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## Today's weather DUTLOOK

# Mostly clear skies

Tonight: Mostly clear, lows in the upper 60s, south winds 5 to 15 mph.

Friday: Mostly sunny, highs in the mid-90s, south winds 10 to 20

Friday night: Mostly clear, lows 65 to 70.

# **Extended forecast**

Saturday through Monday: Mostly clear, highs in the mid-90s, lows 65 to 70. Hereford weather

Wednesday's high, 92; low, 64; no precipitation; year-to-date rainfall, 11.19 inches, according to KPAN Radio.



## Hot, dry summer pattern develops

Hot, dry weather is settling in across Texas, with little rain in sight and high temperatures expected to reach the upper 90s through the week.

Some showers moved inland Thursday over the upper Coastal Plains between Matagorda Bay and Galveston Bay.

Early-morning temperatures ranged from the mid-60s to mid-70s and low 80s. It was 70 degrees in Conroe, 65 at Amarillo, 71 at New Braunfels and Harlingen, 81 at Galveston and 80 at Rockport and Del Rio. Also, it was 72 at Paris and 79 at El Paso, with 80 at Nacogdoches and Redbird Airport.

Winds were mostly southerly to southwesterly at less than 15 mph. A warming trend was expected under the influence of a high-

pressure system. A chance of showers and thunderstorms was forecast for far West Texas and the southwestern mountains through Friday, along with a slight chance of storms in the northwestern Panhandle.

Daytime highs were expected to range from the 90s to about 100 degrees from the Concho Valley into the Rio Grande Valley.

# Local economy cooled

By Donald M. Cooper

Hereford Brand Managing Editor

The local economy cooled during the second quarter of 2000, although there were some bright spots, according figures compiled by the Hereford Economic Development

At the end of the first quarter of the year, Deaf Smith County had received \$101,485.16 in sales tax payments from the Texas Comptroller's Office; however, the county's payments fell to \$87,385.74 for the second quarter.

The City of Hereford's sales tax payments fell from \$176,572.45 for the first quarter to \$170,269.05 for the second quarter, while the HEDC's payments fell from \$88,286.23 for the first quarter to \$85,134.53 for the second.

In looking at employment, the county's labor force fell from 7,400 for the first quarter to 7,164 for the second quarter. The number of employed workers fell from 6.978 for the first three months of the year to 6,747 for the next quarter, while the number of unemployed workers

climbed from a first-quarter total of 422 (5.7 percent) to 471(6.2 percent) for the second quarter.

However, the City of Hereford saw its utility connections rise from a first-quarter total of 6,651 to 6,662 for the second quarter, while gas connections dropped from 9,650 to 9,648, and water connections fell from 5,305 to 5,298

The City of Hereford issued 18 building permits for a total value of \$303,550 during the first quarter. During the second quarter, there were 25 permits issued for a value

There was some good news for wheat farmers, who said the perbushel price for wheat rose from a first-quarter level of \$2 to \$2.42 at the end of the second quarter.

Other agricultural producers didn't share the good news. Corn prices, which were \$3.83 per-hundredweight (cwt) during the first quarter, fell to \$3.19 at the end of the second quarter; grain sorghum fell from \$3.18 cwt tp \$2.64 cwt; cattle dropped from \$72 cwt to \$68 cwt.

# **SALES TAX**

# Texas families will be able to stretch dollars

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Texas comptroller

Special to The Brand

AUSTIN — Texas families will have a chance to stretch their clothing dollars Aug. 4-6 during the state's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Sales Tax Holiday, according to the Texas Comptroller's Office.

"On the first Friday, Saturday and Sunday of August, no state or

most clothing and footwear priced under \$100," Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander said.

The time of the sales tax holiday is intended to help parents outfit their children for the new school year. In the Hereford Independent School District, classes begin

Aug. 14.

The tax break is not limited to children's school clothes. Highlights include:

tax break ??

· Most clothing and footwear priced under \$100 is exempt from sales taxes. Consumers may purchase as many tax-exempt items as they wish;

· Clothing and footwear used primarily for athletics or protective gear, such as golf cleats or football pads, are not tax-exempt. However, athletic clothes that are commonly used as street wear, such as tennis shoes, baseball caps and jogging suits, are eligible for the exemption; and

• Excluded from the tax holiday are accessories, such as jewelry and watches, and items that are carried rather than worn, including handbags, briefcases, wallets and backpacks.

"This year ... customers who put clothes and shoes costing less than \$100 on layaway during the sales tax holiday weekend will be permitted to take those items out of layaway at a later date without paying sales tax," Rylander said. "This will allow hard-working families with limited budgets to pay for local sales tax will be charged on their purchases a little bit a time

and still receive the tax break.

"In the future, I think backpacks should be tax exempt, because kiddies need them for school. I also would like the ... holiday to include fabric, buttons, zippers and other items people use to sew clothes, Rylander said. "And, I would like to see the sales tax holiday last a couple of weeks, instead of just three days.

But any change in the list of taxexempt items or the number of tax-free shopping days must wait until the Legislature meets next year."

In 1999, Texans spent more than \$400 million on tax-exempt clothing and shoes during the three-day sales tax holiday, saving more than \$32 million in sales taxes. Retailers statewide reported crowds comparable to the Christmas shopping season.

The holiday applies to all state and local sales taxes. Local communities were allowed to opt out of the even this year, if they notified the comptroller's office by March 31. Only Sunset Valley, a small community near Austin, chose not to waive local sales taxes. Qualifying purchases exempt from the state sales tax.



**Standing tall** — A century plant towers over the privacy fence surrounding the backyard of Ben Greider's residence at 227 Douglas.

# Factory orders up 4.1%

WASHINGTON (AP) - New orders to American factories shot up 4.1 percent in May, the largest increase since the end of 1992. A big jump in demand for electronics and other electrical equipment led the

In another report Thursday, many of the nation's biggest retailers in June reported weaker-than-expected sales for the fourth consecutive month. The two reports appeared to offer mixed signals

about the economy

The bigger, than-expected increase in May's factory orders tracked by the Commerce Department suggested that the economy may not be slowing as much as some economists previously thought.

While the retail sales report hinted at some slowing in consumer spending, resulting from the Federal Reserve's six interest-rate increases over the past year. Soaring gas prices and some unseasonably cool weather, however, were cited as the biggest factors in

dampening Americans' desire to shop in June.

The Fed's rate increases are designed to make borrowing more expensive and cool demand for bigticket items, a move aimed at slowing the economy and keeping inflation under control.

On Wall Street, the Dow Jones industrial average was down about 67 points in morning trading as investors worried that rising interest rates could hurt corporate profits.

