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Today's weather OUTLOOK

• Partly cloudy skies •

Tonight: Becoming partly cloudy, lows 50 to 55, southeast winds 5 to 15 mph, becoming southwest.

Wednesday: Partly sunny with a less than 20 percent chance of showers or thunderstorms, highs near 90, south winds 5 to 15 mph.

Wednesday night: A 20 percent chance of evening thunderstorms, otherwise partly cloudy, lows near 60.

• Extended forecast •

Thursday: Partly cloudy, highs near 90.

Friday: Partly cloudy, lows in the mid-50s, highs 85 to 90.

Saturday: Mostly clear, lows in the upper 50s, highs around 90.

• Hereford weather •

Monday's high, 96; low, 60; no precipitation.



• North Texas' dry spell hasn't ended — yet

Rainfall continued early today to be elusive for North Texas, which has now endured 73 full days without measurable precipitation.

A cool front stalled out north of the Dallas-Fort Worth area, producing scattered showers Monday night near the Red River. But forecasters said a chance still existed for the region's longest dry spell ever to end.

Late afternoon thunderstorms developed near a dry line located in West Texas. Further development occurred along an outflow boundary as the system moved into the western areas of North Texas.

Early-morning temperatures ranged from the 60s in the Permian Basin and 70s in the far west to 80s along the Rio Grande and elsewhere.

It was 57 degrees at Dalhart; 74 at Conroe and Houston; 81 at Midland and San Angelo; and 86 at Laughlin Air Force Base in Del Rio.

Winds were mostly southeasterly at about 5 to 10 mph.

Shallow fog developed in Southeast Texas.

The risk of thunderstorms ranged from slight in the northwest to a chance elsewhere, but more numerous in the east, the National Weather Service said.

Showers and thunderstorms should develop in Southeast Texas with an incoming sea breeze. Rain chances also existed for the middle and upper Texas coast as a tropical wave moves westward to the state. More storms could develop from the eastern Permian Basin through the Concho Valley and south into the Big Bend.

Daytime highs were expected in the 90s to near 105 along the Rio Grande. Lows overnight should range from the 50s in the Panhandle and southwestern mountains to 70s in the Big Bend valleys and lower 80s elsewhere.

Jury supports Payne in suit

A jury found Dr. Gerald G. Payne not guilty Friday in the wrongful death and negligence suit brought against him by the family of Marie Hutton Bowen.

Defense attorney Jim Besselman said the case went as he had expected as the jury concluded Payne was not negligent in his treatment of Bowen.

"This was a life situation where a team of doctors, including specialists in Amarillo, made a heroic effort to save a patient in poor health," Besselman said.

Bowen, who died in March 1997 at the age of 73, suffered numerous health problems, including congestive heart failure, arterial sclerosis and renal arterial failure.

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Team

United Way

UW to kick off drive

By Becky Thorn

Hereford Brand Lifestyles Editor

"Team United Way" is the theme for this year's United Way of Deaf Smith County's annual fund-raising campaign.

The kickoff for this year's campaign will be noon Wednesday in the Hereford Community Center, 100 Ave. C.

Serving as co-chairs for the campaign, which continues until Nov. 1, will be Hereford High School coaches Craig Yenser and Brenda Kitten.

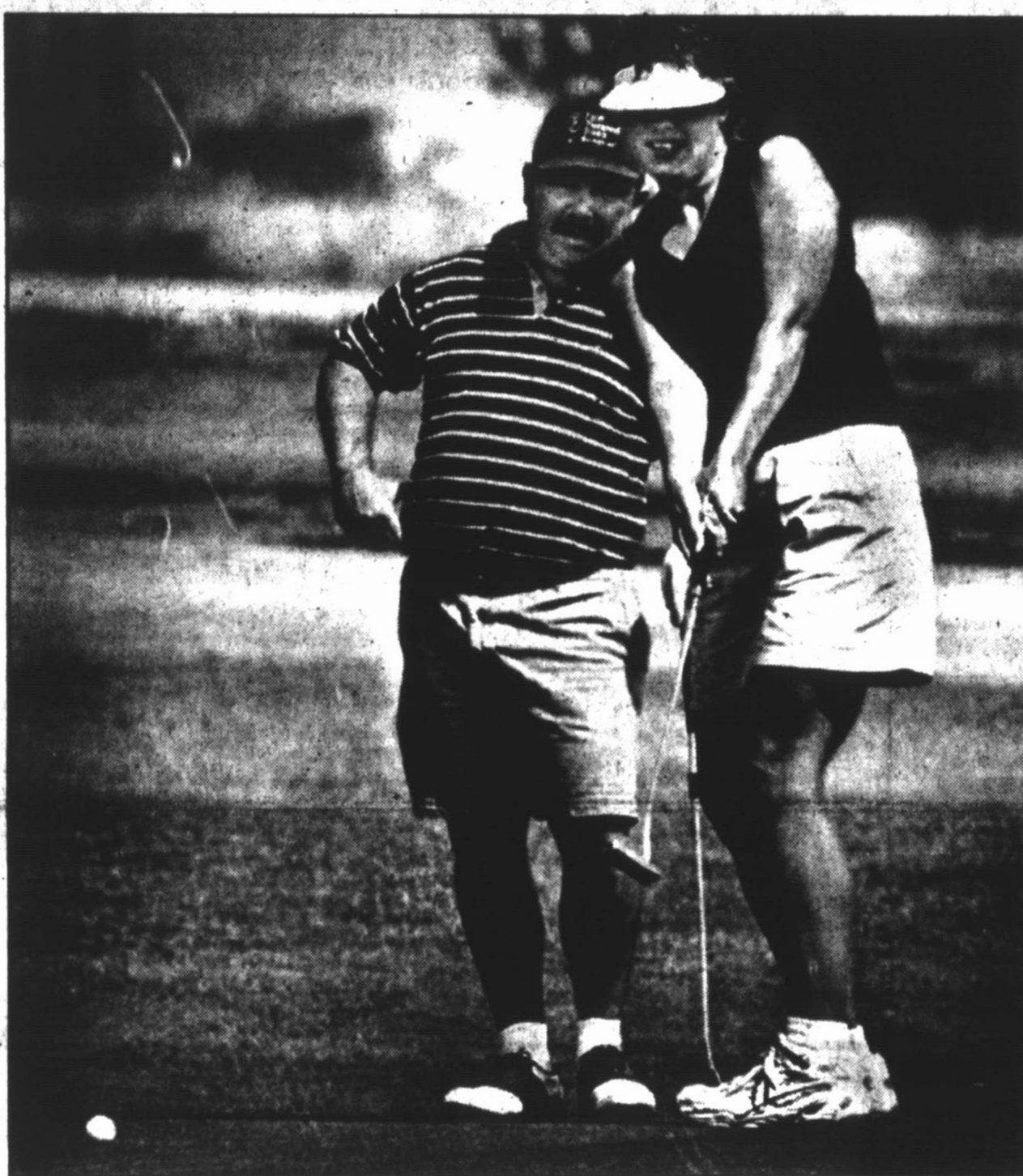
They will be the featured speakers at the kickoff luncheon, which will also include a locally produced video and a performance by

the Mighty Maroon Band. The meal will be catered by K-Bob's at \$6 per person.

