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HEDC TALKS: Directors give Cumpston go-ahead to negotiate contract with dairy

By Dianna F. Dandridge
Hereford Brand Staff Writer

If everything works out during contract negotiations between the Hereford Economic Development Corp. and the owners of Hafliager Dairies, a new agriculture-based company will be setting up shop in Deaf Smith County.

After a 45-minute, closed-door session Thursday afternoon, the HEDC directors authorized executive director Don Cumpston to begin contract negotiations with John Hafliager.

Hafliager, a former Hereford resident who now lives in Canyon, has been involved in the dairy industry for several years, operating dairies in Artesia, N.M., and a small one near Canyon. He also owns a small facility in the area that is leased to

an operator.

Cumpston stressed this is only a beginning point for the negotiations. Initial proposals called for the HEDC to guarantee a possible \$3 million loan for a 2,500-head dairy cow facility.

"None of the details are worked out," Cumpston said. "Before final approval, it would have to go to the city commission and others before we could approve the deal."

Cumpston said the dairy would add about \$3 million to the county's tax base, bring in 18-25 jobs and possibly open the door for more dairies and support industries to move to the



Don Cumpston

Hereford area.

It was hoped the funding for the venture would be provided by local banks and would not necessarily be capped at \$3 million. Money would be used to purchase up to 640 acres for the dairy, construction of the complex to handle a herd of approximately 2,500 head of cattle, and to cover costs of applying for, processing and acquiring all the necessary state

and federal permits, which would allow the dairy to begin operations. The cost of the dairy herd, feed or any moveable inventory or equipment is not covered under this agreement.

Hafliager will be responsible for submitting plans and specifications to the HEDC and all governing authorities. The agreement calls for all contract, sub-contract, vendors and materials to come from Deaf Smith County businesses.

Negotiations have not included a possible location.

HEDC director Jerry Stevens said the construction of the dairy would probably take a year from the date contracts are signed to opening of the facility.

"This isn't something that's going to happen overnight, it's going to take time," Stevens said this morning. "Through this process, we're saying this a viable plan and we're

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Today's weather OUTLOOK

Mostly cloudy skies; chance of showers

Tonight: Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, lows 60 to 65, north-east winds 5 to 15 mph.

Saturday: Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers or thunderstorms, highs in the upper 80s, east to southeast winds 10 to 20 mph.

Saturday night: Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers, lows in the lower 60s.

Extended forecast

Sunday: Partly cloudy with a slight chance of thunderstorms, highs 85 to 90.

Monday and Tuesday: Partly cloudy with a slight chance of thunderstorms, lows in the mid-60s, highs 88 to 92.

Hereford weather

Thursday's high, 96; low, 67; no precipitation, according to KPAN Radio.



Precipitation chances continue into weekend

Rainfall chances have improved for the weekend, with thunderstorms tracking into the Texas Panhandle from northern New Mexico, according to The Associated Press.

A second group of storms moved into the El Paso area early Friday from Mexico.

Early-morning temperatures ranged from the 70s in the north to 80s in the southwest, around Fort Stockton. It was 64 degrees at Lufkin and 84 at Del Rio.

Also, it was 72 degrees at Port Arthur, Conroe and Victoria. Amarillo and Dalhart had 68 degrees, with 82 at Odessa.

Prevailing winds were mostly southerly and southeasterly at 5 to 20 mph, decreasing to 5 to 10 mph overnight.

A slight chance of showers or thunderstorms was forecast over the Coastal Plains and along the Red River by Saturday. Showers and thunderstorms were expected in the Panhandle.

Daytime highs should range from the 80s in the Southwest Texas mountains to 90s to lower 100s in South Central Texas and the South Texas Plains. It should be around 105 degrees along the Rio Grande.

Lows overnight will be in the 60s and 70s, with some mid- to upper 50s possible in the far north and over the Guadalupe Mountains.

Thursday's high for Texas was 103 degrees at Cotulla.

WORKING TOGETHER



A member of the Dawn Volunteer Fire Department prepares to spray water on a grass fire on County Road 5, southeast of Hereford. The Dawn firefighters joined the Hereford Volunteer Fire Department in fighting the fire, which flared up Thursday afternoon. The fire was extinguished, but firefighters returned about a hour later when the fire reignited.

Ag panel continues its review

Special to The Brand

WASHINGTON, DC — Members of the House Agriculture Committee heard from representatives of unique producer groups Thursday as it continues its review of federal farm policy.

The hearing, which was the 15th conducted by the panel, focused on producers who confront issues unique to their industries, according to a statement from the office of committee Chairman Larry Combest, R-Lubbock.

"Agricultural producers of all types face unique and severe operating risks. Finding ways to help producers manage these risks is one of the chief goals of this committee," Combest said. "After passage of legislation improving crop insurance, we now have the opportunity to focus on the economic side of the safety net. This will ultimately lead us to a farm policy that provides comprehensive risk protection for our nation's producers as they bring quality food and fiber to people worldwide."

The panel of witnesses, which included ranchers, beekeepers, fruit, sugar and sheep growers, represents several sectors of agriculture with a somewhat different perspective than row crop producers. For them, farm policy involves many different factors, as compared to other witnesses the committee has hosted.

While all agricultural producers contend with the weather, the groups represented Thursday also face different economic conditions than other producers.



