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**HUSTLIN' HEREFORD,
HOME OF
Leon & Christy Trevino**

WTAMU to honor Hereford resident

Special to The Brand

CANYON — A Hereford cattleman will be inducted next week into West Texas A&M University's premier donor recognition society.

Eleven individuals, organizations and corporations who have made lifetime contributions of \$50,000 or more to the university will be inducted into the Old Main Society during a formal ceremony Nov. 4 in Old Main on the Canyon campus.

The ceremony will begin with an unveiling of portraits and plaques at 7 p.m. in the foyer of Old Main, with dinner to follow.

Johnny Trotter of Hereford will be one of the 11 donors to be inducted in the special ceremony.

Other inductees are The Abell-Hanger Foundation of Midland; Baptist St. Anthony's Health System of Amarillo, WTAMU's Buffalo Club; Duke Energy Corp. of Houston; the Canyon-based musical group, The Fabulous Five; M. Louise Forman of Plano; Sherry and David Schaeffer of Dimmitt; Mary Arless; Keefe Periman and the late Judge Carl Clyde Periman of Amarillo; Mrs. Minnie K. Savage of Amarillo; and Myrt and David Wilder of Plainview.

"The Old Main Society serves as a way for the University and the WT Foundation to recognize the generosity of this special group of donors and their continued impact on WTAMU and its students," Pat Hill

Cathcart, executive director of development, said. "The permanent display honoring them in the foyer of Old Main provides a visible reminder of their gifts through scholarships, facilities and programs at WT."

Contributions from Old Main Society donors endow scholarships and provide financial assistance to students, enhance instructional programs, provide faculty development opportunities and awards for outstanding teaching, and build and enhance campus facilities. The support of private donors is vital as WT meets growing needs in a time of shrinking public support, Cathcart said.

This year's honorees support a

wide variety of programs at WTAMU.

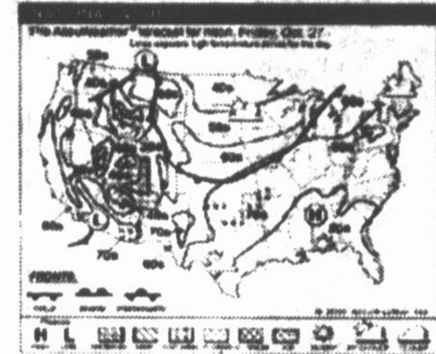
Trotter's focus is on scholarships. He has been instrumental in the establishment of three President's Honor Scholarships, and he and his wife, Jana, are President's Circle members at the Emeritus level.

Contributions by The Abell-Hanger Foundation have enabled the Division of Education to more than double its scholarship-granting capability.

Baptist St. Anthony's Health System supports several scholarships and has helped sponsor University activities ranging from Homecoming to Showcase of Music.

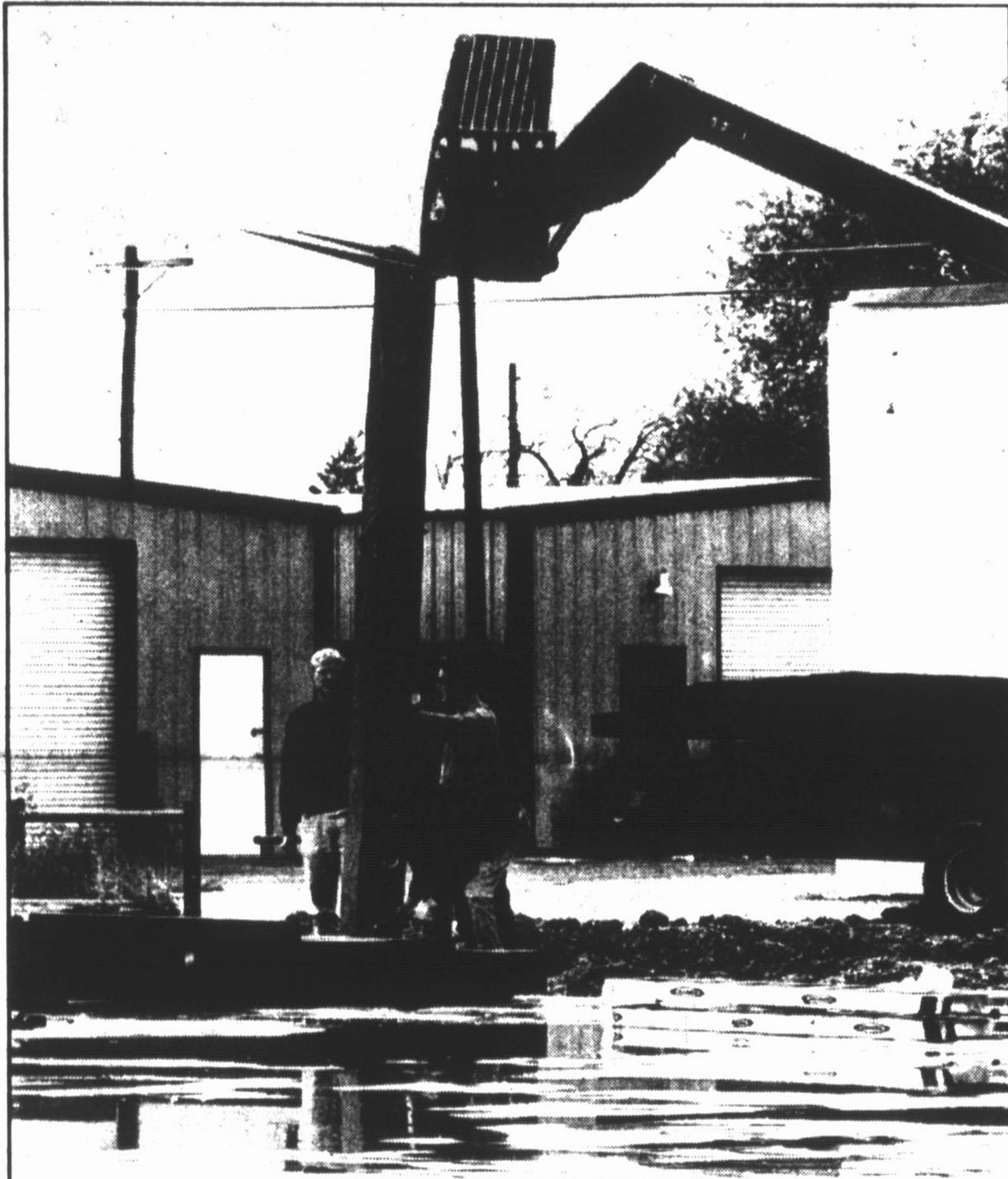
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Today's weather OUTLOOK



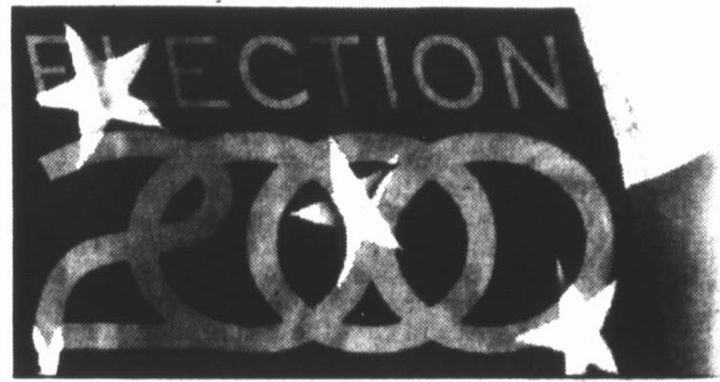
The forecast for Friday shows a strong storm will move from Southern California into Arizona and bring rain to the Southwest and snow to higher elevations. Moisture will continue to stream northward across the center of the nation, producing showers from Oklahoma to Illinois. The eastern U.S. will be warm and dry.

- **Partly cloudy skies** — Partly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, lows around 50. Friday: Partly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, highs 65 to 70. Friday night: Partly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of thunderstorms, lows around 50.
- **Extended forecast** — Saturday: Mostly cloudy with a chance of showers and thunderstorms, highs in the mid-60s. Sunday and Monday: Partly cloudy, lows near 45, highs 65 to 70.
- **Hereford weather** — Wednesday's high, 71; low, 47; no precipitation, according to KPAN Radio.



BRAND/Don Cooper

Starting framework — Construction workers have started putting up the frame for a new video store in the 800 block of South 25 Mile Avenue. When completed, the building will house Movie Video Gallery. The 4,200-square-foot store is being built by GBH Development & Investment of Texarkana, Ark.



Historian: 2000 race fits pattern

FORT WORTH (AP) — This year's tight presidential race may have baffled some pundits and pollsters, but one historian says the current state of the nation wouldn't allow it any other way.

Pulitzer Prize-winning historian Doris Kearns Goodwin says boom times in the country has contributed to less intense politics — and two presidential candidates still neck and neck just 13 days before the election.

"Is it possible in a time of peace and prosperity that people don't take the election as seriously?" Goodwin asked in today's issues of the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram*. "They are not focused on it as intensely as they would be in a time of war or recession or depression, meaning they are more likely to be late in making up their minds."

Vice President Al Gore and Texas Gov. George W. Bush were forced to stump in states Wednesday where they expected to have comfortable leads, with Gore in Tennessee and Bush in Florida.