During the campaign, volunteers will work the pledge cards while members of the board will make employee presentations in businesses with 10 or more employees. The video will be available for viewing during these presentations.

Volunteers are always needed to help with the campaign and anyone who is interested can call 364-5220 to volunteer.

The goal for the current campaign remains the same as it has been for several years, \$132,000. Last year, only 95 percent of the funds were raised.



Putting tips — Leslie Easley gets some tips on putting from her husband, Wade, during Saturday's Heifers & Bulls golf tournament at John Pitman Municipal Golf Course. The tournament was a benefit for the Hereford chapter of the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Forty-nine teams participated in the annual tournament. Please see story and photos, Page A5.

PUBLIC HEARING

■ Residents express gripes about tax rate, cleanliness, HEDC

By Donald M. Cooper

Hereford Brand Managing Editor

It was a public hearing on the city's proposed tax rate for Fiscal 2001, but the discussion veered into complaints about the county appraisal district, economic development, prisons and city cleanliness.

Six residents were on hand Monday night as the Hereford City Commission conducted the public hearing on the proposed tax rate of 41 cents per \$100 assessed valuation.

In opening the hearing, Hereford Mayor Bob Josseland said the 41-cent rate has been in effect for several years. Although the city is proposing to keep the tax rate at 41 cents, he acknowledged some Hereford residents will get a higher tax bill because their property's value increased following the Deaf Smith County Appraisal District's reassessment of property within the county.

Josseland also acknowledged the city had increased water/sewer fees by 30 percent — in three annual installments of 10 percent — to provide funds to pay for a wastewater treatment plant.

Josseland also noted the effective tax rate for the year ending Sept. 30 is 39.52 cents. The effective tax rate is the rate required to generate the same amount of revenue in the next budget year as it did in the current fiscal year.

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County extends burn restrictions

By Donald M. Cooper

Hereford Brand Managing Editor

Deaf Smith County Commissioners voted Monday to extend indefinitely a restriction on outdoor burning that was implemented last week by County Judge Tom Simons.

Simons signed an order Sept. 5 imposing the restrictions in the county. The order, which was authorized by the Texas Disaster Act of 1975, could remain in effect for no more than seven days without the commissioners'

approval.

In his declaration, Simons noted the county is experiencing very dry conditions, with little prospect of significant rainfall expected.

"Extremely dry conditions pose the threat of large, dangerous and fast-moving wildfires ... the magnitude of the potential damage and the speed at which such fires could escalate to major proportions constitutes an imminent threat of disaster," Simons stated in his order. "The purpose of this order is the mitigation of

the hazard posed by wildfires by curtailing the practice of outdoor burning."

Under the order approved by the commissioners, county residents can burn trash at their residences only between 8 a.m. and noon Saturdays and Sundays, if the wind is less than 10 mph. All other controlled fires must be approved by the fire marshal before the burning.

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DEATH PENALTY

■ Critics fire salvos at governor for his hands-off approach to Texas executions

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. George W. Bush gets criticized for his hands-off approach to state executions, but state law leaves little room for governors to act in these life-and-death decisions.

Supporters say Bush, the Republican presidential nominee, allows the 18-member Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles to do its job freely by maintaining an arm's-length relationship.

"The governor leaves it up to each parole board member to make their own decisions after they review the case. They're an independent body," said Bush spokesman Mike Jones.

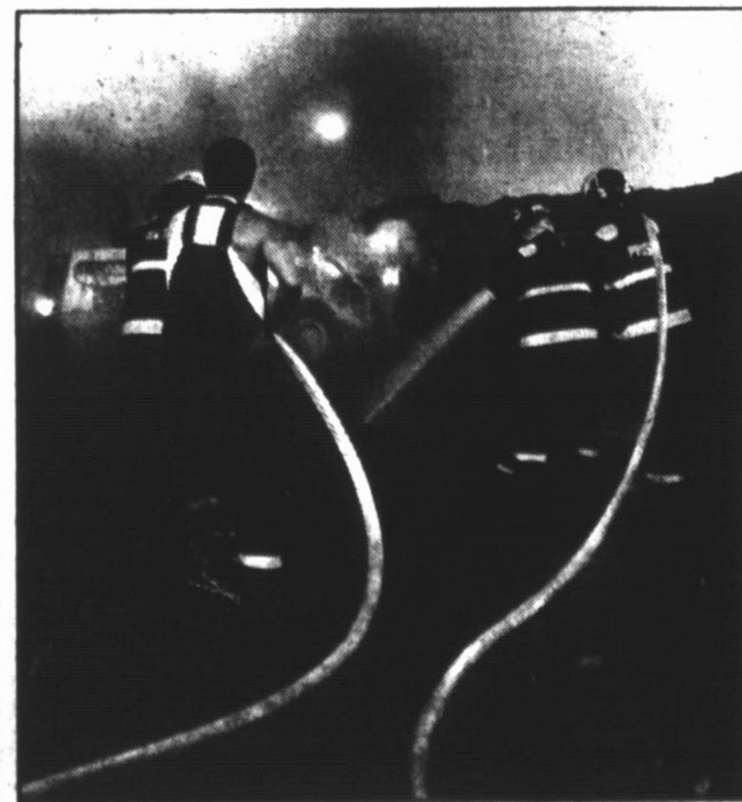
Others contend that Bush does direct the board — through his public statements on executions and his power to appoint members to their six-year, \$80,000-per-year jobs.

All current board members are Bush appointees. "It does seem that they would want to be in line with his way of thinking about it," said Richard C. Dieter, executive director of the Death Penalty Information Center.

Bush has said he supports the death penalty and doesn't believe an innocent person has been executed in Texas during his administration.

David Dow, a University of Houston law professor who represents condemned

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Putting out fire — The moon peeks through the smoke as Hereford firefighters extinguish a blaze Monday evening at Farmers Gin on South Main. The firefighters are afraid there will be fires if the dry conditions continue across the area.

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LIFESTYLES

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La Madre Mia Study Club begins year with fall brunch

La Madre Mia Study Club held its annual brunch to open the new club year Saturday at the home of Mysedia Smith which was decorated in a fall theme with pumpkins and scarecrows.

Co-hostesses for the brunch were Mary Herring, Cindy Cassels, June Owens, Glenda Marcum, Bettye Owen, and Gladys Merritt.

They served breakfast casseroles, figenskaus, fruit plate with

dip, cinnamon rolls, zucchini bread, sparkling apple juice and coffee. The table flowers and decorations continued the fall theme.

Club yearbooks were distributed. Kerry Glidewell prepared the yearbooks and in appreciation, a donation in her honor will be made to the Nazarene Christian Academy.

Plans for the Tour of Homes

which will be Dec. 3 were discussed.

Members present were Carolyn Baxter, Ruth Black, Francyne Bromlow, Merle Clark, Linda Cumpston, Lajeane Henry, Kay Hall, Mary Herring, Betty Lady, Jan Metcalf, Lavon Nieman, Nancy Paetzold, Susan Robbins, Tricia Sims, Georgia Sparks, Betty Taylor, Nicky Walser, Judy Williams, Cassels, Marcum, Merritt, Owens and Smith.

