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Today's weather OUTLOOK

Clearing, cold tonight
Tonight: Clearing and cold with a low in the lower 20s, north wind 10 to 20 mph becoming light and variable.

Friday: Mostly sunny with a high in the lower 40s, south wind 10 to 15 mph.

Friday night: Increasing cloudiness with a low in the lower 30s.

Extended forecast

Saturday: Mostly cloudy with a chance of rain or snow, high 55 to 60.

Sunday: Partly cloudy, low 30 to 35, high in the mid-60s.

Monday: Mostly cloudy with a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms, low 35 to 40, high 60 to 65.

Hereford weather

Wednesday's high, 77; low, 25; precipitation, according to KPAN Radio.



Taking advantage of a warm, sunny day, road construction workers put in extra hours Wednesday preparing for today's damp weather. The crews laid hotmix, an asphalt-type solution, and are planned to pour concrete Friday or Monday on the sections of the southbound lanes under construction on North 25 Mile Avenue (U.S. Highway 385). According to Holmes Construction project coordinator Miles Smith, the project, which is expected to take 15 months for completion, is ahead of schedule. Smith said work has been progressing smoothly.

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50 YEARS

■ Cooperative to observe golden anniversary, elect 3 directors at its annual membership meeting

By Jim Steiert

Special to The Brand

Patrons of West Texas Rural Telephone Cooperative will come together to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the incorporation of their cooperative and to elect three directors at the annual membership meeting.

The session will begin at 6 p.m. March 21 at the Deaf Smith County Bull Barn.

This year's meeting comes a few weeks in advance of the 50th anniversary date of the incorporation of WTRT on May 5, 1950. Special commemorative favors will be presented to members in attendance in recognition of the anniversary.

Proceedings get under way at 6 p.m. with a catered supper, with the business meeting scheduled to begin at 7 p.m.

The terms of office of incumbent directors Charles Myers Jr., Hub exchange; Floyd Schueler, Farmer exchange; and Dick Fellers, Dawn exchange, are expiring. The three incumbents are seeking new terms.

Schueler will be unopposed in his bid for another term; however, the other two incumbents are facing opposition.

Harold Sides is challenging Fellers for the Dawn exchange board seat, while Terry Copley is seeking the Hub exchange seat held by Myers.

A number of door prizes will be awarded during the course of the meeting.



BRAND/Dianna F. Dandridge
Hortencia Mendoza, a food service worker at Tierra Blanca Primary School, makes cinnamon rolls for the school breakfast. If the school district follows U.S. Department of Agriculture recommendations, the food service workers will be using more soy products in the meals for school children.

SOY IN SCHOOL

■ HISD already uses some soy products in school lunch program; USDA advises more use of meat substitutes to cut fat

By Dianna F. Dandridge

Special to The Brand

Soy food products soon may find a place on the lunch trays of area students if Texas Education Agency officials follow the U.S. Department of Agriculture's decision that 100-percent soy foods may be used as a substitute for meat.

The USDA's decision came after studies have determined that U.S. school children have too much fat in their diets.

"We have received no directive from the USDA or TEA regarding this proposal," said Christine Evans, food service director for the Hereford Independent School District. "We currently use products that contain some soy, maybe as much as 30 percent, but I don't know if it would be wise to serve 100 percent soy product."

Evans said the district will comply with standards governed by the USDA and TEA, but if and when the time comes for the district to serve 100 percent soy products, then the school would announce it and prepare parents and students for the changes.

Soy products, when added to traditional meat products, reduce fat and calories as

well as add additional moisture which makes certain foods more tasty, Evans said. Certain meats, such as steak fingers, chicken nuggets and even the beef and pork patties, ordered for the HISD cafeterias already have vegetable protein product (VPP), a soy additive, added to them.

A common concern among food service workers and the beef and soy producers is that children will not eat the product, which means more waste and even less nutrition for school age children.

Burt Rutherford, public information officer with the Texas Cattle Feeders Association, said part of the problem with serving 100 percent soy meat substitutes is that soy does not provide necessary iron or zinc and the USDA proposal does not provide for additional supplements.

Evans said cost is apparently not being considered a factor because meats with added soy products usually cost more than meats without soy products.

"Folks from the soybean industry aren't really for the idea either," Rutherford said. "Besides, 100 percent soy is nearly ined-

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NRA, White House escalating sniping

WASHINGTON (AP) — A National Rifle Association executive has stepped up his attack on President Clinton, saying that the blood of a murdered coach is on the president's hands.

White House spokesman Joe Lockhart today denounced the comment by Wayne LaPierre.

"The NRA will do anything, say anything to change the subject away from sensible gun-safety legislation that will save lives," Lockhart said on ABC's "Good Morning America."

Lockhart's comments came a day after gun-control advocates won a rare — though symbolic — victory in Congress. The House, in a non-binding 218-205 vote, urged House and Senate negotiators to meet within two weeks to work out a

compromise on long-stalled gun legislation.

As Clinton has increased pressure on Congress to toughen gun-safety laws, the NRA — which contends the administration will not enforce existing laws — has increasingly personalized its disagreement with the president.

In an interview on ABC Wednesday night, LaPierre said of Clinton: "Has he looked into the eyes of Ricky Byrdsong's family? Because that blood is on his hands."

Byrdsong, a former Northwestern University basketball coach, was shot to death last summer in a two-state shooting spree in which

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PRESIDENT CLINTON
Drawing fire from gun lobby.



BRAND/Dan Cooper
Snow dog? — Louie, an over-size Pomeranian, has some snow flakes on his head as he sits on a back step, deciding if he wants to stay outside in the cold to watch birds or go back inside where it's warm. The cold front that moved into the region last night dropped 0.01 inches of snow on the city this morning.

Study: Diesel fumes contain cancer agents

WASHINGTON (AP) — Toxic chemicals in diesel exhausts from trucks and buses are responsible for at least 125,000 cancers over a lifetime, according to a study by a coalition of state and local air pollution control agencies.

The state officials' report being released today comes as the petroleum industry is stepping up a campaign to persuade the Clinton administration to back off from plans for tougher pollution controls on diesel fuel.

Although the new regulations for diesel, now under review at the White House, would not go into effect until 2006, industry groups hoped the current turmoil about diesel fuel prices — and to some extent supply — might help sway the administration.

The Environmental Protection Agency's proposal, sent to the White House Office of Management and Budget earlier this year, would sharply reduce the sulfur content in diesel fuel and require other pollution improvements.

An EPA spokeswoman, Kim Ruby, declined to

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HEREFORD BRAND
Local roundup

HISD hosts parenting seminar

The Parent Educators from Hereford campuses will host the final session of the "Effective Home and School Communication" seminar 6:30-8 p.m. March 21 at the HISD Administration Building, 601 N. 25 Mile Ave. The session will be presented in both English and Spanish.

Session 2 is "Parenting Styles".

Food, door prizes and childcare will be provided. All parents are invited.

PLN hosts gardening seminar

The Promised Land Network and the El Hormiguero Project Organization will offer an outdoor workshop on bio-intensive gardening methods 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at San Jose Community Center's church grounds.

The workshop will focus on "hands on" gardening techniques such as building seed flats, composting and cultivation. For more information contact Lydia Villanueva at 806-364-4445.

Fire outlook remains high

The Texas Forest Service warns that fire danger for much of the state remains high and residents should guard against chance wildfires. Drought comparisons between 1996 and this year reveal most areas of the state are experiencing equal or greater drought conditions this year.

HEREFORD BRAND
Obituaries



STEPHANIE WALKER
March 15, 2000

Services for Stephanie Walker, 19, of Hereford will be 2 p.m. Friday at the First Assembly of God Church with Rev. Mike Sullivan officiating. Burial will be in West Park Cemetery under the direction of Parkside Chapel Funeral Home.

Ms. Walker died Wednesday at Baptist St. Anthony's Hospice in Amarillo.

She was born Oct. 4, 1980, in Hereford to Bob and Valerie Bridges Walker. She attended Hereford High School and sang in the choir. She was a member of the First Assembly of God Church.

Survivors include her parents; one brother, Justin Walker of Hereford; grand parents, Christine Bridges of Amarillo and Edwin Bridges and his wife Faye of Amarillo; grandfather, Isom Walker of Dimmitt; several uncles, aunts and cousins.

She was preceded in death by one brother.

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GENE BRITO
March 14, 2000

BOVINA - Services for Gene Brito, 68, of Bovina will be 10 a.m. Friday at St. Ann's Catholic Church with Fr. Ed Sweeney officiating. Vigil services will be 7:30 tonight at St. Ann's Catholic Church with Deacon John Nino officiating. Burial will be in the Bovina Cemetery under the direction of Ellis-Blackwell Funeral Home.

Mr. Brito died Tuesday at the Parmer County Community Hospital.

He was born May 3, 1931,

in Bovina. He was a lifelong resident of Parmer County. He was employed at the West Hub Gin since 1954 and became a partner in 1958. He sold his interest in 1997 and retired. He was a member of St. Ann's Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus. He was stationed aboard the USS Brannon while in the Navy. He married Mary Rose Baca in Bovina in 1954.

