

Espy quits, but investigation may expand

By LARRY MARGASAK
Associated Press Writer
WASHINGTON (AP) - The criminal investigation of Agriculture Secretary Mike Espy will not be slowed by his resignation - and may expand to include a scholarship given his girlfriend, the independent counsel conducting the probe says.

"Our plate keeps getting bigger with all revelations that keep coming out," Donald C. Smaltz, the court-appointed independent counsel, said in an interview Monday after Espy announced he's quitting Dec. 31.

Espy said he's become distracted from his job by the investigation into gifts he received from individuals and firms doing business with his agency.

"I must personally overcome the challenge to my good name," Espy, 40, told a news conference. He was

the first black and the youngest person to serve as agriculture secretary.

Regardless of the legal outcome for Espy, his resignation under a cloud presents another headache for President Clinton.

Smaltz, appointed to investigate Espy on Sept. 9, already has a half-dozen FBI agents working for him and is hiring a staff of attorneys. Asked if the resignation would affect his investigation, he replied, "Not in the slightest."

A senior administration official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said an internal White House probe uncovered a new issue in the case: the awarding of a \$1,200 scholarship, by a Tyson Foods Inc. foundation, to Espy's girlfriend, Patricia Dempsey. The official said Dempsey has

returned the money.

Smaltz said in the interview that he was not previously aware of the scholarship but added, "We're very interested in that." Tyson, the Arkansas-based chicken company, has longtime ties to Clinton and its business is affected greatly by Agriculture Department food safety regulations.

Following Espy's announcement, Clinton commented, "Although Secretary Espy has said he has done nothing wrong, I am troubled by the appearance of some of these incidents and believe his decision to leave is appropriate."

Espy, a former Democratic House member from Mississippi, was praised by former congressional colleagues. Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., chairman of the Senate

Agriculture Committee, called Espy's commitment to rural Americans "unsurpassed and greatly appreciated."

Rep. John Conyers, D-Mich., chairman of the House Government Operations Committee, said he was stunned because "I had been assured the matters under investigation were so trivial they hardly warranted the scrutiny they were given."

A possible list of successors includes: Ruth Harkin, head of the Overseas Private Investment Corp. and wife of Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa; Bob Nash, an Arkansas friend of Clinton and now undersecretary for small community and rural development; and Rep. Jill Long, D-Ind., a member of the House Agriculture Committee.

Others include Rep. Dan

Glickman, D-Kan., a farm state lawmaker; Deputy Agriculture Secretary Richard E. Rominger, a former head of California's Agriculture Department; and Rep. Mike Synar, D-Okla., who just lost his primary re-election bid.

Smaltz previously said that he believes Espy is covered by a 1907 federal law that prohibits acceptance of gratuities by Agriculture Department officials. Espy's attorney, Reid Weingarten, has said the law has only been used to prosecute meat inspectors, not top officials.

Both Espy and Weingarten said Monday there was no evidence any government practice or policy was affected by the gifts to Espy or Dempsey.

A senior White House official, speaking on the condition of

anonymity, said officials there had learned of the scholarship only last week and that Dempsey had returned the money.

Questions have been raised about Espy's acceptance of tickets to sports events, travel and lodging from Tyson. Espy denied any wrongdoing, and has repaid more than \$7,600 in expenses.

Espy's closeness with Tyson raised allegations, reported in March by The Associated Press, that Espy aides suppressed, then delayed, work on tighter sanitary controls in poultry plants.

Tyson issued a statement Monday reiterating "that our contacts with the secretary were handled appropriately and that at no time did we ever seek special or preferential treatment from anyone at the USDA."

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Zoning decision made at meeting

By GEORGIA TYLER
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During a 30-minute regular meeting Monday evening, the Hereford City Commission upheld a zoning board recommendation, approved specifications for items for the new aquatic center and adopted a personnel policy on family and medical leave.

The zoning board's recommendation that no change be made in zoning of property at 15th and Avenue G was upheld unanimously by the commission. The request for the change from local retail to mobile home zoning was made by Ethel Braxton.

Specifications for a water slide, plumbing and heating/airconditioning equipment and an inflatable cover for the new swimming pool were approved.

City Manager Chester Nolen reported that the items will be needed in the project by the time they can be delivered.

Speaking briefly to the commission, Sam Rozell of 522 Avenue G, asked for information on financing the aquatic center.

Nolen reminded that the city received a grants of \$500,000 from the state and \$250,000 from the Harrington Foundation of Amarillo. Hereford Independent School District

Deaf Smith Hospital District and Deaf Smith County also are contributing to the project, Nolen said.

Total cost of the aquatic center will be about \$1.2 million.

A city policy on family and medical leave was adopted by the commission. The policy, reviewed at a recent work session, puts the city in compliance with federal statutes.

Membership on the city's golf course advisory committee was completed with appointment of Joe Kerr, representing the Men's Golf Association, and Jeff Yates, an at-large member.

The commission also confirmed appointments made earlier of Dennis Hicks, representing the City Commission, Marcy Hughes, Ladies Golf Association, and Rhea Scott, at-large.

Preliminary approval of a plat for property on Mabel was given by the commission. The owner, Guadalupe Garcia, wants to subdivide the property and asked for city approval.

During the public comments portion of the agenda, Rozell asked if the city has made any plans for paving E. 14th Street.

"I hope you will consider paving the street," Rozell said after Nolen told him no plans had been discussed for the street.



Lending a helping flute

Amanda Frausto, a member of the Hereford Junior High band, plays along with her fellow band members in a rendition of "Louie, Louie" during halftime of Friday's football game against the Randall Raiders. The junior high band joined the high school band on the field to perform the crowd favorite during halftime ceremonies.

Democrat candidates want money Clinton raises, but not his troubles

By RON FOURNIER
Associated Press Writer
WASHINGTON (AP) - President Clinton is raking in millions of dollars for his troubled party despite his own image problems, putting Democratic candidates in a bind: They want the big money he raises but not the political trouble he causes.

In a stump speech refined at a growing number of tony fund-raisers, the president is responding with a defiant defense of his half-term.

"Look at the record," he said Monday night. "We have made a good beginning." And he is blasting Republicans, calling them irresponsible opportunists who distort his record and have "a contract on our future."

But across the country, Democrats running for office are running away from their president.

Rep. Don Johnson would welcome the White House to his home state of Georgia "only if they're going to endorse my opponent." In Clinton's

native state, Arkansas Gov. Jim Guy Tucker grinned when asked if he would invited the president back home. "No," he said, "I think I should campaign on my record."

Even in the Virginia Senate race, where incumbent Chuck Robb has supported Clinton, Republican Oliver

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Aikman gets state recognition

A Hereford school was among 971 Texas public schools to be recognized under the Texas Successful Schools Award System, according to an announcement Tuesday.

Assistant Superintendent Nena Veazey said Aikman Elementary School received \$2,172 from the state in recognition for improvement in test scores.

The Associated Press on Tuesday reported that Education Commissioner Lionel "Skip" Meno said the schools would receive between \$250 and \$30,000 in cash for gains in student achievement.

This is the first time Aikman has been recognized through the system, Mrs. Veazey said.

Overall, some \$5 million is being granted under the TSSAS, according to the Texas Education Agency.

Last year, 507 schools got \$20 million in awards. However, the TEA reported, lawmakers did not provide as much money for the 1994 program.

The awards are based largely on spring 1994 scores on the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills, which measures student performance in reading, writing and mathematics.

Another 435 schools were acknowledged by the state for high levels of student participation in and performance on college admission tests. Those schools did not receive money for that recognition.

New store to open in mall here

A building permit has been issued for locating a new retail store in North Gate Plaza. The permit for work on a new Dollar General store was issued Friday by the City of Hereford.

The store will be located in North Gate Plaza along the south side of the center next to Francisco's Salon de Style near the southwest corner.

Dollar General had been rumored as a possible successor to Winn's Variety Store when that firm closed up shop here in August.

However, Family Dollar, a variety store chain based in Charlotte, N.C., instead took over that location and last week celebrated its grand opening.

The building permit for the new Dollar General store is in the amount of \$8,500 and calls for finishing out the building.

According to plans accompanying the building permit application, the sales floor will comprise more than 7,000 square feet of space, measuring 110 feet by 65 feet.

Estimated completion date of the project is Oct. 31. Work is being done by Jones Builders of Bowling Green, Kent.

In August, the Castro County News reported that Dollar General had taken over the lease on the old Perry Bros. store in Dimmitt, and that the company would take over Winn's stores in Friona and other Texas cities.

First teens get tickets for curfew violations

It took just over an hour Friday night for the first Hereford teen to be cited for violation of the new curfew ordinance, according to police.

The ordinance was passed on Sept. 19 and officers began enforcement at midnight Friday night.

According to Police Chief David Wagner, the first citation was issued at 1:09 a.m., just 58 minutes after enforcement began.

That was the only citation issued for curfew violation Friday night. However, two more citations were handed out in the early morning hours of Sunday.

Just under 24 hours after the first citation was issued -- at 12:35 a.m. Sunday -- two more teens were caught out after curfew and given tickets.

Wagner said all the tickets were for first offenders.

Law enforcement officials traveled to schools around town last week, talking to classes and preparing students for enforcement of the ordinance.

The curfew hours are from 11 p.m. to 6 a.m. Sunday through Thursday and from 12:01 a.m. to 6 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

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Local Roundup

Chance of rain

Cloudy skies and a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms are on the weather menu for Tuesday night with light winds, 5-15 mph. Wednesday will continue mild with a high in the lower 80s under mostly cloudy skies, with a 20 percent chance of showers, and south winds 10-20 mph. High temperature in Hereford Monday was 87 degrees. The mercury dropped to 60 degrees overnight.

Economic board to meet

Board of directors of the Hereford Economic Development Corporation will meet at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday in the City Commission Chamber at City Hall. Agenda items include swearing-in of a director, Don Graham, consideration of a budget for the first year's operation, discussion of employment of an executive director and a report on current projects.

Pep rally Thursday night

The next regular Hereford High School pep rally will be held at 9:30 p.m. on Thursday to cheer the Herd on for their game Friday in Dumas. Friday is an early out day to allow time to travel to Dumas, so the rally must be held on Thursday after the sub-varsity games are finished. The rally will be held at the corner of Third and Sampson, between Hereford State Bank and the County Courthouse. The rally is open to the public and everyone is encouraged to turn out.

News Digest

World/Nation

WASHINGTON - South Africa's Nelson Mandela is making his first state visit to Washington not merely as the hero of the anti-apartheid movement but as a newly elected president struggling to bring prosperity to his reborn nation.

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti - Prominent supporters of exiled President Jean-Bertrand Aristide cautiously applauded the takeover of pro-army militia centers, but said the United States must go much further to pave the way for democracy.

WASHINGTON - The criminal investigation of Agriculture Secretary Mike Espy will not be slowed by his resignation - and may expand to include a scholarship given his girlfriend, the independent counsel conducting the probe says.

BRASILIA, Brazil - Fernando Henrique Cardoso, a former finance minister whose victory over inflation made him a national hero, has been elected president of the world's third-largest democracy, according to exit polls.

HARTFORD, Conn. - Desperate for a solution to high dropout rates, low test scores and deteriorating facilities, Hartford has become the first city in the nation to put a private company in charge of its entire public

State

DALLAS - Richard Fisher doesn't need a road map or an overextended gas card to prove he has crisscrossed Texas campaigning for U.S. Senate. He just pulls a well-worn Dairy Queen "frequent buyer bonus card" from his wallet.

DALLAS - Both Gov. Ann Richards and GOP challenger George W. Bush are touting proposals which would allow school districts to strengthen local control and free themselves from Texas Education Agency oversight.

AUSTIN - The campaign of Democratic Attorney General Dan Morales says Republican criticism of a contribution he made to the Nation of Islam last year is a desperate move by GOP opponent Don Wittig.

AUSTIN - A state Senate committee is proposing numerous changes in state law aimed at curbing domestic violence.

HOUSTON - Law enforcement officials are hesitant to place much credence in the comments of a Missouri woman who contends she is a person self-confessed serial killer Henry Lee Lucas was convicted of murdering.

AUSTIN - Consumer groups are urging legislative reforms to promote energy conservation, a move they say would lower Texans' high electric bills. "All the talk of competition and sending the proper signals to the market falls flat when there are inadequate signals sent to consumers to conserve and when utilities are not rewarded for efficiency," Tim Curtis, executive director of Texas Citizen Action, said Monday.

Police, Sheriff, Fire Reports Emergency Calls

Weekend emergency services reports contained the following information:

HEREFORD POLICE

Tuesday

-- Terroristic threats were reported in the 400 block of Paloma and in the 800 block of Blevins.