CREATORS SYNDICATE

Ann Landers



Ann Landers

Dear Ann Landers: I recently asked my mother to take care of my 7-year-old daughter, "Shawna," for a few afternoons, because I was unable to get to the day-care center before it closed. All went well for a while, but the second week, Shawna went out to play and unintentionally let my mother's cats out of the house. Mom went running after the cats, fell, and required minor medical care. When I picked up Shawna, Mom told me what had happened. I have never seen her so angry. I apologized and offered to pay the medical bill.

My mother refuses to forgive Shawna, and blames me for not raising her properly. What is worse, Mom has told Shawna that she is no longer welcome in her home. My daughter is heartbroken. This is Mom's only grandchild, and I cannot believe she is being so punitive. Is there something more I can do? The cats are perfectly fine, and my mother was not seriously hurt. I believe she is being too hard on Shawna, but I don't know how to fix it. What do you suggest? — Crushed D.

Dear Crushed: Your mother is overreacting in a big way. By the time this letter appears in print, her skinned knees will have healed, and hopefully, she will be less angry. If she puts Shawna out of her life, I promise you she will regret it. See that your mother reads this column: It could make a big difference in her life.

Dear Ann Landers: May I tell your readers about an incident that taught me a lesson about life?

While driving on the highway to work, I moved into the left lane of traffic. Suddenly, I heard a loud horn beeping. My immediate reaction was to jerk the wheel to the right. I lost control of the car, swerved back and forth, then my car slid into a deep embankment. I felt totally helpless, but thank God, the car didn't tip over. I heard a knock at my win-

dow, and saw a police officer. He was kind and patient, and tried to get my car out of the ditch. A young man going in the opposite direction saw us, pulled over, and ran to help. At the same time, a tow truck appeared, and the driver also offered to push my car. Within minutes, my car was back on the highway, and I was on my way to work.

Ann, I am only 18, and yet I had become rather cynical about people in general. I had come to the conclusion that it was a me-first world. That demonstration of human kindness made me realize most people are pretty decent after all. — Jennifer in Coral Springs, Fla.

Dear Jennifer: I've learned that people often react to the high expectations of others. Expect the best, and more often than not, you'll get it. You were the recipient of a lovely act of kindness. Now, pass it on.

Dear Ann Landers: My older sister has a 16-year-old son with major behavioral problems. He is verbally abusive to his parents, and offensive to everyone else. Last week, he ruined another family gathering with his terrible conduct. It's getting so bad that nobody wants to have him around.

Our extended families get together often, and his presence makes everyone uncomfortable. I'm tempted to exclude him the next time I am the hostess. My mother says there is no way I can do that without hurting my sister. Tell me, Ann, should I hurt

my sister, which I would hate to do, or must everyone else have a lousy time because of this kid? — No Name in Ohio

Dear N.N.: That boy needs help. Tell your sister to get him into counseling before the small problems become serious ones. Do NOT exclude the child. It could make him resentful, and he would learn nothing from the exclusion. It would also be a kindness to your sister not to isolate her son from the family.

An alcohol problem? How can you help yourself or someone you love? "Alcoholism: How to Recognize It, How to Deal With It, How to Conquer It" will give you the answers. Send a self-addressed, long, business-size envelope and a check or money order for \$3.75 (this includes postage and handling) to: Alcohol, c/o Ann Landers, P.O. Box 11562, Chicago, Ill. 60611-0562. (In Canada, send \$4.55.)

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Harder presents program for meeting of Wyche FCE Club

Nutrition was the topic of the program given by Beverly Harder during the Sept. 7 meeting of the Wyche Family Community Education Club in the Hereford Community Center.

Harder, County Extension Agent for Family and Consumer Sciences, asked questions about nutrition, using a television game show format with a buzzer for each "contestant."

Club president Jo Lee presided at the business meeting.

Council delegate Carol Sartain gave her report. She said that three names have been chosen from which the new FCE club name will be selected during the State meeting.

The choices are Texas Extension Volunteer Education Association, Texas Volunteer Extension Association and Texas

Extension Education Association. The Council voted for the delegates to support the third choice.

Results of the quilt ticket sales and crafts and baked goods booth during the Jubilee were reported.

Refreshments were served by hostesses Audrey Rusher and Jo Lee to the guest Harder and to members Thelma Auten, Roxie Cosper, Argen Draper and Sartain.

CREATIVE FAMILY FUN

Donna's Day

By Donna Erickson

Play a game with your kids in which you think of food and recipes named after people. There's Melba toast, named after Nellie Melba, a famous opera singer from the time around the turn of the century; Oysters Rockefeller; Fettuccine Alfredo; and of course Granny Smith.

I don't know if anyone really knows who she is, but her apple is ideal for a simple and quick-to-prepare dessert called Tarte Tatin, named after the French Tatin sisters.

While kids old enough to

handle a peeler or small knife peel and core the apples, tell them that years ago in France, Stephanie Tatin was making a pie in such a hurry that she put the apples in the pan before the pastry. She added the pastry on top so that it wouldn't go to waste. A new caramelized apple pie was created, a yummy recipe your family will enjoy during this apple season.

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In an ovenproof, 10-inch skillet, an adult should heat 1 cup sugar over medium heat until it begins to caramelize. Immedi-

ately place 4 peeled, halved and cored Granny Smith or Golden Delicious apples in the skillet and cook until apples are slightly tender, about 5 minutes.

Turn the apples cut-side-up on the skillet and carefully lay one prepared pie-crust dough over the top to form a slight dome shape. With a spatula, tuck the dough under slightly around the apples and poke several holes in the dough with a fork.

Bake in the oven for 15-20 minutes, until the crust is golden. Remove from the oven and carefully flip it over onto a serving plate, keeping it in one piece. Cool slightly.

Serve warm in slices with a scoop of vanilla ice cream. Note: If you do not have an ovenproof skillet, add the caramelized sugar and cooked apples to a greased pie pan. Cover with pie crust and continue as described above.

*** Write to Donna and share your favorite family activities at her new Web site: www.donnasday.com. Watch "Donna's Day with Donna Erickson" on Odyssey, a Hallmark and Henson Network.



Highlights of our Capitol

President George Washington and Pierre L'Enfant, whom the President had designated to make the plans for Washington, D.C., chose the site for the national capitol atop Jenkins' Hill. Washington laid the cornerstone in a Masonic ceremony on Sept. 18, 1793, but he died before Congress moved into the building in 1800. As part of the

celebration of the Capitol's bicentennial, Los Ciboleros Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution and the U.S. Capitol Historical Society encourage you to learn more about the events that have taken place in the building known worldwide as the symbol of representative self-government.

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6:00 pm - MTWT Instructors: Heather Wilburn & Yvette Gamboa

Support group alleviates forgotten feeling

BEAUMONT, Texas — Sandy Kelley knows most of her friends and family probably assumed someone else was "being there" for her and her husband Paul.

Surely, they must have thought, someone else was calling, sending cards or dropping off plates of brownies to show they cared.

But they weren't. Ever since Paul suffered a stroke in 1997, almost no one has.

That's why Sandy, 48, decided to seek out others who might be struggling through similar situations.

Paul left the house on the morning of Oct. 23, 1997, to go to work at Allied Engineer-

ing and Design, a company he co-founded and was president of. He didn't come home again for 14 months.

He doesn't remember much about that day or the weeks that followed.

