

LIFESTYLES

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Future father-in-law should be flexible

Dear Ann Landers: I am a divorced man whose son is being married in a few months. My future daughter-in-law (I'll call her "Marie"), has suggested that for propriety's sake, she would like to seat me at the table with my daughter, her fiance — and my former wife. Marie says that since neither of us has remarried and we do not have significant others, this would be socially acceptable.

My ex-wife and I have been divorced for 25 years. We have communicated only when family emergencies demanded that we do so. To put it tactfully, we have not been "chummy." I contested the divorce and paid a ton of money in court costs when I had to sue her in order to see my children.

I do not hate the woman any longer, Ann, but I don't want to look like a fool in front of the family and friends. Incidentally, I am paying for the entire wedding and all the festivities. Please give me some advice on the proper seating. — East Coast Inquirer

Dear Inquirer: Most etiquette books will tell you that divorced parents do not sit together at the reception. And since you are paying for "the entire wedding and all festivities," you are, in my opinion, the legendary 600-pound gorilla. You can sit wherever you want to.

However, instead of throwing your weight around, I hope you will tell your future daughter-in-law that you are willing to be seated wherever she chooses to put you, even if it means sitting with your ex-wife. Marie will, I'm sure, appreciate your flexibility and generosity of spirit. You will not look like a fool to your family and friends. You will look like a loving and gracious father, and people will marvel at your forgiving and tolerant attitude. You won't regret it.

Dear Ann Landers: This is in response to "Daughters in Turmoil," who are worried that their alcoholic, widowed father is being taken advantage of by a series of no-goodnik pals. One borrowed money from him and disappeared. Another turned his house into a drug haven. The current boarder acts like he owns the place. Now, the father is in the hospital and helpless. You said the daughters need to take over and see that Dad is protected.



Ann Landers

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You are wrong, Ann. Alcoholics should reap what they sow. Dad is 68, and has a right to a companion, regardless of how creepy the guy is. At least this latest freeloader is giving him some kind of attention. Those daughters have no business interfering. They may not approve of their father's companions, but if he doesn't want their assistance, they should butt the heck out. If he self-destructs, so be it. It isn't worth the stress and aggravation to try to "save" him when he doesn't want to be saved. — Been There in New York

Dear N.Y.: Wake up and smell the bourbon. The girl's alcoholic father is in the hospital and helpless. He has had a series of exploitive, even dangerous bums living with him. The man we are talking about is their father. It is their moral responsibility to do whatever they can to help him.

Your signature says you have "been there." I don't know where you've been, but if you had an alcoholic father and didn't make an attempt to help him, you broke one of the Ten Commandments. Yes, you should "honor" your father by trying to help him, even if he is a drunk. Rethink this one, please.

Gem of the Day (Credit B. Gwinn in Chicago): All families should have three children. In case one turns out to be a genius, there will be two others to support him.