-- Phone harassment was reported.

-- Assaults were reported in the 700 block of La Plata, where students were fighting, and in the 500 block of Avenue G.

-- Thefts were reported in the 500 block of North 25 Mile Avenue, where \$10.68 in items were taken; in the 1500 block of West First, where \$5 in gas was taken; and in the 300 block of North 25 Mile Avenue, where \$9.75 in gas was taken.

-- Criminal mischief in the amount of \$200 was reported in the 100 block of Avenue A, where paint on a car was scratched.

-- A prowler was reported in the 300 block of Avenue I.

-- Officers issued eight citations.

-- There was one minor accident.

Monday

-- A 30-year-old male was arrested for violation of probation.

-- A 20-year-old male was arrested for public intoxication.

-- Assault was reported in the 200 block of Higgins.

-- Criminal mischief was reported in the 300 block of Avenue I, where there was \$1,500 in damage to household goods; in the 300 block of

Avenue I, where damage to a window was set at \$150; and in the 600 block of Star, in the amount of \$550 to a vehicle.

-- Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1100 block of Park.

-- A missing person was reported in the 300 block of Avenue H.

-- Burglary of a building was reported in the amount of \$1,400 in the 100 block of 16th Street.

-- Criminal trespass was reported in the 600 block of Blevins and in the 100 block of Avenue E.

-- Aggravated assault was reported in the 100 block of Avenue C.

-- Officers issued 15 citations.

Sunday

-- Five people were charged with minor in possession of alcohol in the 500 block of 25 Mile Avenue.

-- A 22-year-old was arrested for traffic violations.

-- An 18-year-old male was arrested on warrants out of Dallas.

-- A 21-year-old male was arrested on warrants.

-- A 23-year-old male was arrested on warrants for violation of probation.

-- Theft was reported in the 300 block of North 25 Mile Avenue, where \$12.57 in beer was taken.

-- Assaults were reported in the 600 block of Irving, in the 100 block of Northwest Drive and in the 1500 block of East Park.

-- Domestic disturbance was



Working on the grass

Gilbert Garza, an employee of the city Parks Department, wrestles a large tiller across the north grass of City Hall on Monday. The tiller was punching holes in the soil through the grass, aerating the ground.

Breathing treatments opened new field of respiratory therapy

What started as a nurse-administered treatment for breathing problems developed into a whole new medical field during the polio epidemic, according to J.O. Walls, respiratory therapist at Hereford Regional Medical Center. His department is observing National Respiratory Therapy Week this week.

"Our job is to help people breathe easier," he said. "The idea of therapy for breathing began back in the '30s and '40s with the 'oxygen jockeys' who pushed the big oxygen tanks

Insurance pool wants increase for coverage

AUSTIN (AP) - An insurance pool for drivers who cannot obtain coverage on the open market has requested a 73 percent increase in its benchmark rate for automobile coverage.

Insurers said Monday that the increase was needed to make up for years of inadequate rates and spiraling claim costs.

Susan Silivinske, an insurance industry spokeswoman, said that underwriting losses on Texas Auto Insurance Plan (TAIP) business have increased from \$26 million in fiscal year 1991 to \$189 million in fiscal year 1993.

The Office of Public Insurance Counsel, which represents consumers, said the TAIP shouldn't receive any increase because it didn't abide by a directive from Insurance Commissioner Robert Hunter to propose rates based on good drivers within the TAIP.

around the hospital. When the polio epidemic hit and iron lungs were developed, respiratory therapists became an established part of medical practice.

Walls said the iron lung has been replaced with modern technology.

"We understand breathing systems better than we did 30 years ago. Now we put patients on a ventilator to help them breathe, and we have a much better chance to help them breathe on their own than we did with the iron lung," he said.

Walls explained that his department does both diagnostic work and treatment therapy. They perform pulmonary function tests, bedside spirometry treatments, blood gas analysis and pulse oximetry (a non-invasive test to determine the level

of oxygen in the blood stream.). The department also conducts cardiac diagnostic tests including EKGs (electrocardiograms) and Holter monitoring.

Walls explained that in his profession there are two levels of certification and training.

The CRTT (Certified Respiratory Therapy Technician) takes about a year's training and successful completion of a state exam. The RRT (Registered Respiratory Technician) requires a two-year associate degree and completion of a state exam.

In addition to Walls, the other therapists in the department are: Tyna Hall, Licensed Respiratory Care Practitioner; Mary Boeckman, CRTT; Lupe Rivas, RRT; and Silvana Juarez, Student Respiratory Therapist.

Obituaries



JAVIER LIRA GONZALEZ Sept. 22, 1994

Javier Lira Gonzalez, 36, of Garden City, Kan., former Hereford resident, died Sept. 22, in Garden City.

Services will be held in Zacatecas, Mexico.

Mr. Gonzalez, a native of Zacatecas, lived in Hereford before moving to Garden City in 1988. He was a department supervisor at Monfort and belonged to First Southern Baptist Church. He married Armandina Garcia on Oct. 6, 1984, in Hereford.

He was the son-in-law of Valentin and Matilde Garcia of Hereford.

Survivors are his wife, Jose Lira, and three daughters, Felicitia Lira, Gloria Lira and Oyuki Mandy Lira, all of Garden City; his parents, Jose Herrera and Leandra Lira Gonzalez of Zacatecas; three brothers, Jesus Lira Gonzalez of Garden City, Arturo Lira Gonzalez of Twin Lakes, Wis., and Balilio Lira Gonzalez of Liberal, Kan., and five sisters, Marta Lira Gonzalez, Cenaida Lira Gonzalez, Manuela Lira Gonzalez, Basilitia Lira Gonzalez and Maribel Lira Gonzalez, all of Zacatecas.

WAYNE E. BARBER Oct. 2, 1994

Wayne E. Barber, 61, of Pampa, father of Paula Miller and Zane Barber of Hereford, died Sunday.

Services were set for 2 p.m. Tuesday in Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ with Dean Whaley Jr., Church of Christ minister,

officiating. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery, by Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.

Mr. Barber was born in Dalhart and moved to Pampa from Hereford in 15 years ago. He married Rose Boor in 1986 in Las Vegas. Mr. Barber attended Panhandle State University and earned a degree in animal husbandry from Abilene Christian College. He worked as a cattle and feedyard property appraiser prior to retirement in 1993. He was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include his wife; two other sons, Warren Barber of El Paso and Joe Barber of Brownsville; his parents, C.O. and Beulah Barber of Dalhart; three sisters, Eileen Graves of Fort Worth, Glenna Sanders of Spring and Beth Paulk of Booker; a brother, Clyde Barber Jr., of Dumas, and four grandchildren.

WILLIAM KENNETH HALBERT Oct. 1, 1994

William Kenneth Halbert, 67, of Huntsville, formerly of Hereford, died Saturday in Huntsville.

Services were held Monday in Huntsville, with burial in Madisonville Cemetery, Huntsville Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Halbert, a native of San Augustine, was associated with Hereford Country Club while a resident here. He belonged to Family Faith Church in Huntsville.

Survivors include his wife, Ouida Halbert of Huntsville, three nephews and three nieces.

JAYCYN AUDRAE MARTINEZ Sept. 30, 1994

Jaycyn Audrae Martinez, four-week-old daughter of Juan Arthur Martinez and Alicia Amaya, died Friday.

Graveside services were held Monday afternoon in West Park Cemetery with Deacon Jessie Guerrero of San Jose Catholic Church officiating. Arrangements were by Rix Funeral Directors.

The infant was born Sept. 2, in Amarillo.

Survivors are her parents; three sisters, Jazzmine Martinez, Tomasa Martinez and Jean Martinez, and a brother, John Arthur Martinez Jr., all of Hereford; grandparents, Maria and Eriberto Amaya of Olton, and great-grandparents, Manuel and Maria Orosco of Hereford.

Domestic violence law change proposed

AUSTIN (AP) - A state Senate committee is proposing numerous changes in state law aimed at curbing domestic violence.

State Sen. Mike Moncrief, chairman of the Interim Committee on Domestic Violence, said Monday that the current system is failing victims.

"People find themselves victimized first by their abuser and then a second time by the system," he said.

The committee has recommended removing from the stalking law a requirement that there be at least one previous incident of harassing behavior before a stalking charge can be filed.

The current law has "been defined as one free stalk," Moncrief, D-Fort Worth, said. "That's certainly not what the Legislature intended."

The stalking law was passed and went into effect last year. A first offense is a misdemeanor punishable by up to one year in jail and a \$3,000 fine. A repeat offense is a felony with a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine.

The committee also voted to require that jail officials contact victims of stalking prior to release of a defendant on bail or bond.

Another proposal recommended by the committee would prohibit gun shop owners from selling guns to persons with an active protective order against them.

Officials could keep track of the protective orders through creation of a statewide central registry, the committee said. The information would be made available to gun shop owners when they request a criminal history background check under the Brady law.

The committee is expected to make its final recommendations Oct. 31.

That package will be forwarded to the Legislature when it meets in regular session in January.

Moncrief said that as violence against spouses and children increases, a number of laws need to be toughened, and that Texas should earmark any extra revenues to shelter services.

Domestic violence incidents have increased from 124,373 in 1991 to 155,767 in 1993, according to the Texas Council on Family Violence.

State Sen. Florence Shapiro, R-Plano, said she hoped the committee's recommendations would make a "bold statement" that "we will accept zero tolerance for violence."

But, she said, the recommendations should always try to preserve the family as much as possible.

State Sen. Royce West, D-Dallas, said judges and law officers need to be trained that family violence "is not something you put on the back burner."

Hospital Notes

PATIENTS IN HOSPITAL
Marie Bowen, Jesusita Castillo, Joyce Cupp, Refugia Duran, Hortencia Gutierrez, Inf. Boy Gutierrez.
Mary Joiner, Willie Morgan, Charles Newell, Catarina Nunez, Francisca Villarreal, Abel Zepeda.

NEWBORNS
Mr. and Mrs. Rogelio Palacios are the parents of a girl, Sonia Palacios born September 26, 1994. She weighed 7 pounds, 12 ounces.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess C. Aguilar, II are the parents of a boy, Jess C. Aguilar, III born September 26, 1994. He weighed 7 pounds 0 ounces.



AUSTIN (AP) - The Pick 3 winning numbers drawn Monday by the Texas Lottery, in order:

9-5-6 (nine, five, six)

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8-4-2 (eight, four, two)

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Lifestyles

Delegates give reports from state meeting

During the Deaf Smith County Family Community Education Council meeting held Sept. 26 at the Deaf Smith County Library, delegates gave reports on the recent state meeting. Also, the 60 and 50 year awards were presented to four FCE clubs.

Jo Lee, chairman, called the meeting to order which was hosted by members of the Draper FCE Club.

Toni Vaughn gave the opening exercise reading the poem, "Stress Diet." Carmen Rickman led the pledges to the flags and also led the FCE prayer.

Welcomed as visitors were Argen Draper, Carol Odom Sartain, Alta Mae Higgins, Vernis Parsons and Evelyn Crawford.

Rickman, secretary, called the roll with six clubs represented and four

having 100 percent attendance. Minutes were read and approved and Kate Bradley, treasurer, gave a report. Also, standing committees reported to the council.

A quilt, which will be sold during the Westway Bazaar Nov. 12, was displayed at the meeting.

Beverly Harder, extension agent, reported on the KPAN cooking school and other upcoming events.

It was announced that the FCE Council will man a food booth at the Westway Bazaar.

Festive Foods will be held Nov. 8 in the Southwestern Public Service Reddy Room.

The Leader Training is scheduled Oct. 17 at the Hereford Community Center.

The next council meeting was set for Oct. 24 at the library.



Recognition Service conducted

The G.A. and Acteen Recognition Service for Primera Iglesia Bautista was held recently. In top photo, from left, are Acteen Leader Irene Amaro, Alisa Landers, Denise Amaro, Teresa Lopez, Musical Accompanist Cynthia Streun, Soledad Vidaurre, Roxanne Balderaz, Amy Liscano, Leader Janell Davison and Leader Lila Griego. In bottom photo are (front row from left) Sonya Griego, Stephanie Condarco, Cindy Trevino, Julie Trevino, Clarisa Zamora, (second row) Audrey Lopez, Acteen Association Director Alisa Landers, Anna Cano, Leader Janell Davison, Kristi Ramirez, Diana Griego, Senaida Griego, (third row) Leader Cindy Condarco and Cynthia Streun.

Linda Minchew is honored by Hereford Toastmasters

Linda Minchew was named the best speaker during the Hereford Toastmasters Club meeting held Thursday morning at the Ranch House.