"The only thing I remember is the doctor working on me," said Paul, 54. "I don't remember any of what hap-

pened at the office."

In the past three years, he has undergone 13 brain surgeries for damage caused by a hemorrhage that burst on the right hemisphere of his brain and rendered his left side all but paralyzed.

During the first few weeks of Paul's hospital stay, Sandy, his wife of almost 19 years, kept a notebook with the names of his visitors. A typical day would fill an entire page with well-wishers.

But as the weeks wore on, the number of visitors began to dwindle. She stopped keeping tabs in the notebook.

Soon there were no visitors.

Paul came home in December 1999. Since then, he's had few visitors — and even fewer who visit regularly.

That's why, several months ago, she sat down and wrote an open letter to everyone who had neglected to visit.

She knew, she said in the letter, that most of them thought someone else was popping by for the occasional visit with Paul or taking her out to lunch.

The problem was that everyone assumed someone else was doing it.

"What would you say if I told you that you're the example of support we've received? No one has called or been by or brought a casserole more often than you," she read from the letter. "Absolutely no one has offered to stay a few hours with Paul to keep him company more often than you have. You sent the last bouquet of flowers. You brought the last cake and the last pound of brownies. The last card was signed by you."

She sent the letter to only one friend who had offered support. She didn't want to alienate their friends and acquaintances — she just needed to vent.

Although it helped, something was missing. What she

really needed was a sympathetic ear — one that would be able to identify with what she was going through.

For that reason, Sandy, who has a bachelor's degree in social work, contacted Wesley United Methodist Church about starting a support group for others in similar situations. She ran an announcement in the newspaper and put up flyers around town, hoping one or two fellow caregivers would see them and drop by for the organizing meeting on July 17.

That day, 11 showed up. Ruth Snider was among them. Her son, 39-year-old Ken Jr., has cerebral palsy.

Although Ken Jr. lives independently, he still requires help with day-to-day activities such as hygiene, cooking and cleaning. He has an attendant in the morning and early evening, but when he needs someone any other time, he calls Ruth.

"He's such a bright kid," she said. "But, physically, he can't care for himself."

The Beaumont group was not Snider's first support group. Years ago, while living in Kerrville, she joined a similar group in San Antonio.

"It's always been beneficial to sit and share problems with people who really understand," she said. "It can give you the respite you will desperately need."

Snider, 59, said she's gotten more than emotional support from such groups. She's also made important contacts and learned about advancements in technology and therapy that have helped her care for her son.

"I've come across good resources through others," she said. "I've found out about equipment and places to connect (Ken Jr.) with for recreation, health and all kinds of other things."

She found voice-activated computer and telephone sys-

tems and ways to adapt his home so he can open doors and turn on lights.

If she had never involved herself in support groups, Ken Jr. might not have been able to live so independently, Snider said.

Sylvia Marotta, associate professor of counseling at George Washington University, said just having an empathetic ear to vent to can help alleviate some emotional distress.

"One of the things we know about groups is that if you are able to hear others who have the same troubles, it can have a healing effect," she said. "And, if you've shared your story and it has helped others, you've committed an altruistic act, and that is also helpful."

In Kelley's group, members are not obligated to share their stories. If they aren't ready, they are welcome to come just to listen.

"That's very important because a standard, round-robin group where everyone is expected to participate can be very intimidating to a person who is not at that level of readiness," Marotta said. "They should have the freedom to participate or not to participate, especially in the beginning."

The first few years of caring for a loved one can be especially stressful — financially, physically and emotionally.

Kelley said she hopes others find their way to her group's meetings, where they might realize others have shared experiences such as grappling with insurance companies and adapting their homes to accommodate loved ones.

A local care givers support group meets each Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. in the library of King's Manor Methodist Home. Shelly Moss is group facilitator.

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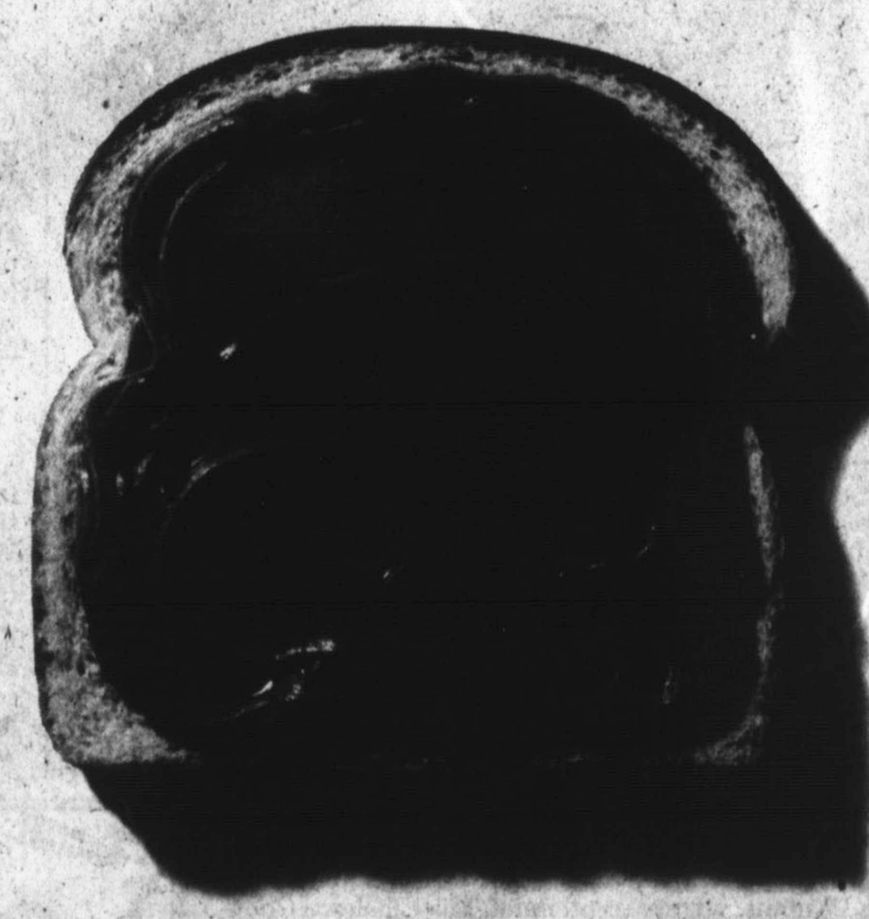
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PUTTING PALS

Doubling up—The Heifers and Bulls Golf Tournament took place this past weekend at the John Pitman Golf Course to help benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation. The event earned more than \$14,000 for the foundation. Teams were made up of one male and one female each. Forty-nine teams participated in the golf tournament. Jerry and Linda Stevens (above) watch one of their putts lip around and out of the hole during Saturday's golf event. The Stevens' finished second in the championship flight of the tournament with a total score of 165.

The event also featured an auction where several unique golf items were auctioned off to the highest bidder. A Tiger Woods replica golf bag was auctioned off for \$7,800 which went to the Make-A-Wish Foundation. (Photos by Mauri Montgomery)

Get in the hole!



Tourney raises \$14,000

Tiger's golf bag replica catches big bid

The 2000 Heifers and Bulls Golf Tournament concluded this past weekend at the John Pitman Golf Course.