LARRY COMBEST

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Poll shows Bush with big lead

PHILADELPHIA— George W. Bush and running mate Dick Cheney have opened an 11-point lead over Al Gore in a poll of likely voters released just days before the start of the Republican National Convention.

The CNN-USA Today-Gallup poll released Thursday showed Bush at 50 percent and Gore at 39 percent, with Green Party candidate Ralph Nader at 4 percent and Reform Party contender Pat Buchanan at 1 percent. Gore had closed the gap with Bush just a week ago in the same poll.

Candidates often get a boost during their party's convention, and even before it starts. The four-day Republican convention opens here on Monday.

The poll of 632 likely voters was taken Tuesday and Wednesday and has an error margin of plus or minus 4 percentage points. Bush named Cheney to the Republican ticket on Tuesday.

Bush was given an advantage on several issues including world af-



Republican George W. Bush (left) has a double-digit lead in the latest campaign polls. The latest poll shows Bush at 50 percent. Democrat Al Gore (second from left) is at 39 percent, while Green Party nominee Ralph Nader (second from right) has 4 percent and Reform Party selection Pat Buchanan is at 1 percent.

fairs, taxes, the budget surplus and the economy. Gore, the Democratic vice president, had an edge on health care and the environment. They were about even on Social Security and education.

Those surveyed said by a 2-to-1 margin that Bush has the personal qualities needed in a president. People were evenly split on whether Gore had them.

A separate poll of registered vot-

ers, taken before Cheney's selection, showed the race about even. The survey, by the Pew Research Center for the People and the Press, released Thursday had Bush at 48 percent and Gore at 46 percent in a head-to-head matchup.

Bush was ahead among independents, 52 percent to 41 percent. The top two were virtually tied in a four-way matchup as well: Bush 42 percent, Gore 41, Nader 6 and Buchanan 2.

The Pew survey of 918 registered voters was conducted July 19 through Sunday and has an error margin of plus or minus 4 percentage points.

The Pew poll also examined how the two candidates are viewed personally.

Gore is "scandal-tainted," according to about one-quarter of the registered voters surveyed, while more than half say Bush has relied on family connections to get ahead.



PERRY LETTER

■ Lieutenant governor's aide defending fund-raising missive, which has lobbyists, consumer groups both raising eyebrows

AUSTIN (AP) — Lt. Gov. Rick Perry's fund-raising letter asking lobbyists and their clients for campaign contributions is raising eyebrows among lobbyists and drawing criticism from consumer groups.

A Perry aide said nothing is wrong with the missive, which asks lobbyists to pledge not only their own contributions but also specific amounts for each of their clients — including corporations and associations.

The letter promotes a fund-raising reception for the Republican on Sept. 7 in Austin, seeking individual commitments of up to \$25,000. Tickets to the event are \$1,000 per person.

The letter is unusual because it seeks detailed information on each lobbyist's contribution. The second page of the letter lists each of the lobbyist's clients, followed by a dollar sign and a blank for each donation.

Political watchdog groups say it's a flagrant attempt to squeeze money from corporations and groups that the lieutenant governor can help or hurt in next year's legislative session. The letter also irritates some lobbyists, who in the past have made contributions to candidates but did not have to identify the source of the funds among their various clients.

"Because of the second page it is obvious that he is making a list and checking it twice. He's going to find out who's naughty or nice," said Suzy Woodford, executive director of Common Cause of Texas, a consumer advocacy group.

"Basically what I as a lobbyist am being asked to do, if I had multiple clients, would be to collect checks, you know, bundle," she said Thursday. "Is it going to be the lobbyist who is the most successful bundler?"

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Local roundup

School board seeks replacement

The Hereford Independent School District Board of Trustees must fill a vacancy on the seven member board and are seeking information from community members who may be interested in serving on their local school board.

The vacancy is in District I and appointees should be residents of this area - the southwest portion of the district.

Interested, qualified persons should mail a letter of intent to the Board of Trustees, c/o Hereford Independent School District, 601 N. 25 Mile Avenue, Hereford, TX 79045. Letters should be in the hands of the school board members by the close of school offices at 4:30 p.m., Aug. 4.

Trustees hope to have the vacancy filled in time for the new trustee to participate in the August budget process.

ID photos needed

To avoid the last-minute rush, students who will be attending Hereford Junior High School classes for the first time and new freshmen at Hereford High School for the 2000-2001 school year are encouraged to have their identification badge photos taken this week at the Central Administration Building, 601 N. 25 Mile Ave.

Those needing photos will be incoming seventh- and ninth-grade students and new eighth-grade students.

Students must present their Social Security card before they can have their picture taken.

District policy requires ID badges be worn by students at all times while attending class on either campus. ID's are also required for library privileges and other student activities.

Photographs will be taken 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 8 a.m.-noon on Fridays.

Badges will be given to students when they begin classes.

Walcott School registration

Registration for classes in Walcott School will begin at 7 p.m. Aug. 11 at the school. All new students need to present birth certificates and immunization records.

There also will be a hamburger cookout for students, parents and school personnel at the registration.

Special rabies clinic

Veterinarians at the Hutto Vet Clinic and the Hereford Vet Clinic will hold a special rabies vaccination clinic from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday in response to the number of rabies positive animals located within city limits.

The cost is \$6.50 for dogs and cats. The law requires all pets be vaccinated. Owners of unvaccinated animals are subject to city fines and the pet could be picked up and held till proof of vaccination.