Ed Gilbert was selected as best evaluator and Dee Hamilton was honored as best topic speaker.

"Follow the Leader" was the topic chosen by Linda Minchew who was evaluated by Ed Gilbert; Joe Weaver spoke on "One Bad Hombre," evaluated by Margaret Del Toro; and Charles Minchew spoke on "Past, Present, Future," evaluated by Sharon Cramer.

Dr. Milton Adams led the pledge and Jigger Rowland gave the invocation.

During the business meeting presided over by Joe Don Cummings, it was announced that the local club will host the area Humorous Speech and Evaluation Contest today at the Hereford Community Center. The

Hereford club will be competing with the Plainview Toastmasters Club with the winners advancing to district round to be held at a future date. Those competing from Hereford are Pat Varner and Ralph Barndt in the humorous speech contest and Chris Leonard and Ed Gilbert in the Evaluation Contest.

Rick Jackson served as Toastmaster at the meeting; Gayla Sanders, timer; Nancy Griego, "ah" counter; Art Gonzales, grammarian; Dan Hall, wordmaster; and "precocious" was the chosen word.

Wayne Winget was topicmaster and topic speakers included Nancy Griego, Dee Hamilton, Clark Andrews and Dr. Milton Adams.

Dave Kimmel gave the reading and the joke was told by Rick Jackson. Chris Leonard was general evaluator. Welcomed as a guest was Adolfo Del Toro.

Hints from Heloise

Dear Friends: Fire safety should be a main concern of all families. Checking your home for ways to prevent fires is easy to do and definitely can save lives.

If your home isn't equipped with smoke detectors, get them. They are a must! Mount a detector in a hallway in the center of the highest area, and if you live in a multi-level home, put at least one on each level.

Put one at the top of the stairs as well as in an upstairs hallway. If your heating unit is in the attic, you should put a detector up there too.

Check the batteries frequently and change them at least once a year. A good reminder is to change the batteries every year on your birthday or New Year's Day. Also, regular cleaning is necessary. A buildup of dust can cause the alarm to go off.

Have a fire drill with the family a couple of times a year. It's very important to know escape routes and to designate an area where everyone meets outside to take a head count.

Many fires start because of extension cords that are overloaded. Take a few minutes to check them all now.

You should have fire extinguishers in your home, at least one in the kitchen and another in the garage area. There are different types of extinguishers, so make sure when you purchase them you ask the salesperson for suggestions. Better yet, call your fire station and ask them what type is the best for you. Check the pressure and every few years have them recharged if they are that type.

Most people panic in a house fire, and the most important thing is to get everyone out first, then call the

fire department. Every minute counts. Material things can be replaced but lives cannot. — Heloise

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KITCHEN HELPER

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Send a money- or time-saving hint to Heloise, PO Box 795000, San Antonio TX 78279-5000 or fax it to 210-HELOISE. I can't answer your letter personally but will use the best hints received in my column.



Women's Division to meet

The fall quarterly meeting of the Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce Women's Division will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday at Panchita's Restaurant.

The evening's program will concern interior decorating presented by Linda West.

A light meal and beverages will be served. Cost is \$5.

Also, during the meeting, plans for the coming year will be discussed and a slate of officers will be considered. The nominating committee has submitted the names of Emily Christie, Sheri Jones and Julia Laing to fill the three vacancies.

Lodge plans chili supper

Hereford Rebekah Lodge #228 will sponsor a chili supper from 5-8 p.m. Oct. 15 at the Odd Fellow Hall, 205 E. Sixth St.

Chili, beans, cornbread and pie with tea or coffee will be served. Adult tickets are priced at \$3.50 and tickets for children ages six through 12 are \$2. Tickets will be available from lodge members or at the door.

Noble Grand Dorothy Lundry presided at the regular meeting Tuesday evening, Sept. 27, with 15 members present.

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"When you start out, it is usually tacky," she told The New York Times in a story published Sunday.

"You have to dress in bathrooms, kitchens, alleys. These kids are starting with diva dressing rooms, costumes, makeup."

OMISSION
The Cultural FCE Club of Hereford was inadvertently omitted from the Volunteer Thank You ad we placed in the Sunday, Oct 2nd edition on the Hereford Brand. We offer our apologies for the oversight.
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Spikers claim district lead by beating Dumas

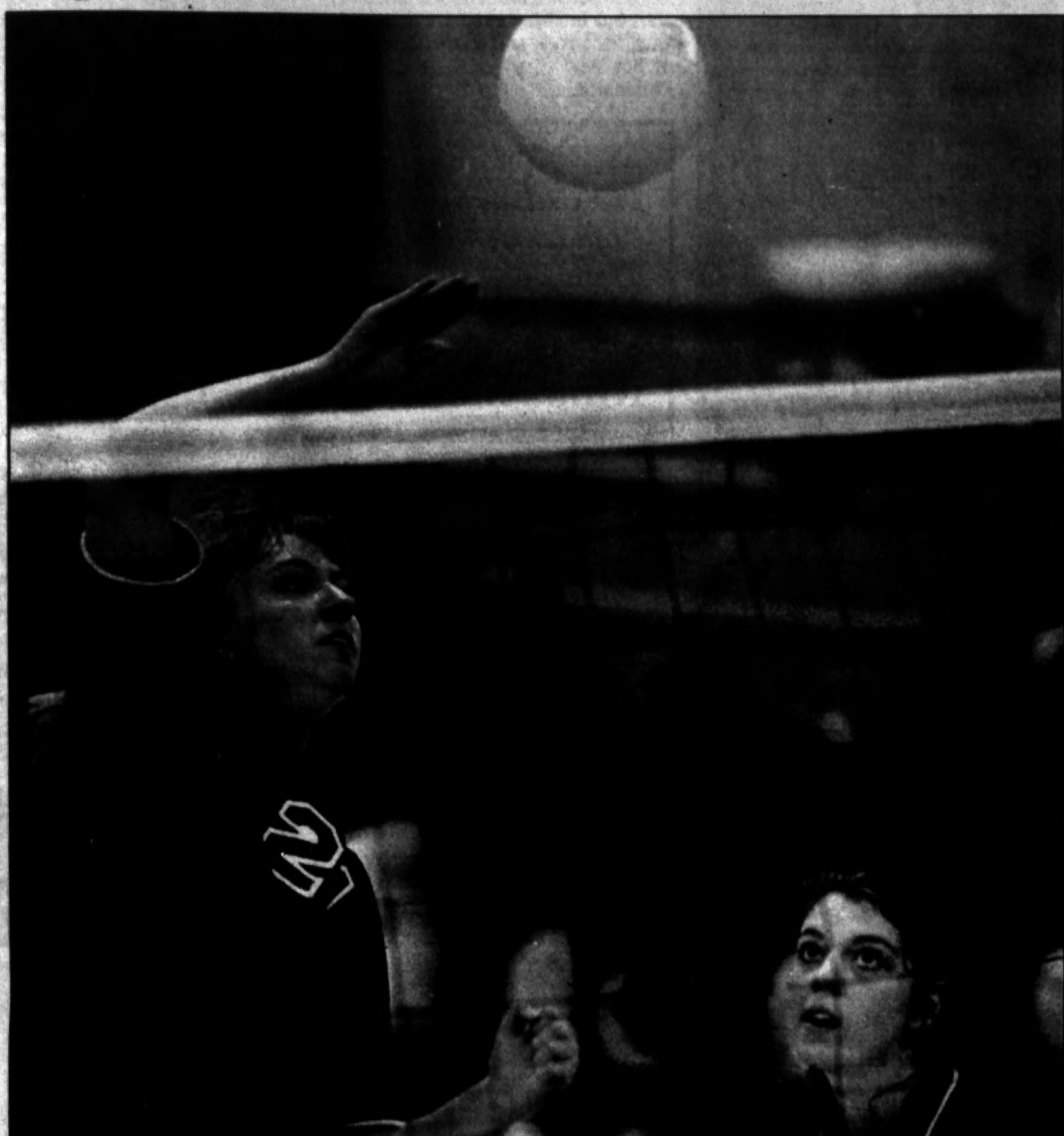


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Herd dumps Demonettes

Tarabeth Holmes (shown hitting in a match earlier this season) led the Lady Whitefaces with 11 kills the Herd's 7-15, 15-12, 17-15 win Saturday in Dumas, which gave Hereford the lead in District 1-4A. Danielle Cornelius (bottom right) led the Herd Saturday with eight stuff blocks.

By JAY PEDEN
Sports Editor

The Lady Whitefaces volleyball team took sole possession of first place in District 1-4A with a stirring three-game victory over the rival Dumas Demonettes Saturday in Dumas.

It was the first time Hereford had beaten Dumas in a district game since 1990.

Hereford improved to 5-0 in district and 20-4 overall. Dumas fell to 4-1 and 15-6.

After dropping the first game, 15-7, Hereford came back to win the second game, 15-12.

The third game, which Hereford won 17-15, saw both teams missing chances to win, then losing the game-point advantage. Hereford served eight times with a 14-12 lead, but couldn't get the final point any of those eight times. Dumas served twice with a 15-14 lead but couldn't win either.

Hereford scored the last three points quickly for the win—or relatively quickly for a match that lasted nearly two hours. Dumas called

a timeout when Hereford led 16-15, but the Herd won it immediately after the timeout.

"Those last two points we got off Danielle Cornelius hitting the quick set," Herd coach Brenda Reeh said. "We tried to run the quick set in the first game and (Dumas middle blocker) Jenny Robinson stuffed us. She was on the front row at the end, but Dumas gave us a couple of free balls."

Reeh said the 16th point went down immediately on a kill by Cornelius. The 17th point, though, took longer, as the excellent Dumas defense was able to dig up a couple of solid hits by Heather Hodges, Reeh said. Finally, Brittney Binder and Cornelius got together on a quick set, and the ball went down between two Dumas blockers for the point, game and match.

Hereford came out nervous in the first game, and bad passing was the

Herd's chief problem in the loss in the first game.

"Our passing just absolutely broke down," Reeh said. "I'd say the majority of it was nerves. The kids were tight. I don't know if we ever put the setter in front of the 10-foot line in that first game."

(Putting the setter in front of the 10-foot line would be a minimum goal of passing; ideally, the setter wouldn't have to move.)

In the second game, Hereford got over the nervousness a little, improved the passing a little and improved the blocking a lot.

"What showed up in the second game was blocking," Reeh said. "We did as good a job blocking Dumas as we ever have, and that gave us a little confidence. I think our blocking caused Dumas to stop hitting the ball at us as hard. They gave us more free

(See VOLLEYBALL, Page 5)

McConnell places high in cutting horse show

Steve McConnell of Hereford placed in the American Cutting Horse Association World Show finals in Belton last week.

McConnell finished seventh in the \$500 Novice Riders class on Miss Star Sock with a 203.

Another area resident, Sherry Graham of Canadian, was reserve champion in the Youth Class, scoring 215 points on Docs Dandy Deal. She

also received a certificate of achievement and a trophy saddle blanket for finishing third in the year-end standings in the \$500 Novice Rider class.

Also taking a certificate of achievement for a top 10 finish was Surety Bond, owned by John C. Isaacs III of Canadian and ridden by Wayne Wright of Canadian, in the \$3,000 Novice Horse.

Odell wins football contest

Seven contestants missed five of the 25 games in the Hereford Brand Football Contest, but Dan Odell was the only one who correctly picked Randall over Hereford in the tie-breaker.

Odell will receive \$25 in Hereford Bucks for winning.

Gregg Kalka took second place and \$15 in Hereford Bucks for predicting 35 total points—it was actually 37 (21-16). Nolan Grady took third place and \$10 because his point total was 39.

Others who missed five games were Wendell Burdine, Jim Nunnally, Deborah Jackson and Mel Kalka Jr.

District 1-4A

Volleyball standings

	District	Overall
Hereford	5 0	20 4
Dumas	4 1	15 6
Randall	3 2	9 9
Pampa	3 3	10 7
Caprock	1 4	9 10
Borger	1 4	8 10
Canyon	1 4	5 12

Saturday's matches

Hereford def. Dumas
7-15, 15-12, 17-15
Caprock def. Borger
15-7, 15-11
Randall def. Pampa
15-10, 7-15, 15-11

Cross country girls take 2nd in Floydada

The Hereford cross country team took a break from seeing the same old faces week after week by running in the White River Run in Floydada Saturday.

Hereford's girls finished second behind Lubbock Cooper, and the boys

were fourth. Hereford competed in the division with Class 3A, 4A and 5A schools.

