

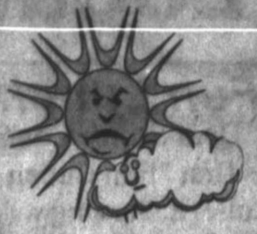
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Commissioners OK per-diem adjustment

By DONALD M. COOPER
Brand Editor

Deaf Smith County elected officials and staffers who attend mandatory workshops, conferences and seminars won't have to keep track of so many meal receipts, thanks to the county commissioners.

Commissioner Lupe Chavez told the Deaf Smith County Commissioners Court on Monday the \$25 per diem allowance for meals for elected officials, including commissioners, and county personnel is insufficient.

Chavez said the state requires county officials to attend certain continuing education workshops and conferences, and the \$25 per diem allowance is not enough, especially if the workshop is lengthy and more than one meal is eaten during the stay.

Chavez recommended the county increased the per-diem allowance to a flat \$30.

The commissioners voted unanimously to raise the per-diem allowance.

County Judge Tom Simons opened one bid for herbicide for 1997-98. The bid, which was from Tri-State Chemical Co. of Hereford, was rejected by the commissioners, who expressed concern about the price increase over last year. The commissioners also

questioned why only one bid was received.

Commissioner Troy Don Moore asked if the county could just purchase the herbicide without going out on bid. Simons said as long as the purchase was less than \$15,000, the county could do so without going through the bid process.

A bid from Goodin Fuels Inc. of Hereford to supply fuel for the next fiscal year was accepted with little comment.

The bid was 3.9 cents above the refinery cost at Amarillo, a slight increase over the current year. The county's fuel costs will fluctuate because of changes in the refinery price.

The commissioners also heard a report from Sheriff Joe Brown about cellular phones and providers' costs.

The sheriff reviewed programs offered by both XIT and Cellular One, but he made no recommendations - and the commissioners took no action.

In other business, the commissioners:
- Approved bonding for county employees Joan Allsup, Joan Flint, Beverly Davis and Angie Torres;
- Approved routine bills; and
- Approved monthly reports.



Photo by Dianna F. Dandridge

A new set of wheels

Jason Collier tries out the radio system and fancy gadgets on a new Ford Explorer as Rick Wilcox prepares to go on a road test with the possible buyer of the popular sport utility vehicle.

Consumer confidence shows surprise jump

NEW YORK (AP) - Consumer confidence unexpectedly bounced back in August, renewing concerns that higher consumer spending could spur inflationary pressures.

The Conference Board, a private business group, reported today that its index of consumer confidence rose to 129.1 this month from 126.3 in July. Wall Street had been expecting the figure to remain steady from a month ago.

"Latest readings suggest no danger that the economy will stall during the final quarter of 1997," said Lynn Franco, associate director of the group's Consumer Research Center.

In the inflation-sensitive bond market where bond prices have fallen for four straight sessions, prices were down slightly this morning. The lower prices meant higher yields for 30-year Treasury bonds, a gauge for long-term consumer and business borrowing costs. The yield was 6.68 percent this morning up from 6.67 percent late Monday.

Stock prices fell slightly after the report was released, but recovered almost as quickly.

Separately this morning, the Commerce Department reported that orders for big-ticket durable goods fell 0.6 percent in July, the second drop in three months.

The Commerce Department said today that orders totaled a seasonally adjusted \$180.5 billion, down from \$181.6 billion in June when they shot up 2.9 percent. The June rise was even stronger than the 2.4 percent initial estimate a month ago. Analysts had expected a slight drop in July, just the third this year, after June's big gain.

Also today, the National Association of Realtors said sales of existing homes rose 2.2 percent in July to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 4.24 million units. The trade group said many buyers took advantage of low interest rates earlier this summer. Sales rose in the West, South and Northeast but fell in the Midwest.

Nationally, the median price of an existing home, meaning half sold for more and half for less, was \$126,500 in July, up 4.1 percent from a year ago.

The consumer confidence index, calculated from a 1985 base of 100, is derived from responses to questions sent to 5,000 households nationwide.

Times have changed; car dealers change with them

By DIANNA F. DANDRIDGE
Staff Writer

Rebates, end-of-year clearance sales and low financing sales pitches are considered - by many car buyers, at least - to be just another gimmick to get shoppers onto the lot.

But, local car dealers say that people in the market for a new vehicle are keeping track of the available manufacturers deals when shopping for the new set of wheels.

Steven Chevrolet offers a one-price policy on all vehicles - 2 percent over cost.

Western Ford caters to the no-hassle deal. "Times have changed," said Rick Wilcox, general sales manager at Western Ford. "We used to get the good of 'boy come in and want to arm wrestle about the price."

"These days we try to make it fun and interesting. No hassles," said Wilcox.

The rebates, end-of-year sales and all the rest of the gimmicks help get buyers on the lot, but Wilcox says there are still big differences in what people look for in a new car.

"Men look at durability, dependability and workability. Women want dependability first, then luxury."

According to Wilcox, younger buyers look for sporting qualities, while older buyers want luxurious family style cars.

Like so many things in today's world, even the buyers are changing and the dealers have had to change their tactics.

"Nationally about 43 percent of today's car buyers are women," said Wilcox. "Dealers don't dare belittle women buyers anymore. They have too much buying power and will leave real quick if someone tries to give them the 'little lady' routine."

Inspectors probe Union Pacific

WASHINGTON (AP) - Sixty federal and state railroad inspectors launched an intensive investigation of the Union Pacific Railroad following a series of deadly accidents, the Federal Railroad Administration announced today.

Seven people have died in three Union Pacific crashes in the past three months and five other employees of the railroad were killed in other accidents since January, the agency said.

The probe got under way Saturday and involves around-the-clock inspections of the Union Pacific system, the FRA said.

The investigation is expected to last from seven

to 10 days, concentrating in Chicago; Denver; Fort Worth, Texas; Houston; Los Angeles; Kansas City, Mo.; Omaha, Neb.; Pocatello, Idaho; Portland, Ore., and San Antonio.

Among the recent accidents:

- A crew reportedly failed to set the brakes properly on an unmanned train in Fort Worth on Aug. 20. The train rolled nine miles and slammed into a westbound freight train, killing two locomotive engineers.

- A freight train carrying hazardous materials failed to stop at a crossing in Rossville, Kan., on July 2 and smashed into another train, killing one crew member and injuring the conductor.

Florida's deal can be help to tobacco

WASHINGTON (AP) - Florida's \$11 billion tobacco settlement does more for cigarette makers than end a troublesome lawsuit: It averts the specter of damaging headlines from Florida courts just as Congress takes up the broader national tobacco deal next month.

For the state, Monday's tobacco settlement serves as an insurance policy. Florida gets \$11.3 billion over 25 years and it will be allowed to ban tobacco billboards and much other outdoor advertising even if Congress never passes a national tobacco deal.

And if Congress does pass federal tobacco legislation, Florida still gets its money - the estimated amount it would receive anyway under the national deal. In addition, Florida, like every other state, also would follow the broader, nationwide tobacco policy set by Congress.

Knowing that, Florida officials said it still was important that they reach a separate tobacco settlement. "We wanted acknowledgement of the havoc they (tobacco companies) had caused in the past and some indication that would change in the future," Florida Gov. Lawton Chiles said Monday. "There is a debt long past-due for big tobacco to pay."

But some were skeptical about the settlement's impact on tobacco companies. One critic noted that

tobacco companies' stock prices rose Monday after the announcement.

"Any time something like this happens ... and their stock goes up, I think you have to look at it in a very different perspective," former Surgeon General C. Everett Koop said today on ABC's "Good Morning America." "Tobacco gained a lot by not having to go through a court procedure."

Congress returns from an August recess next week, and will begin debating a comprehensive deal that promises to eliminate 38 more state lawsuits by setting sweeping nationwide tobacco policy.

Tobacco companies paid \$3.6 billion in July to settle a suit brought by Mississippi, but they made no other concessions.

While Florida's deal was broader, the proposed \$368 billion national pact still would go even further. Tobacco companies would agree to more severe advertising curbs and to pay up to \$2 billion a year in fines if teen-age smoking doesn't drop. In return, tobacco companies would win protection from future lawsuits, restrictions on how strictly the government could control nicotine and get to deduct all settlement payments from their taxes.

Critics say the proposed national

deal is too lenient, and President Clinton will unveil his planned changes sometime after he returns Sept. 7 from vacation.

But Congress is unlikely to act before another state tobacco lawsuit - in Texas - goes to trial late next month. Cigarette makers are expected to cut a deal there too.

"That they gave more to Florida than to Mississippi means they've got to give more to Texas than to Florida," said James Tierney, a consultant to the suing states.

He noted that Florida extracted potentially damaging evidence it didn't get to use in court - such as Philip Morris chief Geoffrey Bible's deposition that smoking "might have" killed 100,000 Americans - that could influence other lawsuits. That pressure adds to Tierney's belief that tobacco companies won't walk away if Clinton insists that the national pact be strengthened.

Continuing state settlements means "our leverage is stronger, theirs is inherently weaker," Tierney said.

Not everybody agrees. Privately, the tobacco industry insists it will fight in Congress some of the changes that Clinton is considering, including stronger government nicotine control and harsher penalties for teen and adult smoking. Congress should take enough time

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to thoroughly consider needed changes, argued deal critics like Rep. Martin Meehan, D-Mass.

"Clearly a pattern is beginning to emerge where the tobacco industry would rather settle than take a chance in court," Meehan said. "The fact that Florida has settled should not give the pending global settlement undue momentum in Congress."

Said Minnesota Attorney General Hubert Humphrey III: "Rather than a signal to enact a flawed national settlement, this is a signal to push harder for disclosure of the full truth."

Humphrey opposes settling before his January lawsuit - the next up after Texas - can make public millions of pages of secret industry documents that he says show companies manipulated nicotine to hook smokers and targeted children.

But supporters of the individual deal caution states cannot individually protect public health, as a nationwide settlement would.

Durable goods orders decline

WASHINGTON (AP) - Orders for big-ticket durable goods fell 0.6 percent in July, the second drop in three months, due in part to slack demand for aircraft and electronic and communications gear.

The Commerce Department said today that orders totaled a seasonally adjusted \$180.5 billion, down from \$181.6 billion in June when they shot up 2.9 percent. The June rise was even stronger than the 2.4 percent initial estimate a month ago.

Analysts had expected a slight drop in July, just the third this year, after June's big gain.

Orders for durable goods - items like trucks and turbines expected to last more than three years - are a major measure of the nation's manufacturing strength.

Despite the decline, analysts say the manufacturing sector remains healthy.

"Overall, durable goods orders have been on a steady, albeit relatively unimpressive, upward trend since the beginning of the year, supporting the view that manufacturing remains in good shape," economists at First Chicago Capital Markets Inc. said in advance of the report.

The backlog of unfilled orders slipped 0.6 percent, the first decline since April. A shrinking backlog often suggests businesses have sufficient production facilities and manpower to meet demand.

Shipments, a measure of current demand, rose 1.7 percent, the sixth advance in seven months.

Transportation orders fell 3.5 percent after surging 8.8 percent in June. Declining demand for aircraft more than offset increased orders for motor vehicles.

Excluding the transportation component, orders were up 0.3 percent, the third increase in the last four months.

Orders for electronic and other electrical equipment also fell, down 13.6 percent after a 2.6 percent dip in June. Electronic components and communications equipment led the decline.

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Local Roundup

'Fun Lunch'

Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce will sponsor its first "Fun Lunch" on Sept. 5 at the Hereford Community College. Serving will begin at 11:30 a.m. and the community-wide event should be over by 1 p.m. Lunch will be catered by K-Bob's. The Fun Lunch will follow the same format as the chamber's regular Fun Breakfast, featuring singing, games, skits, community updates and the presentation of the "prestigious" Bull Chip Award. The lunch also will feature a \$200 giveaway drawing. All chamber members are included in the drawing, and the winner must be present. The cost is \$5.25 per person and chamber officials requests reservations be made by Sept. 4. For reservations, call the chamber office at 364-3333.

Spraying

Recent rainfall has meant an increase in the mosquito population, and the city is taking action. The City of Hereford will make an aerial application of insecticide, targeting the mosquito and fly population, on Thursday, according to a press release from City Secretary Teri Johnson. If the weather prevents the aerial application on Thursday, spraying will be conducted as soon as possible after Aug. 28.

Pep rally

A pep rally will begin about 9:15 p.m. Thursday at Whiteface Stadium to help generate spirit for the first football game of the season. The herd will open the season on the road, with kickoff set for 7 p.m. MDT Friday in Lovington, N.M. The Thursday night pep rally will follow a junior varsity scrimmage.

School board meeting

The HISD board of trustees will meet Tuesday at 6 p.m. in the administration building board room for a regular meeting. Items on the agenda include consideration of a girl's softball program and a boys wrestling program. The board will also consider accepting a property insurance program and a workers compensation proposals. Job description and evaluation instruments will be considered for assistant principal/learning facilitator, superintendent and assistant superintendent, classroom teacher, diagnostician and counselor.

Sunny and Warm

Tonight, partly cloudy with a low in the mid 60s. South wind at 5-15 mph. Wednesday, mostly sunny with high of 90-95. South to southwest winds of 10-20 mph. Wednesday night, partly cloudy. Low in the mid 60s. Thursday through Friday, partly cloudy. Highs 90-95. Lows near 65. Saturday, partly cloudy with a slight chance of thunderstorms.