Chavarria Family Fund

Friends of the Jorge Chavarria family have set up an expense fund for the family at the Hereford Texas Federal Credit Union. The fund was established after a weekend accident in Mexico claimed the life of Micaela Chavarria and sent another family member to the hospital. The fund will help pay funeral expenses and the costs of returning home.

HISD holds sub-training

Hereford Independent School District will conduct substitute teacher training on Aug. 2 for first tie substitutes and Aug. 3 for all others.

Substitute teachers must have a high school diploma, however college hours are preferred, and training attendance is required.

Applications are available at the HISD Administration Building, 601 N. 25 Mile Avenue. Additional information can be obtained by calling Olivia Luna at 363-7600.

Special school board meeting

Hereford Independent School District board of trustees have called a special meeting for 6 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 1, at the Administration Building, 601 N. 25 Mile Ave.

The board is expected to authorize the solicitation of sealed bids for the purchase of school property known as "All of block 65" and authorize the proposed tax rate/truth in taxation.

The board will also hear reports on certified appraisal rolls, anticipated collection rates and an update on the budget for the 2000-2001 fiscal year.

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News digest

Superfund blaze continues

KARNACK, Texas (AP) — An abandoned building at a closed ammunition factory that is targeted in a chemical cleanup continued to burn early Friday after Northeast Texas firefighters contained a blaze during a six-hour battle.

Firefighters from the communities of Karnack and Uncertain were monitoring as flames continued in the partially demolished building at the old Longhorn Army Ammunition Plant, said Deidre Evans, Harrison County assistant fire marshal.

The building was in a remote part of the old ammo dump and there was no danger of flames spreading.

Elsewhere:

DEATH INVESTIGATION: The Texas Department of Health is now investigating the death of a 12-year-old boy whose family claims he was turned away from a city fire station three times while complaining of abdominal pains. The family of Daniel Lopez, who died of an aortic aneurysm on June 17, has sued the city of Houston for wrongful death.

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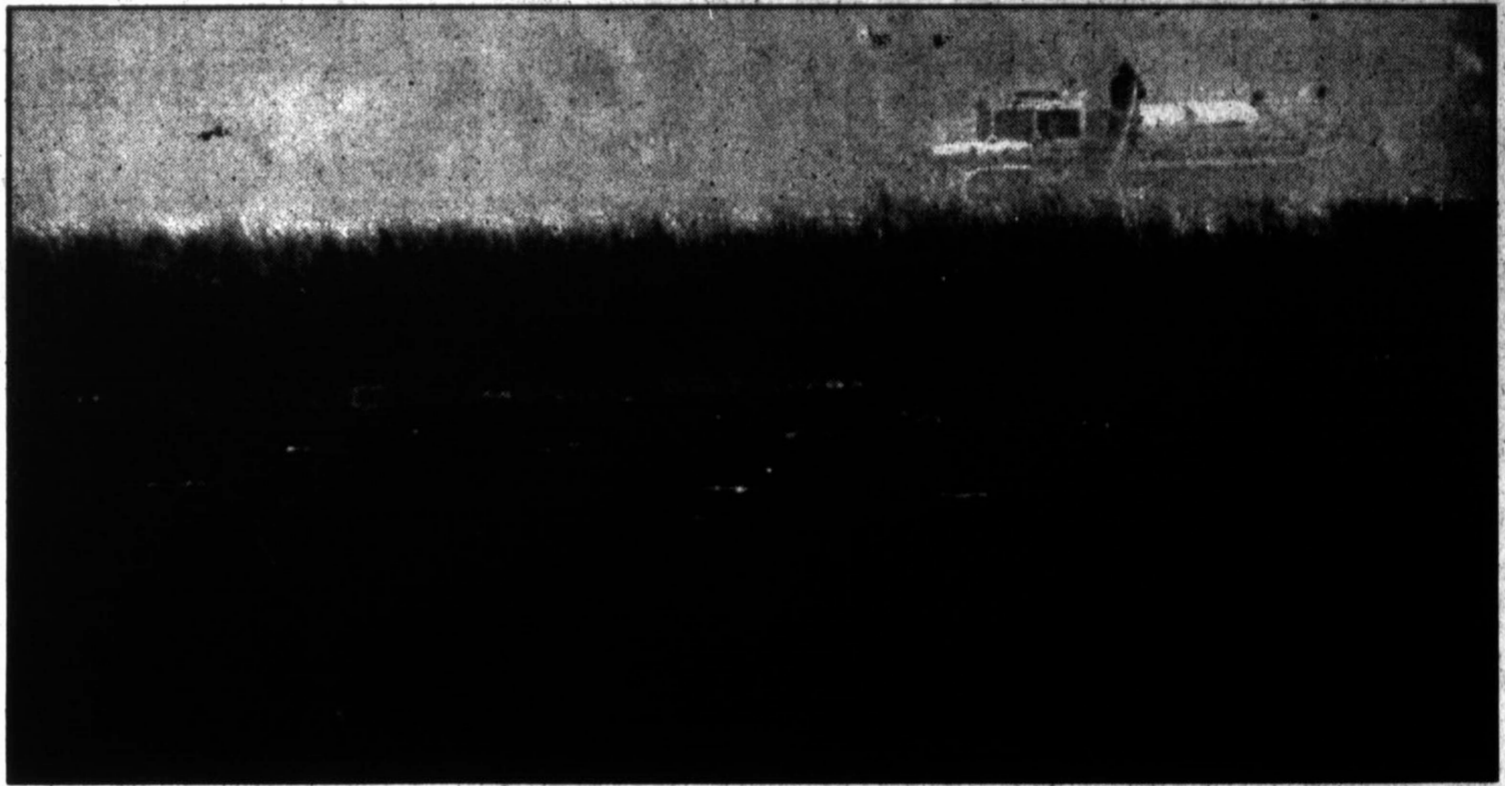
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Smoke in the sky



Charred remains - Blackened grass and a smokey haze was all that remained Thursday after firefighters responded to a vehicle fire on the east end of Road 5. The burning vehicle ignited the dry grass and the ensuing fire consumed about 100 acres of CRP land. Firefighters were called out later in the evening to control a rekindle.

