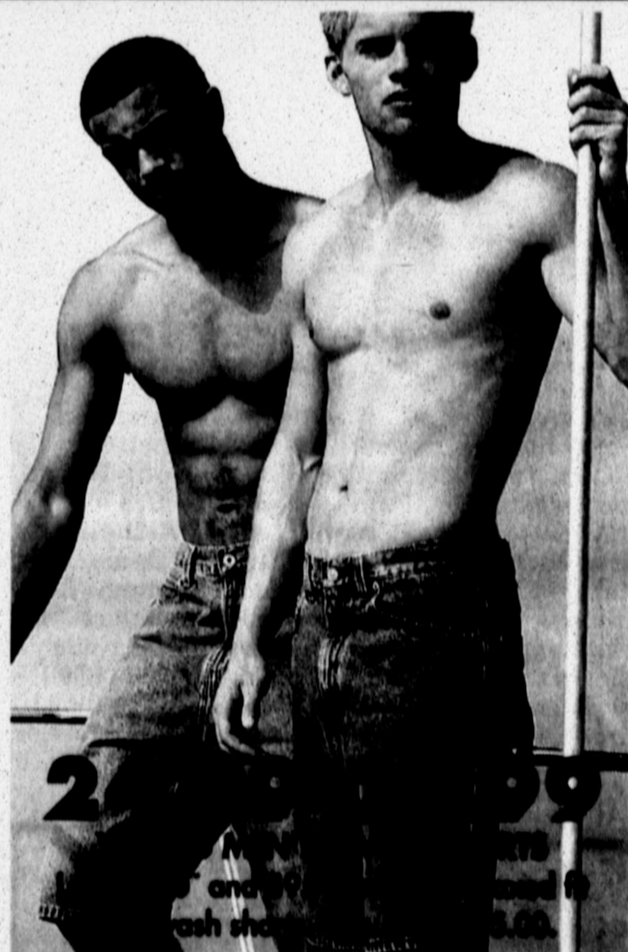


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# SPORTS

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## BIG SWINGERS



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## GIRLS OF SUMMER



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The Hereford High School summer camps continued this week with the girls softball camp at the Kids Inc. Fields. Heading up the camp was HHS head softball coach Penny Summers along with her coaching staff. The camp is designed to help softball players improve their skills while practicing mechanics through drills. Kealie Fellhauer (above) takes a swing at a pitch during one of Tuesday's drills while Marissa Rojas (below) and Jenna Schlabs (left) run the bases. Coach Summers said the camp has had about 25 participants. The camp continued today and concludes softball activities Thursday afternoon following the 1:00 p.m. session.

## Rangers drop sixth in a row

■ Texas starter Rick Helling loses fourth consecutive start

BALTIMORE (AP) — The Texas Rangers are desperately trying to snap their latest losing streak and climb out of last place in the AL West.

According to manager Johnny Oates, they're trying too hard.

Texas failed to take advantage of eight walks and starter Rick Helling gave up two homers as the Rangers lost their sixth straight, 3-2 to the Baltimore Orioles on Tuesday night.

Baltimore starter Scott Erickson walked eight in seven innings, but Texas hit into three double plays and went 1-for-9 with runners in scoring position.

"The thing that's hurting us from the offensive standpoint is the double plays. Do you realize that Erickson got six outs on three pitches?" Oates said. "Hey guys, you only get 27 outs and when they get six with three pitches, that cuts your odds down a great deal."

That's not all. With the Orioles leading 3-2 in the seventh, Ivan Rodriguez stole second base but was thrown out at third by catcher Charles Johnson, who recovered nicely after losing control of the ball behind the plate.

"You try to make decisions with the percentages in your favor. Now ask yourself: Were the percentages in our favor? No," Oates noted. "Rather than be aggressive, we want to be controlled aggressive. There's a difference."

Helling (7-5) also paid a price

for being too bold, grooving two fastballs on a pair of 3-1 pitches. B.J. Surhoff hit one for a solo homer in the fourth to bring Baltimore to 2-1, and Johnson drove the other 428 feet with a runner on to give the Orioles a 3-2 lead in the fifth.