Emergency Services

Activities reported by law enforcement agencies include:

Police Department

- A 20-year-old man was arrested in the 300 block of east 6th for DPS traffic warrants.
- A 41-year-old man was arrested in the 600 block of east 3rd for public intoxication and a county warrant for hot checks.
- A 22-year-old woman was arrested for no liability insurance in the 100 block of 13th.
- A 34-year-old man was arrested for violation of probation warrants on Dairy Road.
- A 24-year-old man was arrested for driving while intoxicated in the 100 block of north 25 Mile Avenue.
- A 34-year-old man was arrested for a conspiring to deliver marijuana and failure to identify after he was located at a local motel.
- A 23-year-old man was arrested in the 100 block of east 1st for driving while intoxicated.
- A 32-year-old man was arrested for county warrants in the 1600 block of west 1st.
- A Class A assault was reported in the 300 block of Miller.
- A theft of \$5.25 worth gas was reported stolen in the 2900 of east 1st.
- Two vehicles were reported to have been damaged in the 700 block of LaPlata.
- Theft of more than \$300 was reported from a residence in the 100 block of Kibbe.
- BB gun damage was reported in the 400 block of east 3rd.
- A domestic assault was reported in the 400 block of 13th.
- Four gallons of gas were stolen from the 2900 block of east 1st.
- A phone line was damaged in the 500 block of Union.
- A domestic disturbance was reported in the 600 block of Irving.
- A mental subject was reported in the 300 block of east 5th.
- A domestic disturbance was reported in the 600 block of Stanton.
- A missing person report was filed in the 100 block of Star.
- A theft was reported in the 900 block of south Miles, south Sampson and in the 200 block of west James where mailboxes are missing.
- A domestic dispute was investigated in the 800 block of east 3rd.
- Domestic disturbance was reported in the 600 block of Blevins.
- Domestic assault was reported in the 100 block of Ave. H.
- A runaway was reported in the 300 block of Jowell.
- Several small baggies believed to contain cocaine were found in a yard in the 500 block of Ave. G.
- Domestic disturbance was reported in the 500 block of Ross.
- A 17-year-old woman was assaulted by her common law husband in the 200 block of Ave. F.
- A fight was reported in the 300 block of Norton.
- A domestic disturbance was reported in the 200 block of Sunset.
- A domestic disturbance was reported in the 200 block of Ave. J.
- A reckless driver was reported in the 700 block of Ave. F.
- 44 traffic citations were issued.
- No fire calls.
- One motor vehicle accident with possible injuries.
- One motor vehicle accident without injuries.
- One fire call.

News Digest

AUSTIN (AP) - More than 1,100 Texans will receive an estimated \$320,650 in restitution from the Prudential Insurance Co. to settle allegations that the insurer didn't refund deductibles paid by customers when required to do so by law.

Attorney General Dan Morales said Monday the restitution is included in a settlement agreement filed in state district court.

The settlement concerns cases in which customers paid a deductible in the process of filing an auto insurance claim.

DETROIT (AP) - Jorma Russano, born with a tumor on her right breast, got a 40-year-old Cornep Corp. implant to replace lost tissue when she was 14. After problems cropped up 19 years later, she got a second Cornep implant.

It was taken out six years ago. Russano said her doctor had removed so much tissue that it "fell into my armpit when I lay down."

"We were told they were a lifetime device. I had no idea it could rupture," the 40-year-old said from her Northport, N.Y., home. "I started having all kinds of problems, but didn't know why. I went to my doctor and started putting two and two together."

Though the debate over whether such problems were caused by implants continues, Dow Corning offered Monday to settle breast implant legal claims for up to \$2.4 billion as part of its plan to get out of bankruptcy.

E-coli may beat federal testing

WASHINGTON (AP) - No matter how sophisticated government testing of meat and poultry becomes, the sheer volume produced in America may make it impossible to detect all dangerous bacteria in food, inspectors say.

"There is probably no way to absolutely foolproof this process," Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman said last week.

For example, the Hudson Foods Co. ground beef plant in Nebraska, shut down this week during a federal probe into E. coli contamination, had been producing up to 3 million pounds of frozen hamburger every week.

That's 12 million quarter-pound patties.

Agriculture Department inspectors go to slaughterhouses that supply Hudson and the Hudson plant itself. But it is not practical to test all that meat for E. coli, salmonella or other bacteria that can make people sick, officials say.

And health risks in the meat industry can start well before the cattle reach slaughterhouses.

Agriculture experts told U.S. News & World Report that farmers often add waste substances to livestock and poultry feed. Chicken manure, which is used as feed by cattle farmers despite possible health risks to consumers, says the magazine reaching newsstands Monday.

"Feeding manure that has not been properly processed is supercharging the cattle feces with pathogens likely to cause disease in consumers," Dr. Neal Barnard, head of the Physicians for Responsible Medicine, told the magazine.

This can make the Agriculture Department meat inspectors' job even harder.

Tight budgets at the agency just exacerbate the problem. The number of inspectors at the agency's Food Safety and Inspection Service fell

Consumers think twice about beef

DALLAS (AP) - Consumers are looking a little closer at meat these days following another E. coli outbreak and cattle ranchers are hoping Americans' love of beef will last through this latest contamination scare.

Mad cow disease, which hasn't been reported in the United States, previous warnings about E. coli and years of hearing nutritionists warn against too much red meat have many shying away from beef already.

"I was in the grocery store the other day and didn't buy any hamburger. I thought why not just wait a while," said Cameron Tyler of Boulder, Colo.

A poll conducted for Newsweek magazine last week as the E. coli outbreak was getting wide attention found that 41 percent of those polled less likely to purchase hamburger at grocery stores, and 54 percent less likely to buy hamburgers at fast-food restaurants.

Many cattle ranchers agree that the highly publicized outbreaks could wind up diminishing American's appetite for beef.

"The stigma is always a concern,"

from about 12,000 in 1978 to 7,500 today - to cover the 6,500 private meat and poultry plants around the country.

The Hudson situation has shaken some Americans' confidence, a new Newsweek poll found, with 54 percent saying they are less likely to buy burgers at fast-food restaurants and 41 percent saying they are less likely to buy hamburger meat at grocery stores.

Sixty-two percent said the government should spend more money on food inspection to ensure that U.S.-produced food is safe, with an even division over whether the

said Texas rancher Chaunce Thompson, a past president of the Texas and Southwest Cattle Raisers Association. "But I feel like the American people are smart enough to realize these are very isolated incidents."

During an E. coli outbreak in 1993 that sickened more than 500 hamburger eaters and killed three children, consumers turned their backs on beef. Consumption bottomed out at 61.6 pounds per person, according to the National Cattlemen's Beef Association.

The beef industry, which has struggled to hold its market share over pork and poultry in recent years, has become highly sensitive to reports of contamination and are hopeful the same thing won't happen this time around.

Reaction has been less this time around. Livestock futures on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange hovered around 69.85 cents a pound before the USDA's recall on Aug. 18, when they plummeted to 66.42 cents a pound. The prices have been creeping back upward since.

government is already doing a good job. The Aug. 22 survey of 501 adults, appearing in the magazine on newsstands Monday, has a five percentage point margin of error.

Pathogens such as E. coli remain a health problem in America. The federal Centers for Disease Control estimates that up to 9,800 E. coli cases and 120,000 salmonella cases a year occur when people don't sufficiently cook ground beef containing the bacteria. Cooking at high enough temperatures will kill the germs.

Together, the microbes cost upwards of \$500 million a year in

"I think that consumers are used to hearing about once a week about a food scare. We've heard, 'don't eat chicken, don't drink water, don't eat strawberries, don't eat apples,'" said Lisa Williams, a spokesman for the Texas Beef Council. "Of course we're concerned about the recent E. coli outbreak, but we think consumers are starting to understand."

The Newsweek poll of 501 adults was taken Friday and has a margin of error of plus or minus five percentage points. It found that 51 percent of respondents in recent days had decided to avoid certain foods or were being more careful about handling and preparing food.

Some consumers say they've heard so many warnings about their food they've tuned them out, deciding to enjoy a meal and take their chances.

"I've been around a long time, and people have banned everything at some point. When I want a hamburger, I'm going to order it. I just don't let it bother me," said Charlie Hurwitz, 85, a retired New York banker, who ate two plain hamburgers for lunch on Monday.

medical bills and lost productivity, according to a USDA estimate.

But the federal rules never required scientific tests for bacteria like E. coli. Some larger companies did it anyway, while smaller ones tested only if customers had specific requirements.

Now, new inspection rules are being phased in by the year 2000 that for the first time require some scientific testing for bacteria at all meat and poultry processing plants. In the case of E. coli, all plants regardless of size had to begin their own testing last Jan. 27.

Quality and economy draw affluent students

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) - Public universities are attracting more and more affluent students, the result of what researchers say is a perceived increase in quality and a cheaper price tag.

But with more seats being taken by the rich and tuition rates rising, many poorer students are heading to less expensive community colleges where their chances of graduating with a four-year degree are less, said the authors of "The Student Aid Game," a book to be published in November.

"The idea was always that you would create these great institutions that would then be accessible to anybody who had the motivation and talent to go," said co-author Michael McPherson, president of the private Macalester College in St. Paul.

"That kind of fundamental promise of higher education is really being thrown into question."

Ivy League schools such as Harvard and Princeton still pack in the well-to-do. But smaller liberal arts schools are increasingly losing their full-paying customers to public

universities, the book said.

McPherson and co-author Morton Schapiro, an economist at the University of Southern California, found that 38 percent of college freshmen from the richest families enrolled in public schools in 1994, compared with 31 percent in 1980. Those families earned more than \$200,000 a year.

For upper-middle income families - those who earned between \$100,000 and \$200,000 - freshman enrollment at public schools rose to 48 percent in 1994 from 42 percent in 1980.

The changing trend means states end up subsidizing wealthier students, the authors said. On average, a state subsidizes each student by about \$12,000 a year, no matter how much their parents earn.

Consumers also are making less of a distinction in the quality of public and private educations, partly because of the acceptance of well-publicized "best-buy" guides, McPherson said.

For example, Money magazine's annual college ratings due out next month rank the University of Florida 80 places above Dartmouth as a best buy.

David and Linda Mona, an Edina, Minn., couple who own a public relations firm and several other businesses, let their two sons decide whether to go to public or private schools.

Kirk Mona chose the University of Minnesota for its major in social environmental education. His older brother, Erik, wanted the emphasis on creative writing and publishing offered at Emerson College, a private school in Boston that cost \$15,000 more a year.

"We wanted to work with the kids to make sure that they got what they wanted out of a college education," Mona said.

Obituaries

Ruth Elizabeth Bartlett

August 25, 1997

Ruth Elizabeth Bartlett, 83, of Canyon died Monday.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Wednesday, at the University Church of Christ in Canyon with Brent Adams of Southwest Church of Christ and David Lough of University Church of Christ. Burial will be in Memory Gardens. Arrangements are under the direction of Brooks Funeral Directors of Canyon.

Mrs. Bartlett was born February 18, 1914 in Ballinger, Tx to John Tunnell and Elizabeth Redford Tunnell. She graduated from Grandview High School and married N.D. Bartlett Jr. in Lovington N.M. on January 6, 1934. She moved to Hereford in 1944 and was a member of the Hereford Study Club, Garden Beautiful Club and the Home Demonstration Extension Club. She moved to Canyon in 1983, where she was a member of the University Church of Christ.

She is survived by her husband, N.D. Bartlett; one son, Doug Bartlett of Hereford; one brother, Cullen Tunnell of Lamesa; one sister, Zada Gill of Waco, three grandchildren and several great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one sister Jessie Odom, and three brothers Otis, Russell and Ralph Tunnell. Memorials should be made to High Plains Children Home, P.O. Box 7448, Amarillo Tx. 79114.

Sherry Beth Whitson

August 21, 1997

Sherry Beth Whitson, 40, of Hereford, died Thursday in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Funeral services were Monday, at 2 p.m. at Rix Funeral Home Chapel.

Burial was in the Westpark Cemetery with Ray Sanders officiating.

Mrs. Whitson was born April 18, 1957 in Ft. Worth. She was a resident of Hereford for most of her life. She married Leon Whitson on June 15, 1974 and worked as the manager of the Family Dollar Store in Hereford.

Mrs. Whitson was a member of the Twin Oaks Baptist Church in Ft. Worth.

Arrangements were under the direction of Rix Funeral Home.

She is survived by her husband Leon Whitson; two sons Larry Don Whitson and William Dale Whitson both of Hereford; her parents, Charles and Betty Anderson of Hereford; three brothers, Mickey Anderson of Hereford, Charles Anderson of Amarillo, and Billy Williams of Amarillo; four sisters, Tammy Kendricks of Hereford, Kathy Wilson of Ft. Worth, Brenda Curry of Ft. Worth and Teresa Shaw of Ft. Worth.

The family requests memorial donations be sent to the Muscular Dystrophy Association, 3505 Olsen Blvd. Amarillo Texas 79109.

Kerry Tooley

August 23, 1997

Kerry Tooley, 33 of Hereford died Saturday.

Services were 4 p.m. Monday at the Hereford Community Church with pastor Dorman Duggan and the Rev. Frankie Garcia of Church On The Go in Denton officiating. Burial was in West Park Cemetery.

