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Today's weather OUTLOOK

Mostly clear skies

Tonight: Mostly clear with a low in the upper 30s, southeast wind 5 to 15 mph, shifting to the north late.

Saturday: Partly sunny with a high in the mid-60s, northeast wind 10 to 15 mph, becoming southeast in the afternoon.

Saturday night: Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, low in the lower 40s.

Extended forecast

Sunday: Partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms late, high in the mid-70s.

Monday and Tuesday: Mostly cloudy with a chance of showers and thunderstorms, lows in the lower to mid-40s, highs 60 to 65.

Hereford weather

Thursday's high, 57; low, 39; precipitation, 0.17 inches; year-to-date rainfall, 2.32 inches, according to KPAN Radio.

Inside Today

Bush's campaign seems to "show him off in ways that accentuate the notion that he is not very substantive ... has no great reason to appear so cocky."



Bush

■ Bill Mayer, political science professor at Northeastern University, is assessing Texas Gov. George W. Bush's rising negatives.

■ Voters begin to tell pollsters Texas Gov. George W. Bush is "cocky" and "arrogant," raising questions about his readiness for a prime-time presidential run. — Page A7

Factory orders decline

WASHINGTON (AP) — Orders to U.S. factories for big-ticket manufactured goods fell 2.3 percent in February, the largest decline in 10 months as demand fell sharply for transportation equipment including airplanes and industrial machinery.

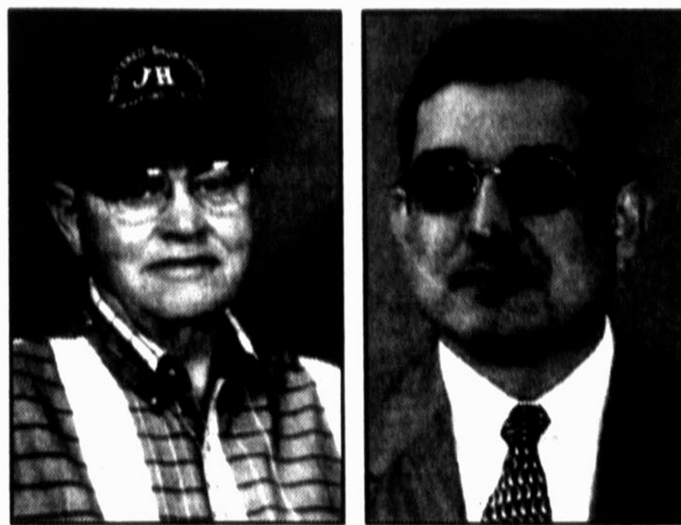
The Commerce Department reported today that orders for durable goods fell to a seasonally adjusted \$208.4 billion last month.

That followed a 2.2 percent decline in January, larger than the government previously estimated.

February's decline was much larger than the 0.2 percent drop many analysts were predicting and marked the biggest decline in overall durable-goods orders since a 2.4 percent drop in April.

The Federal Reserve on Tuesday bumped up interest rates for the fifth time since June 30th to slow the speeding economy and keep inflation from becoming a problem. Given strong continuing growth, many analysts expect the Fed will boost rates again on the 16th.

In February, orders for transportation equipment fell by a sharp 8.7 percent, the biggest decrease since April. Orders for airplanes and aircraft parts posted the largest declines. In January, transportation orders fell by 7.2 percent.



Joe Henry (left) and Armando Gonzalez will meet April 11 in a runoff for the Democratic nomination for Precinct 1 county commissioner.

Runoff field is set

From staff and wire reports

Deaf Smith County voters will join other Texans in going to the polls April 11 to decide who will be their parties' nominees for the November general election.

In Deaf Smith County, Armando Gonzalez and Joe Henry will meet in the runoff to decide who will be the Democratic nominee for Precinct 1 commissioner. The win-

ner of the runoff will face incumbent Wayne Betzen, who narrowly survived a challenge from former county precinct foreman Alfred Ortiz.

In the statewide races on the runoff ballot, former state legislator Charles Gandy advanced to a runoff election for the Democratic U.S. Senate nomination to face Republican incumbent Kay Bailey Hutchison in the fall, party officials determined Wednesday.

Gandy had a margin of 1,372 votes over his nearest competitor. Unofficial returns from the March 14 primary indicated Gandy was second, but by a slimmer margin.

Gandy will meet retired Air Force lawyer Gene Kelly, who lost six statewide races in the 1990s but still got about 80,000 more votes than Gandy and led the five-man primary.

The party's official canvass of the voting gave Kelly 221,037 votes, or 35.7 percent. Gandy, of Austin, got 140,763, or 22.7 percent. Don Clark, a computer systems analyst from Mesquite, finished third with 139,391, or 22.5 percent.

Hutchison, who first was elected to the Senate in 1993, has amassed a campaign treasury that tops \$6

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Rainy day accident — A Hereford police officer completes the accident report form Thursday morning following a two-vehicle accident on U.S. Highway 60. Jerry Satterfield, 20, was driving a 1989 Firebird which collided with a 1997 Dodge van driven by Loretta Moya, 62. Satterfield was cited for failure to yield the right of way at a stop sign.