Board considers release guides

AUSTIN (AP) — Revised parole guidelines could result in more non-violent, low-risk offenders being released from prison early, the chairman of the state Board of Pardons and Paroles said Thursday.

The board has contracted with a private consultant to consider drafting new guidelines, which haven't been updated since 1987, as the state faces another possible crunch on prison space.

"I don't want to falsely raise expectations, but I will say I'm cautiously optimistic about the impact of this and all the other things we're doing," said board chairman Gerald Garrett. "The low-risk offender will have the opportunity to return to the community under certain conditions, that hopefully will better his or her chance for success. If that's the end result, then we're all winners."

The board met Thursday with consultants Security Response Technologies, Inc. and could start testing new parole

guidelines by next year. A June report by the state Criminal Justice Policy Council said Texas will need more than 14,600 additional prison beds by August 2005. The cost of such a build-up could be avoided in part by reducing the time served by nonviolent offenders and new probation programs, the report said.

The parole board is responsible for determining which inmates will be released on parole and the conditions of their release. The board can adopt its own guidelines without legislative approval.

In fiscal year 1999, Texas released 18.2 percent of prisoners up for parole, according to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. That percentage has risen steadily in 2000 and hit as high as 26 percent in May. Garrett has said new programs, such as treatment for sexual offenders, and the rising age of the inmate population, have been factors in the higher release rate.

Although the release rate has increased, it remains much lower than the early 1990s, when parole rates skyrocketed to nearly 80 percent before a prison expansion program was completed.

"Parole guidelines are not a panacea. It's not going to result in the answer to the prison crowding problem, but it is very timely what we are doing," said Garrett, who said any changes aren't likely to have a significant statistical impact for a couple of years.

"Some have overstated that this will solve the prison crowding problem. No one event or one thing is going to do that," Garrett said.

Critics have said the current parole guidelines are outdated and lead to inconsistent results. If the inmates believe the system will give them realistic hopes for parole, they are more likely to work toward their release from prison, said Gary Cohen, an Austin defense attorney who represents inmates before the pa-

role board. "You've got to give them something they believe in to give them a reason to behave," Cohen said.

New guidelines should help, said Jim Austin, a research and sociology professor at George Washington University who also works with the private consultants.

"Guidelines are designed to keep the bad people in and help the good risks get out," Austin said.

In drafting new guidelines, parole board members told the consultants they will likely want to consider elements of the initial crime; prior criminal and parole history; an inmate's age and education and employment history; and input from the crime victims among other factors.

AG targets filthy warehouse

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — A Chinese food supplier has continued shipping orders to grocers and restaurants in Texas and four other states, despite being targeted by inspectors for unsanitary conditions at its warehouses.

Texas Attorney General John Cornyn filed a lawsuit against Dallas-based Formosa Foods Wednesday, alleging the Dallas-based company failed three times to correct numerous health code violations in its warehouses.

The alleged violations in-

clude rodent droppings in the warehouses, insects in cases of noodles, leaking food products and improper monitoring of temperature controls in shellfish storage.

But despite the pending case, the company continues to ship meat, seafood, produce, canned goods and other items to Chinese restaurants and grocery stores in Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas, Oklahoma and Tennessee, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported in Friday's editions.

Formosa officials did not return a telephone call Friday for comment.

The company has 20 days to respond to the lawsuit and Cornyn has yet to file an injunction to prevent the company from shipping the potentially tainted food.

"Temporary restraining orders are usually reserved for very unusual cases," said Andrea Horton, a spokeswoman for the attorney general's office.

Horton said Cornyn would push for a permanent injunction to shut down the company if they do not reply to the lawsuit within the 20-day deadline.

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Texas lottery

Cash Five Texas

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

5-8-9-16-21

Pick 3

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

9-9-1

HEREFORD BRAND
Emergency services

Activities reported by emergency services personnel for July 27, 2000 include the following:

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Arrests

- A 51-year-old woman was arrested in the 300 block of Avenue A and charged with a class C theft of a chain saw.

Incidents

- Sexual misconduct was reported in the 500 block of George.

- A woman in the 100 block of Lake reported her son was assaulted with a rock.

- An ornamental cement lion was stolen from the 200 block of North Ranger.

- A domestic disturbance was reported in the 900 block of South Julian.

- A minor accident was reported.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Incidents

-- Two dogs attacked a skunk.

-- A one car accident was reported. No injuries.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

- 1:59 p.m. Firefighters responded to the east end of Road 5 on a vehicle/grass fire. Officials say the vehicle wouldn't turn off and caught fire, sparking the dry grass. The fire burned about 100 acres of CRP.

- 3:37 p.m. Firefighters responded to a storage building fire at 230 Ave. D. The fire was started by an electrical short.