Arrangements were under the direction of Gilliland-Watson Funeral Home.

Mr. Tooley was born in Canyon, but was a lifelong resident of Deaf Smith County.

He married Julie Culp in 1984 in Hereford.

Mr. Tooley worked as a data processor for Arrowhead Mills and was an active Boy Scout Leader and coach for Little League Baseball.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Derrick and Dustin Tooley, a daughter, Destiny Tooley; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tooley of Dawn; and a brother Randy Tooley of Dawn; and two sisters, Linda Combs of Canyon and Marleen Bustamante of Phoenix, Ariz.

The family request memorials be sent to Crown of Texas Hospice.

Leonardo L. Romo Sr.

August 23, 1997

Leonardo L. Romo Sr., 53, of Charlotte, Texas died Saturday in San Antonio.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Wednesday, at the St. Rose of Lima Church. Interment will be in the Charlotte Mexican Cemetery, in Charlotte. Pastor John Wagner will officiate. Arrangements are under the direction of Hurley Funeral Home of Pleasantown, Texas.

Mr. Romo was born March 2, in Jourdan, Tx., to Francisco and Delfina Romo. He served in the U.S. Army.

Survivors include his wife Isabel Romo of Charlotte, one son Leon Jr., of San Antonio, one daughter Yvette Dominguez of Charlotte; five brothers: Alfonso Romo, Delfino Romo and Gil Romo of Charlotte, Emeterio Romo of Snyder and Raymond Romo of Hereford; one sister Maria Romo Zuniga of Charlotte and one grandson Skyler Lee Romo of San Antonio.

He is preceded in death by his parents and one brother Francisco Romo Jr.

Old Farmer's attempts new forecasts

the winter just past."

How bad was that? Pretty warm, actually. The National Weather Service ranked the 1996-97 winter in the Northeast as the 23rd warmest in 102 years of record keeping.

So are the almanac and its reclusive prognosticator Caleb Weatherbee eating crow? Not a chance.

"For the vast majority of the country we had a pretty accurate forecast," editor Peter Geiger said.

He said the publication was on target in predicting severe cold in the Upper Midwest and Great Plains, the rain that delayed the Indianapolis 500 auto race for two days and thunderstorms that produced a tornado in downtown Miami last May.

LOTTO TEXAS

TEXAS LOTTERY

AUSTIN (AP) - Results of the Cash 5 drawing Monday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 8-15-22-27-39.

Number matching five of five: four.

Prize per winner: \$31,641. Winning ticket(s) sold in: El Paso, Ganado, Lubbock, Mission.

Matching four of five: 380. Prize: \$499.

Matching three of five: 12,733. Prize: \$24.

AUSTIN (AP) - Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Saturday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 4-22-26-29-32-35.

Estimated jackpot: \$4 million.

Number matching six of six: none

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Lifestyles

Munoz feted with bridal showers at home of Farr, home of Vargas

Trisha Munoz, bride-elect of Ysabel Ledezma Jr., was honored with two bridal showers.

A shower was held Saturday in the home of Francie Farr and another Sunday in the home of Lale Vargas.

On both occasions guests were greeted by the honoree; Teresa Munoz, mother of the bride-elect; Anna Marie Ledezma, mother of the prospective bridegroom; and Lale Vargas, grandmother of the bride-elect.

Dawn Mason presided at the registry during the Saturday event while Alice Hall, aunt of the bride-elect, and Cecilia Albracht served refreshments of spinach quiche,

sausage balls, zucchini bread, assorted fresh fruit tray, fruit slush punch and coffee.

The serving table was covered with a white linen cutwork cloth and centered with a basket of broadleaf ivy accented with yellow and white daisies. Appointments were of cutglass and silver.

A vacuum cleaner was the gift from hostesses Annette Albracht, Charlotte Paetzold, Aprile Hudson, Judy Detten, Janie Banner, Eilcen Alley, Eloise Smith, Rosa Bidwell, Jan Weishaar, Sara Gallagher, Nan Coneway, Rene Mason, Susan Robbins, Lucy Chavez and Francie Farr.

Guests were registered at the Sunday shower by the bride-elect's aunt, Alice Hall of Amarillo and refreshments were served by Delinda Hernandez, cousin of the bride-elect of Lubbock.

Refreshments consisted of cheese and crackers, finger sandwiches, fresh fruit, chocolate strawberries, pineapple cake, nuts, punch and coffee.

The serving table featured a floral arrangement of yellow roses, white gladioli and baby's breath in a crystal vase which was a gift from Germany from an uncle of the bride-elect. A pale yellow cloth with a lace overlay covered the table. Coffee was served from a silver service.

A microwave was the gift from hostesses Deanna Vargas, Lale Vargas, Alice Hall, Virginia Campos, Grace Gamez, Anna Lisa Castaneda, Gloria Garcia, Linda Castaneda, Delinda Hernandez and Dolores Hernandez.



Showers honor bride-elect

Trisha Munoz, bride-elect of Ysabel Ledezma Jr., was feted with two bridal showers this past weekend. Guests were greeted at both events by, from left, Anna Marie Ledezma, mother of the prospective bridegroom; the honoree; Teresa Munoz, mother of the bride-elect; and Lale Vargas, grandmother of the bride-elect.

Today in History

By The Associated Press
Today is Tuesday, Aug. 26, the 238th day of 1997. There are 127 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On Aug. 26, 1920, the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, guaranteeing American women the right to vote, was declared in effect.

On this date:
In 1957, the Soviet Union announced it had successfully tested an intercontinental ballistic missile.
In 1961, the official International Hockey Hall of Fame opened in Toronto.

In 1964, President Johnson was nominated for a term of office in his own right at the Democratic National Convention in Atlantic City, N.J.

In 1972, the summer Olympic games opened in Munich, West Germany.

In 1974, Charles Lindbergh - the first man to fly solo, nonstop across the Atlantic - died at his home in Hawaii at the age of 72.

In 1978, Cardinal Albino Luciani of Venice was elected the 264th Pope of the Roman Catholic Church following the death of Paul VI. The new pontiff took the name John Paul I.

Ten years ago: In an attempt to eliminate a superpower stumbling block, West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl said his country would destroy its 72 Pershing 1A rockets if Washington and Moscow scrapped all their intermediate-range nuclear weapons.

Five years ago: A federal judge declared a mistrial in the Iran-Contra cover-up trial of former CIA spy chief Clair George (George was convicted of perjury in a retrial, but was then pardoned by President Bush). The United States, Britain and France imposed a no-fly zone over the southern one-third of Iraq aimed at protecting Iraqi Shiite Muslims.

One year ago: Democrats opened their 42nd national convention in Chicago. Barbara Jewell, mother of security guard Richard Jewell, tearfully called on President Clinton to clear her son's name in connection

with the Centennial Olympic Park bombing (Jewell was later cleared by the Justice Department). A Cuban court convicted fugitive U.S. financier Robert Vesco of economic crimes. The former military ruler of South Korea, Chun Doo-hwan, was sentenced to death for mutiny, treason and embezzlement.



Bridal shower held

Kimberly Sims, bride-elect of Peter Iannelli, was honored with a bridal shower Saturday in the E.B. Black House. Pictured are, from left, Melissa Leyendecker, sister of the bride-elect of Corpus Christi; the honoree; Sue Sims, mother of the bride-elect; and Vanessa Ward, sister of the bride-elect of Armidale, N.S.W., Australia.

Bridal shower at E.B. Black House honors bride-elect of Peter Iannelli

A bridal shower in honor of Kimberly Sims, bride-elect of Peter Iannelli, was held Saturday at the E.B. Black House.

The couple plans to be married Sept. 6.

Guests were greeted at the registry by the honoree and her mother, Sue Sims.

Serving refreshments were the bride-elect's sisters Melissa Leyendecker of Corpus Christi and Vanessa Ward of Armidale, N.S.W., Australia.

Refreshments were assorted breads, sausage balls, olive and cheese balls, and fruit trays with iced raspberry tea and coffee.

The serving table featured silver appointments with a centerpiece of Delphinium, Liatris, sunflowers and white alstromeria lilies with huckleberry and comador foliage. The arrangement was in a silver urn resting on a matching silver and mirrored plateau.

A Kitchen Aide food center was the gift from hostesses Mary Thomas, Cathy Allison, Susan Hicks, Sheri Kerr, Zula Arney, Sandy Jossierand, Joan Hopper, Joyce Wartes, Judy Mitts, Rene Mason, Karen Abney, Judy Williams, Lois Scott, Christie Jossierand and Mary Roark.



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Sports

Braves-Astros: a preview?

ATLANTA (AP) - It won't be just another crucial August series when the Atlanta Braves begin a three-game set with the Houston Astros tonight.

If both teams can maintain leads in their respective divisions, the next three nights also will provide a tantalizing glimpse at the first round of the playoffs.

"It's not really a playoff series. It's far too early to call it that," said Tom Glavine, who pitches tonight for

Atlanta against Houston's Shane Reynolds. "It's an important series both clubs. Our lead is a little shaky and Houston's lead is even shakier."

For now, both teams must be more concerned with what's behind them rather than what's ahead. The Florida Marlins trailed Atlanta by only 4 1/2 games in the NL East, while the Astros' lead in the Central had dropped to just three games over the streaking Pittsburgh Pirates.

"I wouldn't call it a playoff

preview," Atlanta shortstop Jeff Blauser said. "We're not there and neither are they. There's 32-33 games left. A lot can happen."

Maybe it's the familiarity of both teams that prevents them from getting too pumped up about gaining an upper hand in August when there could be a more critical best-of-5 meeting in five weeks.

"With a team like the Astros, it doesn't matter," Braves first baseman Fred McGriff said.



Bryant watches ball

Brynne Bryant watches the ball closely as she prepares to return a volley during action Saturday at the Hereford High School tennis complex. Bryant and her Hereford High School tennis teammates took on Levelland and Plainview in the three-way meet.

Hereford netters in a split

Hereford netters rolled past Levelland but fell to Plainview by identical 12-6 scores in tennis action Saturday at the Hereford High School tennis complex.

Hereford's victory over Levelland was sparked by the play of the girls squad, which swept doubles competition and won five of six singles matches.

BOYS Singles

Manuel Gonzales, Levelland, def. Andrew Carr, Hereford, 9-7; Brent

Berend, Hereford, def. Andrew Guerra, Levelland, 8-3; Ben Lawson, Levelland, def. Nelson Beville, Hereford, 8-5; Parker Payne, Levelland, def. Dustin Lewis, Hereford, 8-4; Riley Hall, Hereford, def. Trent Cardwell, Levelland, 8-2; Amit Patel, Hereford, def. Landon Hale, Levelland, 8-1.

Carr def. Austin Blankenship, Plainview, 6-2, 7-5; Berend def. Patrick Whitfill, Plainview, 7-6, 6-2; Austin Koenig, Plainview, def. Beville, 6-4, 6-3; Yuri Mendoza,

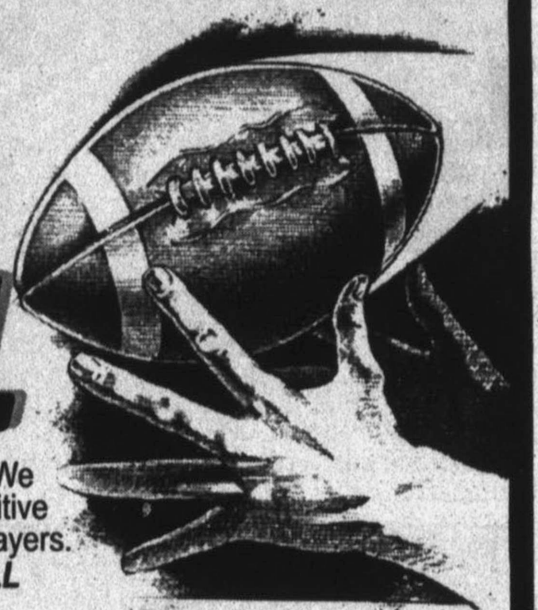
Plainview, def. Lewis, 6-2, 6-0; Matt Parker, Plainview, def. Hall, 6-1, 6-0; Fred Mew, Plainview, def. Patel; Jason Bonstaege, Plainview, def. Tan Nguyen, Hereford, 6-1, 6-1; Blain Porter, Plainview, def. Harrison Hoffman, Hereford, 6-1, 6-3.

Doubles

Gonzales-Lawson, Levelland, def. Carr-Berend, 8-5; Beville-Lewis, Hereford, def. Guerra-Cardwell, Levelland, 8-3; Payne-Hale,

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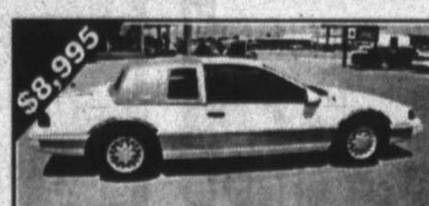


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Nittany Lions stay No. 1

By The Associated Press
One Big Ten team replaced another in The Associated Press' Top 25 college football poll.

Northwestern, with its 24-0 win over Oklahoma in Saturday's Pigskin Classic, moved into the No. 24 ranking in the first regular-season poll. The Wildcats replaced Wisconsin, 34-0 losers to Syracuse in Sunday's Kickoff Classic.

The Orangemen, meanwhile, advanced from No. 17 to No. 13 with the impressive victory in which they held Wisconsin's record-setting tailback, Ron Dayne, to just 46 yards on 13 carries.