Combest expects negotiators to reach accord on farm plan

By Donald M. Cooper
Hereford Brand Managing Editor

WASHINGTON — A House-Senate conference committee should begin negotiations soon to iron out differences in legislation intended to improve crop insurance improvements, according to the chairman of the House agriculture committee.

U.S. Rep. Larry Combest, a Lubbock Republican whose 19th District includes Deaf Smith County, said in a press release the crop insurance changes are intended to expand livestock and market revenue coverage, beginning with the winter wheat crops seeded this September.

Combest said the two bills are very similar, which is "good news for enacting expanded and affordable coverage for producers."

The House bill, which is called



Larry Combest

the "Agriculture Risk Protection Act," is intended to strengthen the farm safety net "by making crop insurance more accessible to growers, reducing the need for unbudgeted ... disaster assistance," Combest stated.

The House measure also would give farmers some cushion against declining prices by making more affordable insurance coverage that protects farmers against both crop losses and declining prices.

Other provisions of the House legislation include:

Makes revenue insurance, including Adjusted Gross Revenue (AGR) and Crop Revenue Coverage, more affordable so farmers can better protect their margins;

Offers assistance to livestock producers who seek risk management tools to deal with financial setbacks caused by weather conditions and volatile markets;

Limits any reduction in insurable yields due to crop losses from a natural disaster; and

Offers farmers area yield insurance that carries a higher combination of yield and price protection.

The House measure was passed unanimously in September 1999.

The two bills are H.R. 2559 and S. 2251.

Experts still looking at how rainfall affected Ogallala

By Dianna F. Dandridge
Hereford Brand Staff Writer

Rain — that wonderful, cleaning, filtering life-supporting liquid — finally arrived this past week, delivering a minimum of 2.15 inches of water and as much as 4 inches in other areas.

It's not over, yet. The National Weather Service forecasts indicate more showers may move into the area sometime late Sunday or early Monday.

"We don't have much information on the system yet," said Richard Davis, a hydrometeorological technician with the NWS in Amarillo. "It's still out over the Pacific and we won't be able to get accurate readings until it comes across land."

Davis said the much-needed rain brought the year-to-date amount of precipitation to or above normal amounts.

"It may not be enough to get us out of the drought, but it's given us a break. It put some much needed moisture into the ground and into the air," he said.

Davis said most people don't have a very good idea of how much rain actually fell.

"They hear the area got 1 inch or so and they don't think that's that much water. In reality an acre-inch of water — the amount of water necessary to cover one acre of ground 1 inch deep — is in excess of 27,000 gallons," he said.

As welcome as the rains were, High Plains Underground Water

Conservation District officials say it is still too early to tell how much if any of the moisture will reach the Ogallala Aquifer.

"We won't know how much the aquifer will be recharged until we do our measurements next year," Carmel McCain, information and education director for HPUWCD, said.

Reports of lesser amounts of rain recharging the Edwards Aquifer are probably accurate, but because the aquifers are of different types, the recharge systems are also different, McCain said.

"The landscape of the

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Rainfall's small step in easing farmers' needs

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Some rain has fallen across Oklahoma during the past week, but it may not be enough to help some of the state's farmers.

"If you've received the recent rainfall you're doing good," said Fred Wyatt, a rancher from Hollister in southwestern Oklahoma.

Wyatt hasn't seen a substantial rainfall since last fall. It's only rained enough to stir up the dust, he said.

Some farmers are having to haul water in or dig out their ponds to compensate for the lack of moisture, Wyatt said.

"But hopefully, Mother Nature will give us something pretty quick," he said.

Wyatt was able to install about 21

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LIFESTYLES

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Important facts about the fourth annual Relay for Life were discussed during the team captains meeting held Thursday evening in Hereford Community Center. Relay committee chairman Bryan McGaw, standing, explains event activities.

Team captains discuss Relay

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.

The Relay for Life committee held a "Team Captains" meeting Thursday 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 were discussed.

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.

This year's Relay for Life 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.

"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.

For more information, call McGaw at 364-1166 or 364-0579.

WHAT'S FOR LUNCH

School Menus

HEREFORD I.S.D.

Breakfast

MONDAY-Waffles with syrup; or cereal, buttered toast, orange pineapple juice, milk choice.

TUESDAY-Breakfast pizza; or cereal, buttered toast, orange quarters, milk choice.

WEDNESDAY-Scrambled eggs with sausage, flour tortilla; or cereal, buttered toast, fruit punch juice, milk choice.

THURSDAY-Little smokie, biscuit and jelly; or cereal, buttered toast, mixed fruit, milk choice.

FRIDAY-Fruit yogurt, glazed donut; cereal, buttered toast, apple juice, milk choice.

Lunch

MONDAY-Pepperoni pizza, cabbage apple salad, tater wedges with catsup, fruit parfait, milk choice.

TUESDAY-Breaded pork patty with brown gravy, whipped potatoes, green peas, angel biscuit, strawberry apple dessert, milk choice.