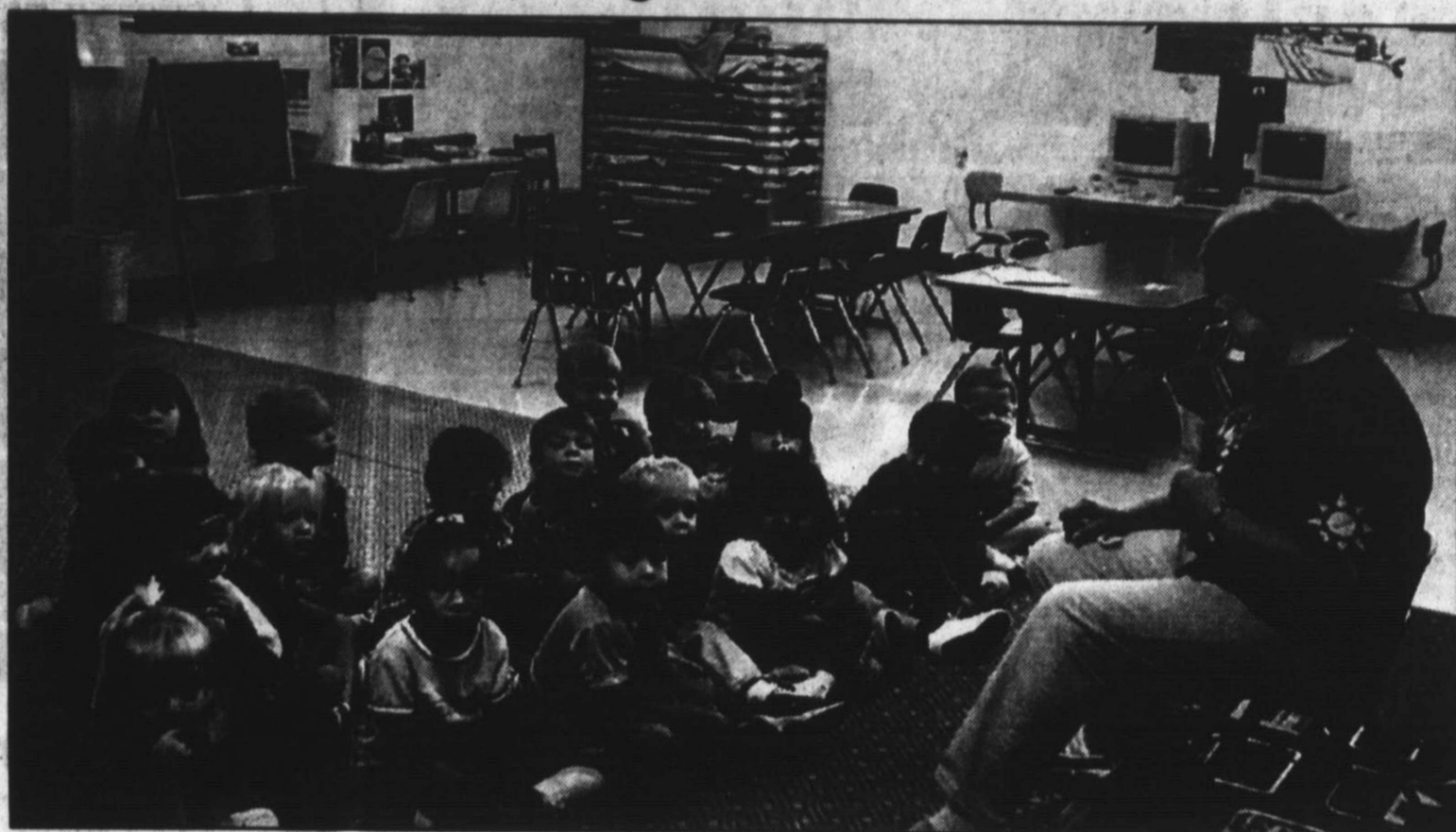
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Nana Puddin!

Story Time



Hereford Day Care boys and girls, ages 2 and 3, enjoy "Story Time" with Sue Cherry, services coordinator from the Deaf Smith County Library. September and the beginning of a new school year launches another "Story Time" for preschool and kindergarten children.

'Unknown Patriot' is topic of presentation given at meeting of Los Ciboleros DAR

Helen Rose gave a talk on George Mason of Delaware, "The Unknown Patriot," at the Sept. 14 meeting of Los Ciboleros Chapter NSDAR in the Heritage Room of the Deaf Smith County Library.

Rose reported that while Mason took an active part in writing the Constitution, he objected to the provisions for centralization of power and no bill of rights, and he refused to sign the document. But because of his strong beliefs we have the first 10 amendments to the Constitution: The Bill of Rights.

Regent Patricia Robinson presided at the business meeting. She led the opening ritual, assisted by chaplain pro-tem Mary Williamson. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Nell Norvell, the Americans Creed by Margaret Bell, and the preamble to the Constitution by Jo Solomon.

Charlotte Clark have the President General's message and Rose gave the national Defense report and the Constitution Highlight.

Reports included the American History Essay Contest, Constitution Week and Korean War Commemorative committees.

On Sept. 27 at 2:30 p.m. the commemorative flag will be flown at the Courthouse in Dimmitt and

on Oct. 12 at 2:30 a commemorative service will be held at the Friona City Park Memorial Marker.

Present at the meeting were guests Margaret Fuhrmann and Becky Thorn and members Argen Draper, Bell, Clark, Norvell, Robinson, Rose, Solomon and Williamson.

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AQUATIC PAVILION Sunday, September 24, 5:00-7:00 Amy Perez	SE DAMERON BRIDGE AREA Tuesday, September 26, 5:00-11:00 Ada Smith

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SPORTS

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Herd braces for Frenship

■ Hodges and Briles get ready for QB showdown

By Jeff Blackmen

Hereford Brand Sports Editor

The Panhandle's game of the week is only a day away.

The sixth ranked Hereford Whitefaces travel to Wolforth-Frenship Friday night to take on the best in class 4A in the Frenship Tigers.