The Penn State Nittany Lions, who

open the season Sept. 6 against Pittsburgh, received 22 first-place votes and 1,602 points from the 70 sports writers and broadcasters who vote in the poll to stay No. 1.

Florida, the defending national champion, remained No. 2 with 14 first-place votes and 1,563 points. The Gators open their season Saturday against Southern Mississippi.

Florida State, with six first-place votes and 1,503 points, remained third, followed by Washington (nine first-place votes, 1,498 points) and Tennessee (seven first-place votes, 1,480 points).

Nebraska, with four first-place

votes and 1,425 points, was sixth, followed by North Carolina (four first-place votes, 1,343 points), Colorado (three first-place votes, 1,318 points), Ohio State (one first-place vote, 1,166 points) and LSU.

The six Big Ten teams in the Top 25 are Penn State, No. 9 Ohio State, No. 15 Michigan, No. 21 Iowa, Northwestern and No. 25 Michigan State.

Notre Dame was 11th, followed by Texas, Syracuse, Miami, Michigan, Alabama, Auburn, Stanford, Brigham Young, Clemson, Iowa, Kansas State, Southern California, Northwestern and Michigan State.

League leaders

By The Associated Press
AMERICAN LEAGUE

BATTING-FThomas, Chicago, .350; Justice, Cleveland, .340; Ramirez, Cleveland, .329; Greer, Texas, .328; WClark, Texas, .326; SALomar, Cleveland, .325; EMartinez, Seattle, .325.<

RUNS-GarciaParra, Boston, 105; Griffey Jr, Seattle, 98; Jeter, New York, 96; Knoblauch, Minnesota, 95; BLHunter, Detroit, 91; EMartinez, Seattle, 91; ToClark, Detroit, 90; Cora, Seattle, 90.<

RBI-TMartinez, New York, 121; Griffey Jr, Seattle, 120; Salmon, Anaheim, 105; FThomas, Chicago, 102; JuGonzalez, Texas, 102; O'Neill, New York, 101; ToClark, Detroit, 98.<

HITS-GarciaParra, Boston, 175; Greer, Texas, 160; JhValentin, Boston, 160; Jeter, New York, 158; IRodriguez, Texas, 153; Griffey Jr, Seattle, 153; Cora, Seattle, 151.<

HOME RUNS-Griffey Jr, Seattle, 43; TMartinez, New York, 40; Thome, Cleveland, 36; McGwire, Oakland, 34; JuGonzalez, Texas, 31; Buhner, Seattle, 31; FThomas, Chicago, 29; RPalmeiro, Baltimore, 29.<

PITCHING (15 Decisions)-Clemens, Toronto, 20-4, .833, 1.80; RJohnson, Seattle, 17-4, .810, 2.32; Moyer, Seattle, 13-4, .765, 4.24; Erickson, Baltimore, 15-5, .750, 3.28; Dickson, Anaheim, 13-5, .722, 3.72; Mussina, Baltimore, 13-5, .722, 3.20; Radke, Minnesota, 17-7, .708, 3.55.<

NATIONAL LEAGUE

BATTING-Gwynn, San Diego, .383; LWalker, Colorado, .376; Lofton, Atlanta, .350; Piazza, Los Angeles, .349; Joyner, San Diego, .331; Alfonso, New York, .324; MaGrace, Chicago, .315; Blauser, Atlanta, .315.<

RUNS-Biggio, Houston, 118; LWalker, Colorado, 114; Bonds, San Francisco, 93; Galarraga, Colorado, 92; Bagwell, Houston, 88; EcYoung, Los Angeles, 85; Mondesi, Los Angeles, 80; SFinley, San Diego, 80.<

RBI-Galarraga, Colorado, 115; Bagwell, Houston, 108; LWalker, Colorado, 103; Gwynn, San Diego, 103; Sosa, Chicago, 101; Kent, San Francisco, 99; ChJones, Atlanta, 98; Bichette, Colorado, 98.<

HITS-Gwynn, San Diego, 186; LWalker, Colorado, 176; Biggio, Houston, 157; Mondesi, Los Angeles, 155; Piazza, Los Angeles, 153; Castilla, Colorado, 152; Galarraga, Colorado, 152.<

HOME RUNS-LWalker, Colorado, 37; Bagwell, Houston, 34; Castilla, Colorado, 33; Galarraga, Colorado, 33; Bonds, San Francisco, 30; Piazza, Los Angeles, 29; Sosa, Chicago, 29.<

STOLEN BASES-DSanders, Cincinnati, 56; Womack, Pittsburgh, 46; DeShields, St. Louis, 43; EcYoung, Los Angeles, 36; Biggio, Houston, 30; QVeras, San Diego, 29; Hendersson, San Diego, 29.<

PITCHING (15 Decisions)-Neagle, Atlanta, 17-3, .850, 2.83; Kile, Houston, 17-3, .850, 2.28; GMaddux, Atlanta, 17-3, .850, 2.39.

Lady Whitefaces to be in tourney
AMARILLO - Hereford's Lady Whitefaces will participate today in a triangular volleyball meet at Amarillo High School. Action begins at 5 p.m.

The Lady Whitefaces, who finished third over the weekend in the annual Amarillo Invitational Tournament, has lost only one match this season - a loss to AIT champion Tascosa. Hereford is the defending state 4A champion.

Also participating in the triangular meet will be the AHS Lady Sandies and River Road Lady Wildcats.



The first great modern English dictionary, Samuel Johnson's *A Dictionary of the English Language*, in 1775, contained only about 50,000 terms. Noah Webster's *American Dictionary of the English Language* in 1828 included about 75,000. Today's average college dictionary has over 150,000 entries.

Realignment vote planned

NEW YORK (AP) - Even though there's opposition, acting commissioner Bud Selig will call for a vote on the sport's radical realignment plan when owners meet next month.

Following a realignment committee conference call Monday, committee chairman John Harrington admitted there is opposition in the NL from Atlanta, Cincinnati, the Chicago Cubs, the New York Mets and Pittsburgh. San Diego and San Francisco also are seen as possible no votes, but Harrington said their opposition was less staunch.

"We're still moving ahead with the geographic realignment," Harrington said in a telephone

interview. "That's not saying we might not change. It's really the best for the game. It may not be the best for a few clubs. But when you measure the advantages of the scheduling for geographic realignment, it's remarkable how advantageous it is. So you start chipping away at it."

Selig, who is strongly in favor of the plan, said he was attempting to change enough votes to gain approval.

Owners will consider the plan when they meet in Atlanta on Sept. 16-18. Under the proposal, the leagues would realign to:

AL East - Baltimore, Boston, Montreal, New York Mets, New York Yankees, Philadelphia, Toronto;

AL South-Midwest - Atlanta, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Detroit, Florida, Tampa Bay and Pittsburgh;

NL Central - Chicago Cubs, Chicago White Sox, Houston, Kansas City, Milwaukee, Minnesota, St. Louis and Texas;

NL West - Anaheim, Arizona, Colorado, Los Angeles, Oakland, San Francisco, San Diego and Seattle.

No team can be forced to change leagues against their will. For the plan to pass, the Braves, Mets, Pirates and Reds would have to change their position.

Sports Briefs

FOOTBALL
NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) - The Tennessee Oilers will probably open the regular season before more empty seats than fans.

Ticket sales have hovered around 20,000 for the Oilers' opener Sunday with the Oakland Raiders. The Liberty Bowl Memorial Stadium has a capacity of 62,380. It will be the first NFL game that actually counts in the standings to be played in Tennessee.

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) - A tape of the 911 call in which the caller identified Tampa Bay Buccaneers defensive tackle Warren Sapp participating in an alleged drug transaction was played in court.

Sapp was charged with misdemeanor marijuana possession after police, acting on the anonymous tip, stopped the football player's Mercedes in June and found 3.7 grams of marijuana in the car's

console and nine more in a backpack that a passenger told police did not belong to Sapp.

BASKETBALL
PHOENIX (AP) - The Phoenix Suns signed free-agent Clifford Robinson to a one-year \$1 million contract. The 6-foot-10 forward ranks second in Portland history in block shots (726) and 3-pointers (492) after eight years with the Trail Blazers.

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. (AP) - Free agent Malik Sealy, a swingman for the Los Angeles Clippers the last three seasons, has agreed to a reported one-year contract with the Detroit Pistons.

Sealy, who can play guard and small forward, is expected to fill the role left open when the Pistons' Michael Curry signed with Milwaukee earlier this offseason.

HOCKEY
NEWARK, N.J. (AP) - New York Yankees owner George Steinbrenner

is interested in buying the NHL's New York Islanders, according to the Newark Star-Ledger.

The Islanders are up for sale for the second time in less than a year after John Spano's purchase for \$165 million was nullified by the league last month.

UNIVERSITY GAMES
CATANIA, Sicily (AP) - Chinese divers Lu Haisong and Chen Lixia were first and second in the women's 1-meter springboard, followed by Michelle Rojohn of the United States. Italy also had a 1-2 finish, with Valentina Vezzali beating Anna Giacometti 15-9 in the women's foil final.

The United States, Italy, Czech Republic and Cuba reached the semifinals in women's basketball, while the United States, Canada, Russia and Japan did so in volleyball.

TENNIS

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Levelland, def. Hall-Patel, Hereford, 8-3.

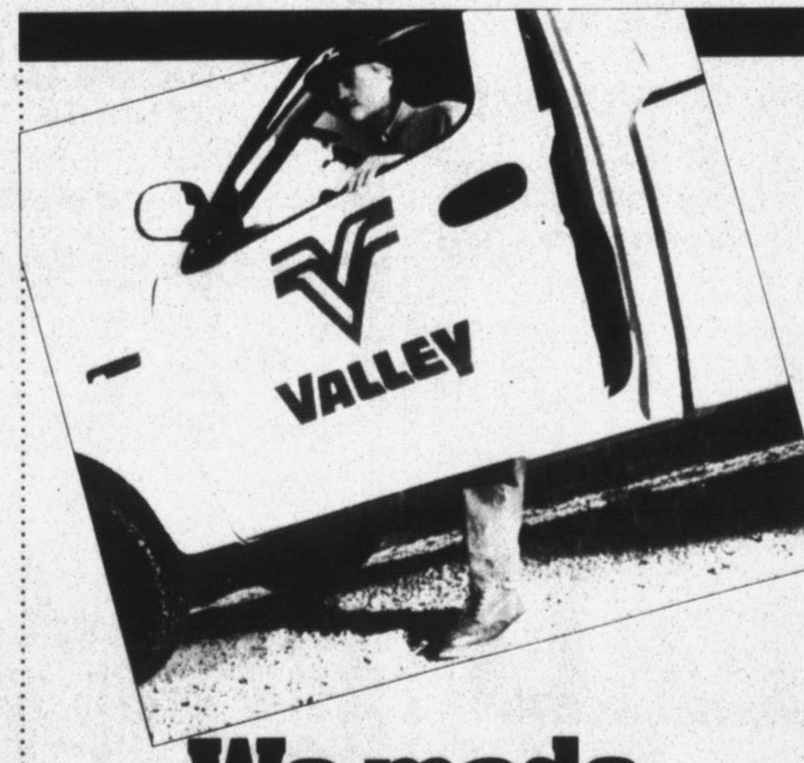
GIRLS Singles
Gina Palmer, Levelland, def. Holly Weishaar, Hereford, 8-5; Tamara Diller, Hereford, def. Sara Sorenson, Levelland, 8-2; Diana Dettler, Hereford, def. Amanda Montgomery, Levelland, 8-2; Amanda Kriegshausler, Hereford, def. Daniell English, Levelland, 8-3; Lisa Riley, Hereford, def. Stacy Shelton, Levelland, 8-5; Brynne Bryant, Hereford, def. Michelle Martin, Levelland, 9-7.

Lindsay Mock, Plainview, def. Weishaar, 6-3, 6-1; Katy Dorrity, Plainview, def. Diller, 6-2, 6-1;

Dettler, Hereford, def. Crystal Cannon, Plainview, 6-4, 6-2; Heather McMahon, Plainview, def. Kriegshausler, 6-2, 6-1; Shannon Gammage, Plainview, def. Riley, 6-2, 6-4; Bryant def. Liz Williams, Plainview, 6-3, 6-1; Tanya Criswell, Plainview, def. Noelle Merrick, Hereford, 6-3, 6-2.

Doubles
Weishaar-Kriegshausler, Hereford, def. Palmer-Shelton, Levelland, 8-0; Diller-Dettler, Hereford, def. Sorenson-Montgomery, 8-4; Riley-Bryant, Hereford, def. English-Martin, Levelland, 8-1.

Mock-Dorrity def. Weishaar-Kriegshausler, 6-4, 1-6, 6-4; Diller-Dettler defn. Cannon-Gammage, 6-4, 6-2; McMahon-Williams def. Riley-Annie Keenan, 5-7, 6-2, 6-4.