- 4:24 p.m. Firefighters responded to the east end of Road 5 for a grassfire rekindle.

HEREFORD BRAND
Obituaries

WILLIAM G. DRUMMOND
July 21, 2000

Memorial services for William G. Drummond, formerly of Hereford will be 2 p.m. Saturday at the Fellowship of Believers Church with Dr. Nathan Stone officiating.

Mr. Drummond died July 21 in Thornton, Colo.

He was born March 10, 1927, in Tell. He served in the Navy during World War II. He married Peggy L. Mullican on Aug. 19, 1946, in Amarillo. Mr. Drummond had lived and worked in Hereford as an electrician for more than 25 years before moving to Colorado.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, William Gene Drummond of Midland and Carl Leslie Drummond of Denver, Colo.; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one daughter and two grandsons.

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MARY LOIS STEPHENS
July 28, 2000

Services for Mary Lois Stephens, 82, are pending with Parkside Chapel Funeral Home.

Mrs. Stephens died Friday at Baptist St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo.

Survivors include her daughter, Cindy Simons.

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LIFESTYLES

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Del Toro is voted best speaker

Margaret Del Toro was voted the best speaker at the Thursday morning meeting of Hereford Toastmasters. Del Toro's topic was "Organize Your Speech." David Castillo served as evaluator.

Also speaking was Sharon Cramer on the topic, "Be a Better Club." Jigger Rowland served as evaluator and won the vote as best evaluator.

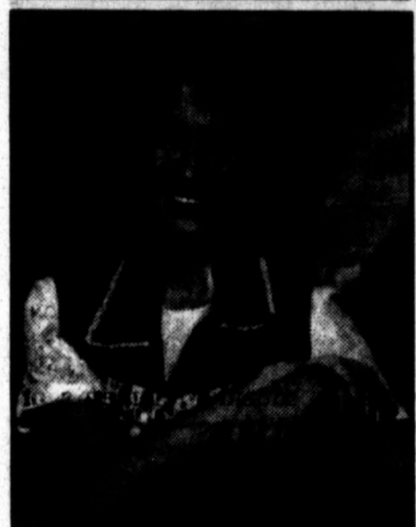
Rowland also served as presiding officer. Clark Andrews gave the invocation. Tronica Owens was toastmaster, guest Adolfo Del Toro was timer and Mary Gamboa was AH counter and grammarian.

As wordmaster, Andrews introduced the word "reprisal," which means an act done in retaliation.

Rowland was topicmaster and selected topics for table topic speakers Gamboa - Best Vacation; Castillo - Most Boring Vacation; and Andrews - Most Expensive Vacation.

Andrews was voted best topic speaker.

Wayne Winget served as general evaluator.



Sara J. Tipton

Music will be highlight of service

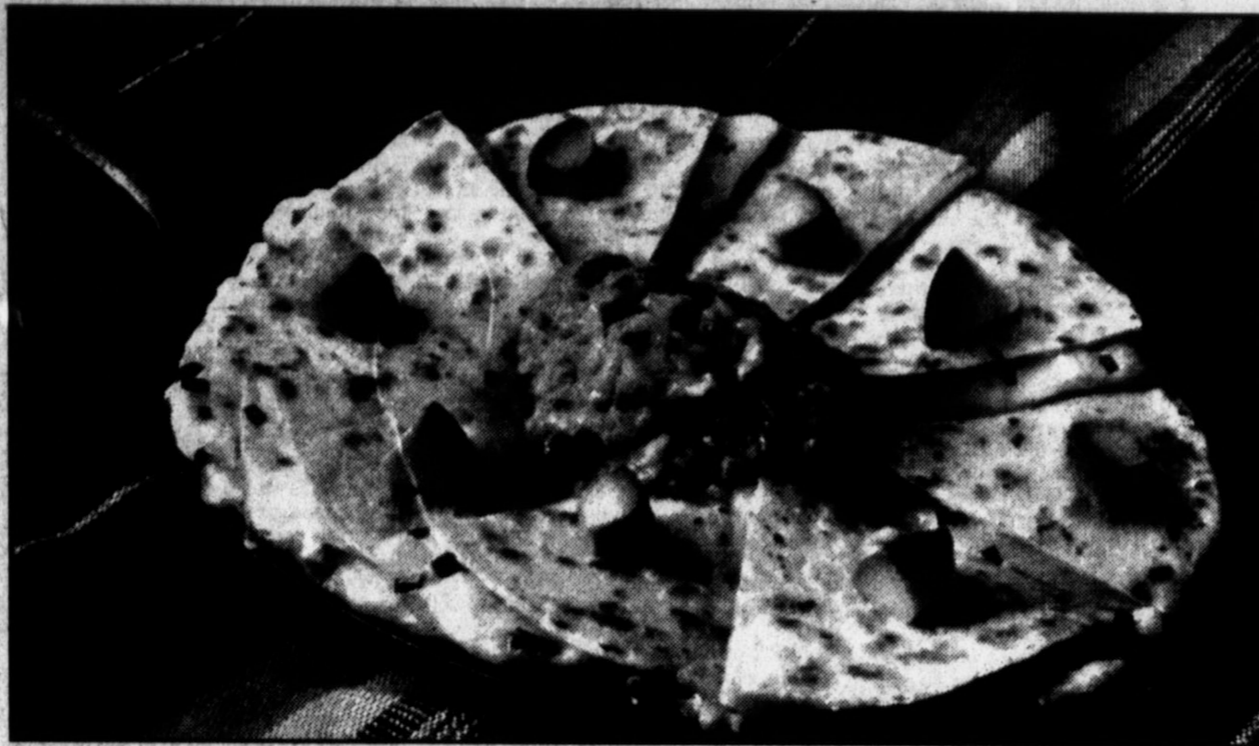
Morning worship at 10:30 Sunday at First Presbyterian Church, 7th and Lee, will be a concert service featuring the music ministry of Sara J. Tipton.