"In a funny way, what is happening is people in the country are not really happy about either candidate. So when one pulls ahead and looks like they are going to be the next president, people switch back," Goodwin said.

She told an audience at Texas Christian University Wednesday night that voter apathy could be a byproduct of the two-year-long Clinton-Lewinsky scandal.

President Clinton's impeachment debate, she said, diminished the importance of the presidency in many people's eyes, lending to the fickle nature of voters.

And the candidates may be so programmed by their handlers that voters may feel like they are simply "spectators to the race."

"What a politician used to develop the more he was in public life was intuitions and feelings about the country," Goodwin said. "Leadership used to be about when you shaped public opinion, not simply reflected it."

The Bush-Gore race has been compared to the 1960 Kennedy-Nixon contest. But Goodwin also noted the slim margins when Jimmy Carter beat Gerald Ford in 1976 and Richard Nixon defeated Hubert Humphrey and George Wallace in 1968.

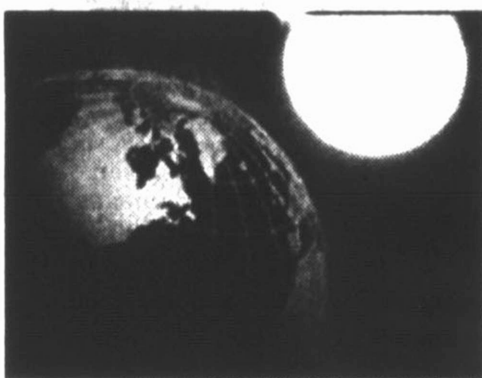


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Inside Today



GLOBAL WARMING

■ Panel of climate scientists contend past five years show that the Earth likely will get hotter than previous studies indicate. Report is expected to renew controversy over global warming, human activities. — Page A7

Workers' wage gains slow

WASHINGTON (AP) — Americans' wages and benefits rose by 0.9 percent in the third quarter, the slowest pace in a year, and were down slightly from a 1.0 percent increase in the previous three months, the government reported Thursday.

On Wall Street, stocks were down in early trading. The Dow Jones industrial average lost 7 points in the first hour.

The increase in the Labor Department's Employment Cost Index, a closely watched gauge of inflation pressures, was right on target with many analysts' expectations for the July-September quarter. It was the smallest quarterly gain in compensation since a 0.6

percent rise in the third quarter of 1999.

The wages and salaries component of the index advanced by 0.8 percent in the third quarter, the slowest pace since a 0.5 percent gain posted in the first quarter of 1999. In the second quarter of this year, wages and salaries rose by 1.0 percent.

The cost of benefits also moderated, rising 1.0 percent in the third quarter, the slowest rate in a year, after a 1.1 percent increase in the previous quarter.

Total compensation for private workers rose 1.0 percent in the third quarter, down from a 1.1 percent gain in the second quarter. State and local government workers' compensation grew by 0.6 percent in the third quarter.

Unclaimed property listed by comptroller

AUSTIN — The Texas Comptroller's Office has some good news for thousands of working families and business owners: the state wants to give them money.

"This year's Unclaimed Property List contains a record 130,163 new names of unclaimed property owners who have more than \$68 million coming to them," Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander said. "Everyone whose name appears on the list has at least \$100 coming to them, or maybe some stock or the contents of a forgotten safe deposit box."

"These are names of only the unclaimed property owners who have been reported to the state within the last year," Rylander said. "Altogether,

the state is holding more than \$786 million that rightfully belongs to Texas families and business owners, and I want to give it back."

Texans can check the extensive unclaimed property data base on the comptroller's Web site at www.window.state.tx.us/up, to see whether the state is holding any unclaimed property for them.

Unclaimed property can be anything from an uncollected paycheck, to a forgotten utility deposit or a long-dormant bank account. The law requires businesses and financial institutions to turn unclaimed assets over to the state after three to five years, if the owners cannot be found. Some examples of the unclaimed

property being held by the state include:

- **Uncashed checks** — \$133,049,282
- **Dormant bank accounts** — \$96,328,760
- **Insurance** — \$105,902,491
- **Utility refunds** — \$12,012,587
- **Royalties** — \$43,867,474
- **Unclaimed wages** — \$26,578,025
- **Other assets** — \$364,398,610

Individuals who don't have Internet access to the database can call comptroller's office at (800) 654-3463 for a free search to see if the state is holding any unclaimed property for them.

Hereford residents listed include: Nancy Andrews, Mike Axe, Big

Tex Cattle, Angie Blea, Esther Bowman, Jan J. Bradford, Keith W. Bridwell, Johnnie Burkhalter, Larry B. Carver, Adela Cavazos, Fidel Ceballos, Pat Collins, Colorado ByProducts, Alice R. Cox, George Cox, Desert Seed Co.; Economy Liquors Inc., Eleanor Spanish Food, Clint Formby, Roman J. Friemel, John T. Fuston, Trini Gamez, Gator Cattle Co., Ray P. Gerk, Peggy Gonzales, Barbara Elaine Gonzalez, Hereford Regional Medical Center, Carl L. Hildebrand, J. Horton, S. Huerta, IBM Farms, Gladys Jenkins, Pricella B. Lacey, Shannon S. Lee;

Stephen D. Lewis, Jose C. Lozoya, Markley Feed Yard, Guadalupe

Martinez, Richard Martinez, Sabrina Maxwell, Gary McQuigg, Richard L. Mendoza, Pat C. Miller, Fabian Montelongo, Martin Moreno, Jeff Orand, Sarah Orosco, Ruben Ortega, Kathy Owen;

Glenn Ray Polan, Joe A. Ramirez, Catharina C. Rincon, Martha Rodriguez, Bob Rodriguez, Juanita Rodriguez, Margaret A. Rountree, Kyle Schuder, Billy Seiver, George W. Shepard, Dwight Shirley, Ronnie Short, Richard Sierra, Rene Solis, R.R. Stewart, Summerfield Feed Yard, Texham Corp. Truett Fertilizer, Pervadus Wade, R.J. Ward, B.J. Weaver, Opal Wedel, Robert C. White, Elizabeth Ellen Wills, Wilson Beef Lamb and J. Witherspoon.

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Local roundup

•Food show changed•

The Deaf Smith County 4-H Food Show has been moved to 9:30 to 11:45 a.m. Saturday at the Nita Lee Building (the old Campfire Lodge) in Langley Park.

•Burn ban lifted•

The rainfall since the weekend has prompted Deaf Smith County Judge Tom Simons to rescind a burn ban in the county. Simons had issued the burn ban order on Sept. 5 and the county commissioners on Sept. 11 approved an indefinite extension.

The rainfall has eased the dry conditions that created a threat of wildfires.

•County jury duty changed•

Jurors who have been called to serve in the county court should take note the trial has been moved to 9 a.m., Wednesday, Nov. 1.

•Blue Water Gardens haunted house•

Blue Water Gardens apartments will be sponsoring a haunted house at the corner of Forrest and Whittier. The haunted house will be 7:30-9:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and 7:30-11:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Cost is \$3. Cost on Oct. 30 is \$2 with a coupon. Proceeds go to benefit Christmas Gifts for Kids.

• Fire Dept. haunted house •

The Hereford Volunteer Fire Department will have its first spook house at the old Fullwood Building, at the corner of Third and Lee., 7-10 p.m. Oct. 30 and 31. Cost is \$5 per person. Children under 12 need to be accompanied by an adult.

•Stevens collects for food pantry•

Stevens Chevrolet will be having a food collection for the Hereford Food Pantry and special guests on election day - The Budweiser Clydesdales. Staff at the dealership encourage everyone to cast their vote then bring a can of food to help restock the Food Pantry Shelves and see the world famous Clydesdales between 2 and 5 p.m. Nov. 7.



Validation season



DNA testing - Ag instructor Bill Binder had the task of drawing blood from animals which showed up for sheep and goat validation earlier this week. This is the first time animals have had to provide a blood sample. Previously animals were validated only with nose prints, but this may be used in the event of questions regarding winners. This young goat, owned and shown by Gary Schiabs, was not happy about providing his DNA.

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School news

•HOSA week at HHS•

The HHS Health Occupation Students of America organization will participate in a community food drive Saturday. Members of HOSA will be dropping off small grocery bags at select houses and will pick bags up later in the day. Individuals wanting to contribute should contact the HOSA club at the High School.

• Tierra Blanca •

Tierra Blanca will host an open house 6:30-7:30 p.m. today. Kindergarten students will present a program and parents will have an opportunity to sign up as class volunteers. Door prizes will be awarded.

Tierra Blanca will also host its first Family Frameworks program 6 to 7:30 p.m. Oct. 30. The topic will be "Raising Responsible Kids." Childcare will be available. Snacks and door prizes will be awarded.

Muffins for Moms will be presented 7:30-8:30 a.m. Nov. 2, in the Parents Room.

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News digest

•Move to seize Sun Bowl challenged•

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — Leaders in El Paso County aren't giving up the Sun Bowl without a fight.

The County Commissioner's Court voted Wednesday to contest filings by the University of Texas System and the state attorney general to seize the stadium by eminent domain.

The UT System had given El Paso County an ultimatum to sell the Sun Bowl for \$1,600 — the value given in a university-funded appraisal — or lose ownership through eminent domain.

But commissioners Wednesday voted to hire an Austin law firm and pay for another appraisal of the stadium.

Eminent domain or condemnation is a legal process that allows a government agency to take control of property wanted for public use.

