

Lifestyles

Exhibit has ambiance of attic storage area

The Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum will open "The Panhandle's Attic" on Friday. This exhibit will give museum visitors the opportunity to see many collection items never displayed, or rarely displayed in recent years.

Consistent with the exhibit's title, the exhibit area will have the ambiance of an "attic" storage area, and will include material that shows the breadth and depth of the Society's collection. Most of the objects on display are important, but a few have been included "just for fun."

The exhibit includes the oldest surviving automobile used in Canyon,

a 1910 Zimmerman manufactured in Auburn, Indiana. Other items that will be exhibited are a whiskey still used in Deaf Smith county during Prohibition times, a San Antonio Fiesta gown, several quilts, a number of paintings, some furniture from the decorative arts collection, archeological materials that include some objects excavated in Adobe Walls in the 1970s, Native American artifacts, a barbed wire collection, some old branding irons and a Middle Eastern rug.

For three-quarters of a century, the Panhandle-Plains Historical Society has collected and preserved materials

that document the past. Today, the Society owns more than 3.5 million objects, including archeological and historical artifacts, scientific specimens and works of art. The PPHM, which opened in 1933, presently displays less than 3 per cent of the Society's collection. The other 97 per cent is stored for future exhibition and for research purposes.

An exhibit masterplan prepared by the Museum in 1994 would make possible the exhibition of more materials, but some items never will be displayed because they would not be of sufficient interest to most visitors. Also, the Society owns many duplicates of some objects. Other material is too fragile or too

deteriorated for exhibition. Finally, some items do not pertain to the present mission of the Society—to preserve the heritage of the Texas Panhandle and Southern Plains. Although unsuitable for exhibition, almost all of these materials are valuable for research purposes.

The exhibit will be in the Changing Gallery on the first floor of the Museum. Museum hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Saturday, and 1-6 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is by donation and handicap facilities are available.

Wedding information must be submitted by 5 p.m. Monday to be included in the next Sunday Brand. Wedding information forms, as well as those for engagements and showers, are available at the news office, 313 N. Lee.



Fiesta gown part of exhibit

Susan Denney, assistant curator of history at the Panhandle-Plains Museum, prepares a San Antonio Fiesta gown for the Panhandle's Attic Exhibit.

Los Ciboleros Chapter hears report on higher education

Los Ciboleros Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution met at the Hereford Community Center Feb. 9.

Regent Kathryn Ruga opened the meeting by leading the DAR Ritual assisted by chaplain Ruth Knox.

Mary Williamson led the pledge to the United States flag and the singing of "America." Juanita Brown led in repeating the Preamble of the Constitution and Argen Draper led the "American's Creed."

The President General's Message which urged members to continue our work with children in the community and the study of American history and patriotism, was read by Helen Rose.

Charlotte Clark brought the National Defense Report entitled "The Corruption of Higher Educa-

tion" by Martin Anderson, Senior Fellow, Hoover Institution, Stanford University. The article is in the February 1995 issue of the NATIONAL DEFENDER.

Treasurer Margaret Bell gave the financial report and made the recommendation that the chapter furnish a flag pole and flag for the new aquatic center.

Ruga reported there were 148 essays entered in the American history essay contest. The winning essay was submitted by Taylor Charest, a fifth grader at West Central Intermediate. An American history book will be donated to the school's library in her honor.

Clark introduced Bill Phipps who gave a presentation on stamps and stamp collecting.

Refreshments with a valentine theme were served by the hostess, Clark.

Besides Mr. Phipps, one guest, Donna Smith, was also present.

Members in attendance were Frances Hennen, Margaret Ann Durham, Ruth Fish, Nell Norvell, Lois Gilliland, Wanda Jones, Ruga, Knox, Brown, Clark, Rose, Draper, Bell and Williamson.

Ann Landers

DEAR ANN LANDERS: I have read your column for years and years. Most of your advice is good, and I have appreciated the majority of it. This is a reply to "Surly in the South," as well as others who have written to complain about the terrible behavior of children who have been guests in their home.