Tipton, 19, is a graduate of Springlake Earth High School and is currently a sophomore business major at Texas Tech University.

She has sung in church cantatas, at senior citizen lunches and community fund-raisers. She has provided special music in church and for weddings and revivals. She was a member of the Super Summer Choir and the Texas Baptist All State Choir.

Tipton is employed by Tarpley Music in Lubbock.

All are welcome to come hear her voice of praise this Sunday.



Very Verde Quesadillas with Avocado Salsa are a tantalizing appetizer, combining melted cheese with the zest of green pepper sauce and topped with a flavorful avocado salsa.

Go for green at Tri-State Fair with favorite Tex-Mex recipe

The new TABASCO Tex-Mex Recipe Challenge offers cash and prizes for the best Tex-Mex recipe at the Amarillo Tri-State Fair. New this year at 25 fairs nationwide, the TABASCO recipe contest challenges cooks to fire up and enter their most tempting recipe created with TABASCO brand Green Pepper Sauce.

Tantalize the judges' taste buds with your delicious Tex-Mex dip, a mouth-watering main dish, or a zesty party recipe. All ages are welcome to enter the 2000 competition with first place taking home \$100 in cash and a beautiful gift basket. Second and third place winners receive \$50 and \$25, respectively. All three winners receive commemorative aprons, award certificates and ribbons.

Judges select the winning dishes based on taste appeal (40%), followed by appearance (25%), ease of preparation (20%) and originality/creativity (15%). Contestants can enter any recipe (one per entrant) as long as they use TABASCO brand Green Pepper Sauce.

TABASCO Green Sauce—made from jalapeno peppers—is milder than the original red TABASCO brand Pepper Sauce, which can be substituted if TABASCO Green Sauce is not available.

Create a new family favorite with these savory Very Verde Quesadillas. This tantalizing appetizer, combining melted cheese with the zest of TABASCO Green Pepper Sauce, is topped with a flavorful avocado salsa.

For more contest information, call the Amarillo Tri-State Fair entry department.

Very Verde Quesadillas with Avocado Salsa
1 (12 ounce) package Monterey Jack or Oaxaca cheese, cut into thin slices
10 to 12 fajita-size (6 inch) flour tortillas
TABASCO brand Green Pepper Sauce

1/4 cup chopped green onion
Arrange cheese slices over half of each tortilla; sprinkle generously with TABASCO Green Pepper Sauce and green onion. Fold tortillas in half. Lightly grease a large heavy

skillet and place over medium-low heat. Cook quesadillas about 45 seconds per side or until lightly browned and crisp. Serve hot with Avocado Salsa and garnish with diced avocados. Makes 10-12 quesadillas.

Chicken Quesadillas: Add 2 to 3 tablespoons shredded cooked chicken to each quesadilla and cook as directed.

Avocado Salsa
3 large tomatillos (about 6 ounces), husked and coarsely chopped, or ripe tomatoes (about 6 ounces), chopped
1/2 cup coarsely chopped cilantro or parsley
1/4 cup chopped green onion
2 tablespoons TABASCO brand Green Pepper Sauce
1 teaspoon salt
1 large, ripe, avocado, peeled and diced (about 1 1/2 cups)
Combine tomatillos, cilantro, green onion, TABASCO Green Pepper Sauce, and salt in a food processor container; process briefly until chopped but still chunky. Pour into a bowl and stir in avocado. Serve with Very Verde Quesadillas.

Today in History

By The Associated Press
Today is Friday, July 28, the 210th day of 2000. There are 156 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 28, 1750, composer Johann Sebastian Bach died in Leipzig, Germany.

On this date:
In 1821, Peru declared its independence from Spain.

In 1868, the 14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, guaranteeing due process of law, was declared in effect.

In 1896, the city of Miami, Fla., was incorporated.

In 1929, Jacqueline Bouvier Kennedy Onassis, first lady of

the United States from 1961 to 1963, was born in Southampton, N.Y.

In 1943, President Franklin D. Roosevelt announced the end of coffee rationing.

In 1945, a U.S. Army bomber crashed into the 79th floor of New York's Empire State Building, killing 14 people.

In 1965, President Lyndon B. Johnson announced he was increasing the number of American troops in South Vietnam from 75,000 to 125,000.

In 1977, Roy Wilkins stepped over leadership of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People to Benjamin L. Hooks.

Ten years ago: Political newcomer and upset winner Alberto Fujimori was sworn in as president of Peru.

Five years ago: A jury in Union, S.C., rejected the death penalty for Susan Smith, sentencing her instead to life in prison for drowning her two young sons (Smith will be eligible for parole after 30 years).

One year ago: The Senate opened debate on the Republicans' \$792 billion tax cut bill. Surgeon General David Satcher declared suicide a serious national threat, saying, "People should not be afraid or ashamed to seek help."