"Commissioners Court has an obligation to the local community to do the right thing," said Commissioner Charles Hooten told the El Paso Times in Thursday's editions. "We need to leave it as a locally owned stadium."

The ultimatum was part of a dispute over the county's proposed changes to UT's 99-year-lease of the stadium for Texas-El Paso.

The county voted earlier this month to allow the school to build the \$9 million Larry K. Durham Sports Center.

Elsewhere:

SENTENCE OVERTURNED: A man sentenced to death for strangling a Houston jogger should be resentenced because he had an ineffective defense lawyer who failed to recognize improper statements made by prosecutors. The court's 7-2 ruling affirmed the capital murder conviction of Arthur Lee Burton.

CISNEROS SPEECH: Former San Antonio mayor Henry Cisneros addresses the Hispanic Heritage Association on Wednesday.

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School violence on the decline

Report indicates children more likely to be hurt off campus

WASHINGTON (AP) — Despite headline-making occurrences of school violence recently, the number of such incidents is falling, and children are most likely to be hurt off-campus, the government reported Thursday.

Schoolchildren were twice as likely to be victims of serious violent crime away from school, the report by the Education and Justice Departments said.

In the 1997-98 school year, 42 of the 3,000 children who

were murdered or committed suicide, or 1.4 percent, died at school, the report said. In the same year, 253,000 students ages 12 to 18 were victims of serious crimes like rape and robbery, compared with 550,000 children who were victims of such crimes away from school.

"Students also seem to feel more secure at school now than just a few years ago," says the report, which uses information reported by students and principals to conclude that crime declined in the nation's schools in the 1990s.

The report released Thursday is drawn from a variety of government statistics, and much of the data had been

reported piecemeal in earlier studies.

Worries about school violence were raised anew just this week with an incident Tuesday at Pioneer Elementary School in Glendale, Ariz. Nobody was hurt or killed when a 14-year-old boy carried a loaded 9 mm handgun into his former school and began a standoff in a classroom full of seventh- and eighth-graders that lasted about an hour.

The drive for a greater federal role in making schools safer came amid deadlier incidents like the April 1999 Columbine High School shooting, in which two boys killed 12 schoolmates and a teacher before fatally shooting them-

selves.

The new report was intended to create a national database to track school crime. Its veracity has come under some criticism from those who say students and principals alike might be unwilling to report all the troubles that occur in their schools.

The percentage of children who reported they were victims of crime at school dropped from 10 percent in 1995 to 8 percent in 1999, the government said. About the same percentage of children reporting fights remained the same over that time period.

Between 1993 and 1997, the proportion of high schoolers bringing in weapons dropped 25 percent, the report said.

Cities fight utility construction fees

DALLAS (AP) — From the Red River to the Gulf, Texas cities are suing big utilities and accusing them of underpaying fees for laying pipes and stringing power lines

HEREFORD BRAND Emergency services

Activities reported by emergency services personnel for Oct. 25, 2000, include the following:

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Arrests

- An 18-year-old man was arrested in the 1200 block of East 15th and charged with driving under the influence by a minor.

- An 18-year-old woman was arrested in the 800 block of West First and charged with criminal trespass, class C assault and resisting arrest.

Incidents

- A burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 200 block of Centre.

- A woman reported someone had removed her purse from the front seat of her vehicle, which was parked in the 400 block of Avenue B.

- A 26-year-old woman reported an assault in the 700 block of Avenue G.

- A 24-year-old man reported a criminal mischief in the 800 block of South 25 Mile Avenue.

- A 45-year-old woman reported damage to her vehicle in the 300 block of Avenue H.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

- 8:20 p.m. Firefighters responded to a controlled burn at county roads G and 12.

along public streets.

Lawyers for the cities accuse Reliant Energy HL&P in Houston and Dallas-based TXU Corp. of cheating the cities out of about \$350 million.

The utilities did this, the lawyers say, by using a narrow definition of gross revenue in calculating fees paid to the cities.

The utilities say they are honoring the terms of their contracts with cities, and they say that customers will end up paying more if the cities

win in court.

In Southeast Texas, 47 cities, including Houston, filed lawsuits last week against Reliant Energy HL&P, which they said has underpaid them \$113 million, dating to the 1950s. The lawsuits came a day after a state district judge ruled the cities must file individual lawsuits rather than join in a class-action case against HL&P.

Judge John Wooldridge also overturned a jury's finding in an earlier case that HL&P

had intentionally defrauded three cities by underpaying franchise fees. The jury wanted to award \$34.2 million — mostly in punitive damages — to Pasadena, Galveston and Wharton, but the judge cut the sum to \$1.2 million.

A spokeswoman for HL&P said Wednesday the company plans to appeal the remaining judgment and \$13.6 million in attorney fees for the cities' Houston law firm, O'Quinn & Laminack.

In North Texas, Denton city officials accuse TXU of intentionally underpaying \$1.17 million in franchise fees by deducting some income before calculating the franchise fees. It filed suit June 7 in state district court in Denton.

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Obituaries

PETE RAMIREZ

Oct. 23, 2000

FORT STOCKTON — Services for Pete U. Ramirez, 69, of Fort Stockton, were today at Memorial Funeral Home with Rev. Raymundo Garcia officiating. Burial was in the Rose Hill Cemetery under the direction of Memorial Funeral Home.

Mr. Ramirez died Monday at a Pecos County Hospital.

He was born in Fort Stockton and had worked as a school janitor.

Survivors include two sons, Raul Figueroa of Houston and Daniel Figueroa of Fort Stockton; two daughters, Esparza Ramirez of Fort Stockton and Reyes Ruiz of Hereford; one sister, Christene Peales of Fort Stockton; three brothers, Gilbert Urias and Juan Urias, both of San Antonio and Hector Raygosa of Odessa.

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KARL DWAYNE HUTCHESON

Oct. 25, 2000

Services for Karl Dwayne Hutcheson, 72, formerly of Hereford are pending with Gililand-Watson Funeral Home.

Mr. Hutcheson died Wednesday at the Audie Murphy Veterans Medical Center in San Antonio.

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ROBERT THOMAS NEWTON

Oct. 25, 2000

LEVELLAND — Services for Robert Thomas Newton of Levelland will be 2 p.m. at First United Methodist Church of Levelland. Burial will be at Restlawn Memorial Park in Lubbock, under the direction of George Price Funeral Home.

Survivors include one son, Dennis Newton, of Hereford. Hereford Brand, Oct. 26, 2000

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Texas lottery

Pick 3

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Wednesday by the Texas Lottery, in order:

3-5-8

Lotto

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

The ticket was worth an estimated \$18 million.

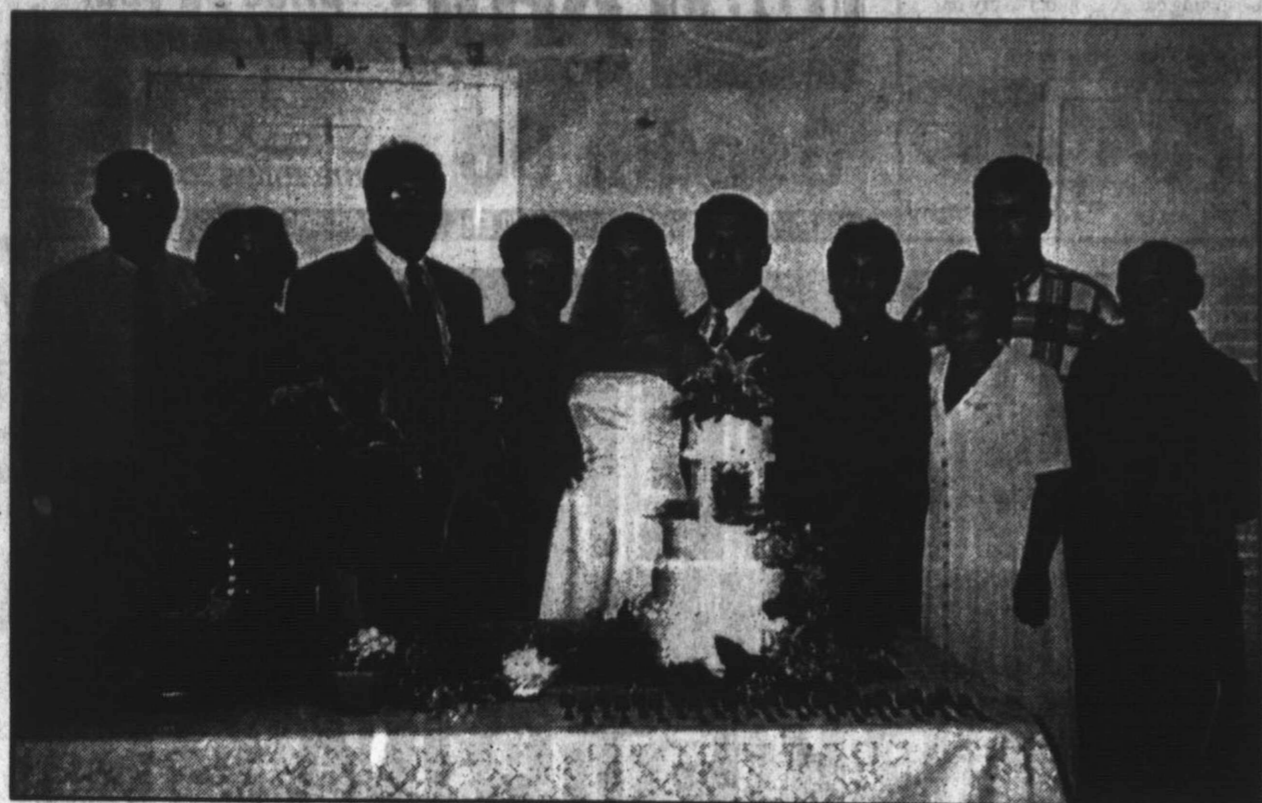
The numbers drawn Wednesday night from a field of 54 were:

3-17-49-14-50-25.