Survivors include his wife; three sons, Dennis Brito of Hereford, Rory Brito of Odessa, Toby Brito of Bovina; six sisters, Pearl Cervantez of Bovina, Matilda Baca and Elizabeth Sena, both of Friona, Marie Cervantez of Clovis, N.M., Donna Dominguez of Portales, N.M., Lucy Everett of Earth; one brother, Joe Brito of Ribera, N.M.

He was preceded in death by one brother and one sister.

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J.O. WHEELER
March 14, 2000

HALE CENTER - Services for J.O. Wheeler, 83, of Hale Center will be 11 a.m. Friday at the Hale Center Cemetery with Rev. J. Dean McNamara and Jack McClung, hospice chaplains, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Freeman-Abel Funeral Home.

Mr. Wheeler died Monday at Prairie House Living Center.

He was born April 28, 1916, in Wingate. He married Estelle Bailley on Nov. 6, 1935, in Abilene. He moved to Hale Center in 1955. He owned and operated a television sales and repair shop. He retired in the late 70s. He had served as a member of the Hale Center City Council and was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Hale Center.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Lanny Wheeler of Gunnison, Colo., Larry Wheeler of Lubbock; two daughters, Ann Wheeler of Plainview, Vicky McKinney of Hale Center; one sister, Betty Thomason of Winters; 11 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Prairie House Living Center, Vistacare Family Hospice or the Parkinson Foundation.

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Winter's back



Not done yet -- Area residents were reminded again this morning that Old Man Winter isn't quite finished with us as they put aside shorts and light weight shirts and donned parkas and gloves to chip and scrape ice from car windows. Manuel Monreal was one of many residents who found themselves wishing for a garage this morning as a thick coat of ice kept him busy before he could head to work.

Minority drop-out rate remains high

Education system fails to prepare black and hispanic students

WASHINGTON (AP) — Hispanic students are twice as likely as blacks and three times as likely as whites to drop out of high school, according to Education Department statistics that suggest the nation is ill-equipped to deal with the fastest-growing group of schoolchildren.

Education Secretary Richard Riley, hoping to create a brighter future for these children, is asking public school districts to establish in the next five years 1,000 new dual-language schools that instruct children in English and in a native language such as Spanish.

"If we see to it that immigrants and their children can speak only English and nothing more, then we will have missed one of the greatest opportunities of this new century," Riley said Wednesday. "It is high time we begin to treat language skills as the asset they are."

Riley said dual language instruction has proven to help Hispanic children do better academically as well as preserve children's heritage and promote bilingualism that can help students in an increasingly global economy.

"Unfortunately, too many teachers and administrators today treat a child's native language as a weakness if it is not English," Riley said, speaking at Bell Multicultural High School, which is not one of the nation's 260 dual-language schools. "In some places, even the idea of bilingual education is controversial. It shouldn't be."

Judge orders Resendiz to psychological exam

HOUSTON (AP) — A state district judge who ordered a rail-riding drifter accused of nine slayings in three states to undergo another psychological examination has rejected the suspect's accusations of broken promises by prosecutors.

Judge Bill Harmon told Angel Maturino Resendiz that he could cite him for contempt, limit testimony of a defense psychiatrist or tell jurors that

one of three main, often hotly debated approaches to teaching the 3 million U.S. students with limited English proficiency, of which nearly 75 percent are Hispanic. These students, designated by school tests and other measures as non-English speakers, also are taught in English-only classes or completely in their native languages.

Conservative critics of dual-language schools said Wednesday that such instruction doesn't necessarily give non-English speakers the language immersion necessary to improve.

"You are basically using Hispanic kids to help teach English-speaking kids Spanish," said Jorge Amselle of the Center for Equal Opportunity, a Washington-based group critical of current bilingual education programs.

While Hispanic children are more likely than other kids to come from poor families where they don't have good access to health care and preschool classes that would make them better students, Riley recounted statistics indicating that language is the chief barrier to learning.

In 1997, 25.3 percent of Hispanics ages 16 to 24 had dropped out of high school, compared with 13.4 percent of blacks and 7.6 percent of whites.

The dropout rates for Hispanics are linked to a student's language difficulties. Nearly half of foreign-born Hispanic students drop out, while just 16 percent of Hispanic students born in the United States leave school, Riley said. And among U.S.-born students who had at least one foreign-born parent, the dropout rate was higher at 20 percent.

While 11 percent of Hispanics age 25 to 29 possessed at least a bachelor's degree, 14.2 percent of blacks and 32.6 percent of whites had finished

the defendant wouldn't follow the court's order.

Resendiz attempted Wednesday to trade his cooperation with a court-appointed psychologist for a hearing on what he contends were promises broken by the lawmen who negotiated his surrender.

But Harmon told Maturino Resendiz, 40, he wasn't interested in his reasons for not talking to the court's expert.

college.

And there are fewer teachers who can teach bilingual students. While 54 percent of the nation's classrooms have students in need of English instruction, just 20 percent of teachers say they feel prepared to teach them, the department said.

"Parents and educators want all children to learn English because it is essential for success," Riley said, disclosing the latest research on Hispanic students. "But, whatever the approach to teaching English, it cannot be simply a defensive or reactive one."

The trouble with dual-language schools, said Amselle, is that nearly half of them have a 9-to-1 ratio of non-English students.

"It really is Spanish immersion, and that's great for English speakers, but not so great

for the Spanish speakers," Amselle said, adding that many parents have opposed such schools.

But at Oyster Elementary in Washington, a 325-student school where every child learns everything equally in Spanish and in English, children are successful, Principal Paquita Holland said.

Each classroom has two teachers who divide the children into two groups. While one group is solving math problems in English; the other is doing the same math lesson in Spanish. At the end of the semester or quarter, the groups switch languages.

Nearly half the children there are poor and 56 percent are Hispanic, yet seven in 10 have scored at or above grade level on recent standardized reading and math tests, Holland said.

HEREFORD BRAND
Emergency services

Activities reported by emergency services personnel for March 15, 2000, include the following:

POLICE DEPARTMENT
Arrests

- A 28-year-old man was arrested in the 200 block of Avenue B and charged with Department of Public Safety warrants.

- A 17-year-old male juvenile was arrested in the 100 block of West Fifth and charged as a minor driving under the influence of alcohol and numerous other traffic violations.

Incidents

- A theft was reported in the 600 block of Irving.

- Two boys were reported fighting in the cemetery in the 400 block of Ranger.

- A criminal trespass was reported in the 600 block of Irving.

- A child with a BB gun was reported in the 400 block of Knight Street.

- A child was bitten by a dog in the 500 block of Avenue J. The animal was taken to the animal shelter for quarantine.

- A fight was reported in the 1500 block of Brevard.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
Arrests

- A 55-year-old man was booked on a driving while intoxicated sentence.

Incidents

- A simple assault was reported.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

- 1:10 a.m. Firefighters responded to a reported grass fire four miles west of Hereford. Firefighters could not locate a fire.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Texas lottery

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

The numbers drawn Wednesday night from a field of 50 were:

6-15-19-23-38-39.

Saturday night's drawing will be worth an estimated \$22 million.

Pick 3

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Wednesday by the Texas Lottery, in order: **8-3-7**

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Ann Landers

Dear Ann Landers: Many years ago, you printed a letter about an English girl married to an Irish man. I saved it, because it reminded me of my situation. Would you please print it again for all of us who have Irish husbands? — Susan in Boston

Dear Susan: Here it is — additional fodder for those who believe the war between the English and the Irish is destined to go on from here to eternity. Thank you for a letter that is perfect for St. Patrick's Day:

Dear Ann Landers: I'm English. My husband is Irish. My mother told me what I was getting into, but I didn't believe her. I do now.

Mike thinks St. Patrick's Day is the most important holiday of the year. It comes ahead of Christmas, our anniversary, my birthday — everything. Every year, we give a St. Pat's party, and the 10th one is coming up.

This time, Mike wants to invite everyone who came to last year's party, plus six new couples. Five of those couples have not even picked up the phone all year to see if we are living or dead — let alone invite us to anything. I don't see why we should ask them again. We want your opinion. — Thorn in the Shamrock

Dear Thorn: You can't win an argument with an Irishman, especially about St. Patrick's Day. Give Mike his way this time, but NEXT year, don't invite anyone who has ignored you for two years straight.

Dear Ann Landers: My husband and I have been married for 20 years, and we have two wonderful teenage daughters. Both girls are good students and a pleasure to have around the house. Our younger daughter is 14 and in high school. Our older daughter, "Georgia," is 19 and lives at home. She is a full-time college student, and earns money by baby-sitting and doing some part-time work. She is a loving and responsible girl, does her own laundry, keeps her room clean, helps me in the kitchen, and pays the insurance and upkeep on her car.

Here is the problem: Between her class schedule, her job and her social life, Georgia is rarely at home. She has a curfew and respects it, and calls regularly to check in with us. Her friends are decent, trustworthy teenagers, and we like them a great deal. We expect her to be socially active. However, it is getting virtually impossible to plan a family trip or outing, since we can never get everyone together at the same time.

I say, as long as Georgia is in school and responsible for her chores at home, she should have the freedom of spending time away from the family. Her father disagrees. He takes her absences personally, and it is affecting their relationship. This past week, Georgia was gone four nights out of five, mostly due to a special three-day weekend event. However, it is not unusual for her to spend the night at a friend's home twice a week. We live outside the city, and although her friends are welcome here, it is more convenient for Georgia to stay at a girlfriend's house.