"I didn't think the pitches were that bad," Helling said. "The count dictated a fastball and I think they know I'm pretty aggressive with my fastball. They went up there looking for it and got it."

As a result, the Rangers are mired in their longest losing streak since 1998.

Helling, meanwhile, has lost four straight starts.

"It would be nice to mix a no-decision in there once and a while, but that's what happens," he said. "The final result is it's four straight losses."

The only other time Erickson

walked eight batters was in 1990, when he was a rookie with the Minnesota Twins. But he was sharp when it counted.

"He obviously didn't have his command. That's very unlike Scotty," Orioles manager Mike Hargrove said. "But he showed why he's the winner he is. He was able to battle through that."

Erickson (3-3) threw 114 pitches, 59 outside the strike zone, in seven innings. He also allowed five hits, yet the sinkerballer found a way to snap a two-game losing streak. "I got lucky tonight," he said. "I was off a bit, but when I needed a groundball I got it. I had to battle, but I wanted to keep the ball in the park."

Buddy Groom and Mike Trombley worked the eighth, and Timlin got the save.



AP PHOTO

Big Shot-Baltimore back stop Charles Johnson crosses home plate after blasting a two run homer off Ranger pitcher Rick Helling capping a 3-2 victory.

## Hereford Lions sponsor toumey

■ Proceeds from golf tournament to help crippled children's camp

The Third Annual Hereford Lions Club Golf Tournament has been set for Saturday, June 17 at the John Pitman golf course.

The tournament begins at 9 a.m. and with a \$40 entry fee. Proceeds from the tournament go to the Lions Crippled Children's Camp. The entry fee includes the green fee, golf cart, drinks and food at the cookout.

The tournament is arranged in scrambles of two with winnings going to the top three teams. First prize for the tournament is \$400, second prize is \$250 and third prize is \$150. Prizes will also be given for the longest drive, closest to the pin and longest putt.

The tournament field is limited to the first 40 paid teams. To sign up go to the John Pitman Municipal Golf Course, The 19<sup>th</sup> Hole or the Parkside Chapel.

For more information about the tournament contact Dave Anderson at 363-2300 or mail

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ELECTION 2000

LOST E-MAILS

Vice president says he remembers asking aides what happened

By Ron Fournier

NEW YORK — Facing a Republican inquiry into missing e-mails, Vice President Al Gore said Tuesday he remembers his office losing three days of e-mails and the problem getting fixed after he asked aides, "What in the world happened?"

Congress has been investigating why the White House failed to archive and review thousands of e-mails to determine if they should have been turned over under subpoena to investigations ranging from fund raising to Whitewater and Monica Lewinsky. With Gore running for the presidency, the focus has shifted recently to the e-mail system in the vice president's office.

"I remember the system, the computer system, breaking down and losing three days of e-mail," Gore said in an interview with The Associated Press between campaign stops. "I remember asking them, 'What in the world happened?' and it was in the nature of saying, 'Please don't let that happen again.'"

With a chuckle, Gore said he was concerned that the e-mails were lost with no backup system. "The answer I got was verbal assurance that they

had fixed the problem and it wouldn't happen again. And it hasn't happened."

The interview marked the first time Gore has commented on the issue since the White House revealed last week that some e-mails in his office from 1998 and 1999 may no longer exist because they were not captured on computer backup tapes.

Rep. Dan Burton, R-Ind., who is leading the inquiry, said a witness recently told the House Government Reform Committee that she wrote Gore a memo at the vice president's request in April 1999 about e-mail in his office not being properly archived.

Gore told the AP he didn't recall seeing any such memo. He said he first learned of a broader e-mail problem — one that went beyond the loss of three days worth of notes — "in the newspapers."

In the wide-ranging interview, Gore also:

• Said he believes DNA testing should be required of old evidence in death penalty cases, saying it would be a "double tragedy" to convict an



AL GORE

"I remember the system, the computer system, breaking down and losing three days of e-mail."

innocent man and leave the murderer afoot. A bill before Congress that would require DNA testing also forbids the federal government from imposing the death penalty in states without capital punishment; Gore, a death penalty supporter, said he would not support that provision.