We have raised six children. We now have 11 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Over the years, we have had many children and their parents as guests in our home. When they arrive, they soon learn our rules of behavior. We say, "This is our home. These are our rules. We don't do that here."

And to the parents, we say, "These are YOUR children, but this is OUR home, and this is what we don't allow."

For 17 years, we had a pool when we lived in California. The grandchildren would come from out of state for a month during the summer. The pool rules were very strict, but we never had a problem.

After my husband retired, we moved back to Seattle where most of these grandchildren and great-grandchildren live, as well as grandnieces and nephews. They must like to visit us because they are here often. They know where all their things are - crayons, inflatable toys, board games or the pool table. They also know where everything belongs when they leave. And they are well aware of the refrigerator rules. But, most important, they know that there is a lot of love here and there are always hugs and kisses when they leave.

So, Ann, my advice to your complaining home owners is as follows: Let them know early that this is MY house and these are MY rules.

As you have so often said, "Children want discipline. It makes them feel secure cared for and loved."

-- P.M. in Seattle

DEAR SEATTLE: Thanks for your wisdom. I can't add a single thing to what you have written. Your grandchildren and great-grandchildren are lucky to have you in their lives.

DEAR ANN LANDERS: I have a puzzle and hope your input will calm my fears. I have been going with a widower for almost two years. In all ways, he indicates that he loves me very much, but I am troubled by something.

"Bertrand" visits his late wife's grave three or four times a week and leaves fresh flowers there. Am I to assume that since perpetual care is not provided for this large grave site that my friend is simply keeping the grave neat? Or do I need to go very slowly and be careful before I lose my heart completely to this wonderful man?

I keep telling myself that his devotion to his departed wife means he will be just as loving to me. But I am really frightened, Ann. I find myself falling more and more in love with Bertrand, and I'm afraid of being in second place for the rest of my life. I need some answers. -- No Name, Birmingham, Ala.

DEAR BIRMINGHAM: I say, let yourself go. Bertrand sounds like a wonderful, caring and sensitive man.

Widowers who had good marriages make extremely fine husbands. One thing is certain, Bertrand knows how to treat a woman.

Gem of the Day: When you become discouraged, look at a stonecutter hammering away at his rock perhaps a hundred times without as much as a crack showing in it. Yet the hundred and first blow will split it in two, and I know it is not that blow that does it -- but all that have gone before.

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Conklin hosts Lodge party

Hereford Rebekah Lodge #228 met Tuesday evening for a business meeting followed by a valentine party hosted by Anna Conklin.

Vice grand Rosalie Northcutt presided in the absence of the club grand.

Nineteen visits to the sick, 34 cheer cards, 14 dishes of food and one flower were reported for the week.

A report was made on the Odd Fellow circle supper served Monday evening.

Others present were Frankie Ruland, Lucille Lindeman, Leona Sowell, Ursalee Jacobsen, Nelma Sowell, Jessie Matthews, Dorothy Lemons, Susie Curtsinger, Peggy Ludmons, Nan Rogers, Tony Irlbeck and Mary Lou Weatherford.

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THURSDAY-Texas style cinnamon toast or cereal, buttered toast, rosey applesauce, chocolate milk.

FRIDAY-Sausage pattie, biscuit and jelly or cereal, buttered toast, banana and milk.

Lunch

MONDAY-HOLIDAY
 TUESDAY-Burritos with mustard, cabbage apple salad, mini corn on cob, lime sherbet, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Chicken pot pie, garden salad with dressing, fried okra, strawberry apple dessert, whole wheat rolls and butter, chocolate milk.

THURSDAY-Nacho tomatoes with picante sauce, lettuce and tomatoes, seasoned pinto beans, spanish rice, pineapple T.B., cinnamon roll, corn tortillas, milk.

FRIDAY-Grilled cheese sandwich, vegetable soup, tator tots with catsup, apple half, peanut butter cluster, bread, chocolate milk.