"All the runners competed well. This was a good change for us after the tough competition we have had in some big meets," Hereford coach

Martha Emerson said. "Next week we run in Lubbock, and it is the biggest meet we will run, and certainly one of the toughest. The course a Mae Simmons Park is the site of the Region I meet on Nov. 5, so as many schools as possible will be there to

become familiar with the course."

At Floydada, the Hereford girls totaled only 49 points for second behind Cooper and its 38 points. Following Hereford were Brownfield with 63, Plainview with 96, Floydada with 102 and Levelland with 170.

The boys' field finished like this: Canyon, 24; Plainview, 63; Brownfield, 74; Hereford, 77; Levelland 147; and Floydada 181.

Jamie Harrison was Hereford's top finisher individually in fifth place in the girls' race. She ran the two-mile course in 14 minutes and 18 seconds.

Nora Herrera and Teresa Lopez also finished in the top 10. Herrera was seventh in 14:23, and Lopez was eighth in 14:24. The other Hereford girls were not far behind: Marie Crox was 13th in 14:51; Michelle Garza was 16th in 14:57; Bethany Townsend was 22nd in 15:10; and Karon Harder was 27th in 16:05.

Lee Mungia led the Hereford boys with a 14th place finish. He ran the three-mile course in 19:02. He was followed by: Pedro Del Hoyo, 15th in 19:05; Tommy Mather, 17th in 19:12; Inez Lopez, 20th in 19:24; Miguel Carrillo, 23rd in 19:48; Brandon Coleman, 27th in 20:08; and Sammy Ruiz, 32nd in 20:34.

Hereford's junior varsity girls also took second place in the JV race, totalling 59 points to Hart's 55. Beverly Celaya was fifth in 15:35, followed by: Priscilla Alonzo, ninth in 15:57; Michelle Ochoa, 15th in 16:23; Veronica Castillo, 18th in 16:49; and Maria Arzola, 48th in 20:13.

There was no boys' JV division, so Hereford's JV boys ran in the varsity race: Miguel Huerta, 35th in 20:57; Justin Criner, 37th in 20:58; Rafael Del Hoyo, 44th in 21:31; Flavio Cardenas, 48th in 22:07; Ignacio Garcia, 54th in 23:26; and Edgar Herrera, 55th in 23:37.

Hereford had six runners in the junior high division: Jessica Mejia, fifth in 15:40; Ariana Carrasco, 20th in 17:05; Erica Delgado, 21st in 17:06; Jessica Harrison, 29th in 18:44; Anna Delgado, 33rd in 19:00; and Rachel Coronado, 19:35 (no place).

Emerson announced that captains have been elected for the Herd cross country team. They are senior Nora Herrera and junior Michelle Garza for the girls, and junior Lee Mungia and sophomore Miguel Carrillo for the boys.

Gene Sarazen, only 20 years old, won the 1922 U.S. Open Golf Tournament, the youngest man to do so.



Setting them up

Angie Evers (left) of the Hereford seventh grade A volleyball team sets the ball to teammates Kylie Auckerman (center) and Tori Walker. The team took third place in a tournament held Saturday at Hereford Junior High.

7th grade spikers 3rd in tourney

Hereford's seventh grade A team took third place at a volleyball tournament held Saturday at Hereford Junior High.

Hereford defeated Borger in two close games, 15-13, 15-12, for third place. Toni Eicke served for five points in the first game, and Angie Evers had seven in the second game, including the final three points.

In the semifinals, Hereford fell to Pampa, 15-7, 15-8.

Dumas defeated Pampa, 15-9, 15-12 in the finals. Dumas also won the B team division, beating Valleyview, 15-4, 15-6.

Hereford's B team had to be consoled with losing three very close games. In pool play, they lost to Canyon, 16-14, 16-14, and split with Borger, winning 15-6 and losing 15-8. In the consolation match, Hereford lost to Pampa, 15-4, 16-14.

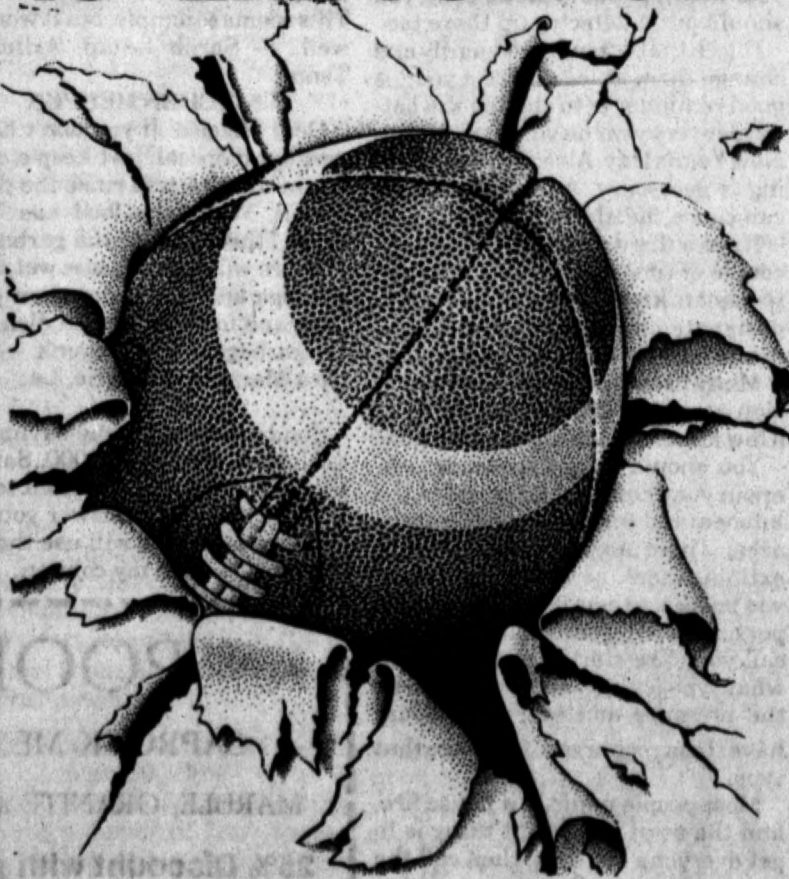
Stacy Watson was the leading server for the A team in all three matches, totalling 17 points for the day. Crystal Muro added six points in the match with Canyon.

The Hereford A team won three of four games in pool play. It beat Borger, 15-12, 15-13, with Evers serving for eight points and Audra

Witkowski adding six. Hereford split with Canyon, winning 15-7, then losing 15-6. Crystal Mendiaz served for six points against Canyon.

On Monday, the HJH spikers lost all four matches to Pampa in Hereford. The eighth grade A team fell 15-8, 15-10, with Kristin Cole serving for five points. The eighth B team lost 15-12, 15-10, as Lisa Riley served for 10 points. The seventh B team lost 15-8, 15-10, as Crystal Muro served for five points, and the A team lost 15-11, 15-11, as Shyla Martin served for six and Crystal Mendiaz added five.

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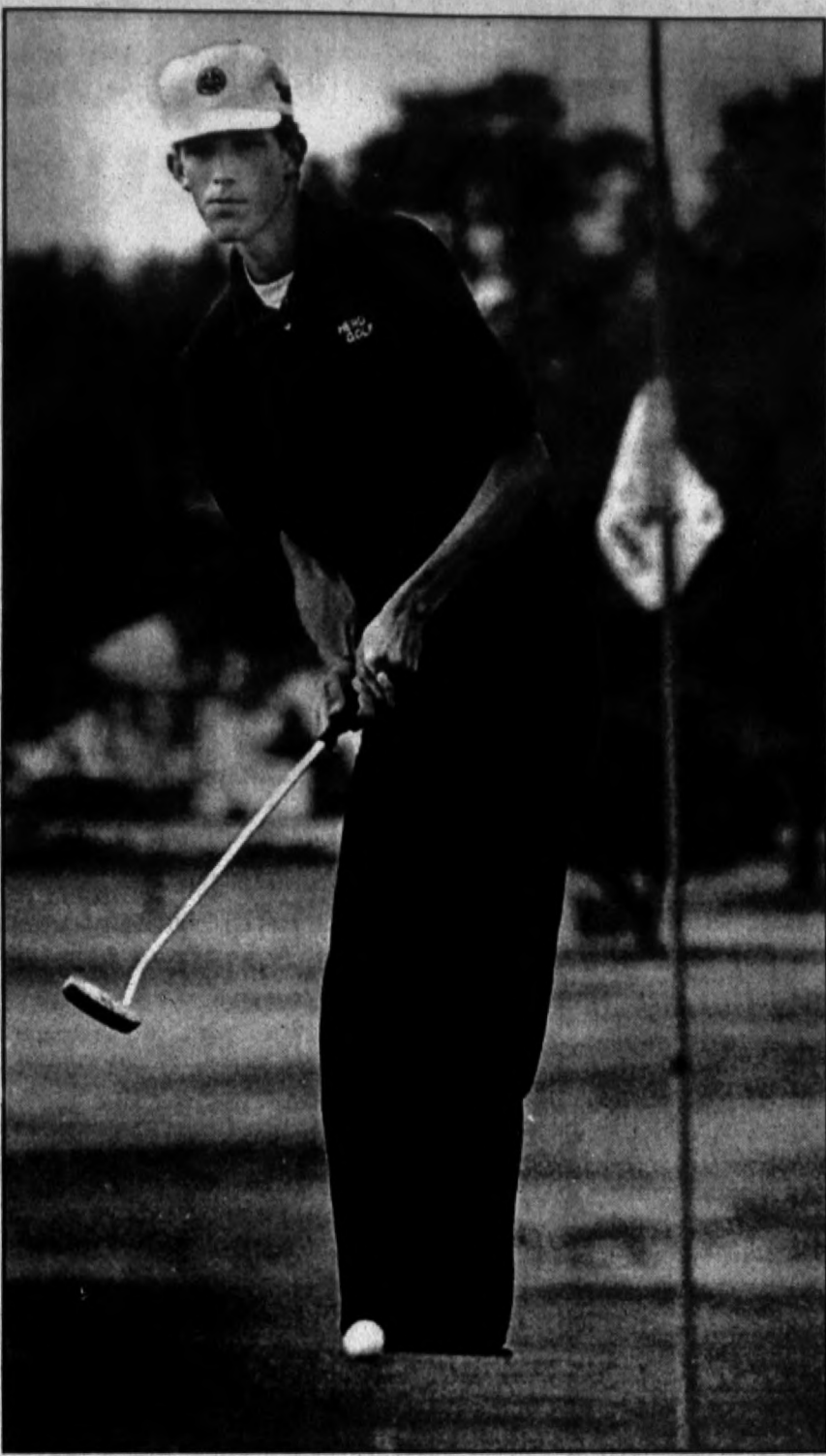


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Perfect putt

Hereford's Scott Burkhalter watches his putt roll toward the pin during a triangular match held Saturday at Pitman Municipal Golf Course.

HHS golfers play well in meet at Pitman GC

Hereford's high school golf teams hosted fall matches Saturday at Pitman Municipal Golf Courses.

The Hereford boys played a tight triangular with Pampa and Borger, their main competition in District 1-4A. Pampa shot 309, while Hereford and Borger both shot 310.

The Hereford girls easily won a triangular match with Tascosa and Pampa. Hereford shot 363, while Tascosa was way back at 409 and Pampa shot 419.

The Herd's scores were the lowest for these groups of golfers, coach Stacey Bixler said. Bixler has all of his golfers back from the spring, except for one who graduated (Kelly Kelso).

Karen Manchec led the Hereford girls with a round of 87, followed by Kristin Calkins at 89, Jami Bell at 90,

Jana Baird at 97 and Stephanie Bixler at 98.

Scott Burkhalter led the Hereford boys by shooting 75. He was joined by David Sims with a 77, Justin Griffith with a 78, Keith Riley with an 80, and Tom Munoz with an 84.

Both of Hereford's junior varsity squads won dual matches with varsity teams Saturday at Pitman. The boys' JV beat Canyon 330 to 365. Hereford was led by Jeremiah Baros at 79, followed by David Farr at 81, Cory Schumacher at 83, Greg Reinart at 87 and Carlos Mendez at 90.

The girls' JV totaled 420 to the Randall varsity's 429. Katie Bone led Hereford at 96, followed by Jacque Bezner at 106, Amy Killingsworth at 107, Lindsay Ward at 112 and Jennifer Phipps at 113.

Hereford netters clobber Caprock

The Hereford High School tennis team won two team matches Saturday. One was about as close as a team match can be, and one was about as bad a blowout as a team match can be.

The easy win was the one that counted. Hereford blasted Caprock 18-0 in a District 1-4A match Saturday morning in Amarillo. The win moved the Herd to 3-1 in district play with two opponents left. Hereford is off this weekend, then faces Pampa Oct. 15 and Dumas Oct. 22.