Factory orders rose to a seasonally adjusted \$385.8 billion in May, up from \$370.4 billion the month before. The 4.1 percent rise was the biggest jump since a 4.9 percent increase registered in December In April, factory orders fell 3.8 percent, a smaller

decline than the government previously estimated. The Labor Department said new claims for unemployment benefits fell by a bigger-than-expected 12,000 last week to 296,000.

# Hospitals finding way to boost charity care

The Associated Press

Non-profit hospitals in Texas have found a way around a 1993 legislative mandate to spend more money on the care of poor patients, according to a recent report by the State Department of Health.

Following the lead of then-Attorney General Jim Mattox, the Legislature passed a bill requiring non-profit hospitals to spend at least 4 percent of net patient revenue on charity care.

The report says 14 hospitals and hospital systems aren't doing that, at least not according to the original accounting methods set forth by the bill, the Texas Journal of the Wall Street Journal reported Wednesday.

None of the 82 nonprofit hospitals in Texas that fall under the bill has broken the law. It's just that in 1995 it became legal for them to begin using generally accepted accounting principles, otherwise known as GAAP, to tally their charity care.

Before, they were required to follow a more narrow federal standard, which calculates charity care as a strict portion of their revenue. GAAP allows them to include other costs, notably write-offs for bad The decision about which stan-

dard to use is important. In fiscal 1998, the hospitals provided \$307 million in charity care, using GAAP

Under the original law, they would have provided only \$228 million, a difference of \$79 million.

Consumer advocates are pushing lawmakers not only to increase the 4 percent standard, but to require hospitals to revert to the pre-1995 basis for calculating charity care.

That earlier method, says Lisa McGiffert, senior policy analyst for Consumers Union's office in Austin, "provides a more true reflection of cost of patient care than the current base.

The Texas Hospital Association, an Austin lobby group, counters that including bad debt is entirely fair because it reflects the growing number of Texans without health insurance-currently a quarter of the state's population.

# OIL PRICES: Saudis decide to start boosting output, angering other oil-producing countries

LONDON (AP) — Oil prices fell 6 percent Wednesday as traders dismissed attempts by OPEC members to dissuade Saudi Arabia from its plan to unilaterally pump an additional 500,000 barrels of crude per day.

Libya appeared to side with Iran, Iraq and other OPEC members urging Saudi Arabia not to act alone, and the Saudis strove to find consensus on the divisive issue.

However, industry analysts predicted that Saudi Arabia, the world's No. 1 oil producer, would push ahead with its

plan to boost output if oil prices fail to drop sharply in coming days. The markets seemed to anticipate a production increase, with crude and other oil-related products declining.

"I don't think they're backing off," Leo Drollas, chief economist of the Center for Global Energy Studies in London, said of the Saudis. "I think they'd be willing to put the oil on the market themselves.'

The 10 other OPEC members reacted with anger and disbelief after Saudi Arabia said Monday it would add about 2 percent to the cartel's official output of 25.4 million barrels

Except for Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates, no other OPEC members have enough surplus capacity to quickly raise their production lev-

In a conciliatory gesture, a Saudi official, speaking Wednesday on condition of anonymity, stressed that Saudi Arabia would make a decision after consulting with other OPEC members.

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# **Local roundup**

## TAAS examinations scheduled

The 2000 summer Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS) exit-level examination will be administered next week by Hereford Independent School District.

Students taking the TAAS tests should be at Hereford High School at 8:30 a.m. each day of the testing.

The dates for the TAAS tests are:

• July 11 — writing;
• July 12 — math
• July 13 — reading.

Students who pass the summer test will not have to take TAAS classes during the next school year. TAAS classes are

For more information, call counselor Sara Pesina at 363-

## Immunization clinics slated for July

The Texas Department of Health at 300 Witherspoon, is offering immunization clinics 8-11:45 a.m. and 1-4:45 p.m. each Thursday in July.

Fees will be based on a sliding scale based on family income, size and the ability to pay.

Vaccines will be offered for polio, diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough, measles, rubella, mumps, HIB, and varicella.

# Amarillo Center holds public forum

A meeting of the Governing Body will begin at 9 a.m. July 19 at Amarillo State Center, 901 Wallace.

The Governing Body has requested a public forum regarding

For more information, contact Sue Lutes at 806-351-3284.

## King's Manor barbecue scheduled

The annual barbecue, auction and quilt/stitchery show to benefit the benevolent fund at King's Manor Methodist Home will begin at 6:30 p.m. Saturday in the Lamar Room of the Manor. Items for the auction or show must be in the Manor office before 5 p.m. Friday.

The barbecue dinner will include barbecue brisket, potato salad, coleslaw, beans, hot bread and tea.

The auction will begin at 7 p.m. with auctioneer Larry

# **Brisendine to be in Miss Texas Pageant**

Wendy Brisendine, former Miss Hereford, will participate as Miss Texas Panhandle in the Miss Texas Pageant which will air 8-10 p.m. Saturday on KVII-TV (Channel 7).

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# **Emergency services**

# **New Mexico woman arrested** on charge of drug possession

A 47-year-old New Mexico woman was arrested Wednesday on a charge of possession of marijuan under 2 ounces according to the Hereford Police Department.

Katheryn Hairston of Alamogordo was eastbound in the 800 block of West 1st Street when she was stopped for speeding, according to an HPD spokesman.

Hairston, who told the officer she was en route to North Carolina for a visit, provided no proof of insurance. She consented to a search of the automobile and the officer found the marijuana.

In other police activities Wednesday, charges were filed in connection with a report of a Class A assault in the 900 block of East Park Avenue; a suspect was named as a possible stalker in the 500 block of North 25 Mile Avenue; and a mail box was struck in the 400 block of North Avenue K, with the vehicle fleeing the scene.

# Agents say they expected only scuffling during raid

WACO — Federal agents in the government's failed raid on the Branch Davidian compound Feb. 28, 1993, say they expected nothing more than a fist fight when they tried to search for illegal weapons and arrest sect leader David Koresh.

Instead, six Davidians and four agents with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms died. The government now is defending itself in a \$675

million wrongful death lawsuit brought by Branch Davidian survivors and family members.

Much of its defense so far has come from ATF agents like Gerald Petrilli, who testified Wednesday that once agents started approaching the building, "the entire front of the compound erupted in gunfire.

Further testimony was expected Thursday from others, including Roland Ballesteros, an ATF agent who was supposed to enter the front door of the compound during the raid. He was shot in the hand but survived.

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"Uan Furr Day" proclaimed — Mayor Pro Tem Roger Eades signs a proclamation declaring July 7 as "Jan Furr Day" in Hereford. In recognition of her contributions to local beautification projects, especially the gardens and gazebo at the E.B. Black House, Furr will be honored with a reception Friday from 9-11 a.m. at the Black House, 508 W. 3rd. She and her husband, Dale, are moving to Amarillo. Observing the proclamation signing are (from left) Paula Edwards, director of the Deaf Smith County Museum; and Peggy Hyer and Cheryl Betzen, directors of the Deaf Smith County Historical Society.