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TUESDAY AUGUST 26

| 6 PM | 6:30 | 7 PM | 7:30 | 8 PM | 8:30 | 9 PM | 9:30 | 10 PM | 10:30 | 11 PM |
|-----------------------------|--|---|------------------|-------------|-------------|--|-------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------|------------|
| Movie: Land-Time IV | FamousFrd | (-45) Movie: Labyrinth David Bowie. ** 1/2 PG | | | | | Movie: Lassiter Tom Selleck. ** 1/2 | | | Movie: |
| News | Ent. Tonight | Mad-You | Newsradio | Frasier | Just Shoot | Dateline | News | (-35) Tonight Show | | |
| NewsHour With Jim Lehrer | Nova | | Letter From Waco | Perspective | Politics | Charlie Rose | Nova | | | |
| Boss? | (-35) Major League Baseball Houston Astros at Atlanta Braves | | | | | (-35) Movie: Crossing the Bridge (1992) ** | | | | |
| Waltons | Rescue 911 | Hawaii Five-0 | | | | | | | | |
| (5:25) Movie: Hiroshima | Movie: Original Gangster ** R | (-45) Movie: Kansas City Jennifer Jason Leigh. *** R | | | | | | | | |
| (5:15) Movie: Short Circuit | Movie: House Arrest Jamie Lee Curtis. ** 1/2 PG | Comedy Hour | | | | | | | | |
| (5:00) Movie: The Arrival | Movie: Power 99 Eric Roberts. ** 1/2 R | Movie: Blood and Wine Jack Nicholson. | | | | (-15) Movie: Primal Species ** 1/2 R | | | | |
| Movie: Man-Posession | Movie: Gunga Din (1939) Cary Grant. **** | (-15) Movie: Destination Tokyo (1943) Cary Grant, John Garfield. **** | | | | | | | | |
| FOX Sports News | Boxing Fight Night at the Great Western Forum | This is the PGA Tour | | | | FOX Sports News | | | | |
| Kung Fu: Legend | Movie: George Wallace (1997) Gary Sinise. | Comedy Hour | | | | | | | | |
| Doug | Rugrats | Alex Mack | I Love Lucy | I Love Lucy | I Love Lucy | I Love Lucy | I Love Lucy | I Love Lucy | Newhart | Odd Couple |
| Ranger | U.S. Open Tennis Opening Round | | | | | | | | | |
| Mi Querida Isabel | El Alma No Tiene Color | Tu y Yo | | | | Primer Impacto Noc. | P. Impacto | Noticiero | Al Ritmo | |
| Vietnam | Newsreel-News | Great Ships | | | | History Undercover | Year by Year | Newsreels | | |
| RPM 2Night | Drag Race | Auto Racing SODA Off-Road U.P. 100 | | | | PBA Bowling Senior Tour | | RPM 2Night | Motorcycles | |

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 27

| 12:30 | 1 PM | 1:30 | 2 PM | 2:30 | 3 PM | 3:30 | 4 PM | 4:30 | 5 PM | 5:30 |
|---|---|---|--|-----------------|-------------------|------------------------|---------------|-------------|-----------|------|
| Donald | Movie: Pee-wee's Big Adventure PG | C. Brown | Tale Spin | Ducktales | Chip 'n' Dale | Goof Troop | Flash | Tortoise | | |
| Days-Lives | Another World | Jenny Jones | Maury | | Oprah Winfrey | News | NBC News | | | |
| Body Elec. | Painting | Capitol | Caring | Caring | Wishbone | C. Santiago | Science Guy | Creatures | Magic Bus | |
| (12:05) Movie: ** 1/2 Supergirl (1984) | Flintstones | Flintstones | Looney | Dreams | Saved-Bell | Saved-Bell | Fam. Mat. | Fam. Mat. | | |
| Jeopardy! | One Life to Live | General Hospital | Port Charles | Cheers | Rose O'Donnell | News | ABC News | | | |
| News | (-10) Major League Baseball Florida Marlins at Chicago Cubs | | | | Tenth Inning | Dreams | Saved-Bell | Saved-Bell | | |
| Bold & B. | As the World Turns | Gulding Light | Dating | Newlywed | Am.Journal | Hard Copy | News | CBS News | | |
| Gunsmoke | Little House on the Prairie | In the Heat of the Night | Batman | Eekstravag | Beetleborgs | Twist | Fresh Fr. | Simpsons | | |
| Auto Racing: NASCAR Truck Series | Yearbook | Racehorse | B3 | | B3 | NBA's Great | Up Close | Sportsctr. | | |
| (12:00) Home & Family | ShopDrop | Shopping | Animal | Animal | Highway to Heaven | Hollywood's Home Movie | | | | |
| Movie: First | (-15) Movie: Jack the Giant Killer Kevin Mathews. 'G' | Movie: Hard Country ** 1/2 'NR' | Movie: On a Clear Day You Can See | | | | | | | |
| Autopsy: Med. | Movie: Big Bully Rick Moranis. ** PG | Movie: Harriet the Spy Michelle Trachtenberg. ** 1/2 PG | Movie: Mr. Write (1994) ** | | | | | | | |
| Movie: Groundhog Day | Movie: Mission: Impossible Tom Cruise. ** 1/2 PG-13 | Movie: Fandango Kevin Costner. PG | Movie: Twister (1996) *** | | | | | | | |
| Movie: The Scarlet Coat (1955) Cornel Wilde. ** 1/2 | Movie: The Glass Slipper (1955) Leslie Caron. *** | Movie: Biography-Girl | | | | | | | | |
| Wildhorse | Club Dance | Aleane's Crafts | Dallas | | Wildhorse Saloon | Dukes of Hazzard | | | | |
| Home | HouseSmart! | Interior Mot. | Start | | Great Chefs | Great Chefs | Travelers | Movie Magic | Bay, 2000 | |
| Law & Order | McCloud | Cosby | Mysteries | | New Mike Hammer | Quincy | | | | |
| Debt | Movie: Deep Dark Secrets (1987) James Bralyn. ** | Commlish | Golden Girls | Golden Girls | Supermk | Debt | | | | |
| Boxing | Major League Baseball Texas Rangers at Milwaukee Brewers | | Pro Beach Volleyball | FOX Sports News | | | | | | |
| Twilight Z. | Movie: Sweet Revenge (1990) Rosanna Arquette. ** 1/2 | Movie: Face of a Fugitive (1959) Fred MacMurray. ** 1/2 | In the Heat of the Night | | | | | | | |
| Rupert | Gadget | Tiny Toon | Nick in the Afternoon | | You Alfrid? | Rocko's Life | Figure It Out | Tiny Toon | | |
| (10:00) U.S. Open Tennis Opening Round | | | Big Date | Big Date | Saved-Bell | USA High | Wings | Ranger | | |
| (12:00) Sol De Tentacion | Los Hijos de Nadie | Cristina | Primer Impacto | Primer Impacto | Saved-Bell | USA High | Wings | Ranger | | |
| Spies | War Years | Real West | Movie: Family of Spies: The Walker Spy Ring (1990) | Spies | Spies | | | | | |
| ESPNNews | Yearbook | Yearbook | Auto Racing NASCAR Winston Cup - Goody's 500 | ESPNNews | ESPNNews | Spanish Fly | Auto Racing | | | |

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 27

| 7 AM | 7:30 | 8 AM | 8:30 | 9 AM | 9:30 | 10 AM | 10:30 | 11 AM | 11:30 | 12 PM |
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| Chip 'n' Dale | Mermaid | Pooh | Katie-Orbie | Mickey | Wonderland | GummiB | Madeline | Mermaid | Pooh | Ducktales |
| Today | | | Leeza | | | Geraldo Rivera | Sunset Beach | | | Days-Lives |
| Animal | Puzzle Place | Sesame Street | Station | Mr Rogers | Storytime | Reading | Arthur | Barney | Visions | |
| Gilligan | Bewitched | (-05) Little House on the Prairie | Mama | Griffith | Griffith | (-05) Matlock | Movie: | | | |
| Good Morning America | | | Live - Regis & Kathie Lee | Montel Williams | Medicine Woman | News | | | | |
| BugsDuffy | Animaniacs | Bewitched | Bewitched | Empty Nest | Charlie's Angels | Geraldo Rivera | News | | | |
| This Morning | | | Ricki Lake | Price Is Right | Young and the Restless | News | | | | |
| Quack Pack | Bobby | Mask | Bobby | Fox After Breakfast | Paid Prog. Murphy | K. Copeland | Paid Prog. | GunsNkoke | | |
| Sportscenter | Sportscenter | Sportscenter | Sportscenter | Sportscenter | Sportscenter | Sportscenter | Auto Racing | | | |
| Father Dowling Mysteries | Waltons | '90 Club | | | | FRITV | Rescue 911 | Home | | |
| Movie: On a Clear Day You Can See | (-45) Movie: Honey Sweet Love Jo Champa. 'NR' | Movie: What Every | (-45) Movie: The First Time | | | | | | | |
| (6:45) Movie: Bingo Cindy Williams. PG | Movie: Heart Like a Wheel Bonnie Bedelia. *** PG | Movie: Bopha! (1993) Danny Glover, Malcolm McDowell. | | | | | | | | |
| Movie: We're No Angels | (-15) Movie: Lionheart (1987) Eric Stoltz, Gabriel Byrne. | Movie: Ferris Bueller's Day Off PG-13 | Movie: Groundhog Day | | | | | | | |
| (6:35) Movie: Rockabye | Movie: Grand Slam (1933) ** 1/2 | (-20) Movie: The Three Musketeers ** 1/2 | Movie: The Law and the Lady (1951) ** | | | | | | | |
| (Off Air) | Club Dance | VideoMorning | Dallas | Aleane's Crafts | Wildhorse | | | | | |
| Paid Prog. | Paid Prog. | Cuisine | Graham K. | Home Matters | HouseSmart! | Start | Interior Mot. | Home | | |
| McCloud | | Cosby | Mysteries | New Mike Hammer | Quincy | Law & Order | | | | |
| Baby Knows | Kids These | Sisters | Handmade | Gourmet | Our Home | Living | Main Ingrid. | Supermk | | |
| FOX Sports News | FOX Sports News | Paid Prog. | Paid Prog. | Boxing: Fight Night at the Forum | | | | | | |
| ScobyDoo | Doo | Flintstones | Flintstones | Gilligan | Gilligan | Spenser: For Hire | Outer Limits | Twilight Z. | | |
| Looney | Rugrats | Little Bear | Blue's Clues | Busy World | Murpets | Allegra | Gullash | Little Bear | Blue's Clues | Papa Beaver |
| Mighty Max | Sailor Moon | Saved-Bell | USA High | Facts of Life | Facts of Life | U.S. Open Tennis Opening Round | | | | |
| (6:00) Despierta America | | | Maite | Si Dios Me Quita la Vida | La Culpa | Sol | | | | |
| Classroom | History Showcase | Real West | Movie: Family of Spies: The Walker Spy Ring (1990) | Spies | | | | | | |
| Flex Appeal | Bodyshape | Crunch | Training | Perfect | Bodyshape | Gotta Sweet | Flex Appeal | Yearbook | Yearbook | ESPNNews |