The close win was a 9-9 tie with Vernon, which the Herd met for a non-district match Saturday afternoon at Randall High School. Hereford won the tie on number of sets won.

In the morning, Hereford dominated a struggling Caprock program. Hereford only lost 56 games in the 18 matches, winning 218 games. B.J. Lockmiller, Hereford's No. 2 boy, lost only eight points in his 6-0, 6-0

singles win. Paige Robbins and Annie Hoffman also had 6-0, 6-0 wins in singles matches, as did Scott Shaw in an extra match.

"Caprock is just now trying to get its program started," Hereford coach Ed Coplen said. "(A new coach) is working with them now; they just don't have any talent out there."

Hereford had to adjust for the afternoon match with Vernon, a Class 3A power coached by Pudgy Vargas, a 1979 graduate of Hereford High School and a former coach of the Herd tennis team.

"Vernon's good. Vernon's going to state this year in team tennis," Coplen said. "We should have won a couple of matches we lost, but overall I thought we played real well. It's hard to come back and play real well against a good team after playing a team that's not very good."

Current Herd tennis player Pete Vargas is the nephew of Pudgy Vargas.

Here are the complete results for both of Saturday's matches.

HERD 18, CAPROCK 0

Boys' second: Tom Jarecki def. Jascha Barbosa, 6-3, 6-3; B.J. Lockmiller def. Drew Garcia, 6-0, 6-0; Rob Reinauer def. Jeff Nabors, 7-5, 6-4; Pete Vargas def. Paul Mendez, 6-1, 6-2; Tyler Merrick def. Humberto Medina, 6-2, 6-5; and Andrew Carr def. Ryan Moore, 6-1, 6-2. Extra match: Scott Shaw def. Brian Harlan, 6-0, 6-0.

Boys' doubles: Reinauer/Vargas def. Barbosa/Nabors, 7-5, 6-2; Jarecki/Lockmiller def. Garcia/Moore, 6-1, 6-0; and Carr/Merrick def. Mendez/Medina, 6-2, 6-0.

Girls' singles: Natalie McWhorter def. Amanda Veahman, 6-0, 6-1; Paige Robbins def. Heather Gossett, 6-0, 6-0; Holly Weishaar def. Rana Lilley, 6-0, 6-3; Taylor Sublett def. Delia Gardea, 6-0, 6-3; Nicole McWhorter def. Chrystal Foster, 6-2, 6-4; and Annie Hoffman def. Aimee Mershon, 6-0, 6-0. Extra matches: Traci Reiter def. Heather Hand, 8-2; and Rachel Bezner def. Shanna Keel, 6-2.

Girls' doubles: Robbins/Natalie McWhorter def. Veahman/Gossett, 6-0, 6-2; Sublett/Weishaar def. Lilley/Gardea,

6-0, 6-4; and Nicole McWhorter/Jennifer Jones def. 6-2, 6-1.

HERD 9, VERNON 9

Hereford wins on sets won
Girls' singles: Vicky Huie (V) def. Natalie McWhorter, 6-1, 6-2; Cristi Carr (V) def. Paige Robbins, 7-6, 6-4; Holly Weishaar (H) def. Alison Friberg, 7-6, 4-6, 6-4; Leah Harvey (V) def. Taylor Sublett, 6-2, 6-4; Jennifer House (V) def. Nicole McWhorter, 8-5; and Annie Hoffman (H) def. Lindsey Karcher, 8-5. Extra match: Cheryl Furr (V) def. Traci Reiter, 8-2.

Girls' doubles: Huie/Carr (V) def. Natalie McWhorter/Robbins, 7-6, 7-6; Friberg/House (V) def. Sublett/Weishaar, 4-6, 6-2, 6-2; and Hoffman/Bezner (H) def. Karcher/Harvey, 8-4, 8-6.

Boys' singles: Brad Echols (V) def. Tom Jarecki, 1-6, 7-5, 6-1; B.J. Lockmiller (H) def. Aaron Agnew, 6-0, 7-5; Rob Reinauer (H) def. Dominic Massaro, 6-4, 6-0; Pete Vargas (H) def. Peyton Iman, 7-6, 6-2; Tyler Merrick (H) def. Blair Striet, 6-2, 6-4; and Manuel Aleman (V) def. Scott Shaw, 4-6, 7-6, 6-3.

Boys' doubles: Echols/Agnew (V) def. Reinauer/Vargas, 6-4, 5-7, 6-2; Lockmiller/Jarecki (H) def. Massaro/Iman, 6-3, 7-6; and Carr/Merrick (H) def. Striet/Aleman, 6-1, 7-5.

Oilers sink to 1-4 again after Steelers blowout

By ALAN ROBINSON

AP Sports Writer

PITTSBURGH (AP) - For once, the Pittsburgh Steelers didn't need a comeback. Once again, the Houston Oilers do.

The Oilers did the impossible last season, winning 11 in a row and the AFC Central Division after starting 1-4. Off their embarrassingly inept 30-14 loss Monday to Pittsburgh, the Oilers can't even dream of duplicating that.

Even they say so. "Our talent level is down from what it was last year. If we could do what we did last year, it would really be impressive," safety Marcus Robertson said. "It's not impossible, but it would take a miracle."

On a night when the defenseless Oilers made the Steelers' oft-inconsistent Neil O'Donnell resemble Terry Bradshaw, Houston's Cody Carlson made no one recall ex-Oiler Warren Moon - least of all, the Steelers' sacking, attacking defense.

Playing with a bad shoulder, a broken nose and little protection, Carlson was 3-for-7 for 18 yards and a costly fumble before being yanked after just 20 minutes. The Steelers already led 20-0, so the game was gone even before Carlson was.

The Oilers were in minus yardage almost until Carlson left, prompting this new nickname suggestion: Commander Cody and the Lost Yardage Airmen.

"You can't even compare (Moon and Carlson)," Steelers cornerback Rod Woodson said. "I couldn't even think of putting them on the same field."

For at least this night, the Oilers hardly belonged on the same field with Pittsburgh. The Steelers (3-2) were behind by at least 10 points in every game this season and trailed in

12 of their previous 14, only to score on their first four possessions.

"Everybody knew we were falling behind early," tackle John Jackson said. "There was a big emphasis all week to start out strong and not wait for somebody to do the scoring."

Gary Anderson kicked two field goals after a pair of big play first-down completions by O'Donnell. Barry Foster had a 1-yard TD run and O'Donnell threw a scoring pass to Eric Green immediately following Carlson's fumble at his own 3.

"We were telling ourselves, 'Let's not mess around early like we always do,'" wide receiver Andre Hastings said. "It's too bad we can't play every game on Monday or we'd go to the Super Bowl."

In prime time, the difference in the Steelers is like ... well, night and day. They are 5-0 on Mondays in three seasons under coach Bill Cowher, but just 18-14 on Sundays.

"I just told our guys there's been a change in the schedule and the rest of our season will be played at night," Cowher said.

So far, the Oilers haven't looked good any day. They spent more time fighting themselves than they did the Steelers, with Robertson angering some teammates by criticizing the defensive front's inability to stop the run.

That prompted an angry Al Smith to yell across the locker room, "Don't be pointing the finger at me."

Of course, there was plenty of blame to go around. Foster, the AFC's rushing leader, had 115 yards before giving way early in the third quarter to rookie Bam Morris, who had 70 yards and a touchdown.

points in the JV win.

The JV improved to 16-3 on the season, staying undefeated in district play.

The ninth grade team was the only one not to escape Dumas with a win. Instead, Dumas won a close one Saturday morning, 16-14, 15-10. Jamie Marquez served for eight points for Hereford.

The freshmen got back on the winning track Monday in Hereford, whipping Caprock 15-4, 15-3. Again, Marquez was the serving star, with 14 points.

Stuff blocks: Cornelius, 8; Kelley, 7; Bryant, 3; and Holmes, 2.

ACE: Hodges, 1.

Hereford hosts Caprock (1-4, 9-10) at 6 p.m. today at Whiteface Gymnasium. Today's match will complete the first half of double round robin district play.

In other district matches, Dumas is at Canyon and Randall is at Borger.

The Hereford junior varsity started the double header Saturday with a 15-13, 15-10 win over the Dumas JV. Julie Rampley, who played in both the JV and varsity matches, served for 10

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balls and gave us more tips to play." Dumas scored the first two points of the third game, but Hereford came back to take an 8-3 lead.

"Our blocking just picked up," Reeh said. "Brittney dumped the ball twice for kills, Heather had a couple go down, and Tarabeth (Holmes) had a couple go down."

Dumas stormed back to tie the game at 9-9.

"A lot of it had to do with when Jenny Robinson was on the front row," Reeh said. "She nearly always got her share of kills when she went across the three front row positions. The only time she didn't was when we went eight rotations without scoring (in the game- and match-point situation)."

The match was typical of a Dumas-Hereford meeting. It was long, and few points came easily. Reeh recalled several long defensive rallies, particularly in the third game.

"It wore everybody out emotionally," Reeh said. "It may have been the toughest match I've coached against

Dumas, just because it lasted so long at the end."

Hereford teams have been disappointed before after losing to Dumas, but Reeh said this could have been worse than ever.

"I told the players (after the match) that it was nearly an invisible line between winning and losing," she said. "If things had not gone our way, we would have had a tougher time getting over it, because we had eight separate opportunities to win the match. None of the consoling words I could have said would have made (the players) feel any better."

HERD VOLLEYBALL STATS at Dumas

Kills: Tarabeth Holmes, 11; Heather Hodges, 9; Brittney Binder, 8; Crystal Kelley, 7; and Danielle Cornelius, 7.

Digs: Binder, 14; Hodges, 11; Aimee Alley, 6; Deanna McCracken, 6; Jessica Evers, 5; Brooke Bryant, 5; Holmes, 4; Clarissa Ramirez, 3; Cornelius, 3; Kelley, 2; Cassie Abney, 1; and Julie Rampley, 1.

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To Your Good Health

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: For years, I have suffered from finger rashes from jewelry, and once I even developed a veritable ring around my collar from a necklace. When I finally got the good sense to have the problem looked into by a dermatologist, I learned that the offending culprit was nickel. I am very sensitive to the metal. How common is this, and what can one do to live with nickel, which is in a lot more things than we realize? — Mrs. L.U.

ANSWER: Nickel sensitivity is a common problem. Nickel occurs in rings, earrings, watches, buttons and other adornments.

We can be fooled by jewelry. The most innocent pieces can be hazardous for the nickel-sensitive. For example, a ring's chrome plating can allow a bit of underlying nickel to leech through to the skin. Blisters and an itchy rash result.

Today, over-the-counter cortisone creams provide some relief from such inflammation.

I am sure that many fine rings today adorn dark corners of dressing-table drawers rather than the fingers of their nickel-sensitive owners.

The answer for people such as yourself is selectivity in jewelry purchases.

For a review of various skin reactions, see the Health Letter that discusses skin. For a copy, write: Dr. Donohue — No. 129, P.O. Box 5539, Riverton, NJ 08077-5539. Enclose \$3 and a self-addressed, stamped (52 cents) No. 10 envelope.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I know you have written many times on the thyroid. But I have not seen my problem discussed specifically. I have Hashimoto's thyroiditis. All my doctor is doing is taking periodic blood tests. — J.S.

ANSWER: Hashimoto's thyroiditis is inflammation of the gland accompanied by its painless enlargement. In time, the gland's hormone production tapers out, and must be supplemented from the outside.

I'm sure that you, like most readers, want to know the cause of your illness. We do not know enough about Hashimoto's thyroiditis to say for sure. One tempting explanation posits an attack on the gland by the immune system, the same system that normally protects the body. Even if true, we cannot state just why such a self-attack occurs.

Researchers are still searching for those answers. Until we find the certain cause and ways to treat the problem, there is nothing to do to stop the Hashimoto's process. The only answer is to monitor the hormone level with blood tests. The periodic monitoring tells the doctor when to initiate thyroid hormone supplementation.

The illness was named for a Japanese surgeon who first recognized it.

Dr. Donohue regrets that he is unable to answer individual letters, but he will incorporate them in his column whenever possible. Readers may write him at P.O. Box 5539, Riverton, NJ 08077-5539.

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Concert to feature Amarillo native

The Amarillo Symphony continues its 70th anniversary season "In Grand Performance" with music from the masters and a guest performance by an Amarillo native. At Oct. 22 concert, Amarillo's own Timothy Jenkins, a graduate of Tascosa High School and now a renowned tenor in the opera world, will perform with the orchestra.

Jenkins is returning for the fifth time as a guest with the Amarillo Symphony. During this performance he will sing arias from Verdi and Wagner, among others.