• Objected to plans by the National Rifle Association to place a theme cafe in midtown Manhattan. "It's a family relocation reclaimed from an earlier era when there was a lot of violence in Times Square," he said. "I think that if you're just asking me my preference I think it's the last thing we want" here.

• Said an "aggressive" administration inquiry will get to the bottom of soaring gas prices in the Midwest. "I don't want to comment on an investigation of that kind but if evidence is uncovered of price gouging, there should be strong action."

Financier wants education debate

NEW YORK (AP) — A billionaire financier is offering Al Gore and George W. Bush \$500,000 each for their favorite children's charities. The hitch: Participate in an education debate.

"The idea is, 'Gee whiz, you guys spend huge percentages of your time raising money for your campaigns and here's a chance to do what you should anyhow while raising money for charity,'" Ted Forstmann

said Tuesday in a telephone interview.

Forstmann is co-founder of the Children's Scholarship Fund, a philanthropic organization that recently offered \$50 million in new, partial scholarships to underprivileged children this fall. He is on a campaign against what he calls the "government monopoly" in elementary and secondary education.

In a letter sent to both campaigns Wednesday,

Forstmann proposed a 90-minute education debate between the two major-party candidates.

A bipartisan commission has proposed three all-debate, none of which are dedicated to a single topic. Gore, who has challenged Bush to twice-weekly debates, said he knew nothing about Forstmann's proposal but added that that "it wouldn't take money" to get him to debate Bush.

Television

WEDNESDAY

JUNE 14

Television schedule for Wednesday, June 14. Columns show time slots from 6 PM to 11 PM. Rows list various programs including 'Newshour With Jim Lehrer', 'Early Edition', 'News', 'Movie: Mr. Heat', 'Fresh Fr.', 'News', '3rd Rock', 'Major League Baseball', 'Movie: Requiem for a Dream', 'Movie: Titanic', 'Movie: Home Fries', 'Movie: Cimarron', 'Waltons', 'Wild Discovery', 'Law & Order', 'Intimate Portrait', 'Geniuses', 'ER', 'Hay Arnold!', 'JAG', 'Por Tu Amor', 'Save Our History', 'Crypt Tales', 'Full House'.

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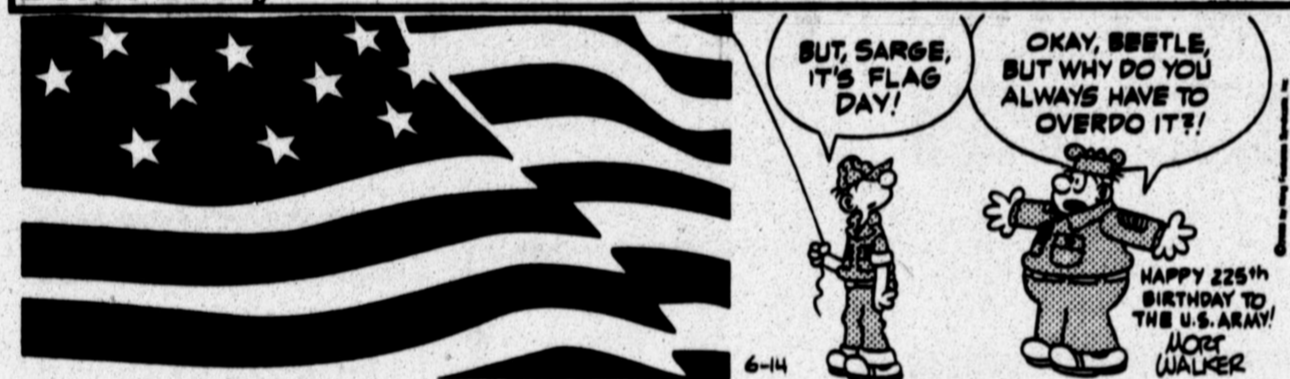
JUNE 15

Television schedule for Thursday, June 15. Columns show time slots from 7 AM to 12 PM. Rows list various programs including 'Barney', 'Kids', 'Today', 'Bear', 'DiffWorld', 'Good Morning America', 'Early Show', 'Magic Bus', 'Sportscenter', 'Movie: Little Men', 'Movie: Chairman of the Board', 'Movie: Take a Number', 'Movie: The Doctor's Dilemma', 'Paid Prog.', 'Northern Exposure', 'Designing', 'National Sports Report', 'CHiPs', 'Thornberry', 'Videos', '(8:00) Desperate America', 'Year by Year', 'Mummies', 'Charles'.