Boys Athletic Director and head football coach Craig Yenser said his team was down about the loss to Tascosa, but with a big 28-7 win against Big Spring last Friday he said he believes his team got up from the Rebels' punch and is maturing.

"We had a big goal line stand against Big Spring, and as the game went on you could see our confidence grow," Yenser said. "We're still young, and we still need to improve though."

Yenser said he is interested in seeing how his team handles last week's success in Friday's game. The coach is quick to point out though that the season is still young, and that the team doesn't want a repeat of week one.

"It'll be interesting to see how we handle a little bit of success and if we learned our lesson," Yenser said. "We had some things going good for us at the beginning, and we didn't handle that very well."

Even with all of the hype surrounding the match up, Yenser said the game does not matter much to his team.

"Certainly it would be nice to play well and to win, but it is not the top of line thing we need to do to have a successful season," Yenser said. "All we want to do this week is

make ourselves better."

The Whitefaces face a Frenship team that has posted big numbers in its first three games. The Tigers beat Canyon High two weeks ago 47-20 and knocked off top ranked Lamesa 62-35. Yenser said his team can not worry about what Frenship and senior star quarterback Kendal Briles will do but instead should concentrate on themselves.

"We can't sit around and say, 'We have to stop Briles,'" Yenser said. "He is going to get his yards, but it is how he gets them that is the key."

"We don't want to center on one person, but we don't want to allow him to get into a quick rhythm," Yenser said.

The coach said last week his team had to look at themselves mentally, but this week they can just play football and get better at their techniques.

"This week is going to be more technical," Yenser said. "This is a fun week, because we can just work on football."

"When you get the mental edge, you start really getting better," Yenser said.

Much of the focus of the game has been on Hereford senior quarterback Cody Hodges and Briles. The two players are considered at the top of the talent pool in the Panhandle. Hodges says he is looking forward to the challenge.

"I met him at quarterback camp and he was telling me to get ready for week three," Hodges said. "I guess it has been in my mind, but I don't want to put too much emphasis on this game personally."

"I can't control what he does, and he can't control what I do," Hodges said.

The Hereford quarterback also said that the team is focused on not only playing Frenship hard Friday night but also coming back to Hereford with a win.

"We want to win," Hodges said. "Winning is a big deal, because a win would

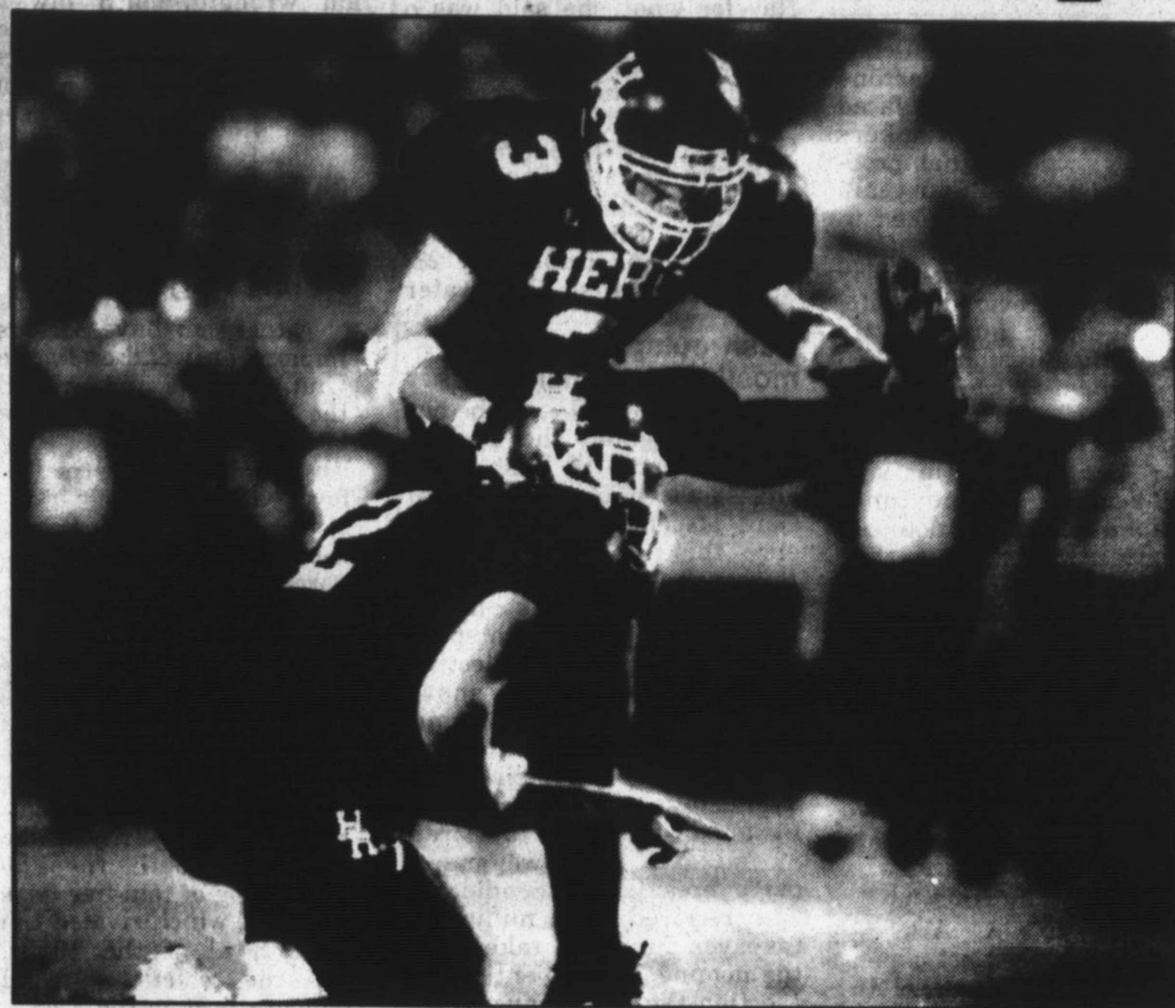
give us a lot of confidence going into district against Borger.