WEDNESDAY-Cheese burger, burger salad, curly fries with catsup, rainbow fruit freeze bar, milk choice.

THURSDAY-Nacho grande with picante sauce, lettuce with tomato bits, Spanish rice, refried beans, peach delight, cinnamon roll, milk choice.

FRIDAY-Fish strips with tartar sauce, vegetable sticks with dip, black-eyed peas, fruit salad, Rice Krispie treat, milk choice.

ST. ANTHONY'S SCHOOL
MONDAY-Hot dogs, tater tots, green beans, apple cobbler, milk.

TUESDAY-Ham and cheese melts, potato wedges, vegetarian beans, mixed fruit, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Chicken fajitas, pinto beans, tossed salad, applesauce cake, milk.

THURSDAY-Nachos, rice, tossed salad, peach cake, milk.

FRIDAY-Macaroni and cheese, green beans, bread, applesauce, oatmeal raisin cookie, milk.

FUMC offers Lenten services on Wednesdays

Lenten services are being held each Wednesday through April 19 at First United Methodist Church.

For one hour each Wednesday, from noon to 1 p.m., the church will be open for worshippers to come in, sit, meditate and pray.

Quiet music will be played and printed devotional material will be available.



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SNOW DAY
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MISSION TO MARS
7:10 PM

CEDAR HOUSE RULES
7:10 PM

FINAL DESTINATION
7:10 PM

Regular Matinees on Weekends

Youth oriented facility sets Grand Opening

The "NEWS Stand", a Christian-oriented recreation center for junior and senior high youth, will hold its Grand Opening at 7 p.m. Monday.

The facility is located in Sugarland Mall, 400 N. 25 Mile

Ave. All members of the community, especially youth and their parents, are encouraged to come by during the grand opening and check out the facility.

Check the pages of the Hereford Brand first for local news

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Ann Landers



Ann Landers

Dear Ann Landers: You recently printed a letter from Margaret Murphy Peterson, national legislative director for the Gold Star Wives of

America. Ms. Peterson praised Togo D. West Jr., secretary of Veterans Affairs, who wrote to you about war widows receiving new DIC benefits. In her letter, Ms. Peterson said that "all war widows are now entitled to receive monthly DIC" compensation. I am concerned that this may have been unintentionally misleading, and I hope my letter can clear things up.

The Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) is paid to the surviving spouse only when the death of the veteran happened while he or she was on active duty, or if the death was in some way associated with a recognized service-connected disease or injury.

In the past, if a war widow remarried following the death of the veteran, she was barred from receiving DIC benefits. The recent change mentioned in Ms. Peterson's letter is that this benefit will once again be paid to those surviving spouses if the subsequent marriage was terminated by death or divorce. For more information, readers can contact the VA's toll-free number, 1-800-827-1000, and speak to a veterans benefits counselor.

Please find a way to get these facts to your readers. — Thomas L. Hanson, Director, Veterans Claims Service, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Ft. Snelling, Minn.

Dear Thomas L. Hanson: Thank you so much for your excellent explanation. I received many letters from war widows who thought they were eligible for DIC benefits, when in fact, they were not. I received an equal number of letters from widows who were thrilled to discover they could have their DIC benefits reinstated. My thanks to all who wrote, and my apologies for any unclear information.

Dear Ann Landers: Here's another one for your "stupid crooks" collection. The story was written by Bartholomew Sullivan, and appeared in the Memphis Commercial Appeal. I hope you think it's worth printing. — K.G. in Memphis, Tenn.

Dear K.G.: I do. Thanks for a good laugh:

West Memphis police said a 42-year-old man, sitting in a wheelchair, rolled into an ice-cream parlor just before 6 p.m., and ordered a hamburger. While the burger sizzled, he indicated he had a gun under his jacket, and handed the waitress a note printed on the back of his own personal check. The inarticulate message read: "Don't Push. No Puling. If You Don't to Get Hurt."

Whatever its meaning, the waitress handed the man a fistful of \$5 and \$10 bills from the cash register. The robber

then wheeled around and was out the door. Someone dialed 911. When the robber saw the police, he ditched the wheelchair and ran. The man was booked on aggravated robbery charges.

Dear Ann Landers: I just read the letter in your column from "Canadian Widow," who kept getting mail addressed to her deceased husband.

Following some physiotherapy treatments, I was sent a questionnaire addressed to me, in care of my parents or guardian. I am 91 years old. After receiving three such letters, I wrote back, "Since my mother and father would be about 120 years old if they were alive, and are difficult to reach at the moment, and I am not senile enough to need a guardian, there is no one here to answer your questions."

That stopped it. — Eleanor in Hartford, Conn.

Dear Eleanor: I'm not surprised.

Do you have questions about sex, but no one to talk to? Ann Landers' booklet, "Sex and the Teenager," is frank and to the point. Send a self-addressed, long, business-size envelope and a check or money order for \$3.75 (this includes postage and handling) to: Teens, c/o Ann Landers, P.O. Box 11562, Chicago, Ill. 60611-0562. (In Canada, send \$4.55.)