ST. ANTHONY'S SCHOOL

MONDAY-HOLIDAY
 TUESDAY-Spaghetti, meat sauce, green beans, toast, white cake, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Chicken/stuffing casserole, broccoli/cheese, whole wheat rolls, Jello, milk.

THURSDAY-Baked potato/chili, mixed vegetables, yams, whole wheat rolls, peaches, milk.

FRIDAY-Hawaiian stack, buttered potatoes, whole wheat rolls, mixed fruit, milk.



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Sports

Herd baseball squad has good scrimmage

During the Hereford baseball team's scrimmage Thursday in Dimmitt, coach Pete Rodriguez saw several different pitchers and the Herd saw several different situations. They didn't keep score, Rodriguez said, but he guessed that Hereford outscored Dimmitt about 14-8. He threw pitchers like Sonny Perez, Tanner Murphey and Joseph Arthro.

"We got a different look at different people on the mound," he said adding that he had to save pitchers for Saturday's Alumni Game and Tuesday's season opener—the Herd plays Estacado at 4 p.m. at Whiteface Field.

"You never know; you might find one," Rodriguez said. "We'll be going to some tournaments where we'll be playing four or five games, and we might need some extra pitchers."

The Whitefaces hit the ball better than they did in their first scrimmage against Frenship. Rodriguez admitted some of that but not all can be attributed to the difference between the pitching of the two opponents.

"Most of it's got to be improvement," he said, "but a little bit has got to be the pitching. Dimmitt's pitchers are not quite the quality of Frenship."

Rodriguez said Murphey, Jacob Lopez, Armando Zambrano and Gabriel Guerrero all hit the ball well.

The Herd also ran the bases well, executing the hit and run and delayed double steal.

The Herd got some good fielding practice, too.

"We got to see a lot of different situations, a lot of different cut-off throws, and that'll help us down the line," Rodriguez said.

The Alumni Game should be played at 2 p.m. Saturday at Whiteface Field. It was originally scheduled for last Saturday, but it was postponed because of extreme cold weather. The forecast for Saturday calls for sunny skies and a high in the 60s.

The current Herd players will play a nine-inning exhibition against a team of former Herd players.

Rodriguez provided a list of alumni who planned to play last Saturday, and he said he expects they will all play Saturday.

Herd alumni: Carey Black, Wallace Hill, Andrew Tijerina, Russ Watts, Chris Vallejo, Rodney McCracken, Roger McCracken, James Hernandez, Max Mungia, Ralph Holguin, Chris Brummett, Chad Brummett, Amado Lopez, Stacey Sanders, Ray Hastings, Fidel Ceballos, Dean Murphey, Tab Hathaway, Andy Kalka, Clint Cotten, Ralph Martinez and Robbie Collier.

San Antonio gets CFL team

SAN ANTONIO (AP) - It's official. The Canadian Football League is coming to South Texas.

City Council approved an agreement Thursday to bring the CFL's Sacramento Gold Miners - soon to be named the San Antonio Gold Miners - to San Antonio to play in the Alamodome.

The team will begin playing here when the CFL season begins in June.

"I've never had such an enthusiastic welcome and I've never had people move so quickly to put something together. I think we still

have one or two points we're talking over, but in general this is a done deal," said Gold Miners owner Fred Anderson.

City Council previously had tentatively agreed to the Alamodome arrangement, but the move still required Thursday's formal action.

Ten Gold Miners players made a flashy entrance into the City Council chamber when they marched in to the tune of "The Yellow Rose of Texas" played by a jazz band. Each player was introduced to the city officials.