The tournament was sponsored by Stevens Five Star Car & Truck Center to benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation and had 49 teams from around the Panhandle.

The annual Hereford event raised an excess of \$14,000 for the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Much of the money raised was a result of a Tiger Woods and Buick replica golf bag going for \$7,800 in an auction.

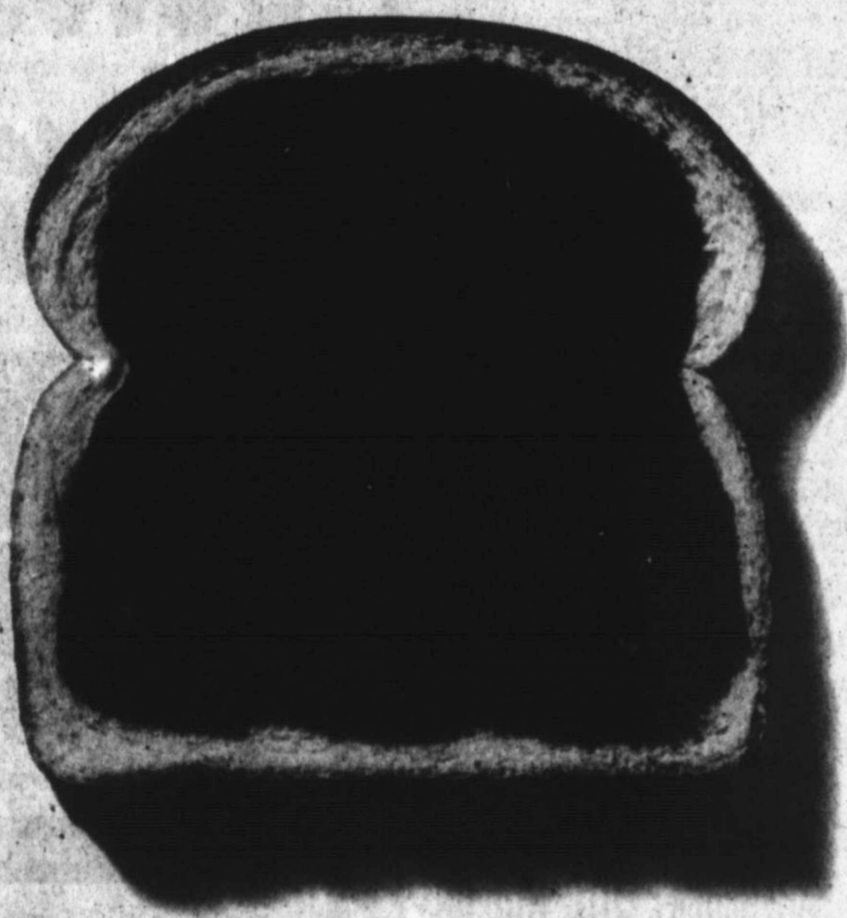
The only Hereford residents who placed in the golf tournament were Jerry and Linda Stevens who combined for a round of 125 to place second in the championship flight.

The duo came in one shot behind the Amarillo team of Walker and Walker who shot a 61 and a 63 for a 124. The team of Thompson and Spuier came in third with a score of 129.

Other winners in the tournament include Smith and Smith in the first flight with a total score of 131, Pingle and Pingle in the second flight with a total score of 138, the Garlands in the third flight with a combined round of 144 and the Mershons with a total of 152.

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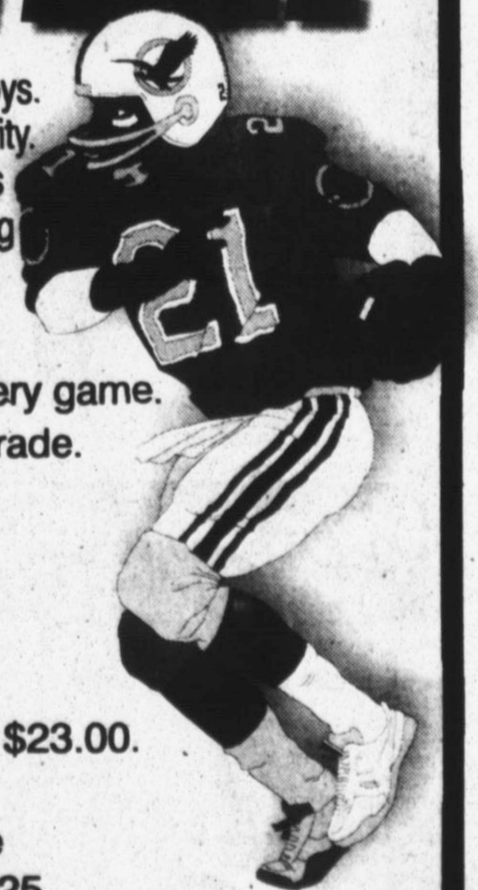
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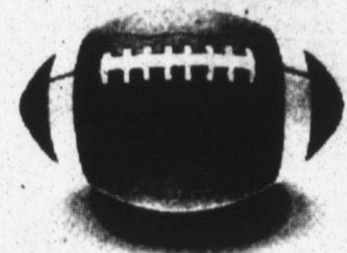


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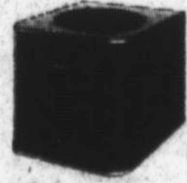


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COOLING OFF



Cooling down—Two tennis players take a breather during the district tournament held in Hereford this past weekend. The team will have cooler temperatures today when they host Amarillo Caprock at the Hereford High courts at 4 p.m.

BRAND/Jeff Blackmon

Hereford cross country excels

The Hereford Whiteface cross country teams came away with top finishes this past weekend at their meet in Plainview.

The Lady Whitefaces came in second with 67 points while the boys placed fourth with a total of 101 points.

Leading the way for the girls was senior Brionne Yosten who edged out Amarillo High's Stephanie Sharp for first place individually. Yosten beat Sharp with a time of 12 minutes 45 seconds, eight seconds ahead of Sharp. Helping the Lady Herd was also Ruby Crox who placed sixth with a time of 13:35, and Shari High who came in 12th place with a time of 14 minutes 5 seconds.

Other results from the women's team included Amy Crox's 24th place finish, and Anne Lopez's placed 30th.

The Hereford boys placed fourth overall behind Canyon, Clovis and Palo Duro. Anthony Gonzalez led the men with his ninth place finish with a time of 17 minutes 53 seconds.

Jose Ozuna also helped the Herd finishing 15th in the meet with a time of 18 minutes and 9 seconds.

Other results for the Hereford men include Raymond Castillo's 26th place finish, and Carlos Perez's 32nd place finish. The cross country team next will travel to Clovis on Saturday.

Isaacson leads team

The Hereford High School tennis team hosted Pampa Saturday only to watch their district rivals take the tournament 18-1.

The team saw their only match win come off a two set victory from senior Ivory Isaacson against Pampa's Brittany Kendall.

The next tournament for the team is this afternoon at 4 p.m. when they host Amarillo Caprock.

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Lady Herd bounces Pampa

Team plays Caprock tonight

The Hereford Lady Whitefaces disposed of Pampa 16-14, 15-0 on Saturday to improve to 17-5 and 2-0 in district.

In the win, head coach Brenda Kitten said she felt like her team did lots of things to dominate the games including hitting the ball hard.