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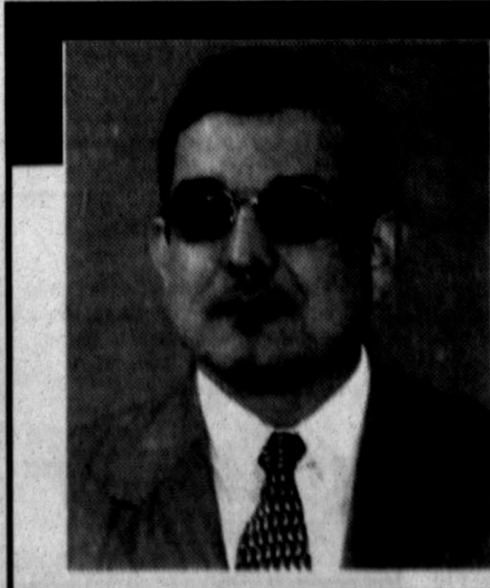
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SPORTS

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NCAA tournament bounces on

■ Only 12 teams remain on Friday

(AP) Michigan State is in familiar territory.

Playing before a partisan crowd in Auburn Hills, Mich., the Spartans beat Syracuse on Thursday to move within a victory of their second straight trip to the Final Four.

If they make it past Iowa State on Saturday in the Midwest final, the Spartans will be on their way to Indianapolis for a Big Ten semifinal showdown with either Purdue or Wisconsin.

Sparked by star guard Mateen Cleaves' halftime tirade, top-seeded Michigan State overcame a 14-point deficit to beat Syracuse 75-58 on Thursday night in the Midwest semifinals.

"At halftime, I didn't think we were playing hard," Cleaves said. "I don't mind guys missing shots. I don't mind if things aren't going right. But if you're not playing hard, then I'm going to get in your face."

Iowa State, seeded second in the Midwest, beat UCLA 80-56 in the second game in Auburn Hills.

"We're a vast underdog coming up Saturday," Cyclones coach Larry Eustachy said. "We're playing the best team in the country. We'll have our hands full. We know what we're up against. We're going to have to play near perfect."

Purdue and Wisconsin advanced to the West final with victories in Albuquerque, N.M. Purdue beat Gonzaga 75-66, and Wisconsin defeated LSU 61-48.

"We knew all year it was a great conference," Wisconsin guard Jon Bryant said. "It's a gritty conference, a real tough conference — great defense and hustle."

The Big Ten also was the last conference to send three teams to the final eight, with Michigan, Ohio State and Indiana making it in 1992.

Michigan State, which trailed by 10 points at halftime, broke a 58-58 tie by scoring 17 straight points over the last 5:54 to put away Syracuse.

"I had to pick up the pieces at halftime when I got to the locker room," coach Tom Izzo said. "Mateen did most of the challenging. He did a heck of a job in talking to them."

Fourth-seeded Syracuse looked ready to run the Spartans (29-7) right out of The Palace, taking a 14-point lead early in the second half. But Cleaves, who returned for his senior season with the express hope of winning a national title, wouldn't let it happen.

Cleaves, scoreless in the first half, had 10 points — most of them early in the second half — to get the Spartans rolling. Morris Peterson had 16 of his 21 points after halftime.

The Spartans took the lead for good on Charlie Bell's banker with 5:18 left, starting the game-ending run. Bell, who had acupuncture this week on his left knee, scored nine of his 12 points in the second half.

Gene Keady, Purdue's 64-year-old coach, is one victory from his first trip to the Final Four.

"I don't care if I fill my resume out," Keady said. "I've had a great career. I'd rather make a 20-foot putt against my buddies."

Still, one more victory and the sixth-seeded Boilermakers (24-9) will be headed to Indianapolis, and a shot at the national championship just a short drive from the Purdue campus.

Eating Dust



Guarding Third — The Lady Whitefaces' third baseman guards the base while a Pampa player makes a slide. The softball team will take on the Borger Bulldogs today in Borger at 4:30 p.m.

to beat Utah in the second round, shot 68 percent in the second half.

"They came out in the second half and made some big 3s," said Syracuse guard Jason Hart, who had 11 points and 10 assists. "We held them off as long as we could."

Allen Griffin led Syracuse (26-6) with 14 points. Iowa St. 80, UCLA 56. Marcus Fizer, Stevie Johnson and Michael Nurse had 16 points each as the Cyclones beat the sixth-seeded Bruins.

MIDWEST
Michigan St. 75, Syracuse 58
The Spartans, who also needed a second-half comeback

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Tennis team competes at home

■ Nimitz hopes team will gain experience

By Jeff Blackmon
Hereford Brand Sports Editor

There may not be much of a home court advantage in tennis, but the HHS tennis team is sure glad to be back in Hereford.

After a two week lay off, the tennis team hosts the Hereford Tournament beginning today and lasting through tomorrow morning. Teams from Altus, Andrews, Borger, Dumas and Vernon will all be here to compete.

"There will be lots of good competition," head tennis coach Amanda Nimitz said.

Nimitz said one team she looks forward to watching play is the Dumas team.