# Lines drawn over posting 'In God we trust' in schools

DENVER (AP) — Don Swarthout, nondenominational pastor, sees it as an opportunity to give children a moral compass. Opponents say it's a veiled attempt to introduce religion and prayer in public schools.

The dispute is over whether "In God we trust" should be displayed in Colorado schools.

The state Board of Education was expected to consider a resolution Thursday that says the motto should be posted in schools but would not require it. Board chairman Clair Orr has said schools need a reminder of moral standards.

"We're not waving our Bibles at anyone," said Swarthout, who led a rally to support the posting of the Ten Commandments in Colorado. "The courts and politicians have shot down our standards, and now it's whatever you want to do: No rules,

Earlier this year, the Colorado Legislature refused to require schools to post the Ten Commandments and the U.S. Supreme Court recently banned prayers at high school football games.

"I see this as part of a plan by the religious right. If they can't get the Ten Commandments, this year they will settle for 'In God we trust' and next year they will go for the Ten Commandments Rabbi Steven Foster, a member of the Denver Interfaith Alliance, a group that opposes religion in public schools.

Three states — Kentucky, Ohio and South Dakota have approved posting the Ten Commandments, and another eight are considering it. Other states have had clashes on church and state over issues ranging from mottos to nativity scenes.

In April, a federal appeals

court found that Ohio's motto. "With God, all things are possible" — a quote from the New Testament - is unconstitutional.

Kenneth Johnson, a Methodist minister who is leading the fight to keep Ohio's motto, said he finds it difficult to believe anyone would object to "In God we trust," which Congress approved for the nation's currency in 1864 following a request from a member of the clergy.

In the last three decades most recently in 1996 - three federal appeals courts have allowed the use of "In God we trust" on coins and said it does not amount to a government sponsorship or endorsement of religion.

In a 1970 decision, the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco said it was "quite obvious" that the motto "has nothing whatsoever to do with the establishment of religion."

# **Bonilla**

SAN ANTONIO (AP) - San Antonio Congressman Henry Bonilla is one of three representatives selected by Gov. George W. Bush and Republi-can leaders to speak at the GOP convention in Philadelphia later this month, according to the San Antonio Express-News.

Bonilla, Rep. Jennifer Dunn, R-Wash., and Rep. J.C. Watts, R-Okla., were expected to be named today by the Republi-can National Committee to serve as deputy permanent co-chairmen during the weeklong nominating conven-tion. Bonilla, member of the House Appropriations Committee, is also one of Texas' 134 delegates at the GOP conven-

## **Democrats reject** tobacco money

LOS ANGELES (AP) - The host committee for the Democratic National Convention is not accepting tobacco industry funds for the \$35 million meeting, an official said Wednesday.

The policy is a first for any host of a political convention and has been in place since fund raising began 15 months ago, said Noelia Rodriguez, chief operating officer of LA Convention 2000, the nonpartisan group hosting the Aug. 14-17 event at the Staples Center.

"Los Angeles is a healthy city and we focus on the wellbeing of our community," she said. "We're going to show that we are on the cutting edge of new policies and new decisions."

The decision follows a policy of Vice President Al Gora, the expected Democratic presidential nominee, not to take campaign funds from tobacco interests. Los Angeles also is the country's largest smokefree city.

## HEREFORD BRAND **Obituary**

KARA LYN PEARSON June 28, 2000 CLOVIS, N.M.—Memorial ser-

vices for Kara Lyn Pearson, 32, of Farmington, N.M., will be at 2 p.m. Saturday in Steed-Todd Funeral Home Chapel. Cremation has taken place.

Miss Pearson died June 28.

Miss Pearson was born in El Paso. She graduated from Clovis High School in 1986. She attended New Mexico State University. She had worked as a paralegal at Crane and Tejada Law Firm in Durango, Colo.

Survivors include her parents, Bobbie and Swede Johnson of Clovis and Tony and Anna Pearson of Hobbs; a brother, Kevin Pearson of Albuquerque, N.M.; and grandparents, Sue Crow of Clovis, and Thama Pearson Combs and Mutt Wheeler, both of Hereford.

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### Security forces sought to conwould bring peace to the area," tain violence by hard-line Protchief Palestinian negotiator THE ASSOCIATED PRESS Ahmed Qureia said Wednesestants determined to overturn a ban on an Orange Or-

# News digest

WASHINGTON - As Israel and the Palestinians jockey for position for next week's summit, political problems are piling up for Prime Minister Ehud Barak while the Palestinians are taking a tough line in their demands.

Barak's inclination to make concessions on West Bank land, Jerusalem and Jewish settlers prompted two parties to pull out of his government Wednesday, weakening his already shaky rule and impinging on his room to maneuver at Camp David, Md.

But the Palestinians, sensing the chance for a successful summit under President Clinton's supervision, are warning Israel that giving up only part of the land for a state would not be enough.

Yasser Arafat has his eye on virtually all of the West Bank, Gaza and east Jerusalem. "If the Israelis think that by giving parts of the land to declare the Palestinian state in, then I don't think this day. "Rather, it would be the flame that would explode the situation.' Facing a deadlock and a

Barak's problems rising

mid-September deadline, Clinton said Wednesday he was summoning Barak and Arafat to his Maryland retreat "to start drawing the contours of the long-awaited peace" that has eluded the two sides for a half-century.

In announcing his risky move at the White House, Clinton allowed that staging a summit has its perils. But he said if Barak and Arafat "do not seize this moment, if they cannot make progress now, there will be more hostility and more bitterness, perhaps even more violence.

Army, rain dampen violence in N. Ireland BELFAST, Northern Ireland

 Helicopters, army patrols and sporadic rain dampened down violence in Northern Ireland early Thursday, but failed to extinguish the Protestant rage that has sparked four nights of rioting in the British-controlled province.

Helicopters hovered low over potential trouble-spots in Belfast and British soldiers patrolled the streets of the city for the first time in a year. der march through hostile Catholic turf.

British army headquarters reported on Wednesday that security forces had contained 61 riots in Northern Ireland in the previous 24 hours more, the army communique said, than in all of 1999.

And the province's chief policeman, Royal Ulster Constabulary Chief Constable Ronnie Flanagan, warned that Protestant extremists planned to attack his officers with guns and bombs. Intelligence indicated the attacks would "include the use of blast bombs and firearms," he said.

On Tuesday, police exchanged fire with gunmen in a Protestant area of north Belfast.

Thousands of Protestants blocked more than a dozen roads simultaneously at Wednesday evening's rush hour, causing one of the worst traffic jams Belfast has ever seen. Motorists were trapped on some gridlocked streets for two hours. Roadblocks also disrupted traffic in several other towns around the province.

As those protests subsided, masked youths began tossing gasoline bombs at police armored cars.