District 1-4A

Basketball standings

Boys			
	District	Overall	
Pampa*	10 2	24 7	
Hereford	8 3	19 9	
Canyon	8 3	22 5	
Randall	6 5	17 14	
Borger	5 6	16 12	
Caprock	2 9	4 25	
Dumas	0 11	7 20	

*clinched playoff berth

TUESDAY'S GAMES

Hereford 68, Pampa 67 OT
Canyon 47, Borger 46
Randall 47, Caprock 38
Dumas was idle

FRIDAY'S GAMES

Hereford at Randall
Caprock at Canyon
Borger at Dumas
Pampa is idle

END REGULAR SEASON

Girls			
	District	Overall	
Canyon*	12 0	26 1	
Randall*	10 2	24 5	
Dumas	8 4	21 12	
Hereford	6 6	18 11	
Borger	4 8	11 19	
Pampa	2 10	7 21	
Caprock	0 12	1 28	

*in playoffs

PLAYOFFS

Area round
Canyon vs. Andrews (19-11), 7:30 Friday, Lubbock Cooper
Randall vs. El Paso Jefferson (16-15), 7:30 Friday, Chapparral Center, Midland

If a catcher catches a wild throw of any kind in his mask all base-runners get two extra bases.

Spring training under way with replacement players

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (AP) - Twenty-seven men put on New York Yankees uniforms, grabbed their gloves and ran onto the field at Fort Lauderdale Stadium.

Two or three people applauded - it was hard to tell exactly how many because of the echo from the empty grandstand - and the players jogged slowly around the field.

Fewer than 50 fans watched, and none of them had a program to identify the players. The "Yankees" - some low-level minor-leaguers, some strikebreakers - began their exercises in virtual silence.

So began the first day of spring training Thursday, a day when baseball was back, but more different than it has ever been.

New York was the only major league team holding a workout. Several teams will have players on the field today, and all camps will have pitchers and catchers in uniform by Monday.

So far, there's no indication that any of them will be real major leaguers.

Tigers' Anderson won't lead scabs

LAKELAND, Fla. (AP) - Detroit Tigers manager Sparky Anderson was placed on an unpaid leave of absence today because he would not manage replacement players during the strike.

Anderson said today he met Monday night with Tigers president John Mahle and suggested he work with minor leaguers instead of replacement players. He said the Tigers rejected that idea late Thursday and placed him on an unpaid leave.

Anderson said the leave won't shake his determination not to manage replacement players.

"There ain't no place in our game for replacement players," he said from his clubhouse office.

The approximately 1,100 most talented baseball players are on strike, and many of them spent Thursday at a hotel in Orlando, getting a pep talk and briefing from union head Donald Fehr and hearing from some managers how things were going at camps.

"Unequivocally, no one at that meeting today will cross the line in spring training, I can tell you that," Pirates outfielder Andy Van Slyke said.

Buck Showalter was at the meeting, looking for some clue as to how long he'd have to keep coaching players like the ones he coached earlier in the day.

Even Yankees owner George Steinbrenner stuck up for his striking players, calling them "family" and saying he respected what they were doing. Steinbrenner, obviously frustrated that the strike isn't settled, made repeated calls for negotiations to resume.

"We need to put everybody back in a room with (mediator) Bill Utery, maybe change some of the faces because of the animosity, and stay in there until we have a settlement," Steinbrenner said.

At stake is another season that stands to be ruined by the strike.

Also at risk is the game's credibility and the willingness of fans to embrace the game once again despite the damage that has been done since the strike began Aug. 12.

"I'm a little embarrassed for the fans that we couldn't get this settled

after seven months or so," Steinbrenner said. "We haven't lost the fans, but some day in the not too distant future we may."

On the side fields and out of view of the fans, the pitchers had about 30 tosses apiece. No curveballs were allowed.

"We told them just to throw fastballs. We don't want anybody showing up hurt tomorrow," Showalter said.

There were few hard-hit balls in batting practice.

"A lot of these guys probably haven't swung wooden bats in years," Showalter said when asked if aluminum bats might have helped.

"We had some broken bats out there, but that was off our batting practice pitchers," the manager said. "Our regular players break bats, too, but they're hitting against Melido Perez and Steve Howe."

At other camps in Florida and Arizona, a motley assortment of replacement players continued to check in, and some managers and general managers started to sound more desperate.

"My optimism has obviously been tempered by what has happened over the last week to 10 days or so," Giants general manager Bob Quinn said.

