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### Today's weather OUTLOOK

## **Partly cloudy**

skies

Tonight: Partly cloudy with a low near 30. Friday: Partly cloudy with

a high near 50. Friday night: Increasing clouds with a low 25 to 30.

**Extended forecast** Saturday: Mostly cloudy with a slight chance of light rain or snow, high in the lower 40s.

Sunday: Mostly cloudy with a chance of light snow, low in the mid-20s, high in the upper 30s.

Monday: Partly cloudy, low 20 to 25, high in the lower 40s.

### **Hereford weather**

Wednesday's high, 67; low, 38; no precipitation; year-to-date rainfall, 26.84 inches, according to KPAN Radio.



### **Upper-level front** to cross region

An upper level disturbance over northern New Mexico was expected to move across the Texas Panhandle and combine with a cold front to produce some precipitation across much of the state, according to Associated Press weather re-

It will be partly cloudy across West Texas tonight and Friday with cooler temperatures forecast for the Panhandle. There is a slight chance of showers through Friday.

Lows tonight will be in the mid-20s in the extreme northern Panhandle and in the 30s and 40s elsewhere, Highs Friday will be mostly in the 50s and 60s, ranging from the mid 40s in the Panhandle to the lower 70s in the Big Bend area.

North Texas will have cloudy skies and windy conditions tonight with a chance for thunderstorms that may reach severe levels in central and eastern areas. There is a slight chance of thunderstorms in western sec-



**Hewitt Midway** 

(11-2)2 p.m.Saturday Shotwell Stadium Abilene

Tickets for the game are on sale at Troy's Sweet Shop, 1003 E. Park Ave. Ticket prices are \$6 for adults and \$3 for students. Tickets at the gate will be \$7.

How to get to Shotwell From Interstate 20, exit Business I-20/U.S. Highway

Continue on Highway 80 to Treadway Boulevard. Turn right (south) on Treadway and continue to South 11th Street.

Turn east on South 11th continue toward the West Texas Fairgrounds and Taylor County Coliseum. Shotwell Stadium will be on the left side of the street.

### THURSDAY, December 2, 1999

# Residents get warning about 'trust' scheme

By Dianna F. Dandridge

Hereford Brand Staff Writer

Scam artists are on the prowl again and Texas Bar Association, local attorneys and accountants are warning residents to beware of individuals trying to sell them a living trust.

Hereford attorney Ted Wimberley said living trusts originated in California and were designed to circumvent that state's probate system. He said they first appeared about 10 years ago in Houston.

"These documents cause lots of problems," Wimberley said. "The biggest use I've seen for these documents is as a profit center for a certain group of attorneys. They're very difficult to maintain, costly to maintain, and no more efficient than other simpler documents. The general person does not fully understand them."

Wimberley said scam artists from Dallas and other large cities have approached a few residents, some of whom have been taken in and spent unnecessary money for a document

they don't need.
"Some of these are just empty documents. Nothing has been transferred into the trust and the consumer is getting nothing for his money," Wimberley said.

An article in the July 1999 issue of the Texas Bar Journal estimates con artists make millions of dollars every year selling unnecessary trusts. Consumers lose anywhere from \$500 to \$5,000 with these purchases. Wimberley estimates the losses at more than \$1,500.

The Journal warns that families often face greater costs after the consumer's death, all because of problems resulting from the trusts.

"Attorneys and scam artists promote living trusts as a means of saving taxes and avoiding probate. This sounds good, but what's important is what they are not saying," Wimberley said.

He pointed out that certain accounts, such as IRA, and retirements can not be placed in trust funds, and this alone could make an estate have

to go through probate process. Attorney R.C. Hoelscher said living trusts take effect now and, depending on the wording, can be changed until one party dies. Hoelscher said they are extremely complicated and consumers "need to be careful who they are dealing with when they make any major purchase."

Both attorneys mentioned items that are not handled within the bounds of the trust are still liable for probate process.

There are benefits to the living trusts, Wimberly said.

"It can avoid probate costs and it can provide management for financial assets. But, unless a person has multiple real properties in a number of states, there are less expensive and less complicated means of doing the same thing," he said.

Scam artists and unethical attorneys target the older residents, usually because they have the money to purchase such a document plus they are beginning to look at the possibility of their own deaths.

The State Bar of Texas has issued an advisory opinion regarding advertising and promoting living trusts for attorneys. Attorneys are not supposed to advocate a living trust over a will or vice-versa. Attorneys should present pros and cons of both wills and living trusts.

Wimberley suggests anyone who is approached about the purchase of a living trust should contact an attorney they trust and have wills, durable power of attorneys, healthcare power of attorney and advanced directive to physicians explained before they decide.

## Many elderly feel forgotten during holidays

There are times when the senior citizens of the community who are confined to rest homes or other care facilities may feel neglected and forgotten. The Christmas season can prove especially poignant for them. Many have no family or friends to visit them, and a special gift may seem beyond their hope.

Machine Inc., 302 E. 3rd.

With the generous support of CSF donors, the less-fortunate senior citizens of Hereford and Deaf Smith County don't go forgotten during the Yule season.

The anonymous committee of volunteers administering



Maybe it's not the 'jolly old elf,' but this carved bear is decorated for Christmas,

complete with stocking cap, scarf and bag of goodles. The bear, which was

carved by an artisan in Ruidoso, N.M., stands by the entrance to Beaver's

CSF give the needs of the young and the elderly a high priority in their decisions on extending assistance.

Routinely, the CSF committee obtains information on a list of needy rest home residents who could use a little extra Christmas cheer, and with the assistance of local care facilities, designates gift vouchers for just that purpose. Those funds are usually used for personal items desired by the residents such as snacks and toiletries, and occasionally are used to cover special needs.

The CSF gifts to elderly rest home residents represent a gesture from the whole community that these people are remembered and appreciated--

at a time of the year when the message is especially needed and meaningful.

You can help CSF to make the holiday a bit more cheerful for as many of the less fortunate members of the community as possible through your generous gift.
CSF extends assistance in

numerous forms including help with food, utilities, medical and pharmacy bills, and clothing. All assistance, with the exception of food, is via vouchers payable to the merchants, utilities, or medical facilities cooperating with CSF. Food assistance is in the form of

staple goods that are boxed and delivered. This year's primary assis-

tance delivery date is Dec. 22. Donations to CSF may

be made in-person at the Hereford Brand, 818 N. Lee, or mailed to CSF in care of The Brand at Box 673, Hereford, 79045. Those contributors who wish to remain anonymous should so designate their gifts.

The Brand, official collection point for CSF, periodically publishes a listing of contributors and keeps a running tally of the sum col-

lected by CSF.

## States report gains, but fall short of goals

WASHINGTON (AP) - Clinton and the States have made some progress in improving their educational systems, but overall the nation will not meet by 2000 the goals in reading, math, graduation rates and other measures that a national commission set a decade ago,

a panel reported today. The good news, however, the National Educational Goals panel said, is that more U.S. preschool children are starting school in better health and with better reading skills; more middle school students are also reading better, and everyone is making strides in

More older students also are going to college and more are earning degrees in math and science, said the panel, charged with measuring the eight education goals set over the decade by Presidents Bush and

nation's governors.

"The improvements called for in the National Education goals are as important today as they were 10 years ago," said Kentucky Gov. Paul Patton, who heads the bipartisan panel of governors, state lawmakers and members

of Congress. "I urge every state to make them a priority and to continue working toward their attainment."

But progress toward goals for improved teacher preparation, school safety and parent participation has stalled or worsened since the goals were established, according to information gleaned from the states for the panel's last re-

port of the decade. In 1990, after Bush and the



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nation's governors and business leaders held an education summit, six goals were adopted to target preschool preparation, high school graduation, student achievement in basic subjects. achievement in math and science compared with other nations, school safety, and adult literacy and job skills. Two goals for teacher train-

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## **USDA sees little** ag export gains

WASHINGTON (AP) -Farmers hoping to make more money on their crops next year are unlikely to get much help from overseas. The Agriculture Department is predicting no improvement in U.S. farm exports over the next

"The main problem at the moment seems to be that the production in other countries is much stronger than had been expected. That's pushing the prices down," Carolyn Whitton, a trade specialist with the department's Economic Research Service, said in an interview Wednesday.

USDA projected in August that farm exports would grow by \$1 billion to \$50 billion for the 2000 budget year, which began Oct. 1. But the department now says in a report to be released shortly that agriculture exports will remain at \$49 billion in fiscal 2000 because of growing stockpiles of grain worldwide.

Since August, projected exports of wheat, corn and soybeans have dropped by 5.4 million tons, according to a summary of the report.