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

LIFESTYLES

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Honorees at a combination bridal shower and reception Saturday in Kinsey Parlor of First Baptist Church were newly weds Lyndsi Ames Watts and Jason Watts (center). Also pictured are (from left) J. Alan and Barbara Ames, grandparents of the bride; Lloyd and Ann Ames, father and stepmother of the bride; Nell Hudgens, grandmother of the bride; Robbi and Scott Hudgens, mother and stepfather of the bride; and Bob Hardin, grandfather of the bride.

FBC site of shower, reception honoring newly wed couple

Newly weds Lyndsi Ames Watts and Jason Watts were honored with a combination bridal shower and reception Saturday in Kinsey Parlor of First Baptist Church.

The couple exchanged wedding vows on Sept. 9.

Greeting guests with the honorees were Scott and Robbi Hudgens, mother and stepfather of the bride; Lloyd and Ann Ames, father and stepmother of the bride; and Bob Hardin, Nell Hudgens, and Barbara and J. Alan Ames, all grandparents of

the bride.

Kristy Wallace presided at the guest registry.

The couple participated in the traditional cutting and sharing of the three tiered wedding cake decorated with fresh flowers. Other refreshments included fruit and vegetable trays and cran-raspberry punch.

Serving refreshments were Ginger Wallace and LaNae Treadwell.

The centerpiece on the serving table was a mixed bouquet of fresh flowers including lilies,

daisies and carnations.

A collage of childhood pictures of the bride and groom was on display in the foyer as guests arrived.

An outdoor grill with accessories and a set of butcher knives were gifts from hostesses Kathy Allison, Marilyn Bell, Barbara Burkhalter, Alice Eades, Cruz Jones, Marylin Leasure, Leisa Lewis, Sally Nolen, Cindy Rogers, Ann Sessions, Susan Shaw, Terri Souter, Georgia Sparks, Melba Spurgin, Denise Teel, Ginger Wallace and Marlene Watson.

2CARE for Babies is year old

Special to the Brand

2CARE for Babies is one year old and marking the occasion with a program expansion and positive news about its service in several Texas communities.

A program of the Coalition of Health Services, 2CARE for Babies was established in 1999 to give the parents of newborn children in Borger, Childress, Hereford, Pampa and Perryton extra incentive to complete their child's well-child checkups and immunizations. Now the program is expanding to Dimmitt.

Parents can enroll in the 2CARE for Babies program at their infant's first well-child checkup and earn points that lead to a free gift for baby on his or her first birthday.

Through a grant from the Texas Department of Health, 2CARE for Babies works in cooperation with participating clinics to award points for well-child checkups and immunizations completed during the baby's first year. Completing an infant's first well-child checkup within two weeks after birth is worth extra points.

Additional points are awarded to mothers who breast-feed their infants and to mothers and fathers who attend educational classes related to raising children, such as car seat safety, parenting and CPR. Upon the baby's first birthday, his or her points can be exchanged for a free gift from 2CARE for Babies presented by the participating clinic and the local hospital.

"We are so excited by the support 2CARE for Babies has received," Camille Stanley, director of 2CARE for Babies, said. "By working hand-in-hand with physicians, nurse practitioners and clinic staff, 2CARE for Babies is helping improve infant health, increase breast-feeding rates and ensure greater completion of

well-child checkups and immunizations. Together, we are making a difference in our communities."

According to Stanley, preventative health care and immunizations play an important role in learning and lifelong health. 2CARE for Babies is designed to reward parents for making their infant's health care a priority.

In the communities served by 2CARE for Babies, seven clinics currently participate in the program. In addition, the program enjoys the support of Childress Regional Medical Center, Hereford Regional Medical Center, Pampa Regional Medical Center, Golden Plains Community Hospital in Borger and Ochiltree General Hospital in Perryton. These hospitals are affiliates of the Coalition of Health Services, a nonprofit organization of 20 area hospitals

working to enhance community health.

Parents of infants born in Borger, Childress, Dimmitt, Hereford, Pampa and Perryton should receive information about 2CARE for Babies upon dismissal from the hospital. To receive additional information or to make a donation to 2CARE for Babies, call toll free 1-888-89-2CARE.

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Ann Landers

Dear Ann Landers: My best friend recently lost his 17-year-old brother in a tragic accident. Some of our other friends have been behaving strangely toward him since then. I understand not everyone knows what to say when they learn someone has died, but dropping off the face of the earth is not helpful.

I am shocked and ashamed by the behavior of these people. Even a simple "I'm sorry" is appreciated. Any word of comfort means a great deal to a person who is grieving.

Please, Ann, tell your readers to pick up the phone, write a note, send flowers or drop by to talk. Ignoring a grieving person adds to the unbearable pain. I am sad for all the friendships lost because of this. I suspect these folks have no idea how hurtful their perceived indifference can be. — L.T. in Houston

Dear L.T.: People often react to a death by distancing themselves. They do not mean to be cruel. In most cases, they feel awkward and uncomfortable, and are so afraid of saying the wrong thing, they say nothing at all.

Your suggestions to pick up the phone, send a note or flowers, or come over for a visit

are good ones. Please, folks, don't abandon friends in their time of need. Drop by with some chocolate chip cookies. Call and ask, "Can I run some errands for you?" Send a letter expressing how sorry you are for their loss. No matter how awkward you feel, such thoughtfulness will be greatly appreciated.

Dear Ann Landers: Another woman and I are planning to give a bridal shower for a friend. When I asked the bride to let me know what guests she would like to invite, she handed me a list of 126 names. I could not believe my eyes.

I told her this was too many people, and we would have to trim the list. The bride insisted I include cousins and neighbors, and I wound up with 45 people. Last week, she gave me 15 additional names.

We had a lot of fun things planned for this shower, but cannot do them now because of the crowd. The bride is angry with us for not including everyone on her list. She is barely speaking to me, and I'm not sure our friendship will survive. Am I wrong to think she is being presumptuous, or am I

simply out of touch? How can I get through this? — Frustrated in Richardson, Texas

Dear Texas: Bridal showers are designed to be small, intimate affairs for close friends and relatives of the bride. While showers have grown larger over the past few years, they are not supposed to be mob scenes.

It is appropriate for the bride to check the guest list, but you are under no obligation to include everyone she suggests. The hostesses determine the number of people invited, since they are paying the bill. The bride is only the guest of honor. You might want to remind her of that fact.

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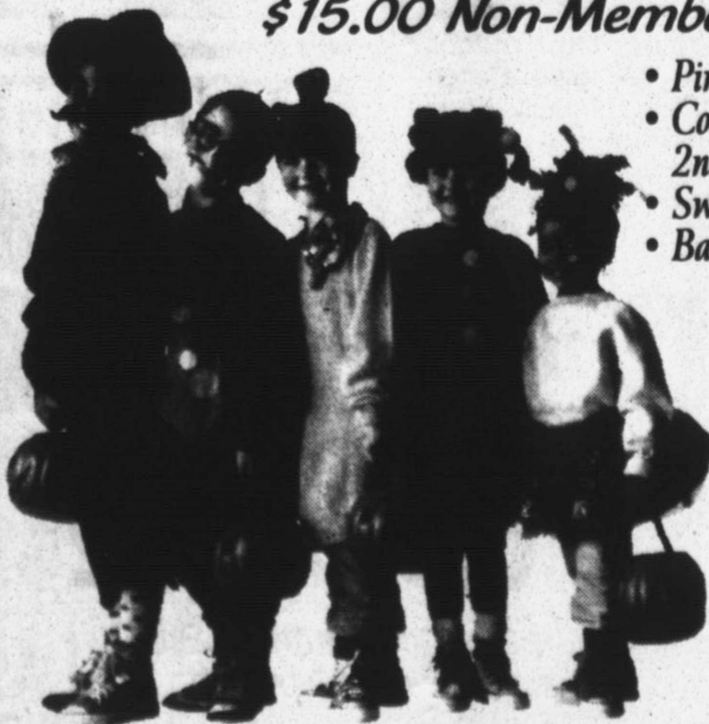
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King's Manor Auxiliary members discussed plans for the Founder's Day Dinner which will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Nov. 9 in the Lamar Room. Auxiliary members pictured are (seated from left) Carmen Angel, Oleta Davidson, Wilma Goetsch, Sylvia Douglas; (standing from left) Lois Gililand, Carole McGilvary, Quintna Waits, Rosalee McGowen, Margarite Cole, Mildred Fuhrmann, Vada Axe and Lois Moore.

Founder's Dinner will celebrate King's Manor 38th anniversary

King's Manor Methodist Home Founder's Day Dinner, celebrating the 38th anniversary of the founding of King's Manor, will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Nov. 9 in the Lamar Room. Discussion of the annual dinner was the main topic of business at the recent meeting of the King's Manor Auxiliary.