## THE ASSOCIATED PRESS **Texas lottery**

**Lotto Texas** ticket correctly

matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials The ticket would have been

worth an estimated \$6 mil-The numbers drawn

Wednesday night from a field of 50 were: 8-26-33-38-46-48.

Saturday night's drawing will be worth an estimated \$9 million.

Pick 3

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Wednesday by the Texas Lottery, in order: 0-9-8

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# LIESTYLES

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# Sports crazed culture is pet peeve

Landers: I completely agree with Sports Parents in La Crosse, Wis.," complained

that school sports take up entirely too much time and energy in our children's lives. In fact, sports activities figure too much in the lives of adults, also. What folks do on their own time is their business, but countless hours at work are spent discussing the previous nights' sporting contest, the upcom-

ing playoffs, organizing gam-bling pools, analyzing team standings, and on and on, ad nauseam.

I say this to your readers: You folks who love sports have no idea how much time you are wasting and how tiresome it is for the rest of us to listen to your nonstop sports gab, day in and day out. I have never said a word about this to anyone, but I am 59 years old, and have watched this phenomenon all my working life. It is getting worse all the time, and I am tired of it.

I personally do not care much for sports, but I do love opera, concerts, art, good cal buildings and museums. If folks who share my interests spent onetenth as much time at work

talking about the activities that interest us, we would be subject to repri-mand and discipline for dereliction of duty.

Another aspect of sports addiction that I resent deeply is going to a church or club meet-ing and being told that we have to hurry and finish because "the game starts at 8."
No matter how important the topic is, we have to rush through the meeting so the sports nuts can get home and watch "the game." Sports are allowed to take precedence

over everything.

I don't think this letter is going to change anything in our sports-crazed culture, Ann, but it feels good to get it off my chest. — Overdosed on Sports in Ohio

Dear Overdosed: I am glad you got it off your chest. Rest assured you have lots of company. Many readers worldwide have written to express the same point of view. Thank

writing about the woman in Texas whose husband built a house on their property so his mother could live there. Talk about being "captive," the mother-in-law expects to be included in all their dinner plans and social invitations, which is certainly presumptuous and smothering. She shows up for meals at their house every night, rain or shine, and expects to be fed. You said her mother-in-law was desperate for company. I say that mother-in-law isn't needy, she's

greedy. She gets all her meals

for free, and never has to pay

for an evening's entertainment. That daughter-in-law needs to put an end to the nonsense. The first step is to get Mom a microwave and some frozen dinners, and tell her she's on her own. Then, "Texas" and her husband should not feel guilty about going out by themselves and having some fun. You should have told "Texas" to get her mother-in-law involved in volunteer work or senior activities at the local community center so she can develop a life of her own. There is no reason for them to schlep the mother-in-law everywhere. -

heartedly. Thanks for sitting in my chair today. I appreciated the time off.

Gem of the Day (Sent in by D.W. in Boston): Do you want to know the difference between sales and marketing? When a hitchhiker on the side of the road holds up a sign that reads, "TO DALLAS" that's sales. The hitchhiker with a sign that reads, "I WANT TO GET TO MOM'S FOR CHRISTMAS," qualifies as an expert in marketing.

That first kiss, that first embrace ... Remember all those things that brought you and your loved one together? Ann Landers' new booklet, "How We Met," is now available. This collection of sentimental love stories will make a terrific gift for that special someone. For a copy, please send a self-ad-dressed, long, business-size envelope and a check or money order for \$5.50 (this includes postage and handling) to: How We Met, c/o Ann Landers, P.O. Box 11562, Chicago, IL 60611-0562 (in Canada, \$6.50).

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# Breast cancer screenings available at local clinic

The Women's Center of the risk appraisal and individual Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and Baptist/St. Anthony's Health System will conduct a breast cancer screening clinic at South Plains Health Care Providers, Inc., 110 N. 25 Mile Ave., Suite A, on July 14.

Participants will receive a low-cost screening mammogram. Each woman screened will receive a breast health instruction by a registered nurse in breast self-examina-

Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are done by appointment

Call 806-356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673 for more information.





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# CITY OF HEREFORD **Park Facility Reservations**

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# Thompson family descendants hold reunion

## ■Campground near Canyon is site of gathering for relations from six states

The Carlton Thompson family reunion was held June 23at High Plains Baptist Campground near Canyon with 52 registered guests from Arizona, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, Nevada and Illinois.

Jim Thompson, 93, oldest money to help with expenses. presented the music.

living descendant, was presented a certificate for being the oldest in attendance.

La Nor Nell and Cal Henry were recognized for having the largest family in attendance. The youngest family member in attendance was from their family, 11-month-old Travis Lee Hatter, son of Rodney and

Traveling the farthest were James Rowe "Dick" and Lyn Thompson and their daughter,

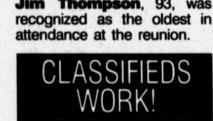
James Rowe was auctioneer.

Steve in Florida

Meals Saturday were provided by Shirley Bagley, Rod Hatter and Eddie Semna and Bar-B-Que, Beans and Things. Sunday's meal was Kentucky Fried Chicken from Amarillo.

Entertainment Saturday night for those who stayed at the campgrounds was provided by Bro. Dean Stanley and his daughter, Jessica, and also by Kim Winkler and Barbara Houser.

Those attending brought Sunday morning worship seritems to auction to raise vice and he and his daughter



PLACE YOURS BY

# Andrews, Norsworthy are speakers at Hereford Toastmasters meeting

Speakers at the Thursday morning meeting of Hereford Toastmasters were Clark Andrews and Ryan Norswothy.

Andrews gave a presenta-tion titled "Mamas Don't Let Your Babies Grow Up to Be Cowboys" and Norsworthy's topic was "Not Me."

The vote for best speaker

Jigger Rowland served as presiding officer and Margaret Del Toro gave the invocation. Tronica Owens was toastmaster, Rowland was timer

and Daniel Morrisett was AH

counter and grammarian. As wordmaster, David Castillo introduced the word "laconic."

Sharon Cramer served as topicmaster and assigned table topics to the speakers.

Speakers and their topics were: Morriset - Anticipation: What Might Happen; Castillo

- The Art of Being Wise;
Rowland - Practice Doesn't
Make Perfect; Paula Edwards Why Should We Forgive; and Wayne Winget – We Communicate Better When We Are

Selected as best topic speakers were Edwards and Winget. One guest, Adolfo Del Toro, was also in attendance.

# Annual fund-raiser is this Sat. evening

Saturday at 6:30 p.m., the King's Manor Annual Barbecue, Auction and Quilt/Stitchery Show will be held in the Lamar Room of the Manor.

The menu will include barbecue brisket, potato salad, coleslaw, beans, hot bread and

Entertainment will be provided by the musical group, "Calvary." Larry Noland will begin the auction at 7 p.m. in

the Lamar Room.