This is not a matter of trust, Ann. Georgia is not doing anything wrong when she is at a girlfriend's home. The parents are always present. I think she is behaving normally for a young woman of 19, but my husband feels that he has lost a daughter. I don't like seeing him hurt. Should we insist that Georgia spend more time at home? — Split Decision Out West

Dear Split: The odds just changed. I am with you and Georgia. She should not be pressured to spend more time with her parents — not at 19 years of age, for heaven's sake. Tell your husband that Daddy's Little Girl is doing just dandy, and to lighten up.

When planning a wedding, who pays for what? Who stands where? "The Ann Landers Guide for Brides" has all the answers. Send a self-addressed, long, business-size envelope and a check or money order for \$3.75 (this includes postage and handling) to: Brides, c/o Ann Landers, P.O. Box 11562, Chicago, Ill. 60611-0562. (In Canada, send \$4.55.)

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Membership drive almost over

The Women's Division of the Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce is concluding its annual membership drive this month.

Current members have been placed on two teams and will compete to see which team can sign up the most new members. Losers will fix dinner for the winners at the quarterly meeting in April.

Memberships in the Women's Division are \$20. Additional information may be obtained by calling Hathaway at 363-2265 or 364-6936.



Search is underway for Relay teams

Volunteers needed to participate in walk benefiting cancer society

Special to The Brand

There is an important search currently underway in Hereford. The Deaf Smith County chapter of the American Cancer Society is looking for teams of volunteers to walk in the fourth annual Relay for Life.

This year's event will be held at Whiteface Stadium, June 2-3. The theme is "Relay Retro - Blast from the Past." Volunteers will be asked to dress themselves and their "campsite" in their favorite era from the past century.

The Relay committee, chaired by Bryan McGaw, has set some big goals. McGaw said they hope to raise at least \$47,000 for the American Cancer Society, which will use the funds for cancer research, prevention and education, as well as local patient services.

Teams, made up of approximately eight to 10

people, will walk around the track at Whiteface Stadium from 7 p.m. Friday, June 2 until 11 a.m. Saturday, June 3.

"The idea is to have at least one member of the team on the track at all times," McGaw said, adding that he hopes to have at least 45 teams entered in this year's event.

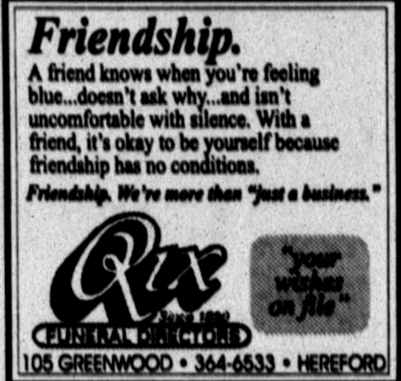
Each team member must raise at least \$50 in donations for A.C.S. In return, they will receive a T-shirt, plenty of food, fun, games and entertainment.

"But the most important part of the Relay for Life is the opportunity to work as a team in the fight against cancer, while celebrating our survivors, and remembering those we have lost to this terrible disease," McGaw said.

The Relay for Life committee will hold a "Team Captain" meeting at 5:45 p.m. Thursday, March 23 in the banquet room of Hereford Community Center for anyone interested in organizing or joining a team.

Important information on how to get started, fund-raising tips, event activities, and basic Relay rules will be discussed. A light meal will be available.

For more information, call McGaw at 364-1166 or 364-0572.



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Hmmm, good! - Shelley Lewis and her children Macy, 4, Jayce, 2 and McKenna, 8 months, check out a pan of homemade goodies for the Xi Epsilon Alpha bake sale benefiting Big Brothers Big Sisters which will be held from 9 a.m.-noon Saturday in Homeland, 535 N. 25 Mile Ave.

McGilvary gives book review

Hereford Study Club met recently in the home of Hazel Ford for its March meeting.

The nominating committee reported the new slate of officers for the coming club year. They are Helen Spinks, president; Mary Stoy, president; Joan Yarbrow, secretary-reporter; Carole McGilvary, treasurer; Jean Ballard, corresponding sec-

retary; Virginia Winget, historian; and Betty Martin, parliamentarian.

McGilvary gave a book review on "Love is a Wild Assault" by Elizabeth Hamilton Kirkland. The book, based on a poem by Harriet Ann Moore, is the story of life on the wild frontier in the early days of the Texas republic and the treachery, scandal,

mystery and controversy in which she was involved.

In attendance at the meeting were a guest Roberta Caviness and members Barbara Allen, Willie Braddy, Doris Bryant, Elizabeth Hellman, Evelyn Wilson, Ballard, Ford, Martin, McGilvary, Spinks, Stoy, Winget and Yarbrow.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Area Events

CANYON

The Western Swing Music Society of the Southwest will host the second annual Western Swing Music Festival in Canyon this Friday and Saturday. Activities will be held in the Henson Activity Center Ballroom on the campus of West Texas A&M University at 10 a.m. daily.

Talent from all over the United States and Canada will come to play and jam from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. A variety of swing bands will perform beginning at 4:15 p.m.

The music festival is open to the public and the admission is \$10 daily for non-members and \$5 daily for members.

PAMPA

The Top O' Texas Rodeo Association is now accepting entries for the Miss Rodeo Top O' Texas and Miss Rodeo Top O' Texas Teen pageants. An information clinic will be held on March 25 at the Pampa Community Building, 200 N. Ballard, from 10 a.m.-noon.

Admission is \$5 per person and information will be given regarding the pageant. Make-up and modeling specialists will be available for consultation and pageant clothing from previous local and state pageants will be on display.

Young ladies from 13 to 23 years old are eligible to enter. Entry forms are due in the rodeo office by May 30. The pageants will be held in conjunction with the Top O' Texas Rodeo July 13-15.

Entry forms, rules and general information can be obtained by calling 806-669-0434.

LUBBOCK

The Lubbock Municipal Garden and Arts Center, 4215 University Ave., is offering a line-up of art classes and workshops for teens and adults.

Artist Wayne Greene will instruct Figure Drawing, an adult class in which students will explore the techniques of drawing the human figure in a variety of space. This class will meet

Tuesdays and Thursday, March 21-April 6 from 9-10:30 a.m.

Explorations in Clay, taught by ceramist Oliver McRae, will allow each participant to explore the sculptural aspects of clay. The class will meet Thursdays March 16-April 6, 20 and 27 from 6-9 p.m.

For more information, call the Garden and Arts Center at 806-767-3724.

AMARILLO

BSA Hospice will present a volunteer training/community education class, "The Hospice Approach to Living with Dying," in eight sessions on Mondays and Thursdays, March 20-April 13 from 1:30-4:30 p.m. Classes will be in the BSA Hospice Building, 600 N. Tyler.

This is a class for anyone interested in becoming a hospice volunteer, learning more about hospice care and/or desiring personal growth and enrichment.

The training is free of charge. CEU's will be awarded by Amarillo College.

Highlight of this date in history: Hawthorne's novel first published

By The Associated Press
Today is Thursday, March 16, the 76th day of 2000. There are 290 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 16, 1850, "The Scarlet Letter," Nathaniel Hawthorne's novel about adultery, revenge and redemption in Puritan Massachusetts, was first published.

On this date:

In 1802, Congress authorized the establishment of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y.

In 1836, the Republic of Texas approved a constitution. In 1894, the opera "Thais," composed by Jules Massenet, premiered in Paris.

In 1915, the Federal Trade Commission was organized.

In 1935, Adolf Hitler scrapped the Treaty of Versailles.

In 1945, during World War II, the Pacific island of Iwo Jima was declared secured by the Allies.

In 1968, during the Vietnam War, the My Lai Massacre was carried out by U.S. troops under the command of

Lt. William L. Calley Jr. In 1978, Italian politician Aldo Moro was kidnapped by left-wing urban guerrillas, who later murdered him.

In 1985, Terry Anderson, chief Middle East correspondent for The Associated Press, was abducted in Beirut; he was released in December 1991.

Ten years ago: South African President F.W. de Klerk announced that exiled African National Congress leaders could return home for talks with the white-led government.

Five years ago: House Republicans pushed through \$17 billion in spending cuts, prompting a veto threat by the White House. NASA astronaut Norman Thagard became the first American to visit the Russian space station Mir.

One year ago: The Dow Jones industrial average briefly topped the 10,000 level, reaching a high of 10,001.78 before retreating. The entire 20-member European Commission resigned following publication of a critical report on sloppy management and cronyism. The Nebraska

Cornhuskers beat Chicago State 50-3 in an NCAA baseball game.

Today's Birthdays: Statesman Mike Mansfield is 97. Actor Leo McKern is 80. Comedian-director Jerry Lewis is 74. Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan (D-N.Y.) is 73. Jazz musician Tommy Flanagan is 70. Movie director Bernardo Bertolucci is 60. Game show host Chuck Woolery is 59. Singer-songwriter Jerry Jeff Walker is 58. Country singer Robin Williams is 53. Actor Erik Estrada is 51. Actor Victor Garber is 51. Actress Kate Nelligan is 49. Country singer Ray Benson (Asleep at the Wheel) is 49. Rock singer-musician Nancy Wilson (Heart) is 46. Golfer Hollis Stacy is 46. Actress Isabelle Huppert is 45. Rapper Flavor Flav (Public Enemy) is 41.