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 27

| 6 PM | 6:30 | 7 PM | 7:30 | 8 PM | 8:30 | 9 PM | 9:30 | 10 PM | 10:30 | 11 PM |
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| Movie: The Aristocats (1970), Eva Gabor | Movie: Rover Dangerfield | (-35) Movie: Pee-wee's Big Adventure | (-10) Movie: Midnight Run *** | | | | | | | |
| News | Ent. Tonight | Movie: Abduction of Innocence. Moment-Truth | Law & Order | | | | | | | |
| NewsHour With Jim Lehrer | Snow Wolves | Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra | Charlie Rose | Wolves | | | | | | |
| Boss? | (-05) Movie: The Breakfast Club (1985) *** | (-05) Movie: The Outsiders (1983) Matt Dillon. ** 1/2 | Movie: | | | | | | | |
| News | Wb. Fortune | Drew Carey | Spin City | Drew Carey | Ellen | Primetime Live | News | Seinfeld | Nightline | |
| Fam. Mat. | Bzzz | Sister, Sis. | Smart Guy | Wayans | Harvey | News | Buffy the Vampire Slayer | Nick Freno | | |
| News | Home Imp. | Nanny | Murphy | Coast to Coast | News | (-35) Late Show | | | | |
| Roseanne | Mad-You | WorldsFunnest | Party of Five | Hercules-Jrns. | Mad-You | Cops | Real TV | | | |
| Sportsctr. | Major League Baseball Teams to Be Announced | | | | | | | | | |
| American Music Awards 20th Anniversary | Hawaii Five-0 | '700 Club | Three Stooges | Carson | | | | | | |
| Movie: On a Clear Day | Movie: Jumanji Robin Williams. ** 1/2 PG | Extras | Dead Man's Gun | Fast Track | Movie: Usual Suspects | | | | | |
| Movie: Dr. Jekyll and Ms. Hyde PG-13 | Movie: The Sweeper C. Thomas Howell. ** R | Perversions | Oz | | | | | | | |
| (5:00) Movie: *** Twister | Movie: Witchboard: The Possession 'R' | (-35) Movie: To Die For Nicole Kidman. *** R | Movie: Tie-Dyed-Fans | | | | | | | |
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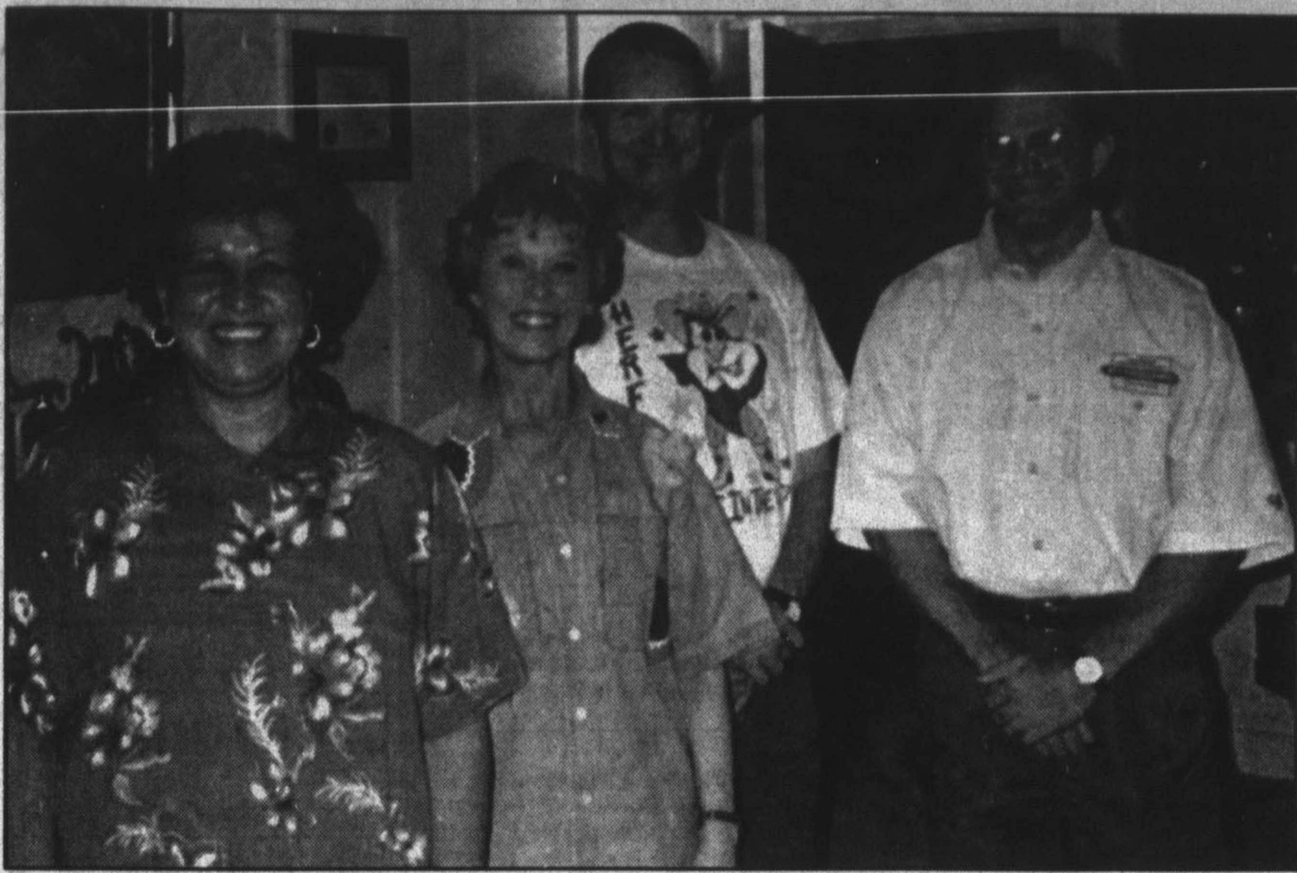


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Toastmaster officers

Officers of the Hereford Toastmasters Club attending the "End of Summer Get-Together" held Saturday at the home of Sharon Cramer are, from left, Margaret Del Toro, vice president public relations; Cramer, secretary/treasurer; Dan Hall, vice president education; and Breck Hunsaker, sergeant-at-arms. Officers not pictured are Pat Varner, president and Jigger Rowland, vice president membership.

Toastmasters hold 'get-together'

Hereford Toastmasters Club held an "End of Summer Get-Together" Sunday at the home of club secretary/treasurer Sharon Cramer.

The menu included hamburgers, potato salad, baked beans, chips, dessert and soft drinks.

In attendance were officers Margaret Del Toro, vice president public relations; Dan Hall, vice president education; Breck Hunsaker, sergeant-at-arms; and Cramer. Not present were Pat Varner, president and Jigger Rowland, vice president membership.

Members present were Coleen Spright and Wayne Winget. Guests included Margaret Hall, Adolfo Del Toro, Jerry Seright, and the Hunsaker family, Dixie, J.D., Cody, Hadley and Heidi.

To Your Good Health

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I just found out I have two cousins on my father's side of the family who have lupus. I have tried to find out what lupus is, but to no avail. Both of my cousins are women in their early 30s.

Are there signs to watch for? — F.C.

ANSWER: Lupus is no trifling matter. It can be rapidly fatal or it can run a smoldering course with flare-ups interspersed with periods when the illness is all but undetectable.

It's primarily a disease of females of childbearing age. Your cousins fit the picture.

Lupus is another of those diseases where the immune system begins to destroy its own tissues. Evidence of a misguided immune system can be detected in the blood: antibodies against the heart of body cells, their nuclei. Those anti-nuclear antibodies are important in diagnosing lupus.

The disease spares few organs. Joints swell and become stiff and painful.

Skin rashes are common. One rash

is unique for lupus. It's a red rash on the upper cheeks and bridge of the nose, in the shape of a butterfly.

The coverings of the heart and lungs can be inflamed.

Seizures indicate the brain has come under attack.

Patches of hair may fall out.

Kidney involvement is a grave prognostic sign.

In the 1950s, the odds that a lupus patient would die within five years were 50 percent. Today, 90 percent of lupus patients lead a full and fulfilling life.

A lupus patient's children have a 5 percent chance of developing the disease. So there is a genetic factor, but genes do not explain the lupus story in full.

Even in light of two cousins having lupus, your chances of getting it are infinitesimal.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I am very familiar with arthritis in several forms, but my brother has an unfamiliar form — arthritis of the blood.

None of my friends believes he has arthritis of the blood, but it is so. I

know my friends will believe you, as they are faithful fans. Will you set them straight? — W.A.

ANSWER: It breaks my heart to side with a friend's opponents, but I have to. There is no such thing as arthritis of the blood.

Arthritis is joint inflammation. Signs of that inflammation can be found in the blood. Do you think that is what your brother meant? For instance, the rheumatoid factor is a protein that circulates in the blood of many rheumatoid arthritis patients.

Or, could it be your brother misunderstood his doctor? Arteritis — artery inflammation — is the hallmark of many varieties of arthritis. "Arteritis" and "arthritis" often are mistaken for one another. Doctors tend to speak quickly and take for granted that medical terms are clear to patients.

I'm sending you my report on arthritis. Perhaps it can help clear the air. Other readers can order the report by writing: Dr. Donohue — No. 2. Enclose a self-addressed, stamped (55 cents) No. 10 envelope and \$3.

Hints from Heloise

Dear Heloise: To the person who cleans eyeglasses with coffee filters: My optician told me not to use facial tissue or any paper tissue to clean eyeglasses. They're all wood products and will scratch glasses. — Larry, Lubbock, Texas

Sometimes yes and sometimes no. Here's the scoop from the experts. We spoke with our friends at the American Optometric Association and they shared the following with us.

Since plastic lenses scratch easily, it is really important to wash the lenses with soap and water first to remove dirt and grit. It is the dirt and grime that usually scratch the lenses, NOT the cloth you use.

Another important reminder: Don't use facial tissue that has lotion in it. Boy, will it make a mess of your eyeglasses! I know! — Heloise

CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS
Dear Heloise: Although it may seem OK to use your canceled check as a receipt for a charitable contribution, it would be wise to check with your tax preparer.

In many cases you also need a receipt stating that no goods or services were received if you use this in itemizing your tax returns. — Lillian Mueller

PLASTIC BAGS
Dear Heloise: I use the plastic bags from the dry cleaner to stuff balloon valances. It works great! —

Barbara Cohen, Clark, N.J.

CAR KEY CAUTION
Dear Heloise: To the woman whose husband put the spare key with his driver's license, unfortunately, if your husband loses his wallet, or worse, has it stolen, the finder or thief has your address (from the license) and the key to your car. — Mike Avilla, San Jose, Calif.

Good point, and well worth printing. — Heloise

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.

Ann Landers

Dear Ann Landers: Those folks who couldn't recognize their next-door neighbors or even Rosalynn Carter because of a "glitch in their cranial wiring" as you put it haven't begun to experience real embarrassment. My story tops theirs.

When I was a senior in college, doing my year abroad in Denmark, I was introduced to a beautiful raven-haired woman. "Christine" and I immediately became an "item." We lived together and traveled throughout Europe for the next eight months. When we returned to the states, I visited her in her New Jersey home, but unfortunately, since I live in Florida, distance eventually took its toll, and we stopped seeing each other.

About 18 months later, I attended the wedding of the guy who had introduced me to Christine. As I entered the reception, I saw at a distance this beautiful raven-haired woman. She hurried straight to me and with a twinkle in her eye said, "I've missed you!"

You guessed it. I did not have the faintest idea who she was. She realized that I didn't recognize her and said, "Thanks a lot. My name is Christine." She then turned around and headed in the opposite direction. I spent the next three days trying to get her to talk to me -- to no avail. -- Winter Park, Fla.

Dear Winter Park: Too bad Christine didn't read my column on cranial wiring. She might have realized you have that problem. Incidentally, it's a lot more common than most folks realize.

Dear Ann Landers: If I can help even one family prevent a fire, writing this letter will have been worth the trouble. Here's what happened at our house yesterday: As in most households, for our family, getting ready for work and

school is chaotic. Most of us had left for the day, but my daughter stayed home. She had just graduated and had been out partying the night before. She didn't get in until almost 4 a.m. and planned to spend the day sleeping.

When I returned from work at 5 p.m., I noticed a burning odor and ran upstairs. I was horrified to discover that the iron had been left on all day by one of my children who left the house at 7:00 that morning. The worst part was my daughter was still asleep in her bedroom, only 8 feet from the ironing board.

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Dear Sheboygan: Your letter beats anything I might say, and I might add, it's better than a full-page ad in a magazine.

Dear Ann Landers: I received a wedding invitation in the mail this week and need to know what to do. This will be the second marriage for both people.

I'm sure they have everything a couple could want. I know, too, that they are planning a trip to Australia and New Zealand for their honeymoon.

On the bottom of the invitation was this notation: "No gifts, please. You may, however, donate to our vacation fund." My question: Is this acceptable? Or can we give them something of our choice? -- Oakland, Calif.

Dear Oakland: Very close family members sometimes give cash, but a request for donations to finance a

honeymoon does not seem appropriate to me. If you wish to give them a gift, feel free to send one of your own choosing.

What's the truth about pot, cocaine, LSD, PCP, crack, speed and downers? "The Lowdown on Dope" has up-to-the-minute information on drugs. Send a self-addressed, long, business-size envelope and a check or money order for \$3.75 (this includes postage and handling) to: Lowdown, c/o Ann Landers, P.O. Box 11562, Chicago, Ill. 60611-0562. (In Canada, send \$4.55.)

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Tijerina gets scholarship

Monica Tijerina, a graduate of Hereford High School, has been awarded a scholarship by the Texas Interscholastic League Foundation.

Tijerina received the David W. Doss Memorial Scholarship sponsored by Real to Reel productions in the amount of \$500. The scholarship is awarded to a student who has participated in the University Interscholastic League Academic State Meet and who has compiled an outstanding record of academic and extracurricular achievement.

Tijerina qualified for the UIL Academic State Meet in 1996 in poetry interpretation. She also participated in UIL one-act play. She ranked eighth in her graduating class and was a member of the National Honor Society, National Forensic League, Keywanettes and Orators Club.

Tijerina plans to attend University of North Texas and major in radio TV film.