Music included in the program for the evening is Beethoven's "Gott!! Welch Dunkel Hier" from Fidelio; Gounod's "Avant De Quitter Ces Lieux" from Faust; Dvorak's "Slavonic Dances" Verdi's "Eri Tu" from a Masked Ball; Wagner's "Allmacht" ger Vater" from Rienzi, Good Friday Spell from Parsifal, and "Winterstürme" from Die Walkure; and Strauss's Die Fledermaus Overture.

Jenkins first appeared with the Amarillo Symphony Orchestra in 1975 when, as a voice major at the University of North Texas (UNT), he won the Amarillo Symphony's Young Artist competition.

After graduate school at UNT, Jenkins became the youngest principal soloist with the Metropolitan Opera of New York, where he has been engaged for eleven seasons. Jenkins has appeared in numerous broadcasts and telecasts from the Met, and has sung at the White House for the PBS "In Performance at the White House."

He has also performed with orchestras, opera companies, and festivals around the world including the Vienna Philharmonic, the Chicago Symphony, the New York Philharmonic, and the Salzburg Festival. In the near future, he will appear with the Pittsburgh Symphony, tour Europe, and perform at the Kennedy Center in Washington D.C.

James Setapen, Music Director and conductor of the Amarillo Symphony Orchestra, said "Amarillo audiences have always liked operatic arias, and these are some of the most popular. Fledermaus Overture will conclude the concert on a sparkling note."

The performance begins at 8:00 p.m. in the Amarillo Civic Center. Tickets are available by calling 1-376-8782.

New twist introduced in making paper airplanes

By LARRY BLASKO Associated Press Writer

Any kid knows that three-ring notebook paper is only incidentally for taking notes. It's really for making paper airplanes.

And any kid knows that teachers really get hacked off when a nicely made craft soars over a classroom or lecture hall. That's half the fun.

But kids grow up, get jobs and don't even think of using their legal pads to make a plane to sail past the nose of some corporate senior vice compositist.

Which is a shame and a mistake that can be rectified with a program called The Greatest Paper Airplanes for Windows, by KittyHawk Software of Tucson, Ariz.

The software doesn't even pretend to increase productivity. It throws in a little history of paper-making and some basic aerodynamics, but the main purpose is fun.

The format, not surprisingly, is that of a three-ring notebook. You click on tabs to get where you want to go. And for the most part, that's the airplanes.

The airplanes are organized into five groups: Darts, Gliders, Jets, SSTs and Starships. Each group has its own flight and folding characteristics.

A word about folding. This is more difficult than the school days' five-fold darts. It's sort of airborne origami, and doing the job right will take patience and repeated efforts.

The nice thing is, the software gives you every available help. If you wish, it will print out folding patterns on your printer, including decorations. And a three-dimensional real-time model takes you step-by-step through the folding process.

Sometimes that's a lot of steps, especially when you get into the Starships. Initial efforts convinced me they were designed by aliens who had more fingers to use, but persistence guided by the software paid off.

Sound effects come with the package, and there's a screen-saver option that repeatedly folds all 25 of the planes in simulated 3-D. The package also includes a pre-printed pad of folding patterns.

If you must have some noble purpose in every bit of software you buy, look at it this way: Folding will teach you something about spatial relationships. Otherwise, just enjoy the software for the genuine fun that it is.

The Greatest Paper Airplanes for Windows has a suggested retail of \$29.95. It wants to see Windows 3.1 or later, four megabytes of hard disk space, MS DOS 3.3 or later, and two megabytes of RAM (four are better).

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Dan and Jill Odell are the parents of twins, Dylan Gregory, who weighed 6 lbs. 7 oz. and was 18 1/2 inches long, and Danton Doc, who weighed 5 lbs. 1 oz. and was 17 1/2 inches long.

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Ann Landers

DEAR ANN LANDERS: This is in response to "Kentucky," whose daughter thought she was being followed by her ex-husband.

My fiance's ex-wife, "Diane," thinks she is being followed by spies. She is convinced that a doctor who lives nearby loves her and that he is following her to see if she is "wife material."

Diane believes her condo and car are bugged and is certain that people in stores and other public places are spying on her. She also believes the doctor has a twin brother who is having her followed.

Diane's oldest son, "Jeremy," who is 11, is living with his father and me. Jeremy has been classified as multi-handicapped and hyperactive and has been on heavy medication. Since he came to live with us, he has improved so much, his medication has been sharply cut back. Jeremy has no respect or concern for his mother because of her behavior toward his father. The younger child, age 6, is also beginning to shy away from her mother.

My fiance and I have spoken to a doctor and several other specialists, but Diane refuses to get any help. She has disrupted all our lives and caused us to spend a great deal of money on lawyers and doctors. Please give us some help. — Stressed Out in N.J.

custody, it would be a godsend for them.

DEAR ANN LANDERS: I read the letter from "Ruined and Lonely in Ontario, Canada," who felt no woman would ever date him because he has herpes.

I met my husband in 1982 and knew right away he was special. He was kind, considerate, loving and fun to be with. He had a good job and was heading for a productive future.

One night, after a great evening out, he quietly informed me that he had herpes. My initial reaction was devastation, since I didn't know about the disease at the time. I was, frankly, horrified. But I really cared for him and decided to accept his affliction as a handicap we could work around. It was the best decision I ever made.

We have now been married for 12 years and have three beautiful daughters. No, I have not contracted the disease, because we are not intimate during my husband's outbreaks, which are becoming more infrequent as the years go by.

Tell "Ruined" that he CAN have a social life and when the moment comes to reveal his disease, which he MUST go before becoming intimate, a woman worthy of him will accept his


illness as a part of the total package. I will always appreciate my husband's honesty. It made me respect and admire him so much because I know how difficult it must have been for him to give me such news. I'm sure it made me love him more. — Wisconsin Woman

DEAR WOMAN: Thank you for a letter that is sure to help others who share your dilemma. Yours sounds like a marriage made in heaven.

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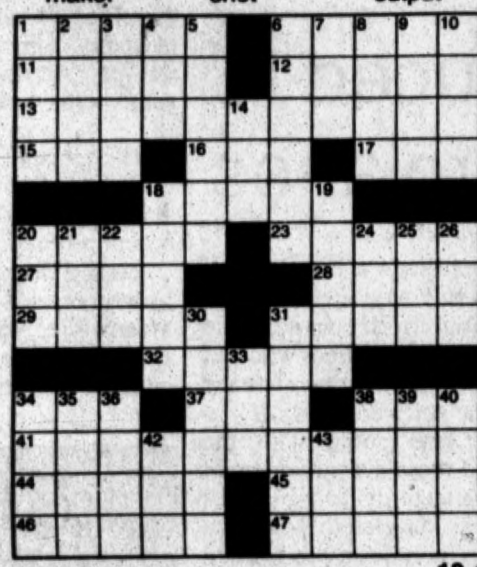
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HIGHLIGHTS
By Lyndell Williams & Ed Sterling
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN — Low-wealth school districts would get as much as \$261 million in state aid during the next biennium under a proposal by the Senate Interim Committee on Public School Facilities.

The money would be earmarked for renovation and construction of school facilities to help satisfy a court order by state District Judge F. Scott McCown setting Sept. 1, 1995 as the deadline for the Legislature to adopt a plan to aid poorer school districts.

McCown's order has been appealed to the Texas Supreme Court, which has not ruled.

Sen. Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo, chairman of the committee, said the proposal indicates that the state intends to pay its fair share for school facilities.

In a *Dallas Morning News* report, Al Kauffman, an attorney for low-wealth districts, said the state is funding less than a fourth of the construction and renovation expenses of Texas school districts.

And though he acknowledged that the money would help, Kauffman said the proposal "won't take care of the problem long term."

A report by the Texas Education Agency shows that to relieve overcrowding and replace substandard classrooms, \$1 billion is needed, and another \$1.7 billion is needed to libraries, gyms, laboratories and to replace thousands of portable classrooms.

Judicial Campaigns Capped
The Texas Supreme Court last week decided 6-3 to set time limits on campaign fund raising for judicial candidates, except for those

candidates running for state Supreme Court or Court of Criminal Appeals.

Under the Code of Judicial Conduct, the revised time limits for fund raising — 210 days before the filing deadline and 120 days after the general election in which the candidate is running — will take effect Sept. 1, 1995.

Though no new limits were placed on amounts and sources of contributions, Chief Justice Tom Phillips called the time limits "a modest first step" in showing that judges are different from other elected officials.

Three of the nine Supreme Court justices — Democrats Lloyd Doggett, Rose Specter and Bob Gammage — opposed the time limits.

State Sen. Rodney Ellis, D-Houston, who wrote a campaign reform bill proposed in the 1993 legislative session, lauded the amendment. But he said limits on amounts and sources of campaign contributions still are needed.

Texas joins 24 other states that set similar limits.

Insurance Hearing Begins
Texas insurance companies are asking for an increase in standard rates for auto coverage, which have been frozen since 1991, but consumer advocates are requesting a cut.

In a hearing before Austin administrative law judges, the Texas Automobile Insurance Service Office asked for a 15.7 percent increase in "bench premiums," while the state's second-largest property insurer, Farmers Insurance Group, recommended a 9.8 percent increase.

A consumer advocate group, the Office of Public Insurance Counsel, however, recommended a 5.7 percent cut in standard rates. Rob Schneider, of Consumers Union, said the insurance industry has ignored the commissioner's directive to base new rate proposals on the "most efficient" insurance companies.

The judges are to pass on their recommendations to the state insurance commissioner for final review. Once adopted, the new rates will apply to all insurance companies doing business in the state.

Truan Not Paid; Associate Was
State Sen. Carlos Truan, D-Corpus Christi, received no commission for selling Nueces County a health insurance plan, but his business as-

sociate, Jose Reyes did, according to a report by The Associated Press.

Truan is the subject in a probe being conducted by Nueces County District Attorney Carlos Valdez, who is investigating whether the senator's insurance business violated official conduct or ethics laws.

Truan never received his half of the sales commission because his company, Humana Health Care Plans, did not have a permanent HMO license, the report said.

Nueces County Judge Robert Barnes said he still wants to know who paid the commission, whether Truan's share is in a special account, and if the money will be returned to the county.

Spin Begins on Warbler Wobble
At the urging of Gov. Ann Richards, Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt ordered a stop to federal work on a proposal to designate 800,000 acres in 33 Central Texas counties as critical habitat for the endangered golden-cheeked warbler.

The songbird-habitat protection proposal became an issue in the governor's race when complaints were lodged by landowners, who said such a federal designation would deprive them of the use of their land and hurt property values.

Richards' Republican opponent, George W. Bush, came out early against the designation, and the Bush campaign suggested that the decision to abort the study should be credited to Bush, not Richards.

Environmental groups said the proposal's shutdown was a vote-getting measure by Richards, and warned that the governor should not count on the support of environmental voters in the upcoming election.

Other Highlights
■ Welfare recipients in parts of Harris County and all of Chambers County on Oct. 1 began using electronic cards to collect their state benefits.

The pilot program is scheduled to expand statewide in 1995, serving more than 1.2 million residents at 16,000 retail locations, Comptroller John Sharp said.

■ The State Bar will begin offering peer-review counseling to its members who have received complaints from clients about their desk-side manner.

El Paso will be the first city to offer the program, following a successful pilot version in Dallas.

Cotton producers blame losses on dry spell, weevil

By JEAN PAGEL
Associated Press Writer
LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — Morning was still murky, and the sun hadn't had the chance to rob the breeze's frosty autumn touch, when assorted specialists arrived at the Plains Cotton Growers Inc. office early last Friday.

They gathered for coffee and a state-of-the-crop briefing. About one dozen cotton experts — including a soil chemist, a breeder and an agriculture economist — brought mixed news to the meeting table.

But their various perspectives gelled into this consensus: Boll weevils and a prolonged dry spell took a toll this year on Texas cotton farms.

"Growers are still very pessimistic," said Kater Hake, cotton specialist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. "They are ready to be pleasantly surprised."

Troubles in 1994 followed last year's near-bumper harvest of 3.47-million bales of cotton from the 25 counties around Lubbock.

Hake estimates this year's production at 2.4-million to 2.6-million bales. Harvest will hit full swing later this month.

"There might be a little more out there than we thought," said Shawn Wade, director of communications for Plains Cotton Growers.

Others pointed out how the dry summer devastated cotton that wasn't irrigated — about half of the 3.3-million acres planted around the region.

Quality also dropped off. Wendell Wilbanks, director of the U.S. Department of Agriculture cotton classing office in Lubbock, pointed out that some of the bolls were discolored. Buyers around the country lauded Texas cotton for its consistency in '93, others said.