Prices for wheat, corn, soybeans and other crops have fallen sharply over the past two years because of shrinking export markets, leading Congress to pass successive multibillion-dollar aid packages to soften the blow.

U.S. farmers shipped nearly \$60 billion worth of commodities overseas in 1996 but that dropped to under \$54 billion by last year because of financial problems in Japan and other key Asian markets.

USDA expects farm exports to Asia drop slightly to \$18.3 billion in fiscal 2000.

Asia's recent economic upswing leads some economists to think that U.S. farm exports could start rebounding in 2000. John Beghin, a trade

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## **Local roundup**

Christmas for children application

A group of local volunteers is working with the Deaf Smith County Social Services to help children in our community receive a Christmas gift through the "Christmas for Children" program. Applications for the program will be taken at the Hereford Food Pantry, 609 E. Park, Suite 2, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dec. 7. For more information on the program, contact Social Services at 363-7075.

### Letters to Santa deadline

Parents and teachers wishing to get children's letters to Santa published in the special Christmas edition of the Hereford Brand, Sunday Dec. 19, should get the letters to the Brand office no later than Monday, Dec. 6. Letters can be sent to P.O. Box 673, Hereford or brought by the Brand office.

Hereford High School open house

Staff at Hereford High School will host an open house, Monday, Dec. 6, from 6-7:30 p.m. A style show, presented by the HHS Modeling Club, will follow the 7:30 p.m. parent meeting, in the auditorium.

PLN schedules guitar concert

The Promised Land Network will host a classical guitar concert, Sunday Dec. 5 at 5 p.m. at the Home Mercantile in Nazareth. The concert will celebrate Christmas and the German heritage. Admission is \$5 per person. A German-style dessert social will begin at 4:30.

Holiday craft show and sale

The Wesley United Methodist Church will host its 19th Annual Festival of Arts and Crafts Show 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday at the Hereford Community Center. During the festival members will draw for the winner of a lace angel-doll. Tickets are \$1 each and can be purchased from any crafter or at the festival.

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## **News digest**

Mass grave reveals six bodies

CIUDAD JUAREZ, Mexico (AP) — Using ground-piercing radar, DNA analysis and shovels and sieves, Mexican and U.S. officials have slowly unearthed what appear to be the remains of six people on a desert ranch near the U.S. border.

Authorities believe the bodies of as many as 100 people suspected victims of drug traffickers — could be buried on four ranches in the area near Ciudad Juarez, a city across the border from El Paso, Texas.

Ciudad Juarez is the home base for the Juarez drug cartel, which was Mexico's largest and most violent drug-smuggling outfit in the 1990s.

FBI forensics experts, working side-by-side with Mexican soldiers and ski-masked police, uncovered the apparent remains, along with clothing, belts and shoes, behind a barn at the Rancho la Campana, 10 miles southwest of Ciudad Juarez.

The remains have been located in a very specific area. The bodies have been found very close together, one atop another," said Jose Larrieta Carrasco, head of the organized crime unit for Mexico's attorney general's office.

### Court considers in-vitro birth rights

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The Texas Supreme Court was asked on Wednesday to determine whether a man has a parental right to his ex-wife's daughter, whose birth resulted from a

frozen embryo the couple created when still married.

But the justices will have to make their decision — which is expected next year — with little legal guidance. The state has no laws directly addressing the rights attached to an embryo created in a laboratory.

"This is truly a case where technology is outpacing the law," said attorney Lynne Liberato in today's editions of The Dallas Morning News. Ms. Liberato is representing Mildred Schmit, the mother of the girl.

Houston auto dealer Don McGill and Ms. Schmit divorced in August 1996 after a 20-year marriage. Ms. Schmit wanted another child and McGill agreed that she could use a frozen embryo they produced in 1994.

Ms. Schmit claims the embryo was implanted only after her ex-husband promised that he wouldn't pursue parental status. But McGill denies making such a promise.

Owner charged in sexual assault

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — Police say additional charges may be filed against the owner of a College Stationbased modeling agency who has been charged in the sexual assault of two of his underage clients.

Behrooz Daftarian, 43, of Bryan, has been charged with two counts of aggravated sexual assault of a child and one count of sexual assault of a child.

Daftarian, who was being held in the Brazos County Jail on Wednesday night in lieu of \$1.2 million bond, may face additional charges for having inappropriately photographed and videotaped others, police say.

Daftarian, who also is known by the first name Bruce, is the owner of Doug Hunter's Enterprises, a modeling agency and photography studio.

The agency's Web site advertises for models of all ages, and states that Daftarian photographs for major department stores.

**ELSEWHERE:** 

EDWARDS-WIRETAPS: A federal judge in Louisiana is considering whether to throw out federal wiretaps that led to two indictments against former Louisiana Gov. Edwin Edwards. ... CAR DEPOSIT: A controversial car deposit for U.S. cars

going into Mexico took effect Wednesday, frustrating travelers and sparking protests. Under the program, people taking their cars past a 15-mile strip along the U.S.-Mexico border must pay a refundable deposit of up to \$800. ... BRICK ATTACK: A man has been charged at New York City in the brick attack on Nicole Barrett, a Texas native who had moved to the big city.

### **HerefordBrand**

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## Pawn shop gun transactions decline

DENVER (AP) — Scott Pasternack, says many of his clients are frustrated a year after a federal law mandated background checks on customers redeeming their guns.

Pasternack said, anger over mounting paperwork and even malfunctioning computers have discouraged sales of pawned guns.

"Even if they don't object to all the forms, they might have to wait three or four days and miss their hunting trip(" he said on Tuesday.

The frustration apparently isn't limited to Denver. Pawnshop gun inventories across the nation have declined as much as 70 percent in the year following the enacting of the Brady Act, store owners

EZCorp, Inc., which has 325 pawn shops in 14 states, started phasing out handgun sales about a year ago in some markets and is considering phasing out guns altogether.

Gary Bennett, manager of Downtown Pawn & Gun in Ocala, Fla., said he, too, considered eliminating gun transactions, but "I decided our constitutional rights were more important."

Tom Horn, executive director of the National Pawnbrokers Association, blamed consumer resistance to the checks for cutting pawnshop gun inventories from a high of 10 million weapons to an estimated 3 million firearms as of Tuesday.

As a result, Horn said, hundreds of thousands of gun owners who want to get cash for their weapons are increasingly bypassing the checks with un-regulated private transactions or street sales.

Horn said most association members agree that anyone who purchases a firearm should first pass a background check. But members opposed the law when it was applied to those redeeming their own

Many pawnshops depend on the revenue from gun owners who pawn their weapon for a limited time and then return to redeem it for the original price plus an accrued charge.

Over the past year, however, the returning customer is subject to a background check to ensure there are no criminal convictions or other deterring factors.

Federal law currently bans gun purchases by people con-victed or under indictment for felony charges, fugitives, the mentally ill and those with dishonorable military discharges.

Guns also are banned for those who have renounced U.S. citizenship, illegal aliens, illegal drug users and those convicted of domestic violence misdemeanors or who are under domestic violence restraining orders. State laws add other categories.

An estimated 12.4 million firearms are sold each year in the United States. In the year before the law went into effect, an additional 2.5 million transactions were made by owners buying back a firearm from a pawnshop.

Bea Witzleben, a leading gun policy maker for the Justice Department, said 160,000 people have been denied guns since the law took effect. About 8.7 million background checks have been performed.

The recent suicide of a mother of a student paralyzed in the April 20 Columbine High School massacre brought renewed attention to the connection between guns and pawnshops.

But pawnshop deelers said the suicide hasn't led to a mass exodus from the gun business.

Unlike his father's store, where Pasternack himself cavorted as a child, the recently renovated family pawnshop is just as likely to sell a Rolex as a gun, jewelry or even a Y2K-compatible generator.

## Time for children



Celebrate the children - The Deaf Smith County Welfare Board and Hereford State Bank sponsors the annual Christmas Wish Tree for Panhandle foster children. The tree is located in Hereford State Bank's lobby and decorated with cut-out paper bears. Each bear on the tree is designated to one foster child and they have written their name, age and what they want for Christmas. Simply take a bear from the tree, purchase the gift and return the tag with gift to Hereford State Bank. Children, such as these three boys, from Deaf Smith County assisted making and coloring the bears.

## New Yorkers begin reading Santa letters

NEW YORK (AP) — The York took one letter, everyone letters were addressed to the jolly old elf himself, but for those reading Santa's mail, it was hard to keep a joyous

"Some of these just break your heart," said Jean Shaw, her eyes misty as she read a letter from a child in Garnerville, N.Y. "He says he and his family just want toys and they don't care if they're used, because his mother has

no money.

could have a merry Christmas."