The Quilt Show has been expanded this year to include stitchery items.

Proceeds from the barbecue, auction and quilt/stitch-ery show go to the benevolent fund of King's Manor/Westgate.





WHAT'S HAPPENING

# Area Events

**AMARILLO** 

"The Hospice approach to Living with Dying," a volunteer training/community education class will be presented by BSA Hospice in eight session classes.

Class will meet Monday and Thursday afternoons, July 10-Aug. 3, from 1:30-4:30 p.m. in the BSA Hospice Building, 600 N. Tyler.

The class is for anyone interested in becoming a hospice volunteer, learning more about hospice care and/or desiring personal growth and enrich-

The training is free of charge. CEUs will be awarded by Amarillo College.

To register, call Deborah Andrews, LSW, at 212-8715.

"Back in Control," a parenting class, is being offered by Texas Panhandle Mental Health Authority's child and adolescent services on Saturday, July 15.

This one day course is based on a highly successful program that has helped thousands of parents regain control over their children. The curriculum offers parents the simplest, most effective method of childhood discipline to date.

The class is being offered from 8:15 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at TPMHA Training Room, 1500 S. Taylor

Instructors are Lupe Schneider, M.Ed., and Jim Womack, B.S.

For more information, call Gene Ann Grant, family and community education director 354-2191.

A membership drive is underway to form a Texas Panhandle chapter of the American Historical Society of Germans from Russia, which is an international non-profit, educational organiza-

Meetings of the organization are open to members and nonmembers who meet to exchange genealogical information and preserve their heritage.

Those interested may contact Elaine McDowell, Rt. 8, Box 1336, Amarillo, Texas 79118 or call 622-1433 or by email at elainej@arn.net.

The High Plains Joy Motor-cycle Rally will be held Sunday, July 30 at Calvary Baptist Church, 1500 N. Cleveland in Friona.

The fun begins with coffee at 9:30 a.m. followed by fellowship study groups at 9:45.

Biker worship service is at 11 a.m. with biker dining at noon. Fun and games will be held

from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Closing thoughts are at 3:45

# 169 are killed in circus tent fire on today's date in history, 1944

By The Associated Press Today is Thursday, July 6, the 188th day of 2000. There are 178 days left in the year. **Today's Highlight** 

in History:

On July 6, 1944, 169 people died in a fire that broke out in the main tent of the Ringling Bros. and Barnum and Bailey Circus in Hartford, Conn.

On this date:

In 1535, Sir Thomas Moore was executed in England for

In 1777, during the American Revolution, British forces captured Fort Ticonderoga.

In 1885, French scientist Louis Pasteur successfully tested an anti-rabies vaccine on a boy who had been bitten by an infected dog.

In 1917, during World War I, Arab forces led by T.E. Lawrence "Lawrence of Arabia," captured the port of Aqaba from the Turks.

In 1923, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics was formed.

tablishing the Medal of Free-

In 1957, Althea Gibson became the first black tennis player to win a Wimbledon singles title. She defeated fellow American Darlene Hard 6-3, 6-2.

In 1967, the Biafran War erupted. (The war, which lasted 21/2 years, claimed some 600,000 lives.)

In 1989, the U.S. Army destroyed its last Pershing 1-A missiles at an ammunition plant in Karnack, Texas, under terms of the 1987 Intermediate-range Nuclear Forces

In 1998, singing cowboy star Roy Rogers died in Apple Valley, Calif., at age 86.

Ten years ago: NATO leaders concluded two days of meetings in London, pledging to sharply reduce both nuclear and conventional defenses in

Five years ago: The prosecution rested at the O.J. Simpson murder trial in Los Angeles.

One year ago: Ehud In 1945, President Truman Barak took office as prime signed an executive order es- minister of Israel, pledging to

seek peace with neighboring Arab countries.

Birthdays: Today's Former first lady Nancy Reagan is 79. Actor William Schallert is 78. Talk show host Merv Griffin is 75. Actress Janet Leigh is 73. Actor Donal Donnelly is 69. Singer-actress Della Reese is 69. Actor Ned Beatty is 63. Singer Gene Chandler is 63. Country singer Jeannie Seely is 60. Texas Gov. George W. Bush is 54. Actor-director Sylvester Stallone is 54. Actor Fred Dryer is 54. Actor Burt Ward is 54. Actress Nathalie Baye is 52. Actor Geoffrey Rush is 49. Actress Shelley Hack is 48. Actor Grant Goodeve is 48. Country singer Nanci Griffith is 47. Actress Allyce Beasley is 46. Country musician John Jorgenson is 44. Hockey player Ron Duguay is

22. Actress Tia Mowry is 22. Thought for Today: "Growing old is no more than a bad habit which a busy man has no time to form." -Andre Maurois, French author (1885-

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# STATE CAPITOL Peak season is here for visitors

AUSTIN — No building says in 1993, officials said. Texas quite like the Alamo. But the State Capitol comes

close. Builders dug the red granite for its walls from the ground in Burnet County. Every other year, lawmakers work within its marbled halls and carve up the statutes that Texans live by. The 110-yearold chandeliers in the House and Senate chambers even spell out "TEXAS" in bright yellow bulbs.

"This building represents all Texans," said Charlynn Doering, assistant executive director of the State Preservation Board, which oversees the upkeep of the 112-year-old building in the heart of Aus-

And summer is when Texans, and other tourists, flock to see it, she said.

Although spring is high season for school tours, state officials reckon that the most traffic in and out of the Capitol takes place in June, July and August. It even exceeds the number of visitors they see during legislative sessions, which run January through May every other year.

"The summer has lots of people here," Mrs. Doering said. "We have a lot of people in the building. July is a big month for us.'

Surveys show the Capitol is the state's fifth-most popular tourist attraction, after the Alamo and Riverwalk in San Antonio, Six Flags Over Texas in Arlington and the outlet malls in San Marcos, according to the Texas Department of Economic Development. Tourism at the Capitol picked up dramatically after the latest renovation was completed

Austin's live music scene and the growth of the local high-tech industry grab the headlines these days. But the sight of the sturdy old Capitol perched on a hill at the head of Congress Avenue remains the enduring image of the city, a reminder that, above all, Austin is a seat of government.

Just how many tourists pass through the Capitol's doors each year is unclear. For years officials counted how many Capitol brochures got picked up, which produced annual estimates of 1 million visitors.

Unsatisfied, officials began a two-year statistical survey this January in an effort to arrive at a more reliable number. Armed with a survey drawn up by University of Texas graduate students, tour guides periodically fan out into the Capitol and count the number of people they see, excluding those who work there.

Such tallies can be extrapolated to arrive at a reasonable annual estimate of visitors,

Mrs. Doering said.
"Frankly, I think the million (figure) is going to be about on target," she said. Count Steve Kirton of Clyde,

N.C., as one. Mr. Kirton and a half-dozen friends took a formal tour of the Capitol during a break from a training conference for community college instructors.