"After last year, we're spoiled," Wilbanks said.

Much of Friday's academic and animated session dealt with how the rain showers that fell in September might not have helped.

Hake explained that drought-stunted plants can grow new leaves and stems thanks to late rains. But the new vegetation creates trash in the stripper and decreases the cotton quality, he said.

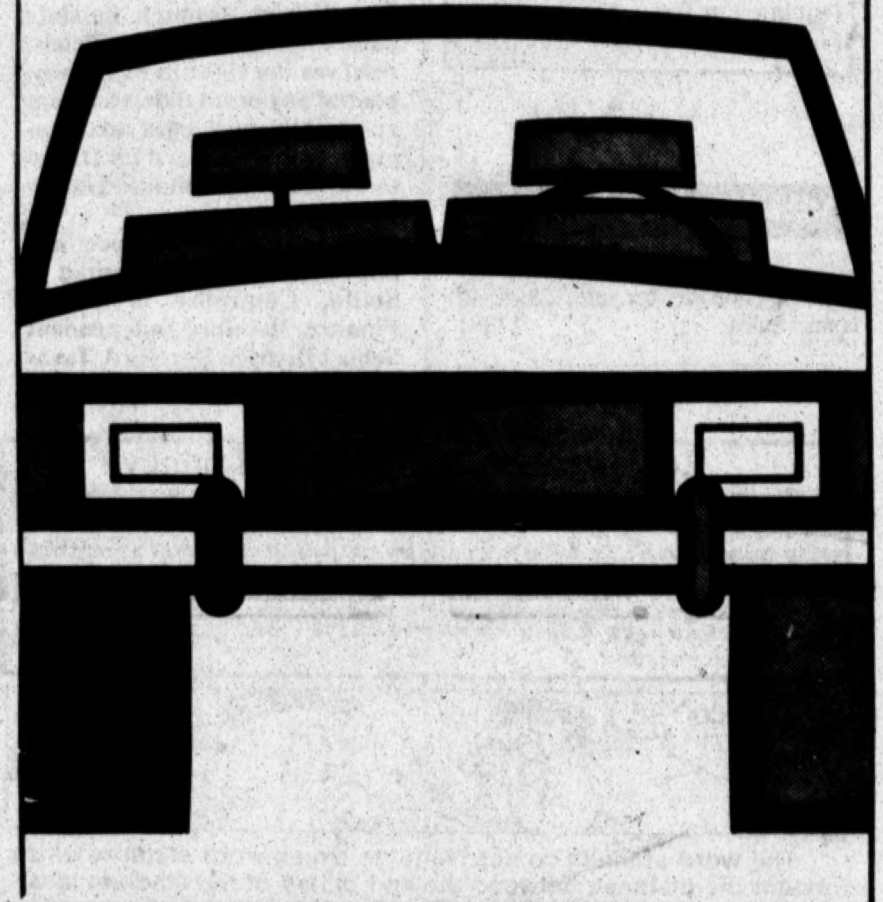
Wayne Wyatt, manager of the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District, said the Ogallala Aquifer probably dropped at least 1-1/2 feet since January.

Wyatt guessed that farmers around Lubbock put in as many as 2,000 new irrigation pivots this year. Two irrigation-equipment companies reported that 45-50 percent of their 1994 world sales went to Texans, he said.

"This crop was an expensive one. It's always a concern," Wyatt said. But "droughts reoccur. That's just the history of West Texas."

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Radio, television mother dies; reared sons before audience

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Harriet Nelson, who raised two sons before the eyes of a generation of TV viewers on "The Adventures of Ozzie and Harriet," has died, a family spokesman said Monday. She was 85 years old.

Mrs. Nelson died Sunday of congestive heart failure at her home in Laguna Beach, family friend Joe Sutton said today. She had been hospitalized for three weeks but was released Friday at her request.

For 14 years, 1952 to 1966, the firm yet understanding Mrs. Nelson was one of TV's most beloved moms. Starring with her real-life husband, Ozzie, and their sons David and Ricky, she set the stage for a generation of sitcom housewives.

"I'm lucky," Mrs. Nelson said in a 1961 Associated Press interview. "How many actresses get the chance to work with their family every day?"

With Ozzie as the chief producer, director and writer, the show featured gentle humor often loosely based on the Nelsons' real experiences.

Their Hollywood home appeared in the opening credits, and the show's set was patterned after the interior. Viewers got to watch the boys grow up. In later seasons, the boys' real-life wives played their wives on the show.

"Being on television for years has been an advantage," she once said. "Usually you don't see performers for months. But I've been growing older before people's eyes for years."

"People are always saying to me, 'You've never changed!' but I hope I have!"

Ozzie, who died in 1975, was a bandleader when he married his singer, Harriet Hilliard, in 1935. She had an occasional career as an

actress, notably in "Follow the Fleet" with Fred Astaire, 1936.

She gave birth to David in 1936, and Eric (Ricky) in 1940. The couple began "The Adventures of Ozzie and Harriet" as a radio show in 1944.

At first, they used child actors to play their sons, but in 1949 David and Ricky began playing themselves.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Meryl Streep's feet and hands have joined impressions of Al Jolson's knee, Jimmy Durante's nose and Betty Grable's leg in the courtyard of Mann's Chinese Theater on Hollywood Boulevard.

The two-time Oscar winner sank her appendages into wet cement Sunday, joining the imprints of more than 185 other celebrities.

On hand for the ceremony was Kevin Bacon, who stars with Miss Streep in the new film "The River Wild."

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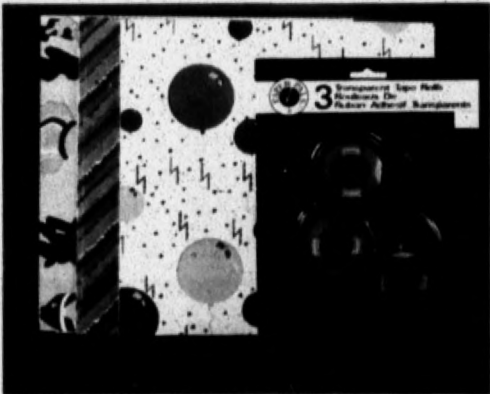
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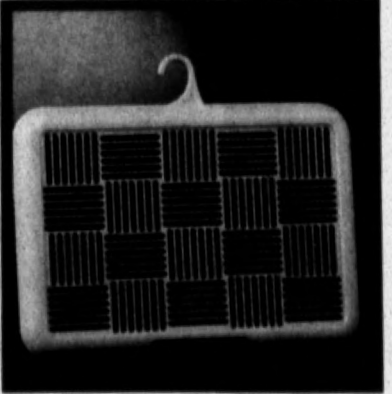
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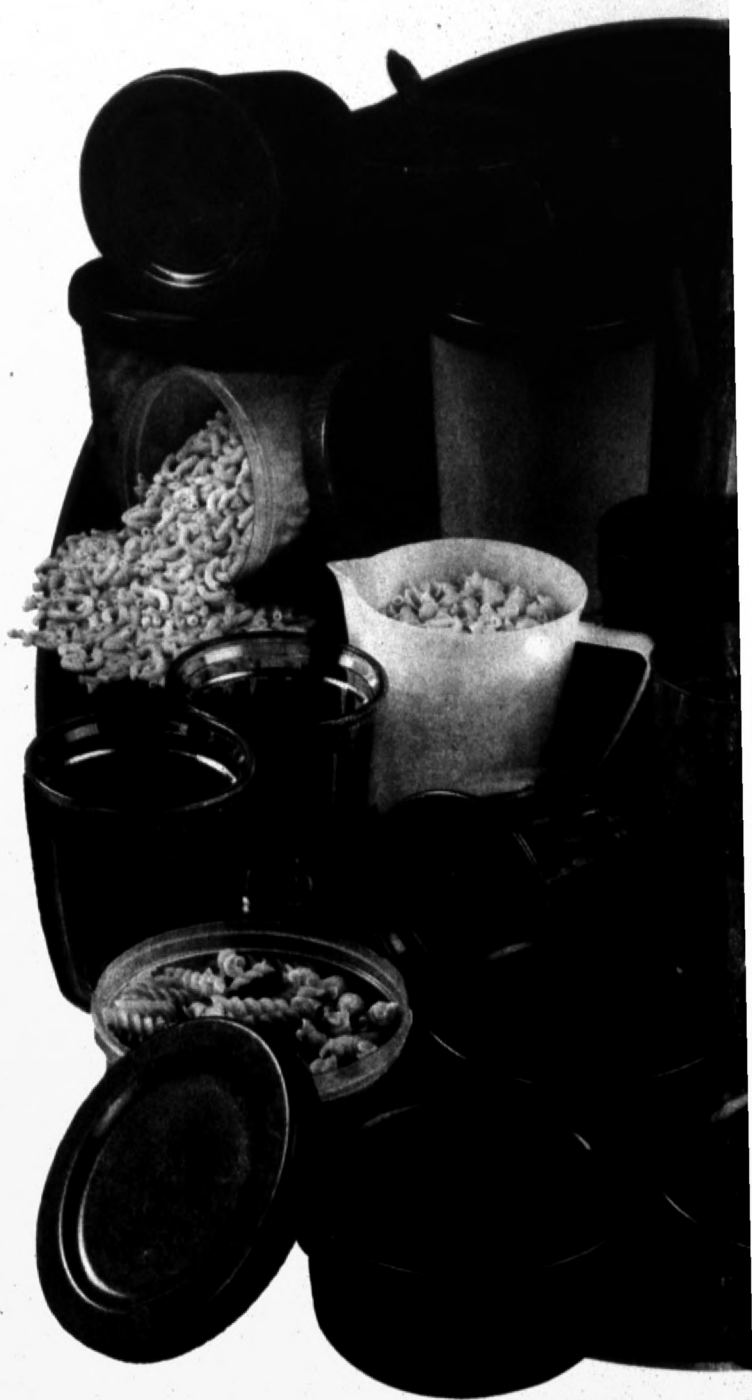
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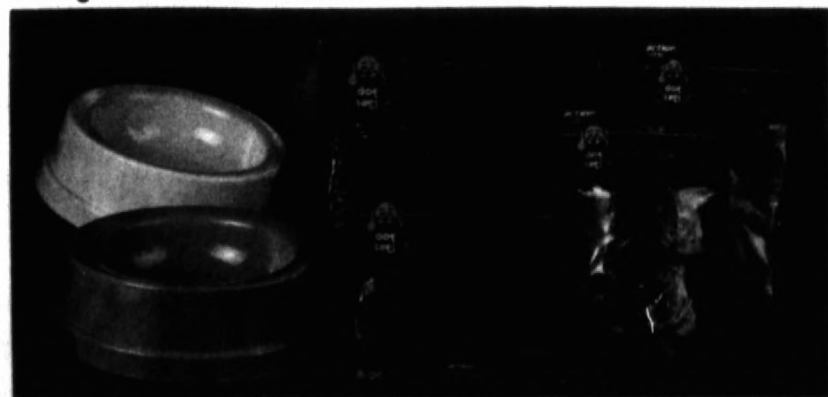
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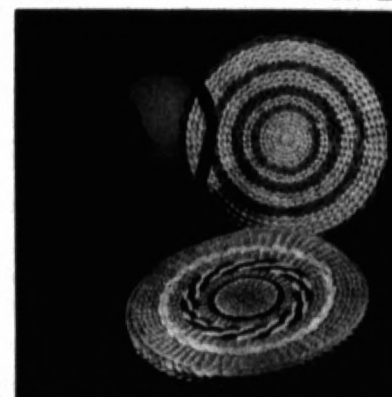
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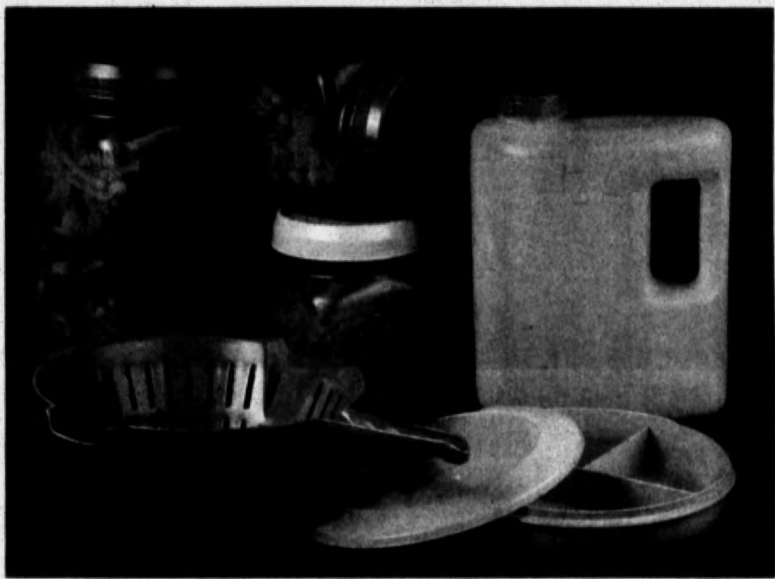
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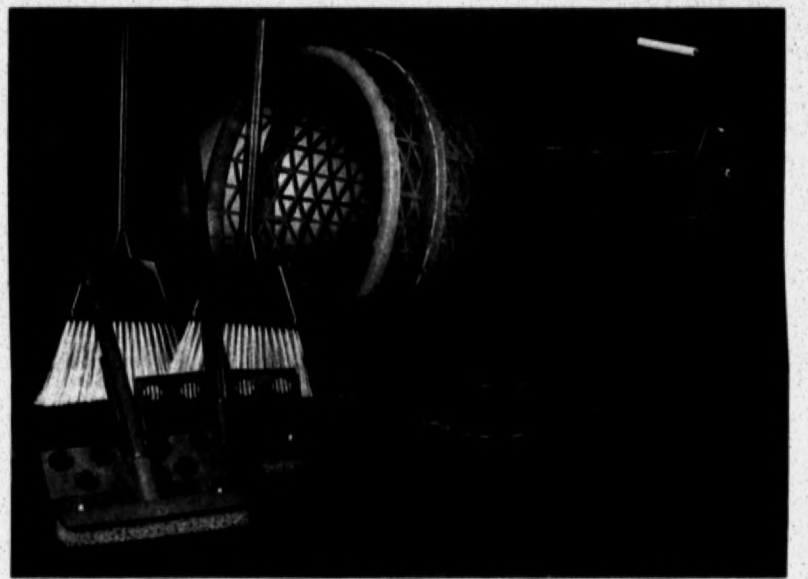
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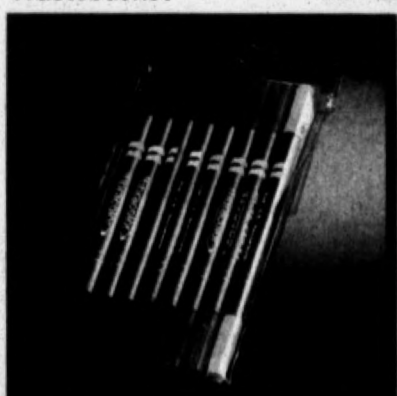
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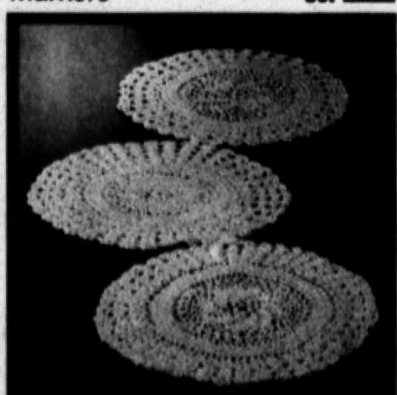
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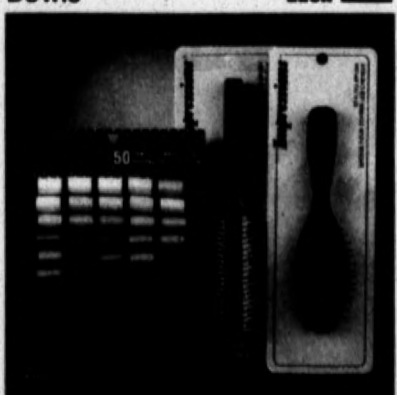
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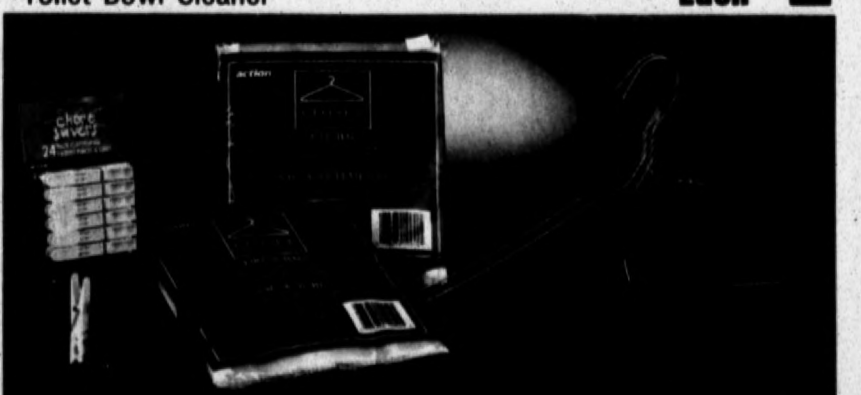
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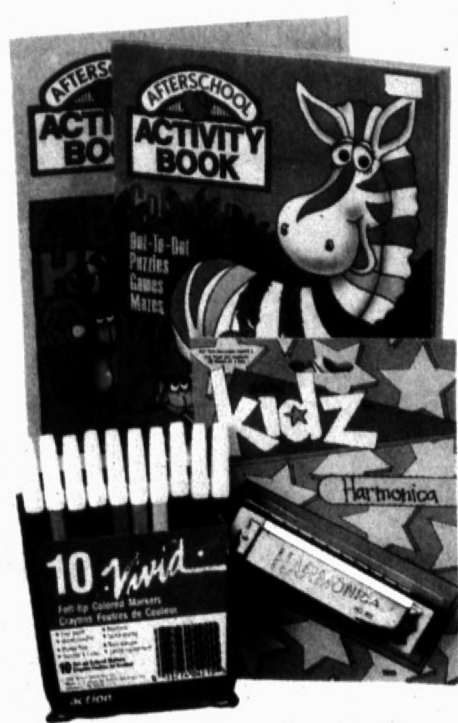
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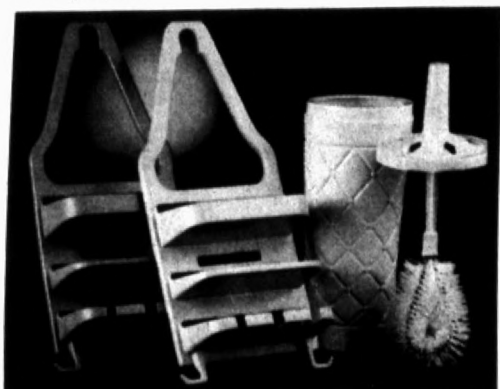
- Wooden Block Set
- Set of 12 Animal Crayons
- Assorted Animal Books