Shaw is among the volunteers for Operation Santa Claus — the U.S. Postal Service's annual version of a holiday miracle. The campaign to bring holiday cheer to less fortunate children kicked off Wednesday, as some of Santa's "elves" began reading 100,000 Christmas wishes mailed by children who possess little but

hope.



Car vs. truck -- A late afternoon accident in the Homeland parking lot sent one woman, Sharon Johnson, 55, to Hereford Regional Medical Center with non-life threatening injuries. Police reports indicate Johnson, in a 1992 Lincoln, was waiting to pull out onto 25 Mile Avenue when Gilberto Armendaris, driving an 86 Chevy Flatbed truck, turned striking the Lincoln head on. Armendaris was cited for negligent collision.

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## **Emergency services**

Activities reported by emergency services personnel for Dec. 1, 1999, include the following:
POLICE DEPARTMENT

Arrests

- A 17-year-old man was arrested in the 100 block of San Obregon and charged with public intoxication.

- A man was stopped in the 100 block of Moreman Avenue and arrested and charged with Department of Public Safety warrants.

-- Theft was reported in the 1100 block of West Park Av-

enue. - Burglary of a habitation

was reported in the 300 block of Bradley. -- A domestic assault was reported in the 500 block of

-- A two vehicle accident was reported in the 500 block of N. 25 Mile Avenue. One driver reported a non-incapacitating

Willow Lane.

### SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

-- A 17-year-old woman began serving time on a crimi-nal mischief conviction.

FIRE DEPARTMENT 4:02 p.m. Firefighters reded to a wreck rescue at 535 N. Highway 385.

70 years ago, when money order clerks at the New York City post office dug into their own pockets to buy food and toys for children who faced empty Christmas stockings just because their letters addressed to Santa Claus were

undeliverable. Today, about a third of the letters are "adopted" by volunteers who answer the letters, deliver gifts or raise money for a charity.

"Food, clothing, shoes, ... some of the 'Dear Santa' letters make you weep, others are really amusing," said Pete Fontana, who is coordinating this year's effort at New York

City's main post office.
"One child asked Santa for a million dollars in cash and one of every toy he makes," he said, laughing.

Others letters are more serious.

"One kid, his father passed

### HEREFORD BRAND Obituaries

Nov. 30, 1999 LAMESA - Services for Freddie Joe Vogler, 66, of Lamesa were today at the First Baptist Church of Lamesa with the Rev. Brian Pinkerton, pastor of friendhip Baptist Church, officiating.

FREDDIE JOE VOGLER

etery by Branon Funeral Mr. Vogler died Tuesday. He was born in Lamesa and served in the Army Corps of Engineers during the Korean War. He was a farmer and a member of the Friendship Bap-

Burial will be in Lamesa Cem-

tist Church. He married Bobbye Parker in 1961 at Lamesa.

Survivors include his wife; a son, Mark Vogler of Amarillo; two daughters, Traci Harrison of San Angelo and Carla Stout of Paris; three sisters, Ella Caudle of Hereford, Anna Standefer of Lamesa and Laverne Burger of Midland; two brothers, Henry Vogler and Rinehard Vogler, both of Lamesa; and four grandchil-

Hereford Brand, Dec. 2, 1980

away and his mother is in a hospital with cancer, and he asked for something for his sister — he didn't even want anything for himself," Fontana said.

Postal officials expect 250,000 letters from post offices around the world this year, a record total.

"There's an incredible increase in volume this year." Fontana said, noting the receipt of 100,000 letters already. That's "about 40,000 letters above last year," he said. Although some states now

have their own programs, Fontana said the New York post office handles the bulk of the letters from the East Coast region — and many from around the nation and the world.

Volunteers at computers punch in the return addresses of letters that have been adopted, to make sure only one letter per family is answered.

Phyllis St. John, a dental consultant in New York, said she has taken part in Operation Santa Claus for three

"I guess I just got tired of buying things for people who really don't need anything," she said, "when obviously there's a lot of people who do need things so badly."

### THE ASSOCIATED PRESS Texas lottery

Lotto Texas No ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

The jackpot was worth an estimated \$13 million.

The numbers drawn lednesday night from a field of 50 were

15-19-25-26-30-43. Saturday night's drawing will be worth an estimated \$17 million.

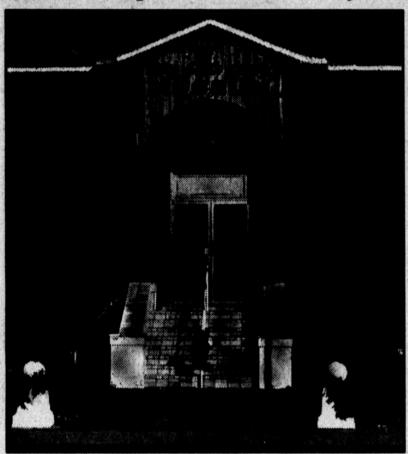
bers drawn Wednesday hours

# **LIFESTYLES**

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# Decking the walls

In preparation for the annual museum open house Sunday





Historical society members worked outside and inside the Deaf Smith County Museum earlier this week putting up Christmas decorations. County residents will be able to enjoy the decorations from 2 4 p.m. Sunday during the Christmas Open House, hosted by the Deaf Smith County Historical Society.

## Society expresses appreciation for community support

A Christmas Open House will be held from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday at the Deaf Smith County Museum, hosted by the Deaf Smith County Historical Society.

Refreshments will be served throughout the afternoon. The open house is sponsored annually by the historical society as a special thanks to county residents for their support.

Music will be provided by the Jack Nunley Band and by Alice

Pell, music director at First United Methodist Church. A feature of last year's open house which proved popular was a variety demonstrations. Visitors this year will again be able to observe demonstrations on making Christmas arrangements by Terry Sparks, making bows by Carmen Flood and pulling taffy candy by various members of the historical society.

All Deaf Smith County residents are invited to attend.

**Creators Syndicate** 



This is a reply to "Dilemma N.Y.," whose ex-husband complained that his child-

Landers support money is not being spent on his two sons. The law states that the mother must give an accounting to the father on how his child-support money is spent. This is reasonable and makes a good story, but that's as far as it goes. The truth is, she can do what she pleases with the

"Dilemma" says she doesn't "go out partying or dress to the nines." Why should she? It's not her money. That money is to support the child and nothing else. She should be ashamed to admit she buys macaroni and cheese by the case. It is not adequate nourishment for a child. As for money for school dances, costumes, and so on, if Mom chooses to have these extras, then Mom should pay for them. They are not necessities. I didn't have them when I was young, and I grew up just

I am not an angry ex-hus-band. I am a 71-year-old woman. Please print this letter. "Dilemma" needs to see the other side. - Grandma in Crown Point, Ind.

Dear Grandma: "Divorced Mom" buys macaroni and cheese because that's what she can afford - and it does indeed provide nourishment. As for the costumes and school dances, Mom doesn't want her kids to be left out. She wants them to enjoy the normal activities that other kids do, and she should

be commended. I'm on her

Dear Ann Landers: I was intrigued by the essay Rose Mula wrote about the unwelcome old woman who invaded her home. Please tell her that the same old woman has sneaked into my home as well.

I noticed that she likes to nap. She started hogging the mattress for 15 minutes a day, and now, it's up to an hour. I think it's disgraceful. I dare not leave her alone because she misplaces my datebook and makes me miss meetings. She is also a terrible clutterer. You should see what she has done to my study.

Ask Rose to call this old lady, and suggest that she find somebody else to annoy. I've had it. - Mec in Massachu-

Dear Mec in Mass.: I was surprised at the number of readers who wrote to say the old lady had visited them as well. She certainly does get around. I hope she sees this column, and will honor your request to find someone else.

Dear Ann Landers: I am responding to "Unable to Cope in Indiana," whose husband gets angry and blows his top over trivial things. I had the same problem with my husband when our children were growing up. Here's how I handled it:

When "Ed" started to pick on the kids, I knew he was stressed out, so I waited until they were in bed, and then. I'd kiss him and tell him what a great husband and father he was, and how much I appreciated all the things he did for

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## Quick-to-make holiday breads

Celebrate the holiday season by making some tasty new quickto-make breads. The culinary professionals at Pioneer Flour Mills have developed two recipes featuring our favorite flavor of the

season – pumpkin. "Muffins are fast to make – about thirty minutes, start to finish," Wendy Hagerman, research and development specialist for Pioneer Flour Mills, said. "When you start with biscuit and baking mix, the list of ingredients is shorter and they're just simply faster to stir together."