"I think our hitters are getting better," Kitten said. "That was a big area of concern for us for a while."

The team held on to win the first set after battling the Lady Harvesters. A big block by junior middle blocker Michelle Bernhardt and junior middle blocker Kali Hall put the Lady Herd up 11-8 in the first set, but Pampa battled back to get within two points 13-11.

With Pampa serving, senior outside hitter Ashley Fangman had a big kill to put the team up 14-11. Pampa again fought back to get the score to 14-14, but

Hereford High rallied for two points to win 16-14.

Kitten said the first game win showed the character of her team.

"I think we worked our way through when it was getting tough in that first game," Kitten said. "We hung on and didn't take our head out of the game when things weren't going well."

"I'm happy with how well we hung in there," Kitten said.

The second game was a different story for Hereford. The Lady Whitefaces came out determined to shut down Pampa and did just that, winning the second game 15-0. Kitten said she believed her team saw the second game as another chance to play the way they should have in the first game.

"I felt like we were thankful we had a second chance," Kitten said. "I think then (the second game) we were prepared."

Kitten said she also felt her team came out with emotion in

the second game. In the first game, the coach said her team lacked the excitement for a volleyball game.

"I don't think our stomachs were excited too much," Kitten said. "You have got to have that when you step into a district ball game."

"I understand there are times when you go to play a game and don't put a lot of emotion into it, but we can't ever step onto the court with no emotion," Kitten said.

Leading the way for the Lady Whitefaces was Bernhardt who had nine kills for the afternoon. Sophomore middle blocker Sarah Griffin had eight kills while Hall had seven and Fangman totaled five.

Sophomore designated setter Catherine Beville had 29 sets for the team, and junior setter McKenzie Tabor had 18 sets.

The team will be in action against Amarillo Caprock at the

junior high gym tonight.

The JV gets underway at 6

p.m., and the varsity will begin at 7 p.m.

English wins contest

This week's Hereford Brand Football Contest winner was Mary English.

English only missed four games for the week.

Second place went to Gayle Cotten who missed only five games with a tie-breaker score of 53.

Joani Guyer also only missed five games but placed third with her tie-breaker score of 40.

Three other contestants missed five games last week. The week's total number of

participants was 112, and the total tie-breaker score was 53.

This week's first, second and third place winners are now eligible for the \$1,000 grand prize given out at the end of the season.

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EQUIPMENT: Girls will have to supply their own shoes and kneepads (optional). Only tennis shoes will be permitted for play and practice.

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Television/Comics

Table for Tuesday, September 12. Columns show time slots (6 PM to 11 PM) and program titles including News, Early Edition, Frasier, and various movies.

Table for Wednesday, September 13. Columns show time slots (12:30 to 5:30) and program titles including Bowling, Mega Bab, Days-Lives, and various movies.

Table for Wednesday, September 13. Columns show time slots (7 AM to 12 PM) and program titles including Seaside Street, Today, Bear, and various movies.

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The Commissioners Court of Deaf Smith County, Texas, will hold a public hearing on said budget on September 18, 2000, at 9 AM in the Commissioners' Courtroom on the second floor of the Courthouse. Any and all persons are invited to attend and have opportunity to be heard concerning the budget.

Placed for publication in the Hereford Brand and posted on the Courthouse notice board this 7th day of August, 2000.

LEGAL NOTICE

The Hereford Independent School District will be accepting Competitive Sealed Proposals until 2:00 P.M., September 15, 2000 at 601 N. 25 Mile Avenue, Hereford, Texas in the office of the Business Manager for the following item:

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Russian general is shot

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News digest

NAZRAN, Russia — Chechen rebels shot and seriously wounded a top Russian general and killed six other soldiers in a series of daring ambushes in Russian-held areas of the republic, officials said Tuesday.

Once again demonstrating their ability to strike behind Russian lines, the rebels shot up Maj. Gen. Anatoly Mikh's car on Monday on the outskirts of Gudermes, the headquarters of Chechnya's pro-Russian administration, spokesman Sergei Yastrzhembsky said.

Mikh was hit by five bullets. His driver and an officer were also wounded. Key votes on China trade bill scheduled

WASHINGTON — Supporters of major legislation to permanently normalize trade with China girded for a key vote on linking trade relations to China's obeying weapons proliferation agreements.

Sens. Fred Thompson, R-Tenn., and Robert Torricelli, D-N.J., on Monday proposed an amendment to the trade bill outlining sanctions on foreign companies and nations that deal in weapons of mass destruction. The amendment is opposed by both the administration and Senate backers of the trade bill, who argue that unilateral sanctions don't work and that approval of any amendment could block passage this year.

Presley is named to MGM board

SANTA MONICA, Calif. — Actress Priscilla Presley, already on the board of Elvis Presley Enterprises, has been named to the board of directors of Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer.

A successful actress and author, Presley, 55, is best known as the ex-wife of rock 'n roll pioneer Elvis Presley and mother of his only child, Lisa Marie. As co-executor of Presley's estate since 1979, she has been credited with helping maintain the singer's musical legacy and putting his estate on solid financial footing with tours of his Graceland Mansion and licensing and merchandising of Elvis memorabilia, as well as music publishing and video projects related to his life.

She has appeared in the "Naked Gun" movies and in television roles on "Dallas," "Melrose Place," "Touched By an Angel" and "Spin City." Presley also wrote the best-selling book "Elvis and Me."



Getting it ready — The Mize brothers, (from left) Les, Bruce and Mark, pump water out of the sewer line in the 400 block of South 25 Mile Avenue, as they prepare to install fiber-optic telephone lines for Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. The Mizes operate Public Utilities Co. of Mobeetie.

FUEL PROTESTS

Angry Europeans take to the streets to force governments to slash taxes on fuel

LONDON (AP) — Protesters and union leaders called for European governments to slash fuel taxes, vowing Tuesday to widen demonstrations that have snarled traffic, blockaded refineries, led hospitals to cut back on ambulance services and prompted motorists to stock up on gasoline.

Truckers, taxi drivers, farmers, tour operators and others who claim that high oil prices are hurting their businesses protested in Britain, Belgium, the Netherlands, France and Germany.

"These guys are doing it to save their livelihoods," said Mike Salmon, of the British Road Haulage Association, representing protesting truck drivers.

Across Britain, thousands of gas stations were closed and tanker fleets were at a standstill. Some hospital patients faced delayed surgeries as ambulances were put on an emergency-only schedule.

Prime Minister Tony Blair canceled a planned trip to the north to hold emergency meetings with key ministers. Queen Elizabeth and her senior advisers gave the government the go-ahead to employ emergency measures, but officials had not specified what those might be.

In Belgium, truckers intensified their protests by blockading gasoline depots, disrupting freeway traffic and maintaining a stranglehold on main thoroughfares in the capital, Brussels.

Truckers also slowed traffic on a freeway linking Brussels with the northern port of Antwerp. The main freeway to Luxembourg was jammed and the highway from Brussels to the French city of Lille was blocked.

Negotiations between road haulage unions and the Belgian government were to resume after breaking up Monday evening.

Truckers in the Netherlands set up roadblocks on five major freeways on the second day of unorganized protests.

In the western German city of Saarbrücken, more than 200 trucks, buses and taxis drove honking their horns through the center of town, near the French border. Rallying in front of the state parliament building, the protesters demanded that an energy tax imposed by the Social Democratic-led government be repealed.