Mr. Kirton, who teaches electrical installation at **Haywood Community College** in Clyde, wanted to know where the chandeliers had come from. He wanted to know why some of the heavy hinges on the doors had serial numbers and others did not. (The

tour guide did not know the answers, but said she would check.)

Mainly the trim teacher with a polo shirt and aviator glasses walked around wideeyed and listening to tidbits of trivia tossed off by the college-age guide.

He and others in the tour learned that the Capitol took six years to build and that more than 300 feet separate the first floor from the top of the dome. They were told that the panels of green carpet in the Senate chamber are handstitched. That the San Jacinto battle flag hanging in the House chamber is a replica, the real one going up only during legislative sessions. That lawmakers can take their \$2,000 chairs with them when they leave office as long as

they pay for a replacement.
"It's big," Mr. Kirton said, gazing at the Capitol through the skylight of the underground annex, opened in 1993, that houses most lawmakers' offices. "I'm just in awe and amazement, just the construction of it."

Many visitors record their impressions in a dinner-traysized logbook on a table near the entrance of the House chamber. Most leave one- or two-word messages, such as "Cool," "Impressive" or "Really

Suzanne Johnson of Rowlett sounded a more serious note. "Being here fills me with awe at being free and with grati-tude to those who died for my freedom," she wrote on June

"This makes you wanna run for governor," wrote Salman Khan of Houston on June 9.





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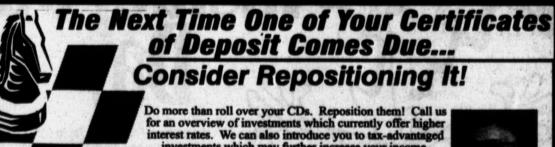


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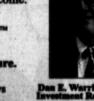
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This Wednesday's scramble competition at the John Pit-

competition at the John Pitman Municipal Golf Course resulted in a tie for first place causing the winnings to carryover to next Wednesday.

The first place scores of 30 took place on the back nine holes of the course yesterday.

The team of Bobby Baker, Joel Sturgeon, N.D. Kelso and Perry Ray tied with the scramble of Paul Hubbard, Kelly Kelso, Wendell Burdine and Don Davison. Wednesday Scrambles take place every Scrambles take place every week at the golf course. For more information on the cometition call 363-7139.

The Hereford Youth Soccer League will hold registration for the 2000 season on July 8. Sign-ups will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Here-ford Community Center. The

500 kids per season. Cost to play in the league \$25. The league begins on July 22 and lasts through Sep-

occer league usually has 300-

# GIVING BACK TO THE CITY



Giving back to the city-Last weekend, the Hereford Open Golf Tournament took place with proceeds going to the Hereford Make-A-Wish chapter. The tournament had over 90 participants and raised over \$3,000 dollars for Make-A-Wish. Bill Brown, far left, presents director of Make-A-Wish Mike Harris, second from left, with a check for the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

## ■Rangers complete romp with 9-4 win

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) -On a night when Kenny Rogers wasn't at his best, he and the Texas Rangers benefitted from an early miscue by the Oakland Athletics.

Texas converted a first-inning fielding error by Oakland starter Mark Mulder into seven unearned runs and went on to beat the Athletics 9-4 Wednesday night and complete a three-game sweep.

The first-inning rally provided plenty of leeway for Rogers (9-5), who won his sixth

straight game.
"It didn't throw my rhythm off because I didn't really feel like I had a rhythm out there. I was just fortunate," Rogers said. "I never gripe about getting seven runs in an inning. It was huge for me. I had room to make an error."

Rogers struck out four, walked three, and allowed 10 hits, the most since May 11, before being pulled after Jer-emy Giambi led off the ninth with a homer.

The Athletics closed to 7-3 against Rogers after Giambi hit a two-run single in the second, and his brother, All-Star first baseman Jason, had an RBI single in the third.



# Astros struggle against Arizona

## ■Gonzalez first to hit cycle at Enron

Also in picture are Debra Reinart, right, Martha Rickman, second from right, and Stacey Rickman.

HOUSTON (AP) - Luis Gonzalez went on the Tour de Enron, becoming the first player on the Arizona Diamondbacks to hit for the cycle.

Gonzalez doubled in the first inning, singled in the third, tripled in the eighth and homered in the ninth Wednesday night as the Diamondbacks rallied past the Houston Astros 12-9.

"Once you hit the triple, that's the hardest thing to do, and you know you have the chance," Gonzalez said.

He became the first player to hit for the cycle in Houston's new Enron field, which opened this year. The home run came in the ninth

off Doug Henry. "I didn't want to get beat or cheated inside, I just wanted to get the head of the bat the former-Astro said. "I knew I needed a home run. To know that only 200-some guys have done it in history makes it special to have my

name on something like that.

Gonzalez, who went 4-for-6, became the fifth player to hit for the cycle this season, the 126th in NL history and 229th in the major leagues.

Colorado's Mike Lansing (June 18 vs. Arizona), the Chicago White Sox's Jose Valentin (April 27 vs. Baltimore), Pittsburgh's Jason Kendall (May 19 vs. St. Louis) and Oakland's Eric Chavez (June 21 vs. Baltimore) also accom-

plished the feat. The most cycles ever in one season was eight in 1933, according to the Elias Sports

Bureau, baseball's statistician. Travis Lee, Steve Finley and Damian Miller had three hits each for Arizona, which outhit the Astros 16-10. Tony

Womack went 2-for-5 and drove in the go-ahead run during a four-run seventh inning — two runs after the ballpark's room was opened.

Was there a full moon tonight? It's just another game Arizona manager Buck Showalter said.

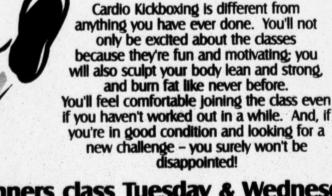
Houston has lost five straight home games, their longest home skid since dropping seven straight at the Astrodome from June 6-22, 1995.



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JULY 22 .......WTRT Tourny (private)
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JULY 25 ......HHS Booster Club Scramble (open)
JULY 29-30...VFW Partnership/Hospice Benefit (open)





# 'GOING, GOING, GONE'

# Panhandle water topic of broadcast

Special to The Brand

AMARILLO - Forget oil and gas. Water is fast becoming the most valuable commodity in the Panhandle. Without it, Panhandle farmers couldn't grow certain crops, including corn — and nearly 50 percent of Texas corn is supplied by our region.

Adding to public concerns surrounding the issue, Dallas businessman, T. Boone Pickens wants to pipe water from Roberts County to cities in other parts of Texas. All this while experts worry that the region's water supply won't last through the next century.