A delicious streusel topping

adds a crunchy texture and great flavor to these moist and delicious pumpkin quick breads.

Christmas is the perfect time to show your appreciation to those you hold dear and nothing expresses appreciation like

something homemade.

Both of these recipes make enough to share - so share either the Pumpkin-Pecan Muffins with Oatmeal Streusel or the Pumpkin Bread with Streusel Nut Topping.
Pumpkin-Pecan Muffins
with Oatmeal Streusel

3 cups buttermilk biscuit and

baking mix 1 cup packed light brown sugar 1/2 cup chopped pecans, toasted 2 teaspoons ground cinnamon 1/4 teaspoon ground cloves 2 large eggs, beaten 1 can (15 oz.) pumpkin ½ cup low-fat buttermilk or

1/2 cup vegetable or canola oil

Oatmeal Streusel

1/2 cup chopped pecans
1/3 cup buttermilk biscuit and baking mix

1/3 cup packed light brown

1/3 cup old-fashioned oats 1/4 cup (½ stick) butter or margarine, melted

In large bowl, combine 3 cups biscuit and baking mix, 1 cup brown sugar, ½ cup pecans, cinnamon and cloves. In medium bowl, stir together eggs, pumpkin, buttermilk and oil. Gently stir pumpkin mixture into dry ingredients just until dry ingredients are moistened. Spoon about 1/4 cup batter into each of 24 muffin cups coated with cooking spray. In small bowl, stir together streusel ingredients until crumbly. Sprinkle over batter. Bake at 375 degrees for 20 to 24 minutes or until wooden pick inserted in center of a muffin comes out clean. Makes 24 muffins.

Pumpkin Bread with Streusel Nut Topping 4 cups buttermilk biscuit and baking mix

1 1/4 cups granulated sugar 2 teaspoons ground cinnamon

1/4 teaspoon ground cloves
2 large eggs, beaten
1 can (15 oz.) pumpkin
1 cup low-fat buttermilk
3/4 cup vegetable or canola oil
Streusel Nut Topping

1/2 cup chopped pecans or 1/3 cup buttermilk biscuit and

1/3 cup granulated sugar 1/3 cup old-fashioned oats 1/4 cup (12/ stick) butter or margarine, melted

In large bowl, combine 4 cups biscuit and baking mix, 1 1/4 cups sugar, cinnamon and cloves. In medium bowl, stir together eggs, pumpkin, buttermilk and oil. Gently stir pumpkin mixture into dry ingredients until thoroughly combined. Pour batter into two 9x5x3-inch loaf pans that have been coated with cooking spray. In small bowl, stir together streusel ingredients until crumbly. Sprinkle over batter. Bake at 350 degrees for 60 to 65 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center of loaf comes out clean. Cool in pans for 10 minutes; remove from pans. Cool completely on wire rack. Makes 2 loaves.

Helpful Tip: When measuring biscuit and baking mix, gently spoon mix into nested (dry) measuring cup/s. Using a metal spatula or straight-edged knife, level off the top.

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Bird houses made by Rick Riley will be for sale, along with a wide variety of other craft items by local and area artisans, during the Wesley Arts and Crafts Show Saturday from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. in Hereford Community Center. The annual fund-raiser is hosted by Wesley United Methodist Church.

What's Happening

## rea Events

**AMARILLO** 

"Crimes of the Heart" will open at 8 p.m. Friday on the Amarillo Little Theatre stage with performances continuing Dec. 4, 9, 10 and 11 at 8 p.m. and Dec. 5 and 12 at 2:30 p.m.,

This Pulitzer Prize-winning play is set in Hazlehurst, Miss., where the three Magreth sisters have gathered to await news of the family patriarch, their grandfather, who is living out his last hours in a local hospital.

Cast members are Sara Zinck, Stephanie Wilhite, Peggy Lansing, Shane Bybee, Julie Yock and Stephen Lummus.

Reservations may be secured by call 355-9991.

A model train display in Western Plaza, sponsored by the Amarillo Railroad Museum, will be open throughout December on Fridays from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays from noon to 8 p.m.

The realistic trains roll along through sleepy villages, industrial complexes, towering bridges and disappear into rock-covered

tunnels. Admission is \$1 for adults and 50 cents for children under 8. The eds from the show will go to funding a railroad museum in Amarillo.

### LUBBOCK

The Lubbock Municipal Garden and Arts Center will host several creative workshops this holiday season and will also host the National Arts Program Exhibition from Dec. 6-29.

Participants in the workshops will have the opportunity to make a variety of holiday related items including wreaths, ornaments and jewelry.

On Dec. 6 and 8, from 6-9 p.m., artist Florence Lawrence will instruct a Copper Enameling workshop for adults. Participants will learn the art of copper enameling and will be able to make several items such as jewelry, pins, ornaments or belt buckles.

Floral designer Connie Holland will instruct a wreath-making workshop from 6-8:30 p.m. on Dec. 7. Participants will learn the basic elements of design while they make their own holiday wreath.

On Dec. 13 and 15, from 6-9 p.m., Lawrence will lead a Mosaic Tile Workshop with instructions on how to make mosaic ornaments.

Lawrence will also teach two



for children age 6-12 years old. These workshops will take place on Dec. 11 and 18 from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Children will create a mixed media piece of art with holiday

The National Arts Program Exhibition will feature the mixed media artwork of Lubbock Municipal employees and their family members.

The garden and arts center has selected Gale Webb and Jim Swafford as the jurors in this artistic competition.

They will award cash prizes and scholarship for art class to participants for original, creative contributions in the field of fine

These prizes will be awarded at a reception from 5:30-7 p.m. on Dec. 14 at the Lubbock Garden and Arts Center, 4215 University Avenue.

For more information on the workshops or the exhibition, call 806-767-3724.

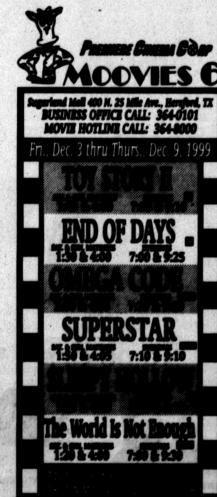
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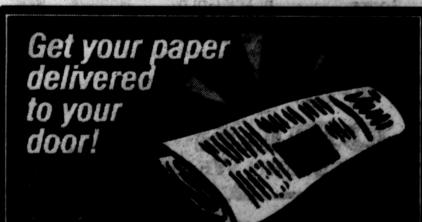
The combined voices of 84 musicians from Friona, Hereford, Amarillo, Bovina, Muleshoe, Dimmitt and Broadview, N.M., will herald the coming of the traditional and modern selections in the 1999 Living Christmas Tree, again directed by Jim

Performances will be in the Friona Junior High Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and at 2 p.m. Sunday.

No tickets are being distributed. Admission is free; however, donations to help defray the costs of new lighting and decorations will be welcome.

Child care for children 5 years old and younger will be provided at the 10th Street Church of Christ during each performance.





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me and the children. My words of praise changed him from a growling bear to a pussycat. It worked for me, and I'm sure it will work for "Indiana," too. She ought to try it. — Been

There in Hemet, Calif.

Dear Hemet: You have learned that you can catch more flies with honey than with vinegar. Smart mama. Thanks for the short course on human relations. Have you considered serving as a negotiator for the United Nations?

Dear Ann Landers: I am a self-employed maid who would like to get a message across to the people I work for. Christ-mas is just around the corner. Please don't give me a sweater or a gift certificate. What I really need is CASH. For workers like me, money is the best present. Thanks, Ann. — Tapped

Out in San Diego

Dear Tapped: Here's your message. I'm sure thousands of readers share your sentiments and will bless you for writing.

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Entry forms for the annual Christmas Lighting Contest, sponsored by the Women's Division of the Chamber of Commerce, are now available at the Chamber of Commerce office, 701 N. Main. Previous winners, like last year's pictured above, are eligible to enter again, but must compete in a different category. Completed forms must be returned by 5 p.m. on Dec. 15 and judging will be Dec. 16-17. Contest winners will be announced in the Dec. 19 edition of the Hereford Brand.