CREATORS SYNDICATE

Ann Landers



Ann Landers

Dear Ann Landers: When you asked your readers to send their favorite columns, I had so many "favorites," I couldn't decide which one to send. I hit on the idea of writing a little poem. I hope you think it is worth printing. — Ann Ingermanson, King City, Calif.

Dear Ann Ingermanson: I do, and I shall. Here it is: Ann Landers, you have asked us

To see if we can find One of your special columns, And several come to mind. The thing you have required Is difficult to do.

I enjoy every letter, I can't pick one or two. I do have some favorites, "The Dog Named Sex" is one.

It always makes me chuckle When I see that column run.

The day Grampa was 79, And spent the day alone Reminds me of the importance

Of picking up the phone. The naked lady with the football helmet

Always produces grins I love the meter-reader's line:

"Lady, I hope your team wins."

If we who read your column Would your counsel take, In the future it might keep us

From making a mistake. **Dear Ann Landers:** I have been saving this column for quite a while. Every time I read it, I end up laughing out loud. Your response is so blunt, to the point and in-your-face, I love it. Please run it one more time for all the parents of teenagers. If they didn't clip it when they read it the first time, I'll bet they will now. — K.L. in Southern California

Dear K.L.: Here it is, but I don't expect it to produce any magic fix. Too many kids are "mother deaf." The only thing that will work is Father Time.

Dear Ann Landers: I'm a 16-year-old girl who is a nervous wreck from getting yelled at. All I hear from morning till night is: "Stop smoking. Get off the phone. Hang up your clothes. Do your homework. Clean up your room." How can I get them off my case? — Sick of Parents

Dear Sick: Stop smoking. Get off the phone. Hang up your clothes. Do your homework, and clean up your room.

Planning a wedding? What's right? What's wrong? "The Ann Landers Guide for Brides" will relieve your anxiety. Send a self-addressed, long, business-size envelope and a check or money order for \$3.75 (this includes postage and handling) to: Brides, c/o Ann Landers, P.O. Box 11562, Chicago, Ill. 60611-0562. (In Canada, send \$4.55.)

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National champ—Hereford's Tiffany Mercer sports her team's BCI National Championship trophy after they (Top of Texas) defeated the Nebraska Stars for the title. The team won the 16 & under bracket of the BCI tournament. Mercer averaged 11 points and eight assists a game for Top of Texas.

■ Tiffany Mercer averages 11 points for Texas team

Top of Texas won the girls 16-and-under Basketball Congress International (BCI) National Tournament held July 16-20 at the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo.

On the team was Hereford's Tiffany Mercer who averaged 11 points, eight assists, three rebounds and five steals a game. Mercer, a member of the Lady Whiteface volleyball and basketball teams, scored seven points and tossed five assists in Top of Texas' championship win over the Nebraska Stars. The team defeated the Stars 67-42 in the championship game, and 31-14 in the extra quarter. The teams had to play an extra quarter because the Nebraska Stars were undefeated coming into the game while Top of Texas had one loss.

Also on the team was Kiersten Barbee from Abilene. Barbee is a junior at Wylie High School in Abilene, and she is the granddaughter of Bob and Jane Crooks of Hereford.

Shawna Gerber of Nazareth

also played for the team.

Top of Texas helped their own cause in the championship game shooting 54 percent from the three point arch.

The team also eliminated six teams from last year's top 10 including 1999 national runner-up Tulsa Lady Hurricanes. The team defeated the Hurricanes 73-56 in the fourth place game.

Mercer said winning the national championship has always been a dream.

"Winning (nationals) is something I have always dreamed about since I started playing when I was 8-years-old," Mercer said. "It is just awesome."

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Japanese players added for exhibition game

■ Kawaguchi, Itai join Cowboys for Tokyo game

WICHITA FALLS, Texas (AP) — Masafumi Kawaguchi wants more than a feel-good appearance in his homeland for the Dallas Cowboys. The linebacker from Japan wants to get noticed by the NFL even though he knows how difficult it could be.

"That's why I came here," Kawaguchi, 27, said Thursday after his first workout with the Cowboys. "If I get beat up so bad here then I will realize I must retire, but not right

now." Kawaguchi and receiver Masato Itai, two Japanese players who have played in NFL Europe, both have joined the Cowboys for what is supposed to be only a one-game stint.

The two will be in uniform, and could play, when the Cowboys take on Atlanta in the American Bowl in Tokyo on Aug. 5. Their appearance on the roster is part of the deal for the overseas game, Cowboys owner Jerry Jones said.

At 5-foot-11, 180 pounds, Kawaguchi isn't a prototype linebacker, but wants at least a chance to make an NFL practice squad after four years

with the Admirals in NFL Europe: He knows he might have to make his impression on special teams.

"Maybe I've never played football that much intense which I will be on game day if they put me on special teams," Kawaguchi said. "It would be a lot better if they put me in as linebacker. If they put me in on a kickoff, I will play real hard."

This will actually be Kawaguchi's second NFL game. He played for the Green Bay Packers against Kansas City in the 1998 American Bowl.

Itai was the first Japanese

player to catch a touchdown pass in NFL Europe when he caught a 12-yard TD pass from Admirals quarterback Jim Kubiak in week 9 of the 2000 season. On Thursday, he was taking passes from Troy Aikman and Randall Cunningham.

"It was a very good experience. The only difference is the speed. I missed some balls," said the 29-year-old Itai, whose goal is to have a catch in the American Bowl.