The visionary Dr. Don Davidson saw the need for a retirement community to serve the Panhandle. A group of local citizens in Hereford heard his message and understood the

need. In 1962 the dream was realized.

King's Manor and Westgate Nursing Home continue to provide dedicated care for area retirees and loved ones. While excellent care has not changed over the years, there is a critical need to modernize equipment in Westgate.

The King's Manor Founder's Board and the Auxiliary traditionally work to raise money to assist needy Manor residents. This year in addition to the

annual barbeque in the summer and the banquet in the fall, the Board has committed to raise matching funds to modernize equipment in Westgate.

Attending the auxiliary meeting were Vada Axe, Rosalee McGowen, Lois Moore, Mildred Fuhrmann, Sylvia Douglas, Wilma Goetsch, Quintna Waits, Carmen Angel, Lois Gililand, Thelma Lamm, Margarite Cole, Oleta Davidson, Bera Boyd, Kee Ruland and Carole McGilvary.

Hereford Girl Scouts participate in Investiture, Rededication Ceremony

Hereford Girl Scouts recently participated in an Investiture and Rededication Ceremony at the Hereford Community Center.

Senior and Cadette Girl Scouts from Troop #283 organized and led the ceremonies. Investiture is a ceremony where new Girl Scouts receive their pins and say

the Girl Scout Promise.

Rededication is a ceremony where girls who have been in Girl Scouts say the Girl Scout Law.

Three new leaders who received their Girl Scout pins were Tara Kimbell, Lupe Sarabia and Kim Witt.

The next main activity for the

Hereford Girl Scouts is the Song Fest Registration Event from 2-3:30 p.m. on Sunday at the Nita Lea Building. All Hereford Girl Scouts are invited to come and learn songs and games.

Any registered Girl Scout who brings a friend who registers that day will receive a free patch.

Manning to be featured speaker at long-term care workshop

Former Hereford resident Doug Manning, author and counselor, will be the featured speaker at a workshop sponsored by Olivia's Angels and BSA Hospice on Friday, Nov. 3 in St. Stephen United Methodist Church, 4600 S. Western, in

Amarillo.

The workshop, titled "Share My Lonesome Valley - The Slow Grief of Long-Term Care," will be offered in two sessions. A light breakfast will be served with the morning session from 8:30-11. A light supper will be served with

the evening session from 5:30-8.

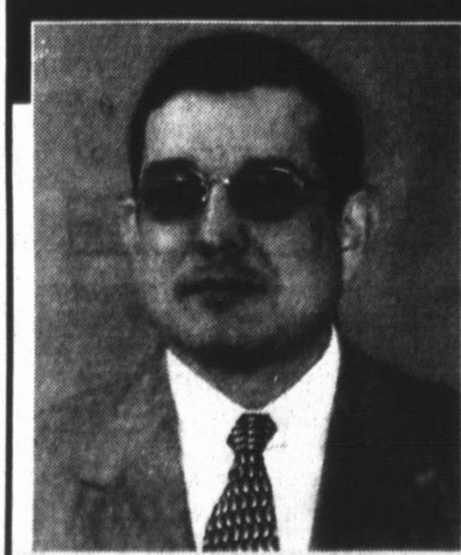
There is no charge for the workshop, but reservations are required. Call Deborah Andrews at BSA Hospice at 806-212-8715 or 800-315-6209.

A total of .3 CEUs will be offered.



Y Generation 4-H Club members, under the direction of adult leader Karen Esqueda, practiced their snack making skills when they made mini-pizzas at their 4-H Club meeting recently. Food and kitchen safety were emphasized and the food and nutrition project was introduced to these youth. The Y Generation Club is exploring a different phase of the 4-H projects at each of its meetings. For more information, contact the Deaf Smith County Extension Office at 364-3573.

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Lineman propel high-flying Herd

Coach Conger's Warhogs keep the pressure off their favorite quarterback

By Jeff Blackmon
Hereford Brand Sports Editor

They have a motto. "No one touches number 10."

They have a nickname. "Warhogs."

They are Hereford's offensive linemen.

Many coaches will tell you that if there is one part of a football team that can make or break the offense it is the offensive line.

Hereford especially relies on their line to give senior quarterback Cody Hodges adequate protection and time to make something happen making a solid front a necessity. The Whiteface coaches soon found out that in the 2000 season the offensive line would step up and play their hearts out. "It seems like I have all

the time in the world, and the lanes seem to be wide open," Hodges said. "They need a lot of credit."

After losing the likes of Kurtis Flood, Joe Cabezuela, Joseph Gonzales and David Fernandez head football coach Craig Yenser said there were concerns replacing the seniors. The coach said his worries were quickly put to rest by the dominating play demonstrated by the lineman so far this season.

"There were concerns," Yenser said. "They haven't disappointed us at all though."

The coach said he feels like the Whitefaces' line is solid with the additions of sophomore Tim Schlabs, junior center Nathan Pesina, junior Andrew Carnahan, junior Peter Barba, junior Jacob Liscano, junior Jesse Hernandez and the return of senior captain Hagen Henderson, senior Trey Madrigal, senior Trey

offensive line," Yenser said.

Yenser said that not only the coaches recognize how good their offensive front is playing right now, but the players recognize their efforts as well.

"Cody (Hodges) and the runners really compliment the line," Yenser said. "They understand where their bread is buttered."

The offensive line, or "Warhogs," showed early on they were not going to rest on the success of their play-off run in 1999 by coming out with an intense work ethic. Assistant head coach and offensive line coach Jim Conger said he is proud of their intensity in practice and in games.

"They are extremely hard workers and really tough kids," Conger said.

Conger also said another aspect that makes them such a good unit is that they are good students and are intelligent.

"They are really smart," Conger said. "We have some of the top students in their class, and they pick up things real well."

"They really get after it," Conger said.

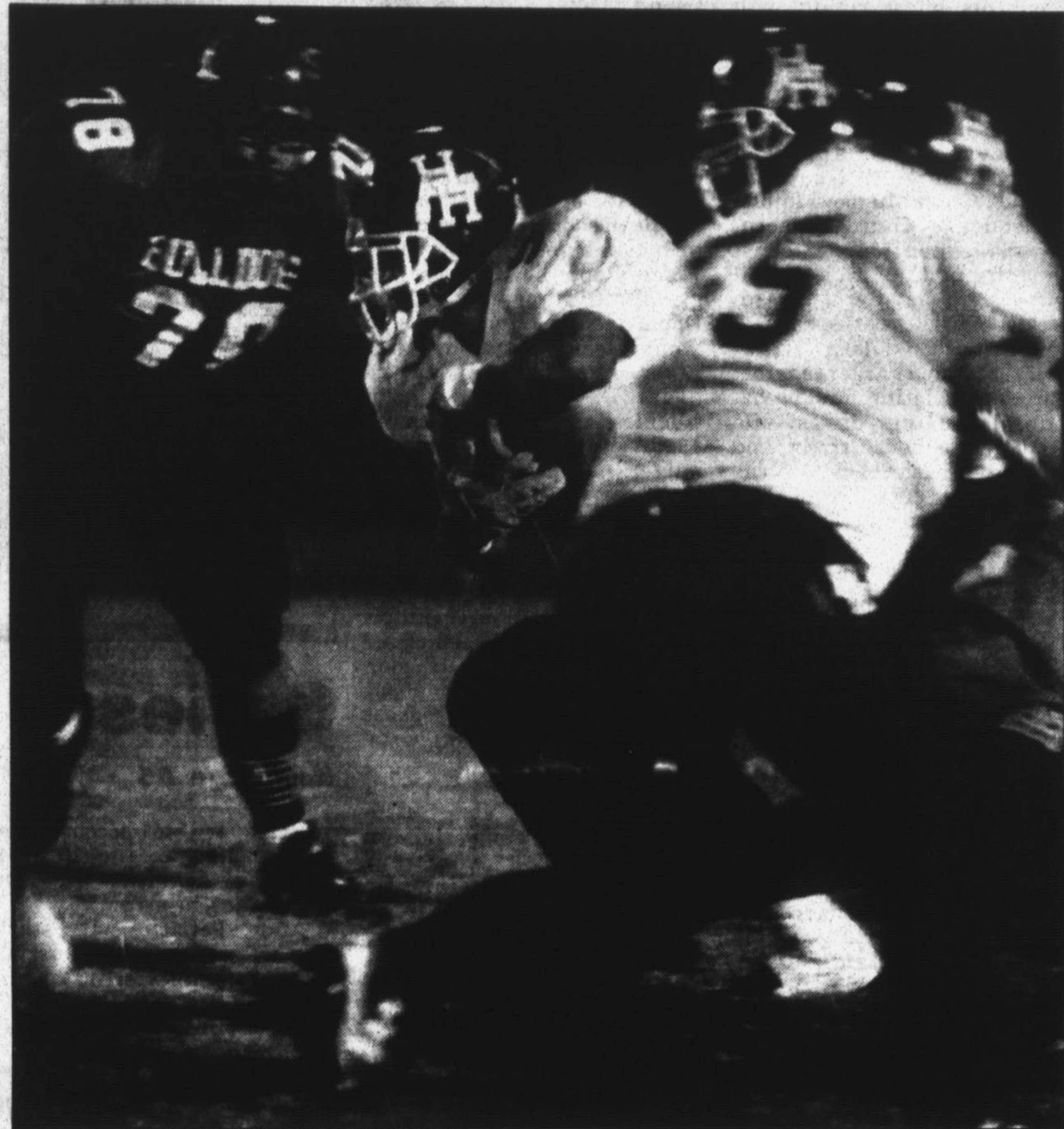
Conger also said that their expectations of each other usually takes the place of him having to get on to the unit if they let up. The coach said he has noticed if one or two of the lineman get tired and drag, several of the others fire them up and get them excited and energetic



Offensive linemen—The Hereford offensive linemen are (top row left) Trey Madrigal, Hagen Henderson, Nathan Pesina, Tim Schlabs, Trey Bezner, (bottom row left) Eric Gonzales, Andrew Carnahan, Jesse Hernandez and Jacob Liscano.