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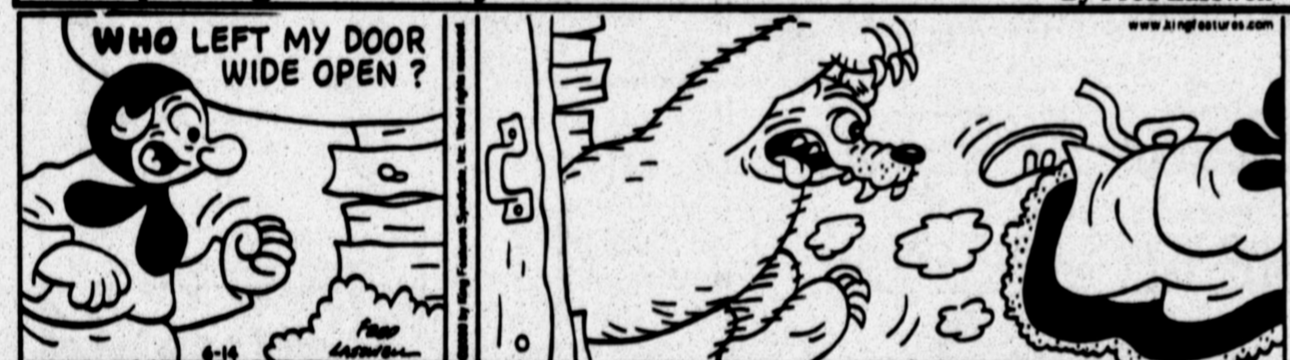
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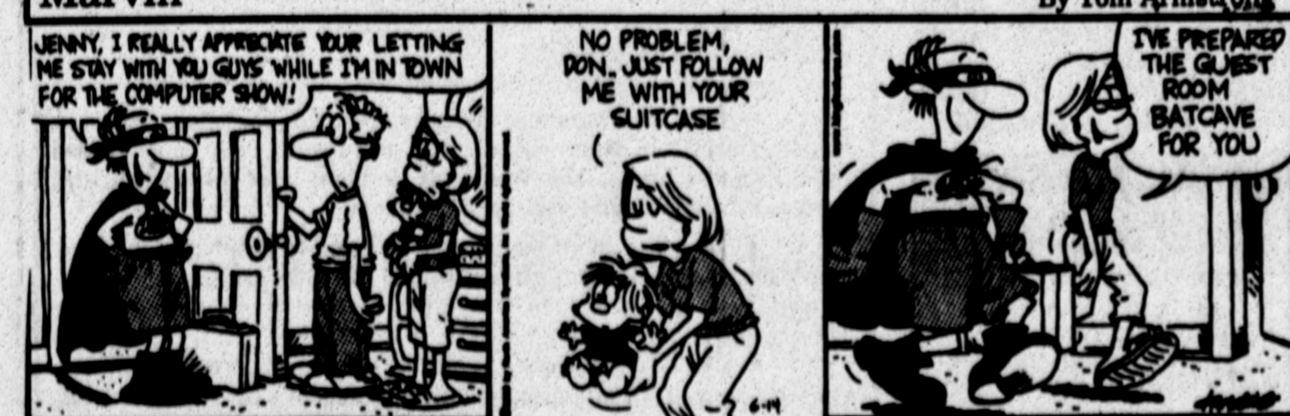
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By Brant Parker & Johnny Hart



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By Tom Armstrong



Television schedule for Thursday, June 15. Columns show time slots from 12:30 to 5:30. Rows list various programs including 'Body Elec.', 'Addams', 'Days-Lives', 'Mermald', 'Hunter', 'Jeopardy!', 'Bold & B.', 'Mathie', 'Sr. PGA', 'Movie: Bring Me-Head', 'Movie: A Simple Twist of Fate', '(48) Movie: Die Hard With a Vengeance', 'Movie: The Password is Courage', 'Waltons', 'Home', 'Law & Order', '(12:00) Movie: Web of Deception', 'Source', '(11:30) Movie: Midnight Run', 'Franklin', 'Something', 'Alma', 'Remagen', 'Twilight Z.', 'News'.