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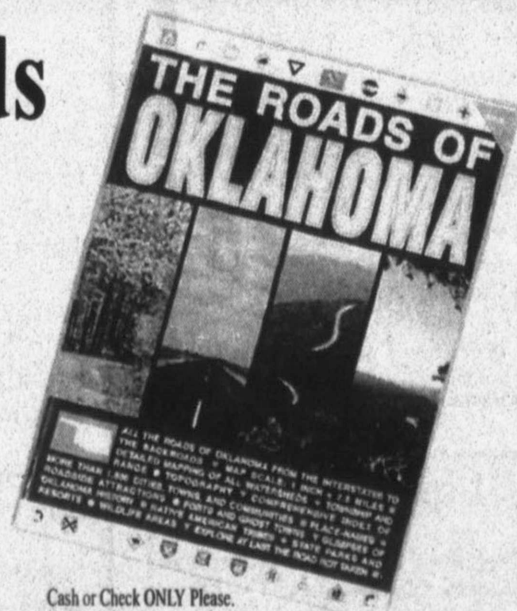
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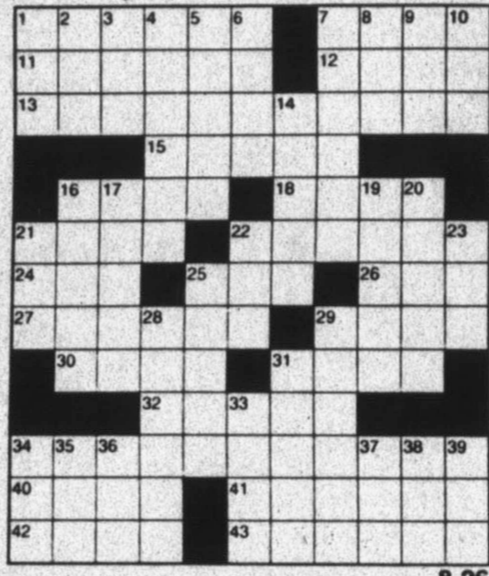
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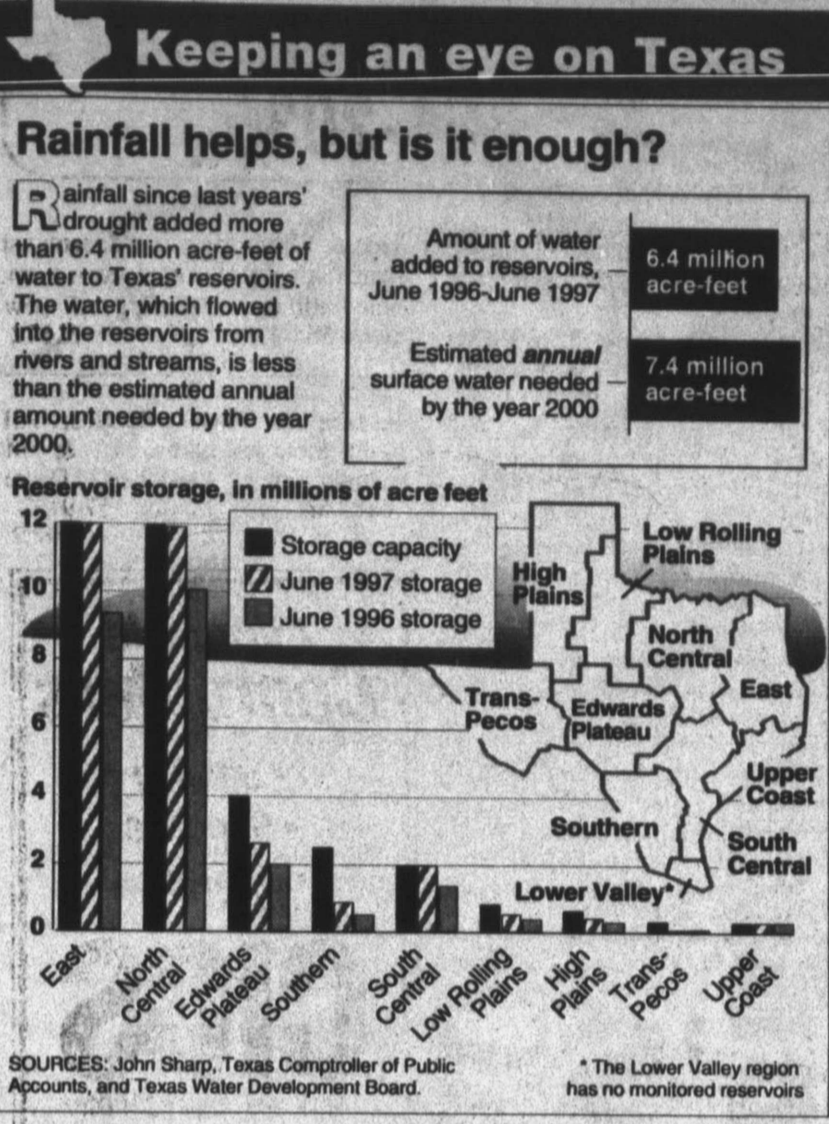
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--Don't use abbreviations. It's tempting to abbreviate and save money if ads are billed by the line. Brand ads are billed by the words, so spell them out so readers won't be confused trying to figure out abbreviations.
-- Don't be misleading. Think accurate and factual when you write. Be sure to include a phone number and the best times to reach you.



Names in the News

TOM SELLECK
LOS ANGELES (AP) - Tom Selleck has no plans to fill the role of actor-turned-politician. The "Magnum, P.I." star on Monday took on columnist Maureen Dowd of The New York Times. Dowd wrote last week that Republicans were trying to recruit Selleck for the Senate. Selleck likened her column to a supermarket tabloid report full of "half-truths and fabrications." "I have never seriously considered running for elective office nor have I ever participated in meetings to that end," Selleck wrote in a letter sent to The Associated Press. "Republicans are longing for another Ronald Reagan to ride in from the West with an affable manner and melting smile," Dowd wrote. "If Mr. Reagan could make it after being upstaged on screen by a chimp ('Bedtime for Bonzo'), some Republicans wondered, why couldn't Mr. Selleck make it after being upstaged on screen ('Three Men and a Baby') by a baby?" Selleck also refuted Dowd's claim that he had campaigned for Republicans George Bush and Bob Dole. A message left on Dowd's answering machine at work wasn't immediately returned Monday.

KIRK DOUGLAS
LOS ANGELES (AP) - Kirk

Douglas has no new film to push, but he'll still be a guest of honor at the first Hollywood Film Festival. The Oct. 18 shindig will honor the "Spartacus" and "Lonely Are the Brave" star with his first lifetime achievement award, organizer Carlos de Abreu said Monday. "All through his life, he has overcome adversity," de Abreu said. "He's a symbol of fighting the good fight." Douglas, 80, suffered a minor stroke last year, a few days before he won an honorary Oscar for 50 years of achievement in the film industry. **ROSEMARY CLOONEY**
BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) - Rosemary Clooney is a step closer to marrying a dance instructor she met on a movie set in the 1950s. Clooney and Dante Di Paolo are engaged and plan to wed this fall, publicist Linda Dozoretz said Monday. The two have lived together since 1973. "Rosemary said that they always knew they were going to get married," Dozoretz said. Di Paolo, 72, popped the question to Clooney, 69, last week in Kentucky when the pair were shopping for a ring for Clooney's granddaughter. "Dante picked up this other ring and said it was an engagement ring and that was that," Dozoretz said. "They're a terrific couple."

What others are saying

By The Associated Press
 A sampling of editorial opinion from Texas newspapers:
Waco Tribune-Herald on gambling's human cost:
 There's no question that gambling makes money. Just look at Las Vegas' glitter at night. But look around in the light of day. See desperate people, some driven to crime by their debts, some squandering their family savings. The other side of gambling is what society must consider more strongly, though riches beckon. A congressional commission is doing that. Hopefully its findings will bolster the argument against casinos. Hopefully it will bring sobriety to states' giddy gallop to lotteries as revenue raisers. A recent report about the Texas Lottery, for instance, found thousands of Texans addicted. The Texas Council on Compulsive Gambling, created when the Texas Lottery was born, takes 250 crisis calls a month on its gambling addiction hotline. For every lottery success story such as the one where Roby farmers shared a \$46 million jackpot, there are hundreds of stories about desperate people squandering the money that would feed a family, people groping for a jackpot that never comes. Is the \$1 billion in annual lottery receipts worth the collateral costs? Another gambling issue, that of allowing casinos in Texas, is one that won't die. Gambling interests have their eye on the state. They have the resources to keep bringing it up. Texas should resist. Casinos are a magnet for people with big problems, people who dig holes so deep that sometimes crime is the only way they can see to get out. Fortunately, leaders in Austin have not bent to the big-bucks casino lobbyists or to the promises of streets paved with gold. Lawmakers have a general idea of costs the gambling industry refuses to calculate - costs in terms of crime, and in terms of raising and then dashing the hopes of desperate people on a casino floor. The congressional panel should put those costs into explicit terms so that when states and communities consider the allure of gambling as a way of raising revenue, they'll also have the counterpoint that must be made. Gambling can be a fun diversion for some. For others it's a costly addiction like cocaine, cigarettes or alcohol. Just as we should know what addicting substances do to the human body and mind, so should Americans be aware of what gambling, particularly the compulsive kind, does to families, communities and the nation as a whole. **Fort Worth Star-Telegram on trade deficit:**
 News stories said that when a

vacationing President Clinton was told that the June foreign trade deficit had shrunk to \$8.2 billion, down from \$9.5 billion in May, he was "pleased." As a booster of world trade and an export-oriented economy, Clinton should be pleased with the numbers. Beyond that, we need to understand that the trade deficit is merely a number that tells us little about the underlying reasons for the deficit. It is important that U.S. exports were at an all-time high in June. It means less that imports were slightly below their peak. The drop in imports was due to previous stockpiling of oil (we import more than half of our oil), which led to lower petroleum imports in June. In other words, a temporary thing. Americans' rising appetite for gasoline and unabated appetite for Japanese automobiles will continue to be driving forces behind our trade deficit. What the combination of high export figures and high import figures does illustrate is the continuing boom in worldwide trade and the United States' central position in that boom. The world's biggest market, we also are one of its biggest exporters. It is not necessarily cause for hand-wringing that we continue to run trade deficits. Where there is money to spend on goods dictates where the money is spent. We are richer, and buy more things, because our economy is larger and more expansive than the economies of most of our trading partners. It may be more remarkable that under the very conditions that lead to more imports, U.S. exports continue to be strong. America has been selling more and more around the world despite a strong dollar and lagging foreign economies. It is certainly good news for the millions of workers involved in producing those exported goods.

Houston Chronicle on Brazoria jail beatings:
 Exasperation and outrage. There can be little other reaction to the video "training" tapes of prisoners being pounded and kicked and set upon by dogs last September in the Brazoria County Detention Center. But there is also a need for calm, toughness and thoroughness as various investigations into the incident go forward. Missouri has recalled all of the 415 prisoners being housed in Brazoria County, and the national publicity generated by the incident may end up costing the county a good chunk of money. The prisoners were being housed there under a three-year, \$6 million contract between the county and Capital Corrections Resources Inc., a private firm based in Groesbeck. It has been reported that the county will lose about \$1.5 million in revenues from the canceling of the contract. The facts must come out, and legal due process must be allowed to work. But aside from the questions about how such an incident could be allowed to happen and why it was even videotaped, two things already are clear. The Brazoria County Sheriff's Department will have some serious questions to answer about its approval of CCRRI's hiring of two former Texas prison system officers who lost their jobs after pleading guilty in 1987 to federal misdemeanor brutality charges in the beating of a state inmate. And the state will have to look at employing more resources in more tightly overseeing such privately run facilities, which have proliferated in recent years.

Other people sent clothes, school supplies and other things. Ms. Mann was offered reduced rent on an apartment until she can get back on her feet. Ms. Mann is rightfully proud of her son's honesty, but we think some of the credit should go her way. First, she had taught her children to return property that was not theirs to the rightful owners. Second, she followed up on those words with the proper deed. In so doing, she taught honesty to her children. That will be far more valuable to them than any reward they would receive. We are pleased that the public is recognizing her efforts to raise her children right. However, it is interesting to note that the fuss - including ours - is being made over people who only did the right thing. But it is something that all too few people in their position would have done. **The Dallas Morning News on big Texas sky:**
 Texas does not have earthbound wonders like the Rocky Mountains or rugged coastlines. But what Texas has is sky. On some summer days in this state, it's the skies that give Texans a unique sense of place. Early in June, when thunderstorms are as common in Texas as backyard barbecues, threatening clouds with dark shades of blue often dominate the otherwise gentle clear skies. The storm clouds can command the sky like a royal procession marching into a medieval village. After a summer storm breaks, the heavens stretched across Texas often resemble the colors Claude Monet captured along the French and Italian Riviera. All of a sudden, pinkish and reddish rays of light wash over the celestial canvas, displacing the regal colors of the lordly storm clouds. Or maybe a hole will unpredictably pierce a heavy, thick thunderhead. Set against the wicked storm, the baby blue keyhole reassures fearful onlookers that peace is at hand. Later in the summer, the violent clouds diminish and Texans are treated to days of sunlight punctuated by various types of clouds. A long, narrow, downy white formation rises up and up and up above Reunion Arena Tuesday morning, looking like a giant strand of DNA stretching heavenward. In West Texas, where brown earth and blue sky lie together like layers of a cake, the skies provide an even grander showcase. Thunderheads tower over the Texas plains like skyscrapers, updrafts whisking moisture aloft as fast as elevators carry passengers at the Empire State Building. Years ago, Georgia O'Keeffe used watercolors to capture such scenes before she moved onto New Mexico. Fortunately, modern Texans still can enjoy the unpredictable beauty. As sanitized offices and well-scrubbed interiors define more Texans' lives today, nature still offers moments of uncontrolled brilliance.