"Reality has set in," Twins GM Terry Ryan said. "A month ago you would have thought that maybe there'd be an agreement, at least the framework where you can go about business the way you normally do in spring."

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Overhaul of bankruptcy laws is first by Congress in 16 years

By PAMELA YIP
Houston Chronicle

HOUSTON - In its first major overhaul of federal bankruptcy law in 16 years, Congress recently made it tougher to use bankruptcy as a weapon against a former spouse.

Certain family issues have also taken on more importance in bankruptcy reform, which also changed who is eligible for various kinds of bankruptcy and also how much property a filer can protect.

One change is, you can't wipe out debts incurred in the course of a divorce or separation or in connection with a separation agreement or divorce decree.

This includes debts incurred while you were married that you agreed to pay as part of the divorce, and any money you owe your former spouse in property settlements.

Under the old law, certain kinds of non-child or spousal support obligations, such as settlements for community property, incurred in a divorce or separation could have been discharged.

"The provisions that make it tougher on consumers are for reasons," says Mark Taylor, a bankruptcy attorney at the Dallas office of Liddell, Sapp, Zivley, Hill & LaBoon. "They were trying to close some loopholes that people use to try and modify their support obligations to the extent that they could."

The new law adds child support and alimony to the list of so-called "priority debts" you must pay first in bankruptcy.

Under the old law, child support and alimony were treated as general unsecured debt and stood at the end of the payment line with all other unsecured claims, such as credit card debt.

In Texas, the law doesn't authorize alimony.

The new law also allows a state court to continue with a lawsuit to establish paternity, establish or modify child support or alimony, or collect child support or alimony.

"You cannot avoid these debts by bankruptcy," says Richard Dole, a law professor at the University of Houston. "If these debts are the problem, don't file for bankruptcy."

Under the new law, if you used your credit card to pay income taxes, which otherwise can't be dismissed, you wouldn't be able to wipe out that debt by filing for bankruptcy.

"Under the old law, it was

arguable that you could do that," Taylor says.

The bankruptcy reforms also carry changes that will benefit consumers.

The reforms Congress passed make it easier for people to make good on late mortgage payments and save their home from foreclosure.

"It allows the debtor to pay that past due amount right up to the time of foreclosure," Taylor says. "Until (a home is) actually sold at the foreclosure sale, you could walk up to the foreclosure sale and pay your bill."

Under the old law, you couldn't do that once a court entered a foreclosure judgment against you, Taylor says.

The new law also will make it easier for some big borrowers to file for protection under Chapter 13 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code.

Consumers who wanted to file for bankruptcy under Chapter 13 but couldn't because of previous debt ceilings can now enter that door because Congress raised the limits by passing the Bankruptcy Reform Act of 1994.

Chapter 13 is called the "wage earner" bankruptcy because it's available to individuals who promise to repay a reduced amount to creditors by paying as much as possible from available income.

It's a better option than Chapter 7, which typically leads to liquidation of a person's personal property in order to pay off debts, or going through the added work of a Chapter 11.

Congress in the last decade has wanted to encourage more debtors to proceed under Chapter 13 than under Chapter 7.

But the problem was that the old bankruptcy law prevented consumers from filing Chapter 13 if their unsecured debt exceeded \$100,000 and secured debt topped \$350,000.

"If you had a \$400,000 mortgage, you couldn't file Chapter 13, you had to file Chapter 11," Taylor says. "Chapter 11 filings are more cumbersome."

The new bankruptcy law raised those debt limits to \$250,000 for unsecured debt and \$750,000 for secured debt.

"Chapter 13 is going to be available for more people, particularly those with big home mortgages and more debt," says John Worley, a law professor who teaches commercial law and bankruptcy at South Texas College of Law in Houston. "It's going to make Chapter 13 more available for people operating small businesses."

In reforming bankruptcy law, Congress recognized that it needed to help those filing bankruptcy to get on with their lives, so it increased the amount of personal property creditors can't go after to satisfy their claims against debtors.