The protesters want their governments to follow the French lead in granting concessions.

Both the British and German governments said they would not do so. The handful of French protests Tuesday were held by shopkeepers and professionals who claimed to have been cut out of the deal.

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DAILY CRYPTOQUOTES

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

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ELECTION 2000

Bush trying out his new style

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP) — His new more personal campaign style on display, George W. Bush greeted the breakfast crowd at a local diner to start a day devoted to pressing his health care plan for seniors in a key electoral state he once considered a sure win.

The Republican presidential nominee's brother, Jeb, is Florida governor. And both houses of the Legislature are controlled by the GOP. Bush finds himself having to beat back a familiar Republican foe here — Democratic charges that seniors would lose health benefits under the GOP agenda.

Bush said today that his plan would "leave the Medicare system in place ... but offer additional choices for seniors beyond the current system, additional choices just like federal employees get."

"That stands in contrast to my opponent, who says you're going to be part of a government HMO, that's the only option you have," he told ABC's "Good Morning America."

Later, at Florida Hospital's cancer institute in Orlando, Bush met with doctors and cancer patients and said Medicare has failed to sufficiently cover new treatments and to

give doctors the options they need to care for cancer patients. "Our Medicare system needs to be reformed," he said.

Bush was sidetracked from his health care message when, arriving in Orlando, he was hit with questions about a Republican Party ad that quickly flashes the word "rats" on the screen while forming the word "bureaucrats" to criticize Democratic nominee Al Gore's health plan. Bush said he took the admaker's word that it wasn't intended as a subliminal message, and noted that the ad already was scheduled to go off the air today.

Gore pushing teacher accountability

MIAMISBURG, Ohio (AP) — Seeking to reclaim a traditional Democratic issue, Al Gore and running mate Joe Lieberman conceded there are "some similarities" between their education proposals and rival George W. Bush's plan, but promoted their ideas as far more sweeping.

"What we're proposing is a comprehensive approach that focuses on the classroom," Gore told middle school students in Miamisburg Tuesday. "The difference is we start with accountability, we don't end with accountability." Gore and Lieberman rumbled across southern Ohio in separate yellow school buses, touting the \$170 billion they would pour into education. Gore strategists were worried that Republican presidential nominee Bush, who also talks often about schools, has made inroads on the issue that have

shown up in their internal polling.

"The amount we would invest in schools is far, far greater than that from the other side," Gore said.

Bush spokesman Dan Bartlett ridiculed the bus caravan and the proposals as nothing new.

"If Al Gore's school bus is anything like his education proposal it will have four flat tires," Bartlett said. "Al Gore's education plan is more of the status quo."

Gore and Lieberman promoted their plan to give a bonus to teachers who agree to work in high-need areas but also returned to their theme that classroom discipline needs to be improved. One student told Gore that youngsters need to be protected from violent movies and video games, and Gore dismissed critics who worry that cracking down on

entertainment violence raises free speech issues.

"They just don't understand the truth of it. That's a big problem," Gore said.

While promoting new programs to help students from preschool to college, Gore and Lieberman were also focusing on requiring teachers to be accountable and meet tough new standards.

"It's more than just putting money in, you have to have results," Gore told students, parents and teachers on a bus rolling toward Middletown. "If you want to get more out of the schools, you have to measure the performance."

It was a balancing act for the Democratic ticket. The vice president and Lieberman are backed by the politically potent teacher unions, based largely on their call for hiring new teachers and boosting their pay.

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The 41-cent rate this year generated \$1,119,456 in property tax revenue. The 39.52-cent rate, which would represent a decrease of 1.48 cents, would generate \$1,117,358.

The city's tax base for the year 2000 was put at \$282,710,576, up \$9,672,527 from 1999.

By holding the 41-cent rate, Jossierand said the city should realize an additional \$40,000, which he said will be used in the wastewater treatment plant project.

Herb Vogel criticized the proposed rate, saying his taxes are being increased by the city, county and Hereford Independent School District. He also said he expects the Deaf Smith County Hospital District also will adopt a tax rate that will cause his tax bill to increase.

"I don't know how much more we can take with drought and the ag situation," Vogel said. He said he believes the city should reduce spending, saying he is certain there are areas that could be trimmed.

Vogel also said there are problems in the city, especially along U.S. Highway 60, with litter and other eyesores.

"If the city would just clean up along there, maybe we could get some industry in town," he said.

Jossierand said there are some areas that do need to

be cleaned up, but all of the city's residents need to help.

Nell Norvell said she has done everything she can to keep her property "respectable," which she said resulted in a higher valuation and a bigger tax bill.

"I live on a limited income, so where am I going to get money to pay for it? Do I use my savings to pay for it? For what? What am I supposed to do?" she said. "Maybe if I didn't keep my place clean, I wouldn't have to pay more taxes."

Rachel Ueckert asked why industries and businesses don't come to Hereford, saying residents read about prospects coming to town, then choosing another location, citing Wal-Mart's decision not to open a store in Hereford.

Jossierand disagreed emphatically, saying the city pursued Wal-Mart vigorously.

Ueckert also urged the city to pursue a prison, saying she is a native of McAlester, Okla., which is home to the main Oklahoma penitentiary. She said a prison is a good industry, generating many jobs and boosting a local economy.

Jossierand agreed, saying representatives of the city, county, school district and hospital district already have met to discuss how to try to get a prison placed in this area if the state follows through on a recommendation to build three

new facilities. Jossierand also said there is an effort to work with Castro and Parmer counties in a cooperative effort to help boost the prospects.

The commissioners also were asked what Hereford is getting for the half-cent sales tax that provides funding for the Hereford Economic Development Corp.

Commissioner Wayne Winget praised the HEDC, saying the organization is working hard to bring new businesses into the community.

Jossierand said the HEDC is helping the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication program open an office in the former Southwest Public Service Co. building on New York Avenue.

"It's better to get some of these little things," Jossierand said. "Pampa went out and spent \$600,000 on a bus manufacturing deal that went belly up almost immediately. They're stuck with paying off a big loan. ... We're not doing that, we trying to be conservative and pick something that will benefit all of Hereford."

"We need to appreciate the people who sit on the HEDC board. They catch a lot of static because they haven't hit a home run, but they haven't spent all of your money — it's still there in the bank," Jossierand said.

The commissioners will adopt the tax rate and budget at their Sept. 18 meeting.

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Testimony began Wednesday and included Hereford physician Duffy McBrayer's testimony that Payne had acted in an appropriate fashion and had tended to Bowen's health problems in a reasonable fashion.

Testimony continued Thursday and Friday with family members, geriatric physicians and the presentation of documents regarding Payne's reprimands from the Hereford Regional Medical Center and Texas State Board of Medical Examiners.

However, the jury found Payne not guilty of wrongful death or negligence.

Besselman stated there had never been a monetary demand by they family, nor did his client ever offer money to settle out of court.

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Violators are subject to a \$1,000 fine and up to six months in jail.

The policy will remain in effect until rescinded by the commissioners.

A request from Hereford Economy Lodging Inc. also for a five-year, 50 percent tax abatement also was rejected by the commissioners.