"The Dumas team is good," Nimitz said. "They are tied for first in district."

Nimitz said even though there are some good teams coming she thinks her team will perform well.

"I think the team is playing well," Nimitz said. "It was good to have a week off."

Nimitz said another factor making this week an easier week was the weather.

"It wasn't a tough week because of the rain," Nimitz said. "We finally got to play outside yesterday, but we have been practicing in the gym."

Nimitz said she likes the team's attitude when it comes to competition. She can tell

her team desires to do their best.

"They are all working hard and that is all you can ask," Nimitz said. "We always want to do well."

The tournament will serve as a warm-up for district play. The district tournament is on April 7 in Amarillo which leaves the Whitefaces only two weeks to get ready.

"Right now we are focusing on district," Nimitz said. "We are just taking it one match at a time."

Nimitz said she is trying to get each of her players to learn from each match that they play.

"Basically, we want to come away from each match having learned something," Nimitz said.

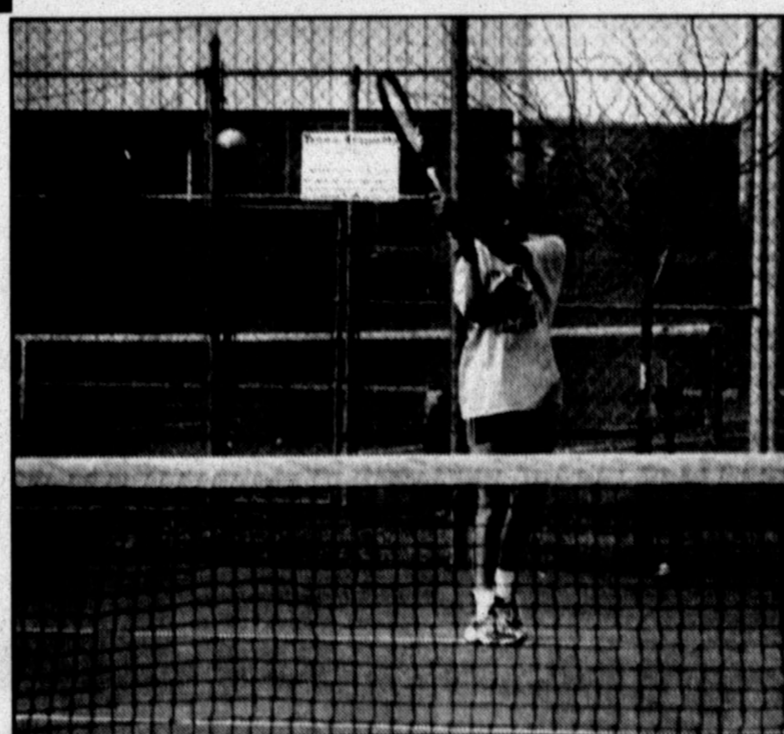
"You are not going to win every match, but you can still learn from them."

Nimitz also emphasized that with each match comes experience. The more matches a team plays the better they can become.

"Basically, we just try to go in and get experience," Nimitz said. "They need to learn something to take with them into each match."

Nimitz said she will try to get her players into at least three matches each this weekend. She said some players will be able to play in four matches. She said she does want her team to play in as many as possible.

The tournament began this morning at 8:30 a.m. and will continue through the afternoon. The tournament will pick back up on Saturday morning.



Kimberly Scott will be competing in the singles competition at the Hereford Tournament.

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NCAA

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Jamaal Tinsley added 14 points to help the Cyclones (32-4) extend their winning streak to 10 games and advance to the final eight for the first time.

Jaron Rush, who directed UCLA's eight-game winning streak after returning from a 24-game-NCAA suspension, was held to a season-low six points, going 0-of-5 from 3-point range. The Bruins (21-11) shot 33.9 percent from the field.

WEST
Purdue 75, Gonzaga 66
Jaraan Calvary in his final collegiate game, was 4-for-18

from the field, 1-for-7 on 3-pointers.

"Everything was just a little bit short," Santangelo said. "That's just the way it goes."

Wisconsin 61, LSU 48
Jon Bryant scored 16 points as eighth-seeded Wisconsin held LSU to a season-low point total.

Wisconsin (21-13), which upset top-seeded Arizona 66-59 in the second round, has won 10 of its last 13 games, with the three losses all to Michigan State.

Stromile Swift and Jabari Smith each scored 12 points for LSU (28-6).

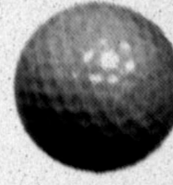
Hal Sutton in lead after one

Woods not far behind leader

POINTE VEDRA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — It was the kind of day only Hal Sutton could love.

And that's only because he was winning.

Choosing his spots carefully throughout a treacherous round of golf, Sutton shot a 3-under-par 69 to take the lead Thursday in The Players Championship.



He had a 1-stroke edge over a group of seven, including Bernhard Langer and two-time U.S. Open champion Lee Janzen, after a windblown day at one of the PGA's most difficult venues, the TPC at Sawgrass.