But most Texans will probably still opt for the exemptions allowed under Texas law, which are far more generous. The federal property exemptions permit individuals to shield up to \$15,000 of homeowners equity or personal property or any combination of the two from creditors. That's double the previous \$7,500 allowed by law.

For married couples, the amount increased from \$15,000 to \$30,000.

"Congress has recognized you need to have some property to make a new start," Worley said. "Some property is set aside as being thought of as so fundamental to an ability to re-enter the commercial economy."

In Texas, individuals filing for bankruptcy are allowed to exempt up to \$30,000 in personal property, and married couples, up to \$60,000.

On top of that, filers can shield up to an acre of their homestead from creditors if it's in an urban area and up to 200 acres if the homestead is in a rural area.

Also in Texas, pension funds and Individual Retirement Accounts are exempt, regardless of their value.

"Texas is one of the best states for a debtor to be in," Taylor says.

The new law doesn't change an old bit of advice:

Pursue all avenues before you file for bankruptcy because it stays on your credit record for 10 years and turns you into a red flag before creditors each time you apply for a loan.

"If you're just filing to try to avoid paying something temporarily or keep a creditor off temporarily, the courts don't look very favorably on that," Taylor says. "A court can dismiss a bankruptcy if it determined it's been filed in bad faith."

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The bottle-nose dolphin is the most intelligent animal that lives in the water.

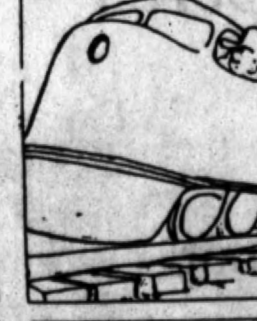
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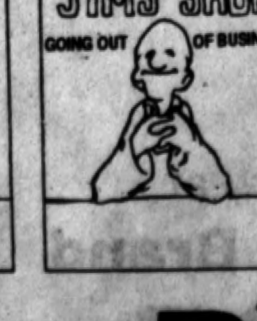
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8th grade band winners

Eighth grade students from Hereford Junior High who received a first division in solo or ensemble UIL contests recently were: Back row--Keshia Rives, Kristin Fangman, Jeana King, Jessica Mejia, Crissey Barrick, Jessica Wuerflein, Shane Decker, Eric Stephens, Rodney Rhyne; middle--Michael Pesina, Trisha

Gonzales, Amy Ruland, Laurie Gilbert, Marci Goldsmith, Diana Detten, John Paul Guterrez, Brian Zamora, Jay Harrell; front--Jennifer Palacios, Cathy Castillo, Cindy Bedolla, Anna Delgado, Jaimie Steiert, Sarah Matthews, Robin Bell, Sonya Matthews, Dede Elliot.



7th grade band winners

All of these Hereford Junior High 7th grade band students earned first division ratings for solo or ensemble at the UIL junior high contests recently. Back row: Amanda Klein, Monica Mondragon, Amanda Vigil, Shanda Northcutt, Shyla Martin, Jay Crawford, Josh Briones, Jessica Needham; middle row:

Esther Nava, Paulette White, Colleen Kelly, Sheena Stokes, Amanda Frausto, Sarah Moll, Ericka DeLaCorda; front row: Sammi Sciumbato, Lisa Coneway, Janet Blakely, Audra Witkowski, Kim Scott, Janae Schlabs, John Rodriguez, Jerry Harmon, Cathy Higgins.

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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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NQEKWXYA XWOYM OWRNP-
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Oct	68.75	+0.25	68.50	Sep	2.20	+0.05	2.15
Nov	68.25	+0.25	68.00	Oct	2.15	+0.05	2.10
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Mar	1.50	+0.02	1.48
Apr	1.48	+0.02	1.46
May	1.46	+0.02	1.44
Jun	1.44	+0.02	1.42
Jul	1.42	+0.02	1.40
Aug	1.40	+0.02	1.38
Sep	1.38	+0.02	1.36
Oct	1.36	+0.02	1.34
Nov	1.34	+0.02	1.32
Dec	1.32	+0.02	1.30
Jan	1.30	+0.02	1.28