Bezner and senior Eric Gonzales.

"They are so dedicated to what they are doing, and I am pleased with our depth at



Making the block—Hereford High junior center Nathan Pesina (55) makes a key block for Whiteface tailback Ramiro Zambrano (5) against Borger.

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Herd to battle Palo Duro

Injury bug hanging around Whiteface football team

By Jeff Blackmon
Hereford Brand Sports Editor

While the Hereford Whitefaces were preparing for their game against Amarillo Palo Duro, the injury bug decided to pay them a visit once more.

With season ending injuries to junior tailback Juan DeSantiago and senior rover Rick Bordayo, the Whitefaces already had their hands full, but senior nose tackle Kris Hammerbeck is questionable after hurting his knee this past weekend. Yenser said all of the injuries, especially the one to DeSantiago this past Friday night, have been a real test for the Hostile Herd.

"It is disappointing for us," Yenser said. "We'll move forward though."

Junior defensive tackle Roy Pena and junior offensive lineman Jacob Liscano will try to fill the void left by Hammerbeck.

This Friday against Palo Duro, Yenser said senior tailback Ramiro Zambrano will see more time on the field after coming back from a sprained knee. The coach said he kept the senior out much of the game against Randall to be careful with his knee.

Boys athletic director and head football coach Craig Yenser said that even with all of the injuries that have plagued them this year, the team still must be ready to play against a Palo Duro team that has played them tough the last two years.

"Their kids have played us well, and Steve Parr (Palo Duro head coach) has defended us well," Yenser said.

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"They have got good athletes, and they are a formidable opponent."

Yenser said Palo Duro (1-6, 1-3) has several good players to watch on Friday including running back Dominic Posey and running back Dwight Mayberry. The coach said even though many favor them to win Friday's game they will not take it easy.

"They are someone we can't afford to take lightly," Yenser said.

Yenser said the Whitefaces have continued to focus on the game of the week instead of looking too far ahead to

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YANKEES TAKE 3-1 LEAD

Jeter starts fireworks while Yankee pitchers keep Mets down

NEW YORK (AP) — The New York Mets are finding out what the Brooklyn Dodgers and New York Giants learned long ago. The Yankees are hard to beat in a Subway Series.

What Derek Jeter started with a home run on the very

first pitch, the bullpen finished off. The New York Yankees downed the Mets 3-2 Wednesday night and closed within one victory of their third straight World Series title.

"We're one win from where we want to be," Jeter said. Game 4 marked the Yankees' third one-run victory of the Series.

A sellout crowd of 55,290 at Shea Stadium seemed much more subdued than for

the Mets' 4-2 win in Game 3, possibly because of a much larger presence of Yankee rooters.

Also, the noise blaring from the center-field speakers was turned down, probably because Mets co-owner Nelson Doubleday complained about the volume.

The ballpark figures to be a lot louder — either way — on Thursday night when the

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Straw facing trouble again

■ Yankee outfielder violates parole

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Darryl Strawberry is remorseful about his latest run-in with the law but needs to be back in a residential drug treatment center instead of jail, the former baseball star's attorney said Thursday.

Strawberry appeared briefly before Hillsborough Circuit Judge Manuel Menendez on Thursday morning via closed circuit television from the county jail where he is being held. Strawberry did not speak.

Menendez advised Strawberry of the charges against him for violating his probation by using drugs and breaking his house arrest, and sent the case back to the drug court judge who last month sentenced the eight-time all-star to two year house arrest. No hearing date is set.

Defense attorney Joseph Ficarrotta said Strawberry has been under tremendous distress battling cancer and a fierce drug addiction. Strawberry recently started chemotherapy treatments for colon cancer that had spread to his stomach, Ficarrotta said.

"The easiest thing for the judge and the public to do is say: 'How many chances is Darryl Strawberry going to get?'" Ficarrotta said. "...I am not ready to give up on Darryl Strawberry."

Strawberry was arrested Wednesday for leaving the Tampa drug treatment center he now calls home for a weekend crack and prescription drug binge with a female friend.

The Florida Department of Corrections, which is supervising Strawberry's house arrest, intends to ask Circuit Court Judge Florence Foster to sentence Strawberry to 30 days in jail and asks that he wear an electronic monitoring device once he's returned to house arrest.

Joe Papy, head of the regional office of the Florida Department of Corrections in Tampa, said Strawberry has never spent more than 24 hours in jail despite legal troubles that date back to 1990. Papy said he hopes a longer jail term will get Strawberry's attention.

Ficarrotta said Strawberry has problems that are so complicated that jail is not a solution, although he does not object to electronic monitoring as a means to keep closer tabs on the former outfielder.

Strawberry has for about a month been at the modest treatment center selected by his probation officer.

Ficarrotta said he met with Strawberry at the Hillsborough County Jail on Wednesday night and Strawberry was remorseful. He also wants to return to treatment, Ficarrotta said.

"He wants to live, he wants to beat this addiction," Ficarrotta said.

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and say 'let's go,' Conger said. "I don't have to do that."

Conger said that Henderson does a good job of leading the unit while they are on the field. The coach said he is glad all of the seniors have stepped up their leadership and have been a good example to all of the newcomers. Henderson said each of the new guys immediately earned the seniors' respect.

"I had faith they could do their work," Henderson said. "They have done an excellent job."

Conger said several of the linemen new to the varsity squad had some big shoes to feel, especially Pesina. Pesina had to replace Joseph Gonzales, and Conger said he has worked hard and done everything that has been

asked of him.

"He's done a great job," Conger said. "I don't think he has had a bad snap since the Big Spring game."

Conger also said the emergence of Schlabs, Liscano, Carnahan and Hernandez has helped them become a force in District 3-4A.

"I am just really pleased so far this year," Conger said. "They don't want number 10 to get hit, and they will do anything to protect him."

The seniors said they are also proud of the way the unit has become like a family. Bezner said he feels like they are a tight knit group of guys.

"We are just like brothers," Bezner said. "If someone's having a bad game we lift that person up."

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their games against Dumas and Canyon.

Yenzer said Hereford High will work his week to combat Palo Duro's 'Wing T' style of offense and their 'Split 6' defense. The coach said the team is characteristic of all of Steve Parr's football teams including the team style he ran while the head football coach at Plainview.

"He's done a good job everywhere he has gone," Yenzer said. "We have a lot of respect for him and his staff."

"You can tell they are well coached," Yenzer said.

Yenzer said the Dons like to run a misdirection offense that will test the brains of the Herd's defensive unit. The coach said they must key the right people and not let Palo Duro break into the open field.

"If they flank you or beat you up the middle they have

the speed to where you're not going to catch them," Yenzer said. "It is kind of a scary deal when you see the type of speed they have."

Yenzer said the Whitefaces hope to keep their winning streak alive and extend their unbeaten district season to 5-0.

Statistically, the Whitefaces rank first in defense and offense in District 3-4A. The Whitefaces average 400.7 yards per game while the Herd's defense allows an average of 238.5 yards per game. Hereford senior quarterback Cody Hodges leads the district in passing with 1379 yards and 17 touchdowns. Senior Slade Hodges also leads the district in receiving with 45 catches and 562 yards. Hereford junior Geoffrey Marquez is third in district in receiving with 37 catches and 449 yards.

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Yankees try to become the first team since the 1972-74 Oakland Athletics to win three titles in a row.

Andy Pettitte will start Game 5 against the Mets' Al Leiter. Of the prior 40 teams to take a 3-1 lead in the World Series, 34 have gone on to win the championship.

"The last team to blow a 3-1 deficit was St. Louis in 1985 to Kansas City.

"Well, it's someplace I've been before, but it's certainly not familiar and surefire stuff," Yankees manager Joe Torre said.

If the Yankees win, they hope to have a dry clubhouse for a celebration. Severe flooding from a burst pipe soaked their locker room, including furniture that Yankees owner George Steinbrenner brought from Yankee Stadium, and forced players to conduct postgame interviews on the field.

"All of a sudden, the massage room and the hot tub area, it was like Niagara Falls," winning pitcher Jeff Nelson said. "The ceiling collapsed, there was water everywhere. This green, gunky water."

The night certainly started out well for the Yankees.

Moved up to the leadoff spot for the first time in this Series, Jeter delivered. He became the first player to homer on the opening pitch of a World Series game since Pete Rose for Cincinnati in 1972.

"I've been known to swing at the first pitch," Jeter said. "When you play games like this, you want to score early. I got a good pitch to hit, and I hit it well."