"It would be a good win and give our defense a lot of confidence, because they are number one in the polls," Hodges said.

Hereford will take on a Tiger offense that is similar to the Herd's style. Yenser said he thinks the offenses are somewhat similar and that practicing Hereford's defense against Hodges has given them a taste of what playing Frenship might be like.

"There is no doubt that having to deal with Cody (Hodges) and what we do on offense will help our kids not be so big eyed on Friday," Yenser said.

Yenser said Frenship is also similar in their game philoso-



It's good!—Senior kicker J.P. Holman nails a kick in last Friday's 28-7 Hereford victory.

phy. Against Big Spring, the coach said his team stayed in the two back formation because that is what was working.

"Somebody asked me if I was mad at the shot gun Friday, and I said we just stayed with what was working."

Yenser said. "Frenship will also find what is working and keep using it until we adjust."

“All we want to do this week is make ourselves better.”

—Craig Yenser
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<p>Mauri Montgomery Publisher Last Week: 15-10 Season: 38-14</p>	<p>Rick Castaneda Press Foreman Last Week: 18-9 Season: 33-17</p>	

WEEK THREE GAMES

<p>Amarillo High at Permian Tascosa at Canyon Randall Canyon at Lubbock High Palo Duro at Lubbock Estacado Borger at Clovis River Road at Caprock Fort Stockton at Levelland Dumas at Dalhart Muleshoe at Friona Dimmitt at Denver City San Jacinto at Vega Nazareth at Farwell Rice at Oklahoma Arkansas St. at TCU Houston at Texas Northwestern St. at WTAMU Louisville at FSU Iowa at Nebraska Kentucky at Florida Kansas City at Denver New York Jets at Tampa Bay Detroit at Chicago Washington at New York Giants San Francisco at Dallas Philadelphia at New Orleans</p>	<p>Permian Tascosa Lubbock High Estacado Borger Caprock Ft. Stockton Dumas Friona Denver City Vega Nazareth Oklahoma TCU Texas Northwestern FSU Nebraska Florida Denver Tampa Bay Detroit New York Giants Dallas Philadelphia</p>	<p>Permian Tascosa Canyon Estacado Borger Caprock Ft. Stockton Dumas Friona Denver City Vega Nazareth Oklahoma TCU Texas WTAMU FSU Nebraska Florida Denver Tampa Bay Detroit Washington Dallas Philadelphia</p>
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Problems with tires known years ago

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS News digest

WASHINGTON — Officials from Bridgestone/Firestone Inc. and Ford Motor Co. faced questions from lawmakers over new evidence that problems were detected four years ago with tires now linked to 103 U.S. traffic deaths.

dent Clinton and wife Hillary Rodham Clinton in the six-year, \$52 million Whitewater probe. Susan McDougal, a former Clinton business partner who spent 18 months in jail for refusing to cooperate with Starr, lashed out at the investigation and criticized Ray for what she said was a lukewarm absolution of the Clintons.