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May	1.46	+0.02	1.44
Jun	1.44	+0.02	1.42
Jul	1.42	+0.02	1.40
Aug	1.40	+0.02	1.38
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HHS UIL band contest winners

All of these members of the "Mighty Maroon" Hereford High Band won solo or ensemble first division ratings in a recent contest. They include: Lisa Beavers, Mere Denton, Sarah Ramey, Carrie Herrera, Sarah Melendrez, Retha Treadway, Amy Kriegshauser, Vicky Hernandez, Julia Madrigal, Jerilyn Rule, Carrie Seright, Rebecca Gutierrez, Cristin Leasure, Trisha Spain, Melissa Davis, Heidi Ruland, Anna Witkowski, Pablo Galan,

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CISD youth accused of sexual harassment may not be suspended

CANYON, Texas (AP) - The Canyon Independent School District has been ordered not to suspend a high school student accused of sexual harassment.

The order, issued Thursday by state District Judge David Gleason, says the suspension would cause "irreparable injury" to Chris Sammann because he would be unable to attend his regular classes or participate in school activities and would suffer humiliation and ridicule from his fellow students.

"His grades will suffer, which in turn will affect his future education and his future generally," the order says.

The order stems from a lawsuit brought by the student's father alleging that district's policy on sexual harassment is vague and unenforceable.

The lawsuit claims Sammann, who allegedly was to be suspended because of charges that he engaged in sexual harassment, has not been given an opportunity to defend himself against the allegations.

Shellie Hoffmann, director of legal services for the Texas Association of School Boards, said the lawsuit is the first Texas case to her knowledge filed by the person accused of harassment rather than the alleged victim.

Canyon ISD Assistant Superintendent Jane Stephens, who investigated the complaint against Chris Sammann, said she couldn't comment.

Canyon Superintendent Dr. Mike King said the complaint and

subsequent actions were handled according to district procedures and policies.

However, the lawsuit alleges the district didn't tell Sammann of the specific allegations against him or when they were to have occurred and didn't give him the names of the complainants.

In addition to barring Sammann's suspension, the judge's order prevents school officials from placing Sammann in an alternative education program and bars them from making public comments about the student or the allegations against him.

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) - The message for past Republican presidents was clear: Hit the highway.

South Dakota senators shot down a plan Tuesday naming part of an interstate after Ronald Reagan. Meanwhile, city council members in Dallas quashed a similar measure naming part of a highway after George Bush.

"If we have Ronald Reagan in the eastern part of the state, we might avoid carving his face into Mount Rushmore," argued Republican Sen. Fred Whiting in a losing effort.

In Dallas, the logic was simply loopy.

"The idea is that we have one ring around the city named after one president from Texas," said the council's transportation chairwoman, Donna Halstead, referring to a loop named for Lyndon Johnson. "It makes sense that another ring around the city be named after another president."

Comic book printing is big business

By CHUCK McCOLLOUGH
San Antonio Express-News

SAN ANTONIO - Gene Brenner's business has a secret identity. What appears to be a normal, respectable commercial printing operation in a quiet industrial area, is actually the scene of colossal battles between good and evil; super heroes versus super villains.

Brenner Printing Co. is the largest printer of independent comic books in the nation, serving about 300 of the 450 independent comic book publishers. Comics represent \$3 million of Brenner's \$4 million annual revenues, the 44-year-old publisher said.

From the company's printing presses roll stories of galactic combat between muscle-bound heroes and villains with plenty of heroines and villainesses thrown in. Any physical resemblance between the characters and real human beings is purely accidental. But don't kid yourself, comic books are not kid stuff.

The U.S. comic book industry has annual revenues of between \$700 million and \$1 billion. Industry studies show comic-book readers are typically 8- to 45-year-old males and a whopping 67 percent of comic-book buyers are over 18 years old. The average adult comic-book buyer has above-average education and income and spends about \$1,200 per year on the hobby. Also feeding the growing comic book industry are movies and television shows based on comic characters such as Superman, Batman, The Flash, The Crow and The Shadow.