Tiger Woods was among those who persevered. He shot 1-under despite a double bogey — his first in five weeks — on the No. 17 island hole. Sutton's 69 was the highest score to lead the first round in 19 years at the course.

So tough were the condi-

tions, so thick the rough, that Sutton laid up after driving into the thick grass on the fourth hole of the tournament, a par 4. He converted a par and singled that out as one of the day's biggest successes.

"When you get rough like they have got here, I mean, the stuff is like wire," Sutton said. "It only goes about 3-4 inches deep. But it goes all the way to the bottom. I mean, it is gnarly stuff. You can get yourself in some serious trouble trying to hit it hard out of this."

There were 22 players who would surely agree. That's the number who shot 80 or more when darkness halted the first round with another 21 players still on the course, fighting wind gusts up to 26 mph.

Among the victims were Sergio Garcia (82), who was playing his first round at Sawgrass; Phil Mickelson (83), who shot 10-over on his first nine holes; and Craig Stadler (83), who duffed a shot in the rough on No. 16 and was so

SUPER STARS



5th and 6th grade Champions — The Stars defeated the Tornados 22-13 to capture the 5th and 6th grade championship. The team was composed of (back row left) Brenda Enriquez, Michelle Langehennig, Betzina Jimeaz, Stefani Lange hennig, (front row) Abby Enriquez, Jessica Shelton, DeLio Enriquez and Kristen O'Rear. Not pictured in the photo is Crystal Garza.

disgusted that he walked up to the ball and, without pausing, knocked it into the lake on his way to a triple bogey.

"I did a few things I've never done," Stadler said. "I don't think I've shot in the 80s. It could have been the 90s. Thank goodness I made some putts early."

Woods did, too, but even he was not immune to the weather or the frustration.

After teeing off into the water on No. 5, he spent several minutes trying to figure out which club to hit

after his drop into the thick rough. After pulling several clubs out, he disgustedly tossed them back toward the bag until he found the right one. He bogeyed the hole.

On No. 6, he hit a wedge short and tossed the club to the ground while walking to the green. But in true fashion, he hit a 15-foot putt from the fringe into the hole for a birdie.

"He's right there," Colin Montgomerie said. "I'm not saying it's over, but at the same time, he's the guy to

beat. I think Tiger is in a very good position. He'll be the only guy that's sleeping easy."

Sutton should sleep well, too.

He came off the course fully expecting questions as to whether he was nervous about Woods, who has won 10 of the last 16 tournaments he has entered.

"It would be bad business to take a defeatist attitude like that," Sutton said. "Sure, he is a great player, but there is still a lot of golf to be played. He is just as capable of making a mistake as anybody else is."

Especially on this course.

Rodeo money leaders

Purcella back in top 10 for team roping (heading)

From staff and wire reports

Native roper Steve Purcella has improved his standings to eighth in the money winners, according to figures released Saturday by the National Professional Rodeo Cowboy Association.

Purcella, who competes in team roping, is currently in eighth place with the amount of \$10,296.

Through March 19
ALL-AROUND COWBOY
1. Cash Myers, Athens, Texas, \$23,420. 2. Trevor Brazile, Decatur, Texas, \$19,974. 3. J.D. Crouse, Canon City, Colo., \$19,456. 4. Joe Beaver, Huntsville, Texas, \$18,183. 5. Cody Ott, Orchard, Texas, \$18,053. 6. Guy Allen, Lovington, N.M., \$17,722. 7. Dan Erickson, La Junta, Colo., \$17,500. 8. Garrett Nokes, McCook, Neb., \$15,597. 9. J.D. Yates, Pueblo, Colo., \$15,587. 10. Curtis Cassidy,

Donalds, Alberta, \$14,526.
BAREBACK RIDING

1. Mark Gomes, Nickerson, Kan., \$28,008. 2. James Boudreau, Cuero, Texas, \$26,137. 3. Darren Clarke, Weatherford, Texas, \$24,499. 4. Sean Culver, Grandview, Wash., \$20,051. 5. Larry Sandwick, Kaycee, Wyo., \$17,274. 6. Eric Mouton, Weatherford, Okla., \$16,744. 7. Ken Lemaigny, Kyle, S.D., \$15,663. 8. William Pittman Jr., Florence, Miss., \$15,155. 9. Davey Shields Jr., Hanna, Alberta, Canada, \$13,109. 10. Ron Leger, Crowley, La., \$12,516.

STEER WRESTLING

1. Byron Walker, Ennis, Texas, \$31,661. 2. Frank Thompson, Cheyenne, Wyo., \$21,432. 3. Rope Myers, Van, Texas, \$21,069. 4. Bryan Fields, Comroe, Texas, \$18,078. 5. Marvin Dubose, Lampasas, Texas, \$17,970. 6. Marty Musil, Crescent, Okla., \$17,377. 7. Teddy Johnson, Checotah, Okla., \$16,302. 8. Steve Duhan, Sonora, Texas, \$15,177. 9. W. Parker, Wendell, Idaho, \$14,003. 10. Vince Walker, Oakdale, Calif., \$12,554.