Bush outpends Gore, mostly on television ads WASHINGTON — As he has done throughout the election season, George W. Bush spent almost twice as much as Al Gore last month. The difference this time is that both Bush and Gore have the same amount of money to spend for the fall campaign.

acted within the limits of the law and cannot be held responsible for the deaths of 80 Branch Davidians during a 1993 standoff in Waco, a judge has ruled. The decision from U.S. District Judge Walter Smith late Wednesday clears the government in a \$675 million wrongful-death lawsuit filed by surviving Branch Davidians and relatives of those killed.

jury and Special Counsel John Danforth reached in July. Both have said Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms agents and others were not responsible for the deaths on the final day of a 51-day standoff. The siege began Feb. 28, 1993. Rift Valley Fever kills 78 people in Yemen SAN'A, Yemen — Yemen appealed for outside help Wednesday to fight an outbreak of the Rift Valley Fever,

a mosquito-borne virus that has killed 78 people so far this week. A Yemeni official said 50 people died in Wadi Mour, a valley in northern Yemen, that runs to the Saudi border, while 28 others died in the northern province of Hajjah. The virus is transmitted from livestock to humans by mosquitoes. Postal Service to issue Snoopy stamps BLOOMINGTON, Minn. —

A postage stamp featuring Snoopy is to be unveiled Sept. 30 at the Mall of America here as part of the weekend observance of the 50th anniversary of Charles Schulz's "Peanuts" cartoon strip. The stamp will feature the famous beagle as the World War I Flying Ace atop his doghouse, according to Jim Ahlgren of the Postal Service's Northland District, which includes Minnesota.

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Either can have serious impacts on weather in the United States and around the world and the pair have been blamed for a series of severe impacts over the last few years.

But Baker said Pacific conditions are now close to normal. His comments came as he reviewed the weather of summer 2000, a year marked by devastating wildfires that scorched more than 6.8 million acres across the nation, searing temperatures and drought that plagued parts of the West and South, the historic string of rain-free days in Texas, which rivaled the Dust Bowl of the 1930s, and the cooler-than-usual temperatures in the East.

"Summer 2000 was one of transition, as La Nina faded but went out with a flourish," said Jack Kelly, director of the National Weather Service.

Government cleared in Branch Davidian case DALLAS — Federal agents

Television

THURSDAY

SEPTEMBER 21

Television schedule table for Thursday, September 21, showing programs from 6 PM to 11 PM across various channels.

FRIDAY

SEPTEMBER 22

Television schedule table for Friday, September 22, showing programs from 7 AM to 12 PM across various channels.

Television schedule table for Friday, September 22, showing programs from 12:30 to 5:30 PM across various channels.

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Comics

Blondie

By Dean Young & Stan Drake



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By Tom Armstrong



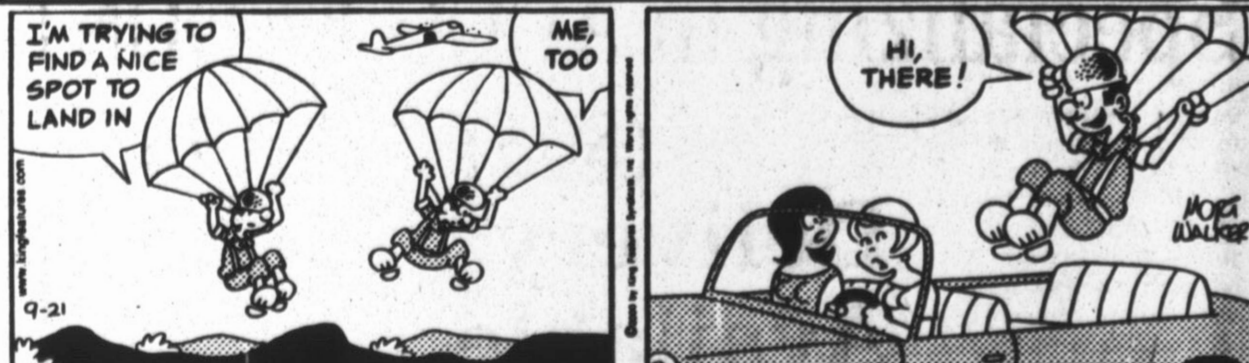
Barney Google & Snuffy Smith

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