Some 800 different comic book titles are published in the U.S. annually, 75 percent of those by the industry's Dynamic Duo: Marvel Comics (home of Spiderman, The Hulk and X-Men) and DC Comics (which carries Superman, Batman, and the Swamp Thing.) Independent publishers, which make up the other 25 percent, are the fastest growing segment of the industry. That suggests continued growth for Brenner Printing.

But its owner said he cannot just sit back. "We have to prove ourselves every day," he said. The company has 35 employees and plans to expand over the next several years to 100 employees. Comic book industry revenues have doubled three times in the past 20 years and are expected to double again by the decade's end, analysts say.

Six years ago Gene Brenner ventured into the comic book business and changed his company's identity as dramatically as Clark Kent stepping into a phone booth. Comic books, in fact, saved his business. Brenner and his father Emery started the business in 1967 while Brenner was a junior-in high school. The father retired in 1981 and Brenner became sole owner.

Throughout the 1970s and 1980s, the company was known for its color lithograph work - and upscale advertising and related material. In the mid-1980s, Brenner Printing's business was soaring by serving advertising agencies who clients were in the high-flying real estate and petroleum industries. His business did top-of-the line leasing brochures for the real estate market and other high-end printing jobs for the petroleum sector. When the bottom fell out of the energy and real estate sectors, it took 75 percent of Brenner's business with it.

"When the crash hit, we went from \$2 million in annual revenues to \$500,000 in one year," Brenner recalled. Brenner scrambled to find other sources of business and ran across a customer who owed him money. "He had some work doing color separations for comic book covers and asked if I wanted to do the printing job. At first I was hesitant because it involved a lot of new procedures, but we did the job."

The comic book publisher, Malibu Publishing, was impressed with the print job and Brenner started doing more of their business. "Malibu was the only comic publisher we did for two years until they invited us to a comic book convention in San Diego in 1990," he recalled. At the

convention Brenner met about 200 comic book publishers and later sent samples of his company's comic book printing jobs to about 100 publishers.

"To my surprise, within three months we had printing jobs from 30 comic book publishers," Brenner discovered the comic book publishers not only needed books printed but peripheral materials like posters and banners. "We ended up doing most of their printing jobs," he said. The 30 comic book publishers grew to 300 over the next four years as Brenner attended more comic book conventions and his company's reputation within the industry grew.

One of the independent comic book publishers that uses Brenner is Antarctic Press in San Antonio. The 10-year-old company originated the popular Ninja High School comic series. A fast growing part of Brenner's business is non-traditional comic book printing. In 1992 the company began publishing safety manuals in comic book form.

"Studies show that students and many employees find it easier to understand the safety rules in comic book form as opposed to a regular manual," Brenner said. "Two years ago we did about one book like that per month. Now we do about 10 per month. In that time frame it has gone from 1 percent of our business to 15 percent," Brenner said.

Among the company's customers is the New York City School District which has its middle school orientation books printed in comic book form. Brenner said as more manuals and

textbooks use graphics and pictures, his company has additional opportunities for new business.

"Several years ago only 10 percent of our business came in on computer disk. Now 40 percent is on disk," he said. Working with art work off computer disks cuts down on the turnaround time, he said. And Brenner's forte is just-in-time, four-color printing, both comic and non-comic.

"One of the main reasons comic book publishers like our company is the speed with which can do a job and get the books to the distributor."

"Our speed and quality also are reasons we get a lot of convention printing business. Many times the information isn't available until the day before, so we do the job overnight," Brenner said. Right now the company's specialty is 50,000-and-below press runs, but Brenner has bigger plans.

"My future goal is to have heat-set web printing that would allow us to handle runs up to 250,000. That would double our business by allowing us to do roll-fed instead of sheet-fed printing," Brenner said. "By the time that happens in a couple of years I'll be able to expand my work force from 35 to about 100 people," he said.

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