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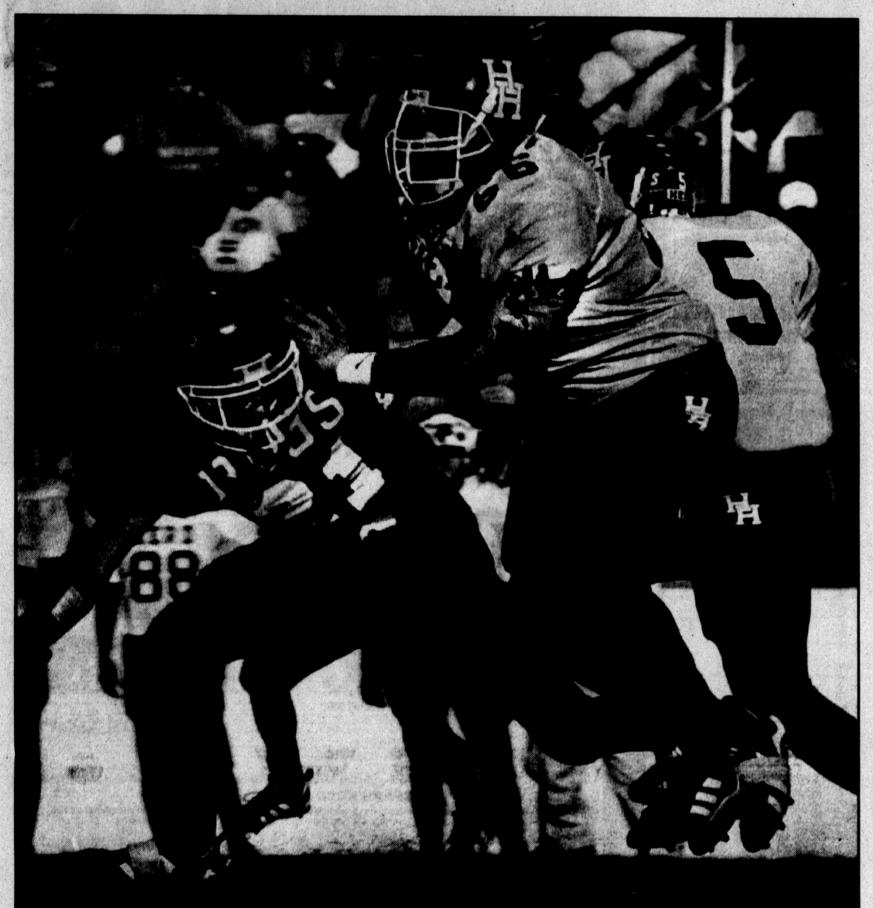
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# One more obstacle



The Plower — Hereford offensive tackle Trey Madrigal dumps Weatherford's Chris Wilke into the ground to provide running room for the Whiteface running backs to gain yardage. Madrigal and the offensive line will need to play flawless against a strong Hewitt Midway Panther team that held Mesquite Poteet to 150 yards total offense in a 27-0 victory in the Region II final.

Hewitt Midway Panthers stand in the way of a state championship berth for Hereford

By Yuri Soto

Hereford Brand Sports Editor

Two more obstacles remain in the Hereford Whitefaces' quest for a Class 4A state championship.

One of those obstacles includes a matchup with a team that's almost the exact mirror image of the Whitefaces, the Hewitt Midway Panthers.

Both teams like to pass and run.

Both teams play tough de-

And both teams are good. It's a constant that all teams are supposed to be good at this point in the state football playoffs.

"We watched a bit of film on them and I am very impressed with their quarterback and running back," Hereford coach Craig Yenzer said. "Their offense has good speed. They throw the ball well, especially the short passing game and they score a lot of points."

Midway's offense is led by Brett Stewart, who passed for 146 yards last week against Mesquite Poteet.

Not exactly impressive statistics on the part of the Pan-thers, but they were facing one of the top defensive teams in the state in Poteet.

Midway's defense is another tough one. The Pan-thers held Poteet to 150 yards total offense.

"Their defensive fronts have some pretty big kids, but not as big as most of the people we've played," Yenzer said. "Their defense is phenomenal. They have put a the playoffs."

One of the shutouts Midway produced in the playoffs was against Poteet, which spent a lot of time scouting Hereford instead worrying about an op-ponent like Hewitt Midway.

"I think Poteet was looking at Hereford too much and overlooked us," Midway coach Ken Bachtels said. "They took

us lightly and things went our way on Friday. I think just we got them at the right

Bachtels was, like any other coach that has looked at Hereford this year, impressed with the Whitefaces and their ability to play football. Bachtels, like other coaches before him, gets a kick out of seeing the

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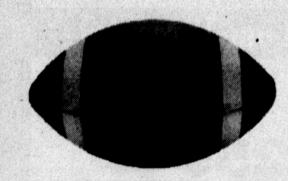
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None.

LAST WEEK: Hereford defeated Waetherford, 24-21; Hewitt Midway blanked Mesquite Poteet, 27-0.

OUTLOOK — Hereford played in one of the greatest high school football games in the history of the state of Texas. Rafael Campos' 17-yard field goal with no time left helped the Whitefaces advance into the state semifaini round of the Division I playoffs in Class 4A. This is only the third time Hereford has advanced to the state semifinal round. The last time was in 1986, where the Whitefaces lost to Dallas Highland Park at Texas Stadium in Irving. ..... Cody Hodges was the star of the game, running for 120 yards and two touchdowns and passing for 180 and a touchdown. But the hero of the game was Slade Hodges, who forced the key fumble after the Barrett Weaver interception. The turnover Weaver Interception. The turnover gave way for Campos' game-winning field goal. ..... Hewitt Midway did not held Poteet to 150 total yards offense. B.J. Head led the Panthers with 98 yards rushing and two scores. Brett Stewart passed for 122 yards and ran for a touchdown. Andrew Heape caught eight passes for 61 yards to help with the victory.





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**Hereford's Starting Offense** 





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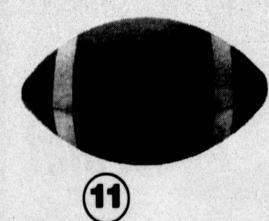
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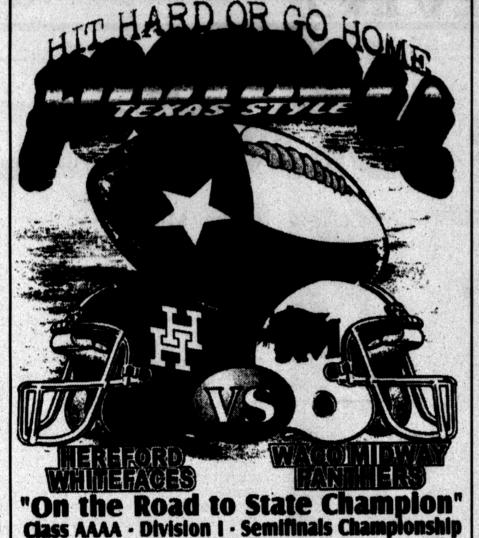
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**Hereford's Starting Defense** 

## Is it a **Flyer?**

Not exactly, but it is the design of the T-Shirts that will be sold during Saturday's game between the Hereford Whitefaces and the **Hewitt Midway** Panthers at Shotwell Stadium in Abilene. The cost of the t-shirt is \$10. The Class 4A Division I state semifinal game game will kick off at 2 p.m.



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explosive Hereford offense. "I am very impressed, their offense and their quarter-back," Bachtels said. "I don't know how we are going to slow them down."

Another thing Midway has to be worried about is the defense of the Whitefaces, which held Weatherford's Mark Pierce to 134 yards rushing. He was averaging 250 yards rushing in the last three playoff games before facing the Whitefaces.

"I thought we played excellent defense and these were the kind of games that at some point and time you have to give your opponent credit," Yenzer said. "They (Weatherford) were a good ball club and that had a lot to do with them moving the ball. I thought we played good defense because, other than the last breakdown on the first touchdown run, and that's how they survived all year."

Now they face a team that has another tough runner -B.J. Head (96 yards rushing, 2 touchdowns vs. Poteet) and an agile receiver in Andrew Heape — (eight catches, 61 yards) — has Hereford changing a few things in their defensive scheme.

"This week we are going to have to look at our 4-4 formation, what we call our Texas Tech defense, because of their passing defense," Yenzer said. "We'll also look at the nickel package like we showed against Caprock. As far as anything new, we'll try to practice and continue to do the rest of the stuff we've been doing and get better at

Yenzer said the key to victory against Weatherford would be who would make the least mistakes and commit the less turnovers.

Bachtels, like Yenzer, knows that will also be the key to victory in this Class 4A Division I state semifinal

"First of all, we can't turn the football over," Bachtels said. "It's also going to come to whoever has the ball last."

Another key is how a team respond to an opponent's game plans.

"The big thing is showing the kids what the opponent does and then adjust to it," Yenzer said.

Both teams have the chance of a lifetime, as they get a chance to go to the state championship against the other semifinal winner be-tween Alice and Texas City.