Thought for Today: "No man, for any considerable period, can wear one face to himself, and another to the multitude, without finally getting bewildered as to which may be the true." - From "The Scarlet Letter" by Nathaniel Hawthorne, American author (1804-1864).

Griener presents program for Alpha Alpha

Ron and Gloria Griener of Landscape Creations presented the program at the recent meeting of the Alpha Alpha chapter of Beta Sigma Phi in the home of hostess Barbara Burkhalter with president Marcia Mardis as co-hostess.

Griener gave tips on planting for spring and summer, as well as tips for fertilizing, and weed and

bug prevention.

Members were advised that the state convention will be June 23-25 in Lubbock. Registrations need to be in by May 23.

Spring Rituals will be April 20 with the Alpha Alpha chapter responsible for refreshments. Alene Tindal is chairman of this committee.

Founders Day is set for April

25. Alpha Alpha chapter is in charge of programs. Burkhalter is chairman of this committee.

Attending the recent meeting were eight members and one guest, Kacy Scoggin of Wichita, Kan., daughter of Mardis.

The next meeting will be a social event with Lynda Brown and Virginia Jackson as hostesses.

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Women arrive to rate golf course



Rating the Course — Trina Albright, JoAnn Teasley and Florence Larsh accumulate statistics while rating the John Pitman Municipal Golf Course.

WTGA officials came Monday to pro-rate Hereford's golf course

By Jeff Blackmon
Hereford Brand Sports Editor

They came a long way from their homes in Midland to help women golfers in Hereford be able to play a course that was pro-rated.

On Monday, the John Pitman Municipal Golf Course was pro-rated by female members of the Women's Texas Golf Association (WTGA). The WTGA is associated and certified to pro-rate courses for the United States Golf Association (USGA).

Trina Albright, JoAnn Teasley and Florence Larsh are all members at the Green Tree Country Club in Midland and volunteer their assistance to the WTGA to pro-rate courses.

"The WTGA is who sanctions the rating for the forward tees," Albright said. "There are different things you look at for each hole."

The process of rating a course is complicated. Teasley

said they consider several aspects of each hole.

"You rate by a scratch golfer and a bogey golfer," Teasley said.

Teasley said they first figure out the landing area for a scratch golfer, and then they examine all the obstacles that would hinder the golf shot. Teasley said these obstacles include green speed, water and wind speed.

"Then it is a comparison from your scratch golfer and your bogey golfer," Teasley said. "That is how you get a slope rating."

Larsh said the course rating is based on a scratch golfer and the slope rating is how the bogey golfer plays compared to the scratch.

"Those two factors are used in order for an individual to establish a handicap," Larsh said.

Teasley said the rating will establish a handicap index based on the course rating and the slope rating.

"That is how you even courses out," Teasley said. "For example, Hereford's course is not too long and it's not too hard, but if people who play the Hereford course go to a course that is real hard then they get strokes added to their handicap."

The women said the rating will act as an equalizer for the women who play the course in Hereford and other area courses.

Albright said each hole and its obstacles are given numerical values and put in a com-

Knight denies charges

'The General' denies claims of abuse by ex-player Neil Reed

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. (AP) — Indiana coach Bob Knight doesn't recall choking former player Neil Reed, although he might have grabbed him around the neck for motivational reasons.

Knight on Wednesday also denied Reed's claim that he ordered the university's president out of a basketball practice.

Reed, who transferred from Indiana at the end of the 1996-97 season, accused Knight of choking him during practice and contended he was physically and mentally abused by Knight.

An interview with CNN/Sports Illustrated in which Reed repeated his charges was broadcast Tuesday night, and a longer version was part of

CNN program Wednesday night.

"Maybe I grabbed Neil Reed by the shoulder, maybe I took him by the back of the neck, I don't know. I don't remember everything I've done in practice," Knight told Indianapolis television station WTHR on Wednesday.

The university investigated and rejected Reed's claims three years ago, but school officials said Wednesday that they would look into the new claims.

"Whenever something like this comes up, obviously the university is under an obligation to check things out," athletics director Clarence Doninger said.

Knight told WTHR he treated Reed no differently than other players.

"I have used a lot of different things for motivational purposes. I've always tried to act that part of my coaching is to move you where you're supposed to be," Knight said.

"We're not learning to play bridge. We're learning to play basketball."

Reed was an underachiever who was unanimously voted off the team by his teammates, Knight said. "Who's heard about Neil Reed in the past three years?"

Knight called Reed's claim that Indiana president Myles Brand was dismissed from a practice by Knight "the most absurd comment of all. ... That absolutely, positively in total-

ity never happened."

Several Indiana players also denied Reed's charges during a news conference Tuesday night. Basketball media relations director Todd Starowitz read a statement from former assistant coach Dan Dakich.

"Anyone who has seen coach at practice knows that he will physically move a player by the waist or shoulders from one spot on the floor to another to make a coaching point, but for Reed to say that I ever had to separate him from Coach is false," Dakich said. "I did see Coach take a kid by the shoulder or elbow and say 'Get over here,' but choking a player? No. Never, ever."

Doninger, who investigated Reed's charges after he left the team in 1997, complaining that he had faced "physical assaults" at Knight's hands, said Reed wouldn't elaborate.

"He said something to the effect that he wasn't going to talk about his allegations on the advice of counsel. So I respected that," he said.

Within days of that conversation, Doninger said he spoke to all of the Indiana players and every coach except Knight, to whom he had already spoken.

"Basically, nobody had anything to say," he said.

Bruce Jaffee, associate dean for academics at the Kelley School of Business and chairman of IU's athletics committee, said the CNN/SI report would be on the committee's agenda for its meeting next week.

John Walda, president of the IU board of trustees, said it would be up to the athletic department and Brand to determine if further consideration is warranted. Brand was out of town Wednesday and unavailable for comment.

"I'm sure the president will talk to coach Knight about the report and that there will be an opportunity for anybody involved to express their view," Walda said.

A.J. Guyton, the team's scoring leader and first-team All-American, said he was disappointed to come to practice Tuesday and hear about comments he called "outrageous."

The Hoosiers (20-8), seeded sixth in the NCAA East, planned to leave today for Buffalo, N.Y., where they will face 11th-seeded Pepperdine (24-8) on Friday. It's the first appearance in the tournament for Pepperdine since 1994, while the Hoosiers are in for the 15th straight year.

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DOUBLES CHAMPS



Doubles Champions — Betty Taylor (left) and Raiene Smith won the doubles event at last weekend's Hereford Women's City Tournament.

Rating

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puter that figures out the ratings.

"The figures are put in the computer," Albright said. "The computer will kick out the course rating and the slope rating."

Larsh said the USGA has determined that a course needs to be rated in order for golfers to compete in tournaments.

"If the people in Hereford want to come down to Midland and play we have to have an index," Larsh said. "The only way you can have an index is to have a slope rating so in order for them to play in one of our tournaments their course must be rated."

Larsh said the USGA recommended that new courses be rated every three years and

older courses about every 10 years.

Teasley said that all the associations in Texas require that a golfer's handicap come from a slope rated course in order for a golfer to play in association events. She said the slope rating gives the players at courses an official rating.

The women were very impressed with Hereford's course and wished they could have played a round before heading back.

"Usually we rate the course and then we play it," Albright said. "We didn't have time today, but it looks like a nice course."

Before heading home, the women said to keep an eye out for the slope rating in the next several weeks.

Track team strong in Odessa

The Hereford High School track team was successful last weekend in Odessa.

On the boys side, the Whitefaces placed eighth with 27 points.

Javier Bravo placed third in the 3200 with a time of 10:58:76.

On the girls' side, Brionne Yosten led the Lady Whitefaces to a sixth place finish. The girls finished with 36 points overall.

Brionne Yosten placed first in the 800 with a time of 2:16:25, and also placed first in the 1600 with a time 5:19:25.

In the 400 relay, the Lady Whitefaces finished third place at 4:06:94.

The next challenge for the track team will start on Friday in Hereford at the Deaf Smith County Invitational.

Braswell leads Hoyas to Victory

After leading Georgetown to a triple-overtime victory in the National Invitation Tournament, Kevin Braswell's body finally gave out.

Braswell developed leg cramps after the game and needed intravenous fluids. He was unable to speak to reporters, but it didn't matter — his play spoke volumes.

Braswell scored a career-high 40 points and played 49 of 55 minutes in Georgetown's 115-111 victory over Virginia on Wednesday night.

"He was phenomenal," Virginia coach Pete Gillen said. "We couldn't stop him. We put everyone on him, tried box and one, ran at him. He was just too quick, too clever, too cagey."

Braswell scored 32 points after halftime and five in the third overtime as the Hoyas (19-14) rallied to tie it in regulation and had last-chance shots in the first two extra periods.

But they ultimately didn't need a desperation shot as Gharun Hester gave them a 112-109 lead with his first career 3-pointer. Anthony Perry added a free throw 17 seconds later.

Virginia (19-12), which pulled within two on Adam Hall's putback with 6.8 seconds left, fouled Braswell with 6.2 left. The Cavaliers caught a break when Braswell missed his sec-

ond shot, but threw the ball away before they could get off a potential game-tying 3-pointer.