How valid are these concerns? Is there anything we can do now to prevent future shortages? These are questions that will be addressed on "Going, Going, Gone: The Bid For Panhandle Water," at 9 a.m. July 11 on KACV-TV, the area's local local public televi-

Host Ellen Robertson Neal and guests Dal-

las businessman, T. Boone Pickens; Panhandle farmer, Randy Darnell; Regional Water Planning Coordinator Jarrett Atkinson; and Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District General Manager, C.E. Williams will address local concerns and search for answers throughout the course of the half-hour program.

"I can't think of a single economic issue that's being talked about and worried over more than this one, the issue of water supply," Neal said. "It's time the viewing public got some answers, which is what this program is all about."

A repeat broadcast of the program, which is made possible through a grant from Amarillo National Bank, will be 6 p.m. July 16. KACV-TV is broadcast on Channel 2 and can be found on Hereford cable channel 2.

For more information about the program visit the station web site at www.kacvtv.org.

# Fergie won't leave En

NEW YORK (AP) — The Duchess of York has decided not to leave her home in England for Switzerland after all.

The former Sarah Ferguson said in Biography magazine's July issue that she planned to move when her daughter Beatrice started her term at the exclusive Aiglon College in Switzerland. Prince Andrew, her former husband was to remain in England with the band, was to remain in England with the

couple's other daughter.

But after the magazine went to print, the duchess decided to stay with her daughters

children. Earlier, three teen-age girls were sexually assaulted at Aiglon by an unknown

Princess Beatrice is now planning to attend St. George's School, near Sunninghill.

# **GOP judge to hear Clinton case**

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — After four colleagues excused themselves from the case, a recently appointed judge says he has not decided whether to preside over President Clinton's disbarment trial.

The other judges — all Democrats — cited distant political connections to Clinton in exercising their options to pass on the case. The lot fell Wednesday to Pulaski County Circuit Judge Leon Johnson, appointed June 2 by a Republican governor to fill the term of a judge ousted by the state Supreme Court.

"I don't think I have to make a decision right away," he said.

Clinton's case was assigned to Johnson after Judge Chris Piazza stepped aside: Piazza said Clinton, as governor, had once named him to a panel that hammered out state ethics laws.

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The lawsuit filed June 29 by the Supreme

Court Committee on Professional Conduct says Clinton is unfit to be a lawyer because of his deceptive testimony in the Paula Jones sexual harassment case about his relationship with former White House intern Monica Lewinsky.

The committee based its lawsuit on complaints filed by U.S. District Judge Susan Webber Wright, who presided over the Jones case, and by the Atlanta-based Southeastern Legal Foundation. Wright also cited Clinton for contempt and fined him \$90,000.

The president has said the Arkansas committee was acting too harshly and his lawyer, David Kendall, has said he would fight "vigorously."

Johnson, a Little Rock lawyer, was appointed until the end of the year. Any decision on Clinton's disbarment at the county court level likely would be appealed to the state Supreme Court.

By Dean Young & Stan Drake

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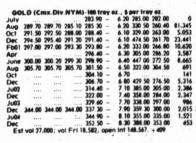
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Sept	86.85	88.15	86.65	88.07 +	1.30	88.50		
	87.40						83.50	2,455
Oct		88.60	87.35	88.60 +	1.05	88.65	84.35	3,833
Nov	88.20	89.10	88.10	89.10 +		89.15	85.52	2,421
Ja01	88.82	89.90	88.80	89.87 +		90.00	86.60	1,523
Mar	89.15	89.60	89.15	89.60 +		89.60	86.30	562
Est	vol 3.2	57; val	Mon 1.	733; open	int 21,	718, +	224.	
CA	TTLE-	LIVE	CME)	40,000 lbs.	cent	s per it	).	
Aug	66.92	67 75	66.92	67.70 +	.87			48,289
Oct	69.30	70.15	69.30	70.10 +	.80	73.30	68.00	32,588
Dec	71.35	72.42	71.35	72.32 +	.97	74.45	70.50	12,482
Fb01	72.55	73.52	72.50	73.50 +	1.00	75.50	72.22	7,177
Apr	74.65	75.67	74.65	75.62 +	.97	77:30	74.47	5,495
June	72.80	73.75	72.80	73.65 +	.85	75.75	72.60	2,436
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July	69.95	70.10	69.60		.55		51.80	7,937
Aug	68.50	68.50	67.65	68.15 -	.45	71.65	52.30	
Oct	58.40	58.72	57.95	58.55 ~		62.35		21,383
Dec	54.70	54.80	54.25	54.72 -			49.00	11,526
					.02	59.70	49.50	7,602
Fb01	55.60	55.62	55.25	55.40 -	.32	59.85	52.40	1,968
Apr	54.75	55.00	54.70	54.82 -	.02	58.65	54.40	865
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## **GRAIN FUTURES**

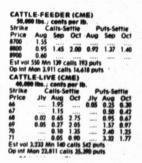
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	Sept	191	193	1891/2	1921/2	+	13/4	2651/2		153.247	
	Nov	1973/4	2001/2	1971/2	1991/2	+	11/4	2681/2	1961/2	1,512	
	Dec	204	2043/4	201	204	+	11/4	2791/2	1991/4	174,259	
	Mr01	213	2161/2	213	216	+	11/4	2793/4	2111/4	29,238	
	May	220%	2231/4	2201/2	2223/4	+	44	2821/2	2181/4		
	July	2263/4	2293/4	2264	229	+	11/4	2871/2	225	10,280	
	Sept	2331/2	2341/2	2331/2	2341/4	+	11/4	2761/2	231	1,017	
	Dec	241	2441/2	241	2441/2	+	21/2	275	238	8,623	
	Dc02				254	+	11/2	272	250		
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	Aug	4721/2	4771/2	470	47474	+	21/4	5841/2	441	30,556	
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		4721/2	4731/2	467%	472	+	11/2	631	453	71,624	
2.1	Ja01	4791/2		4781/2	482	+	2	600	4711/2		
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	May	498	500	4971/2	499	+	2	604	490	5,425	
	July	505	5081/2	505	5081/4	+	21/4	609	496	4,543	
	Nov	513	516	513	515	+	3	605	509	1,733	
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4	Sept	258	2611/2	258	258%		11/4	335	254	58,033	
	Dec	275	2781/2	275	2751/4	+	3/4	345	2701/2	45,073	
	MrOI	290	2911/2	289	2891/4	+	1/4	327	286	13,465	
	May	299	299	2971/2	2981/2	+	11/2	326	293	546	
	July	305	306	304	306	+	2	350	298	6,274	
	Dec	319	320	318	320		2	343	314	447	

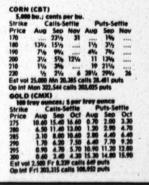
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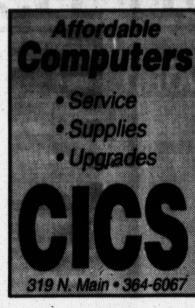
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Dec	514.0	514.0	507.0	509.9	Ο.	4.6	685.0	490.0	12.9
Mr01	314.0		301.0	515.0	1	4.6	552.0	508 0	1.0
May				517.7		4.6	537.0	512.0	
July		****		, 520.6	-	4.6	574.0	510.0	1,6
Dec	****	****		524.9	-	4.6	680.0	498.0	1.1
J102		****		529.3	-	4.6	559.0	520.0	. 1
Dec	538.0	538.0	538.0	531.3	-	4.6	613.0	495.0	1.2
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# LONGSHOTS

# **Bush, Gore won't be** alone on the ballot

By Katherine Pfleger

One presidential candidate who'll be on ballots in most states this fall says the United States should have sent Transcendental Meditation experts, not bombers, to

The Libertarians, also likely to be on most ballots, chose their candidate, Harry Brown, last weekend in a convention they compared to TV's "Survivor."