Coaches and players know there will be some excite-ment going on the field at Shotwell Stadium in Abilene.

"I think its going to be a heck of a ball game," Bachtels

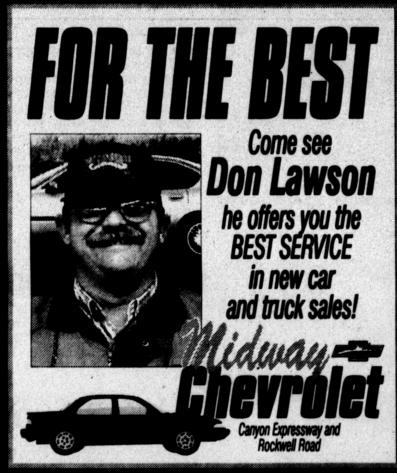
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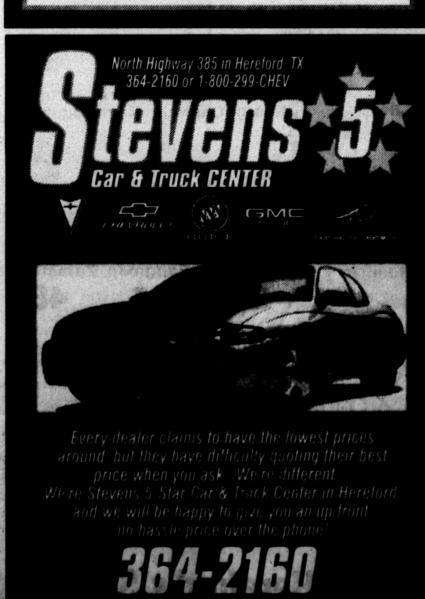
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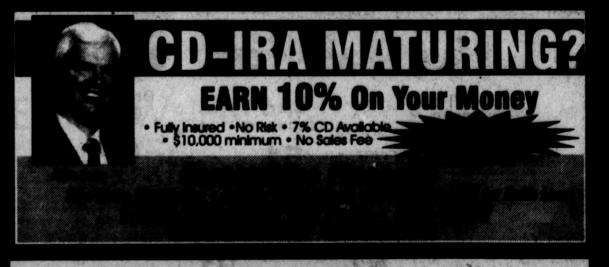
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# Lemmon, Azaria re-create 'Tuesday's With Morrie'

The Associated Press

he older man and the younger one sit side by side on a sofa, intently working away on matching plates of scrambled eggs and hash browns.

If Jack Lemmon and Hank

Azaria seem like they could be father and son, or professor and student, it may be a carry-over from their work in "Tuesdays With Morrie," the ABC television movie adapted from Mitch Albom's best-selling book.

Albom, a sportswriter, wrote movingly of teacher Morrie Schwartz, who inspired him first in college and again at the end of Schwartz's life. Their weekly meetings became seminars in living and dying as the professor faced the cru-elties of Lou Gehrig's disease.

The brave, life-affirming Schwartz comes vividly alive in the book, in which Albom portrays himself as a workaholic who had lost touch with what really counted until Morrie reminded him, and oth-

Lemmon and Azaria were at a Beverly Hills hotel to talk about the film, which airs at 8 p.m. CST Sunday, part of ABC's "Oprah Winfrey Presents" series. The two actors say playing the roles touched them as deeply as Albom's book has touched readers.

"This sticks with you," said Lemmon, 73, whose five-decade career includes Academy Awards for "Mr. Roberts" in 1955 and "Save the Tiger" in 1973. Azaria, 35, is an Emmywinner for his voice work in

"The Simpsons" and has appeared in "The Birdcage,"
"Great Expectations" and other

Settling down over a late-morning breakfast, and after Lemmon's well-behaved poodle, Zoe, has been ordered out of the lobby ("I'm surprised they

let me stay, jokes Azaria), the actors discussed "Tuesdays With Morrie" and its effect on them.

Highlights from the interview:

Q: What did you find most moving about Albom's account?

Lemmon: "Morrie's continual drive to make something out of his death that would be useful to other people. You get

an appreciation and awareness of the things in life around you. He says at one point, We'll take a walk in the park with trees. We can watch the birds.' That's important, not just something you take for granted. He didn't take any-

living bridge to all this — he takes it out of the hypotheti-

problem with his illness; he's processed it all and is bravely facing death. But he points out ... he's terrified as anyone else. He's found a way to feel it all and yet be open about

Q: Was your preparation for this film, based on a book that so many people have embraced, different than usual?

Azaria: "I tried to stay as open as I could. I looked at this as 'Let's see what happens here.' tend overprepare."

Lemmon: "That's interesting, so do I. I used to beat a part to death with a stick, peeling off a layer every day to find something more. Now, and I think this is purely because I'm older and done more, I rely more on instinct. I also wait,

as I did this time. to see what the other actors are going to do and don't put anything in cement.

"He (nodding at Azaria) has no idea what he gave me, because I waited and really reacted a lot to do what his

Jack Lemmon there to watch and trust and work off of. It is a brave, in-the-moment thing to do, which is just what Morrie would have done.

Lemmon: "I think my dad, to an extent. He had certain 'Morrieisms' he came up with at times. One of the greatest things he ever said to me slid by me for a second. When I got out of college and wanted to go to New York to try to be an actor, I asked to borrow \$300. He was in the baking industry. I told him 'I've got to find out.' He said, 'So you need to do it?' I said yes. He said, 'Do you love it?' I said yes. He said, 'Good. Because. the day I don't find romance in a loaf of bread. I'll quit."

Azaria: "An acting teacher I had for about five years, a man named Roy London who passed away about five years ago. He just taught me so much it would be hard not to think of him."

Q: Did the experience of making such "Tuesdays With Morrie" stick with you more than other projects?

Azaria: "Every day on the film we put our hands on this wonderful lesson, this way of looking at life, that made it easy to live that way. I miss

Lemmon: "This sticks with you. The more interesting the character, the more that's bound to happen."

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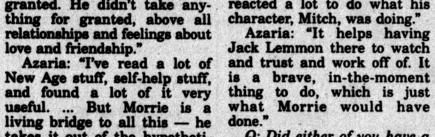
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DUE TO Land being put in CRP, have 10, 292 Chevy well motors. All ran in 1999. Must take all. \$1,000 each. Call 806-276-5569.

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FOR RENT! 2 Bedroom Apartments. Stove and fridge furnished, fenced backyard, water and cable paid. Call 364-4370.

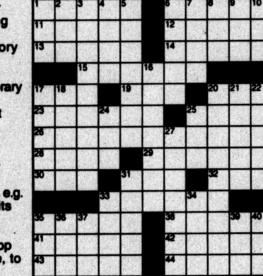
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3 BEDROOM, 2 bath, unfurnished Mobile Home. W/D Hookups, fenced yard, water paid. HUD Accepted. \$150 deposit. Call 647-3024 ask for Anita.

3 BEDROOM Duplex. Stove, fridge, W/D Hookup & fenced yard. Call 364-4370.

FURNISHED APARTMENT For rent! All bills paid. \$275.00/ month. Call 364-3876 or come by 109 E. 6th Apt. B.

601 AVENUE K. 3 Bedroom, 1 bath, fenced yard. \$300/month. References and deposit. Call 655-

2 BEDROOM, 1 Bath House for rent. W/D Hookups, No pets. References required. Call 364-2613 after 6:00p.m.

### 8. EMPLOYMENT

CAREER ORIENTED Company now has immediate openings for cowboys. Experience necessary. Apply in person at Champion Feeders. 2 Miles east of Hereford on Hwy 60 and 1/2 mile south on FM 2943. Call 258-7255 and ask for Jim Ray.

### Do you like to talk? Let me pay you! Call Farmers Insurance at 364-7676.

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**DRIVER NO EAST COAST! We** are expanding and have current openings. Aggressive pay package, high weekly miles, great home time, 97/98 Mack Conv., company paid health. Great benefits. CALL TODAY! McCarty Trucking at 1-800-682-7336.

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### **Attention Nurses**

We reward team players. Positions available variable shifts. Please call Jeanette or Sandra at 364-7113. E.O.E.

ATTN: PUT Your PC to Work! \$25-\$75 per hr PT/FT. 972-964-0300. www.pc-work.net.

HIRING OTR Drivers. 24 or older, 2 years experience, sign on bonus. Call 1-800-347-1296.

FEEDLOT DOCTOR. 20,000 head feedlot in N.E. New Mexico seeks qualified individual for full-time cattle doctor. Small community, excellent schools. Mail resume to Union Co. Feedlot, Box 370, Clayton N.M. 88415 or fax to 505-374-2519.