In other NIT first-round games, Penn State beat Princeton 55-41; Villanova defeated Delaware 72-63; Xavier edged Marquette 67-63; Mississippi topped North Carolina Charlotte 62-45; Notre Dame beat Michigan 75-65; Brigham Young routed Bowling Green 81-54; Arizona State defeated New Mexico State 83-77; California edged Long Beach State 70-66; and New Mexico beat South Florida 64-58.

After the Hoyas rallied from a four-point deficit, Virginia went back ahead 109-107. But Braswell tied it with a driving layup and then Hester, a wide receiver on the Georgetown football team, knocked in his big shot.

"That was one of the craziest games I've ever been associated with," Hoyas coach Craig Esherick said.

Forced to play without Ruben Boumtje Boumtje because of an injury, Georgetown lost three players to fouls and finished with smx players.

Lee Scruggs played the last half of his 44 minutes severely hobbled and with a noticeable limp, and also needed IV fluids after it was over.

"We were lucky we had five guys left that were able to play," Esherick said. "Our guys

just gutted it out."

Allen had 16 points and 16 rebounds, and Gary Buchanan scored 18 for Villanova.

The Wildcats (20-12), unbeaten in seven games against Delaware (24-8), took its biggest lead at 54-29 early in the second half after a 14-2 run that included eight points by Brooks Sales.

Xavier 67, Marquette 63
At Cincinnati, Maurice McAfee hit a 3-pointer and a free throw in the final two minutes as Xavier overcame a big second-half deficit.

Xavier (21-11) trailed by 10 with 15:25 left before rallying behind the front-line play of Kevin Frey and David West and McAfee's clutch 3-pointer.

Marquette (15-14) had a shot to tie it at 66 with 5 seconds left, but Brian Wardle's 3-point attempt went off the side of the rim. Aaron Turner got the rebound, was fouled and hit one free throw to clinch it.

Mississippi 62, UNC Charlotte 45

At Oxford, Miss., Marcus Hicks scored 14 points as Mississippi (18-12) held North Carolina Charlotte (17-16) without a field goal for seven minutes in the first half.

Lataryl Williams had 13 points, Rahim Lockhart 12, Jason Harrison 10 and Jason Flanigan 13 as the only players to score for Mississippi.

BYU 81, Bowling Green 54

At Provo, Utah, Terrell Lyday scored 15 points, and Michael Vranes added 14 for BYU (21-10), which won for the fifth time in six games.

Dave Esterkamp led Bowling Green (22-8) with 19 points.

Notre Dame 75, Michigan 65
At South Bend, Ind., Troy Murphy scored 32 points — 12 at the free-throw line — as Notre Dame beat Michigan.

Notre Dame (19-14) survived a physical final 49.6 seconds without Murphy after his fifth foul and Michigan (15-14) down 69-64. Notre Dame made it through a flurry of fouls by going 6-of-8 from the foul line to clinch it.

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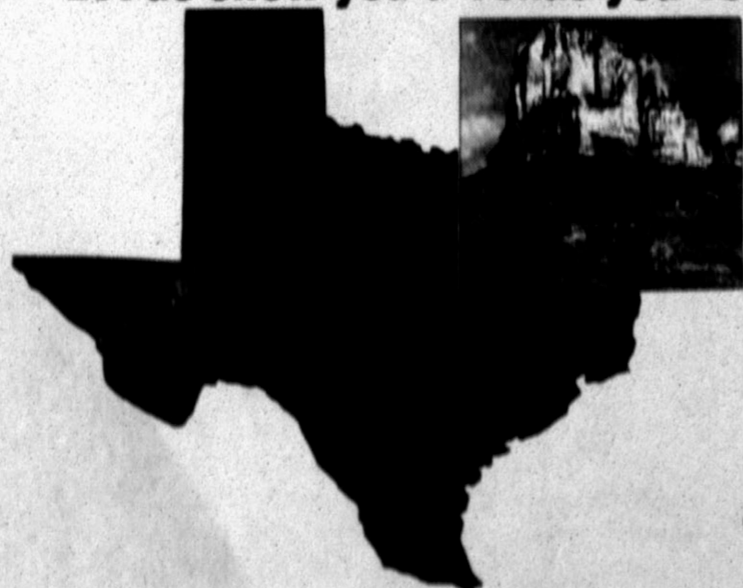
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INSIDE

Is country music victim of 'Murder'?

By Jim Patterson

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The song says it all: "The steel guitars no longer cry, and fiddles barely play/But drums and rock 'n' roll guitars/are mixed up in your face."

"Murder on Music Row" is a rising hit duet by country music traditionalists George Strait and Alan Jackson. The recording argues that the influence of pop music is killing the music of Hank Williams and Lefty Frizzell.

"Ol' Hank wouldn't have a chance on today's radio," they say in the song written by Larry Cordle and Larry Shell. Music executives debated the growing pop influence in country music in a recent panel discussion at the Country Radio Seminar convention here. The topic was so hot that organizers had to open a second hotel ballroom to accommodate the crowd.

The panelists considered hits including Lonestar's "Your Love Amazes Me" and Martina McBride's "I Love You," which crossed over to the pop charts and sparked big sales. The latest albums by Nashville stars Faith Hill and Shania Twain are pop music in everything but name, and well-received by that audience.

Alabama had a hit duet with pop group N' Sync. Mark Chesnutt and Mark Wills have cut country versions of pop hits.

Even country records that don't cross over aren't as country as they once were. "Is country music an art form or a business?" asked singer Kenny Rogers, who crossed over to the pop charts in the 1980s. "If it's an art form, get rid of pop music. But if it's a business, keep it."

National television exposure is hard to get for country acts, said Joe Galante, who runs BMG. "Lonestar couldn't get arrested (for TV bookings) with eight or nine weeks at No. 1 country," said Galante. "They got the Academy of Country Music Awards and Leno when they crossed over to pop."

With sales of country music down about 4.5 percent in 1999, the likelihood is that the pop trend will continue. "This (country) audience is shrinking," said Allen Butler, who runs Sony Records in Nashville. "Pop songs are good if they draw in listeners."

Twain's success on other radio formats is an example, said Luke Lewis, president of Mercury Nashville Records. Since she has many more country hits than pop, fans introduced to her via pop radio have to listen to country stations if they want more. They may hear something else they like while they're there.



"Murder on Music Row," a recording by traditionalists George Strait (top) and Alan Jackson argues the influence of pop music is killing the music of Hank Williams and Lefty Frizzell.

McCartney involved with disabled activist

LONDON (AP) — Former Beatle Paul McCartney confirmed that he is involved with a former swimwear model and activist for the disabled. McCartney, whose wife Linda died of breast cancer nearly two years ago, had been spotted with Heather Mills in the past months. "Yes, we're very good friends. She's a very impressive woman. We are an item," he said in a statement. "We've done charity work together and we've grown close. We have been on holiday together and that's it."



Paul McCartney

"If this is to develop, then give us a chance. I'm not a politician and we're not spies. I don't want to be surrounded by photographers because that could wreck something."

Mills, 32, lost a leg in a 1993 road accident and has championed appeals to aid the disabled. Her friendship with McCartney grew after he helped her launch a charity single called "Voice."

After the loss of his wife of 29 years, whom he often called his soulmate, McCartney spent much of his time with his children. He returned to recording last year with his rock photographers lurking in bushes, McCartney, 'n' roll album "Run Devil Run."

FRIDAY MARCH 17

Table of TV and radio programs for Friday, March 17. Columns include time slots (6 PM to 11 PM) and program titles such as 'Wash. Wash. Wall St.', 'Served: Wall for God', 'Time Goes', 'Keeping Up', 'Charlie Rose', etc.

SATURDAY MARCH 18

Table of TV and radio programs for Saturday, March 18. Columns include time slots (7 AM to 12 PM) and program titles such as 'Earth', 'Garden', 'Gardener', 'Quitting', 'Spring', 'Cull', 'Sewings', 'Cook Off', 'Taste of L.A.', etc.

Table of TV and radio programs for Saturday, March 18 (continued). Columns include time slots (12:30 to 5:30) and program titles such as 'Old House', 'Workshop', 'Hometime', 'Woodshop', 'MotorWeek', 'Cars', 'Red-Rat', 'Anyplace', 'Texas Parks', 'Europe', 'Trailside', etc.

Table of TV and radio programs for Saturday, March 18 (continued). Columns include time slots (6 PM to 11 PM) and program titles such as 'Museum', 'McLaughlin', 'Antiques Roadshow', 'Lawrence Walk Show', 'Best of Austin City Limits', 'Red Green', 'Red Green', 'Democracy', etc.

SUNDAY MARCH 19

Table of TV and radio programs for Sunday, March 19. Columns include time slots (7 AM to 12 PM) and program titles such as 'Seaside Street', 'Barney', 'Zoboo', 'Dragon', 'Washbone', 'Wash. Wash. Wall St.', 'Economics', 'Economics', 'Adventure', etc.

Comics

Comic strip 'The Wizard of Id' by Brant Parker & Johnny Hart. Panel 1: A wizard in a top hat says 'SOME LAWYER!' while a man in a suit looks on. Panel 2: The wizard says 'TRY TO THINK OF IT AS APPEALING TO A HIGHER COURT'.