Television schedule for Thursday, June 15. Columns show time slots from 6 PM to 11 PM. Rows list various programs including 'Newshour With Jim Lehrer', 'Early Edition', 'News', 'Movie: Zenon', 'Major League Baseball', 'News', 'News', '3rd Rock', 'Simpsons', '(4:00) Golf U.S. Open Championship', '(8:15) Movie: Beetlejuice', '(8:15) Movie: For Keeps', '(8:00) Movie: Mr. Destiny', 'Movie: The Loved One', 'Muscle Awards Preview', 'Wild Discovery', 'Law & Order', 'Intimate Portrait', 'Major League Baseball', 'ER', 'Hay Arnold!', 'JAG', 'Por Tu Amor', 'Save Our History', 'Crypt Tales', 'Full House'.





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Crime

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"It was amazing, the number of kids who responded to McGruff during the parade and the walk through the park during Jubilee Junction," he said. "Even though we are not associated with McGruff officially, people still connect the two."

In line with keeping the organization in the public view, Brownlow suggested the board begin looking at providing local businesses with window placards emblazoned with the Crimes Stoppers logo and containing a place for emergency numbers to be listed.

Hereford Police Department liaison Rob Roach was unable to attend the meeting, but board members agreed to authorize Roach to issue an emergency reward check, this month only, if the need should arise.

Brownlow presented the board with the first-place service award for its float entry in the Town and Country Jubilee parade.

Leaks

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show they leaked on behalf of a foreign power or divulged "national defense" information.

The fine would be up to \$10,000 and three years imprisonment, according to an unclassified report on the legislation put out by the intelligence panel, chaired by Sen. Richard Shelby, R-Ala.

That report says the section "closes the gap in existing law." First Amendment groups and Reno have opposed the bill, saying criminal prosecutions are not necessarily the best way to stop leaks.

Tenet, the CIA director, will support the legislation at Wednesday's session, said an intelligence official who spoke only on the condition of anonymity.

Tenet "has emphasized the seriousness of this problem on numerous occasions and recognizes we must find more effective ways to identify and punish individuals who leak classified information," the official said.

The testimony is after the fact, since the panel has already approved the measure.

EPA gives wood industry break

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Environmental Protection Agency says it will exempt loggers, tree farmers and other forestry operators from a rule set to take effect next month to reduce water pollution from private lands.

The move is a major victory for the wood products industry, which aggressively fought the rule and sent the agency 30,000 post cards voicing opposition.

"They finally heard the loud uproar across this country ... that what they were proposing simply wouldn't work," said Chris West, vice president of the Northwest Forestry Association in Portland, Ore.

Environmentalists and timber companies had squared off earlier in East Texas over the EPA proposal to apply the 1972 Clean Water Act to the industry. Forestry officials had long been exempt from the permitting process under the Clean Water Act, falling instead under state oversight.

The Texas Forestry Association had contended that environmental groups would have been able to protest permit applications, launching court battles that could put timber

farmers and loggers out of business. But the Sierra Club said the proposal was not a tool for affecting timber operations.

The EPA will propose a new rule later this fall that would cover forestry practices, said Charles Fox, assistant EPA administrator for water. But that rule has an uncertain fate — it would be up to a Bush or Gore administration to decide whether to enact it.

The rest of the rule, which would affect farmers and other private landowners, should become final in about a month, he said Tuesday.

Fox said criticism directed at the forestry portion of the rule was distracting attention from the overall plan to clean up the nation's waterways.

"There's no question that the industry mounted an extremely aggressive and no doubt expensive campaign," he said. "Much of the information they put out was not entirely true, if not downright false in some cases."

Forestry groups said under the rule, private landowners would need an EPA permit to cut down or even plant trees. The expensive and time-consuming process would put some

small forestry practices out of business, the groups feared.

But Fox said 99 percent of forestry operations would not have been affected by the rule. Only a few problem polluters would have been required to get EPA permits, he said.