Then there's Gloria Dawn Strickland, who announced her "Good News Campaign" with little fanfare at the Million Mom March. She's telling everyone: "Don't forget to write me in.

Don't want to choose between Vice President Al Gore and Texas Gov. George W. Bush? More than 200 people have filed papers with the Federal Election Commission to run for president, and even more are campaigning.

Many are known only to family and friends. Some are

part of nationwide groups. This weekend, for example, the Libertarian Party is touting "the 'Survivor' of political conventions" featuring four candidates in Los Angeles. Steve Dasbach, the party's national director, says, "Only one contender will walk away with the grand prize, and you won't know how it turns out until the very end."

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Elsewhere, John Hagelin of the Natural Law Party predicts a "grass-roots brush fire" is going to land him in the White House.

Hagelin, a physicist whose party grew out of the teachings of Transcendental Meditation leader Maharishi Mahesh Yogi, is seeking the Reform Party nomination.

The Natural Law Party calls for preventive health

care, increasing the use of renewable energy sources and peaceful remedies for international conflicts. (Hagelin suggested sending 7,000 "coherence creating" professionals, including levitating yogic experts, to ease tensions in

Ralph Nader, the consumer advocate who won the Green Party nomination last weekend despite Hagelin's desire to gain that, too, is running a campaign focusing on the environment, tort reform and fair trade.

Hagelin got one-tenth of a percent of the vote in 1996

and less than 40,000 votes in 1992. Nader came in fourth with less than 1 percent of the vote in 1996.

But in 2000 Nader has moved himself out of the fringe. In a June CNN-USA Today-Gallup poll, Nader had 6 percent of the vote.

# Poll: Gore, Bush about even on honesty

WASHINGTON (AP) -American voters are focusing ever more on honesty as the most important trait for a presidential candidate, according to an Associated Press poll. The voters are about evenly split on whether Al Gore or George W. Bush is more honest.

Four in 10 voters now pick honesty ahead of such traits as caring about people like them, showing strong leadership, standing up for beliefs and having a vision. In a November AP poll, one-third picked honesty, which ranked first at that time as well.

In the new poll, conducted for the AP by ICR of Media, Pa., about a third picked Bush as most honest and a third picked Gore. Another third said neither candidate or they didn't

The earlier poll, taken be- in the new poll, honesty, at 39 fore the primaries, did not ask people to compare the honesty of Bush and Gore.

In the latest poll, black voters put the most emphasis on a candidate who cares about people like them. But honesty ranked second. The Monica Lewinsky affair

and the long Clinton impeachment process sent the message to voters that "you can't believe what politicians are saying," said political scientist Merle Black of Emory University in Atlanta. "Now they want someone to tell it like it is."

When Bill Clinton was running for president in 1992, voters placed honesty near the top of the list of most important characteristics along with leadership abilities and the candidate's stand on issues. But

percent, was far in front. Second was caring about people like you, at 17 percent, and then came leadership at 14.

When registered voters in the new poll talked about the candidates, their comments quickly turned to which man they did or did not trust.

"I like Bush's character, his demeanor, his father," said Harry Auel, a 49-year-old salesman from Batavia, Ohio, who said he "leans Republican." "Gore's been a little bit tainted by Clinton as far as I can tell."

Tammy Lausch, a 28-yearold daycare provider and mother of three, said she thinks Gore is more honest.

"I don't trust Bush, with his dad being the president before," said Lausch, a Democrat from Colorado Springs, Colo. "I didn't

like his dad, didn't trust him either, his background was CIA. There are a lot of secrets there.'

The poll showed the overall race close, 40 percent for Bush and 39 percent for Gore, among registered voters. Other polls of registered voters have shown the race close, too, but polls that measured only likely vot-

ers have given Bush an edge. Bush, Republican governor of Texas, was favored over Gore in the AP poll on strong leadership skills, 49 percent to 32 percent, and as a candidate who stands up for what he believes, 44 percent to 38 percent.

Gore, the Democratic vice president, was seen by more voters as caring about people like them, 44 percent to 34 percent, and as a candidate with a vision for the future, 46 percent to 37 percent.

# tilities predict power outag

WASHINGTON (AP) — A New Hampshire nuclear power plant is out of business for a few days, and folks throughout New England are asked to conserve electricity. A blistering heat wave and

pe direction the industry is going, including the quickening pace of deregulation.

Next week Congress will consider legislation aimed at speeding up the restructuring of the \$220 billion electric utility industry, including provisions that would impose new requirements to help ensure reliability. The Senate last week approved a bill that would establish a new organization that would monitor and enforce reliability rules.

"The existing scheme of voluntary compliance with voluntary industry reliability rules is simply no longer adequate," says Sen. Frank Murkowski, R-Alaska, chairman of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources committee.

But even if Congress acts, it will come too late to ease power supply concerns this summer.

Power problems already have surfaced in New England and California and "could be an ominous sign" of things to come with the hottest months of the summer just ahead, said Energy Secretary Bill Richardson, who has toured the country for a series of electricity reliability meetings in recent months.

"The view (at these meetings) was unanimous. If we don't work together and fix the prob-lem, we'll all end up sitting in

the dark," Richardson said Wednesday. He said he was particularly concerned about potential power outages in the Southwest, California and parts of the Northeast, although other areas could be affected if there are unexpected breakdowns at power plants or an unusual heat wave.

Spurred on by the growing

economy and increased reliance on computers and other electrical devices, electricity demand has been increasing about 2 percent a year, while generation capacity has lagged. The safety cushion between expected demand under normal circumstances and maximum electricity generation has been narrowing and now is less than 14

percent of capacity, according to industry figures. Not long ago it was nearly 25 percent, said a senior DOE official. Signs of problems have al-

ready shown up this summer. For most of last week, California was under a "stage II power watch" in which customers were asked to keep down

electricity use.