Comic strip 'Marvin' by Tom Armstrong. Panel 1: Marvin says 'I REALLY DON'T SEE WHY YOU'RE MAKING SUCH A BIG DEAL OUT OF BEING ON THIS SIDE OF THE SAFETY GATE'. Panel 2: Marvin says '...THE LIVING ROOM HAS ALL OF THE TOYS AND THE TV!'. Panel 3: Marvin says 'YEAH, BUT THE KITCHEN HAS ALL OF THE FOOD!'. Panel 4: Marvin says 'LET ME OUT OF HERE! MY SUPPER BOWL NEEDS ME!!'.

Comic strip 'Blondie' by Dan Young & Stan Drake. Panel 1: Blondie says 'GREAT NEWS, BLONDIE! I'M MAKING YOU OFFICE MANAGER!'. Panel 2: Blondie says 'BUT BOSS, I'M ALREADY OFFICE MANAGER!'. Panel 3: Blondie says 'IN THAT CASE, YOU CAN KEEP YOUR JOB'. Panel 4: Blondie says 'THAT IS GREAT NEWS!'.

Comic strip 'Beetle Bailey' by Mort Walker. Panel 1: Beetle says 'I'M SICK'. Panel 2: Beetle says 'IF YOU'RE REALLY, REALLY, REALLY SICK, YOU CAN STAY IN BED'. Panel 3: Beetle says 'I AM REALLY, REALLY SICK'. Panel 4: Beetle says 'DARN! I LEFT OUT ONE "REALLY!"'.

Comic strip 'Barney Google and Snuffy Smith' by Fred Lasswell. Panel 1: Barney says 'JUGHAID, WHY DO YOU KEEP CALLIN' TATER FATSO?'.

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1. ARTICLES FOR SALE

REBUILT KIRBYS 1/2 price with warranty. Other name brands. \$39 & up. Sales and repairs in your home, on all makes and models. Call 364-4288.

THE ROADS Of Texas and The Roads of New Mexico are on sale at The Hereford Brand in book form. Both maps are \$14.95 each plus tax. Discover roads you never knew were there. Hereford Brand, 313 N. Lee.

ELECTRIC TAPPAN Range. Double oven. Almond w/black glass. \$350. Call 364-3808 after 6:00p.m.

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REWARD! FOR Items taken from residence 113 Elm Street. Particularly a whet stone in small wooden box with initials WOS carved in lid. 364-1202.

SHASTA TRAVEL Trailer. 14 Foot. Call 344-2587 or 578-4444 after 6:00p.m.

CHINA CABINET For sale, \$300. Needs glass. Good condition. Call 364-0492 after 6:00p.m.

SIX WEEK Old kittens to give away. Call 364-4029.

1a. GARAGE SALES

ESTATE SALE! 213 Beach. Tuesday through Friday. All furniture and personal property must be sold. CASH ONLY!

HUGE 4 Family Garage Sale: 220 Hickory. Friday 5:30-??, Saturday 9:00-?? Washer/dryer, antique school desk, gas stove, microwave, furniture, home decor, clothes, lots of miscellaneous. NO Early Birds!

GARAGE SALE! 401 Avenue C. Friday, Saturday 8:00 til ?? Riding lawn mower, little bit of everything.

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 364-2030

BACK YARD Sale! 413 Long. Friday, Saturday 8:00 til ?? Dresser, TV's, pool table, stove, newborn clothes and up, small appliances.

2. FARM & RANCH

CUSTOM GRASS Seeding and Field Preparation. Includes: Working new ground, plowing out grasses for new stands, or over seeding current grasses. JOE WARD 364-2021 (day) or 289-5394 (night).

HAY FOR Sale! Round bales. Call 289-5564.

3. AUTOMOBILES

FOR SALE! 1998 Grand Am SE. White, \$8,750.00. Call 364-0766.

See Us Before You Buy
Marcum Motors Co.
 Clean Used Cars & Trucks
 413 N. 25 Mile Ave. 364-3565

4. REAL ESTATE

HOME BUYERS! 1999 Government Assistance Program is available to first-time home buyers with low to moderate income. You could receive up to \$7,500 in assistance. Call Kyle Michaels at 356-9444 to apply.

LOVELY HOME For sale. 3 Bedroom, 2 1/2 Bath, large office, sunroom/den, large utility room, plantation shutters. Call for appointment 364-6505.

FOR SALE! Beautiful brick home. 3 bedroom, 2 bath. Approximately 1,800 square feet, 1 1/2 car garage, good size back yard and garden area. See at 429 Miles. Call 363-6592.

SW HWY. 60 Reinauer Bldg. loading dock 6,012sq.ft., Main Bldg. 20,000sq.ft. Office area very nice. 19.4 acres. Call The Tardy Co. for details 364-4561.

1410 W. Hwy 60. Commercial. Very nice offices. Great traffic area. Covered parking area in rear. Call us for sale or lease. The Tardy Co. 364-4561.

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5. RENTAL PROPERTY

NEED EXTRA Storage space? Need a place to have a garage sale? Rent a mini storage. Two sizes available. Call 364-4370.

BEST DEAL In Town! 1 bedroom efficiency apartments. Bills paid, red brick apartments. 300 block West 2nd. 364-3566.

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 Rent based on income. Accepting applications for 1,2,3,4 bdrms. CALL Debra or Janis TODAY for information & directions. 1-5pm (806)364-6661. Equal Opportunity.

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 or Fax or Send Resume to:
 P.O. Box 129
 Cactus, Texas 79018
 fax no. 806-966-5532

ATTENTION: NEED Two people to help me in appliance business. Must have car and leadership abilities. Call 374-1688, 10am-4pm, Monday-Friday.

NOW HIRING RNs/LVNs as charge nurses/supervisors. Different shifts available with differential on night shift. Excellent working environment/benefits. EEO. Apply in person to: DEB Hendley, Director of Nursing, Prairie Acres, 201 E. 15th, Friona, Texas 79035. 806-250-3922.

BUSY OFFICE Needs office clerk. Experience in bookkeeping, payroll & computer helpful, but willing to train right person. Send resume to: P.O. Box 673-CN, Hereford, Texas 79045.

PUMP COMPANY Has immediate opening for experienced machinist. Please send resume to: Wall & Sons Drilling, P.O. Box 1815, Hereford, Texas 79045 or call 806-364-0635.

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 Do you need a new position?
 Farmers Insurance Group
 364-7676

MEDICAL CLINIC Has immediate opening for an insurance billing/collection specialist. Two years medical office experience with insurance and coding preferred. Great benefits. Send resume to CHC, P.O. Box 1817, Hereford, Texas 79045.

ATTN: NEED MOTHERS & OTHERS to work from home. 800-816-3321 OR www.dailycashnow.com.

Hereford Regional Medical Center
 Immediate Opening
 Chief Financial Officer

Responsible for all financial operations of the organization. Bachelors degree in accounting, CPA License preferred. Five years work experience in accounting and/or two years in a health care setting.

Contact Personnel
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 Unsure how to write a Classified Ad that will get results? Follow these pointers and you'll soon have an empty space in your storage room and cash in your pocket.
 For starters, look at ads which offer the same item/products. Get a sense of going rates and ideas for how to make your ad stand out. Once you're ready to write, begin with exactly what you're selling: "Dining room set, maple, six chairs." Then remember these hints:
 • Give the price. A newspaper consultant says 70 percent of classified readers won't respond to an ad with no price.
 • Use key words to describe what you're selling. The key words for a car are make, model, year, body style, color, mileage and price. If it's a house, key words are location, type of construction, number of bedrooms and baths, and condition.
 • Don't use abbreviations. It's tempting to abbreviate and save money if ads are billed by the line. Brand ads are billed by the words, so spell them out so readers won't be confused trying to figure out abbreviations.
 • 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.

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11. BUSINESS SERVICES

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

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

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

TREE & Shrub trimming and removal. Leaf raking and assorted lawn work, rotary tilling and seeding of new lawns. 364-3356.

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Domestic Violence or Sexual Assault Call 363-6727

HARVEY'S LAWN Mower Repair and Service, tune-ups, overhaul, oil changes, blade sharpening, etc. Pick-up and delivery. 705 S. Main. Call 364-8418.

F&G ROOFING And Construction. 15 years experience in all types of roofing needs. Free estimates. Good references. Insurance Bonded. Call 364-4770 or 344-4770.

APPLIANCE REPAIR. Repair on washers, dryers, and refrigerators. Call 364-8805.

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LEGAL NOTICES

Notice of Receipt of Application and Intent to Obtain Air Permit by Rule Registration Proposed Registration No. 43722

APPLICATION Marquez & Sons, 327 Avenue C, Hereford, Texas 79045 has applied to the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) for a Permit by Rule Air Quality Registration No. 43722 which would authorize construction of a Concrete Batch Plant under 30TAC Section 105.202 at 707 New York Avenue, Hereford, Deaf Smith County, Texas. The proposed facility will emit the following air contaminants: particulate matter including (but not limited to) aggregate, cement, and road dust.

This application was submitted to the TNRCC on February 25, 2000. The application is available for viewing and copying at the TNRCC central office, TNRCC Amarillo regional office, and Deaf Smith County Courthouse, 235 East 3rd Street, Hereford. The facility's compliance file, if any exists, is available for public review in the Amarillo regional office of the TNRCC.

The TNRCC executive director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application.