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TOWN & COUNTRY POOD STORES IS NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR POOD SERVICE MANAGER. WE OFFER EXCELLENT BENEFIT PACKAGES SECOND TO

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DRUG TESTING REQUIRED

CNA's are you currently employed at only \$7\$7\$7\$?. Why don't you join Hereford Care's team? Day and PM shifts available. We reward for experience and dependability - 75°/hour dependability - 75°/hour extra for all PM hours. Apply in person. No phone calls. EQE

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**PART-TIME CLERICAL Posi**tion. Monday-Friday 8:00a.m. til 12:00p.m. Send resume: 126 E. 3rd Street, Hereford, Texas, 79045.

SECRETARY NEEDED, Light bookkeeping. Computer skills needed. Send resumes to: P.O. Box 673-1947, Hereford, Texas 79045.

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PART/TIME TELLER Position. Computer experience preferred. Apply in person at 203 S. 25 Mile Avenue.

INSURANCE BILLING Clerk Position opened. Requirements include 1 year experience in healthcare business office and insurance department. Experi-ence in billing medicare, blue cross and workmen's comp. Must have training in computer and office equipment. Castro County Hospital District, P.O. Box 278, Dimmitt, TX., 79027, Phone: 806-647-2791, ext. 423, Fax: 806-647-2407.

### 9. CHILD CARE



## 11. BUSINESS SERVICES

GARAGE DOOR And Opener Repair and Replacement. Call Robert Betzen, 289-5500. If no answer call mobile, 344-2960.

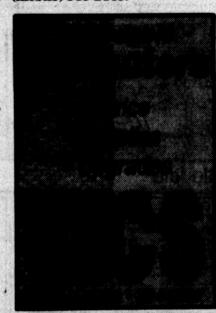
**DEFENSIVE DRIVING Course** is now being offered at the Ranch House, 10:00AM the 3rd Satur-day of every month. Will include ticket dismissal and insurance discount. For more information, call 1-800-454-6051 or 505-763-5628. #C0023-C0733, McKibben ADS.

WE BUY Scrap iron, metal, aluminum cans, all batteries, tin, copper & brass. Call 364-3350.

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## Writing want ads that really sell!

Unsure how to write a Classified Ad that will get results?

Unsure how to write a Classified Ad that will get results? Follow these pointers and you'll soon have an empty space in your storage room and cash in your pocket.

For starters, look at ads which offer the same item/ products. Get a sense of going rates and ideas for how to make your ad stand out. Once you're ready to write, begin with exactly what you're selling: "Dining room set, maple, six chairs." Then, remember these hints:

Give the price. A newspaper consultant says 70 percent of classified readers won't respond to an ad with no price.

Use key words to describe what you're selling. The key words for a car are make, model, year, body style, color, mileage and price. If it's a house, key words are location, type of construction, number of bedrooms and baths, and condition.

Don't use abbreviations. It's tempting to abbreviate and save money if ads are billed by the line. Brand ads are billed by the words, so spell them out so readers won't be confused trying to figure out abbreviations.
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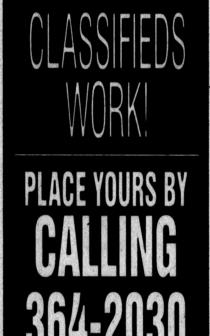
THE CHIMNEY Sweep. Call Randy Laing at 364-6856.

A&H Fencing. All types and free estimates. Call 655-0773 or (mobile) 680-1643.

**ROOFING WELDON Toews &** Son. Composition, wood, metal, flat work, tar & gravel. Free estimates call 364-5643.

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LOST IN The vicinity of 5th & Lawton. Reddish/blonde Pomeranian with red collar. Call 364-



Your Car with the 364-2030

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**is LONGFELLOW** One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

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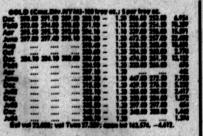
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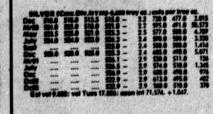
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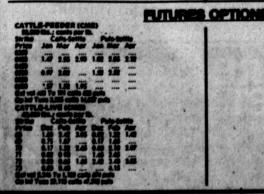
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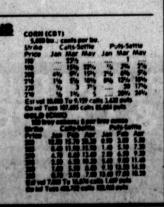
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### LEGAL NOTICES

### Notice of Intention to Conduct Weather Modification Operations in the State of Texas

CLASSIFIEDS

Date of the first of three weekly publications of this Notice: November 24. 1999 Notice is hereby given that the Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District, 201 W. 3rd St., P.O. Box 637, White Deer, Texas, contact person, C.E. Williams, General Manager (806/883-2501) has filed an application with the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission for a State permit to conduct weather modification operations to change or attempt to change the natural development of clouds for the purpose, objective, period, and by the method summarized herein below:

- 1. Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District submitted an application for a Texas Weather modification license on November 4, 1999.
- 2. The purpose of the weather modification operation is to increase rainfall, to affect water resources and agriculture. The period of the permit is: April 1, 2000 through March 31, 2003.
- 3. The proposed weather modification operation is to be conducted for an on behalf of the Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District, P.O. Box
- The proposed weather modification operation is to be carried out in both an operational area and a target area to cause the intended effects to occur only in the target area. The operational area is those portions of the following counties within 30 miles of the outer boundary of the target area: Ochiltree, Lipscomb, Swisher, Briscoe, Hansford, Hartley, Deaf Smith, and
- The area to be affected by the proposed weather modification operation is the target area. The target area is the counties of Hutchinson, Roberts, Carson, Gray, Sheeler, Armstrong, Donley, Potter, Randall, Collingsworth, Hall, Hemphill, Oldham, and Childress.
- 6. The methods and materials to be used in conducting this operation are summarized herein: A licensed meteorologist will select cumuliform clouds for cloud-seeding using a weather radar display, standard meteorological analyses, forecast techniques, observations, and plume dispersion models to initiate the release of the seeding particles, such as silver iodide crystals, from one or two aircraft at cloud top or cloud base at a time calculated to affect the formation of cumuliform clouds.
- 7. Persons interested in knowing more about the technical aspects of the proposed operation should contact C.E. Williams, General Manager, Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District (806/239-0770) of the
- 8. A public hearing on this application may be called by mailing a petition that request a hearing to the Executive Director, Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. The petition must contain (1) the signature, full name, address and phone number of each person requesting: (2) a statement that each person is at least 18 years of age and resides or owns property in the operational area; and (3) a description of each person interest and how that interest would be adversely affected. Requests for hearing must be received by the Commission within 30 days of the last date the Notice of Intention is published in week one of the mandatory three-week period required by 289.17(j) of Commission rules. If at least 25 eligible persons make written request, the Commission shall hold a public hearing on an application prior to issuance of a permit. Individual members of the public who wish to inquire about the information contained in this notice, or to inquire about other agency permit applications or permitting procedures, should call the TNRCC Office of Public Assistance, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040. For more information concerning citizen participation, contact Blas J. Coy, Jr., Public Interest Council, MC-103, TNRCC, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087, (512) 239-6363.

## Goals

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ing and parent involvement were added in 1994 under the Clinton administration.

Serious challenges remain on all eight goals, panel members acknowledged, but many educators said that didn't mean the mission was a failure.

"I am not deeply troubled that America did not conquer all these goals during the 10-year period," said Sharon Lynn Keegan, a Yale University early childhood learning researcher. "The national education goals panel has created hope, dreams and opportunities for millions of children in this nation.

Rep. Bill Goodling, R-Pa., a goals panel member and chairman of the House Education and the Workforce Committee, said the goals have prompted states to improve individually.

"They took the goals as a real challenge," Goodling said.

"The whole idea of setting goals and getting the American people to think about education has helped a lot of enlightened governors win support from their state assemblies in order to move reform programs."

The panel's report found that Colorado, Connecticut, Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina and Texas have shown the biggest improvement in meeting the goals during the 1990s. Maine, Connecticut and North Dakota are the states that consistently do the best, as measured by how closely they meet the goals. Connecticut, the District of Columbia and North Carolina were cited for strides made in numerous categories.

Despite the praise for states, some observers have asked whether policy-makers set unrealistic goals or whether states failed an easy task.

Chester Finn, a former assistant secretary of education in the Reagan administration, argues for fundamental change in the way schools are run, including giving more freedom from regulations, yet more responsibility to graduate successful students.

"After all the celebrations, millions of American kids will remain badly educated," he said. "How characteristic of American education that we try to solve problems by hurling new structures and programs at them. We end up keeping the structures but not solving the problems."

The full report is available on the panel's Web site at www.negp.gov.