The tax abatement for the firm which plans to build a 33-unit Super 8 Motel on a tract of land just north of the Hereford Independent School District Administration Building had been recommended by the Tax Abatement Board.

At a public hearing on the request Aug. 28, opposition to the request was expressed by Cyndie Isaacson, owner of the Best Western Red Carpet Inn, who contended the tax break would give her competitor an unfair advantage.

Mike Miller, also opposed the abatement, saying it is

unfair to existing retail establishments, and Lawrence Brorman said the abatement would penalize the local school district.

Figures provided by the Deaf Smith County Appraisal District showed Hereford Economy Lodging would save \$62,503 if the county, City of Hereford and Hereford Independent School District abated taxes for five years.

In the vote to grant the abatement, Commissioners Johnny Latham and Sammy Gonzales supported the tax break, while Commissioners Troy Don Moore and Wayne Betzen opposed it. Because Simons was absent, the tie vote was in effect a rejection of the request.

Moore said the request may be reconsidered when Simons is available to cast a tie-breaking vote.

In other business, the commissioners:

- Accepted a bid of \$4,557 from Leroy Rea of the Bushland area for a 150-ton Dake hydraulic press;

- Accepted a bid from Goodin Fuels Inc. to supply fuel for the county during Fiscal 2001. Goodin, which is the current vendor, submitted a bid of 84 cents per gallon, a half-cent increase over Fiscal 2000;

- Heard a request from County Librarian Rebecca Walls about the disposal of the library's card catalogue furniture. She said two individuals have expressed interest in the items. The commissioners directed Walls to put the matter on the agenda for the next meeting; and

- Agreed to switch the county's long-distance telephone service to Southwestern Bell Co. Under the proposal, the county will pay 5½ cents per minute within the area and 7 cents outside.

Executions

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inmates, suggests both Bush and his Democratic predecessor, Ann Richards, have used the parole board "as an excuse to avoid having to make a tough, moral decision."

In Texas, the governor can only issue a one-time, 30-day reprieve or act on a recommendation of the parole board to grant a stay, commute a sentence or issue a pardon. Those limits evolved from a pardons scandal in the 1920s and are aimed at preventing a governor from granting continuous reprieves.

Since Bush became governor in 1995, the state has executed 143 people, including 32 this year. Texas has executed 231 people in the past two decades, the most in the nation.

Three more executions are scheduled before the Nov. 7 presidential election, includ-

ing that of high-profile inmate Ricky Nolen McGinn on Sept. 27.

Bush granted a 30-day reprieve for McGinn in June — the only reprieve he has granted as governor — so that further DNA testing could be done. But the tests failed to clear McGinn in the rape and murder of his 12-year-old stepdaughter.

Bush never has witnessed an execution. For the most part, he limits his role to privately quizzing his attorneys about cases, aides say.

Unlike Richards, who met with her general counsel about executions, Bush has met with the staff lawyers who studied condemned inmates' cases, said Jim Sallans, a former staff attorney who reviewed death row cases for both governors. Sallans left after Bush's first term.

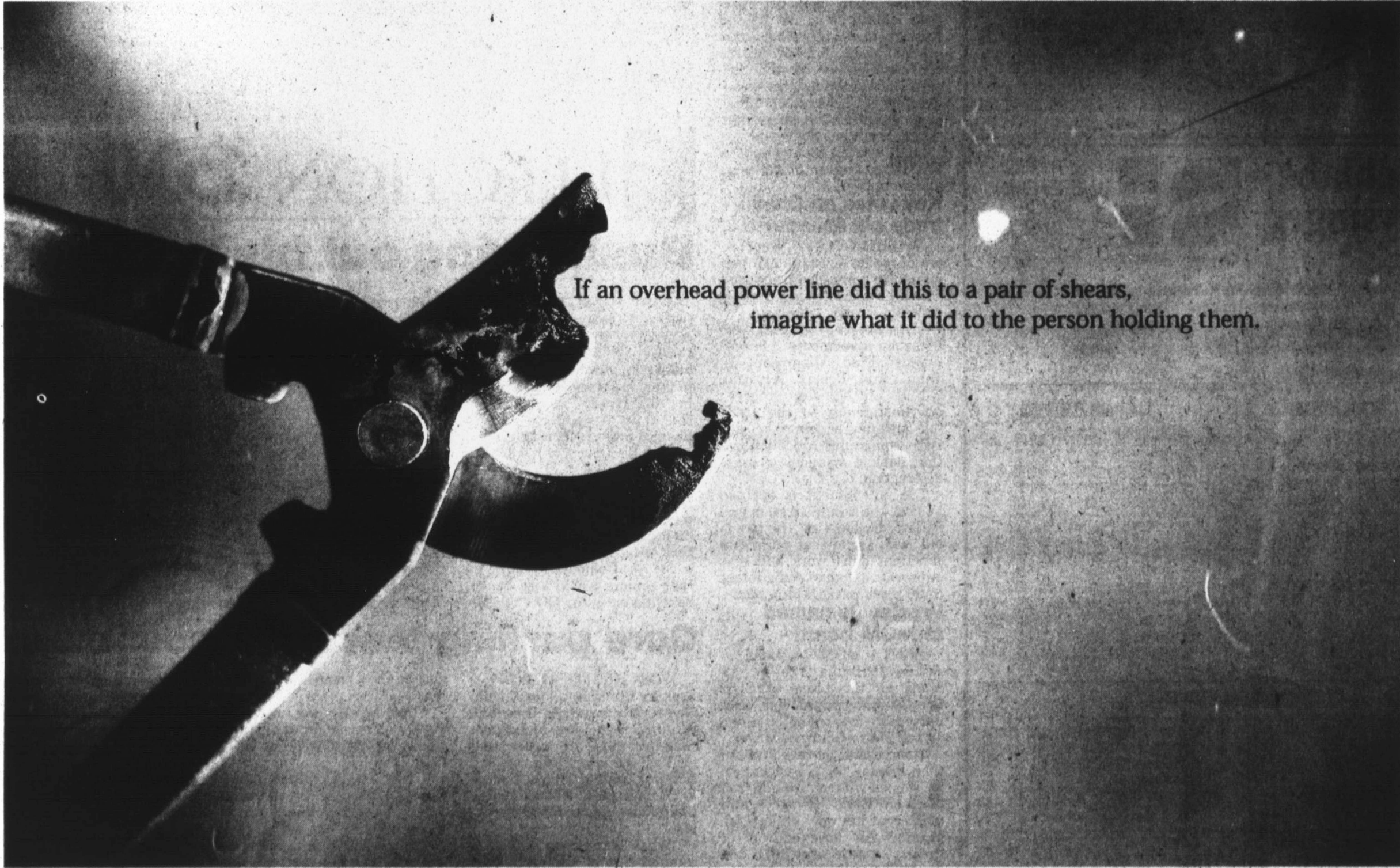
Bush would read the lawyer's memo — about three to four pages — and talk with the attorney, usually from 15 minutes to 45 minutes but perhaps up to two hours, Sallans said.

Ultimately, Sallans said, Bush would ask: "OK, Did he do it? Did he get a fair trial?"

Bush did not try to instruct the board how to vote, he said.

Gerald Garrett, the board chairman, said Bush takes a hands-off approach with members, telling them, "in essence, make the right decision and if there is political fallout, so be it."

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