MAILING LIST You may ask to be placed on a mailing list to obtain additional information on this application by sending a request to the office of the Chief Clerk at the address provided in the information section below.

PUBLIC COMMENT/PUBLIC MEETING You may submit public comments, a request for a public meeting about this application, or a request for a contested case hearing to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address provided in the information section below. The TNRCC will consider all public comment in developing a final decision on the application. The deadline to submit public comments is 15 days after newspaper notice is published. After the deadline for public comments, the executive director will prepare a response to all relevant and material or significant public comments.

The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or ask questions about the application. A public meeting about the application will be held if the executive director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

If only comments are received on the application, the response to comments, along with notice of the executive director's action on the application, will be mailed to everyone who submitted comments or is on the mailing list for this application.

If a hearing request is filed as discussed in the next section of this notice, the executive director will issue a preliminary decision on the application following technical review. Notice of the Application and Preliminary Decision will be published and mailed to those who are on the mailing list for this application. That notice will contain the final deadline for submitting public comments.

After the final deadline for public comments following any required. Notice of Application and Preliminary Decision, the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. The response to comments, along with the executive director's decision on the application, will then be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or who is on a mailing list for this application.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING You may request a contested case hearing. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court. Unless a written request for a contested case hearing is filed within 15 days from this notice, the executive director may approve the application. If no hearing request is received within this 15-day period, no further opportunity for hearing will be provided. A contested case hearing will only be granted based on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision on the application. Further, the Commission will only grant a hearing on those issues raised during the public comment period and not withdrawn.

A person who may be affected by emissions of air contaminants from the facility is entitled to request a hearing. If requesting a contested case hearing, you must submit the following: (1) your name (or for a group or association, an official representative), mailing address, daytime phone number, and fax number, if any; (2) applicant's name and permit number; (3) the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing;" (4) a specific description of how you are affected by the application and adversely affected by air emissions in a way not common to the general public; (5) the location and distance of your property relative to the facility; and (6) a description of how you use the property which may be impacted by the facility. To request a hearing, a person must actually reside in a permanent residence within 15 days following this notice to the Office of the Chief Clerk, at the address provided in the information section below.

If a hearing request is filed within 15 days following this notice, additional notice will be provided. Following the close of all applicable comment and request periods, the executive director will forward the application and any requests for contested case hearing to the TNRCC Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting. If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact relating to relevant and material air quality concerns raised during the comment period. Issues such as property values noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the Commission's jurisdiction to address in this proceeding.

INFORMATION Written mailing list request, public comments, requests for a public meeting, or requests for a hearing should be submitted to Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, TNRCC, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. If you need more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the Office of Public Assistance, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040. General information regarding the TNRCC can be found at www.tnrcc.state.tx.us.

Further information may also be obtained from Marquez & Sons at the address stated above or by calling Mr. Jerry Marquez at 806-364-8104.

Notice of Receipt of Application and Intent to Obtain Air Permit Proposed Permit No. 43414

APPLICATION Marquez & Sons, 327 Avenue C, Hereford, Texas 79045 has applied to the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) for issuance of Air quality Permit No. 43414 which would authorize construction of a Rock Crusher at the Tri State Pit off Road 6A near Hereford, Deaf Smith County, Texas. The facility will emit the following air contaminants: particulate matter to include rock and road dust, nitrogen oxides, sulfur oxides, carbon monoxide, and volatile organic compounds.

This application was submitted to the TNRCC on January 24, 2000. The application is available for viewing and copying at the TNRCC central office, TNRCC Amarillo regional office, and the Deaf Smith County Courthouse at 235 East 3rd Street, Hereford. The facility's compliance file, if any exists, is available for public review in the Amarillo regional office of the TNRCC.

The TNRCC executive director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application.

MAILING LIST You may ask to be placed on a mailing list to obtain additional information regarding this application. To get on the mailing list for this application, send a request to the TNRCC Office of the Chief Clerk at the address provided in the information section below.

PUBLIC COMMENT/PUBLIC MEETING You may submit public comments, a request for a public meeting about this application, or a contested case hearing to the TNRCC Office of the Chief Clerk at the address provided in the information section below. The TNRCC will consider all public comments in developing a final decision on the application. The deadline to submit public comments is 30 days after newspaper notice is published. After the deadline for public comments, the TNRCC executive director will prepare a response to all relevant and material or significant public comments.

The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit written or oral comments or ask questions about the application. A public meeting about the application will be held if the TNRCC executive director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

If only comments are received on the application, the response to comments, along with notice of the TNRCC executive director's action on the application, will be mailed to everyone who submitted comments or is on the mailing list for this application.

If a hearing request is filed as discussed in the next section of this notice, the TNRCC executive director will issue a preliminary decision on the application following technical review. Notice of the Application and Preliminary Decision will be published and mailed to those who are on the countywide mailing list for this application. That notice will contain the final deadline for submitting public comments.

After the final deadline for public comments following any required Notice of Application and Preliminary Decision, the TNRCC executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. The response to comments, along with the TNRCC executive director's decision on the application, will then be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or who is on a mailing list for this application.

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A person who may be affected by emissions of air contaminants from the facility is entitled to request a hearing. If requesting a contested case hearing, you must submit the following: (1) your name (or for a group or association, an official representative), mailing address, daytime phone number, and fax number, if any; (2) the applicant's name and permit number; (3) the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing;" (4) a specific description of how you would be affected by the application and adversely affected by air emissions in a way not common to the general public; (5) the location and distance of your property relative to the facility; and (6) a description of how you use the property which may be impacted by the facility. You may also submit your proposed adjustments to the application/permit which would satisfy your concerns. Requests for a contested case hearing must be submitted in writing within 30 days following this notice to the TNRCC Office of the Chief Clerk, at the address provided in the information section below.

If a hearing request is filed within 30 days following this notice, additional notice will be provided. Following the close of all applicable comment and request periods, the TNRCC executive director will forward the application and any requests for a contested case hearing to the TNRCC Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting. If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact relating to relevant and material air quality concerns raised during the comment period. Issues such as property value, waste disposal, water quality, noise, traffic safety, or zoning are not considered relevant and material to this air quality application.

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Further information may also be obtained from Marquez & Sons at the address stated above or by calling Mr. Jerry Marquez at (806)364-8104.

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

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Prices effective: March 16, 2000

CATTLE FUTURES

Table with columns: Month, Price, Change, etc. for Cattle Feeder and Live futures.

GRAIN FUTURES

Table with columns: Month, Price, Change, etc. for Corn, Soybean, and Wheat futures.

METAL FUTURES

Table with columns: Month, Price, Change, etc. for Gold and Silver futures.

Table with columns: Month, Price, Change, etc. for Silver futures.

FUTURES OPTIONS

Table with columns: Strike, Price, etc. for Cattle Feeder and Live options.

Table with columns: Strike, Price, etc. for Corn and Soybean options.

Notice of Receipt of Application and Intent to Obtain Air Permit by Rule Registration Proposed Registration No. 43722

APPLICATION. Marquez & Sons, 327 Avenue C, Hereford, Texas 79045 has applied to the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) for a Permit by Rule Air Quality Registration No. 43722 which would authorize construction of a Concrete Batch Plant under 30TAC Section 106.202 at 707 New York Avenue, Hereford, Deaf Smith County, Texas. The proposed facility will emit the following air contaminants: particulate matter including (but not limited to) aggregate, cement, and road dust.

This application was submitted to the TNRCC on February 25, 2000. The application is available for viewing and copying at the TNRCC central office, TNRCC Amarillo regional office, and Deaf Smith County Courthouse, 235 East 3rd Street, Hereford. The facility's compliance file, if any exists, is available for public review in the Amarillo regional office of the TNRCC.

The TNRCC executive director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application.

MAILING LIST You may ask to be placed on a mailing list to obtain additional information on this application by sending a request to the office of the Chief Clerk at the address provided in the information section below.

PUBLIC COMMENT/PUBLIC MEETING You may submit public comments, a request for a public meeting about this application, or a request for a contested case hearing to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address provided in the information section below. The TNRCC will consider all public comments in developing a final decision on the application. The deadline to submit public comments is 15 days after newspaper notice is published. After the deadline for public comments, the executive director will prepare a response to all relevant and material or significant public comments.

The proposed of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or ask questions about the application. A public meeting about the application will be held if the executive director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

If only comments are received on the application, the response to comments, along with notice of the executive director's action on the application following, will be mailed to everyone who submitted comments or is on the mailing list for this application.

If a hearing request is filed as discussed in the next section of this notice, the executive director will issue a preliminary decision on the application following technical review. Notice of the Application and Preliminary Decision will be published and mailed to those who are on the mailing list for this application. That notice will contain the final deadline for submitting public comments.

After the deadline for public comments following any required Notice of Application and Preliminary Decision, the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. The response to comments, along with the executive director's decision on the application, will then be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or who is on a mailing list for this application.

OPPORTUNITY FOR CONTESTED CASE HEARING You may request a contested case hearing. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court. Unless a written request for a contested case hearing is filed within 15 days from this notice, the executive director may approve the application. If no hearing request is received within this 15-day period, no further opportunity for hearing will be provided. A contested case hearing will only be granted based on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision on the application. Further, the Commission will only grant a hearing on those issues raised during the public comment period and not withdrawn.