"We're playing at Shea Stadium, and even though there are a few Yankee fans here, you want to take the crowd

out of the game," he said.

Even though Torre calls his star shortstop a "kid," Jeter might soon be the owner of four Series rings at age 26.

Jeter's shot off Bobby J. Jones sent the Yankees on their way.

Said Jones: "I wasn't expecting him to swing."

"Putting a run on the board was the difference in the game," Mets manager Bobby Valentine said.

Mike Piazza's two-run homer closed the Mets to 3-2 in the third inning, and there was no more scoring as both managers made early moves to the bullpen.

Yankees starter Denny Neagle was pulled after 4 2-3 innings with a 3-2 lead, with David Cone coming in to retire Piazza on a popup to end the fifth.

Nelson pitched 1 1-3 innings, Mike Stanton struck out the only two batters he faced in the seventh and Mariano Rivera pitched two innings for his first save of the series.

Rivera was helped when right fielder Paul O'Neill made a sliding catch on Edgardo Alfonzo's liner to start the eighth. Yankees fans erupted when Rivera earned his sixth career World Series save, tying Rollie Fingers' record, by striking out Matt Franco to end the game.

Jones was lifted after five innings. Relievers Glendon Rusch, John Franco and Armando Benitez kept the Yankees from breaking away.

The Yankees scored single runs in each of the first three innings. They did it without a contribution from cleanup man Bernie Williams, who was hitless in four at-bats and dropped to 0-for-15 in the Series.

Playing on the 14th anniversary of one of their most famous games — the Bill Buckner-assisted comeback in Game 6 of the 1986 World Series — the Mets had no luck from the start.

Jeter stepped in and, with many fans still getting settled, launched a drive to deep left. Among those to cheer was one of his best friends, Seattle shortstop Alex Rodriguez, from the front row.

It was a stunning blow, and only the eighth time a World Series game had started with a home run, and the first since Rickey Henderson did it for Oakland in 1989. The hit also extended Jeter's hitting streak in World Series play to 13 games.

In the second, O'Neill tripled for the second straight day — after not hitting any since July 23, 1999 — and, following an intentional walk to Jorge Posada, scored on Scott Brosius's sacrifice fly.

New York made it 3-0 in the third. Jeter led off with a triple, giving him eight hits in this Series, and trotted home as Luis Sojo grounded out.

Mets fans did not seem daunted, probably figuring their team would have a chance to get back into the game against Neagle.

They were right.

Slumping Timo Perez

opened the third with a single, and Piazza, who hit a long drive that 'hooked foul his first time up, lined a 75 mph changeup into the bleachers in left-center field.

Piazza's second two-run homer of the Series also marked his fourth home run of this postseason — a lot of production from the All-Star catcher who went into this October batting only .211 (12-for-57) with two homers in past postseasons.

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Bush masks outsell Gore's

WAUKESHA, Wis. (AP) — Jalem Getz puts little faith in polls and pundits. To predict who is going to win a presidential race, he looks to what he says is a time-tested indicator: Halloween masks.

Getz, founder of BuyCostumes.com, a Waukesha-based seller of costumes, said the winner of every presidential election for nearly three decades has been foretold by sales figures for rubber masks of the candidates.

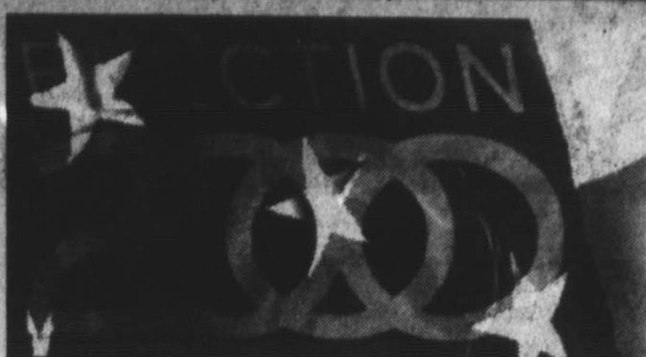
"Based on the records since 1972, they have been right on every time," said Getz, whose company has compiled sales totals from past election years from mask manufacturers and costume stores nationwide.

And this Halloween season, sales of George W. Bush masks lead those of Al Gore masks 57 percent to 43 percent, according to BuyCostumes.com figures.

In North Carolina, a state Bush is expected to win, sales of his masks have been more sluggish.

"Bush is probably a few points ahead but not by very much," said Hoke Carle of Morris Costumes in Charlotte, N.C. Carle agreed that mask sales are a good indicator of presidential campaigns going back to at least the 1976 election, when Jimmy Carter masks outsold those of Gerald Ford.

Jeff Campbell, owner of the Joke Shop in Waukesha, said presidential mask sales offer insight into the American political psyche.



KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP)

— On a day when he set out to woo back Green-leaning voters, Al Gore trumpeted his environmental record and mentioned a dire report on global warming, saying that rival George W. Bush won't move fast enough on the problem.

A United Nations-sponsored panel of scientists concluded that man-made pollution has "contributed substantially" to global warming, and that the Earth is likely to get a lot hotter than previously predicted.

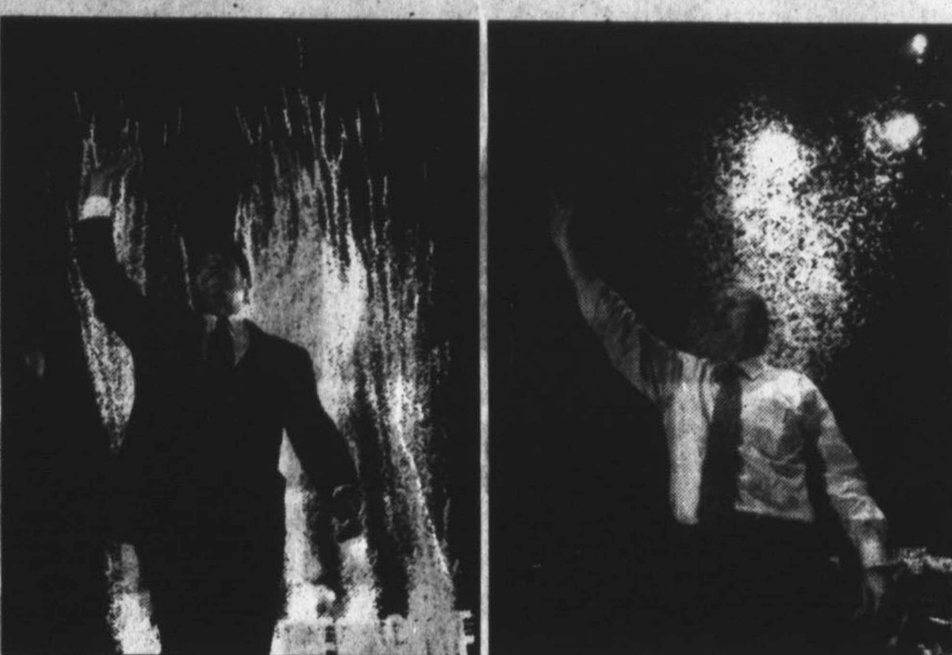
In a campaign stop Thursday, Gore called global warming "a moral issue."

Bush "has said that he's not convinced that the pollution is causing it, and that he's not convinced we should do anything other than just study it — and I disagree with that," Gore said during a breakfast chat with blue collar workers at Kansas City's Town Topic diner.

"Some people want to dig in their heels and give over the policy to the big oil companies," Gore said.

Bush spokesman Dan Bartlett responded: "The governor does believe it's a problem but also believes we should have all the best science and knowledge available before we make a decision." Still, Bartlett noted that Bush signed legislation as Texas governor requiring emissions reductions from utility plants exempted from the 1972 Clean Air Act.

Gore turning green again



Democratic presidential nominee Al Gore (left) waves as fireworks light up behind him at the end of a campaign rally with Missouri voters Wednesday night at the Theis Park in Kansas City, while Republican rival George W. Bush leaves a rally at the Florida State Fairgrounds in Brandon.

Gore is also challenging voters to check out his environmental record, saying he can stand toe-to-toe with Ralph Nader.

With Bush-Gore horse race polls seasawing by just a couple of percentage points, Democrats are more and more anxious that Nader's single-digit support from independents and environmentalists could tip the race to Bush.

Democrat Gore already has touched down this week in two other states where Nader has support — Washington state and Oregon — and planned to

campaign in Wisconsin and Minnesota. His Minnesota campaign chairman, Rick Stafford, stated Gore's message to Nader voters directly: "Come back home."

Gore was pushing through four states Thursday and Bush through two as each focused on the image problems — Gore's personality and Bush's inexperience — that pollster Andrew Kohut blamed for the deadlock in national polls.

Retired Gen. Colin Powell, popular among moderates, was joining forces with Bush in Pennsylvania under the banner

"Responsible Leadership." Bush aides counted on Powell to reinforce the message that Sen. John McCain carried as he campaigned with Bush on Wednesday: Bush "is fully prepared to assume the duties of president of the United States."

Gore also hoped to reach young voters and showcase his more personable side by taking questions at Scott Community College in Bettendorf, Iowa, during a taped appearance on rap star Queen Latifah's nationally syndicated TV talk show.

At Kansas City's Town Topic diner here, Gore had to work to get the chatter flowing. "What were you talking about," he asked the morning crew, hoping to chew over campaign issues.

"Your rally last night," answered one worker.

Gore tried again: "What else have you been talking about?"