Cowboys coach Dave Campo said the two players have distinguished themselves in NFL Europe. But to what extent they will play for the Cowboys in the American Bowl can't yet be determined.

"It's a little difficult from the standpoint of not having a lot of practice time, the number of snaps they get is difficult," Campo said. "We'll try to get them used to a couple of things they feel comfortable with, like routes that the receiver would feel comfortable with."

This is not the first time the Cowboys have added an international player.

"One year when we played in Mexico we had a Mexican player play with us, a receiver," Jones said. "This is good. There is a pretty active American football participation in Japan."

The Cowboys only practiced once Thursday. That is the

result of a fast tempo evident throughout camp so far. "We want to give them the feeling that we are a speed team and we want to do things in a fast way," coach Dave Campo said. RB Emmitt Smith (strained left big toe), DB George Teague (strained glute) and TE David LaFleur (strained groin) were held out of practice again Thursday. The Cowboys will honor the late coach Tom Landry this season by wearing an image of his famous fedora hat on their jerseys. "We thought it would be very appropriate. He didn't need a name, he didn't need any initials. The hat says it all," Cowboys owner Jerry Jones said.

READY TO RUMBLE



Ready to rumble—Mark Youngblood (left) and Chris Youngblood (right) top the bill in the professional wrestling event at the Hereford Bullbarn beginning Sunday at 3 p.m. All concessional proceeds collected at

the event will go to the Hereford YMCA wrestling team. The Youngbloods are members of the World's Wrestling Superstars (WWS) and are the sons of Ricky Romero. (Photos courtesy of Chris Rumiro)

Wrestlers come to Hereford

Wrestling's World Superstars (WWS) will be in town at the Hereford Bullbarn Sunday, July 30, to raise money for the Hereford YMCA wrestling team.

Events begin at the bullbarn at 3 p.m. and will feature six professional wrestling matches with all concessional proceeds going to the YMCA team.

Topping Sunday's bill is 'The Visionary' Chris Youngblood and his brother Mark Youngblood. The two are both previous World Championship Wrestling (WCW) competitors. Chris Youngblood squares off against the Angel of Darkness in the main event, and Mark Youngblood will take on Doink the Evil Clown in the semi main event.

Radical Ricky Romero III, a 17-year-old Amarillo High School student, will face Kid Kaos in the WWS Jr. Title Match.

The Youngbloods are both the sons of former professional wrestler Rapid Ricky Romero. Romero is also the grandfather of Ricky Romero III, and Romero will be making a guest appearance along with Rip Hawk. Romero said he is proud of his sons for carrying

on his legacy.

"At first it was scary to watch, but then when I saw them in the ring I knew they were ready," Romero said. "I am proud of them and my grandson."

The WWS has been in Amarillo for 1 1/2 years. The organization is headed by Don Oakley who previously ran a wrestling group in Las Vegas, Nev. The organization has participated in various charitable events during the past year to help raise money for different causes. Chris Rumiro (Chris Youngblood) said he enjoys giving back to the people.

"It is good to know you can help people," Rumiro said. "It is good to know you are

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Ringside tickets for Sunday's events are \$10 while general admission is only \$8. Kids general admission is \$5. Advance tickets are being sold at the Hereford YMCA or can be reserved by calling 379-8060.

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"LET'S GO TO MARKET!"



IN THESE MODERN TIMES, GOING TO MARKET IS A MATTER OF GETTING INTO A CAR AND DRIVING TO THE SHOPPING CENTER. WE NEVER SEE THE MAN WHO GREW OUR FOOD, THE PEOPLE WHO MADE OUR CLOTHES, OR THE OTHER ARTICLES WE BUY AND USE. EVERYTHING IS PACKAGED NEATLY AND SHIPPED TO THE STORES WHERE WE DO OUR SHOPPING. BUT...

...THE BIBLICAL MARKETPLACE WAS ANOTHER MATTER. A CITY'S GATEWAY OPENED INTO A KIND OF PLAZA—HERE WAS THE MARKET, WHERE EVERY KIND OF TRADING AND SELLING TOOK PLACE. AN ANCIENT SAYING DECLARED, "ONE CAN BUY ANYTHING IN THE MARKETS OF JERUSALEM, FROM A FINE CAMEL TO A FALSE TOOTH!" AND YOU WOULD MEET THE MAN WHO RAISED THE MEAT YOU BOUGHT, OR THE GRAIN YOU WANTED FOR A FINE FLOUR—THE SHEEP-RAISER, THE OLIVE OIL-MAKER, THE FARMER, THE POTTER, THE CLOTH-SPINNER, WERE HERE TO PERSONALLY SELL YOU THEIR OWN GOODS. PEOPLE OF MANY NATIONS THROGGED JERUSALEM'S MARKETS—A DOZEN LANGUAGES MIGHT BE HEARD WITHOUT TAKING MORE THAN A FEW STEPS—A CONSTANT DIN OF VOICES, CRYING THE VIRTUES OF THIS MELON, THAT PERFUME, AGAINST A BACKGROUND OF THE CLINK AND JINGLE OF THE MONEY CHANGERS, WITHOUT WHOM THE BUYING AND SELLING OF ALL THESE GOODS COULD HARDLY BE MANAGED. A POLYGLLOT OF ACTIVITY, WAS THE ANCIENT MARKETPLACE WHEN "GOING TO MARKET" WAS AN EXCITING EVENT, INDEED!



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