A person who may be affected by emissions of air contaminants from the facility is entitled to request a hearing. If requesting a contested case hearing, you must submit the following: (1) your name (or for a group or association, an official representative), mailing address, daytime phone number, and fax number, if any; (2) applicant's name and permit number; (3) the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing;" (4) a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the application and air emissions from the facility in a way not common to the general public; (5) the location and distance of your property relative to the facility; and (6) a description of how you use the property which may be impacted by the facility. To request a hearing, a person must actually reside in a permanent residence within 440 yards of the proposed plant. Request for a contested case hearing must be submitted in writing within 15 days following this notice to the Office of Chief Clerk, at the address provided in the information section below.

If a hearing request is filed within 15 days following this notice, additional notice will be provided. Following the close of all applicable comment and request periods, the executive director will forward the application and any requests for contested case hearing to the TNRCC Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting. If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact relating to relevant and material air quality concerns raised during the comment period. Issues such as property values noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the Commission's jurisdiction to address in this proceeding.

INFORMATION Written mailing list requests, public comments, requests for a public meeting, or requests for a hearing should be submitted to Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, TNRCC, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. If you need more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the Office of Public Assistance, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040. General information regarding the TNRCC can be found at www.tnrcc.state.tx.us

Further information may also be obtained from Marquez & Sons at the address stated above or by calling Mr. Jerry Marquez at 806-364-8104.

AWESOME AFTERNOON



Carly Lassiter looks over a cowboy hat, which is among the display items at the Deaf Smith County Museum. The hat was shown to West Central Intermediate students at an Awesome Afternoon last week.



Jenny McWhorter, enrichment teacher at West Central, talks to fifth-grade students about some of the coldest areas of the world, the Arctic and Antarctica. The presentation was part of the school's Awesome Afternoon activities.



Cindy Cole of the Deaf Smith County Museum explains the uses of Indian dress as fourth-grader Alma Cruz models a copy of the clothing Indians wore. The presentation was one of several during the West Central Intermediate School Awesome Afternoon.



Debbie Gallman, Hereford Independent School District Director of Elementary Curriculum, talks with West Central Intermediate School student Frank Allejandre about how to take tests.

SLEEPOVERS

Bush moves to quell flap about his choice of overnight house guests at governor's mansion

WASHINGTON (AP) — In an attempt to quiet criticism over his choice of guests, George W. Bush's campaign has identified everyone who has slept over at the Governor's Mansion in Texas.

Bush released the list Wednesday after the watchdog Center for Public Integrity released a separate study saying that 60 of the 131 guests had contributed or raised more than \$2.2 million for Bush's presidential campaign. Bush has raised a record \$73 million for the White House bid.

Vice President Al Gore, Bush's Democratic opponent, also has criticized the sleepovers.

"It's another concern about campaign fund-raising practices that George Bush needs to address," Gore spokesman Douglas Hattaway said.

Bush campaign officials said the governor had opened the mansion to relatives, friends and Republican officials, not fund-raisers.

"Friends and family are always welcome in Governor and Mrs. Bush's home," spokeswoman Karen Hughes said. "They were welcome in his home before he was governor, they are welcome in his home while he is governor and they will be welcome in his home after he is governor."

But the Center for Public Integrity noted that individuals who would play a key role in the presidential campaign began visiting the mansion beginning in 1997. Early guests included former Christian Coalition executive director Ralph Reed; New York Gov. George Pataki, who helped deliver his state to Bush in the March 7 primary; and former Rep. Tom Tauke of Iowa, now the chief Washington lobbyist for Bell Atlantic.

The Associated Press reported this month that eight of Bush's 31 overnight guests since January 1999 were fund-raisers for the campaign.



Motorists coming into Hereford from any direction will know about the accomplishments of Hereford High School athletes. The welcoming signs, which list the teams' athletic achievements, were erected at the city limits on U.S. Highway 60, east and west, and U.S. Highway 385, north and south. Local landowners donated the space for the signs to be erected; crews from Top of Texas Millwrights put the signs in place; and other supporters donated the materials. If the Hereford athletes continue to perform as they have in the last couple of years, there won't be enough room to put up all the signs.

Wholesale prices post big gain

WASHINGTON (AP) — Wholesale prices surged 1 percent in February, the largest gain in nearly 10 years, as gasoline, home heating oil and other energy costs took a huge leap, the government said today.

The big advance in the Labor Department's Producer Price Index, which measures inflation pressures before they reach the consumer, was a worse showing on inflation than many analysts were expecting.

"We've got higher inflation here," said Paul Kasriel, chief economist for the Northern Trust Co. "Are we off to the 1970s inflation races? No, not yet and that's not likely."

On Wall Street, investors focused on the "core" rate of inflation, which excludes energy and food costs. That rate rose modestly, in line with many analysts' forecasts.

Soy

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ible, the net result would be a whole lot of food will not be eaten. We don't know yet what is going to happen, but the NCBA and other agricultural associations are trying to form a coalition that will be able to convince USDA and the TEA to revisit the proposal."

Evans said until further directives are issued, her department will continue to serve well-balanced kid-appealing meals to the students.

"Nothing moves quickly with the USDA or TEA, so don't expect changes overnight," Evans said.

Evans knows about the changes which have come about in school cafeterias. She has worked as HISD food service director for eight years and has a total of 26 years experience as a cafeteria manager.

"We have guidelines that we have to follow. We are supposed to keep total fat to about 30 percent for the entire week. Our meals are as healthy as they ever were, but if you can't get the kids to eat what is served, it can't do them any good," she said.

HISD cafeterias serve a choice of foods and children are required to take at least three items. Evans says cafeterias usually offer an entree, two vegetables, a roll, fruit, and milk. "We've seen a lot of changes. We don't hardly ever fry anything anymore. Our suppliers know it just about has to be bakeable. We don't make nearly as many desserts as we used to, that's why we have to serve so much fruit. A lot of it goes uneaten, though. Kids used to have to take everything and a lot more got wasted." Even if the school cafeterias began serving the suggested soy diets, Evans said the kids probably wouldn't eat it, even if they liked it, because it's just not the cool thing to do.

Diesel

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comment on the proposal, except to say it had been sent to the White House. Some industry groups and government sources said it would require sulfur levels in diesel to be reduced from 500 parts per million to 15 per million by 2006, though the specifics could still be changed.

The state regulators, along with environmentalists and health advocates, planned to release the new analysis on diesel and cancer risks, partly in response to the industry push to try to get the EPA regulation withdrawn.

"These (diesel) fumes are putting us at risk of cancer, a risk that can be almost completely eliminated with modern pollution controls," said William Becker, executive director of the State and Territorial Air Pollution Program Administrators.

The group, which represents state pollution control officials, conducted the analysis that concludes an additional 125,000 people would be expected to get lung cancer during their lifetime as a result of exposure to chemicals and soot from diesel fuel.

Becker said there have been many epidemiological studies linking diesel soot and lung cancer and that the 125,110 estimated of additional cancers was "an extremely conservative figure" using the same methodology used by regulators in California in estimating diesel-related cancers.

Last year, the South Coast Air Quality Management District, the air pollution control agency in the Los Angeles area, concluded that 70 percent of the total cancer risks from transportation sources in the region came from diesel emissions.

Becker said his group's analysis used the California methodology and extended it nationwide, using air pollution monitoring data from both metropolitan and rural areas and accounting for population distributions. It estimated 119,570 additional cancers in metropolitan areas and 5,540 such additional cancers in rural areas nationwide.

The state regulators as well as the American Lung Association and several environmental groups including the U.S. Public Interest Research Group and the Clean Air Network, maintain these health statistics make a strong argument for pressing ahead with the proposed EPA diesel rules.

Guns

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one other person died and nine were wounded. Authorities determined later that the white supremacist responsible for the shootings had failed a Brady law background check but had not been arrested.

"This was not reported to the federal government — the Brady background check on this gentleman — until after the tragic killing," Lockhart said. "Mr. LaPierre knows the president has looked into the eyes of these victims. He talked to Ricky Byrdson's wife. That's something Wayne LaPierre or anyone from the NRA doesn't have the guts to do."

In a weekend interview, LaPierre asserted that Clinton was "willing to accept a certain level of killing to further his political agenda."

Lockhart said today that the real issue is not what NRA is saying but what Congress is doing. "We've waited nine long months. ... We need to see some action," he said.

The Senate voted last year to institute 72-hour background checks on gun show sales, but the House rejected that provision in favor of a 24-hour wait, and gun control has been on the back burner since then.

Negotiators from the House and Senate are supposed to resolve differences between the two bills, which also contain a number of other provisions.

Hours before the House vote Wednesday, 12 female members of Congress made an emotional appeal at the White House for their colleagues to move on the legislation. Forty-six Republicans voted for the resolution; 32 Democrats opposed it.

Elsewhere, New York Gov. George Pataki called for a series of gun-control measures in his state that include making trigger locks mandatory, taking ballistic "fingerprints" of guns, requiring dealers and manufacturers to send to a state lab a test bullet and shell casing from every handgun they sell in the state.

Additionally, 100 religious leaders sent a letter to Congress supporting Clinton's efforts to reduce gun violence.

Meeting with House members, Clinton repeated his complaint that the NRA has stalled gun legislation with pressure tactics and an argument he deemed senseless against lengthier background checks.