\$2
Each



- Food Storage Sets
- 4-Piece Set with Lids
- 3-Piece Set with Lids

\$3
Set



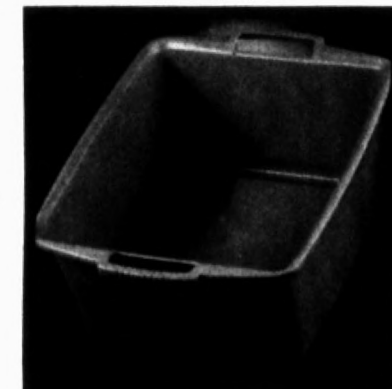
- Shower Caddy
- Bowl Brush with Holder

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Each



- Set of 3 Add-A-Hangers
- Assorted Packages of Wooden Hangers

\$2
Pkg.



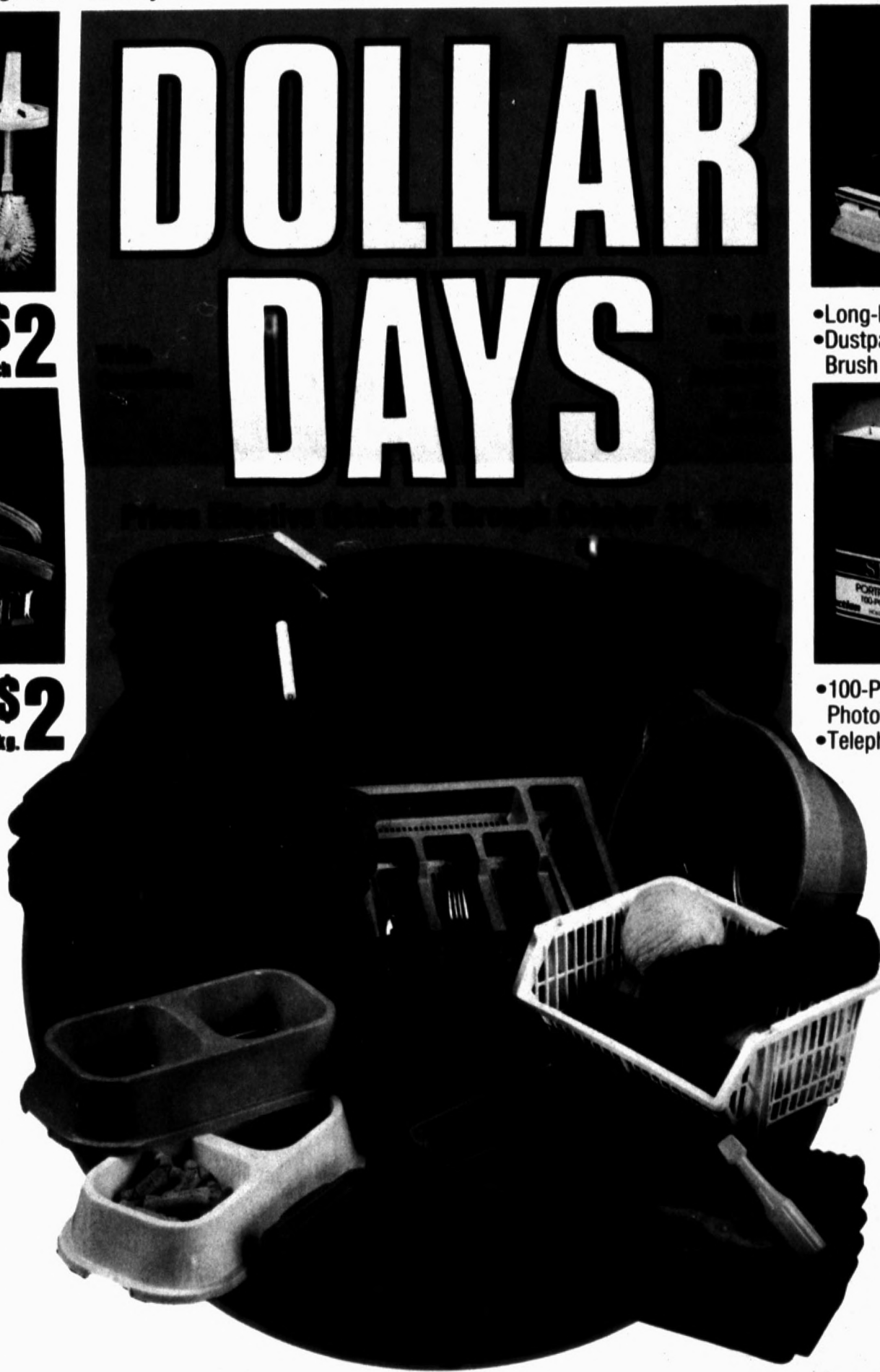
- 14-Quart Handled Dishpan

\$3
Each



- Assorted Microwave Dishes

\$3
Each



- Set of 3 Mini Baskets
- Double Pet Dish
- Large Handy Basket

- Cutlery Tray
- 7-Quart Deluxe Pail
- Stacking Bin

- Handy Box
- Handy Tub
- Stacking Storage Bin

\$2
Each



- Long-Handled Squeegee
- Dustpan and Brush Set

\$2
Each



- 100-Pocket Mini Photo Album
- Telephone Index

\$3
Each



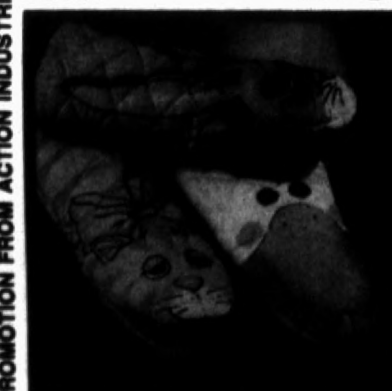
- Assorted Plaques with Gold Trim

\$3
Each



- Set of 2 Iron Cleaners

\$3
Set



- Assorted Novelty Kitchen Mitts

\$3
Each



- Plastic Handy Caddy

\$3
Each



- Tidy File with Dividers

\$3
Each



- Plastic Utility Box

\$3
Each



- 13-Inch Handy Hammer

\$3
Each