# Hog farms split towns, families

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SHARON SPRINGS, Kan. (AP) — Calling western Kansas "ground zero" for huge hog farms, residents are rallying against a growing num-ber of farmers who have signed contracts with an industry giant.

The issue has dominated environmental debates in several states over the past several years. In Kansas, it is divi'ing communities and, in some cases, families.

Citizen action alliances have been formed. Environmental and legal experts have been brought in. Petitions

have been circulated. Protests have been filed with state regulators. The outcry

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towns like Sharon Springs, a community of 870 closer to Denver than Kansas City. Once there, they hear plenty about the farms, and specifically, the wastewater permits

requested by hog farmers.

"The people of the cities have the right to have enough good clean water so we can continue our way of life," said Ernest Poe, the mayor of Sharon Springs, at a Wednesday night hearing.

There were more than a million hog farms across the country 30 years ago. Now there are fewer than 160,000, yet production has been forecast at record highs.

As the farms have grown larger, public attention has focused on the huge amounts of manure they produce. Amid concerns over air and weter quality and property values as well as the consolidation of farms — more than a dozen states have attempted to boost oversight of the industry.

So far, Kansas farmers have requested at least 20 permits for large-scale hog operations to raise animals for the giant Seaboard Farms.

(When Seaboard Farms was looking at sites in the Texas Panhandle for a possible hog-processing plant, Hereford was among the communities considered by company officials. A site in Kansas was selected.)

Industry observers say Sea-board would need nearly 200 such contracts to supply the 4 million head per year it would take for a proposed Great Bend processing plant.

"Western Kansas is ground zero for big hog farms," said Gene Eatinger of Lakin.

The issue has hit hard for Iris Graham. Five years ago, she pulled together fellow Lakin residents to defeat a

corporate hog farm referendum.

Now, she can only watch helplessly as large-scale hog farming tears apart her family. A farm op-erated jointly by her hus-

band and his brother has signed a contract to raise pigs for Seaboard. "It is a very divisive issue

to a community and to a family - it has certainly divided ours," she said. Her nephew, Todd Graham,

has asked for a wastewater permit for a 16,200-hog farm.

"I did a year's worth of research before I made my decision," he said. "A lot of these people made their deci-sion and they are trying to find evidence to back it up.

Graham said the operation would diversify the family's

"This is an opportunity for me to get into agriculture," he said. "It is a tough industry to work into when you are young."

Among those who testified against the permit was Tiffanie Robert, Graham's cousin.

"It is World War III at our house every day," she said She said she is no longer

speaking to her uncle or cousin.

"Dad is - but it's not so much speaking as yelling," she said. "There is hate, sadness,

## **Exports**

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expert at Iowa State University, said he thinks that USDA is being too pessmmistic.

Demand for meat has been steadily growing throughout the

region, which should increase sales of both U.S. meat and livestock feed, he said. "Their own meat sector is expanding but not fast enough" to supply their needs, he said.
USDA expects exports of U.S. beef and pork are expected to

rise from 1.6 million tons this year to 1.7 million tons in fiscal But exports of corn are expected to drop to 47.5 million tons

for fiscal 2000, down from 51.9 million this year, according to the department. Shipments of wheat are projected to drop to 27.9 million tons, down from 28.8 million this year.

Americans are expected to import \$38 billion worth of

foreign agricultural products over the next year, a slight increase over fiscal 1999. U.S. demand for foreign fruit, vegetables, juice and wine remains high because the strength of the dollar makes them relatively inexpensive to American consumers, USDA says.

Nearly half of U.S. wheat is grown for export and about 20

pergent of the corn. Wheat prices are averaging about \$2.50 a bushel this year,

down from \$3.38 in 1997. Corn is selling for about \$1.80 a bushel, 63 cents less than two years ago.

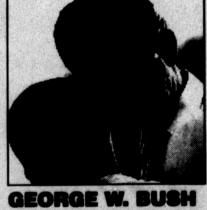
## Bush: Gore lacks backbone on trade

JOHNSTON, Iowa (AP) -Against the backdrop of violent protests at international trade talks, Republican presidential front-runner George W. Bush stood firm for free trade on Wednesday and questioned whether Vice President Al Gore has the backbone to do the same.

Gore, a supporter of world trade, is at odds over the matter with the same labor unions whose help he needs in his fight for the Democratic nomi-

"I'm not sure what (Gore's) positions are," Bush said. "It will be interesting to see how he reacts to pressure of the AFL-CIO."

Appearing in Sioux City, Iowa, later Wednesday, Gore insisted, "I support free and fair trade," and said he's done so despite opposition from labor unions. He did say that



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he would focus more heavily on labor and environmental

"Labor rights and environmental problems should be a

more important part of the negotiating process," Gore said. Gore has often clashed with or-

ganized labor over the Clinton administration's support of trade deals. But Bush argued administration's free-trade stand is limited.

"This adminis- negotiating process." tration hasn't been able to have fast-track

negotiating authority," Bush said. "We'll see how he re-

Bush made his comments during a taping of Iowa Pub-lic Television's "Iowa Press" rogram to be aired on Sun-

demonstrators descend



AL GORE "Labor rights and environmental problems should be a more important part of the

companies over workers' rights and the environment, the issue of trade looms in both parties. "It's tremely unfortunate that a

few turned to violence and gave a distorted appearance about the views of a vast majority of Americans,

on Seattle to

protest World Trade Organiza-tion talks, argu-ing that the

group favors big

Earlier Wednesday, about 30

protesters also gathered in front of Gore's presidential campaign office in Nashville, but there was no violence.

## Clinton rebuffed on trade

## THE ASSOCIATED PRESS digest

SEATTLE - President Clinton wants worker rights and environmental safeguards to be included in global trade talks, but he's getting a chilly reception from Third World nations as trade officials get down to serious negotiations after two days of street protests.

With a Friday deadline for wrapping up the World Trade Organization meeting, the commerce minister of Thailand, who takes over the top WTO post in 2002, warned Wednesday that Clinton's tough stance on worker rights could jeopardize efforts to launch a new round of trade talks.

"I know it is an important issue for the United States administration, but to have trade sanctions linked to labor rights violations would be really ultimately highly detri-Supachai mental," Panitchpakdi told reporters.

It could even prompt some trade ministers from developing countries "to walk away from any agreement on a newround," Supachai warned, responding to an interview Clinton gave to the Seattle Post-Intelligencer.

Clinton was quoted as say-ing a new trade deal should contain provisions on worker rights, and countries that don't go along should face sanctions.

### **Inspectors: Airport** security lax in U.S.

WASHINGTON - Security at some airports is so lax that Transportation Department investigators were able to sneak through without tickets and settle into seats aboard planes ready to take off, the department's inspector general says.

In a series of tests early this year, investigators slipped through security by "piggy-backing" or following employ-ees through doors. They also walked unchallenged through concourse doors, gates, jetbridges and cargo facilities. Some drove through unmanned vehicle gates or rode unguarded elevators.

"In some instances, we were seated and ready for departure at the time we concluded our tests," DOT's in-spector general's office said in a statement Wednesday.

The IG's latest report on airport security shows that the nation's airports remain vulnerable to intruders wishing to slip through security amid increasing threats to U.S. air travel.

A similar investigation in 1993 uncovered virtually identical weaknesses; auditors said many of those same problems still exist.

### Trains crash near

Sydney, killing six
SYDNEY, Australia — A
train packed with workers and students rammed into another carrying tourists today in mountains outside Sydney, killing at least six people and injuring more than 50 in a crash so violent it shook nearby houses.

About 1,000 people were riding the commuter train, which rounded a blind corner during morning rush hour and slammed into the back of the transcontinental Indian Pacific, carrying 159 passengers, state rail authorities said.

"Seats went flying, people went flying, goods went fly-ing," said Michael Irik, a pas-

senger on the commuter train.
Wayne Geddes, a spokesman for New South Wales State Rail, said six people — all from the front car of the commuter train — were killed and that the death toll was expected to rise as authorities worked into the night to recover more victims.

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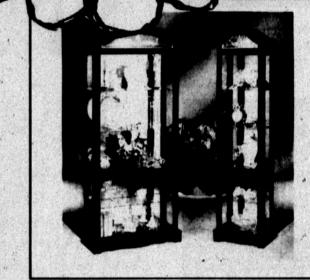
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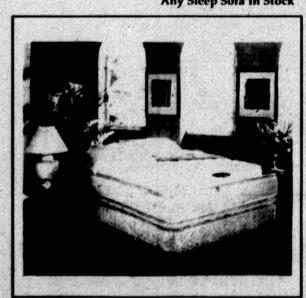
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