Opposition also came from states like Washington and Oregon, which already regulate private forestry lands and say new regulatory tools are not needed.

Sen. Blanche Lincoln, D-Ark., sponsored legislation to exempt the forestry industry from the rule. Other lawmakers hope to derail the rest of the proposed rule before it takes effect.

The rule proposed last August requires states to submit plans to clean up every waterway that fails to meet water quality standards for fishing, drinking and swimming, among other categories.

EPA estimates more than 20,000 streams and lakes don't meet water-quality standards, or about 40 percent of all lakes, rivers and streams in the nation.

States would be required to say how much pollution should be allowed from indirect

sources, such as farmers or parking lot owners who send polluted runoff into streams.

Landowners would be required to get a pollution discharge permit if the EPA found they were contributing to nearby water quality problems — and if a state had failed to draft an adequate plan for improving water quality.

In a related environmental development affecting Texas, proposed new federal guidelines for protecting endangered species in Central Texas caves may limit development in one of the state's fastest growing regions, affecting thousands of acres.

Under the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service proposal, real estate developers would be asked to set aside at least 69 acres for habitat around the cavernous areas where the bugs are found, according to the Texas Journal of The Wall Street Journal.

Developers had previously set aside as little as three acres.

Environmentalists have argued larger greenbelts are necessary to protect rare spiders and other species sensitive to groundwater pollution and destruction of their environment.

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# N. Korea leader's image is improved

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SEOUL, South Korea — North Korean ruler Kim Jong Il has been accused of being many things over the years: terrorist, womanizer, drunk, recluse, liar, kidnapper. Now he might be a contender for a new, unexpected label: statesman.

At a historic inter-Korean summit in Pyongyang this week, the world is getting its closest look ever at the 58-year-old portly, bespectacled head of one of its most isolated countries.

An image transformation is under way, even if the motives of North Korea's leader are largely a mystery. On Wednesday, chatting with South Korean President Kim Dae-jung before a round of talks, Kim Jong Il complained about Western media portrayals of him as a recluse.

"Western news reports say President Kim's visit helped me out of seclusion," he remarked wryly, drawing laughter from the South Korean, who faced him across a conference table.

The dramatic spectacle of communism's first hereditary successor making a surprise appearance at an airport Tuesday to greet Kim Dae-jung startled many South Koreans who had been accustomed to government reports that portrayed him as a villain.

## Political turmoil, FBI probe of missing nuclear secrets

WASHINGTON — The disappearance of nuclear secrets from a vault at the Los Alamos weapons lab has prompted a criminal investigation and unleashed another torrent of criticism about security at the Energy Department, leaving the Clinton administration scrambling to contain the political fallout.

The FBI, which was brought into the case when the Energy Department learned on June 1 of the disappearance of the nuclear secrets from the New Mexico facility, was conducting a criminal probe. The investigation was expected to focus on some two-dozen individuals who had free access to the highly secured vault where two computer hard drives that contained the nuclear files were kept.

Polygraph tests were expected to begin to be administered to some of the Los Alamos scientists within days, Energy Department officials said.

## Microsoft accuses judge of errors in its appeal

SEATTLE — Microsoft Corp. has won a preliminary victory as it jockeys for position with the Justice Department in the appeal of the software giant's antitrust case.

The U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals said Tuesday that a full complement of its judges would hear Microsoft's appeal at the first opportunity.

The company had asked the appeals court to stay U.S. District Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson's order requiring not only the breakup of the company, but also a number of restrictions on its business practices that are to take effect Sept. 6.

Microsoft also accused Jackson of committing "an array of serious substantive and procedural errors that infected virtually every aspect" of the trial and sentencing in district court.

Jackson last week ordered the company split into two and imposed the business restrictions after finding that Microsoft abused its monopoly over personal computer operating systems to harm consumers and thwart innovation.



**Assembling ride** — Workers were on the job Tuesday afternoon assembling one of the Pride of Texas Shows rides on the midway of the annual Lions Club Carnival. The annual carnival, which is set up on the grounds of the Deaf Smith County Bull Barn, gets under way this evening.

# Study: Exercise cuts stroke risk

CHICAGO (AP) — Women who get 30 minutes of vigorous exercise every day, even just a brisk walk, can reduce their chances of having a stroke by as much as 30 percent, a study says.