SADDLE BRONC RIDING

1. Billy Elbauer, Ree Heights, S.D., \$80,744. 2. Rod Hay, Woodward, Alberta, \$39,667. 3. Dan Montanari, Manhattan, Mont., \$27,342. 4. Bret Franks, Goodwell, Okla., \$18,504. 5. Tom Reeves, Eagle Butte, S.D., \$16,690. 6. Robert Elbauer, Goodwell, Okla., \$16,291. 7. Ryan Maston, Geysler, Mont., \$16,257. 8. Guy Shapka, Alix, Alberta, \$15,351. 10. Cliff Norris, Glazier, Texas, \$14,058.

CALF ROPING

1. Fred Whitfield, Hockley, Texas, \$34,632. 2. Ty Hays, Weatherford, Okla., \$26,570. 3. Blair Burk, Durant, Okla., \$26,939. 4. Justin Meas, Giddings, Texas, \$25,119. 5. Clay Cerny, Eagle Lake, Texas, \$18,295. 6. Jeff Chapman, Athens, Texas, \$18,138. 7. Justin Nutsch, Huntsville, Texas, \$18,848. 8. Brent Lewis, Pinon, N.M., \$16,486. 9. Shawn Franklin, Wetumka, Okla., \$16,219. 10. Tim Pharr, Resaca, Ga., \$12,949.

TEAM ROPING (HEADING)

1. Speed Williams, Jacksonville, Fla., \$24,578. 2. Matt Tyler, Weatherford, Texas, \$21,035. 3. Wade Wheatley, Hugson, Calif., \$17,269. 4. Kevin

Stewart, Glen Rose, Texas, \$13,257. 5. Bobby Hurley, Ceres, Calif., \$12,697. 6. Daniel Green, Oakdale, Calif., \$10,467. 7. J.D. Yates, Pueblo, Colo., \$10,296. 8. Steve Purcella, Hereford, Texas, \$10,296. 9. Paul Patska, Lexington, Okla., \$10,089. 10. David Kay, Leabrook, Texas, \$8,821.

TEAM ROPING (HEADING)

1. Rich Shelton, Liano, Texas, \$24,578. 2. Clay O'Brien Cooper, Glen Rose, Texas, \$21,035. 3. Kyle Lockett, Ivanhoe, Calif., \$17,269. 4. Martin Lucero, Stephenville, Texas, \$13,257. 5. Monty Joe Patska, Turlock, Calif., \$12,697. 6. Trevor Brazile, Decatur, Texas, \$11,389. 7. Kory Koonce, Sudan, Texas, \$10,296. 8. Cory Patska, Lexington, Okla., \$10,089. 9. Tooter Flack Jr., Bryan, Texas, \$9,858. 10. Cody Guess, Colorado City, Texas, \$8,821. Rowland, Antlers, Okla., \$6,943. 20. Allen Bach, Valley Home, Calif., \$6,326.

BARREL RACING

1. Sherry Cervi, Marana, Ariz., \$26,536. 2. Charmayne James, Gusting, Texas, \$20,981. 3. Gloria Freeman, Cathoun, Ga., \$16,025. 4. Kristie Peterson, Elbert, Colo., \$14,873. 5. Janet Stover, Ruak, Texas, \$13,923. 6. Kelly Yates, Pueblo, Colo., \$13,880. 7. Darlene Kasper, Von Ormy, Texas, \$12,168. 8. Kim West, Oklahoma City, Okla., \$10,986. 9. Rachael Mylimaki, Arles, Mont., \$9,877. 10. Tam Fontenot, Ethel, La., \$9,692.

BULL RIDING

1. Tyler Fowler, Theodore, Ala., \$25,208. 2. Jesse Ball, Goodwell, Okla., \$20,888. 3. Dan Wolfe, Bend, Ore., \$20,531. 4. Daniel Tipton, Spencer, Okla., \$20,241. 5. Shane Drury, Weatherford, Okla., \$19,371. 6. Ty Reedler, Corinne, Utah, \$17,636. 7. Fred Boettcher, Rice Lake, Wis., \$15,121. 8. Josh O'Byrne, Glen Rose, Texas, \$14,952. 9. Casey Balze, San Angelo, Texas, \$14,637. 10. Russ King, Klondike, N.D., \$13,823.

STEER ROPING

1. Rocky Patterson, Pratt, Kan., \$10,899. 2. Guy Allen, Lovington, N.M., \$10,401. 3. Cody Ott, Orchard, Texas, \$6,660. 4. Mike Beers, Powell, Okla., \$5,870. 5. Buster Record Jr., Buffalo, Okla., \$5,574. 6. J.D. Yates, Pueblo, Colo., \$5,290. 7. Jim Davis, Abilene, Texas, \$5,246. 8. Cash Myers,

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INSIDE

Texans pay more for Bush security

AUSTIN (AP) — Texans spent \$1.3 million in the first three months of 2000 for security for Gov. George W. Bush while he campaigned for president, according to figures released Thursday.

The figure is more than four times what Texans spent to protect Bush and his family during all of 1998, when Bush was not on the campaign trail, according to previously released numbers.