Austin American-Statesman on Bosnian warlord hunt:
 Nothing better illustrates the extent of the mess the United States stepped into in Bosnia than the decision last week to effectively split the Serb sector into areas controlled by a wanted war criminal and one controlled by his successor, who also hates Muslims. The initial idea of the international intervention effort was to set the stage for recreating the pre-war multi-ethnic Bosnia. But the effect of the Dayton peace agreement was to reinforce the lines drawn in blood. Bosnia is now divided into a Bosnian Serb republic and a Muslim-Croat federation ... If NATO wants to go after the wanted warlords, taking the risk of inciting a violent reaction, that is probably an acceptable calculated risk. They need to be put on trial. **Services, which inspects them.** Over the past year, referrals to the attorney general's office have increased almost fivefold. In the 1997 state budget year, which ends Aug. 31, 53 nursing homes have been referred to the AG's office for litigation; last year, only 11 nursing homes were referred for litigation. Earlier this year, an in-depth report by the *American-Statesman* on conditions at nursing homes drew statewide attention. After the report was published, legislators criticized the Department of Human Services and the attorney general's office for lax enforcement of nursing home regulations. **Sex Offender Notices May Triple**
 As part of Texas' new sex offender notification laws that go into effect next month, the number of offenders that warrant community notifications could triple, said Attorney General Morales. While attending the ninth annual Crimes Against Children Seminar last week in Dallas, Morales told the *Dallas Morning News*, "We understand that family violence not only puts our children at risk but also the whole fabric of our community." At the gathering, law enforcement officials and social service workers discussed what can be done to help victims of child abuse and bring offenders to justice. Detective Jim Reynolds of Scotland Yard, who spoke at the conference, said pedophilia and child pornography are international problems: "There is an extensive network of child pornography both in England and throughout the world. What is difficult is that these pedophiles are mostly professionals such as doctors, priests and ministers, and they use their unpurviewed access to abuse children." **Ward Resigns TDCJ Post**
 John Ward of Gatesville resigned last week as a member of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice Board because a client of his insurance company is bidding on a contract with the state prison system.

and track the proposed settlement between the federal government and tobacco interests. **Study possible changes in state law concerning sex offenders.** **Study the problem of gang violence among teen-agers and young adults and consider coordination of juvenile justice efforts by law enforcement and school officials on the state and local level.** **Evaluate safety conditions for state prison employees and inmates, and focus on medical and health treatment, projected capacity needs and parole programs.** **Review the process of selecting judges in state district courts, county courts-at-law and probate courts; review costs for filing civil lawsuits, collection of court-imposed criminal fines and ways to improve jury service.** **Look at annexation laws and their effect on county and school district tax bases, and review municipal utility districts.** **Evaluate the impact of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) and develop a statewide plan to identify local, state and federal resources to meet NAFTA-related demands.** **Look at federal plans for the 2000 census, legislative and congressional redistricting and possible population shifts identified by the U.S. Census Bureau.** **Study state programs that help give low- and moderate-income Texans access to affordable housing.** **Nursing Home Suits Filed Daily**
 Attorney General Dan Morales' office has been filing an average of two nursing home lawsuits each work day since June, the *Austin American-Statesman* reported last week. Morales pledged to keep that pace so long as state inspectors find serious health and safety problems in nursing homes. One reason for the accelerated lawsuit filings, the *American-Statesman* reported, is increased referrals of problem nursing homes by the Department of Human

The Lubbock Avalanche-Journal on good Samaritan child:
 When 8-year-old Jawanza Jones found a wallet in the restroom of a Gainesville, Fla., supermarket, he did not even open it. He took it to his mother, Betty Mann, and she turned it in to the store manager. Ms. Mann and her three sons are living in a homeless shelter in Gainesville. But they proved that dire financial straits do not mean a lack of character and dignity. The wallet, which had \$60 and credit cards, among other things, belonged to Jennifer Froberg, who had not even realized that it was missing when the manager called her. She gave Jawanza \$15 for a reward, and he said he hoped to buy a bicycle with it. A good used bicycle would have been difficult to find for \$15, but it never came to that. A citizen who was impressed by the boy's honesty brought a new bicycle to the homeless shelter for Jawanza.

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HOUSTON (AP) - Software that will be used in November to allow astronaut David Wolf to vote from the Russian space station Mir has been satisfactorily tested, according to NASA and Texas state officials.

The test was carried out Monday under the supervision of NASA personnel and Texas Secretary of State Tony Garza.

It involves the use of a laptop computer and an election ballot that is on a diskette.

The Texas Legislature enacted a change in state election law in May to allow astronauts to cast absentee ballots from space.

The previous law said ballots had to be mailed in - an obvious problem when you're somewhere the U.S. Postal Service doesn't go.

AUSTIN (AP) - The Texas Lottery Commission has defended its right to end a contract with GTECH and issue a request for proposals to take over the lottery operations now handled by the embattled agency.

The Lottery Commission asked for proposals, beginning the bidding process, after months of questions about how GTECH does business.

In response, GTECH has protested the bidding and Monday informed the Lottery Commission it will compete to keep its contract to run the state lottery if it fails to derail the bidding process.

Lottery Commission Executive Director Lawrence Littwin on Monday ruled against GTECH's protest of the rebidding process, which included a direct attack on Littwin himself.

The company, which can ask the full commission to review Littwin's decision, complained about his work for a GTECH competitor.

QUANAH (AP) - A Boy Scout executive accused of indecency with a child has been suspended from his job and scouting membership, a scout executive says.

Andrew McElhannon, 24, posted \$30,000 bond Monday following an arraignment on the charge, according to Hardeman County Sheriff Randy Akers.

Quanah Police Chief Guy Smith said McElhannon surrendered about 4 p.m. Friday at Texas Department of Public Safety headquarters in Wichita Falls and spent the weekend in the Hardeman County Jail.

McElhannon, himself an Eagle Scout, worked with boys in 10 North Texas counties and was based in Wichita Falls.

Smith wouldn't say if any Boy Scouts were involved in the alleged molestation which allegedly occurred over a long period of time and was reported to police at Quanah on Aug. 9.

NEW YORK (AP) - Hicks Muse Tate & Furst Inc., already a sizable force in the media business, is paying \$1.2 billion in cash for the radio stations owned by SFX Broadcasting Inc.

The Dallas-based buyout firm is making the purchase with its Capstar Broadcasting Corp. affiliate, which already owns more radio stations than anyone else with 243. SFX's 71 stations will give Capstar 314 radio outlets.

Analysts estimated the deal that was announced Monday will make Capstar the third-biggest radio group in terms of revenue behind Westinghouse Electric Corp.'s CBS unit and the planned Chancellor-Evergreen Media combination expected to occur next month.

The SFX acquisition underscores the consolidation frenzy that has engulfed the radio industry since an overhaul of telecommunications laws last year freed companies to own more radio stations in a market.

Owners are trying to take advantage of their expertise in running radio stations by acquiring clusters of radio outlets in multiple markets, saving money by centralizing administrative functions and gaining clout with advertisers.

AUSTIN (AP) - It could cost at least \$200,000 to ensure \$27,000 in state funds doesn't pay for birth control and other prescription drugs for minors who lack parental consent, a Texas Department of Health official has testified.

The agency does not intend to begin asking minors to get parental consent before obtaining birth control because that could jeopardize federal family planning money, said Carol Pavlica, the Health Department's director of family planning.

Support grows for school vouchers

WASHINGTON (AP) - Most parents with children in public schools support using tax money to send students to private and parochial schools, according to a survey released today.

The Gallup Organization survey commissioned by a group of educators also found strong public support for putting computers in school classrooms and for national tests to measure academic performance. Standards and computers rank high on President Clinton's list of educational goals.

But Clinton opposes using public money to support private education. Still, 55 percent of parents with children in public schools told Gallup pollsters they would agree with a broad school-choice proposal that would have the government pay all or part of the tuition to private or church-related schools.

That number is up from 49 percent in 1996 and 48 percent in 1994 when the question previously had been

asked in the same poll conducted for Phi Delta Kappa, a professional society for educators.

Support was largest among women, blacks, other nonwhites, the young, the poor and Southerners.

However, support was tempered by opposition among people with no children in school, especially older Americans, suburban residents and those earning \$50,000 or more a year.

As a result, the public is divided nearly 50-50 on the issue. The public was 43 percent in favor and 54 percent opposed in 1996.

The questions, though, did not use the term "vouchers," the tuition certificates issued to parents. The main question had two parts, asking about both the broad issue of choice and government support.

"It's a factor you have to look at as you try to interpret it," said Lowell C. Rose, an author of the report, referring to the element of choice.

The pollsters asked:

"A proposal has been made that would allow parents to send their school-age children to any public, private, or church-related school they choose. For those parents choosing nonpublic schools, the government would pay all or part of the tuition. Would you favor or oppose this proposal in your state?"

Other questions on the same topic limited the range of choice to a "private school" at "public expense," or a "private school" at "government expense." When "government expense" was used, the public was divided and public school parents were opposed. But blacks and other nonwhites, the poor and the young were in favor.

A poll earlier this year by the Joint Center for Political Studies, which emphasizes studies affecting black Americans, found that support for vouchers among blacks had grown while whites were split.

Congressional Republicans, with

a few Democratic allies, are pushing a bill that would support vouchers. But the movement suffered a blow last week when a state appeals court struck down a proposal to use vouchers to let poor Milwaukee children attend church-run schools.

In other results, the survey found strong support for putting computers in every classroom. Eight of 10 people said doing so would improve student achievement "a great deal or quite a lot."

Roughly the same numbers felt the same about "national standards for measuring the academic performance of the public schools."

When the survey asked about specific proposals by President Clinton to wire classrooms, two-thirds were in favor. And nearly 60 percent favored his plan for national achievement tests.

The pollsters interviewed 1,517 adults, including 1,017 parents of public school children, during June.

Moore's loss skein has ended

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Demi Moore's streak of box office blunders may be ending with her latest film, "G.I. Jane," which finished in first place at the box office this weekend.

But the film's performance was overshadowed by yet another dispute about inflated box office estimates for a rival new release.

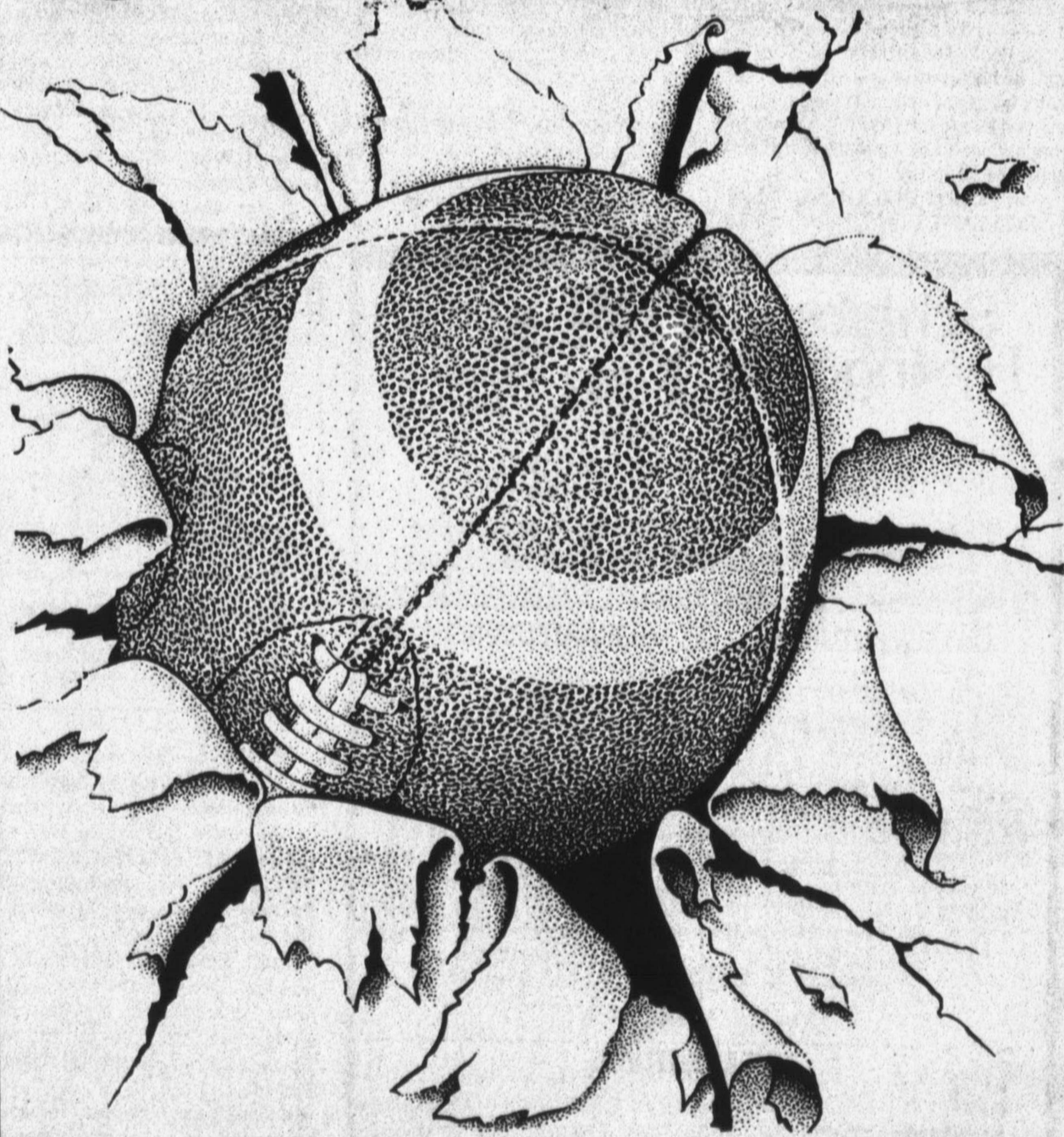
The Walt Disney Co. accused New Line Cinema of exaggerating box-office figures, as Disney's "G.I. Jane" and New Line's "Money Talks," a comedy starring Chris Tucker, fought for the top spot.

"The box office has become a nightmare of the truth," said Phil Barlow, president of Disney's Buena Vista Pictures Distribution. "This has really gotten out of hand."

On Sunday, Disney and New Line both estimated their films took in \$11.1 million to deadlock for first place.

By Monday, it was clear "G.I. Jane," starring Moore as the first female Navy SEAL, was actually the weekend's top film. But it had already been reported, based on the Sunday projections, that "G.I. Jane" had been tied - not good news for Moore after a string of flops including "Striptease," "The Juror" and "The Scarlet Letter."

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