The findings, published in Wednesday's Journal of the American Medical Association, were based on six years of data from 72,488 women, ages 40 to 65, who participated in the Harvard-based Nurses Health Study.

The researchers said it is the first large-scale study to link exercise to reducing the risk of stroke, which is the third-leading cause of death in men and women.

Previous studies, such as the surgeon general's 1996 report on exercise, concluded it was unclear whether physical

activity protects against stroke.

The new study found that doing 30 minutes of moderate to vigorous exercise almost every day cut the risk of having an ischemic stroke, the most common type, by 30 percent. The risk of other types of stroke was cut by 20 percent.

"The major public health problem in this nation is sedentary lifestyle," said Dr. JoAnn Manson, one of the study's authors and chief of preventive medicine at Brigham and Women's Hospital. "Walking is the most popular and common form of exercise in middle-age and older women who doesn't start exercising until later in life still has a chance to cut her risk of stroke, Manson said.

# GOP pushes drug legislation bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — House Republicans are pushing forward with plans for legislation meant to make it easier and cheaper for the elderly to get prescription drugs, trying to get ahead of President Clinton on what is bound to be a major election-year issue.

"Hopefully, the White House will work with us and not against us as we walk down this path," said House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Bill Archer, R-Texas.

Committee action on legislation could come as early as next week, Archer said at a hearing Tuesday.

At the hearing, Rep. Bill Thomas, R-Calif., the chief architect, provided details about a bill Republicans are developing that would enlist private insurers to sell government-subsidized and approved prescription drug insurance policies to Medicare beneficiaries.

"We believe the private sector can do a great job," Thomas said, but "the government will be there if necessary."

Republicans highlighted Democratic endorsements for their plan from Reps. Ralph Hall, D-Texas, and Collin Peterson, D-Minn. Most congressional Democrats and President Clinton were critical.

Clinton said Tuesday the Republican plan "claims to help everybody but is a false hope for most."

"If we were in deficit and trying to do this, I would understand why we would say, 'Well, we can't help everybody, so we'll just help a few,'" Clinton said. "But that's not the situation. We can afford to do this right."

"We will withhold judgment on the House Republican proposal until we see its details. Nevertheless, we continue to believe the concept of so-called drug-only private insurance simply would not work in practice," said Chip Kahn, presi-

dent of the Health Insurance Association of America.

Republicans accused Clinton of misrepresenting their plan for political gain. The administration came out with its own proposal more than a year ago. Polls since have shown that adding drug coverage, which was omitted from the original Medicare program created in 1965, has strong public support.

Thomas said the GOP plan would have several provisions designed to ensure that help with drug costs would be available to all older Americans.

## Ventura seeks to lure tourists

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Gov. Jesse Ventura is hoping his big, bald mug will make more tourists want to come to Minnesota.

Ventura, the former professional wrestler known as "The Body," announced an agreement Tuesday with Los Angeles-based Americantours International Inc. to try to expand on the \$10 billion Minnesota takes in annually from visitors.

Americantours figures the state can do more to cash in on Ventura.

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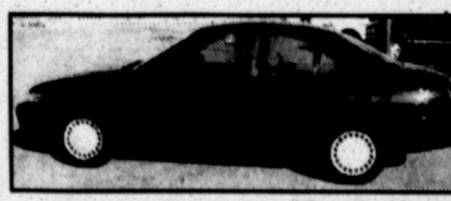
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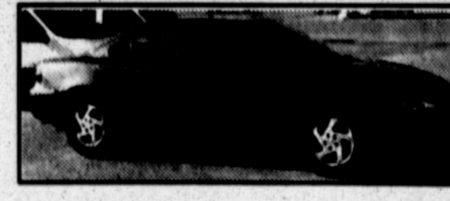
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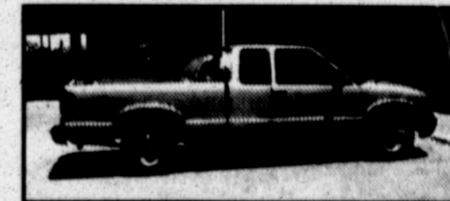
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