As of March 20, the state has spent \$3.9 million on executive security for the governor and his family since January 1999, according to new figures from the Texas Department of Public Safety.

The DPS released the latest security costs in response to several requests, said Tela Mange, spokeswoman for the department.

In keeping with policy, the department did not provide a detailed breakdown of how the money was spent. Mange said releasing such information could compromise Bush's safety.

Previously released figures show the state spent \$2.65 million on Bush's security in 1999, or about \$221,000 a month. In 2000, the state spent about \$432,000 per month.

Mange said her department expects the costs to decrease because the federal Secret Service took over Bush's security earlier this week. The DPS still protects Bush's family, however, she said.

Bush campaigned extensively early this year in Michigan, California, New York, Virginia and other states.

Linda Edwards, a spokeswoman for Bush, said the state was required by law to pay for the governor's security before the Secret Service took over on Wednesday.

"Under Texas law, it is the responsibility of the Department of Public Safety to protect the governor whether he is in the state or traveling out of the state," she said.

Edwards said the state paid for former Democratic Gov. Ann Richards' security when she campaigned for President Clinton in 1992.



BUSH PERSONALITY

Governor's negatives rise

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Since wrapping up the GOP presidential nomination, George W. Bush has been sounding like a sore winner, making acid remarks about Al Gore and dismissing former Republican rival John McCain. Voters are starting to tell pollsters the Texas governor is "cocky" and "arrogant."

With his Texas swagger and a look that some voters describe as a smirk, the governor's remarks on everything from the election to executions have renewed questions about whether he's ready for his prime-time presidential run.

A new Pew Research Center poll suggests Bush is being hurt by it all.

Among people who now support his Democratic rival, Vice President Al Gore, the percentage who dislike Bush because of his personality has jumped from 19 percent in October to 33 percent. The figure for Gore among Bush supporters is 22 percent, compared to 24 percent in October.

And 31 percent of all the poll's respondents chose a negative term when asked the one word that best described Bush, compared to 12 percent who thought of a negative term first a year ago.

While the majority of references to Bush were positive, the most frequently mentioned negative words were "arrogant," "dislike," "untrustworthy," "wimp," "bad" or "cocky."

The most frequently mentioned negative word for Gore was "boring," and "dull" was second, tied with "politician," undefined as to positive or negative. Next on the negative list came "dishonest" and "incompetent."

Fred Greenstein, a political science professor at Princeton University, said Bush risks being labeled "a non gravitas wise guy — that is something he has got to put some effort into working on or walking away from" if he is to win in November.

Perceived arrogance won't necessarily hurt, said Darrell West, professor of political science at Brown University, "if

it leads people to view you as a strong and effective leader."

But Bill Mayer, a political science professor at Northeastern University, said that too often Bush's campaign seems to "show him off in ways that accentuate the notion that he is not very substantive ... has no great reason to appear so cocky."

In an interview published Thursday in The Washington Post, the Texas governor launched into unsolicited and repeated criticism of the vice president.

Asked directly whether Gore has the honesty and integrity to serve as president, Bush replied: "That's what I'd like to know and that's what America would like to know."

The remarks came a week after Bush got into political hot water by coming off as dismissive of McCain, his closest rival for the GOP nomination.

In an interview with The New York Times, Bush was asked whether the Arizona senator had raised his con-

sciousness about reform.

Bush replied, "No, he didn't change my views." Bush also said he had no intention of making concessions to McCain.

While the governor later softened his remarks about McCain, his initial criticism mimicked remarks from his press secretary, who said when asked about negotiating a settlement with McCain, "Negotiations? Governor Bush won."

Explanations aside, Bush's remarks — and questions about his readiness to be president — have been recurring themes on the campaign trail.

During a debate on Dec. 6 in Phoenix, questions arose about whether Bush was really reading, as he had previously stated, a biography of Dean Acheson, President Truman's secretary of state.

Instead of answering a question about what lessons he had learned from Acheson, Bush recited sections from the foreign policy section of his stump speech.

Hillary's travels drawing GOP fire



HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON

First lady's campaign has reimburses only a portion of her travel expenses, according to documents released by Republicans.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republicans released documents showing Hillary Rodham Clinton has paid back only about one-fifth of the costs of her trips to New York and they say taxpayers are footing much of the bill for the first lady's Senate campaign.

The 26 trips Clinton took between June 9 and Dec. 14, 1999, cost \$182,471. She has reimbursed taxpayers \$32,878, according to the documents. House Republicans compiled the information using White House data.

Clinton files on government aircraft on the advice of the Secret Service and reimburses the government the same way presidential candidates do: at the rate of a first-class commercial ticket.

The practice, though legal, has been criticized by her Republican rival for the Senate, New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, who says she should repay all the money.

White House spokesman Jim Kennedy said policies regarding the first lady's travel on military planes date to the 1980s. He handed out memos signed by former Republican chiefs of staff James Baker and John Sununu endorsing the policy.

At a hearing Thursday by the House subcommittee that oversees the White House budget, Republicans said the laws governing White House travel were never intended to cover a political campaign by a first lady.

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