"You being here," said another.

The latest survey by Kohut's Pew Research Center for the People & the Press found that almost a fourth of the nation's voters are "swing voters," meaning they are only loosely committed and could still change their minds.

Asked if he would like Nader to drop out and endorse him, Gore laughed and said, "I'd like for Bush to do that."

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CHENEY MISSPEAKS?

State Department memos contradicts GOP veep nominee's claim his firm didn't get diplomatic help

WASHINGTON (AP) — Though Dick Cheney says the government played no role in his business success, internal State Department memos show U.S. diplomats lobbied foreign governments, banks and state-run companies to assist two business deals for the oil services firm once headed by the Republican vice presidential candidate.

The help for Dallas-based Halliburton Co. came from U.S. embassies in Angola and Bangladesh, according to embassy communications that provide a rare glimpse into common and widespread efforts by diplomats to help U.S. companies abroad.

The Associated Press obtained the State Department memos under the Freedom of Information Act.

The U.S. embassy in Angola mined few words in 1998 when detailing the assistance it gave Cheney's company. U.S. officials helped arrange financing from a reluctant Export-Import Bank, which provides credits and loan guarantees for U.S. businesses

investing overseas, so that Angolans could sign an oil services contract with Halliburton.

"Our commercial officer literally camped out at the offices of the national oil company, petroleum ministry and central bank, unraveling snag after snag to obtain the transfer of funds," said an embassy cable to Secretary of State Madeleine Albright.

The bottom line: thousands of American jobs and a foot in the door for Halliburton to win even bigger contracts.

That memo detailed how the embassy helped Halliburton "in tough competition with foreign firms" by allying the Export-Import Bank's concerns and removing "barriers" to the \$68 million loan package.

Diplomatic lobbying on behalf of U.S. companies is common. In fact, Warren Christopher, President Clinton's first secretary of state, stepped up such efforts.

"We do advocate on behalf of American business interests when it's appropriate," said Bill Wanlund, spokesman for the State Department's economic

and business affairs office. "It's not unusual for an embassy to respond to a request from a U.S. company that feels it's being discriminated against."

Dave Gribbin, vice president of government affairs for Halliburton, said the helpful diplomat in Angola was "a guy who was enthusiastically doing his job. ... God bless him."

"I'm sure probably a lot of our folks, when they are working in these countries, will get to know the commercial attache and vice versa," Gribbin said. "You can call any company that is a global business, and they will tell you this."

During the vice presidential debate, Cheney said the government "had absolutely nothing to do with" his financial success since leaving his job as defense secretary under President Bush.

Cheney's campaign deferred comment Wednesday to Halliburton. Gribbin said the embassy cables don't necessarily conflict with Cheney's state-



State Department memos contradict Republican vice presidential nominee Dick Cheney's claims that the company he headed received government help in landing overseas contracts.

ment.

"He had a job, and it wasn't a government job," Gribbin said. Cheney made millions on salary and stock as chief executive officer of Halliburton from October 1995 until August, shortly after becoming George W. Bush's running mate, including a \$4.7 million salary last year.

Halliburton provides oil services, from drill bits to well maintenance, for entire oil fields, and has operations in more than 120 nations.

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The Buffalo Club is the umbrella organization for WTAMU athletic booster clubs and has been active in its financial support of University athletic programs for many years.

Duke Energy Corp. has contributed more than \$55,000 since 1989, including donations to the Alumni Association, Student Foundation and the Shared Vision Capital Campaign.

The Fabulous Five supports WTAMU band and orchestra students through continued donation of honorariums received from countless performances throughout the area. Members are Billy Clinton, Garner Fielding, Dr. Dudley Moore, Raymond Raillard, Creed Smith and Doug Storey.

M. Louise Forman, a 1964 University graduate, is responsible for the establishment of two endowed scholarships.

The Perimans, both University graduates, were honored by their children, Dr. Phillip Periman and Jane Periman Hilfer, who established two President's Honor Scholarships in their parents' names.

Minnie K. Savage, originally from Shamrock, has provided matching funds for scholarships and established a President's Honor Scholarship.

The Wilders are generous members of the Buffalo Club and the President's Circle of the WT Foundation. They established a scholarship in 1995 to benefit students in the T. Boone Pickens College of Business.

For more information about the WTAMU Foundation or the Old Main Society, contact Cathcart at 806/651-2066.

Mineta wants veto of a Medicare bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — Commerce Secretary Norman Mineta will recommend that President Clinton veto a \$28 billion Medicare bill on grounds a provision could threaten the confidentiality of census data.

The Republican-written Medicare plan with the census provision was expected to reach the House floor Thursday or Friday as part of a tax bill that would boost retirement savings and help businesses absorb the cost of a higher minimum wage.

"Our job from the very beginning has been not only to provide a quality program for seniors but a quality program that has choice," said Rep. Bill Thomas, R-Calif., chairman of the House Ways and Means health subcommittee. "That's the goal and the purpose of this package."

"We believe it meets those criteria, and we will be finalizing the pieces and moving them

forward," Thomas said. Democrats are complaining about the amount of money allocated to managed care companies. They also object to a provision that would allow the Congressional Budget Office access to federal census and tax records to make long-term projections about the viability of the Social Security and Medicare programs.

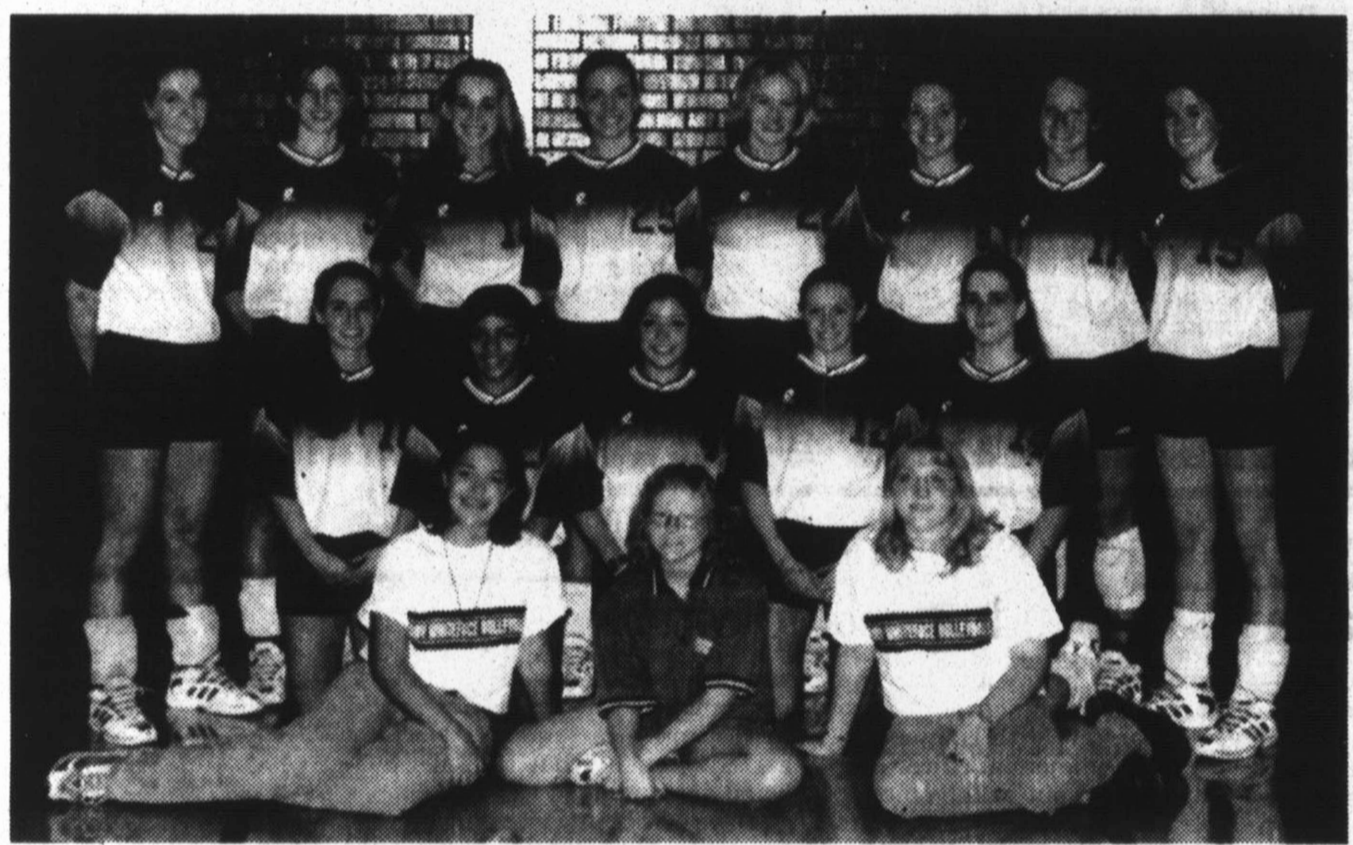
"If this proposal is adopted by the Congress, I will recommend a presidential veto of the legislation," Mineta said in a letter Wednesday night to members of Congress and in response to a separate letter from CBO director Dan Crippen.

The Commerce Department oversees the Census Bureau. Mineta's letter referred to time he spent in an internment camp during World War II, when 120,000 Japanese-Americans were rounded up after the bombing of Pearl Harbor.

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